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3 (Whereupon, the following proceedings were
4 had:)

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. If I
6 can have your attention. If I can call
7 the meeting to order of the 2019 Annual
8 General Meeting and General Session of the
9 Florida Youth Soccer Association to order
10 at 9:15 Eastern Time. Is that about
11 right? Okay.

12 The first item on the agenda is
13 to adopt the agenda. We are looking at
14 moving the credentials report slightly
15 further down, having a couple of things
16 that they are trying to iron out and we
17 absolutely want to get that piece right.
18 So I would suggest that we move the
19 credential report to just before the
20 proposed rule changes to make sure that we
21 have ample time, but to also make sure we
22 have the voting credentials right before
23 we have any voting credentials. Again, so
24 I would ask a motion to adopt the agenda
25 as amended.

1 Motion? Can we get the
2 microphone turned on. Okay.

3 SPEAKER TOWERS: Terri Towers,
4 the Commissioner of the North, I move that
5 we adopt the agenda as amended.

6 SPEAKER WITHKOWSKI: Second.

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: I have a
8 motion and a second by John Withkowski.

9 All in favor say aye?

10 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

11 PRESIDENT STACEY: Any opposed?

12 Hearing none, it passes.

13 Our Standing Rules and
14 Procedures, so there are really two areas
15 today that we will need to follow a
16 format. And one will be the consideration
17 of the rule changes. Those rule changes
18 will be moderated by the Rules Committee
19 Chair, Marino Torrens. He will present
20 the rule change. We will have the
21 person -- the maker of the proposal or
22 someone representing that person speak to
23 the rule change. We would then have
24 consideration for and against. And it's
25 important that we do alternate, so we

1 won't have ten people stand up in favor or
2 ten people against. It will be back and
3 forth and that will, again, be moderated.

4 On the elections, I will hold
5 the elections. We did have, of course,
6 the Nomination Committee this year and so
7 anyone that was nominated through this
8 process will be nominated from the floor.
9 The individual nominating a candidate
10 shall have a minute to speak to their
11 nomination. The candidates, themselves,
12 will also have five minutes apiece to
13 speak in alphabetical order based on last
14 name.

15 There are no other procedures
16 that I can give now, so since we are an
17 hour and a half in, according to the
18 agenda, it's time to recess and we are not
19 going to. I will give some opening
20 remarks.

21 First of all, I apologize, you
22 know, you guys know, you've heard me speak
23 all weekend so why would my voice be going
24 out now of all times. But this first year
25 as president has been an extremely

1 interesting year.

2 A proverb keeps coming to mind,
3 you know, may you live in interesting
4 times. And I always thought that to be
5 kind of a cool statement, yeah, you know,
6 let's live in interesting times. I read
7 about it though, it is actually a curse.
8 You know, may you live in peaceful times,
9 you know, is probably the counter to that,
10 right?

11 But, you know, interesting times
12 makes for an interesting life. I don't
13 like to be bored, so we certainly have not
14 been bored this past year. I have also
15 thought about, you know, as we embark
16 today we have, you know, this membership
17 is faced with some difficult decisions and
18 some interesting decisions. There is a
19 Mark Twain quote that says, if it is your
20 job to eat a frog, it's best you do it
21 first thing in the morning. If it is your
22 job to eat two frogs, it's best to eat the
23 bigger one first.

24 So today our policy and bylaws
25 will be considered first. That is the

1 bigger of the two frogs. The elections,
2 the proposal changes are very important,
3 but we will embark on that today.

4 So over this past year your
5 staff and your board, you know, we have
6 done -- we have worked very hard on
7 ourselves. We brought in outside help
8 through Brad Stinson and the collective.

9 We brought in that perspective
10 to get us outside the bubble to give us
11 some insight to who we are as an
12 organization, how staff interacts with
13 each other and with the board, how do we
14 clarify our roles and align priorities,
15 and move in the same general direction.
16 Not having, you know, being all perfectly
17 in sync and saying, guys, we all think the
18 same thing, we think alike, and not to
19 create an echo chamber, if you will, but
20 to have meaningful discussions and have
21 safeguards in place to allow those to
22 happen without us going off the rails.

23 So we adopted -- actually the
24 staff developed and they presented to the
25 board a mission statement that we wish to

1 live by. And that is, United we will
2 lead, innovate, and inspire a lifelong
3 passion for soccer.

4 So how have we done that? Well,
5 from a unity standpoint the staffing board
6 have -- the staff themselves have come
7 together and had a couple of retreats, you
8 know, dealt with some, perhaps, personal
9 issues and communications within that
10 staff itself. The board, too, had a
11 retreat in October where we talked
12 about -- we were very frank in our
13 discussion about what works, what is not
14 working, how we can be better.

15 And then we worked together. We
16 had conversations between, for example,
17 myself and my counterpart in the office,
18 Dale Burke, the Executive Director, to
19 kind of talk about what is working, what
20 do we need to change, and how do we need
21 to better communicate, and how can we feel
22 empowered to say the things that need to
23 be said and not hold them back and not
24 have them be future problems.

25 So, you know, to increase the

1 communication we began doing monthly board
2 conference calls. We had done conference
3 calls certainly in the past, but, you
4 know, maintain our quarterly face-to-face
5 meetings we interspersed those with
6 monthly calls and regularly scheduled
7 calls at which we could handle routine
8 business and discuss strategic items. And
9 to look to how we could evaluate ideas, so
10 we asked the staff to come up with ideas
11 that to increase sufficiency in the
12 office.

13 We were successful in
14 implementing changes with the affiliations
15 this year, had improved not only the lives
16 of our staff in the amount of time they
17 spent, but also the amount of energy spent
18 by our membership.

19 We developed a monthly report of
20 the staff that I put together that's
21 called First Friday Report. So every
22 month the board or the staff puts together
23 under various steps of administration,
24 coaching, tournament, travel,
25 competitions, a document that can be sent

1 to first me and then to the larger boards
2 so that we have a pulse on what is
3 happening.

4 So we get a financial statement
5 every month. We get credential numbers
6 every month. So we kind of see what the
7 health of the organization is and what
8 staff is focused on. And as you might
9 imagine, certainly we have seasons, right,
10 we have our league seasons, we have our
11 state cup seasons, registration season,
12 and et cetera. But it just gives the
13 Board some insight in the day-to-day
14 workings of the office.

15 On the leadership side we have
16 proposed some governance changes that's on
17 hold that we believe are a step in the
18 right direction. And we will have a lot
19 more to say about that here in a few
20 minutes.

21 We implemented a plan to every
22 affiliate. A Board level person visiting
23 with every affiliate one on one and having
24 staff join those in some cases. We are
25 not quite where we want to be. We

1 visited, I believe the last number, around
2 60ish clubs. We have the new Board. We
3 will be encouraged and engaged to visit
4 the remainder of those clubs hopefully by
5 the end of September. But even if it
6 takes longer than that for us to sit down
7 with each of you and hear from your board,
8 hear from your leadership, what it is you
9 are looking for from FYSA in terms of
10 support, leadership, programming, and et
11 cetera.

12 Their work developed several
13 member inspired changes to both
14 championship series FYSA sponsored
15 leagues. We identified the need of
16 improvements that I have mentioned before
17 about the re-affiliation process.

18 We worked with our network -- or
19 registration software provided about
20 soccer to fix some of the things, the
21 nuances. Hey, you got all the way through
22 it and sent it in and it got rejected for
23 some reason because you missed something
24 and you have to start all over again. No,
25 no, let's just edit that. Let's make it

1 easier so you don't have to redo, rework.
2 So that was something that was a positive.
3 We adopted policies around
4 insurance coverage. So previously if you
5 were playing in a U.S. club event, for
6 example, not their leagues, but a
7 tournament sanctioned, you are playing on
8 the same fields with the same refs against
9 the same teams, FYSA insurance wouldn't
10 provide. This board decided, no,
11 membership matters. If you are a
12 registered player with this organization,
13 you are playing in that event with your
14 team, you are covered if you get hurt.
15 And it made a lot of sense, so we have
16 done that.

17 And we also eliminated the --
18 (unintelligible) -- by signing into the
19 cross border of the southeastern states.
20 We have eliminated the need for you to
21 tell the office you are going across the
22 border. For you guys in Miami and points
23 south maybe that is not a big deal. Teams
24 that are six miles from the Alabama
25 border, they have got to go over to Mobile

1 60 miles away and they have got to notify
2 the office and they have got to jump
3 through hoops. So we eliminated that
4 hoop. The cross border agreement provides
5 for us to be able to make those changes.

6 And finally, to inspire you. We
7 celebrated the success of our teams. But,
8 you know, at all of our levels and, of
9 course, we also supported the hurricane
10 area teams up in the Panhandle with soccer
11 games and making available funds that
12 could be used to replace damaged
13 equipment, et cetera.

14 So I will close by saying to
15 you, our pursuit to unite around the
16 mission will lead us to support the
17 membership, listening, innovating, and
18 delivering inspiring opportunities for
19 all. FYSA will provide programs for your
20 partnerships and strive to become --
21 (unintelligible) -- of Florida.

22 And today you, the membership,
23 get to weigh in on what that future looks
24 like. So I thank you guys for everything
25 that you have done, both in your club. I

1 thank you for the passion you have brought
2 these past few months and especially this
3 weekend. And I look forward to seeing the
4 fruits of our labor.

5 Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 So I want to recognize that we
8 do have guests here in the room from U.S.
9 Youth Soccer. Is Chris Moore still here?
10 Hey. Chris Moore, of course, Chief
11 Executive Officer of U.S. Youth Soccer, is
12 here with us today. And you heard him
13 speak yesterday.

14 (Applause.)

15 And, Chris, I want to thank you
16 for your mentorship and what you guys are
17 doing to make the national offering an
18 attractive offering to which we can send
19 our teams and our players.

20 We also have two other USY
21 representatives. We have Jim Cosgrove who
22 is the USY's treasurer. Many of you have
23 seen him.

24 (Applause.)

25 And then we have Marino Torrens,

1 who you all know and love as past
2 president and is now the at-large member
3 for U.S. Youth Soccer Board of Directors.

4 (Applause.)

5 He fits the mold at large --
6 don't -- just strike that, please.

7 By the way, for those of you who
8 don't know, we are transcribing everything
9 that gets said, so even my crazy jokes.

10 I don't believe we have anyone
11 from the Federation. I am sorry? Oh,
12 yes. So if I could, any Hall of Famers in
13 the room, if you would please stand.

14 (Stand.)

15 (Applause.)

16 I had the privilege, my wife and
17 I, of hosting the Hall of Famers on Friday
18 evening. And it was great to sit and
19 listen to them talk about the history and
20 provide advice was Mr. Ray. It is
21 really -- it is just neat to interact with
22 those folks, because they were our
23 forerunners. I think about Lou Confessore
24 elected in 1978, Barb 1998, you know,
25 Tommy probably around 2008, Marino 2010.

1 And so all of that history that they
2 represent, they are important voices. And
3 to be able to interact with them is a
4 privilege.

5 So next up on the agenda is the
6 approval of our 2018 AGM minutes. The
7 minutes are posted on the website, the
8 transcript itself. Not even just the
9 minutes, the transcript is posted on the
10 website. I need a motion to approve.

11 Please come to the mic and make
12 a motion. State your name.

13 SPEAKER TOWERS: Terri Towers,
14 Region B Commissioner North. I make a
15 motion to approve the minutes as provided,
16 wherever we provided them.

17 PRESIDENT STACEY: I need a
18 second.

19 SPEAKER TOWERS: From the last
20 meeting.

21 SPEAKER STRAUB: Second.

22 PRESIDENT STACEY: Motion by
23 Terri Towers and second by Terry Straub.

24 All in favor of the adoption of
25 the 2018 AGM minutes by saying aye.

1 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.
2 PRESIDENT STACEY: Any opposed?
3 (No response.)
4 It passes.
5 All right. Reports of officers
6 and chairpersons. Do we have any officers
7 that wish to address the membership, or
8 committee chairs? All right. It looks
9 like Chris is on stage, so we will do the
10 credential report.
11 Let's go ahead then. Are you
12 ready to present those? Okay. I will
13 yield for Chris for credentials.
14 SECRETARY ELLISON: All right.
15 Good morning everybody.
16 According to all of the
17 credentials that were picked up, the
18 total -- for those of you who want to
19 write it down, the total is 5,951 votes
20 available. That makes a simple majority
21 plus one going to be 2,976; a two-thirds
22 of the total is going to be 3,928; and a
23 three-quarters of the total will be 4,463
24 votes.
25 For the individual regions:

1 Region A has 1,639 votes. A
2 simple majority would be 821; a two-thirds
3 will be 1,082; and three-quarters will be
4 1,229.

5 Region B has total vote count of
6 1,756. A simple majority will be 879;
7 two-thirds will be 1,159; and
8 three-quarters of their vote will be
9 1,317.

10 Region C has a total vote count
11 of 2,066. A simple majority will be
12 1,034; two-thirds will be 1,364; and
13 three-quarters will be 1,550.

14 Region D is a total number
15 available of 208. A simple majority plus
16 one is 105; a two-thirds is 137; and
17 three-quarters is 156.

18 Hall of Fame votes, there are
19 eight votes that were picked up. So
20 simple majority is actually going to be
21 five, plus one; a two-thirds will be also
22 five; and three-quarters is six.

23 And last but not least because
24 of the proxies that were picked up, the
25 number of available votes for the Board

1 with proxies from the club is 274. A
2 simple majority is 138; two-thirds is 181;
3 and their three-quarters would be 206.

4 That is it.

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: So the
6 Credentials Committee has presented their
7 report. I need a second to adopt that
8 report. I am going to wait for Russell
9 to, please, come to the mic.

10 SPEAKER WALKER: My name is
11 Russell Walker, Region A Commissioner
12 North. And I second the motion.

13 PRESIDENT STACEY: The
14 credentials report has been seconded.

15 All in favor say aye.

16 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

17 PRESIDENT STACEY: Any opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 All right. Eric Heidel,
20 Treasurer, will present the financials for
21 the Proposed Budget.

22 TREASURER HEIDEL: Good morning.
23 I am Eric Heidel. I am the treasurer of
24 FYSA. The Proposed Budget was approved by
25 the Board on May 17 at its board meeting.

1 It's been posted on our website since that
2 time. It was given out in paper copy at
3 every regional AGM. There was also a
4 proposed budget workshop on Saturday
5 morning. I will entertain a motion to
6 approve the budget as presented.

7 SPEAKER TOWERS: Terri Towers,
8 Region B Commissioner North. I move we
9 approve the budget as presented.

10 TREASURER HEIDEL: Is there a
11 second?

12 SPEAKER LAUER: Justin Lauer,
13 Chairman Brevard Youth Soccer League. I
14 will second the budget.

15 TREASURER HEIDEL: All right.
16 All those in favor say aye.

17 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

18 TREASURER HEIDEL: All those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 Okay. It passes.

22 I just have two other comments
23 to make for you related to financial
24 matters. So for those of you in the
25 session, you know that FYSA's insurance

1 costs have increased substantially. They
2 have nearly doubled. This is as a result
3 of three alleged sexual abuse claims. So
4 as a result of that, next year you will
5 likely see an increase to your player
6 registration fee to cover that.

7 So in order to mitigate, we are
8 working on some options to avoid that, but
9 we did shop around this year. The market
10 for youth sports organizations is rather
11 limited. There is about two or three
12 companies in the entire country that will
13 provide coverage. We got quotes from all
14 of them that were willing to provide
15 quotes and went with the cheapest option.

16 But for next year it may be
17 difficult to get something cheaper. So we
18 are looking at a few different options as
19 far as insurance companies, as far as
20 maybe a risk management firm that would
21 help us with being better and also
22 reducing our rate. But you should be
23 prepared that should that trend fold you
24 may see increased player registration fees
25 next year as a direct result of that.

1 The second thing that I would
2 like to cover is the way we process
3 payments in the office. So currently what
4 we do at the beginning of every month,
5 somewhere around the first depending on
6 whether it is a weekend or not, we create
7 invoices for every affiliate. We then
8 send an email letting you know these
9 invoices are posted and requesting your
10 permission or approval to process your
11 payment.

12 So we are no longer going to do
13 the second part. So at the beginning of
14 every month we will create your invoices
15 and then we will immediately process
16 whatever payment you have in your soccer
17 payment vault.

18 So you have three options there.
19 You can put a credit card or debit card or
20 link a checking account directly. And so,
21 you know, if there happened to be errors,
22 they tend to be very minor. And as soon
23 as you contact us, we will immediately
24 refund that. But we are no longer going
25 to seek permission each time. It will

1 create a much more efficient process
2 instead of Michelle Cook having to hear
3 from all 200 of you.

4 And those are the only remarks
5 that I have.

6 SPEAKER SROKA: Can I ask a
7 question about your first statement?

8 TREASURER HEIDEL: Yeah, if you
9 wouldn't mind going to the mic.

10 SPEAKER SROKA: Mike Sroka,
11 Stetson FA. Just a quick question in
12 regards to your first statement.

13 TREASURER HEIDEL: Yes.

14 SPEAKER SROKA: Do you have an
15 estimated amount how much the program fees
16 are going to increase roughly?

17 TREASURER HEIDEL: Assuming what
18 we saw this year holds, it will be
19 somewhere between \$2 and \$5 per player.

20 SPEAKER SROKA: Thanks.

21 TREASURER HEIDEL: You're
22 welcome.

23 SPEAKER: I have a quick
24 question. John -- (unintelligible) --
25 youth soccer.

1 On the invoices you said you
2 would send an invoice and immediately
3 charged. Is there no grace period? Like,
4 okay, we are going to send it today and
5 you have two weeks. And I am only coming
6 from if you are using a checking account
7 that somebody transfers money for whatever
8 reason, so you can't send invoices that
9 day and say I am going to charge the same
10 day. So normally you get two weeks or a
11 week or something.

12 TREASURER HEIDEL: Right. We
13 are eliminating that process and going to
14 charge immediately. So while I agree with
15 you, you may need to plan for that.
16 That's why we are letting you know now.
17 So every affiliate knows how many players
18 they registered and your invoices are a
19 direct reflection. It is X rec players
20 times \$10. And it's competitive players
21 times that rate. So every affiliate
22 should know exactly what they are expected
23 to be paying that month.

24 And I would add that, all of you
25 before you register a player with your

1 club, you collect all that money from them
2 before you then put them into soccer. So
3 it's not as if you are going to have to
4 float the money, you have already
5 collected it.

6 SPEAKER: No, I got that. But
7 what I am saying is, still you are saying
8 you are going to send an invoice and
9 charge immediately.

10 TREASURER HEIDEL: You know
11 exactly --

12 SPEAKER: But nobody does that.
13 Normally you get an invoice -- not that we
14 don't have the money, that's not the
15 point.

16 TREASURER HEIDEL: Right.

17 SPEAKER: It's to make sure we
18 are not going to have a bouncing check or
19 a charge or a problem. All I am saying
20 is, the procedure normally in everyone you
21 work with, you get an invoice and you get
22 a week or two or something to pay it.
23 That is all I am saying.

24 TREASURER HEIDEL: Right. So
25 because you guys control how much you are

1 charged by how many players you
2 registered, you know how many players and
3 what fee you are going to be charged that
4 month. So I would say by the 25th of the
5 month you should transfer over enough
6 money so that when it processes it is
7 ready to go.

8 SPEAKER: Okay. We are not
9 going anywhere with that conversation
10 obviously.

11 TREASURER HEIDEL: Okay.

12 SPEAKER SROKA: Mike Sroka,
13 Stetson FA. So would you be willing to
14 send some sort of notification like a week
15 before saying, hey, in one week we are
16 billing you for what you owe?

17 TREASURER HEIDEL: We are not
18 planning to do that, because we are going
19 to do that at the first of every month so
20 that everyone knows it will be within the
21 first couple of --

22 SPEAKER SROKA: I understand but
23 as a courtesy.

24 TREASURER HEIDEL: I am not
25 committing to that. So we are saying --

1 SPEAKER SROKA: No courtesy?

2 TREASURER HEIDEL: -- we will be
3 doing it the first of the month. Well,
4 the courtesy is that you have them at the
5 first of the month, so you can --

6 SPEAKER SROKA: Fair enough.

7 I have one more question in
8 regards to the players' fees.

9 TREASURER HEIDEL: Sure.

10 SPEAKER SROKA: So that increase
11 is going to be for competitive and rec
12 players?

13 TREASURER HEIDEL: Yes, sir.

14 SPEAKER: I am an accountant, an
15 accounting person also. And I believe
16 there ought to be maybe the fifth day
17 following the end of the month going to be
18 charged, not immediately when it goes out.
19 Because many times the fees in there are
20 not direct. Something has gotten there
21 that shouldn't be. I don't think it is
22 unreasonable to say pay five days, at
23 least you have a chance to review it and
24 get with the staff.

25 So that would be my suggestion.

1 I think probably most people here would
2 agree with that.

3 (Applause.)

4 SPEAKER: Rob -- (inaudible -
5 speaking while applause).

6 THE COURT REPORTER: I am sorry,
7 I didn't hear.

8 SPEAKER: -- since the vast
9 majority of amounts that are incorrect on
10 invoices. So we know that many
11 organizations require that you pay as you
12 actually register the players and they
13 require immediate payment. So by us
14 waiting until the end of the month, we are
15 essentially floating that amount and
16 already giving you up to 30 days.

17 SPEAKER SROKA: She needs you to
18 restate your name.

19 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

20 SPEAKER SROKA: She didn't hear
21 it.

22 SPEAKER SHIELDS: Robbie
23 Shields, Lake Wales Soccer Club.

24 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

25 TREASURER HEIDEL: Thank you.

1 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. Jared,
2 are we ready to test these little babies,
3 the fun part of the meeting?

4 All right. So at this point we
5 are going to go ahead as we are actually
6 coming up on the rule change proposals, we
7 need to test these clickers to make sure
8 they work. And unfortunately, this could
9 be a little bit of a process.

10 So we have a very simple
11 question for you. We are actually telling
12 you how to vote. This is the only time we
13 get to do that, right? So if you would as
14 soon as I get the green light.

15 Are we ready to test?

16 JARED WHITE: Yes.

17 PRESIDENT STACEY: Jared said
18 yes. So on the screen you have one
19 option, so I ask that you select that
20 option now.

21 (Audience complies.)

22 You should get a green little
23 light pop open.

24 SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

25 PRESIDENT STACEY: Please don't.

1 Do we have results?

2 JARED WHITE: We are
3 calculating.

4 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes.

5 JARED WHITE: We have over 600
6 votes that weren't counted, so we are
7 going through to see who didn't press
8 their button right now.

9 PRESIDENT STACEY: 600, okay.

10 Justin, did you say you want to
11 be the committee police today? Yeah, I
12 thought so.

13 SPEAKER: While we are waiting
14 why don't you introduce your panel?

15 PRESIDENT STACEY: Sure. Yeah,
16 good idea. Thank you.

17 So, yeah, while we are waiting I
18 guess it would be nice for some of you
19 that may not know everybody on the dais
20 here. We have Sandy Lehito, is our Vice
21 President from Region D; Stephen Huff,
22 Region B Vice President; and next to him
23 is the Region A Vice President Mr. Justin
24 Goldman.

25 Of course, Eric Heidel, our

1 treasurer; Alice Smith our registrar; our
2 secretary, Chris Ellison; Vice President
3 of Coach/Player Development Mr. Joe
4 Nelson; and Vice President of Competition
5 Shenoy Raghuraj. Am I right?

6 VP RAGHURAJ: Yes.

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: That is such
8 a hard one.

9 And, of course, we have others
10 in the room, the regional commissioners
11 across the front here. Carlton Talbot
12 from Region A; Russell Walker next to him,
13 also Region A; John Withkowski from Region
14 C.

15 Tim Smith where are you? Tim
16 Smith is somewhere in the room I bet.

17 Also we have Dawn Hart and Terry
18 Straub from Region D, regional
19 commissioners here on the front row.

20 And then over here we have Terri
21 Towers; and then Lance Lass and Mike Weber
22 are actually appointed commissioners for
23 Region A.

24 So these are the Board of
25 Directors. We have had quite a fun time

1 this year with them.

2 We could -- so under -- actually
3 we need to do unfinished business. So is
4 there any unfinished business that anyone
5 wishes to bring to the Board?

6 Okay. So any -- obviously the
7 rule changes and stuff will be new
8 business. But if there is any other new
9 business that anyone wishes to bring to
10 the floor? I actually do need someone to
11 make a motion that we adopt the actions of
12 the Board of Directors from this past
13 year. Is there anyone brave enough to
14 step up to the mic?

15 SPEAKER: Yes, there is.

16 SPEAKER TOWERS: Terri Towers
17 Region B Commissioner of the North. I
18 move that we adopt the actions of the
19 Board over the past year.

20 PRESIDENT STACEY: I need a
21 second. Second anyone? Second? No
22 straws for second? Discussion? Hey,
23 Jeff.

24 SPEAKER KURZNER: And Jeff
25 Kurzner, South Florida United Youth Soccer

1 Association. I would like to ask or move
2 that we remove the actions of creating
3 FSPL and the futures league from the
4 ratification process so that it can be
5 discussed separately.

6 PRESIDENT STACEY: So remove the
7 ratification of FSPL?

8 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: I would
9 like to second.

10 PRESIDENT STACEY: We have a
11 second now.

12 (Applause.)

13 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Now can I
14 put another one up? Am I allowed to
15 put --

16 PRESIDENT STACEY: No, not yet.
17 Okay?

18 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: We have
19 to -- okay.

20 PRESIDENT STACEY: So the motion
21 to approve is essentially a consent
22 amendment, if you will, agenda item. So
23 we have asked -- Mr. Kurzner has proposed
24 that we remove two items from that blanket
25 approval.

1 The parliamentarians in the
2 room, do we deal with that first or do we
3 approve the rest and then deal with it? I
4 believe we can consent.

5 SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

6 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. Any
7 discussion on the amendment proposed? To
8 pull those two items? No discussion.

9 All in favor -- we won't need
10 any clickers for this -- all in favor say
11 aye.

12 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

13 PRESIDENT STACEY: All opposed.

14 SPEAKERS: Nay.

15 PRESIDENT STACEY: All right.

16 No clickers. Understood.

17 So we have -- so on the
18 remainder of the actions of the Board of
19 Directors, any other discussion? Yes?

20 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Okay. Lou
21 Confessore from Coral Estates Soccer Club.
22 I would like to hear an explanation about
23 how you are going to tell us about
24 provisions to spend all of that money on
25 this new thing that you are going to

1 present.

2 PRESIDENT STACEY: The Bylaws
3 and Rules grant the Board authority to
4 expend funds necessary to the furtherance
5 of FYSA. So, I am not sure where you are
6 going with that.

7 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Okay. What
8 was the original question that you asked
9 about the actions of the Board? Okay. I
10 would like to say that I am not too
11 impressed with the actions of the Board
12 spending that much money without asking
13 any of us about that. And I for one am
14 not going to give you permission to do
15 that this year or any other year.

16 So I would like to get it out on
17 the floor about what the opinion of
18 everyone else is about that.

19 PRESIDENT STACEY: So, Eric is
20 going to speak to the engagement, the
21 funds expended. Would that help you? Is
22 that appropriate to --

23 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Not if he
24 is going to give an answer like he gave
25 the other guy over there.

1 SPEAKER: Well done, Lou.

2 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: I actually
3 have a question for you. Would it be
4 easier for you, Eric, if I make a motion
5 to remove the authorization?

6 PRESIDENT STACEY: You are
7 welcome to make a motion, and I am happy
8 to answer your question. But what
9 specifically are you talking about that we
10 spent money on and how much do you think
11 that we spent?

12 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: I was told
13 it was \$100,000.

14 SPEAKER: \$111,000.

15 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: So
16 \$111,000. Excuse me.

17 TREASURER HEIDEL: So what I
18 think you are referencing is the
19 engagement with the collective and then
20 the separate engagement with Jim Cosgrove.
21 So there is a distinction.

22 The engagement with the
23 collective through Brad Stinson was about
24 the Board and the mission and the values
25 and getting to know ourselves as an

1 organization, which I talked about. It
2 had nothing to do with the proposed
3 changes to the Bylaws and Rules.

4 So there are two separate items,
5 right? One is about the organizations as
6 a whole and --

7 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Okay. I am
8 willing to take them one at a time, Eric.

9 TREASURER HEIDEL: Sure.

10 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Go ahead
11 and do the first one.

12 TREASURER HEIDEL: All right.
13 So the first one --

14 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Explain to
15 us what the first one was about.

16 TREASURER HEIDEL: Right. So
17 the first one with the collective, as John
18 alluded to in his opening remarks, was
19 about getting to know ourselves as an
20 organization, getting the staff better,
21 getting the Board better, getting them
22 united so that we could then go out and
23 engage with you, right.

24 So there is a list of priorities
25 that came out of that. One of them being

1 that we will meet with every affiliate
2 this year so that we can hear directly
3 from you. Because we have heard that you
4 told us we are bad at communicating, so we
5 want to come to each of you and start
6 communicating, right.

7 I think an example also of our
8 improvement with communicating is that,
9 you know, through this bylaw and rule
10 process, while they may not be perfect,
11 the membership will certainly decide what
12 to do with them today, we did a very good
13 job communicating, right?

14 So we sent --

15 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: No.

16 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: No, no, no.

17 TREASURER HEIDEL: Okay, fair
18 enough. But I am going to continue my
19 remarks and you are welcome to disagree
20 with them. And I am happy to hear from
21 you or anyone else that wants to approach
22 the mic.

23 So we sat down as a Board in
24 January and decided to undertake that
25 action, which is a separate engagement

1 with Jim Cosgrove, which the expense
2 number you are referring to that was sent
3 out -- and by the way, anyone is welcome
4 to request what we have spent on
5 absolutely anything. I will tell you what
6 we spent on the collective, what we spent
7 with Jim, what we spent on buying pens for
8 the office, whatever you want to know. We
9 are a tax exempt organization and our
10 financial policies and procedures as well
11 as federal law allow you to request
12 absolutely any data item.

13 So when a gentleman asks us what
14 we spent, we would within the same
15 business day provide. We have nothing to
16 hide about what we spent and we will
17 answer that question for absolutely
18 anyone. They do not have to be on the
19 Board of Directors. They do not have to
20 be an affiliate. They do not have to be a
21 member of this association.

22 It can be John Smith and his kid
23 plays football and has nothing to do with
24 soccer. We will answer the question of
25 anyone in the United States because that

1 is what the federal law requires us to do.

2 So to go back to our
3 communication plan, which is something
4 that we tried to improve on through our
5 engagement with the collective, we decided
6 as a Board through our process of what our
7 priorities and what we wanted to do this
8 year out of that engagement was to change
9 our governance documents. They haven't
10 been changed in a few decades.

11 So in January we decided to do
12 that. The Board then for about a 60-day
13 period reviewed what was proposed and
14 said, hey, I don't like this, I like this,
15 we made some changes to it. We then sent
16 it to the Rules Committee. The Rules
17 Committee had it for over 30 days. They
18 had emails going back and forth. They
19 also had a conference call with Jim
20 Cosgrove. John was on it. The Rules
21 Committee members were all invited and
22 there was feedback.

23 Out of the feedback from the
24 Rules Committee there were further changes
25 made, right. Now the Rules Committee was

1 allowed to opine as to what they felt
2 about each of those bylaws and proposed
3 rules and procedures. But their role is
4 actually to say whether any of those
5 things violate the law or violate the U.S.
6 Soccer Federation policies or violate any
7 of the U.S. Youth Soccer Federation
8 policies. And they ultimately gave that
9 opinion and said that they did not violate
10 any of those things.

11 They also gave opinions as to,
12 hey, you said the color is red, we like
13 blue, and things like that that are just
14 preferences and they gave those. And
15 there were actually changes made to the
16 document.

17 After it went through the Board
18 and the Rules Committee process, it was
19 then sent out to the membership. We then
20 brought Jim in and he traveled in person,
21 as well as several board members, to every
22 single regional AGM. That is Region A,
23 Region B, Region C, and Region D.

24 After all of those, the Tuesday
25 following, we held a conference call where

1 we invited everybody who couldn't be there
2 in person or those who were there in
3 person and just wanted another opportunity
4 to be heard or to hear from us. We held a
5 conference call with each region. At the
6 end of that we held kind of a catch-all
7 conference where every region was invited
8 in case some of the other dates were not
9 good for them.

10 We then as a result of that
11 process released another version of the
12 documents, because not only did we listen
13 to you, we made changes, right. So it's
14 not just that we heard you and said, hey,
15 we are standing here and we are hearing
16 you. We listened and we made more changes
17 to the document.

18 We then 30 days prior, or I
19 think maybe 31 days prior, to the AGM as
20 is required came up with what was going to
21 be the final document to be voted on,
22 pending any amendments from the floor
23 which you are more than welcome to do
24 today, right.

25 We then held this Friday -- so

1 one step back, we released that document
2 and we then held two conference calls to
3 say, hey, the final document, tell us what
4 you think of those.

5 We then on Friday had a session
6 about them. We had another session
7 yesterday. We have general session today
8 where anyone is welcome to speak as to how
9 they feel.

10 So in my opinion we did a very
11 good job of communicating these. We went
12 in person; we had conference calls, we are
13 in person here; we are on the record here,
14 right.

15 We did everything we could to
16 communicate absent going to every single
17 club and sitting down with them to review
18 50 pages of documents which, you know,
19 frankly would have taken an entire workday
20 with every single club, which is just not
21 feasible to do with this large of an
22 organization that goes from Pensacola to
23 Key West. But I think we did an excellent
24 job of communicating and significantly
25 improved at least as to that item.

1 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. Are
2 you done? Can I answer that?

3 TREASURER HEIDEL: Okay. Go
4 ahead, John.

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: So, and Eric
6 spoke a lot to the Rules and Bylaws piece.
7 I want to just summarize what the
8 collective did, because we got this
9 question and I answered this. So there
10 are a few things and bear with me.

11 So what we actually engaged the
12 collective a year ago May. This isn't,
13 like, I came in and said, Hey, let's go
14 hire somebody. No, we were in this
15 process for a few months before last
16 year's AGM.

17 So what did they do? Well, they
18 came and interviewed every board and staff
19 member to get their opinion and voice in
20 the process. They collaborate and created
21 a survey for the staff and the board. We
22 base lined where we were as an
23 organization.

24 They facilitated board and staff
25 retreats, they meaning the collective,

1 Brad Stinson and his team. They
2 facilitated one-on-one conversations. You
3 know, Brad personally facilitated the
4 conversation between myself and Dale
5 Burke. But each of the board members who
6 had counterparts in the office and have
7 that relationship, they walked us through
8 those things doing what he called start,
9 stop, and continue. You know, how do we
10 get better. And really giving us the
11 freedom to say what needs to be said. And
12 I mentioned that earlier.

13 He or his team -- and/or his
14 team attended all of the Board meetings
15 giving us advice on strategy and how we
16 can be a better Board. I recommended more
17 frequent Board interaction, which have
18 been phenomenal doing monthly calls that
19 had increased the cohesion and
20 collaboration amongst the Board members
21 most importantly.

22 Developed an outreach program
23 where we are going out and meeting with
24 affiliates. That was an idea that they
25 strongly suggested we do and provide

1 leadership training for the staff. From
2 an outcome standpoint we have improved
3 relationship between Board and staff. We
4 have improved relationships within the
5 office, a more efficient and a more
6 collaborative process of the Board
7 members. We have improved relationships
8 on the Board.

9 We revisited missions and values
10 that we stand for and increased clarity
11 around roles and responsibilities and
12 improved the culture process from the
13 staff to bring forth ideas and
14 affiliations, for example. These things
15 didn't always happen. The staff didn't
16 necessarily bring ideas to the Board in
17 all areas in the past. So, you know,
18 mentioning them to bring ideas up.

19 What have we done, you know, in
20 the office? The staff has weekly
21 meetings. Staff is given latitude to make
22 decisions. They are not pawns. They have
23 a brain and they get to use it. And we
24 the Board have to provide structure. Can
25 that be messy at times? I acknowledge

1 that.

2 SPEAKER: Point of order, John,
3 please.

4 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes, sir.

5 SPEAKER: This is totally
6 irrelevant to the motion on the floor.

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes, sir.

8 THE COURT REPORTER: Your name,
9 sir?

10 PRESIDENT STACEY: But he asked
11 why.

12 THE COURT REPORTER: Your name?

13 SPEAKER THOMPSON: My name is
14 Tommy Thompson. This is still -- no
15 matter what he is saying right now, is out
16 of order to the motion on the floor
17 currently to remove the leagues from the
18 approvals.

19 PRESIDENT STACEY: Right. But
20 he is asking to remove yet something else
21 from the concept.

22 SPEAKER THOMPSON: I didn't hear
23 a motion to do that. He just asked a
24 question.

25 PRESIDENT STACEY: He did ask a

1 question. Okay.

2 Lou, we have a motion -- the
3 question that you have is not germane to
4 the motion that Jeff Kurzner proposed
5 before.

6 SPEAKER: It's already been
7 voted on.

8 PRESIDENT STACEY: Well, it was
9 voted to take it out; you are right.

10 SPEAKER THOMPSON: Point of
11 information, do we have a parliamentarian
12 in here? And if so, can we please
13 identify the person as a point of
14 information.

15 PRESIDENT STACEY: We do not
16 have an official parliamentarian.

17 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: You know,
18 we are two and a half million dollar
19 company and we don't have a
20 parliamentarian. I am only -- okay.

21 Let me ask this before I go to
22 the next step. How much did that
23 particular activity cost us of the 110,000
24 or -- how much was it? 110,000? 111,000.
25 How much of that was --

1 PRESIDENT STACEY: Hold on one
2 second.

3 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: It's not on
4 that yellow sheet?

5 (Discussion off the record.)

6 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: While we
7 are waiting for that, the number, can I
8 ask you: This has been 11 months since
9 you have done that? You started it -- no,
10 I am sorry. It's August and you started
11 that in January. Is the result complete
12 now? You are all ready to go with this?

13 Because you started it at the --
14 the first I heard about it was -- and I am
15 only the biggest club in the league. But
16 the first time I heard about this was on
17 June 1st at the Region A meeting. Okay?
18 I have heard rumors about it when elected
19 members started resigning, but that is
20 another whole story.

21 PRESIDENT STACEY: So make a
22 motion and --

23 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: I made a
24 motion.

25 PRESIDENT STACEY: What is your

1 motion? Please restate it.

2 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: To remove
3 the authorization for -- what is it?

4 SPEAKER: Collective.

5 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: For
6 collective.

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: I'm
8 understanding the amendment. But the
9 practical application is it is impossible
10 to remove that activity. I mean, how
11 would we possibly unravel that if in the
12 event --

13 (Simultaneously speaking.)

14 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Well,
15 that's up to the treasurer and the rest of
16 you.

17 PRESIDENT STACEY: I find that
18 impossible.

19 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: I am just
20 saying that I don't think that a motion by
21 the young lady next to me to say that we
22 ought to approve everything that you did
23 last year should just slide on by.
24 Because there are some things that you
25 guys did last year that I don't believe we

1 ought to allow you to do again, if we
2 can't make up for not having it happen
3 this year.

4 PRESIDENT STACEY: Then I would
5 respectfully suggest that you put forth a
6 proposed rule change that strips the Board
7 of its authority to spend money and make
8 those decisions, because that is what you
9 are asking to do. We are unable -- if you
10 really want the Board to have no authority
11 whatsoever to make those decisions then
12 you need to put a rule change for it.

13 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: It's all
14 right when you spend money within the
15 program is one thing. Starting to spend
16 money to go on a, you know, cruise with
17 the whole crew --

18 PRESIDENT STACEY: No, hold on.
19 Lou, don't be making allegations about
20 things that didn't -- that absolutely
21 didn't happen.

22 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Can I --

23 PRESIDENT STACEY: It's an
24 opinion. It's asked and answered, can we
25 move on?

1 SPEAKER SROKA: I have a
2 question.

3 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Which
4 answer? You haven't given us the total
5 yet.

6 PRESIDENT STACEY: \$95,000 which
7 is the inception of our engagement which
8 was Spring of last year until now. Spring
9 of 2018.

10 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: So with
11 that number that means that 20,000 was for
12 the revamp?

13 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes.

14 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: No? How
15 much was the revamp?

16 SPEAKER: Fifteen thousand.

17 PRESIDENT STACEY: Fifteen on
18 the rules, \$15,000.

19 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: So 117 from
20 111.

21 TREASURER HEIDEL: From July 22,
22 2019, we have spent approximately \$95,000
23 with the collective and through July 22,
24 2019, we have spent approximately \$15,000
25 with Jim Cosgrove on the specific Bylaws

1 and Rules.

2 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: So that's
3 \$110,000?

4 SPEAKER: \$5,000.

5 TREASURER HEIDEL: Roughly but
6 there is a distinction between what they
7 were spent on that needs to be made here.

8 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: But that is
9 the authorization that you are asking for.
10 You want us to say that was okay to spend
11 that?

12 TREASURER HEIDEL: So -- no. So
13 what you are able to do is say that you
14 don't agree that we took that action and
15 that is up to you to do, but there will be
16 no case where that money does not already
17 get spent.

18 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: I
19 understand that. I just want to make sure
20 that you guys up there hear that we are
21 not okay with it. At least I am not and
22 maybe if you allow them to vote they will
23 be either.

24 PRESIDENT STACEY: We have a --

25 SPEAKER SROKA: I have a

1 question in regards to this, if you don't
2 mind.

3 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes, sir,
4 Mike.

5 SPEAKER SROKA: Mike Sroka,
6 Stetson FA.

7 Is there a limit -- is there a
8 set number, dollar number, that FYSA has
9 to ask us for permission to spend? Or is
10 it just we decide that we want to spend a
11 million dollars? Or is there a certain
12 benchmark that you have to meet and after
13 that you have to ask us for approval?

14 PRESIDENT STACEY: None that I
15 am aware.

16 SPEAKER SROKA: Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT STACEY: We have a
18 fiduciary duty as a Board. I think
19 obviously we are subject to recall
20 elections, et cetera.

21 SPEAKER SROKA: Sure. I just
22 want to clarify that.

23 SPEAKER: Can I ask a question?
24 May I ask a question on the same issue?

25 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes.

1 SPEAKER: Tom --
2 (unintelligible). Is this the final
3 invoice? Are there any outstanding
4 invoices for collective and Jim Cosgrove
5 that is going to be coming up to us after
6 the AGM?

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes. They
8 are here this weekend and that is our
9 expense.

10 SPEAKER: What is the
11 anticipated total opening amount again?

12 PRESIDENT STACEY: That would be
13 hard. Yeah, anything we provide would be
14 a bit of a wild guess. Let's on a rough
15 base, how much did it cost you to be here,
16 et cetera, I mean rooms, hotel? I mean
17 think about it. So I don't have an answer
18 for that.

19 But there is no limit -- to Mike
20 Sroka's point, there is nothing, you know,
21 other than the will of the membership in
22 terms of who represents you, of what the
23 Board can do. But there are 19 people
24 that have to decide. A majority of that
25 group has to decide. In this case we, the

1 group, decided to move forward.

2 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Since I am
3 probably the only one that has been to all
4 of these AGMs, I have never -- I have
5 never heard of that motion being given for
6 an expenditure of this magnitude. We even
7 knew how much we were going to spend when
8 we spent the million dollars on the
9 building. Okay? We knew that upfront
10 because we had it in the bank already.

11 But for you guys to come up with
12 an expenditure like that and now want to
13 ask us to approve it after the fact is a
14 little bit too much for me to handle. So
15 perhaps someone would like to make a
16 motion that if there is an expenditure
17 over 50,000 or 100,000 or whatever, they
18 have to come and ask permission to do it
19 first. Because I cannot imagine --

20 PRESIDENT STACEY: Again, this
21 is not the time and place to propose a
22 rule change.

23 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Yeah, I
24 understand that.

25 PRESIDENT STACEY: It's not the

1 time or place, Lou. The rule changes need
2 to be brought 30 days in advance of an
3 AGM. If you wish to do that, you will
4 have that opportunity next year.

5 SPEAKER MORIARTI: Call the
6 vote.

7 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Wait a
8 second, you are going to do what?

9 PRESIDENT STACEY: I said the
10 rule changes must be posted 30 days in
11 advance, as you well know. And that you
12 are asking to make a rule change that
13 limits the ability of the Board to spend
14 money and to make decisions. And that is
15 a rule change that needs to come next
16 year.

17 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: Okay. Then
18 I would like to make a motion to censure
19 the Board for spending that money with
20 their -- on their own without asking
21 permission or at least telling us they
22 were going to do it in advance.

23 PRESIDENT STACEY: So you have
24 been here every AGM. How many -- if this
25 is a --

1 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: We have
2 never had an expenditure like this.

3 PRESIDENT STACEY: Come on.

4 SPEAKER MORIARTI: Call the
5 vote.

6 PRESIDENT STACEY: So we have a
7 motion. Do I have a -- I guess --

8 (Everyone simultaneously
9 speaking.)

10 SPEAKER: What is the motion?

11 PRESIDENT STACEY: Hello?

12 SPEAKER: Second.

13 PRESIDENT STACEY: The motion is
14 out of order.

15 SPEAKER: The first motion is
16 still on the floor.

17 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes, it is.
18 I acknowledge.

19 SPEAKER MORIARTI: Call the
20 vote.

21 PRESIDENT STACEY: Call the vote
22 on the motion --

23 SPEAKER SROKA: We are accepting
24 the approval of the Board's actions.

25 SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

1 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay.

2 SPEAKER: We have to vote on the
3 first order of business before we get to
4 this one.

5 SPEAKER CONFESSORE: (Inaudible.)

6 SPEAKER: I have a question of a
7 parliamentary, so I guess my request was
8 denied. So I am trying to help the
9 meeting go through.

10 THE COURT REPORTER: Who was
11 that?

12 SPEAKER SROKA: Justin Lauer.

13 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

14 SPEAKER LAUER: Justin Lauer,
15 Brevard Youth Soccer.

16 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. So the
17 original motion was a consent item to
18 adopt, generally a housekeeping item that
19 says adopt the actions of the Board of
20 Directors. We have asked that -- the
21 motion has the effect of removing an item
22 from the consent agenda.

23 In the Chair's opinion we
24 vote -- everything else gets voted say,
25 yes, all of the other stuff, all the other

1 decisions, are covered and then we deal
2 with the motion at hand because he has
3 pulled it out of the consent piece. That
4 is the opinion of the chair.

5 Yes, Rob?

6 SPEAKER SHIELDS: Robbie
7 Shields, Lake Wales Soccer Club. You
8 know, in looking at the budget many times
9 what happens is it shows this is last
10 year's numbers and this is the new budget.
11 I think that would help a lot of times
12 when you go to consider the budget, it's
13 good to have last year's numbers on it. I
14 think that's a good suggestion.

15 The other part was this
16 collective thing. Was it in the budget
17 last year or was that expended over what
18 the budget was?

19 PRESIDENT STACEY: So the
20 expenditures actually were taken from
21 unplanned receipts related to
22 international game fees we received --
23 Eric, how much? \$470,000. We get those
24 when the international games are played in
25 Florida, we do receive those extra things.

1 And it was an extraordinary event because
2 of the size of the crowd that attended the
3 game. And so we used some of those
4 unexpected funds to do some internal --
5 you know, to work on ourselves.

6 SPEAKER SHIELDS: But I would
7 suggest, Eric, you know, to show last
8 year's numbers. I think it helps a person
9 analyze the budget a little better.

10 TREASURER HEIDEL: So you all
11 know as to providing that data, I can't
12 tell you last year's numbers because our
13 year doesn't end until August 31st. So I
14 don't have complete data. But I will tell
15 you that our financial statements, our
16 audited financial statements, are put on
17 the website from every year so you can see
18 the last complete year's statements
19 available on the website for the last
20 approximately eight months.

21 PRESIDENT STACEY: So the
22 original motion, I am asking for all in
23 favor of the original motion to approve
24 the actions of the Board of Directors
25 accepting the decisions regarding FSPL and

1 the Futures leagues signify by saying aye.

2 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

3 PRESIDENT STACEY: Any opposed?

4 SPEAKER: Oppose.

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: Then the
6 opinion of the Chair, the ayes have it.

7 Okay. So back now to the item
8 that's not approved. Mr. Kurzner, would
9 you like to speak further to your motion?

10 SPEAKER KURZNER: Jeff Kurzner,
11 South Florida United Youth Soccer
12 Association.

13 We were told back in 2012 that
14 FSPL was going to be 16 teams basically
15 with a possibility of one or more.
16 Several people that are still here from
17 that meeting, Steve Kimbrall, Paul Van
18 Steenberg, and others were all led to
19 believe that FSPL was going to be the top
20 level competition and that FYSA was not
21 going to be competing with its own local
22 leagues.

23 We also were told for years and
24 years that competition in the U 11 and the
25 U 12 was something to be avoided. And yet

1 now FYSA is establishing these two new
2 leagues that compete directly with our
3 existing functioning local leagues. And
4 they are also increasing the competition
5 for the 11 and 12.

6 I just think it is a mistake.
7 It wasn't researched. It wasn't brought
8 to the membership. And it's been
9 disingenuous from those that put it
10 together to say that it was.

11 Thank you.

12 SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

13 SPEAKER KURZNER: I remove the
14 ratification from --

15 SPEAKER: (Inaudible. Not at a
16 microphone.)

17 SPEAKER KURZNER: Yes, it was.
18 The motion is basically that we -- I
19 cannot propose new business to restrict it
20 because it would be a potential rule
21 change because they are establishing
22 programs. It's basically a way to tell
23 our executive board, our board of
24 directors, that this is not something that
25 we approve of and that it needs to be

1 reconsidered prior to adoption.

2 SPEAKER: (Inaudible. Not at
3 the microphone.)

4 THE COURT REPORTER: I cannot
5 hear this other person speaking.

6 SPEAKER KURZNER: It's already
7 been adopted. I cannot make a motion. I
8 pulled it out of the consent. We removed
9 the consent for them to run these
10 operations.

11 PRESIDENT STACEY: So,
12 Mr. Kurzner, there is a pending rule
13 change that would have the effect that you
14 are seeking.

15 SPEAKER KURZNER: I understand.

16 PRESIDENT STACEY: Could that --
17 okay.

18 SPEAKER KURZNER: I understand
19 where you are going with that, but I am
20 still limited to what I am able to do
21 here. On Sunday night if the new proposed
22 rule changes don't happen, you guys can
23 re-implement without a problem anyway.

24 To some extent this is a slap on
25 the wrist to tell you that this is not

1 something that we approve of, or at least
2 those that have spoken to me about it
3 approve of, and we want you to be made
4 aware of that. There needs to be another
5 way to be able to provide this type of
6 competition within the state.

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: Anyone wish
8 to speak against?

9 I am not sure of the motion,
10 Jeff. It's hard for -- I mean, I am not
11 sure what we are trying to do here.

12 SPEAKER: Nothing.

13 PRESIDENT STACEY: Nothing to
14 do. Okay.

15 SPEAKER WHITMAN: Barry Whitman,
16 South Florida United. The motion is to
17 not approve of the Boards' action in
18 establishing these two leagues -- these
19 leagues. That is what the motion is.

20 So the consequence -- what? No,
21 no. The first motion was to remove from
22 consideration as to whether the Executive
23 Board's action should be approved over the
24 last year. So now it is taken out of
25 that.

1 And now we are voting on is
2 whether or not those actions are approved
3 by the membership or not. Now the
4 consequence of that -- and we can debate
5 forever and not going to -- but the issue
6 right now is the membership gets to vote
7 as to whether they approve the Executive
8 Board's action in establishing the
9 leagues. That is what the vote is, yes or
10 no.

11 PRESIDENT STACEY: And so while
12 you say we can debate the consequence, the
13 consequences are significant, right. If
14 the membership votes to adopt this --

15 (Simultaneously speaking.)

16 SPEAKER WHITMAN: If the
17 membership votes yes, that means we don't
18 approve of what you did. A separate
19 motion would have to be made then to
20 constrain the Board from establishing the
21 leagues. Right now all we can say is we
22 don't approve of what you did.

23 The other thing is that --

24 PRESIDENT STACEY: Does that
25 then -- you intend -- does that motion

1 intend to have the leagues cease to exist
2 effective today?

3 SPEAKER WHITMAN: That's what --
4 that -- no, because technically what would
5 happen is then the membership would then
6 have to make a motion to constrain the
7 Board from establishing it. It wouldn't
8 cease to exist, we just don't approve of
9 what you did. If we spent money, we need
10 to approve that. We don't want to go
11 back.

12 So we are just voting right now
13 to say to the Board yes or no we didn't
14 approve -- we don't approve of what you
15 did in establishing these leagues. And
16 then if the vote is that we don't approve
17 of that, then the membership could ask to
18 constrain the Board from establishing
19 these leagues going forward.

20 SPEAKER: The first part is --
21 (inaudible).

22 SPEAKER WHITMAN: The first vote
23 is whether the membership approves what
24 the Board did in establishing the leagues.
25 That is it.

1 PRESIDENT STACEY: All right.

2 We have a motion and we have a second.

3 All those in favor of not
4 approving the decision of the Board
5 signify by saying aye.

6 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: Any opposed?

8 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Nay.

9 PRESIDENT STACEY: It's the
10 opinion of the Chair that -- well, do we
11 have the clickers working yet, guys? Do
12 we know?

13 Because the problem with voice
14 votes, and as you all well know, I could
15 have one vote and scream really loud and I
16 could offset somebody with 200 votes.

17 (All simultaneously talking.)

18 Hands does not tell me the way
19 to vote, guys, at all.

20 Jared, are we -- where are we on
21 the vote?

22 I would like -- I think we
23 should use the clickers. That is the
24 opinion of the Chair.

25 JARED WHITE: John?

1 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes.

2 JARED WHITE: Currently the
3 following clubs did not press their button
4 last time, so please verify:

5 Players Club, Bartow, Lake
6 Wales, Town and Country, Brazilian Soccer,
7 Key Biscayne, Miami Shores, Gainesville
8 Soccer Alliance, Auburndale, Hunter's
9 Creek, and four members of the Hall of
10 Fame.

11 If we can get all of you guys to
12 press the button the next time we do this
13 test, we can move along.

14 Hey, hey, hey. I am just
15 telling you what it is. Okay? Let's do
16 the test and then we can get the number
17 right.

18 PRESIDENT STACEY: Please reset
19 the number. This is not a vote on the
20 motion. This is simply a test to make
21 sure we are good.

22 Okay. All those --

23 JARED WHITE: Press now.

24 PRESIDENT STACEY: Please press
25 now.

1 Five, four, three, two, one.

2 You still have people coming up to the
3 thing.

4 Jared, how many?

5 JARED WHITE: According to this
6 we are still 600 short.

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: Jared, if you
8 have a list, I am going to propose that --

9 SPEAKER: I think I know what
10 the problem is. A lot of people that came
11 from the coaches symposium -- because
12 someone just brought me down one of their
13 pods because I was supposed to have their
14 proxy and vote, and these coaches signed
15 in and they did not know. So I think some
16 of the pods are missing with the coaches
17 that went to the symposium.

18 PRESIDENT STACEY: So if we get
19 the same result twice -- did we get the
20 same result twice or what was it?

21 JARED WHITE: Why don't you ask
22 the ones who are not appearing on there --

23 PRESIDENT STACEY: All right.
24 Let's do this, it is coming up on 10:30
25 and we are definitely going to have a vote

1 on this. Will you please identify who
2 didn't do this. For those individuals
3 that are called, please see the desk in
4 the back. The rest of us take time and go
5 check out of your room. And let's come
6 back -- yes?

7 (All simultaneously speaking.)

8 Hold on. Hold on. Don't go
9 anywhere, please. We do have a motion on
10 the floor and we will vote on the motion.

11 SPEAKER: We already voted on
12 the motion.

13 PRESIDENT STACEY: The opinion
14 of the Chair was not clear because of the
15 weight votes. I do not believe it was
16 clear.

17 Can everybody settle for one
18 second, please.

19 Jared, do we have a list?

20 JARED WHITE: All right. The
21 following clubs did not press their
22 button. If you have an issue, please come
23 back here.

24 Jacksonville Armada, you did not
25 press your button.

1 Hobe Sound Soccer Club, you did
2 not press your button.

3 Miami Shores Soccer Club, you
4 did not press your button.

5 Florida League Soccer Academy,
6 you did not press your button.

7 Lake Wales, you did not press
8 your button.

9 Town and Country, you did not
10 press your button.

11 SPEAKER: Just for those, I was
12 here and pushed my button. Verify that,
13 please. I did push it.

14 JARED WHITE: Holly Hall Fame
15 members did not press your button.

16 Lou Confessore, you did not
17 press yours.

18 Ray Thompsett, you did not
19 press yours.

20 Virgil Stringfield, you did not
21 press yours.

22 And Ray Wells, you did not press
23 yours.

24 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. Jared,
25 is that all of the people we are missing?

1 JARED WHITE: Those are all the
2 first vote.

3 PRESIDENT STACEY: We will
4 recess for 20 minutes for you to check out
5 and they can resolve this. And we will
6 come back at ten minutes to 11:00. And
7 bring your clickers back, please.

8 (Whereupon, a short recess was taken.)

9 PRESIDENT STACEY: If I can have
10 your attention. Please take your seats so
11 we can get started. Let's get started.

12 We are back in session. By my
13 clock it is 10:55.

14 Okay. Where is Jared? We are
15 going to try this one more time and then
16 we will have a vote on the motion. All
17 right. We said 10:50. How long, Jared?

18 JARED WHITE: I still have two
19 clickers back here that --
20 (unintelligible).

21 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay.

22 JARED WHITE: Can we have a
23 representative from Miami Shores to the
24 back table, please.

25 PRESIDENT STACEY: Miami Shores

1 are you in the room?

2 SPEAKER: He is not here.

3 PRESIDENT STACEY: Miami Shores,
4 okay.

5 Okay. I feel like we are close.
6 All right. You want to try to get it?

7 JARED WHITE: Okay. Everyone, I
8 will give you 30 seconds and give you a
9 countdown and only press one button,
10 please. Number one for yes.

11 SPEAKER: Right now?

12 JARED WHITE: Yes, do it right
13 now.

14 PRESIDENT STACEY: Reminding
15 everyone this is just a test.

16 JARED WHITE: Once again, we are
17 only pushing number one.

18 All right. Closing at five,
19 four, three, two, one.

20 SPEAKER: It's closer.

21 PRESIDENT STACEY: Is that
22 right?

23 SPEAKER: It's 5951. It's 300
24 votes off. Come on guys.

25 PRESIDENT STACEY: Jared, record

1 the number and let's do it again. If we
2 get the same number of the people in this
3 room, then I think that is evidence that
4 the clickers that are in the room are
5 working. Is that fair? We do have to
6 move forward. That 5,627 was the number.
7 Please reset it, if you would. Are we
8 ready again?

9 JARED WHITE: It's open right
10 now. Please go ahead and press one. It's
11 just a test. All right. Five, four,
12 three, two, one, closed.

13 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. The
14 opinion of the Chair that the difference
15 is negligible. I don't believe it will
16 have an impact, so we are going to move
17 forward.

18 On the motion on the floor to
19 disapprove of the decision of the Board
20 regarding the creation of FSPL and U 12
21 futures -- do you have the question? Can
22 you put the question up real quick,
23 please. Can you put the question up.

24 It's on the motion to not
25 approve the action of the Board. They are

1 going to put it up. They are going to put
2 yes, no. Yes means that you don't
3 approve. No means you do approve.

4 Okay. Are we ready to vote?

5 JARED WHITE: It is open.

6 PRESIDENT STACEY: One --

7 SPEAKER: Can you clarify one
8 more time.

9 PRESIDENT STACEY: The motion on
10 the floor is to not approve the actions of
11 the Board as it relates to the creation of
12 FSPL and U 12 -- 11 and 12 Futures. Is
13 that fair?

14 Voting in favor of the motion
15 means you do not approve of the actions.
16 Voting no means you do approve of the
17 actions. Okay? Please vote.

18 SPEAKER: Can we vote?

19 PRESIDENT STACEY: Vote is open.

20 Jared, give me a signal when you
21 have the count up.

22 JARED WHITE: All right. Five,
23 four, three, two, one. Voting closed.

24 (Applause.)

25 PRESIDENT STACEY: Can you

1 announce just because I can't --

2 JARED WHITE: It's 3,762 for yes
3 and 1,765 for no.

4 PRESIDENT STACEY: Is there a
5 percentage to convert to?

6 JARED WHITE: It's 68 percent
7 for yes and 32 percent for no.

8 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay.

9 SPEAKER WHITMAN: Barry Whitman,
10 South Florida. I make a motion -- Barry
11 Whitman, South Florida United -- after the
12 2019-20 season, FYSA is prohibited from
13 establishing or operating any league,
14 other than FYPL first division without
15 prior membership approval.

16 SPEAKER KURZNER: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STACEY: So we have a
18 motion and then we have a second by Jeff
19 Kurzner.

20 Any discussion? Okay. Hold on
21 one second.

22 SPEAKER: Can I second the
23 motion?

24 PRESIDENT STACEY: Can you go to
25 the mic, please.

1 SPEAKER: Second the motion.

2 PRESIDENT STACEY: It is
3 seconded by --

4 SPEAKER: Steve Kimbrall CDL.

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: And
6 Catherine?

7 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: Catherine
8 Pennington, Region D.

9 I would suggest that the motion
10 is out of order. According to 2.2 of the
11 existing Bylaws, the administrative
12 authorities represent and conduct the
13 business of FYSA is vested in the Board of
14 Directors. If you want to change that,
15 that requires a change to the Bylaws, that
16 requires 30-day's notice, and that
17 requires a two-thirds vote after your
18 30-day's notice.

19 That motion is out of order.

20 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes?

21 SPEAKER HYATT: Mike Hyatt,
22 Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer
23 League. I mean, I know that this is kind
24 of maybe putting the cart in front of a
25 horse just a little bit because we are

1 going with this motion. But I am an old
2 guy and my mind kind of forgets things.

3 Before I do, I am wondering on
4 this how Joe Nelson feels. He is Director
5 of Player Development. I am just
6 wondering how all of this -- how he feels
7 like this is going to affect player
8 development in this state. So when we get
9 to that point.

10 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes, I think
11 asking a direct question is out of order.
12 So Bylaw 2.2 does vest the authority in
13 the Board of Directors to represent and
14 conduct the business. And the limitation
15 on the Board would require Bylaw changes.

16 The opinion of the Chair is that
17 the motion would be out of order.

18 SPEAKER: Is there a
19 parliamentarian that would give you that
20 opinion or is that just your opinion?

21 PRESIDENT STACEY: That is the
22 opinion of the Chair.

23 SPEAKER: So noted.

24 SPEAKER: And the motion still
25 continues. That is your opinion.

1 PRESIDENT STACEY: With the
2 motion being out of order, it can't be
3 considered.

4 SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: We have
6 timelines that establish by the rules for
7 Bylaws and Rule changes and that is not --

8 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

9 THE COURT REPORTER: I need
10 names.

11 PRESIDENT STACEY: All right.
12 We need names. By the way, she is
13 desperately trying to keep up with these.

14 SPEAKER WHITMAN: Barry Whitman,
15 South Florida United.

16 SPEAKER KURZNER: Jeff Kurzner,
17 South Florida United.

18 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT STACEY: There is a
20 proposed rule change that I believe would
21 be appropriately -- that the venue for
22 adding any such language that goes to this
23 point.

24 SPEAKER: (Board member that
25 can't be heard.)

1 PRESIDENT STACEY: There is a
2 rule change that would be pertinent to
3 this.

4 THE COURT REPORTER: Step up to
5 the mic.

6 PRESIDENT STACEY: The maker of
7 the rule would be able to accept an
8 amendment at that time. But we are not
9 ready yet. We will be there. We are
10 going to get to that at one point.

11 SPEAKER KURZNER: I would like
12 to move to appeal the decision of the
13 Chair.

14 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. The
15 opinion of the Chair -- guys, okay. The
16 motion is germane to the rule change this
17 afternoon that will be considered. The
18 opinion of the Chair is final and we are
19 going to move on.

20 The next item of agenda actually
21 will be the rule change proposal. I do
22 want to make a statement that is generally
23 said. Yes, these rule changes to the
24 rules, they are the membership's
25 prerogative to make changes. The

1 proposals that are coming before you today
2 have come from two sources. One is the
3 collected voice of the Board of Directors
4 as well as member proposal changes. All
5 proposed changes regardless of the vote on
6 the Bylaws and Rules will be considered.

7 We have the Chair, the Chair of
8 the Rules Committee has cross referenced
9 with the help of Jim Cosgrove, because of
10 the knowledge has cross referenced, the
11 proposed rules to the new Bylaws and Rules
12 should they pass.

13 And I now invite Marino Torrens,
14 Chair of the Rules Committee, to come
15 forward to moderate this session.

16 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. The fun
17 part. I just want to clarify procedure
18 why we are doing this. There will be a
19 motion made for changes. Then we will
20 have people have the chance to talk
21 against it or for it, but we will
22 alternate one for, one against, until one
23 or two of them stops.

24 Are we clear on that? It cannot
25 be two, three in a row against it or three

1 or 4 in favor of it.

2 Okay. The first item we are
3 going to vote on is new Bylaw changes,
4 which is the one in the white book that
5 you guys have, the blue pages. We need a
6 motion from someone from one of the board
7 of directors of the ones presented here.

8 PRESIDENT STACEY: So as the
9 President of the Board of Directors and as
10 this is a proposal coming from the Board
11 of Directors, I move that we consider the
12 proposed Bylaw changes in their entirety.

13 CHAIR TORRENS: Is there a
14 second?

15 SPEAKER TOWERS: Second.

16 CHAIR TORRENS: By?

17 SPEAKER TOWERS: Sorry. Terri
18 Towers.

19 CHAIR TORRENS: And for the
20 record, I am sorry, I am Marino Torrens,
21 the Chair of the Rules Committee.

22 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay.
23 Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT STACEY: May I speak
25 to the motion?

1 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes.

2 PRESIDENT STACEY: So I am not
3 going to rehash the history. You guys,
4 everybody in this room, I think has had an
5 opportunity to listen, sit in on several
6 sessions. The proposal as it is is in
7 three parts. Obviously the Bylaws do not
8 obtain the two-thirds majority of the
9 rules and the procedure is the document
10 itself would be moved.

11 But the rewrite has taken us
12 from 120 some odd pages of Bylaws and
13 Rules to about 50 pages combined. The
14 concepts are there. The details at times,
15 you know, we are looking at, you know,
16 these are not -- they are not perfect nor
17 the current Bylaws and Rules.

18 There are mechanisms in place
19 for us to address some of the -- maybe
20 some of the procedures. And there is a
21 voice for the membership to propose
22 changes to the Bylaws and to the Rules and
23 to the policies as we take the following.
24 In that the membership can propose those
25 changes, and they can be considered

1 success of AGM, just as we have done for
2 the last 35 years to the original -- to
3 the rewrite, the most recent rewrite, that
4 occurred back in 1985.

5 I acknowledge, again, not a
6 perfect solution but a step in the right
7 direction. And it enables us, the Board,
8 to position FYSA for the future. And I
9 ask for your support.

10 CHAIR TORRENS: Sir, are you for
11 or against?

12 SPEAKER HYATT: Against.

13 CHAIR TORRENS: Against, okay.

14 SPEAKER HYATT: Yes. Mike
15 Hyatt, Greater Central Florida Youth
16 Soccer League. I am against this. Not --
17 I agree that it needs to be redone, but
18 some of the things -- if you look at just
19 the purpose, the very first page of the
20 old Bylaws compared to the new one, the
21 old ones talk about how they support and
22 will be there to assist the member clubs
23 and leagues. The new purpose doesn't do
24 that.

25 And as you go through, you know,

1 the new Bylaws, it is taking a lot of the
2 members voice away, you know, as far as
3 voting and what we can vote on. And given
4 more power to the Board to do whatever
5 they want to do.

6 So I think that -- I do agree
7 with John that it is a step in the right
8 direction, but there is wording in there
9 and there is stuff that needs to be in
10 there that is not as far as compliance and
11 policy that I think needs to be addressed.
12 I think it needs to be tabled, you know,
13 for another year until they can get all of
14 that right.

15 SPEAKER: Is that a motion?

16 SPEAKER: Is there a motion on
17 the table?

18 CHAIR TORRENS: Is that a
19 motion?

20 SPEAKER HYATT: I make a motion
21 to table it --

22 SPEAKER: Second.

23 SPEAKER HYATT: -- for a year.

24 SPEAKER: Second, third, fourth.

25 PRESIDENT STACEY: He just made

1 a motion. Okay.

2 (All simultaneously speaking.)

3 SPEAKER: He wants to lay it on
4 the table, the motion on the table.

5 SPEAKER HYATT: What?

6 SPEAKER: Just say lay the
7 motion on the table.

8 SPEAKER HYATT: Okay.

9 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: You make a
10 motion to lay the motion on the table.

11 SPEAKER HYATT: I make a motion
12 to lay the motion on the table. Lay the
13 motion.

14 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay.

15 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: It's --
16 (unintelligible).

17 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. So now
18 somebody speaking against that motion that
19 was just presented --

20 SPEAKER SROKA: No, for.

21 CHAIR TORRENS: For the motion.

22 SPEAKER SROKA: You need a
23 second.

24 CHAIR TORRENS: No, there was a
25 second by Jeff Kurzner in the back.

1 SPEAKER SROKA: By who? He
2 needs to state his name.

3 CHAIR TORRENS: Jeff Kurzner
4 from South Florida United made the motion.
5 I am sorry, I know him and that is why I
6 said the name. Yes, he seconded it.

7 Now, you have discussion about
8 that motion?

9 SPEAKER: I am also against --

10 THE COURT REPORTER: Name?

11 CHAIR TORRENS: Against what?

12 SPEAKER: Against the Bylaws.

13 CHAIR TORRENS: There is a
14 motion on the floor to table.

15 SPEAKER: I don't have anything
16 to say about that.

17 THE COURT REPORTER: Your name,
18 please.

19 SPEAKER BELCHER: Gus Belcher,
20 B-E-L-C-H-E-R, Cape Coral Soccer.

21 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

22 CHAIR TORRENS: No, no, no.
23 There is a motion on the floor to table.
24 That is what we are discussing now.

25 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: May I?

1 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes.

2 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: Just to
3 help clarify, the motion on the floor --

4 THE COURT REPORTER: Name?

5 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: -- is to
6 lay the motion to amend the Bylaws on the
7 table. Each side has five minutes to
8 debate that and then you have to vote on
9 that motion.

10 CHAIR TORRENS: Right.

11 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: If that
12 motion fails, you are back on the main
13 motion. If that motion passes, the main
14 motion has been defeated.

15 CHAIR TORRENS: Right.

16 Can you give your name, please.
17 Name for the record.

18 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: Catherine
19 Pennington.

20 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

21 CHAIR TORRENS: Are you speaking
22 against or in favor of that second motion?

23 SPEAKER SROKA: I would like to
24 speak against the motion to table.

25 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Go ahead.

1 SPEAKER SROKA: So if we table
2 this, what are we going? Are we just
3 going to sit around for another year and
4 just let this thing, you know, let this
5 just fester? I mean, or are we just going
6 to vote on this thing whether it's up or
7 down? I mean, if we are -- if a lot of
8 people are against this, let's just shoot
9 it down and they have got to redo it. And
10 then the next year they are not going to
11 redo anything or try to fix this because
12 they are just going to wait to see what we
13 vote next year.

14 So let's figure out whether the
15 people are for or against this thing and
16 then move forward. Because right now we
17 are just kicking the can down the road.

18 SPEAKER: Amen.

19 CHAIR TORRENS: Are you in
20 favor?

21 SPEAKER HYATT: Actually, I came
22 here concerning the first motion. And I
23 don't know why --

24 THE COURT REPORTER: Name.
25 Name.

1 CHAIR TORRENS: -- on the floor
2 first.

3 SPEAKER HYATT: Mike Hyatt,
4 Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer
5 League. I would like to remove my motion
6 of tabling it.

7 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Thank
8 you.

9 SPEAKER HYATT: Before I get
10 shot.

11 CHAIR TORRENS: Strike that
12 second part, please.

13 Now we are back on the original
14 motion made to approve the Bylaw changes.

15 SPEAKER: No --

16 CHAIR TORRENS: We withdrew the
17 motion. I didn't say for obviously.

18 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: He withdrew
19 his motion.

20 CHAIR TORRENS: Right.

21 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: He was
22 speaking previous against the Bylaw.

23 THE COURT REPORTER: Please go
24 to the mic.

25 CHAIR TORRENS: So now we go

1 for.

2 THE COURT REPORTER: I need her
3 to go to the mic. I cannot hear her.

4 SPEAKER: -- few minor tweaks.

5 THE COURT REPORTER: I know who
6 she is but I cannot hear her.

7 SPEAKER SROKA: She is just
8 directing traffic. It was not necessarily
9 for the ...

10 SPEAKER: -- the changes that
11 says for a special meeting. It says it
12 has to be approved at the AGM. And then
13 immediately it says or at a special
14 meeting. If you go to the definition on
15 Page 8, special meeting says the Board of
16 Directors may hold special meetings called
17 by the President or any five members of
18 the Board of Directors. Notice of special
19 meeting shall be provided to all members
20 of the Board of Directors not less than
21 five days prior to the meeting.

22 I think the intent is a special
23 meeting of the membership and it really
24 should state that. And all throughout
25 here it almost says, hey, okay, needs to

1 be approved at AGM or we can call a
2 special meeting which might just be the
3 Board of Directors.

4 So I think you really need to
5 make sure you change that part of it
6 because I think the membership wants to be
7 the ones approving if there are changes to
8 the Bylaws, if I am not correct.

9 I am for it. I think the
10 condensing -- I have read -- and I am sure
11 some have not -- I have read everything
12 from cover to cover. You are very
13 detailed and I tried to understand it.
14 But I think we need something you can look
15 at that is condensed and is clear.
16 Obviously we don't want the Board to have
17 too much power, but I think we need to
18 modify that part of it.

19 So that would be my suggestion
20 on the change of that line. I think --

21 CHAIR TORRENS: That was a
22 question about what article was saying?
23 What --

24 SPEAKER: Well, it's several.
25 It's all throughout here as lines that say

1 special meeting on Page 6, Board of
2 Directors subject to approval of the
3 membership at an AGM or a special meeting
4 --

5 CHAIR TORRENS: Are we talking
6 about -- we are working on the blue pages
7 now. We are not -- we are working on the
8 Bylaws.

9 SPEAKER: May I answer that
10 question?

11 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes.

12 PRESIDENT STACEY: No.

13 SPEAKER: No?

14 PRESIDENT STACEY: Point of
15 clarification then. Fair enough. Article
16 VIII, Section 2, special meeting: Special
17 meeting of FYSA may be called at any time
18 by the President, a majority of the Board
19 of Directors, or on the request of at
20 least 15 full members.

21 Notice of a special meeting
22 shall be provided no less than ten days
23 nor more than 60 days prior to the meeting
24 and shall state the place, day, and hour
25 of the meeting as well as the purpose or

1 purposes. A quorum for any membership
2 meeting shall be 25 percent of affiliate
3 members represented.

4 That is your special meeting. A
5 membership meeting, not a Board of
6 Directors meeting.

7 SPEAKER: Where are you reading
8 that?

9 CHAIR TORRENS: Page 8 on the
10 bottom.

11 That was for. Are you against?

12 SPEAKER BELCHER: I am against.

13 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Go ahead.

14 SPEAKER BELCHER: All right.

15 CHAIR TORRENS: State your name,
16 please.

17 SPEAKER BELCHER: Again, I am
18 Gus Belcher, Cape Coral Soccer
19 Association. Cape Coral Soccer
20 Association is voting no on approving new
21 Bylaws. And has nothing to do with the
22 substance, the vote is premature because
23 the procedure for amending Bylaws in the
24 existing Bylaws and Rules has not been
25 followed.

1 In essence, it's been followed
2 backwards because the existing rules --
3 and I am referring specifically to Rule
4 4003.1 is mandatory that amendments to the
5 Articles of Incorporations Bylaws and/or
6 Rules and Regulations shall be in writing
7 by any affiliate or its members.

8 The proposed new Bylaws were not
9 proposed in writing by an affiliate
10 member. I am sorry, an affiliate or any
11 of its members. And it is also clear in
12 the existing Bylaws and Rules that an
13 affiliate member, and it is defined,
14 affiliate is defined as an organization
15 that may register players and coaches with
16 FYSA.

17 So again, Cape Coral is voting
18 no because the proper procedure for
19 amending the Bylaws has not been followed.
20 It is not properly before the membership.
21 The membership control amendments as it
22 reads now.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR TORRENS: Thank you.

25 Tommy, are you against or for?

1 SPEAKER: I am for --

2 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay.

3 SPEAKER: -- moving this table.

4 The document that you guys gave
5 us --

6 CHAIR TORRENS: Wait, that
7 motion was withdrawn. That motion was
8 withdrawn to table.

9 The next person to speak will be
10 in favor of the Bylaw changes. Are you in
11 favor of the Bylaw changes? That is the
12 next person. He spoke against and then he
13 is for.

14 SPEAKER: They have five minutes
15 to speak.

16 CHAIR TORRENS: No, that was on
17 the first motion to table. Remember, we
18 said we go one and one, one for, one
19 against until the end.

20 Yes, sir. You have got to come
21 up. I am sorry, you have got to come up
22 to the microphone.

23 SPEAKER MORIARTI: Brenden
24 Moriarti, Braden River Soccer Club. If
25 Tommy is going to make a motion, he

1 absolutely has a right to make a motion.

2 I believe he is going to make a motion --

3 (Simultaneously speaking.)

4 CHAIR TORRENS: But that is what
5 I asked him if he was speaking for or
6 making a motion.

7 SPEAKER MORIARTI: You said for
8 or against. But also he has the ability
9 to bring a motion to table if that is what
10 he is going to do.

11 CHAIR TORRENS: Right. But that
12 motion was already --

13 SPEAKER MORIARTI: No, but he
14 can make it himself.

15 CHAIR TORRENS: Go ahead. You
16 can make another motion.

17 SPEAKER: Okay.

18 CHAIR TORRENS: I am not against
19 the motion. I thought he was speaking
20 against really, that is why.

21 SPEAKER: I would like to make a
22 motion to put this on the table, bring it
23 back next year when you have a complete
24 document we can look at. The document you
25 started is good. It's like a new car --

1 CHAIR TORRENS: Go to the mic.

2 SPEAKER: The document that you
3 put forward is a great start, but it is
4 not complete. There are inconsistencies
5 in it. There are some areas we would like
6 further clarification on. It's not ready
7 to go to membership at this point in time.

8 And I don't want to rush to
9 judgment one way or the other. I totally
10 agree what you are doing, separating the
11 Bylaws, the Rules, and the Procedures. I
12 was the one who wrote most of the rules
13 that are in the old rule book. It needs
14 to be done and it needs to be done right.

15 We need to start with taking
16 everything that is in the old rule book
17 and make sure it is new format, and then
18 you can put forth the changes that you
19 want to make with that. And not put a
20 restructure and a Bylaw change on the
21 table at the same time.

22 That is my motion to table it.

23 SPEAKER KURZNER: Second.

24 CHAIR TORRENS: We have got a
25 second by Jeff Kurzner in the back.

1 I don't know -- I mean, you
2 guys -- I don't know if there is any
3 difference between that one and the first
4 motion that was done. But you guys, you
5 know.

6 Somebody against that motion?

7 SPEAKER HYATT: This is the old
8 age kicking in. I am Mike Hyatt, Greater
9 Central Florida Youth Soccer League.

10 I am with Tommy Thompson to the
11 effect that it needs to be redone. I am
12 against putting it off, just because I
13 feel like we should turn it down to where
14 you guys start over with it, you know.
15 Instead of taking what we have, let's
16 start over and do it right. So that is my
17 two cents.

18 But go ahead and do it now.

19 SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

20 CHAIR TORRENS: He was against
21 the motion.

22 SPEAKER KURZNER: I am for the
23 motion for tabling. Jeff Kurzner, the
24 Rules Committee. As a member of the Rules
25 Committee with Tommy and with several

1 others, we have worked hard to try and
2 bring you rule changes that I don't think
3 anyone in here would disagree are
4 necessary.

5 There are a lot of really good
6 things in these rule changes, and I said
7 that from the beginning. However, I agree
8 with Tommy in that there are too many gray
9 areas in what has been presented. And I
10 would also hate to see them overturned
11 based upon procedural error of the Bylaws
12 that were brought forth by the earlier
13 gentlemen. Therefore, I am in support of
14 tabling the motion.

15 CHAIR TORRENS: Anybody against
16 tabling the motion?

17 Being nobody running to the
18 microphone, Jared, are we going to use the
19 clickers, I guess. Oh, wait hold on.

20 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: Just very
21 quickly. This motion only requires a
22 majority vote.

23 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes, yes, it's a
24 majority.

25 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: Catherine

1 Pennington.

2 CHAIR TORRENS: Catherine

3 Pennington.

4 Let me know when you are ready.

5 JARED WHITE: Okay.

6 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. If you
7 are in favor of tabling the motion, you
8 press one. If you are against it, you
9 press two. We are starting voting now.

10 SPEAKER: Simple majority.

11 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes, a simple
12 majority.

13 Are we almost there?

14 JARED WHITE: All right. Five,
15 four, three, two, one.

16 CHAIR TORRENS: Can we put a
17 percentage up there? Good.

18 Okay. So the Bylaw changes are
19 tabled.

20 (Applause.)

21 Okay. Now we are back to the
22 Bylaw changes submitted by you guys in the
23 other book.

24 So now we are back in the book,
25 the blue one, the white pages.

1 The first one submitted by Mike
2 Hyatt. Go ahead, Mike. It's 1.3, Page 4
3 of the Bylaws.

4 SPEAKER HYATT: Can I just say
5 ditto? Mike Hyatt, Greater Central
6 Florida Youth Soccer League.

7 On my amendment I think we have
8 heard so far this morning a lot of the
9 reasons to go with this and through the
10 weekend. And I am just going to read what
11 I wrote down.

12 The Greater Central Florida
13 Youth Soccer League has been in existence
14 for at least the last 25, 30 years and
15 have been a loyal FYSA member the whole
16 time. We have always been there to do and
17 help FYSA in whatever it needed. But to
18 start their own leagues that directly
19 compete with their already existing
20 leagues is ridiculous, especially the way
21 it was done so secretly.

22 This amendment would help that
23 to not happen again, so I think that
24 anything that directly affects the member
25 clubs and leagues should be voted on by

1 the members. FYSA could have consulted
2 with the member leagues to go over what
3 their objective was and to maybe get some
4 fresh ideas that can help. We have got to
5 nip this in the bud now. Remember, you
6 guys work for us, not the other way
7 around.

8 And one thing I would like to
9 add to is what Barry had talked to earlier
10 that after the 2019-2020 season that FYSA
11 is prohibited from establishing our
12 operating any league, other than FYPL
13 first division, without prior membership
14 approval.

15 CHAIR TORRENS: So are you
16 amending?

17 SPEAKER HYATT: So I am amending
18 the amendment to add that.

19 SPEAKER WHITMAN: Second.

20 CHAIR TORRENS: Second by Barry
21 Whitman.

22 Jared, are we going to be able
23 to tie that in so people know what they
24 are voting on. I will give you a minute.

25 Mike, you want to go back there

1 just to make sure they are typing the
2 correct amendment before we get a second.
3 Barry seconded, my mistake.

4 SPEAKER HYATT: He is my
5 secretary.

6 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Now can
7 you please read it for us up here, we
8 can't see it. I just want to make sure
9 the motion is clear.

10 JARED WHITE: All right. Word
11 for word it says, after the 2019-2020
12 season FYSA is prohibited from
13 establishing or operating any other
14 league, other than FSPL or divisions
15 without prior membership approval.

16 CHAIR TORRENS: Is that what --
17 okay. FSPL has -- just as a point of
18 clarification, premier and first division
19 is that -- I mean you are eliminating --
20 you also want to eliminate FSPL fist
21 division? I'm going to the maker of the
22 motion, that is why.

23 SPEAKER HYATT: No, I am not
24 saying the different divisions -- oh, Mike
25 Hyatt, Greater Central Florida Youth

1 Soccer.

2 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes.

3 SPEAKER HYATT: I don't really
4 want to add that to it as far as
5 eliminating the divisions, but we do need
6 to put a limit on the teams that were in
7 it. Because like it was stated earlier,
8 we started out with 16 teams, then it went
9 to 32, and now it is its own thing. I
10 think that FSPL should be a set number, so
11 I don't know if that is different than
12 what we are talking about or --

13 CHAIR TORRENS: Right now we are
14 saying it's one division. Talk to your
15 lawyer.

16 SPEAKER HYATT: My bartender
17 slash secretary.

18 It should be for premier
19 division, period.

20 CHAIR TORRENS: So it's FSPL
21 premier division.

22 SPEAKER HYATT: Right, yes.

23 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay.

24 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) -- Youth
25 Soccer. I would like to amend Mike

1 Hyatt's motion by adding the verbiage cap
2 of 16 teams in the division so we have a
3 clear number on it.

4 CHAIR TORRENS: Is there a
5 second for that?

6 SPEAKER SROKA: Second.

7 CHAIR TORRENS: Mike, do you
8 accept his amendment?

9 SPEAKER: Yes.

10 CHAIR TORRENS: I don't think he
11 heard it.

12 SPEAKER HYATT: No, I didn't.

13 CHAIR TORRENS: There was an
14 amendment to your motion to cap at 16
15 teams.

16 SPEAKER HYATT: Yes, I agree
17 with that. Sorry, Marino.

18 CHAIR TORRENS: That's okay.
19 Sixteen teams per age group,
20 right?

21 SPEAKER HYATT: Yes.

22 CHAIR TORRENS: So clarify that,
23 too.

24 SPEAKER HYATT: Yes, yes, yes.

25 CHAIR TORRENS: I want to make

1 everything clear.

2 Okay. Is anybody against?

3 There was a second and it was approved.

4 We are talking about against the
5 amendment.

6 Yes?

7 VP RAGHURAJ: (Steps down from
8 dais.) My name is Shenoy Raghuraj, Vice
9 President of Competition.

10 I believe that this does not
11 serve the best interest of all the
12 membership teams that are playing. I
13 believe FSPL was designed and is created
14 to have promotional relegation as it has
15 evolved. Like everything else, things
16 evolve and change. And we believe that
17 the promotional relegation model is the
18 best model to go forward and this will
19 limit that -- severally limit that by
20 doing it.

21 CHAIR TORRENS: Are you in favor
22 of the motion?

23 SPEAKER SROKA: I am. So if
24 that is the case then go ahead and split
25 your 16 teams into A team divisions and

1 you can promote and relegate between
2 those. And the local leagues -- the
3 winners of the local leagues can then be
4 promoted into the second -- the lower
5 eight of FSPL. And the lower teams, the
6 bottom teams, the bottom 15 or 16, can go
7 back to their local leagues. There is
8 your promotion of relegation.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIR TORRENS: For -- I mean
11 against the motion?

12 Okay. So we are voting --

13 SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

14 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes, go ahead.

15 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) -- FSPL
16 this year?

17 SPEAKER SROKA: No.

18 CHAIR TORRENS: No. It's after
19 the '19-'20 season. After this season
20 that we are already -- I mean they start
21 playing next week. And actually by being
22 16 teams, you can have three divisions --
23 no four divisions or four teams. It's not
24 limiting the division; it's limited them
25 to 16 teams.

1 SPEAKER SROKA: Point of
2 clarification, we are in the '19-'20, so
3 after completion.

4 CHAIR TORRENS: After the
5 completion of the '19-'20 season. That is
6 for next season. After the next AGM.

7 SPEAKER: They are going to
8 change it?

9 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes, they are
10 going to change it. Go ahead.

11 Okay. Jared, can you please
12 read it again. Thank you. Please, if we
13 could have Jared --

14 All right. Attention please.

15 JARED WHITE: Okay. As it
16 reads, after the 2019-2020 season FYSA is
17 prohibited from establishing or operating
18 any league other than FSPL premier
19 division with a limit of 16 teams per
20 age/gender group without prior membership
21 approval.

22 CHAIR TORRENS: You couldn't say
23 it better yourself.

24 SPEAKER HYATT: I couldn't.
25 Thanks.

1 CHAIR TORRENS: Anymore comments
2 about this before we call for a vote?

3 SPEAKER MORIARTI: Call for a
4 vote.

5 SPEAKER: Point of
6 clarification, are we striking out the
7 first part about the developing blah,
8 blah, blah? Or do we want to in some way
9 incorporate part of the change just adding
10 the portion about limitation. Because we
11 still want you to help provide
12 administration, assistance, and oversight;
13 we want to run our leagues.

14 As it's written right now it
15 looks like they are striking out the top
16 part completely and only replacing the
17 bottom part.

18 SPEAKER HYATT: Mike Hyatt,
19 Greater Central Florida Youth Soccer
20 League.

21 Yeah, the whole bylaw means --
22 we have tabled the new Bylaws. The old
23 bylaw should stay the same where we are,
24 you are assisting the member clubs and the
25 member leagues. I don't think that should

1 really change but for adding to it.

2 CHAIR TORRENS: So that part you
3 are adding to the old bylaw?

4 SPEAKER HYATT: Exactly, yes.

5 CHAIR TORRENS: Is everybody
6 clear on that?

7 SPEAKER: I am not.

8 CHAIR TORRENS: Who's not?

9 SPEAKER: I am not.

10 CHAIR TORRENS: Go ahead.

11 SPEAKER: Stanley Steele,
12 Florida League Soccer Club. Are we
13 changing everything now so that everybody
14 says FYSA -- (unintelligible) -- the
15 leagues and not the clubs? And who is the
16 FYSA ownership, the league or the clubs?

17 CHAIR TORRENS: I think they are
18 both. FYSA is everybody. Both. We
19 represent everybody.

20 SPEAKER: It seems like right
21 now you are gearing it toward the leagues
22 and the clubs have no say.

23 CHAIR TORRENS: Well, we can
24 have the clubs that are here and having
25 their say by voting for or against it.

1 SPEAKER: The club is not
2 voting. The league presidents are voting.
3 They walk around with their --
4 (unintelligible).

5 SPEAKER SROKA: A point of
6 clarification, the leagues only have one
7 vote. The clubs have however many votes
8 according to their number of players. So,
9 it technically also includes the clubs.

10 CHAIR TORRENS: Anymore
11 questions?

12 Okay. Jared, are we ready to
13 vote?

14 By the way, this is a Bylaw
15 change so it needs two-thirds. Okay? It
16 is not a simple majority. The purpose of
17 FYSA is in the Bylaws. So if you are
18 voting yes, you are voting to add the
19 motion -- the verbiage that was added to
20 it. If you are voting no, it is against
21 the verbiage that was added to it.

22 Ready? Begin vote now.

23 JARED WHITE: All right. Five,
24 four, three, two, one.

25 CHAIR TORRENS: We have

1 two-thirds?

2 JARED WHITE: 61 percent for
3 yes, 39 percent for no.

4 CHAIR TORRENS: We failed. You
5 need two-thirds. Which is 66 percent,
6 right? I am not a math person.

7 All right. So the next one 11.2
8 was withdrawn by Jennifer DiTillio
9 yesterday. And the reason being by the
10 new -- rules that coaches, which is what
11 she intended to add to it, coach ejections
12 will basically be a red card ejection.
13 Now you get to show the coach a red card.
14 Okay?

15 SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

16 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes, it was
17 withdrawn. I am just saying the reason
18 why it was withdrawn because she is not
19 here.

20 Okay. We have got Rule 103.3.
21 As I mentioned to Mike yesterday, he
22 withdrew it, if I am not mistaken, Mike?
23 Because it was in violation of the Bylaws
24 213, Section 1(A)1 from the Federation.

25 SPEAKER GOODMAN: Right.

1 CHAIR TORRENS: 103.5, Justin?

2 SPEAKER LAUER: Justin Lauer,
3 Brevard Youth Soccer League.

4 This is to add a change and
5 says, Associate members shall have one
6 vote in regional AGM elections to match
7 the voting rights currently allowed at the
8 state AGM.

9 And that is to give member
10 affiliate the one vote at the regional AGM
11 that currently doesn't exist currently and
12 to align with what we do here so that
13 those affiliate members have the same
14 voting rights in regional AGMs that they
15 currently have today at the state AGM.

16 CHAIR TORRENS: Am I allowed
17 to -- I don't think -- I am not voting. I
18 just wanted to add something to it.

19 PRESIDENT STACEY: I will say I
20 am actually in favor of member -- I am
21 John Stacey, President of Florida Youth
22 Soccer Association.

23 I am actually in favor of this
24 because I believe membership deserves the
25 right to vote on any matter coming before

1 the membership, including regional
2 elections. Point of clarification though,
3 is to which region do you vote? For
4 example, we have leagues who cross
5 boundaries. So if you have clubs in
6 Regions A, B, and C because you are
7 situated in that area, who would you get
8 to vote for? Are you suggesting you would
9 have a vote in each of those, which would
10 triple in that case your voting power?
11 And I would be opposed to that.

12 So I would suggest, or even if I
13 can make an amendment, that the votes
14 would be in the region in which the league
15 has its primary office or affiliation. Is
16 that fair? In which the league is
17 affiliated. So if you are a Region A
18 league, you vote in Region A. You may
19 have 50 percent of your teams in Region C,
20 but you don't get a vote there. That
21 would be my amendment.

22 CHAIR TORRENS: Is there a
23 second to that? I am sorry.

24 SPEAKER LAUER: Yes, I will
25 accept that amendment. I mean my thought

1 process was that in the book every league
2 is designated as Region A, B, C, or D and
3 they would vote in that appropriate AGM.
4 So that was the original intent. So if
5 the verbiage needs to be added, I will
6 accept that.

7 SPEAKER: (Inaudible) -- why not
8 the Hall of Fame?

9 CHAIR TORRENS: Let's add the
10 first amendment and then you can get up
11 and make an amendment to it.

12 Jared, can we add the associate
13 members would only vote in the region
14 where they are based. At the regional
15 elections, yes. Right. That they would
16 have only one vote in the region where
17 they are affiliated. Is that what we
18 said?

19 SPEAKER: Yes.

20 CHAIR TORRENS: You got it,
21 Jared?

22 JARED WHITE: Yes. As of right
23 now it is, Associate member shall have one
24 vote in the region that they are
25 affiliated in elections to match the

1 voting rights currently allowed at the
2 state AGM.

3 CHAIR TORRENS: Justin, are you
4 okay with what is on the board?

5 If not, can you go back to Jared
6 to make sure it is correct.

7 SPEAKER LAUER: (Complies.)

8 CHAIR TORRENS: Are we clear?
9 Can you read it, Jared, just for the
10 record.

11 JARED WHITE: Associate members
12 shall have one vote in the region that
13 they are affiliated in regional elections
14 to match the voting rights currently
15 allowed in the state AGM.

16 CHAIR TORRENS: Are we clear on
17 that?

18 Anymore comments?

19 Okay. Put out the vote.

20 Okay. So vote yes -- this is by
21 simple majority, it is a rule. So if you
22 vote yes, you are in favor of the change
23 adding a vote. If you are voting no, you
24 are against it.

25 Ready? Start.

1 JARED WHITE: Five, four, three,
2 two, one.

3 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. It
4 passes.

5 JARED WHITE: It's 69 for yes
6 and 39 for no.

7 CHAIR TORRENS: It is a rule
8 simple majority.

9 Okay. 104.3, Section 4.
10 Michael?

11 SPEAKER SROKA: Hello. Mike
12 Sroka, Stetson FA Soccer Club.

13 So just to be clear, this
14 amendment has nothing to do with new
15 affiliation. This is only for existing
16 affiliates. There was some confusion
17 about that earlier. The reason why I
18 originally proposed this is because last
19 year we made the 15-mile rule for existing
20 clubs much more restrictive than it had
21 previously been without regard to how it
22 might affect some of the clubs that aren't
23 in densely populated areas.

24 So, for instance, my club,
25 Stetson, we have two training facilities.

1 They are both county fields. We are the
2 only club that uses both of them. Our
3 boys practice at one of these two fields
4 and our girls practice at another of these
5 two fields. Clearly we have to have one
6 primary and one secondary. They are 16
7 miles apart. So just by the fact that we
8 have been training at these places and
9 with the new rule implemented, we are now
10 in violation.

11 So it is my opinion that these
12 arbitrary circles on maps are not for the
13 good of the kids. We are making a lot of
14 decisions because of circles on maps that
15 do not help the existing clubs or kids
16 that want to play soccer. So I understand
17 in certain areas where, you know, people
18 want to protect their fields.

19 But the reality is there are a
20 ton of fields throughout the state that no
21 club designates as a primary or a
22 secondary field. Unfortunately, any of
23 those fields that are not within 15 miles
24 of a club's primary location cannot be
25 used or you are in jeopardy of your

1 affiliation being revoked. That is
2 asinine because of a circle on a map.

3 We are restricting ourselves
4 from using facilities that are unused to
5 grow the game. So there are groups of
6 teams or kids that will come together and
7 come to me all the time, hey, we want to
8 play in your league, we want to try to do
9 something here, we have got this park over
10 here, nobody is using it, can we get in.

11 Well, you have to be an FYSA
12 member in order to do it. Okay. So this
13 is how you do it.

14 They come back and they are
15 like, Hmm, yeah, we are not going to be
16 able to qualify, so we will just go to
17 U.S. club. Thanks.

18 So without straying too far off
19 of the topic at hand, it is my position
20 that if there are unused fields, we should
21 not be limiting clubs from using them for
22 their own purposes because of a circle on
23 a map.

24 So, if you look at my suggested
25 change here, I am going to have to amend

1 it slightly, okay, because I understand
2 that the way it is written a club, again
3 Volusia County, could find a field in
4 Sarasota that nobody uses and technically,
5 you know, use it. That is not my intent.
6 Okay?

7 So if we could add to the end
8 of -- actually hold on one second. So
9 adding onto the original Bylaw -- or Rule,
10 my fault, the Board of Directors will
11 grant the exception for the club to use
12 any field that is up to 35 miles away from
13 their primary field, as long as it is a
14 field that is not used or declared as a
15 primary or secondary field of another
16 club.

17 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Now can
18 you take that back there and make sure.

19 SPEAKER SROKA: I will go back
20 there with this.

21 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes, thank you.

22 SPEAKER SROKA: So that is the
23 gist of what I am saying.

24 CHAIR TORRENS: Is there a
25 second?

1 SPEAKER: Second.

2 CHAIR TORRENS: Second by? I
3 heard a second but I don't know who said
4 it.

5 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: Step to the
6 microphone.

7 CHAIR TORRENS: I don't know
8 your name, sir, sorry.

9 SPEAKER DOZARK: Brian Dozark --
10 (Mic falls) I used to be a singer. Brian
11 Dozark, Florida Soccer Club. I second the
12 motion.

13 May I have a few minutes here?

14 CHAIR TORRENS: You can start
15 talking, but I want to put the whole thing
16 in there so we know what we are talking
17 about.

18 SPEAKER DOZARK: No, I agree
19 with Mike. We are kind of in the same
20 position as well. Our club has been
21 around for 44 years or so and we have
22 co-existed with a few larger clubs for
23 roughly that same amount of time. Old
24 Black Lodge now Old Bay now Tampa Chargers
25 and now West Florida without any issue.

1 The current rule doesn't allow
2 for existing club growth or the ability of
3 the existing clubs to assist communities
4 that do not have an organized existing
5 program if it so happens to be outside of
6 the 15-mile radius.

7 CHAIR TORRENS: Thank you.

8 Are you against?

9 SPEAKER: I just want a
10 clarification on --

11 CHAIR TORRENS: We have to wait
12 until they put it up there so we all know
13 what we are talking about. Is that okay?

14 SPEAKER: Okay. Well, we may be
15 wasting time. The clarification I want is
16 on the bottom. It says that they can't
17 enforce the 15-mile rule.

18 CHAIR TORRENS: That is not what
19 it says in there. What he said was
20 because he wanted -- that regardless --

21 SPEAKER: Say the field is
22 17 miles --

23 CHAIR TORRENS: Right. On this
24 one --

25 SPEAKER: -- don't vote for it

1 because you can't enforce it. So you are
2 saying that you cannot enforce the 15-mile
3 rule.

4 CHAIR TORRENS: The Rules
5 Committee recommendation was not to vote
6 on what is written because that will break
7 the 15-mile rule. We don't own the
8 fields. We don't assign fields to do
9 that.

10 SPEAKER: And so what you are
11 saying from my understanding -- I am
12 sorry but you are saying that you can't
13 enforce the 15-mile rule over the fields
14 because you don't control the fields and
15 assign the fields. I mean that is the way
16 I interpret it.

17 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay.
18 Michael?

19 SPEAKER SROKA: So I just want
20 you guys to -- and Jared is going to fix
21 this. I have struck my original suggested
22 change and just added in addition to the
23 old Rule and Bylaws. So what is
24 highlighted there is just an addendum to
25 the original Bylaw. So the suggested

1 change can be disregarded right here.

2 CHAIR TORRENS: And, Mike, can
3 we read it before we --

4 SPEAKER SROKA: Yes, he is
5 fixing it. Okay?

6 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay.

7 SPEAKER SROKA: Before we move
8 any further --

9 JARED WHITE: The suggested
10 change is, The Board will grant an
11 exception for the use of any field up to
12 35 miles from their primary field provided
13 that it is not declared as a primary or
14 secondary field.

15 SPEAKER SROKA: Of another
16 affiliate.

17 JARED WHITE: Of another
18 affiliate.

19 SPEAKER SROKA: So the intent is
20 not for anyone to be able to go and use a
21 field that somebody else is already using.
22 This is strictly to let clubs obtain the
23 use of fields that nobody else is using.

24 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Are we
25 clear on that before we -- are you clear

1 on that?

2 SPEAKER SROKA: Yes. Just for
3 clarification, can you just delete that
4 regardless of distance so nobody is
5 confused on that.

6 CHAIR TORRENS: Are we done with
7 the typing?

8 SPEAKER SROKA: And then you can
9 just highlight the Board will grant
10 exceptions so people can see what the new
11 section is. Thank you.

12 CHAIR TORRENS: Are you against
13 that, sir?

14 SPEAKER: I am against the rule
15 change the way it exists. Right now when
16 any affiliates -- everybody is supposed to
17 be in a certain --

18 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. This is
19 what re-affiliation --

20 SPEAKER: I understand.

21 THE COURT REPORTER: Name?

22 SPEAKER: I will get there.

23 CHAIR TORRENS: Name, please.

24 SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: Martin

25 Fernandez, Southern Soccer Coalition.

1 The way it says now is that the
2 Board will be able to grant affiliation
3 anywhere between one mile and 35 miles
4 would be able to grant re-affiliation.

5 (All simultaneously speaking.)

6 I think the verbiage should say
7 between -- the exception should be between
8 16 and 35 miles. Because the first 15
9 miles there shouldn't be any Board
10 approval at all. So the exception should
11 only come once you are outside that 15
12 miles.

13 SPEAKER SROKA: I would agree
14 with that because if it's within 15 miles
15 it doesn't matter anyway. So I agree
16 with, you know, what he is saying, yes.

17 SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: But it would
18 allow if that verbiage is not in there
19 between 16 and 35.

20 CHAIR TORRENS: He said add it,
21 so we are going to add to it.

22 SPEAKER SROKA: Yes.

23 CHAIR TORRENS: Thank you.

24 Did he fix it? I can't see.

25 You have got to let me know.

1 SPEAKER SROKA: Yes, he fixed
2 it.

3 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Is
4 anybody against that change? No? Are you
5 for it?

6 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: Catherine
7 Pennington, Region C.

8 I would like to propose a
9 substitute amendment to the amendment.
10 And cannot do an amendment to the
11 amendment to the amendment, but substitute
12 amendment that basically says the Board
13 may grant an exception.

14 CHAIR TORRENS: I can't see it.

15 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: Change the
16 word will to may.

17 CHAIR TORRENS: Oh, okay.

18 SPEAKER SROKA: I actually
19 oppose that, because --

20 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: It's not
21 seconded yet. You might not get a second.

22 SPEAKER SROKA: All right.

23 CHAIR TORRENS: Substitute the
24 word will to may --

25 SPEAKER: I will second.

1 CHAIR TORRENS: Hold on. I need
2 a second for that. It's a second by Dania
3 from Palm Beach Gardens.

4 Okay. Now go ahead.

5 SPEAKER: Please correct me if I
6 am wrong. First of all, has anybody
7 challenged the affiliation for the use of
8 that field ever?

9 SPEAKER SROKA: No.

10 SPEAKER: And there is nobody
11 there that wants to challenge. So all you
12 are trying to add is a secondary field?

13 SPEAKER SROKA: So the reality
14 is, is that if someone has an issue with
15 my club in any, way, shape, or form this
16 is a way to take care of that with me
17 for --

18 SPEAKER: You can play a home
19 game in a field that's not different.

20 CHAIR TORRENS: No, I think it
21 includes practice.

22 SPEAKER SROKA: Practice, too.

23 SPEAKER: Oh, practice. Okay.

24 SPEAKER SROKA: So I have a
25 number of kids that come down from

1 Crescent City, a lot of kids. Some kids
2 are made of, like you know, the majority
3 of the team is from Crescent City. So
4 they have to travel, you know, 35 or 40
5 miles, so they cannot even hold their
6 practice up there even. So --

7 SPEAKER: I know even the
8 portion of the Bylaws challenges rules --
9 challenges affiliation. So any of this
10 wording as you are adding it right now
11 doesn't really work in the process.
12 Because it really should say something to
13 the effect unless the Board, or whoever, I
14 am not going to get into that part, grants
15 the secondary field use that is outside of
16 the 15-mile radius. Because this portion
17 of the Bylaws, the way it's --

18 CHAIR TORRENS: The rule.

19 SPEAKER: Rule, sorry. Makes no
20 sense in that challenge that is under the
21 creation of playing outside the 15-mile
22 radius of their own field.

23 SPEAKER SROKA: Yes. So it is
24 my position that if you are using an
25 unused field, that is in no way, shape, or

1 form a threat to another club. You
2 shouldn't be able to have your affiliation
3 challenged for trying --

4 SPEAKER: I agree.

5 SPEAKER SROKA: -- to expand the
6 game.

7 SPEAKER: I agree. So would you
8 be willing to taken an amendment for this
9 that says that you can apply -- you can
10 ask for a secondary field that is outside
11 of the 15-mile radius that the same club
12 currently uses but no affiliate can be
13 used and just send an email to everybody
14 within 50 miles of that field and say if
15 you have no problem using this field or
16 granting you a secondary field that is --
17 (unintelligible).

18 SPEAKER SROKA: We all know that
19 everyone automatically says no to all of
20 those -- every single one of those
21 requests every time. Because everyone
22 wants to protect their area and is not
23 interested in this.

24 SPEAKER: And you said there was
25 nobody over there. You are all by

1 yourself.

2 SPEAKER SROKA: Sure. Okay.

3 There is nobody over there within 35 miles
4 that way, but in other directions if you
5 are --

6 CHAIR TORRENS: We keep on
7 discussing it. Are you accepting his
8 amendment?

9 SPEAKER: I am saying 15 miles
10 from that --

11 CHAIR TORRENS: No, he said no.

12 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: (Inaudible.)

13 SPEAKER SROKA: The only thing
14 that she wanted to change was the word
15 will to may.

16 CHAIR TORRENS: Right. And that
17 was put in there. Right?

18 SPEAKER SROKA: Honestly, I
19 would need some more clarification on what
20 would entail may because the --

21 (Simultaneously speaking.)

22 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: Just makes
23 it --

24 SPEAKER SROKA: -- position --

25 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: -- to avoid

1 some discretion in that you are basically
2 requiring the Board to make that
3 exception, why take it to the Board.
4 There may be other factors the Board wants
5 to consider.

6 I don't see the Board denying
7 this request that you talk about that says
8 16 or 17 miles away. But because you have
9 one situation, it's not a reason to change
10 the entire rules because of one situation;
11 however, the Board should have that
12 discretion.

13 And I think what you are trying
14 to do is reasonable, but I think you are
15 tying the hands of the Board of Directors.

16 SPEAKER SROKA: Thank you. I
17 understand.

18 So it comes from my specific
19 situation, but it lead me to think about
20 the greater picture of everything. So
21 honestly if it's going to help get this
22 through, I would be willing to switch it
23 from will to may.

24 CHAIR TORRENS: Jared, can you
25 switch it from will to may?

1 SPEAKER SROKA: Although, I have
2 to admit that I am skeptical about --

3 SPEAKER PENNINGTON: No ill will
4 or anything. I just --

5 SPEAKER SROKA: Maybe not by
6 you.

7 SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

8 CHAIR TORRENS: -- talk against
9 this, that is next because they are in
10 favor of it.

11 SPEAKER KINSEY: Ed Kinsey,
12 Appointed Commissioner C South.

13 Clarification, would this
14 club -- or this field that you intend to
15 use can also be used by another club? Or
16 do you want to single that out because you
17 are going to claim as you want to use it?

18 SPEAKER SROKA: Me personally, I
19 have no interest in acquiring sole use of
20 any field ever for any club.

21 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Does that
22 answer your question?

23 SPEAKER SROKA: That's my
24 personal --

25 (Cell phone ringing.)

1 CHAIR TORRENS: Are you for --
2 are you against it?

3 SPEAKER: Yes.

4 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Go ahead.

5 SPEAKER WHITAKER: Chris
6 Whitaker, South Orlando Soccer Club.

7 Mike, I understand what you are
8 trying to do in your situation. I think
9 what this change does is change the whole
10 state. If you have got new fields that
11 come up, a brand new field is going to be
12 an unused field and then any club can let
13 other clubs use those fields and it can
14 undermine the whole 15-mile rule, which
15 that affects all of us.

16 So for your situation I think
17 what you are doing is --
18 (unintelligible) -- you should absolutely
19 not have a problem. I don't think anybody
20 in here is going to challenge the status
21 of your club for what you are doing.
22 However, if a new field comes up, it could
23 be completely against what you are trying
24 to do but hurt the other affiliates that
25 are sitting here and further splinter

1 clubs and affiliates of what we have got.

2 (Applause.)

3 SPEAKER SROKA: And my intention
4 is to set the precedence for everyone
5 moving forward. And this, by the way,
6 should say 15 to 35 because --

7 CHAIR TORRENS: Sixteen.

8 SPEAKER SROKA: Well, there is a
9 gap between 15 and 16. The circle where
10 nobody meets.

11 CHAIR TORRENS: I understood. I
12 am sorry.

13 Are you against it, sir? I mean
14 to be for it?

15 SPEAKER: For the amendment at
16 times --

17 THE COURT REPORTER: Name?

18 CHAIR TORRENS: Would you
19 please, please, please name?

20 SPEAKER: -- those cities that
21 are out --

22 CHAIR TORRENS: Name?

23 SPEAKER SHIELDS: Oh, Robbie
24 Shields, Lake Wales Soccer Club.

25 There are cities that don't have

1 a soccer league, let's say a city and they
2 may be outside that 15, in this case build
3 a new soccer field at 15.9, you know, we
4 want to service them currently, we cannot
5 adopt that based on, you know, not having
6 the rule change.

7 And look, I am there for kids.
8 And if I am not doing a very good job, I
9 don't mind that my kids or my club go
10 someplace else. You know, that's the way
11 I feel. And if we do a good job, they
12 will stay with us. You know, I would like
13 expanding and allowing kids to play
14 soccer.

15 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Anybody
16 else against it?

17 REGISTRAR SMITH: (Steps down
18 from dais) Just a point of clarification.
19 Alice Smith, State Registrar.

20 In my situation the league we
21 have is -- we have the affiliation set up,
22 he would not be able to get insurance
23 unless we approved this to cover the
24 15-mile rule. That is the whole point.
25 He would not be able to cover the

1 insurance.

2 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Anybody
3 else against it?

4 Yes. Tom -- (unintelligible).

5 SPEAKER: I am against it. I
6 believe everything you want to do, Mike,
7 is right. I think that this is completely
8 wrong area of the rules to be accepted. I
9 think we just need to change the
10 procedures in which we allow to declare a
11 secondary field. I think there should be
12 exceptions made so you can get the
13 insurance certificate so you can play and
14 practice on the field, but not to change
15 the rule that you are currently trying to
16 change.

17 CHAIR TORRENS: Anybody else
18 for?

19 Are you coming up to the mic,
20 ma'am? Are you for or against, ma'am?

21 SPEAKER: Kind of both.

22 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Then are
23 you for or against?

24 SPEAKER DOZARK: I am for.

25 CHAIR TORRENS: Go ahead.

1 SPEAKER DOZARK: Brian Dozark,
2 Florida Soccer Club.

3 We are not -- Mike isn't the
4 only club that's affected by the existing
5 rule. We are as well, and I would venture
6 to say that there are other clubs out
7 there as well, if not now, it's a matter
8 of when. We are in a situation where we
9 have approval from another county where we
10 have signed a contract with the board of
11 county commissioners, the mayor has
12 approved, the city manager has signed onto
13 it, but because of this existing rule we
14 are 6.2 miles away from our home club.

15 SPEAKER SROKA: And you cannot
16 get insurance.

17 SPEAKER DOZARK: And we can't
18 get insurance.

19 On top of that we have
20 another -- we have a site that is within
21 16.8 miles that is within -- that has been
22 grandfathered in that we can use. So it
23 is kind of a goofy rule in and of itself.
24 So I am all for the change as stated.

25 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Go ahead,

1 ma'am. I'll make you walk over here.

2 SPEAKER: The only problem --

3 THE COURT REPORTER: Name?

4 CHAIR TORRENS: Name?

5 SPEAKER AYERS: Star Ayers, Lake
6 City.

7 CHAIR TORRENS: Could you hear
8 that?

9 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, thank
10 you.

11 SPEAKER AYERS: Columbia Youth
12 Soccer.

13 CHAIR TORRENS: There you go.

14 SPEAKER AYERS: Adding the 35
15 miles just made the circle bigger than the
16 15 miles, which doesn't help us in a rural
17 area; otherwise, it is fine.

18 SPEAKER SROKA: So you are
19 saying unlimited?

20 SPEAKER AYERS: We were good
21 until you mentioned insurance. We have a
22 feeling it could be -- is it as a bird
23 flies or as we --

24 SPEAKER SROKA: As the crow
25 flies, yes.

1 CHAIR TORRENS: It is not
2 driving distance.

3 SPEAKER AYERS: We might make 35
4 miles. I don't know.

5 SPEAKER: I am sorry.

6 SPEAKER SROKA: There is a
7 solution for that, but I don't want to
8 mess -- I don't want to open up another
9 can of worms.

10 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Any other
11 comments? Unless you are trying to make
12 an amendment to it --

13 SPEAKER AYERS: Does it have to
14 be 35?

15 CHAIR TORRENS: That is what he
16 proposed.

17 SPEAKER SROKA: It does not.

18 SPEAKER AYERS: If it is 36,
19 would we apply for it and grandfather.

20 CHAIR TORRENS: Not the way it
21 is written.

22 SPEAKER AYERS: The way it
23 sounds is like if it's over 35, there is
24 no way we can use it.

25 CHAIR TORRENS: Right. That is

1 what it is.

2 SPEAKER SROKA: Okay. So --

3 CHAIR TORRENS: It used to be
4 15. Now he is letting the Board of
5 Directors fix between 16 and 35.

6 SPEAKER AYERS: They have a club
7 within an hour of us.

8 CHAIR TORRENS: So a mile takes
9 an hour, especially in Miami.

10 SPEAKER SROKA: That is a
11 reasonable expectation -- that is a
12 reasonable request though to ask for
13 insurance when there is nobody within --
14 Lake City, do you guys know where Lake
15 City is? It is in the middle of nowhere.

16 CHAIR TORRENS: It is your
17 motion, but if you continue to add a mile
18 or two and another mile and another mile,
19 I don't know. It's your motion.

20 SPEAKER SROKA: So I am happy
21 with where it is at. If you want to come
22 back next year after this passes and amend
23 it again, I am all for you.

24 SPEAKER: Can I say something?

25 SPEAKER MORIARTI: Call the

1 question.

2 CHAIR TORRENS: I cannot call
3 the question. Somebody has got to come
4 up.

5 SPEAKER AYERS: Can I make a
6 motion to amend it to 50?

7 CHAIR TORRENS: I think he
8 denied to change it to the 50, you know.

9 SPEAKER SROKA: In the interest
10 of entertaining the support that I already
11 have, I would be against from anything
12 farther than 35.

13 SPEAKER AYERS: Then we might as
14 well just --

15 SPEAKER BARRETTA: Joe Barretta,
16 Titusville Soccer Club.

17 I call the question.

18 CHAIR TORRENS: Before you got
19 to the microphone, she made a motion.

20 SPEAKER AYERS: I am trying to
21 make a friendly amendment.

22 CHAIR TORRENS: A friendly
23 amendment? We can't hear you, ma'am. I
24 am sorry. Just get to it closer.

25 SPEAKER AYERS: (Inaudible.)

1 CHAIR TORRENS: It said a
2 friendly -- or it said a motion to amend.
3 I still can't hear you in what you are
4 trying to say.

5 SPEAKER AYERS: I think he is
6 thinking.

7 CHAIR TORRENS: Yes, ma'am.

8 SPEAKER: Can we table it until
9 we can decide on what --

10 CHAIR TORRENS: We have got a
11 motion. We have a motion from her to him.

12 SPEAKER SROKA: No, no, no.
13 Please don't do that. Please don't table
14 it.

15 CHAIR TORRENS: Are you
16 accepting her amendment or friendly or
17 whatever?

18 SPEAKER SROKA: So you just told
19 me that you thought it was 35
20 approximately.

21 CHAIR TORRENS: Add the word
22 approximately.

23 SPEAKER SROKA: So if you are
24 asking to go to 15 because it might be
25 36 -- you are killing me over here.

1 SPEAKER AYERS: No, no. I said
2 50.

3 SPEAKER SROKA: I know five
4 zero. I understood that. I would like to
5 keep it at 35.

6 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Thank
7 you.

8 Now the motion --

9 SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

10 THE COURT REPORTER: He has got
11 to come to the mic.

12 CHAIR TORRENS: I can't hear
13 you.

14 (Inaudible discussion.)

15 I thought it was changed 15 to
16 35. Okay. I thought -- yeah, he brought
17 it up before.

18 SPEAKER: Fifteen and a half.

19 SPEAKER BARRETTA: Joe Barretta,
20 Titusville Soccer Club.

21 I call the question.

22 CHAIR TORRENS: Is there a
23 second?

24 SPEAKER TOWERS: Second. Terri
25 Towers.

1 CHAIR TORRENS: Second by Terri
2 Towers.

3 Okay. All those in favor of
4 calling the question say aye.

5 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

6 CHAIR TORRENS: Opposed?

7 SPEAKER: No.

8 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Here we
9 go. Are you ready for the vote? This is
10 on a rule change, so it's only simple
11 majority. Are we ready?

12 JARED WHITE: Two for no.

13 CHAIR TORRENS: Go ahead and
14 start.

15 JARED WHITE: Five, four, three,
16 two, one.

17 CHAIR TORRENS: Congratulation.
18 You got your -- Mike.

19 SPEAKER SROKA: Thank you.

20 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Justin?
21 It's 3009.2. I know we had a conversation
22 earlier.

23 SPEAKER LAUER: All right.

24 Based on the events that happened
25 earlier --

1 CHAIR TORRENS: Give your name.

2 SPEAKER LAUER: Justin Lauer,
3 Brevard Soccer.

4 Based on what happened earlier
5 in the meeting, I am going to withdraw
6 this motion.

7 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Thank
8 you.

9 Okay. Mike Weber. I believe
10 yesterday you said you wanted to change
11 something.

12 SPEAKER WEBER: What was that?

13 CHAIR TORRENS: I cannot hear
14 you.

15 SPEAKER WEBER: I am just going
16 with the vendor one.

17 The one that we spoke about
18 yesterday I am withdrawing.

19 CHAIR TORRENS: You are
20 withdrawing the vendor one?

21 SPEAKER WEBER: The one missing
22 from the book.

23 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. You are
24 withdrawing this one?

25 SPEAKER WEBER: I am not

1 withdrawing the vendor one. I thought we
2 were just talking about --

3 CHAIR TORRENS: I misunderstood.

4 SPEAKER WEBER: -- that was
5 missing. All right. I agree. You
6 mentioned about amending the procedure,
7 but then there is no place in it. I
8 shouldn't even have to request a thing
9 like this, but I have been requesting
10 vendor information for years. And I get
11 nothing.

12 I was forced into voting in a
13 Bylaw or a Rule change to get the
14 information and, you know, the people in
15 here that have T-shirt companies, printing
16 companies, marketing companies, they can
17 do these balloons, they can do these
18 banners. I think what I say is it should
19 reach out to family affiliates and create
20 a bidding list. You know, not open
21 bidding yearly, just create a list like
22 the governments do being a nonprofit which
23 by law you should do it. And give the
24 affiliates a chance to bid.

25 Why are we ordering stuff from

1 out of state when we can probably deal
2 with local vendors, avoid shipping costs,
3 make it a competitive market, and save
4 money in the long run, you know.

5 So that's why I put in this
6 proposal for a Rule or a Bylaw change.
7 You put it in the Bylaws because in the
8 Bylaws is where they have the budget.

9 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Anybody
10 against it? Are you against, Michael -- I
11 thought you were coming to the microphone.

12 SPEAKER SROKA: Sorry.

13 SPEAKER WEBER: No, not against
14 Mike Weber, against this rule.

15 CHAIR TORRENS: Mike Weber, no.

16 Okay. We are going to vote.
17 Anybody against it? Hold on. Somebody
18 said against it.

19 TREASURER HEIDEL: (Steps down
20 from dais.) Eric Heidel, Treasurer.

21 So I am against this, right. It
22 is not possible to maintain a list like
23 that for everything that FYSA buys. So as
24 written I would have to have a list for
25 pencils. I would have to have a list for

1 paper. I would have a list for everything
2 that we buy. And to add to it, a lot of
3 the banners here by our contract for
4 getting this room for free, we are only
5 allowed to use the FedEx office located in
6 this hotel. So we really couldn't use
7 anyone else. And things like that often
8 occur. We don't pay for this room because
9 we buy that stuff through the hotel.

10 So while I understand what you
11 would like to do, it's not workable for
12 everything. The way it is written, that
13 is how it is.

14 And I would also add that you
15 have never made a written request to me as
16 treasurer for any financial information.
17 You have been requesting that you be added
18 to the vendor list, which you got an
19 affirmative response on. But you have
20 never asked me as treasurer or Michelle
21 Cook as the financial specialist for
22 information concerning who are vendors are
23 and what we paid.

24 And as I stated earlier on the
25 record with the court reporter here, if

1 you make that request, I will provide
2 information within a reasonable amount of
3 time, meaning 30 days or less.

4 CHAIR TORRENS: Are you coming
5 back to speak?

6 SPEAKER WEBER: I do totally
7 agree with Eric. I was not precise in the
8 vendor information. I was actually for
9 years requesting to bid on FYSA's
10 information. So right now on record, you
11 know, give me all the invoice for the past
12 year or two of the information and you
13 have 30 days to do it, you know. But I
14 agree with Eric, I did not --

15 TREASURER HEIDEL: You will have
16 to send me a written request of what you
17 want. I am not honoring a verbal request.
18 Make it in writing, please, so I can be
19 very clear about what you want and
20 everyone is clear as to the timeline.

21 And if I don't answer you, then
22 you can use that written request against
23 me.

24 SPEAKER WEBER: Understood.
25 Correct. I don't foresee a problem

1 getting any information from you. And you
2 are right, put it in writing and don't do
3 it verbal. But I have been and have put
4 in writing to you and various FYSA board
5 members requesting to bid on the
6 information. As far as bidding on the
7 facility here and the information that you
8 have to use through FedEx, that is a no
9 brainer, you get it for free. I cannot
10 beat that.

11 So, you know, I think, you know,
12 like all nonprofit organizations, all that
13 stuff should be transparent. I just think
14 since I have been requesting for years to
15 do it, I was forced to put in a trade show
16 booth. And I think if everyone saw the
17 booth and that imagery, we are capable.
18 Some people are not capable of handling a
19 corporation the size of FYSA.

20 But I have been for years and
21 the few times I have received orders --
22 and I am going to use an example where
23 Mark Horstago (phonetic) waited too long
24 to put in an order that we had a rush
25 order. The vendors that you used for

1 T-shirts could not turn it around in time.
2 But that was because they waited. And I
3 put in days, you know, to get a bid. That
4 is just a reasonable amount of time our
5 government agencies do. And if the office
6 is dysfunctional to the point that
7 everything is an emergency rush order,
8 like your pencil order you mentioned, then
9 we have a problem there.

10 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. You want
11 to vote on this? Anybody against it? You
12 are against it?

13 SPEAKER: Yes, against. Adam
14 Gee, Palm Beach Gardens.

15 CHAIR TORRENS: Name? Get
16 closer to the mic. I am sorry.

17 SPEAKER: Adam Gee, Palm Beach
18 Gardens.

19 I am against it. I think there
20 are a lot of sponsors that the state work
21 with that give a lot of sponsors to the
22 state in terms of dollar values, in terms
23 of extra things. And I think we should
24 trust the state to get the best pricing
25 and move on.

1 CHAIR TORRENS: And, Mike?

2 SPEAKER WEBER: Okay. I do
3 totally understand your situation. We
4 should trust the state when people are
5 requesting to put in bids on different
6 information and they have done work and
7 then they don't even get a chance. And
8 when we did do the few orders of T-shirts,
9 the one thing I was told is you are
10 cheaper than the other guy, you should
11 have charged more. And my only comment
12 was, we did charge you a rush order.

13 So I think they should be
14 transparent and, you know, people in here
15 should get an opportunity to keep the flow
16 in the family.

17 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Anybody
18 else against it? Hearing none.

19 Jared, we are going to call for
20 the vote. This is a bylaw change so a
21 two-thirds requirement.

22 JARED WHITE: All right. One
23 for yes and two for no. Voting is open.

24 Five, four, three, two, one.

25 CHAIR TORRENS: I guess we don't

1 need the percentage? I can't see the
2 numbers.

3 JARED WHITE: It's 25 yes and
4 75 percent no.

5 CHAIR TORRENS: Okay. Mike had
6 submitted one that was omitted from the
7 book but he already withdrew it, so we are
8 not going to put it up. Jared had it
9 ready.

10 And I am finished.

11 (Applause.)

12 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. The
13 next item on the agenda are the elections.
14 All right. Let's move onto the elections
15 so we can get through these. Here is the
16 process.

17 So first of all, I want to say
18 this year we had, as we have done last
19 year as well, we did a Nominating
20 Committee. I would like to commend the
21 Nominating Committee who was lead by
22 Catherine Pennington this year. They did
23 what they were supposed to do. They
24 advertised. They gathered the feedback.
25 They got the nominations. They put

1 together documentation. They lead the
2 candidate forum. So, Catherine and your
3 team, thank you very much for what you
4 guys did to get us to this point.

5 Today if you were nominated, you
6 have to be nominated from the floor. So
7 as we go through these the maker of the
8 nomination can speak up to one minute.
9 And once we have all the nominations in
10 for an office, we will give the candidates
11 up to five minutes to speak, at which
12 time -- after which time we will have a
13 vote.

14 So the first position that we
15 are going to -- and since the Bylaws and
16 Rules did not change, of course, the
17 titles and nothing changes.

18 So for first election we will
19 have today is the office of secretary. Do
20 I have any nominations? If so, please
21 come to the mic.

22 SPEAKER TORRENS: Marino Torrens
23 would nominate Chris Ellison for the
24 secretarial position.

25 SPEAKER TOWERS: Terri Towers

1 second.

2 PRESIDENT STACEY: And we have a
3 nomination for Chris Ellison. Are there
4 any other nominations for the office of
5 secretary?

6 There was not another one?

7 All right. Seeing no other
8 nominations, Chris, I will give you the
9 chance to say something if you would like.
10 No? You would?

11 All right. Chris wants to
12 speak.

13 SECRETARY ELLISON: All right.
14 So Chris Ellison, Acting Secretary of
15 FYSA.

16 I just want to take a minute,
17 even though nobody has been nominated to
18 run against me, to say that sitting up
19 here today I think it is pretty loud and
20 clear from the membership that the biggest
21 issue we have right now is trust in the
22 organization. Trust that the people
23 sitting up on that stage and the rest of
24 that are representing the organization are
25 going to listen to what you have to say

1 and try to make a difference with that.

2 I think especially with respect
3 to openness and understanding of what is
4 happening before it happens or before a
5 decision is made and including all you
6 guys in it. And just my commitment if I
7 am elected to be secretary again, would be
8 to help that process happen, you know,
9 whether it is going back and resisting the
10 rules. I mean I think it sounds like
11 everybody here thinks that something needs
12 to be done about it. I think mostly
13 everybody kind of agrees that the three
14 sections that we have broken it into makes
15 sense, but they are not 100 percent happy
16 with the way it is in this particular
17 format.

18 So I think I have got some good
19 ideas on how we can kind of move forward
20 with that to really help the process,
21 especially being open, including more
22 people, and getting ourselves back to the
23 Rules Committee. And I think that is --
24 you know, we have got a lot of work to do
25 to build and gain your trust back. And I

1 will try hard to do that. Okay?

2 (Applause.)

3 PRESIDENT STACEY: Thank you,
4 Chris.

5 So all in favor of Chris Ellison
6 for secretary signify by saying aye.

7 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

8 PRESIDENT STACEY: Any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 Very good. Congratulations,
11 Chris.

12 Next we have Vice President of
13 Coach and Player Development. Do I have
14 any nominations for the position?

15 SPEAKER TORRENS: Marino
16 Torrens, again. I nominate Shenoy and I
17 am not saying your last name. Really the
18 president -- (inaudible) -- and stick with
19 the one hand.

20 PRESIDENT STACEY: Nominations
21 for Vice President and Coach and Player
22 Development?

23 SPEAKER MURRAY: Yes. Damien
24 Murray, Palm Beach Gardens. I would like
25 to nominate Daragh Cullen.

1 PRESIDENT STACEY: Daragh

2 Cullen.

3 SPEAKER MURRAY: It's Daragh

4 Cullen.

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: I am always
6 messing it up. I am sorry.

7 SPEAKER TOWERS: Terri Towers
8 second.

9 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. Do we
10 have any other nominations for Vice
11 President Coach and Player Development?

12 Are you rising to speak?

13 SPEAKER WITHKOWSKI: Yes.

14 John Withkowski, Regional
15 Commissioner North.

16 I nominate David DiTillio.

17 PRESIDENT STACEY: Stay there
18 for a second, you get a minute to speak if
19 you want. Both of you do if you wish to
20 speak to the nomination.

21 So, I am sorry David DiTillio.
22 Do we have a second?

23 SPEAKER STEWART: Second.

24 Southwest Florida Soccer, Crystal Stewart.

25 PRESIDENT STACEY: Please come

1 to the mic so we can get it on the record.

2 SPEAKER STEWART: I'm right
3 here.

4 PRESIDENT STACEY: I am sorry.

5 SPEAKER STEWART: Crystal
6 Stewart, Southwest Florida Soccer
7 Association.

8 PRESIDENT STACEY: Do we have
9 any other candidates for the position of
10 Vice President of Coach and Player
11 Development?

12 I am hearing none. The
13 nominations are closed.

14 The makers of the nomination,
15 you will have a minute to speak if you
16 would like. Would you like to speak? Say
17 something really quick.

18 SPEAKER: Just so everybody is
19 clear, David DiTillio could not be here
20 today. There was a -- they are dealing
21 with a death in the family, so he is not
22 here today so he cannot speak for himself.
23 I believe Joe --

24 VP NELSON: Yeah, I will accept
25 on Dave's behalf. He is burying a family

1 member as we speak and he is one of the
2 pallbearers. So this morning he sent me
3 his speech, so I am going to actually
4 read.

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: Joe, if I
6 may. Thank you for that. So we are going
7 to go in order of last name. I am just
8 trying to follow process.

9 Daragh, if you would come
10 forward.

11 SPEAKER CULLEN: Yes.

12 Test, test. Good afternoon,
13 everybody.

14 PRESIDENT STACEY: Say your
15 name.

16 SPEAKER CULLEN: I am sorry.
17 Daragh Cullen.

18 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay.

19 SPEAKER CULLEN: Good afternoon,
20 everybody. First and foremost, I want to
21 thank every single one of you for all that
22 you do for your leagues. I want to thank
23 the FYSA staff for all you do for all of
24 us. I want to thank any officials in this
25 room for all you do for us for our games.

1 And I also want to thank the Board for all
2 they do and their time and dedication.

3 I am Daragh Cullen. I stand
4 before you today not seeking a title. I
5 am asking for the opportunity to help,
6 help you, help your members, your
7 officials, grow this game, make it fun for
8 the kids, create a better environment. I
9 am currently the President of the Lakeland
10 Tropics Futbol Club and have been for the
11 last six years. I was the Vice President
12 of Florida State Soccer Association for
13 the adults. I was VP for six years as
14 well as. And I was a Director of the
15 Board for ten years.

16 Currently I hold a USSFC
17 license. And actually, as if this weekend
18 wasn't enough soccer, on Monday I fly to
19 Kansas City to start my gig.

20 So I appreciate your support.
21 Thank you so very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 PRESIDENT STACEY: So speaking
24 on behalf of David DiTillio Joe Nelson.

25 VP NELSON: Bear with me because

1 I am reading this as we go. Yes, I
2 stepped down. I stepped down because I
3 had a different ideology than what the
4 Board had, that's the only reason. We are
5 going in two different directions.

6 PRESIDENT STACEY: Joe, Joe,
7 this is not the occasion for you to speak.
8 This is time for Dave's speech, not your
9 speech.

10 VP NELSON: Like I said, Dave
11 had a vow to take my ideology and my place
12 on what he did. He has been the longest
13 serving member on this Board as you guys
14 heard yesterday. We need somebody with
15 experience on this Board to let this Board
16 know what they are going to do.

17 This is what Dave is telling me,
18 he has been here the longest. He has been
19 around the longest. He has served in
20 every position. You must take into effect
21 that if the president steps down for any
22 reason, the next person becomes -- assumes
23 that position of the president. That is
24 what Dave wanted me to let you know. He
25 will follow everything that my ideology

1 says.

2 On behalf of Dave and his
3 family, God bless him.

4 That is it.

5 (Applause.)

6 PRESIDENT STACEY: Okay. No
7 other candidates wish to speak?

8 We are going to vote. So if you
9 would put the options up on the screen.
10 Voting is open now.

11 JARED WHITE: One for Daragh and
12 two for Dave. Voting is open now.

13 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes.

14 JARED WHITE: All right. Five,
15 four, three, two, one.

16 It's 51 for Daragh and 49 for
17 Dave.

18 PRESIDENT STACEY:
19 Congratulations, Daragh.

20 (Applause.)

21 PRESIDENT STACEY: Vice
22 President of Competition is the next
23 office. Do we have a nomination?

24 SPEAKER TORRENS: As I said
25 before, Marino Torrens.

1 I nominate Shenoy for the
2 position.

3 PRESIDENT STACEY: Say your last
4 name, please.

5 VP RAGHURAJ: Raghuraj.

6 SPEAKER TORRENS: There you go.

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: Shenoy
8 Raghuraj.

9 SPEAKER TOWERS: Terri Towers,
10 second the nomination.

11 PRESIDENT STACEY: Do we have
12 any other nominations for the office of VP
13 of Competition?

14 SPEAKER VAN STEENBERGER: Paul
15 Van Steenberg, U.S.A. I would like to
16 nominate Greg Zak, he has been in our
17 sport for 25 years and hopefully he will
18 come up and explain what he has done. He
19 has had every administrative, referee,
20 coach, he knows the competition up and
21 down. And he is a valuable old guy as far
22 as the players. He understands the
23 coaching.

24 He is currently an administrator
25 for the league so he knows the problems we

1 have in this whole area. So Greg Zak.

2 PRESIDENT STACEY: Thank you.

3 So we have two nominations. Are
4 there any further nominations?

5 SPEAKER: Call a second.

6 PRESIDENT STACEY: I am sorry.
7 We need a second.

8 SPEAKER: Second.

9 PRESIDENT STACEY: Second
10 Barbara Newton, Hall of Fame.

11 Any other nominations for the
12 office of Vice President of Competition?

13 Seeing none, nominations are
14 closed.

15 Paul spoke to his nomination
16 briefly.

17 Marino, do you have anything
18 further you would like to add? So going
19 in alphabetical order, Greg Zak is first
20 in order. Rocking Raj, Shenoy please.

21 VP RAGHURAJ: I know it's late.
22 I am not going to take a lot of time.
23 First of all, like Daragh said, thank you
24 for everyone. I believe I have tried to
25 echo that over the past weekend. Thank

1 you for every person in this room who has
2 made some contribution to youth soccer and
3 to help make it better. So thank you guys
4 for all of that.

5 What I bring to the table is
6 that I think I am a good administrator and
7 that is what this position calls for. It
8 is an administrative person to handle it.
9 Our staff members are the ones that come
10 up with these programs and perform the
11 execution. I am merely there to give them
12 some guidance and bounce some ideas off of
13 them.

14 I believe some of the things
15 that I have done, which was what I felt
16 that was needed, was the promotion
17 relegation. The main goal of this
18 position is to promote the best teams out
19 of the state of Florida. And that is what
20 I believe I am doing by creating this, the
21 enhancements, so we can bring the state
22 cup back. Those are the ways we are going
23 to help to make the competition better.

24 Like I said, I have been here
25 over the past years. I hope you give me

1 the opportunity to continue and we will go
2 from there. I am not going to take a lot
3 of your time.

4 (Applause.)

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: Thank you,
6 Shenoy.

7 Greg Zak.

8 SPEAKER ZAK: I am sure
9 everybody is waiting to get out of here
10 and get some lunch or a beer or whatever.
11 I am Greg Zak. I have been down here in
12 Florida 25 years. I previously was up in
13 Ohio north for 25 as an ODP state coach,
14 as a high school coach, a club coach, you
15 name it.

16 I was one of the first boards
17 for Ohio Youth Soccer North as their
18 publicity director. I spent ten or 12
19 years doing that.

20 Down here I have coached the
21 southeast regionals as well as club and
22 two high school teams with a state
23 championship in the high school. Those of
24 you that are teachers or high school
25 coaches, you know the special issues that

1 go with being a high school coach in
2 Florida.

3 What I bring to the table is 40
4 years of experience with a huge
5 corporation, which means I can get things
6 done. I am very transparent. I wear my
7 heart on my sleeve most of the time to my
8 detriment. But I will not tell you
9 something and then turn around and tell
10 you something else. I will think things
11 out. Input from clubs, okay, players,
12 coaches is huge. It is huge. We cannot
13 make decisions in a vacuum. Okay?

14 I will never make a decision in
15 a vacuum, and will always be an advocate
16 for clubs and leagues in the state as we
17 are in a -- this is buck's time, a
18 watershed time for leagues now and clubs
19 in the state. And I believe the state
20 association needs to take a stand and
21 bring back what has been -- what we have
22 been hemorrhaging as far as players and
23 teams.

24 So thank you very much.

25 (Applause.)

1 PRESIDENT STACEY: Thank you,
2 Greg.

3 All right. Let's vote. I
4 believe one for Shenoy and two for Greg.
5 Is that right?

6 JARED WHITE: Yes. And voting
7 is open.

8 Closing in five, four, three,
9 two, one.

10 (Applause.)

11 PRESIDENT STACEY: We have 45
12 for Shenoy and 55 for Greg.

13 Congratulations, Mr. Zak.

14 Okay. Next up Vice President of
15 Administration and Communication. Just so
16 we are clear, it is currently vacant.
17 This was a position that was vacated early
18 in the year and then --

19 (unintelligible) -- and then most recently
20 by Marino Torrens. His is in the report.

21 Justin, do you want to speak to
22 your nomination and make the nomination.

23 SPEAKER LAUER: Justin Lauer,
24 Brevard Youth Soccer League. I would like
25 to nominate Mike Flood from Winter Haven

1 for this position right here. He has got
2 a lot of experience from when I have
3 talked with him, not only around the
4 soccer field, with the board he is
5 involved with, but also with his
6 professional career and his law degree.
7 He brings a complete package to the table.
8 And he can weed through these rules and
9 understand it and explain it to people,
10 too.

11 So, my conversations with him
12 over the past small period of time have
13 been real clear. I think he is a good
14 communicator and that is one of the things
15 this board needs. So he will be a great
16 addition.

17 PRESIDENT STACEY: Thank you,
18 Justin.

19 Do we have a second one?

20 SPEAKER: Les Moore.

21 PRESIDENT STACEY: Les Moore?

22 SPEAKER: Yes.

23 PRESIDENT STACEY: For the
24 second.

25 Any other nominations for the

1 office of Vice President of Administration
2 and Communication? Anymore?

3 Seeing none. And as Mike is the
4 only candidate, we will elect.

5 Mike, are you here, would you
6 like to say a couple of words?

7 SPEAKER FLOOD: I will keep in
8 mind that I am running unopposed, I want
9 to say that --

10 PRESIDENT STACEY: Go to the
11 mic, Mike, please.

12 SPEAKER FLOOD: I just want to
13 say it is an honor to be in this position.
14 And I really look forward to working with
15 everyone. I am a high school teacher for
16 one thing, so I am used to yelling. But
17 also I am a lawyer and I owned a small
18 business in the past. I believe I have
19 the skills to really help this
20 organization move forward. And it is an
21 honor to be up here.

22 Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 PRESIDENT STACEY: To formalize
25 his election, all those in favor say aye.

1 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.
2 PRESIDENT STACEY: Any opposed?
3 (No response.)
4 Okay. Next up we have the
5 Registrar. I need a nomination for
6 Registrar. Anyone?
7 SPEAKER LAUER: I am Justin
8 Lauer from Brevard Soccer League. I will
9 nominate my friend, Alice Smith, up there
10 for Registrar.
11 SPEAKER SROKA: I will second.
12 SPEAKER: Second.
13 PRESIDENT STACEY: We have a
14 nomination and a second and a third and a
15 fourth.
16 Any other nominations for
17 secretary?
18 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Registrar.
19 PRESIDENT STACEY: Let's do that
20 again. Let's go back. Registrar. Any
21 other nominees for Registrar? Going once,
22 twice.
23 Seeing none the nominations are
24 closed.
25 Alice, do you care to speak?

1 REGISTRAR SMITH: Alice Smith.

2 Yes, I want to thank everyone
3 for re-electing me again for another term.
4 And I will be there as always to support
5 the registrars of the state. I understand
6 what they need and I will continue to try
7 to as much as I can.

8 Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 PRESIDENT STACEY: All those in
11 favor of Alice Smith as Registrar signify
12 by saying aye.

13 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

14 PRESIDENT STACEY: Any opposed?
15 Stanley, you cannot speak.

16 All right. So now that wraps up
17 at least the state-wide officers, there is
18 a correction in your book. If you will
19 notice, Vice President Region C, it says
20 Region B and it should be Region C, so we
21 are going to be electing region A and
22 Region C today.

23 So first up we have Vice
24 President for Region A. I need someone
25 from the region to nominate their

1 candidate.

2 SPEAKER TORRENS: Marino
3 Torrens. I nominate Justin Goldman. I
4 can that one.

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: We have a
6 nomination for Justin Goldman.

7 SPEAKER WALKER: My name is
8 Russell Walker. I am the Region A
9 Commissioner of the North. I second.

10 PRESIDENT STACEY: We have a
11 second.

12 Any other any other nominations
13 for Region A Vice President?

14 Seeing none, the nominations are
15 closed.

16 Justin, I will give you the same
17 chance. Do you have anything you would
18 like to say or move to the next?

19 SPEAKER LAUER: I just want to
20 take the opportunity to say thank you to
21 give me two more years to carry through
22 what we have been working on. Kind of
23 echoing the same sentiments that Chris
24 had, we hear you loud and clear. And our
25 purpose is to make sure that we continue

1 to hear that and bring your voice back to
2 the Board and do what makes sense for the
3 better of the game.

4 So you have got my backing for
5 that and I look forward to working with
6 you guys for another two years.

7 (Applause.)

8 PRESIDENT STACEY: All those in
9 Region A in favor of Justin signify by
10 saying aye.

11 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

12 PRESIDENT STACEY: None opposed?
13 Congratulations, Justin.

14 Finally Vice President Region C.
15 I need a nomination for Region C.

16 SPEAKER VAN STEENBERGER: Paul
17 Van Steenbergen, again. I have changed
18 since the last time I was up here. U.S.A.
19 President.

20 I would like to nominate Mike
21 Connell. I don't think anything needs to
22 be said about Mike. He was a professional
23 player. He has won national championships
24 as a coach. He has coached for 25 years.
25 Anybody that has had a kid that has played

1 under him, he is a great coach. He is
2 currently an administrator. He is a great
3 administrator. He has been running a game
4 for years. He is the perfect guy for the
5 job, fellows.

6 SPEAKER WITHKOWSKI: Second.

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: Thank you,
8 Paul.

9 We have a second from John
10 Withkowski of Region C North Commissioner.
11 Seconds? We have another.

12 All right. We have any other
13 nominees -- nominations for the position
14 of Region C Vice President?

15 Anyone rising? We are good?
16 All right. Hearing none, Mike Connell.
17 Is that really two Mikes.

18 Mike, would you like to speak?

19 SPEAKER CONNELL: Mike Connell.

20 I just want to thank you for the
21 support from Region C. I am only in this
22 for the game. I hope to make a difference
23 for the game, for the players that play
24 it, and help the clubs get to do exactly
25 that. So we will try to do our best. If

1 I cannot do it, I will be the first one to
2 resign.

3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: I need a
6 voice for Mike. All those in favor say
7 aye.

8 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP: Aye.

9 PRESIDENT STACEY: Any opposed?
10 (No response.)

11 All right. Well, I will say
12 this, we are ten minutes ahead of
13 schedule. So somewhat of a surprise.

14 So for the good of the game,
15 this is your time.

16 TREASURER HEIDEL: Eric Heidel,
17 Treasurer. So for the good of the game
18 and after some discussions with some
19 members about what we discussed earlier
20 about invoice creation and payment
21 processing, we are going to change that.
22 We are going to create invoices at the
23 beginning of the month as close to the
24 first as possible, maybe not Saturday or
25 Sunday. And then we will let you know

1 they are out there and no less than five
2 business days later we will then run your
3 payment. So you will have a full week to
4 do that.

5 (Applause.)

6 SPEAKER REY: Jose Rey for
7 Driftwood Soccer.

8 I guess this would have been
9 best brought up during the time of the
10 motions and the committees or discussion.
11 We spent nearly \$100,000, a round number,
12 on the rewrite of the Rules and Bylaws.

13 SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

14 SPEAKER REY: I understand. I
15 understand. We spent money doing a
16 rewrite, which a lot of us didn't know
17 about at the time. I kind of want to be
18 sure that we are going to spend a year
19 rewriting the rewrite or rewriting the
20 originals that are we planning on spending
21 a significant sum of money on fixing what
22 we think needs to be fixed.

23 Whatever that money was for the
24 consultant to streamline things, we are
25 more or less saying it didn't work out

1 very well. And there are things to be
2 done, so I am kind of curious is money set
3 aside or are we going to need a vote on
4 another significant consulting fee for
5 this rewrite? Are we going to do this
6 internally with our volunteers?

7 PRESIDENT STACEY: That is a
8 question that the full Board of Directors
9 has to answer. I cannot speak -- I will
10 not speak on behalf of. And we will have
11 that discussion as to what assistance we
12 need and what the path forward is. Again,
13 the proposal was laid on the table. Is
14 that fair?

15 Anyone else to speak for the
16 good of the game?

17 SPEAKER SROKA: Mike Sroka,
18 Stetson FA. And I will keep this very
19 brief.

20 So in regards to the Rules and
21 the Bylaws that were tabled, clearly there
22 are a number of clubs in leagues and
23 whatnot that have issues as they are
24 written now. So I am hoping that the
25 Board will be very proactive in sending

1 out the questionnaires or, you know,
2 soliciting the input from all of the clubs
3 as to what exactly the issue is. So when
4 we show up next year, it's not, oh, we
5 made these changes. We didn't really
6 consult you, we didn't figure out what you
7 wanted, what the issue was, we just made
8 these changes and then we table it again
9 next year.

10 So please, I implore you to be
11 very proactive in figuring out exactly why
12 we did not vote on it this year.

13 Thank you. And do it very
14 cheaply.

15 (Applause.)

16 PRESIDENT STACEY: Yes.

17 SPEAKER FERNANDEZ: Martin
18 Fernandez, Southern Soccer Coalition.

19 I want to thank Joe Nelson for
20 his service, for his countless drive to do
21 what he feels and a lot of the clubs feel
22 is right.

23 I think it is very, very
24 apparent that unfortunately he stepped
25 down and is no longer. FYSA is losing an

1 individual that really belongs in this
2 organization. But I am sure that he will
3 be able to do a lot more outside the Board
4 than he can inside the Board.

5 I want to thank you personally
6 for your efforts, for your work, for your
7 time. Thank you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 SPEAKER CALLAHAN: Mikey
10 Callahan, Hollywood Wildcats.

11 I also want to say thank you to
12 Joe and Shenoy for all the hard work over
13 the years. Thanks for your dedication. I
14 know you guys put soccer first and I
15 appreciate it.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 SPEAKER TIANICH: Tom Tianich,
19 Hollywood Wildcats.

20 I would like to ask the Board,
21 please take what happened today and maybe
22 reconsider not to hire the collective
23 again and spend anymore money on this
24 bonding experiment, which cost so many
25 board members and so many staff not to be

1 with us anymore after this year. I hope
2 if you need volunteers to rewrite the
3 Bylaws that you would reach out and ask
4 for help.

5 SPEAKER KINSEY: Ed Kinsey,
6 Appointed Commissioner South -- C South.

7 I love playing soccer with you
8 guys and girls. Okay? Something that can
9 help us all get better is our agendas,
10 both at the state and board level, write
11 down communications. The knowledge that
12 you give to a member and the knowledge
13 that you learn from a member, that
14 information needs to be disseminated to
15 all members because we all can learn from
16 that.

17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 SPEAKER BARRETTA: Joe Beretta,
20 Titusville Soccer Club.

21 I think we had a consensus in
22 the room that we are moving in the right
23 direction, but we stumbled here at the end
24 of the meeting and could not go forward
25 with it.

1 What I would like to see us do
2 and I would like the task of the VPs of
3 each region with this is to communicate
4 with the member affiliates on the next --
5 (inaudible due to members speaking amongst
6 themselves) -- and to have it done
7 somewhere in the January timeframe of next
8 year so that they can -- when we come here
9 next summer, August, July, or whatever it
10 happens to be that we can move forward and
11 we do have a consensus with the rewrite of
12 the Bylaws and Rules.

13 So I would like to see that from
14 each of the regions VPs. Steve, you will
15 be hearing from me and the rest of you
16 guys probably need to do that, too. So I
17 would like to see you take on tasks with
18 the region VPs on communicating with the
19 member affiliates on what needs to be
20 done.

21 PRESIDENT STACEY: Seeing no one
22 else at the mic I will --

23 SPEAKER: John.

24 PRESIDENT STACEY: -- I am
25 sorry. Dale?

1 SPEAKER: I would like to thank
2 my team. We will stop for about two or
3 three weeks and then we will start this
4 process again to work on the AGM.
5 Everything from the decorations and what
6 was done on the tables by Michelle and
7 Melinda and Rosemary and their countless
8 hours. It takes a lot of preparation to
9 do this and this team came together and
10 they did a fabulous job. And I want to
11 thank them.

12 (Applause.)

13 PRESIDENT STACEY: Before we
14 adjourn, seeing nobody else at the mic, I
15 would like to make just one or a couple
16 of -- yes, sir?

17 SPEAKER MORIN: I am Gerald
18 Morin from Central Academy Youth Soccer.

19 You know, board members, they
20 take hard punches. You know, they take a
21 lot of hard punches. I want to say while
22 we assemble we thank board members. We
23 have to actually look at every one of them
24 there who took a lot of punches today and
25 through all of it they get the job done.

1 So I would like to thank every
2 single one of you for actually sticking by
3 youth soccer.

4 (Applause.)

5 PRESIDENT STACEY: So my final
6 comments. Of course, you are always
7 disappointed when you pour a lot of time
8 and energy into something. The one thing
9 that I noticed this weekend, you know, is
10 that the passion and support for Florida
11 youth soccer is alive and well. People
12 are passionate about this organization and
13 they support us.

14 We, the Board, will work
15 together, the new Board will work
16 together, and seek the best way we can
17 serve you, the membership, and constantly
18 improve on what we do. I am committed to
19 that. I am very much process oriented. I
20 like to hear from the membership and would
21 not have gone through what we did this
22 summer with all the trips to the different
23 regions getting face to face if we didn't
24 want to hear.

25 Today messages were sent. We

1 will reflect on these messages. And I for
2 one have a seven-hour drive, so I am going
3 to being reflecting a lot this afternoon
4 and marinating perhaps in some -- well, I
5 am just going to marinate.

6 So, thank you for everything
7 that you do. The Board is -- we will move
8 forward and we will communicate what it is
9 that we are going to do. And so, I thank
10 you for your attendance this weekend and
11 all of your input. Have a great trip
12 home. And we will see you guys somewhere
13 either on the field or if not sooner next
14 year.

15 Thank you. We are adjourned.

16 (Whereupon, this concluded this
17 proceeding.)

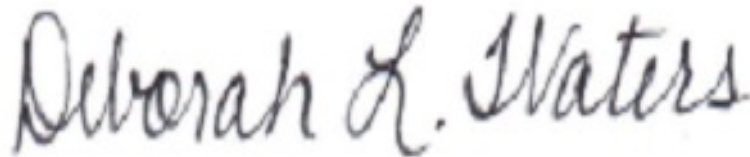
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