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1 (Meeting begins at 9:18 a.m.)

2 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. We're going to be here  
3 for a little while. We're going to start. We're  
4 going to call the meeting to order. It's about  
5 nine eighteen. We're going to go actually a little  
6 different than what the agenda says.

7 First of all, thank you for being here. Thank  
8 you for joining us on the 41st Anniversary of FYSA.

9 One thing that, once we get to our voting,  
10 once you come up to the microphone, please, slowly  
11 say your name and the club you represent. Besides  
12 being recorded we also have a court reporter here  
13 today, so she would like to get everybody's name  
14 correct.

15 Also, try, try, please, one at a time. Don't  
16 talk three or four people over. That includes us.  
17 We're going to have to identify ourselves,  
18 everybody, okay.

19 Before we start, while we wait for the  
20 credentials report, I would like to invite John  
21 Sutter up to see if he wants to say a few words for  
22 us.

23 JOHN SUTTER: Well, I've been called on to  
24 fill time many an opportunities. I appreciate  
25 that.

1           Yeah, I just wanted to echo some of the things  
2 I said yesterday just very quickly, because I  
3 always like to attend Annual General Meetings and  
4 thank everybody involved for everything that you do  
5 back in your home associations, your home clubs  
6 everyday to put, you know, the kids on the field  
7 and really give them the experience and life  
8 lessons that we work so hard to do. So I want to  
9 express appreciation for that.

10           The other thing, while we're sitting here, as  
11 I came in, I didn't know about the bylaw  
12 amendments. And so as I was listening to the  
13 discussion yesterday on the bylaw amendment dealing  
14 with your Board reformation, I was struck with the  
15 sense of déjà vu view from ten years ago with U.S.  
16 Soccer and from last year with U.S. Youth Soccer.

17           Ten years ago, I was part of the planning and  
18 implementation of what went through with taking the  
19 U.S. Soccer Board from forty-five individuals to  
20 fifteen. I mean, forty-five, if you wanted to see  
21 a board that could get nothing done, it was U.S.  
22 Soccer, because it's just too many people were  
23 involved, too many different interests. And so  
24 what we did when we went from forty-five to fifteen  
25 is we saw a sense of balance.

1           So if you look at the Federation Board now,  
2           there are two representatives from the youth  
3           council, two representatives from the adult, two  
4           from the pros, one from the all other, and then we  
5           have three athletes, three independents, the  
6           President and the Vice President to get the  
7           fifteen. And what that did is it made the Board,  
8           one, a whole lot leaner, but the other is it  
9           balanced all of the interests so that there was  
10          pretty equal representation from all the members of  
11          the federation.

12          And then it allowed us, with smaller numbers,  
13          the ability to talk back and forth with each other.  
14          Instead of having to convince twenty-six people of  
15          your point, you only have to convince, you know,  
16          six or seven outside of your own council, but it's  
17          a good thing. And so it's really, I think, helped  
18          make the Federation a much more effective  
19          organization.

20          If you look what they've done in the last ten  
21          years, with the sheer way that they've been able to  
22          address games and with their budget and their  
23          movements and everything, it's been the difference  
24          between night and day.

25          And then U.S. Youth Soccer last year, we

1 rewrote our entire bylaws, all right, and tried to  
2 go away from being an operational board to being  
3 one that was more of a policy board and able to  
4 take the organization forward. And that's been a  
5 big difference for us.

6 We had to have approval along the way, every  
7 step along the way, of the U.S. Soccer to do  
8 something. So if we wanted to have an idea, it  
9 would take us three to five years to implement it  
10 because it would have to go through committee and  
11 then be approved and then come to the membership  
12 and be approved, and very rarely did anything go  
13 through on the first time.

14 So when we were trying to respond to  
15 competition, player pass for instance, with it  
16 taking us three to four years to implement  
17 something like that under the old style. Under the  
18 new, we're talking about something that takes less  
19 than three months. And so it's night and day  
20 difference on how we operate as an organization.  
21 So I think that's really important.

22 So you're kind of at that same step. And I  
23 sit there and I watch, and having dealt with it now  
24 twice it's -- I understand that you may have some  
25 questions about how it's all going to work. I know

1 you might be a little bit nervous about things, but  
2 you're poised at that step on are we going to  
3 change and are we going to be able to move forward.

4 But I have to tell you that when you look at  
5 your competition, okay, particularly the soccer  
6 competition that we have, those organizations for  
7 the most part can move on a dime. They have a good  
8 idea, they have a vote, they have a little meeting  
9 of the core group, and they say that sounds good to  
10 us, let's go with it, all right. We have to sit,  
11 and even now we are a little bit slower to react,  
12 but we're trying to become more nimble, trying to  
13 become for responsive.

14 And I think that's some of what your group,  
15 your Board, is trying to do. And what you're  
16 thinking about doing as an organization is how do  
17 we come more nimble, how do we come more  
18 responsive, how are we able to move forward and  
19 really address the challenges that you have out  
20 there. So good luck with that. I understand the  
21 decision that's there. But I offer you our support  
22 as you go to do that.

23 And then, once again, I do want to thank  
24 Marino and Dale and the entire Board for their  
25 support because, as I said, we went through bylaws

1 last year, and they were a big part of that as we  
2 had our soccer conferences and we were talking  
3 about how do we restructure both of them, not both  
4 of them, but all of them. The support that Florida  
5 gave us was really important.

6 And then as you move forward to implement with  
7 us the Federation Best Practices that they have for  
8 Player Development, the Player Development  
9 initiatives, Mike Strickler was on that committee  
10 that did that and helped us make sure that it was  
11 the best that it could be for the players. And now  
12 as we move to implement that over the next three  
13 years, he's going to be heavily involved in that.

14 So I really owe a big debt to all of FYSA.  
15 Thank you again for letting me be here. And, most  
16 importantly, thank you again for everything that  
17 you do each and every day. I appreciate the  
18 opportunity.

19 (Applause.)

20 MARINO TORRENS: I guess, looking over there I  
21 guess we're not ready yet.

22 Is Virgil here, Virgil?

23 No, okay.

24 Okay. See what else we can do.

25 Oh, do you guys want to have the raffle now?



1 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: It's up to you.

2 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, it's my call, we'll have  
3 the raffle. We'll start with this right here.  
4 This is -- you want to do it, you did them, you  
5 want to?

6 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Are you going to  
7 choose?

8 MARINO TORRENS: Yes, I'm going to.

9 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Let Elsa draw.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah.

11 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Elsa, you get to draw.  
12 This is for the Gator afghan.

13 Mia, Number 509309.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Are they here?

15 (No response.)

16 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. We got a phone number  
17 so we'll call them.

18 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: This is OCYS MOS basket  
19 for a baby.

20 Randy Galloway.

21 (No response.)

22 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

23 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: This is for a pink  
24 baby. And in these baby baskets you've got an  
25 afghan, a coat, booties, a hat, and Dr. Seuss

1 books.

2 Stephen Huff.

3 (No response.)

4 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Gator baby basket for a  
5 baby Gator.

6 Lori, Number 509331.

7 (No response.)

8 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: No one wants the  
9 baskets?

10 FSU. Hope they keep warm up there in  
11 Tallahassee.

12 I have no idea. Oh, that's Doug, that's with  
13 the travel agency.

14 Baby blue.

15 Elsa.

16 ELSA MAROON: What?

17 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Elsa.

18 (Applause.)

19 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: This one you were  
20 hoping was for you.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I think that one  
22 was fixed.

23 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: I had nothing do with  
24 it.

25 We have a nice Christmas baby.

1           Dee McVay (phonetic).

2           (No response.)

3           MARINO TORRENS:   Wow.

4           TERRI TOWERS:   Rhonda, do you want me to take  
5   that for her?

6           RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS:   Yes, please.   Yes,  
7   please.

8           Oh, we got a baby FSU.

9           C. Wall (phonetic).

10          Oh, we got someone.

11          DAVE DITILLIO:   You're having a baby?

12          RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS:   We have a red, white  
13   and blue afghan in honor of the World Cup, Women's  
14   World Cup.

15          Alisa Martina (phonetic).

16          Oh, we got a big Christmas afghan here and  
17   there's socks in it and a tie and who knows what  
18   else you might find.

19          Randy Galloway with JFC.

20          MARINO TORRENS:   Hey, in the back, is that it?

21          RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS:   They'll take it.   David  
22   will take it.

23          David, will you come up and get this?

24          UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER:   I think he won  
25   two.

1           RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Yes, yes, for both of  
2 these.

3           We have a UCF afghan.

4           Mike Hyatt. Mike Hyatt, he's here I know.

5           MARINO TORRENS: Mike is coming up?

6           RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Yes, he is.

7           MARINO TORRENS: Is that it?

8           RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: That's it.

9           MARINO TORRENS: Okay. First of all, thank  
10 you, Rhonda, for doing all those baskets. We  
11 raised four hundred dollars for the scholarship  
12 fundraiser.

13           Thank you, all.

14           (Applause.)

15           MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I'm going to go by the  
16 standing rules for procedures while we're waiting  
17 for the numbers, okay. We're going all over the  
18 place.

19           UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Adopt the agenda  
20 first.

21           MARINO TORRENS: You want to do that first?

22           Okay. We're going to adopt the agenda. I  
23 don't know how it's going, so I guess, we're not  
24 adding anything to the agenda unless somebody wants  
25 to.

1           So we need a motion to adopt the agenda as  
2 reworked, because we're doing the standing rules  
3 and procedures and we do the credentials report.

4           Anybody, motion?

5           JOHN STACEY: Make a motion to adopt.

6           BECKY MCLAREN: I second.

7           MARINO TORRENS: Second by Becky McLaren.

8           All those in favor say aye.

9           MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

10          MARINO TORRENS: Opposed?

11          (No response.)

12          MARINO TORRENS: Sorry, guys, this is not what  
13 we normally do here, but being the first year we're  
14 trying, we're trying to do the best we can.

15          Oh, I think we're ready.

16          No? Oh, okay.

17          Okay. Once, once we get to the rule changes,  
18 we will present the rule change. We will ask the  
19 writer of the rule change, of the rule proposal, to  
20 speak if it's pressing and wants to speak in  
21 reference to that rule.

22          Then we'll take discussions from the floor,  
23 one for, one against, one for, one against, until  
24 one of those, there's nobody else talking in  
25 reference to that rule. If we got ten people to

1 speak for and only one against, we'll stop after  
2 the second one that's speaking for. So we go one  
3 for, one against, one for, until one of the two  
4 stops.

5 Please, again, make sure you get to a  
6 microphone, say your name clearly and the club you  
7 represent so that it will be in the minutes and  
8 also in the court reporting.

9 Any questions in reference to that?

10 Is the test, can we go do the test on the  
11 clickers already, are we ready for that?

12 Okay. Are these microphones on?

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Are they all on?

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. The way this works,  
17 questions are going to come up, and it's going to  
18 be either yes, no, which we'll use A or 1, B or 2,  
19 on your clickers. You're going to see on the  
20 clicker has got a little window, you're going to  
21 see what you answer. And then also right here next  
22 to it is a little light, it's going to go green  
23 once your vote is recorded.

24 You can vote as many times as you want. The  
25 last one that you press when we hit stop, that's

1 the one that's going to count. So if you change,  
2 if you press one and, oh, I pressed the wrong one,  
3 go ahead and press the correct one. The last one  
4 that is recorded once we say five, four, three,  
5 two, one, stop, that's the one that's going to  
6 count.

7 Now on this test we need everyone, every  
8 single person to press the voting to make sure that  
9 they're all working.

10 So the question is do you prefer Mickey or  
11 Minnie?

12 So you're going to press 1 for Mickey, 2 for  
13 Minnie. Let's do that now, please.

14 So you can see in the top corner it's  
15 recording as many people that have voted so far.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Is it supposed to  
17 stay in the window?

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: No.

19 MARINO TORRENS: It just records in the window  
20 and then it turns off, right, but you can see it  
21 once you press it.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Once it  
23 turns off, it (unintelligible)?

24 MARINO TORRENS: Right. That means it's  
25 recorded already.

1 We're going to stop in five, four, three, two,  
2 one.

3 Aww, poor Minnie.

4 Okay. That's how we're going to have that, we  
5 will have the results as percentage and then a  
6 number of votes. We can do both.

7 Now what I need to check with are all of them  
8 working, a hundred percent of them?

9 NICK CANNAVO: Twelve were missing.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Twelve were missing.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I know my wife  
12 stepped out.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Oh, so she's not  
14 there.

15 Okay. We're going to do it again. Please,  
16 make sure somebody presses hers.

17 Okay. Are we clear?

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hold on. We've  
19 got one that's not working.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Are we ready?

21 It's 1 for Goofy, 2 for Mickey. Start voting  
22 now.

23 Did everybody see an answer on their screen  
24 and the little green light went on?

25 There you go, one sixty-three. There's got to



1 be one more, one sixty-four.

2 Okay. We're going to stop in five, four,  
3 three, two, one, stop.

4 Are we still missing some?

5 If you're walking in and you, if you're just  
6 walking in and you have one of the voting  
7 mechanism, did you press it?

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Make sure they're  
9 sitting close enough.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, if you're sitting in  
11 the back, maybe you need to move forward a little  
12 bit.

13 We're still missing some; right?

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: One is not in  
15 the building, they're still (unintelligible).

16 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry?

17 ALICE SMITH: There's one that's missing.  
18 He's not even here.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, they're not even here?

20 ALICE SMITH: He's on his way.

21 MARINO TORRENS: How many, how many clickers  
22 are we supposed to have?

23 NICK CANNAVO: One seventy-five.

24 MARINO TORRENS: So we're missing about ten  
25 people.

1           Okay. I see somebody, are you just walking  
2 in, sir?

3           UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

4           MARINO TORRENS: Oh, okay, you were sitting in  
5 the back.

6           Okay. We're going to do it one more time. I  
7 want to make sure that all the clickers are working  
8 before we start, at least the ones that are here.  
9 No sitting in the back, please. If you see  
10 somebody coming in and they have one of those  
11 little (unintelligible) on the clicker, let us know  
12 because that means -- yes, sir, I'm sorry.

13          UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Take attendance  
14 and see how many people.

15          UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Doesn't it tell  
16 you who's missing?

17          MARINO TORRENS: Okay. We're going to do it  
18 one more time and then we're going to call the  
19 number of the clickers that are not here and then  
20 we'll see what happens, okay. We're going to vote  
21 again, 1 or 2, please. Thank you.

22          Okay. We're getting there. We're getting  
23 there. Come on. We had one sixty-four the last  
24 time. There you go. One sixty-five, six. There  
25 you go. Seven. There you go. We got two more.

1 Eight. Somebody has got a slow finger.

2 Okay. We're going to stop in five, four,  
3 three, two, one, stop.

4 Okay. So how many are we missing now?

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: We lost some.

6 MARINO TORRENS: It was one sixty-five to one  
7 sixty-eight, so actually we gained three.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: If they don't  
9 vote, they don't vote.

10 MARINO TORRENS: I just want to make sure that  
11 all the ones that are here are working. If they're  
12 not here, too bad, I mean, that's just.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Marino, figure out  
14 who is not voting and ask if they're here with the  
15 clicker.

16 MARINO TORRENS: That's what we're, it's going  
17 to tell us which clickers are not working.

18 Okay. Megan. No.

19 Natalie.

20 Okay. Can you bring that over, can you bring  
21 that thing?

22 Gerry.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: John.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Somebody said something?

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

1 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, okay.

2 John.

3 JOHN WITHKOWSKI: I'm going.

4 MARINO TORRENS: J.W.

5 And Ruth.

6 (No response.)

7 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Marino.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Yes, sir.

10 That should be on. There you go.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I noticed that you  
12 were able to determine who voted which way. And in  
13 the past we've always had motions to destroy the  
14 ballots.

15 Can we make a motion to erase the information  
16 as to who voted?

17 MARINO TORRENS: Yes, yes, it's just that we  
18 wanted to see who, you know, which ones were not  
19 working.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I understand what  
21 you're saying, but is that what we would do now  
22 instead of destroying ballots?

23 MARINO TORRENS: Right. We're just going to  
24 put the numbers up, yeah. When you press them,  
25 make sure you hold it for a second, make sure that

1 green light goes on and the number shows on the  
2 screen just to make sure, please.

3 Okay. Somebody's coming in that was out so;  
4 right?

5 If you just came in, can you go ahead and  
6 press 1 or 2 on your clicker and see  
7 (unintelligible).

8 Is Dale, oh, Dale, can you please come up for  
9 a second.

10 Okay. Are we ready for the last test now?

11 Okay. Please make sure when you press it and  
12 you hold it for a second until the green light goes  
13 on. The question will be like paper ballots or  
14 clickers.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I voted for Goofy.  
16 I thought you were running again.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Once we get going we won't  
18 have to wait such a long time to get the results.

19 Okay. Here we go. We're going to start  
20 voting now, A or B, which is 1 or 2. It's going.  
21 It's going. Remember, just press and hold. You  
22 can do it again, it will only do it the last one  
23 you did, so make sure to go ahead and press it and  
24 hold until the green light flashes just to make  
25 sure.

1           Okay. We're going to stop in five, four,  
2 three, two, one, stop. Stop. One seventy-one,  
3 that's the, go ahead and stop. I asked for that  
4 one.

5           Somebody is coming in right now with a clicker  
6 so that would be one seventy-two, one seventy-three  
7 in the back. There's two clickers or just one?  
8 One, okay. You're together, right, the three of  
9 you are together? Okay. We're going to go because  
10 the ones that are not, these were the three that  
11 were here, now we got it, so.

12          Okay. Is the credential report ready so we  
13 can start?

14          There's four that's still not here, which is  
15 fine.

16          UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Maybe they  
17 haven't come in yet.

18          MARINO TORRENS: (Unintelligible), John, you  
19 only have one originally?

20          JOHN WITHKOWSKI: Yes.

21          MARINO TORRENS: I knew you were trouble.

22          Okay. In the meantime, the credentials, Elsa,  
23 you want to do -- huh? I'll do it?

24          Yeah, okay. Elsa, is giving me permission to  
25 read the credentials.

1 Thank you, Elsa.

2 Okay. Those are the numbers. Total votes is  
3 6284.

4 Region A, which will have an election for VP,  
5 has 1874.

6 And Region C also has an election for VP, the  
7 total votes will be 2250. Give you a minute for  
8 you guys to write it down.

9 Region B will have, is a total of 1980, and  
10 Region D, 171, but they don't have regional  
11 elections so.

12 Um, is that it? Oh, there they are, okay.  
13 Thank you.

14 Okay. Even now with electronic proxies, and  
15 it takes two minutes, we still have almost a  
16 thousand votes left at the table. Okay. It takes  
17 two seconds, I mean, less than two minutes. You  
18 can do it from your phone, you can call, and it was  
19 people did not show up or give a proxy to anybody,  
20 so.

21 But that's the way it is, you can't force  
22 them; right? We can ask but we can't force them.

23 Okay. I'm sorry, somebody said something?

24 Name and, yeah, go ahead.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Becky McLaren, VP of Admin and

1 Communication.

2 I move that we accept the credentials report  
3 as presented.

4 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

5 MARINO TORRENS: Second by Terri, B3.

6 Those in favor?

7 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MARINO TORRENS: Abstain?

11 (No response.)

12 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Becky, if I'm not  
13 mistaken, you're up, yeah, proposal of changes.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: John's in there  
15 twice.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Ladies and gentlemen, if you  
17 turn to the white pages, I believe it's the white  
18 pages in the book are the proposed rule changes.

19 After the session yesterday, some proposers,  
20 proposers of some of the rules, based on the  
21 feedback, made some slight amendments to their  
22 proposed change. So you will see those up on the  
23 screen as soon as Nick over there takes care of  
24 things.

25 When we do this we will still do a voice vote



1 as we've done before. If it is close and we can't  
2 tell, we will go to the clickers.

3 Nick, I need the proposed changes on the  
4 screen, Dear.

5 NICK CANNAVO: That one?

6 BECKY MCLAREN: That's where we start.

7 I believe that this was proposed by  
8 Mr. Kimbrell, is he in the room, Steve?

9 STEVE KIMBRELL: Yes.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: There he is.

11 STEVE KIMBRELL: Steve Kimbrell, CDL.

12 On the first amendment proposal, in light of  
13 the FYSA Board's decision Friday to allow some  
14 teams to apply for a trial basis on 7v7, 9v9, I  
15 officially withdraw this amendment.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Second.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Thank you.

18 So we are going to go down then to the next  
19 one.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Mike, wait, wait, wait.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Mike.

22 MIKE STRICKLER: Can I kind of follow up with  
23 Steve and just kind of give him how we're doing  
24 that, is this the time to do that?

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Actually, Mike, we can do that

1 after we finish with all the proposed changes and  
2 then we can talk about it.

3 MIKE STRICKLER: Okay. That's fine.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: I move to accept to accept the  
5 proposed change as presented on the screen.

6 Is there a second?

7 MARINO TORRENS: Second, Marino.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: Just to let you know, this is  
9 a housekeeping so that we, one of the, when we  
10 changed the name from Director of Operations to  
11 Executive Director, one of the things got missed in  
12 it.

13 All those in favor signify by saying -- or is  
14 there any other discussion?

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Some of us can't  
16 see that.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: It's in the  
18 book.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: It's in your, you have a, it's  
20 in that book of reports as well.

21 MARINO TORRENS: If you need an extra, we have  
22 one here if you need it.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: If anything was amended, I  
24 will read it as well. If it wasn't, I'll just say  
25 it's on the screen. There are more Book of Reports

1 back by the door if somebody doesn't have one.

2 Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all  
5 those in favor signify by saying aye.

6 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions?

10 (No response.)

11 BECKY MCLAREN: It passes.

12 I move that we --

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Next one, Nick.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Next.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: I move that we accept the  
16 change to Bylaw 7.1.4 as presented on the screen.

17 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: This is a housekeeping issue.

19 Any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all  
22 those in favor signify by saying aye.

23 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions?

2 (No response.)

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Passes.

4 104.3, after the session yesterday -- can you  
5 move down the screen for me there.

6 After the session yesterday, there was a  
7 change, I move that we accept the suggested change  
8 for 104.3.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: The change, I'm going to read  
11 the change right now. The change being all fields  
12 used by the affiliate for games, practices, or  
13 training, must be declared annually. Any changes  
14 to the field must be submitted to the FYSA Office  
15 within ten days. The addition was for approval by  
16 the EC, slash, BOD, within forty-eight hours.

17 And then you have the second portion that was  
18 changed about hosting the referee courses remain  
19 the same. And Point Number 7 must show that they  
20 have hosted two entry level, and cross out the two  
21 recertification since those are online.

22 Is there a second?

23 MARINO TORRENS: I second. Marino.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Any discussion?

25 (No response.)

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all  
2 those in favor signify by saying aye.

3 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

4 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions?

7 (No response.)

8 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

9 I move that we accept the proposed change to  
10 Bylaw 203.4 as presented on the screen.

11 Do I have second?

12 MARINO TORRENS: Second. Marino.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been moved and seconded.

14 Any discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all  
17 those in favor signify by saying aye.

18 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions?

22 (No response.)

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Passes.

24 Rule 206, the proposed change to Rule 206.2,  
25 the proposer of the motion is Thomas.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Is he here?

2 BECKY MCLAREN: I do not believe that he is  
3 here. He was conferred with yesterday.

4 I will tell you there were some changes made  
5 to this, so I will move that we, move that we  
6 accept the proposed change to add a Letter G, all  
7 competitive players or team officials may only have  
8 the outerwear or team uniform of the affiliated  
9 club that they are properly registered with, along  
10 with the name, logo/crest, or other identifying  
11 mark of that FYSA affiliate.

12 This would not go into effect until the  
13 2016/17 seasonal year. The first offense would be  
14 a hundred-dollar fine. The second offense would be  
15 a three-hundred-dollar fine. Third offense, third  
16 or more offense would be a five-hundred-dollar  
17 fine. All fines would go, would be to the club.

18 Is there a second?

19 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Seconded by Terri Towers.

21 Is there discussion?

22 MARINO TORRENS: Can I speak from here or do I  
23 need to move up?

24 BECKY MCLAREN: You can speak from there.

25 MARINO TORRENS: As I mentioned yesterday

1 during the rule changes, I don't believe, and this  
2 is just my personal opinion, not of FYSA, I do not  
3 believe that we, this body right here, should be in  
4 charge of fining people because they're wearing the  
5 wrong uniform. That's not what we're here for.

6 I personally don't believe in this rule, and I  
7 ask for it not, for it to be denied.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: Anybody to speak for?

9 (No response.)

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion -- no.

11 MIKE WEBER: You know I'm going to get  
12 involved in this.

13 BECKY MCLAREN: State your name.

14 MIKE WEBER: My name is Mike Weber. I'm with  
15 South Florida United Youth Soccer.

16 So, Marino, you're saying that you're against  
17 this just because of the color of the uniform or  
18 the identification, because I think the uniform  
19 should be identified, the team should be  
20 identified.

21 MARINO TORRENS: I don't believe FYSA should  
22 be the body trying to restrict what people wear.  
23 If the local leagues or the clubs want to do that,  
24 that's different. But I don't believe FYSA should  
25 have a rule to police what people are wearing on

1 the fields.

2 MIKE WEBER: How about the identification of  
3 what they're wearing?

4 I mean, the color I don't have a problem with.  
5 I just want to --

6 BECKY MCLAREN: On the mike. On the mike.

7 MIKE WEBER: Color I don't have a problem  
8 with. I just want the team to be identified,  
9 because too many teams are wearing a name that is  
10 not affiliated with FYSA in any way, shape, or  
11 form, and that is how they're identifying  
12 themselves at games and at tournaments.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Every player that  
14 plays in that FYSA-sanctioned event is registered  
15 to an FYSA club. The player passes, the club name,  
16 their roster says the club name. What they're  
17 wearing on them, to me, doesn't make a difference.  
18 That's just my, again, this is my personal opinion,  
19 not of FYSA.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Anybody --

21 MARINO TORRENS: The club that they're  
22 registered to is responsible for their team. So if  
23 they do anything illegal and break a rule, we go  
24 back to the club. We don't go back to that team.

25 BARRY WITLIN: I have a point of



1 clarification.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Yes.

3 BARRY WITLIN: Barry Witlin, South Florida  
4 United.

5 If I show up from work to go to a game and  
6 wear a suit, I can't coach because I'm not wearing  
7 a uniform; is that what this rule says?

8 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: Mm-hmm, yeah.

10 BARRY WITLIN: Thank you.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Any further discussion?

12 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry. Barry, it doesn't  
13 say you can't coach, but you're going to be fined.

14 See, I have to say before why we're going to  
15 make the money, is that before I -- okay. And I  
16 don't believe we're here to collect money.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Are you for or against?

18 MEREDITH RATLIFF: Clarification.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Identify yourself,  
20 please.

21 MEREDITH RATLIFF: Meredith Ratliff, GOU.

22 If it says no other logo, to me that also  
23 excludes any advertising if you're excluding any  
24 logo.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: No, that would not include

1 sponsorship. They're meaning for the logo, the  
2 name, logo/crest, meaning the logo or crest of the  
3 club that they're affiliated with.

4 So like, for instance, your shirt that you  
5 have on, your crest there represents, or your  
6 shield represents that club you're with. That's  
7 what they're saying needs to be there.

8 MEREDITH RATLIFF: Okay. And then for the  
9 clubs that have a secondary affiliation.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Get closer. Get closer.

11 MEREDITH RATLIFF: For clubs that have a  
12 secondary affiliation, are they also allowed to  
13 have that crest?

14 Like, let's say you have, if it's outside of  
15 FYSA, if you have, for --

16 MARINO TORRENS: That's already in the rules  
17 that you cannot wear anything that is outside U.S.  
18 Youth Soccer affiliation.

19 MEREDITH RATLIFF: Okay.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Anybody else, it would have to  
21 be somebody -- are you speaking for or against?

22 ANTHONY OLISCHAR: For.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Just for time purpose,  
24 if you want to speak, just get up before the other  
25 person finishes and just stand in line, it might be

1 faster that way.

2 Thank you.

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Are you speaking for or  
4 against, sir?

5 ANTHONY OLISCHAR: For.

6 Anthony Olischar of Boca Junior Soccer Club.

7 Marino, my only question is, what if we have  
8 another club with the same name?

9 For example, I'm with Boca Junior Soccer Club  
10 and we have a Boca Juniors Miami possibly coming  
11 in. That's why I would be against it, because they  
12 would be going under another club with the same  
13 name, and then we have a confusion of who is who.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. The players will not  
15 be registered to another Boca Juniors because we  
16 can't affiliate another Boca Juniors. The player  
17 cap pass is going to say Club A and the roster is  
18 going to say Club A, which is who is affiliated  
19 with FYSA.

20 What they're wearing on it, it could be  
21 anything. Tomorrow a parent comes in and buys Real  
22 Madrid just for a namesake, players for the Youth  
23 10 team that's going to go to a tournament, they're  
24 going to be fined a hundred dollars to do that.

25 ANTHONY OLISCHAR: Oh, if when they get a red

1 card or a suspension, it makes people gonna think  
2 that it's us, and that has happened in the past  
3 with the Boca Juniors Miami.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

5 ANTHONY OLISCHAR: That's why I would vote for  
6 it.

7 BECKY MCLAREN: That's speaking for.

8 Lou, are you speaking for or against or a  
9 point of clarification?

10 LOU CONFESSORE: Against.

11 MARINO TORRENS: Against.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Against.

13 MARINO TORRENS: You weren't sure earlier.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Please tell everybody who you  
15 are even though we know.

16 LOU CONFESSORE: Lou Confessore. I'm from the  
17 Coral Estate Soccer Club. I have my badge and I'm  
18 in my colors.

19 First of all, we have more rules than are  
20 necessary already, okay.

21 (Applause.)

22 LOU CONFESSORE: Thank you.

23 I don't want to take this personally or  
24 anything, but this rule started because of me, they  
25 were after me, and they missed. Look at him, okay.

1           My club, most of you know, is made up of other  
2 small clubs that are not big enough or not far  
3 enough away to make their own clubs. But if you  
4 want to tell things like are in that explanation,  
5 you want to make that public to people that we're  
6 actually approve thinking that way, that's  
7 terrible. That's terrible.

8           There are clubs in my region and play in the  
9 leagues that I play in who have three or four  
10 primary colors. And at the league meeting I  
11 threatened to turn them in because their girls have  
12 a primary color of this, and their boys have a  
13 primary color of that, and their boys academy teams  
14 have this color, and the pre-academy teams have  
15 that color. So when they come to my field, I'm  
16 gonna turn them all in at five hundred bucks a pop.  
17 The whole thing is absolutely insane. It's  
18 absolutely insane.

19           So we had to order all new uniforms for my  
20 club. And then at the last minute it came down to,  
21 oh, you only need the same color, you don't need  
22 the same kit, okay. Because originally it was the  
23 same kit, so I had to buy them all from the same  
24 manufacturer, which meant that all -- so, the whole  
25 thing is just crazy.

1           We can't, we can't even rely on the referees  
2 looking at the player passes, and you think that  
3 they're going to start reporting what color the  
4 teams wear.

5           Thank you.

6           MARINO TORRENS: Thank you, Lou.

7           (Applause.)

8           BECKY MCLAREN: Speaking for or against?

9           KATHERINE PENNINGTON: A motion.

10          BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

11          KATHERINE PENNINGTON: My name is Katherine  
12 Pennington with Top of Florida Soccer Club.

13          I move to lay this amendment on the table.

14          MARINO TORRENS: What did you say, I'm sorry?

15          BECKY MCLAREN: You want to table it?

16          KATHERINE PENNINGTON: I move to lay the  
17 amendment on the table.

18          MARINO TORRENS: I don't understand what she's  
19 saying.

20          BECKY MCLAREN: She wants to table it.

21          I need a second to put the amendment on the  
22 table.

23          GERALD MORIN: I'm Gerald Morin, Pinellas Park  
24 United Youth Soccer.

25          I agree with Mr. Thompson that we can go ahead

1 and I'll second it.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: You'll second the motion to  
3 table?

4 GERALD MORIN: I really would like to see it  
5 out completely, but we'll second it.

6 BECKY MCLAREN: You're going to second the  
7 motion to table.

8 It's been moved and seconded to table this  
9 proposal, is there any discussion about tabling the  
10 motion?

11 MARINO TORRENS: You got somebody coming up to  
12 the microphone.

13 JOE GOLDIAN: Joe Goldian, Brevard Youth  
14 Soccer President. If we tabled against tabling it,  
15 because if we table it, then it's going to come  
16 back up. If we just deny the tabling and then deny  
17 the --

18 BECKY MCLAREN: The change.

19 JOE GOLDIAN: -- change, then we resolve it  
20 and we move on.

21 (Applause.)

22 GERALD MORIN: In this case, I'm going to  
23 withdraw my second.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Seeing no further  
25 discussion on the motion, all those in favor to

1 approve as presented on the screen, say aye.

2 (No response.)

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed, say nay.

4 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions?

6 (No response.)

7 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion fails.

8 I move that we accept the proposed change to  
9 207.9 as presented on the screen.

10 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been seconded by Terri  
12 Towers, District Commissioner from B3.

13 Alice, would you like to speak to the  
14 reasoning?

15 ALICE SMITH: It's all there.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. Everything is there.

17 Is there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all  
20 those in favor signify by saying aye.

21 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 BECKY MCLAREN: You say nay if you're opposed.

25 (No response.)



1 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions?

2 (No response.)

3 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

4 The next one has been withdrawn.

5 501.14 was proposed by Mr. Kurzner.

6 Mr. Kurzner, would you like to make a motion?

7 JEFF KURZNER: Jeff Kurzner, Review and  
8 Discipline Committee Chair.

9 The reasoning that's listed in --

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Propose, make a motion to  
11 accept it and then we'll second it and then we can  
12 discuss, please.

13 JEFF KURZNER: Make a motion to accept.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Second.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: And I'll second that motion to  
16 accept the proposed new rule.

17 Now discussion.

18 JEFF KURZNER: The Review and Discipline  
19 Committee has seen a truly unusual number of poor  
20 parent behavior cases this year. It does go in  
21 cycles, but this year has been unusually bad. So  
22 the real problem that we have is that there's,  
23 there just isn't any way to deal with parents that  
24 are poorly behaved.

25 I understand in talking with a lot of you

1 about this proposed rule change, that some of the  
2 concern is dealing with players and taking players  
3 out of the game. And their concern is that, well,  
4 you shouldn't punish a player for the actions of a  
5 parent. And in really dealing with that, it's  
6 typically those parents that cause these problems  
7 that create the unruly players that eventually  
8 leave the sport.

9 And so what our thinking is here is that by  
10 removing the parent early and making the player  
11 serve, excuse me, a partial consequence, that there  
12 may be a way to save this player's ability to  
13 participate in a sport down the road. So really  
14 it's our first attempt at trying to find a way to  
15 deal with parents where there really hasn't been in  
16 the past.

17 Thank you.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Any further discussion  
19 regarding the --

20 MARINO TORRENS: Marino Torrens, against the  
21 rule.

22 Most of you know that I've been trying for the  
23 last couple years to find a way to get unruly  
24 parents off the sidelines. I tried by getting the  
25 coach suspended. I tried by putting fines against

1 the club. And we do have the rules in our books  
2 that says the coaches are responsible for the  
3 parents. I don't think we need another rule to  
4 also suspend the player.

5 How do we explain it to a ten-year-old,  
6 nine-year-old, that because your parent misbehave,  
7 you can't play for the next month or whatever the  
8 games or the time would be?

9 We already have a rule in our books that says  
10 that every coach is responsible for their  
11 spectators, the parents, grandparents, whatever  
12 they are there for their team. So if we enforce  
13 that rule, we don't need this rule right here.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Any further discussion?

15 BARRY WITLIN: In favor of. Barry Witlin,  
16 South Florida United.

17 We also have protests and appeals, which we  
18 get after review and discipline a lot. And we see  
19 in protest and appeals, and especially in South  
20 Florida United, that we have these issues with  
21 parents.

22 And whatever you have tried, and I know you  
23 have done a great job trying, we have to do better  
24 and we have to try something different, and maybe  
25 this will have the deterrent effect that every,

1 we're all trying to accomplish. We're all trying  
2 to accomplish the same thing.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

4 BARRY WITLIN: But I think this would have a  
5 deterrent effect. And I think that discussion  
6 between a parent and a nine- or ten-year-old or  
7 eleven-year-old child is an important one to have  
8 so they understand there's consequences for how  
9 they act. And not just the parent leaves for the  
10 game, but the child has to understand at some point  
11 in time that we're here to play within the rules  
12 and within the decorum.

13 We're not talking about a parent doing  
14 something like doing a slide tack, we're talking  
15 about a parent doing something that deserves to  
16 have them kicked out, which is usually referee  
17 abuse or worse. And the referee is going to make  
18 these decisions, and the suspension will come  
19 afterwards.

20 And that's why we have to have something to  
21 try to see how it works because we can't allow  
22 what's happening to happen.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Speaking for or against?

24 ANN FULLER: Against.

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

1           ANN FULLER: Ann Fuller with Space Coast  
2 United.

3           I think this rule ignores the inherent power  
4 differential in the parent-child relationship, and  
5 the parent is the authority figure not the child.  
6 A child cannot be responsible for an adult's  
7 behavior. I think it ignores the child first. We  
8 need to keep the players first in our thoughts, and  
9 I don't like the way this rule ignores that.

10          If the FYSA wants to get tougher on clubs, if  
11 it wants to get tougher on coaches, that's fine. I  
12 just think this punishes the children  
13 unnecessarily.

14          (Applause.)

15          BECKY MCLAREN: Speaking for or against?

16          STANLEY SMITH: I'm speaking for.

17          BECKY MCLAREN: Please state your name and  
18 club.

19          STANLEY SMITH: Stanley Smith, Florida Elite  
20 Soccer Academy.

21          You know, she mentions punishing the child.  
22 Well, the parent is the head of the family. If  
23 that parent is acting badly, that's setting a bad  
24 example for their kid. Now you keep that kid on  
25 the field, that's fine. But if there's nothing to

1 stop that parent from acting up, eventually that  
2 parent is going to accept the fact that their kid  
3 can act up and expect you to approve it.

4 So there has to be a line drawn somewhere.  
5 And I think we draw the line at removing the  
6 parent, have that parent explain to the child why  
7 they acted badly and what the result of it can be.

8 (Applause.)

9 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Speaking for or against?

11 MARIO MARTINEZ: In favor.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: I'm sorry?

13 MARIO MARTINEZ: In favor.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Then you can't.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Then you can't.

16 MARIO MARTINEZ: Okay.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: He just spoke in favor.

18 Someone else would have to speak against.

19 I'm sorry, Mario.

20 MARK CARR: Mark Carr, Gulf Coast Texans.

21 Like Marino said, we have several rules to  
22 address this. And, honestly, clubs are able to  
23 police their own players and their own parents. It  
24 is incumbent upon us as club officials to handle  
25 that, and we have methods to do that.

1           If we had this here, how are you going to  
2 actually track, this rule right here doesn't even  
3 have any method of tracking this. We have the  
4 issue with the parents getting kicked out now, we  
5 don't keep track of who those are. So we're going  
6 to ask this to fall on who, the club, the team?

7           We are able, we're all adults, we're able to  
8 police our own people. We do not need an  
9 additional rule to handle what clubs should be able  
10 to do at this point already.

11           (Applause.)

12           BECKY MCLAREN: Mario.

13           MARIO MARTINEZ: Mario Martinez, C1 District  
14 Commissioner.

15           I believe that it has to be a rule in place to  
16 work against the problems that we're facing. Now  
17 it's going to be very difficult to impose the  
18 sanctions, because honestly we're going to put that  
19 sanction into our, maybe a fourteen-year-old or  
20 (unintelligible) that maybe doesn't have the power  
21 or doesn't have the common sense to work or they  
22 really need to do it.

23           So my final thinking is we need to figure out  
24 a better rule change so we can enforce the rule.

25           Thank you.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

2 MARINO TORRENS: I though he was speaking for  
3 and he spoke against.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Is he for or  
5 against?

6 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Mario, I'm sorry, were  
7 you for or against?

8 MARIO MARTINEZ: I was in favor of  
9 (unintelligible) the rule.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: He wants to have  
11 a rule.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, okay. It sounded like he  
13 was against it.

14 PAT KENNEDY: Pat Kennedy, Palm Beach Soccer  
15 League.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Speaking for or against the  
17 rule, sir?

18 PAT KENNEDY: Against.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

20 PAT KENNEDY: I think that there is, obviously  
21 everybody wants to try to do what they can to take  
22 care of parent behavior on the sidelines, and I  
23 agree with Mr. Kurzner that it's almost epidemic at  
24 some points during our season as well.

25 I agree with many of the points that were



1 raised about punishing the child, but also the way  
2 the rule is written, enforcement. If you have, you  
3 know, two-parent households, one-parent, divorces,  
4 grandparents, uncles, I mean, where do you draw the  
5 line and who is the responsible party? Is it only  
6 the parent who registered the child? Is it his  
7 Uncle Bob who watches him on every other weekend?

8 I don't even understand how you can enforce it  
9 to be honest with you.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Next.

11 TOMMY THOMPSON: Tommy Thompson, Past  
12 President.

13 I just got a question for you.

14 BECKY MCLAREN: Call it point of order.

15 TOMMY THOMPSON: Point of order, it's just a  
16 question on the rule.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

18 TOMMY THOMPSON: If a parent is suspended  
19 during the game, during the games, sent off by the  
20 referee or the coach or whatever, does the player  
21 then have to be removed from the field at the same  
22 time?

23 JEFF KURZNER: Yes, yes.

24 BECKY MCLAREN: The proposer of the rule is  
25 shaking his head, yes.

1           JEFF KURZNER: Jeff Kurzner.

2           The player would have to serve the same  
3 suspension. If the parent is ejected, then the  
4 player is ejected as well. However, since it  
5 occurs off the field of play, they would not play  
6 short.

7           MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Was the one, the last  
8 person that spoke for or against?

9           BECKY MCLAREN: Against.

10          MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Okay. Marcos Fernandez,  
11 for.

12          FYSA has made an attempt to hold the clubs  
13 responsible, hold the coaches responsible. And,  
14 yes, there are rules that hold the coaches  
15 accountable. But the problem is that there are a  
16 lot of incidences that happen beyond the coach's  
17 control on the opposite side of the field where  
18 their coaches have no clue what's going on.

19          When we have crazy coaches or crazy parents on  
20 the sideline running up and down the field and  
21 telling the coaches what to do, what the players  
22 are to do in contrary to what the coaches say, at  
23 least in our club we try to tell them, hey, pull  
24 the player off. And then the parents are going to  
25 react to say, well, they can't coach their kid

1 anymore or tell them, scream at them like madmen  
2 down the sideline. And that seems to be a  
3 practical solution that works.

4 Although this may be a little bit severe, it's  
5 the only thing that I can think of that is going to  
6 make an impact for those parents, so I'm in favor  
7 of it.

8 LOU CONFESSORE: Against.

9 BECKY MCLAREN: State your name, please.

10 LOU CONFESSORE: Lou Confessore, Coral Estate  
11 Soccer Club.

12 I've had a little experience with this over  
13 the years. It's something that the club needs to  
14 be responsible for. And the club has all of the  
15 power in this because they, the club director and  
16 the coaches can see this kind of behavior building  
17 as it goes.

18 And they, these parents, the kids have no  
19 control over their parents, okay. They can't even  
20 get to the game on time because their parents are  
21 doing whatever the hell they're doing.

22 The thing is that, in my experience, it was  
23 meeting with the parents, the whole team parents,  
24 and saying very simply the end result of all of  
25 this is that the coach is going to get suspended

1 for your behavior on the sideline, and he's not  
2 going to be able to coach for whatever weeks, and  
3 the club is going to take action against you  
4 parents with the league maybe telling you you can't  
5 come to the games.

6 But what I'm going to tell you as a club  
7 director is I'm going to hit the switch and remove  
8 you from the league and then I don't have to worry  
9 about you going someplace else and embarrassing me  
10 and embarrassing yourself. Because the club can  
11 take action against that team because it's one of  
12 their teams. So I tell them I'm going to drop you  
13 out.

14 I'm going to pay the five-hundred-dollar fine  
15 to South Florida United for dropping out in the  
16 middle of the season, but that's it, you're out,  
17 and my problem is solved. Not only is the kid not  
18 playing now, but the parent's not playing, the  
19 parents are not bothering me because they're not  
20 coming to my club anymore. And then I don't take  
21 that team back.

22 Thank you.

23 MIKE WEBER: Obviously for. Mike Weber, South  
24 Florida United.

25 I'm in the trenches on the battlefields.

1 During State Cup you guys were out there on the  
2 trenches and the battlefields. Yes, there are  
3 rules, coaches are responsible, but the coach is on  
4 the opposite side of the field. So the big  
5 argument I hear all the time is, well, it's unfair  
6 to suspend the coach because of the parents.

7 When I'm talking to the coaches, like Lou and  
8 everyone saying the clubs are responsible, yes,  
9 they are, but if they're not going to do their  
10 homework or their own housecleaning, we need to put  
11 in rules like this to do it.

12 The main reason this is going to make an  
13 effect, it's only going to make a small effect, but  
14 we can't hold the coach responsible on the opposite  
15 side of the field. Now at least the parents are  
16 going to think that if I'm out of line, I'm out of  
17 control, my son or my daughter is going to be  
18 punished.

19 Because how many times have I heard from  
20 coaches, all right, he's an adult, nothing I can  
21 do. So next thing I know is I'm throwing the coach  
22 out, too, because he's not taking care of his  
23 parents.

24 So I am for this resolution to deal with the  
25 parents, and unfortunately the child suffers.

1 MIKE SROKA: Mike Sroka, Greater Central  
2 Florida Youth Soccer League.

3 I just have, asking for a clarification on  
4 this.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: Sure.

6 MIKE SROKA: So generally when players and  
7 coaches are suspended, it's for a set amount of  
8 games. But when a parent violates the FYSA code of  
9 ethics, the guidelines are for a period of time,  
10 thirty days, sixty days.

11 So the reality of this is the player could  
12 miss two games or they could miss fourteen games,  
13 you know, if a kid has to go to a tournament or a  
14 couple tournaments in a month, is that the case?

15 BECKY MCLAREN: Jack, can you answer?

16 JACK KURZNER: The way that it's written, they  
17 would serve the same amount of time.

18 MIKE SROKA: Okay. So it could be, it could  
19 be two games, it could be, you know, fourteen  
20 games, you know.

21 JACK KURZNER: Whatever games are within the  
22 two months.

23 MIKE SROKA: Okay. Thanks.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Are you for or against?

25 DAMIEN MURRAY: Actually for.

1 MARINO TORRENS: No.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: You need one --

3 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Then Mike in the back.

4 MIKE RAY: I'm Mike Ray.

5 I'm against this particular item. I think it  
6 is a violation of the athlete's rights under the  
7 U.S. Olympic Committee, so I think this needs to be  
8 withdrawn and tabled or go away, whatever.

9 (Applause.)

10 DAMIEN MURRAY: Damien Murray, Palm Beach  
11 Garden Predators.

12 I am for the motion because at the end of the  
13 day, guys, this is not working. What's happening  
14 right now is not working and it's getting worse  
15 every single year. And I think we need to clamp  
16 down and try something different and make parents  
17 responsible because this is just nuts.

18 I'm on the field everyday. It's getting out  
19 of control and it's getting worse and we need to do  
20 something to address it, and I think this is a good  
21 start. And if doesn't work after a year, we can  
22 change it, but I think this is a good try.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Marino against it.

24 When I keep on hearing -- he was for, I'm  
25 against.

1           GERALD MORIN:  Actually I want to, can I make  
2 a statement?

3           I'm Gerald Morin from Pinellas Park United.

4           When you read this as a director, where the  
5 club is responsible to control their parents, I  
6 can't believe I'm hearing this where FYSA actually  
7 have to go and, we have to (unintelligible) with  
8 something like this.

9           Unless I been ahead of the game in violating  
10 rule, I make sure that I take full responsibility  
11 of my parents, players.  And if they don't abide by  
12 it, I have procedures and policies, and I make sure  
13 that they are followed.  And I don't believe in the  
14 first offense, second offense.  Once I have the  
15 meeting with all of the parents, if they violated,  
16 then that's actually when I step my foot down.  And  
17 I just can't believe I'm hearing this.

18           UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER:  I don't know if I  
19 can speak now because I'm just gonna kinda --

20           MARINO TORRENS:  Are you against?

21           UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER:  Against, yes.

22           MARINO TORRENS:  Are you against, Mike?

23           MIKE SROKA:  Another, one more clarification.

24           BECKY MCLAREN:  A clarification, go ahead with  
25 your clarification.



1 MIKE SROKA: Mike Sroka, Greater Central  
2 Florida Youth Soccer League.

3 One more clarification.

4 So FYSA is going to hand out these penalties?  
5 I mean, what is the timetable we're looking at if a  
6 parent, do they have to go down to Auburndale for a  
7 hearing? I mean, is this going to be immediate?  
8 Are they going to do it this week or, I mean,  
9 Review and Discipline sometimes takes, you know,  
10 I'll see you in four weeks, so they have to sit out  
11 this whole time before the penalty is going to be,  
12 you know, issued?

13 JACK KURZNER: The organizing affiliate,  
14 whether that be the league or the tournaments, sets  
15 whatever the suspension is to the parent. It's not  
16 really done at the FYSA level.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay. My name  
18 is --

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Are you speaking for or  
20 against?

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Against. Can I?

22 BECKY MCLAREN: The gentleman before you spoke  
23 against, so unless we have somebody else speaking  
24 for.

25 MARIO MARTINEZ: I would like to have

1 clarification also.

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Point of clarification.

3 MARIO MARTINEZ: Mario Martinez, C1 District  
4 Commissioner.

5 What I understand is that if the parent  
6 misbehave, the referee will stop the game and show  
7 a red card to the player to send him off. That's  
8 what we said. It's not a, it's not part of the  
9 rules of the game and you cannot do that. So how  
10 can we enforce that?

11 Now if you say that this player will be  
12 suspended later, the next games or something like  
13 this, by administrators, that's fine. But we can  
14 not do that during the match.

15 Am I wrong?

16 MARINO TORRENS: How are you going to remove a  
17 player from the field that hasn't been (inaudible),  
18 that's what you're saying?

19 MARIO MARTINEZ: Yes.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay. Can I just,  
21 instead of saying point of order, can I call for a  
22 vote?

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Call to question, yes, you  
24 may.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Clarification.

1           Have you contemplated the instance where a  
2 parent might have multiple siblings?

3           MARINO TORRENS: It does say in there.

4           UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: And so what if  
5 they're all on the same team, does the whole team  
6 leave?

7           I have four kids that play on one team, I'm  
8 not going to be that parent, but I think we need to  
9 think through this a little bit more regarding how  
10 we measure it.

11          BECKY MCLAREN: That's fair.

12          UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: What the  
13 referees' reaction --

14          BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

15          UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the siblings  
16 on the same team. I mean, there's lot of  
17 consequences here with just a broad sweeping rule.

18          MARINO TORRENS: The question has been called.

19          BECKY MCLAREN: The question has been, the  
20 question has been called.

21          Do I have a --

22          TOMMY THOMPSON: I still have another point of  
23 clarification on the way this is going to go down.

24          BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

25          TOMMY THOMPSON: In addressing -- Tommy

1 Thompson, Past President.

2 In Mr. Weber's statement there, we've all been  
3 in the fields, in the trenches. We've all set,  
4 removed parents from the sidelines. As a site  
5 director, State Cup, Regional Cup, whatever it is,  
6 if I'm a site director and I remove a parent from  
7 the field, tell them to go to the parking lot, the  
8 player has to go with them?

9 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

10 TOMMY THOMPSON: And if you say yes to that  
11 question, the only person that can dismiss a player  
12 from a game once it's started is the referee, not  
13 the site director. The referee has control of that  
14 game. And I think Mr. Ray makes a point. The  
15 player has certain rights to participate in soccer.

16 MARINO TORRENS: The question has been called.

17 TOMMY THOMPSON: The player has rights under  
18 USSF to participate in the game of soccer, and now  
19 you're removing that player's right to participate  
20 based on the action of a third party, their parent.

21 You've got a problem, guys.

22 (Applause.)

23 BECKY MCLAREN: The question has been, the  
24 question has been called.

25 Do I have a second?

1           TERRI TOWERS:    Second.

2           BECKY MCLAREN:   Terri Towers seconds.

3           All those in favor of calling the question,  
4 signify by saying aye.

5           MULTIPLE SPEAKERS:   Aye.

6           BECKY MCLAREN:    Opposed?

7           (No response.)

8           BECKY MCLAREN:    Abstentions?

9           (No response.)

10          BECKY MCLAREN:    Motion carries.

11          We will now vote because the question has been  
12 called.

13          All those in favor signify by saying aye.

14          MULTIPLE SPEAKERS:   Aye.

15          BECKY MCLAREN:    Opposed, nay.

16          MULTIPLE SPEAKERS:   Nay.

17          BECKY MCLAREN:    Abstentions.

18          (No response.)

19          MARINO TORRENS:   Okay.  We're going with the  
20 clickers, that's it.

21          BECKY MCLAREN:    Because of the discussion, so  
22 much discussion, take out your clicker.  You are  
23 going to press 1 for yea, two for nay, or three if  
24 you abstain.

25          MARINO TORRENS:    Wait until they put it up.

1 BECKY MCLAREN: 1 is yea, 2 is nay, and 3 is  
2 abstain.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: You should put the  
4 numbers up there, too.

5 BECKY MCLAREN: A, B, or C. It's got 1, 2,  
6 and the letter A by the 1.

7 So vote now, please.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Again, hold it and make sure  
9 that green light goes on.

10 BECKY MCLAREN: Five, four, three, two, one.  
11 (Applause.)

12 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion fails.

13 I move that we accept the proposed change for  
14 Rule 905 for tournament web advertising.

15 Do I have a second?

16 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

17 BECKY MCLAREN: Terri Towers.

18 Is there any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Seeing no discussion, all  
21 those in favor signify by saying aye.

22 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions?

1 (No response.)

2 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

3 Next one has been withdrawn based on the  
4 conversation yesterday. We will, the two proposers  
5 will come and place it in the rules in a different  
6 place.

7 Last one. I move that we approve the change  
8 to Bylaw, to Rule 5008.5 as presented on the  
9 screen.

10 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

11 BECKY MCLAREN: It's been seconded by Terri  
12 Towers, District Commissioner B3.

13 Any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 BECKY MCLAREN: All those in favor signify by  
16 saying aye.

17 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

18 BECKY MCLAREN: Opposed, say nay.

19 (No response.)

20 BECKY MCLAREN: Abstentions?

21 (No response.)

22 BECKY MCLAREN: Motion carries.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Before we take a break  
24 for you guys to check out if you have to, I want to  
25 recognize somebody. Mr. Virgil, if you can come up

1 to the microphone up here, please.

2 For those of you that weren't at the luncheon  
3 yesterday, Virgil was inducted into the Hall of  
4 Fame this year. And I want to thank him for all  
5 your time from Florida Youth Soccer.

6 Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 MARINO TORRENS: I know the person that I  
9 forgot to thank yesterday, is Carmen in the room?

10 I guess I'll make her cry later then.

11 Tommy.

12 TOMMY THOMPSON: Just point a of order.

13 Where are you going on the agenda to address  
14 the restructuring or has it been withdrawn?

15 MARINO TORRENS: No, because of time, we're  
16 going do the check-out and then we're going to go  
17 back to that.

18 TOMMY THOMPSON: Well, Becky said we were  
19 done.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. We'll take it back.  
21 Sorry, I didn't hear it, so. No, we're going to  
22 pass it out because there was some changes after  
23 the meetings yesterday. So we printed it out and  
24 we're going to pass it out while you guys are  
25 checking out. We're going to put them on the



1 tables.

2 So it's ten forty, we'll come back at eleven  
3 o'clock and that gives you twenty minutes; is that  
4 okay?

5 Thank you.

6 (Break from 10:41 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.)

7 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Please take your  
8 seats.

9 JOHN STACEY: All right. I'm John Stacey,  
10 Vice President of Coach and Player Development.

11 I am, I'm here representing the Board of  
12 Directors to present to you the restructured plan  
13 that has been developed and is being proposed. The  
14 Board of Directors yesterday voted, I'm sorry,  
15 Friday did vote, and I believe there was twenty in  
16 favor, two abstentions, and two against to endorse  
17 this plan. And so we --

18 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry, John.

19 Does every, does everybody have a copy of  
20 this, what was distributed?

21 Okay. He's got them back there, okay, just in  
22 case.

23 I'm sorry.

24 JOHN STACEY: And just as an interesting note,  
25 the gentleman handing it out, today is his

1 birthday. So, Jonathan, Happy Birthday.

2 MARINO TORRENS: All right. Happy Birthday,  
3 Jonathan.

4 (Applause.)

5 JOHN STACEY: Jonathan is the newest member of  
6 our state staff, so welcome.

7 We do have limited copies and so if we, as  
8 long as we don't run out, we're fine. If not, I'll  
9 ask some that, if you would share.

10 Okay. So the first thing I would like to do  
11 is just briefly touch on the current structure and  
12 then talk about the proposed structure and how it  
13 is different. We currently have thirty-two members  
14 of the Board of Directors. There are, of course  
15 you see listed there the various positions.

16 The EC consists of the President, Vice  
17 President of Coach and Player Development,  
18 Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President of  
19 Administration, Vice President for Competitions,  
20 and the Registrar, and the four regional VPs serve  
21 on the Executive Committee. The BOD, you add the  
22 Referee Liaison and District Commissioners, which  
23 total currently twenty.

24 The proposed change -- twenty-one, yeah, with  
25 the Referee Liaison and the District Commissioners,

1 you have twenty-one.

2 For the 2006/17 seasonal year, which would  
3 start a year, well, next year's AGM, the Sunday  
4 after the close of the next year's AGM, the new  
5 seasonal year will begin. And we are proposing  
6 that the governing Board be reduced from its  
7 thirty-two members to nineteen members. Those  
8 nineteen members, instead of having essentially a  
9 dual system of Executive Committee and Board of  
10 Directors, it would just be a single governing  
11 body.

12 So we will ask where you see the term EC in  
13 some of the duties and such, that keep in mind that  
14 we will have a single Board. That single Board  
15 will meet four times a year, just as the EC does  
16 now. And that all members, all nineteen members  
17 will have equal votes on the new governing Board.

18 So whereas the, currently those twenty-one  
19 individuals come together twice a year to approve  
20 affiliations and to basically provide feedback and  
21 vote on certain issues that have been brought to  
22 the current Board of Directors, those all nineteen  
23 would be together four times year, allowing us, in  
24 my opinion, to be more proactive in our resolution  
25 of issues.

1           So let's talk about what the new Board would  
2 like look.

3           The eleven Executive Committee member  
4 positions would not change. We would continue to  
5 have the President, the Vice President of Coach and  
6 Player Development, VP of Admin, VP of  
7 Communications, Registrar, Treasurer, Secretary,  
8 and the four regional VPs. Added to the  
9 eleven-member Executive Committee as it currently  
10 exists would be two elected Regional Commissioners  
11 from each region.

12           For the first year it's, we would expect --  
13 and implementation -- by the way, let me just stop  
14 here for a second. Implementation, there can be a  
15 lot of discussion on implementation. We expect  
16 that the current Board of Directors, if this is  
17 passed, that the current Board of Directors, which  
18 will be seated until next AGM, will have an  
19 opportunity to help us to figure out exactly how to  
20 implement some of the changes that we are  
21 proposing.

22           The two elected individuals from each region  
23 would be on standard terms. So for the first year,  
24 one of those individuals would be elected as to a  
25 one-year term, the other to a two-year term, so

1 that we can begin the staggering.

2       There's been a lot of discussion of how do you  
3 accomplish it. Do you have two, do you have two  
4 region-wide representatives where you could end up  
5 with two from, and I'm from Region D, so I could  
6 end up with two from Tallahassee that are elected,  
7 or I could have two from Pensacola or maybe two  
8 from Panama City. The idea has been floated that  
9 seems to be the most agreeable is that we would  
10 have each region would be split geographically. In  
11 the Region D case, east and west. Perhaps in  
12 Region A it would make sense to perhaps be a north  
13 and south division. Divisions to allow for as  
14 equal representation, as much equality and  
15 representation as possible in terms of the number  
16 of players and the distribution of players.

17       We understand geographically that is  
18 difficult. C, where are my C guys, we know it's  
19 difficult in C and it can be. But I believe that  
20 this group and that the current Board of Directors  
21 is committed to ensuring as much equality as  
22 possible in terms of numbers.

23       If you're looking at it right now, we always  
24 have big clubs that might dominate a particular  
25 district, and that club of course generally elects

1 the District Commissioner. And so you still, right  
2 now you don't have perfect parity and  
3 representation.

4 I will turn your attention, if I may, to the  
5 back page of your packet. We were asked yesterday  
6 during the rules, the rule review to present some  
7 sort of organizational chart to help people  
8 visualize the impact of this change. So on the  
9 upper half of it you see the current structure as  
10 it exists, and then below you see the proposed  
11 structure. Understand that nineteen Board members  
12 in the new structure would consist of twelve  
13 members that are elected from the region and only  
14 the seven Executive Committee, the statewide  
15 offices, would be seven statewide, and then there  
16 would be the twelve regional elected officials.  
17 Everyone would get one vote.

18 In addition to the, I did fail to mention that  
19 in addition to the elected, the Regional VP will be  
20 allowed to nominate and appoint other individuals  
21 from within their region to assist with the  
22 execution of the FYSA programming within their  
23 region. The thought here is that the Region VP,  
24 sometimes you have individuals who may be, and it's  
25 contemplated, you know, and this is kind of my idea

1 that this person that's appointed may not have the  
2 prohibition of serving on a local club, maybe  
3 they're a really good volunteer, maybe they  
4 understand registration processes very well and can  
5 be used by that Region VP to assist other clubs.  
6 And they can, that person will have the backing of  
7 FYSA where they will receive specialized training  
8 from FYSA.

9 The appointed individuals, we've discussed  
10 that two appointed individuals per year will be  
11 brought to the AGM to participate at, you know, at  
12 the expense of the FYSA, to allow those individuals  
13 to not only attend as guests of the meeting to be  
14 held at the AGM amongst the Board of Directors, but  
15 also to participate in the workshops, to receive  
16 the training so that they can better assist clubs.

17 As it stands now, we have a Board of Directors  
18 that, on Friday, we have twenty DCs, how many were  
19 in attendance of the DCs, do we remember?

20 I believe, I'm getting two numbers, ten and  
21 twelve. I'll optimistically believe that, I'll  
22 optimistically believe we had twelve of the twenty  
23 DCs districts represented in the meeting on Friday.  
24 So from a representation standpoint, we did not  
25 have the attendance. And there were certainly some

1 valid reasons for nonattendance. We also have some  
2 DC positions that are currently open.

3 One of the issues we have with DCs though is  
4 you cannot serve on a local Board. You can't be a  
5 voted member of a local Board and serve as an  
6 elected DC, District Commissioner with voting  
7 rights on the current Board of Directors. This  
8 rule will allow some flexibility for those  
9 appointed positions. I see no reason, I don't  
10 believe anyone intends for local Board members with  
11 local voting authority to be able to be on the  
12 newly comprised Board of Directors.

13 So with that I open it to comments. And I  
14 will say we will, we will follow the format --  
15 actually, I guess I must make a motion that the  
16 proposed format be adopted beginning with the  
17 2006/17 season.

18 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

19 JOHN STACEY: Second by Terri Towers.

20 So we're opening it up for discussion.

21 MARINO TORRENS: I'm not discussing, but I was  
22 asked -- I'm sorry, I forgot. That, please, when  
23 you come to the microphone, especially your name  
24 and the club you're with, some of you are saying it  
25 real fast and we're not getting it. So especially



1 on the name and the club, just slow down and then  
2 start your comments.

3 JOHN STACEY: And also are you for or against.

4 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Marcos Fernandez. I just  
5 want to clarify something or can someone answer  
6 this question.

7 There was word during the workshops that the  
8 appointed Regional Commissioners would have a vote.  
9 At what point and where would they have a vote,  
10 because it doesn't add up?

11 BECKY MCLAREN: Great question.

12 The appointed individuals would have a vote  
13 during the Annual General Meeting session, this  
14 session here. They would not have a vote on the  
15 Board of Directors. They would have, basically  
16 they would have essentially the same vote that a  
17 Hall of Fame member may have or other such members.

18 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: One vote.

19 JOHN STACEY: One vote, one person. I get one  
20 vote at the AGM and state session. I'm just one  
21 person.

22 Any, anyone rise in favor or against?

23 BARRY WITLIN: Barry Witlin, South Florida  
24 United.

25 I'm in favor of this. I think that we do see

1 the amount of people makes it much more manageable.  
2 I don't think you need thirty-two people to  
3 accomplish what you're trying to accomplish. And  
4 we'll have nineteen people who will be more  
5 involved perhaps. All the people who are voting,  
6 as I understand it, at the Board of Directors will  
7 be elected people, and so you'll have that checks  
8 and balances of people who are voting to elect  
9 those people.

10 And with the appointed people, I think it's a  
11 great opportunity to find within each region and  
12 have those people voted on, by the people hopefully  
13 who are elected, to develop people, to bring them  
14 into FYSA, enhance what they've been doing for  
15 FYSA, perhaps move them to accept more  
16 responsibility going forward and become people who  
17 sit at the Executive Board going forward as well.

18 Arguably you might have more responsibility, I  
19 think, the way it looks like for the Region Vice  
20 Presidents, but the checks and balances on that is  
21 that we elect them. And at some point in time you  
22 have to trust the people you elect and let them do  
23 the job they're elected to do. And, frankly, if  
24 they don't do it, we find someone else who will.

25 And you will also be creating, I think, a much

1 better pool of volunteers to get found to learn  
2 what FYSA is and weed out people who don't want to  
3 move on, that's fine, but also identify those with  
4 the drive and the competency to enhance what we do  
5 here and make it much easier for everybody.

6 So I'm very much in favor of it.

7 (Applause.)

8 JOHN STACEY: Thank you, Barry.

9 Gentlemen, if I may, before you speak.

10 I also, I share in your concern about having  
11 what I call a bench, finding the people that are  
12 going to be the next generation of leaders. This  
13 Board, it may seem like it doesn't change a lot,  
14 but in the four years I've been here, it's changed  
15 a little bit. So we want to see new ideas and new  
16 volunteerism.

17 I do want to mention that there are some other  
18 things in this proposal, if you look really closely  
19 at some of the duties, for example, the VP of the  
20 region is expected to convene a Regional Board at  
21 least two weeks prior to an EC meeting for the four  
22 times a year to hear from representatives, both  
23 elected and appointed, to be able to bring the  
24 concern of the region forward.

25 So we have some, you know, some expectations,

1 too, around who would fill the position of  
2 Treasurer for example. We've, we've written in  
3 here that we, that person should have a finance  
4 background.

5 We've put in the Registrar -- are we still at  
6 two or four years now? We're at three years.  
7 Yesterday during the rules discussion we, it was  
8 talked about that two years as a Club Registrar  
9 might be insufficient to understand the nuances of  
10 the GotSoccer system. So because we're so heavily  
11 reliant on GotSoccer, we believe that three years  
12 of experience at the club level as Club Registrar  
13 should be a prerequisite for running for the  
14 position of Registrar.

15 So, Joe, are you for or against, for or  
16 against, sir?

17 LOU CONFESSORE: What was the last guy?

18 BECKY MCLAREN: For.

19 LOU CONFESSORE: For, okay, I'm against.

20 MARINO TORRENS: As long as we let you talk,  
21 you go either way; right?

22 LOU CONFESSORE: That's the only way I can get  
23 to talk is to say it's against; right?

24 Okay. There are several, I'm not going to  
25 fight this to the death, all I want to do is make

1 sure that some of the things that were said last  
2 night and in the past are out in the open and you  
3 guys say, yes, you're going to do it, okay.

4 Number one, term limits on everybody, okay.

5 Okay. Number two, these people behind me have  
6 had no input into this. And I think before we give  
7 our approval fully on this, that we have a regional  
8 committee in each region going over how you guys  
9 are going to divide it, how you guys are going to  
10 do all of this stuff about who is going to  
11 represent what area and whether you're going to do  
12 it north and south, east and west. All those  
13 little technical points that you in your infinite  
14 wisdom are talking about doing, some of the people  
15 out here may not agree. And I think that they need  
16 to have input into this so that they can own it as  
17 well as you guys telling us what to do again.

18 So those are my two points. Number one, you  
19 need to add term limits to this.

20 JOHN STACEY: You are a member of FYSA, do  
21 you, are you making a motion?

22 LOU CONFESSORE: Yes -- oh, I can do that  
23 while I'm dissenting?

24 JOHN STACEY: Can we not make an, are we  
25 allowed to make amendments?

1           LOU CONFESSORE: Okay.

2           JOHN STACEY: All right. I'm sorry. I'm a  
3 little rusty on this, on the rules thing.

4           I believe an amendment is in, is in order  
5 here.

6           LOU CONFESSORE: Okay.

7           JOHN STACEY: If you're making one, I think we  
8 have to have a vote.

9           MARINO TORRENS: Remember, there's four of,  
10 four positions in here that already have the  
11 second.

12          LOU CONFESSORE: I said for everybody.

13          MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

14          LOU CONFESSORE: My amendment to that would be  
15 that nobody can serve on this Board, that's all the  
16 elected people that you have in here, whether there  
17 are eighteen or nineteen of them now.

18          UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Nineteen.

19          LOU CONFESSORE: No more than two terms.

20          UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Two terms?

21          MARINO TORRENS: That's four years.

22          LOU CONFESSORE: Yeah.

23          JOHN STACEY: Let me explain what the current  
24 rule, how we are currently set up and then we can,  
25 you know, if we can pick that up.

1           LOU CONFESSORE: Okay.

2           JOHN STACEY: Currently there are four  
3 individuals that are subject to term limits, that  
4 would be the President, which is Marino; Vice  
5 President of Coach and Player Development, me;  
6 Secretary, Elsa; and Treasurer. The idea that  
7 those are the executive positions, or the operating  
8 officers of the corporation, and as such we're  
9 limited to four two-year terms, eight years in that  
10 position. There's nothing in the Bylaws that I'm  
11 aware of that would preclude someone from running,  
12 from being in one position for eight years and  
13 being in a different position for eight years.  
14 That is where we currently stand.

15           And, Tommy, I ask Tommy, by a nod yes, is that  
16 correct?

17           TOMMY THOMPSON: Yes, that's correct.

18           JOHN STACEY: Okay. Just checking.

19           So in light of that, that's where we are, what  
20 is your motion?

21           LOU CONFESSORE: Okay. My motion is two  
22 terms.

23           JOHN STACEY: Two terms of two years apiece?

24           LOU CONFESSORE: This is going to be the first  
25 time you get some input into this. If they want to

1 see new faces every once in a while, two terms is  
2 plenty. If they want to switch chairs, that's  
3 fine. You're going to vote for them if they do  
4 that. I don't think that anybody should be there  
5 that long, that's all. That's my opinion. You  
6 guys are welcome to approve or disapprove.  
7 Everybody who is elected to this Board, not the  
8 appointed people that they're at the bottom, but  
9 the nineteen elected people, two terms.

10 MIKE WEBER: Two terms is four years.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Right.

12 LOU CONFESSORE: Yeah.

13 JOHN STACEY: In that, in that position is  
14 what you're saying. Two years, if I'm two years as  
15 a Regional Commissioner, I could be two terms in  
16 something else, et cetera.

17 Is that what you're saying, two terms, two  
18 terms across the board?

19 LOU CONFESSORE: Yes.

20 JOHN STACEY: All right.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: We have a motion.

22 JOHN STACEY: Yes, we have a motion.

23 Do we have a second?

24 (No response.)

25 LOU CONFESSORE: No second?



1           Okay. Well, I tried.

2           JOHN STACEY: Do we have a second?

3           UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Mario Martinez.

4           JOHN STACEY: We have a second, who?

5           Mario Martinez.

6           MARIO MARTINEZ: C1 DC.

7           JOHN STACEY: All right. We do have a second.

8           We are now on the amendment to our proposal,  
9           and we must have a for or against, or a point of  
10          clarification of course.

11          BOB STOVER: You have to accept it.

12          JOHN STACEY: What?

13          BOB STOVER: You have to accept it.

14          UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: There was a  
15          second.

16          UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: We have a  
17          second, second motion.

18          TOMMY THOMPSON: Are you ready for discussion?

19          JOHN STACEY: I'm sorry. Who has to accept  
20          it?

21          KATHERINE PENNINGTON: You.

22          JOHN STACEY: We have to accept it?

23          MARINO TORRENS: We as the Board of Directors.

24          JOHN STACEY: Well, we're accepting it. It's,  
25          it's a motion made from the floor, I believe we

1 have to accept it and let's have a conversation.

2 TOMMY THOMPSON: All right. So are you ready  
3 for discussion?

4 JOHN STACEY: Absolutely.

5 TOMMY THOMPSON: I'm against the amendment.  
6 I've served -- Tommy Thompson, Past President.

7 I've served as President, I've served as VP of  
8 Administration four years. You'll need at least a  
9 couple of years to learn the position and to do it  
10 well. Four is not, is too short I believe. Eight  
11 may be too long. But I think that's an issue that  
12 should be brought back before this assembly next  
13 year as a rule change, a proposal to set the term  
14 limits, whatever, you know, two, four, six, eight,  
15 ten, twelve, and not make it part of passing this  
16 restructure so we don't get bogged down in details.

17 This is too important to try to get it passed.  
18 We're not going to work every detail out on the  
19 floor here right now.

20 And on the motion, when Lou spoke against it,  
21 I'm going to, I want to rebut his saying. The  
22 current Board of Directors has twenty DCs, that is  
23 the local representation.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Hold on. Tommy, I think the  
25 discussion right now is on the amendment.

1 TOMMY THOMPSON: Okay. I'm against the  
2 amendment.

3 JOHN STACEY: So Tommy was against the  
4 amendment.

5 Do we have anyone to speak in favor of the  
6 amendment?

7 (No response.)

8 MARINO TORRENS: Call the vote.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Call  
10 the (inaudible).

11 MARINO TORRENS: Call the question.

12 JOHN STACEY: The question has been called, so  
13 all those in favor of the amendment to have term  
14 limits for all elected officials of four years, two  
15 two-year terms in a particular position, please  
16 signify by saying aye.

17 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

18 JOHN STACEY: If you are against, nay.

19 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay.

20 JOHN STACEY: By the opinion of the chair it  
21 does not pass.

22 LOU CONFESSORE: Okay. That's fine.

23 JOHN STACEY: Okay.

24 LOU CONFESSORE: They have input.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Are you for or against?

1           LOU CONFESSORE: I'm still, I still have the  
2 floor.

3           JOHN STACEY: Okay.

4           LOU CONFESSORE: You know, that was an  
5 amendment.

6           And the second part of my complaint or  
7 whatever it is that we have the opportunity to have  
8 regional committees have input into how and when  
9 the division is going to be made in the regions,  
10 and how they're going to elect the two voting  
11 members, and most importantly how many and how  
12 they're going to get their volunteers to be the  
13 other members.

14           Because we all know the only reason we need  
15 the other members is not for the one vote they're  
16 going to bring here, but they need you for Region  
17 Cup, okay. You're the Region Cup committee, okay,  
18 so.

19           JOHN STACEY: Thank you.

20           And I would say, would you agree that the  
21 current regional delegation, the DCs and the VP  
22 would be able to help us figure out the right way  
23 to split the regions, their own region?

24           If I had --

25           LOU CONFESSORE: No, not in my region, because

1 three of them aren't there, okay.

2 JOHN STACEY: Point taken.

3 LOU CONFESSORE: I want somebody to have  
4 input, at least in my region I would like to have  
5 some input into how it gets done. And there's only  
6 two DCs that were active, and one of them is  
7 running for Vice President and the other one is the  
8 only one, so we only got one DC.

9 JOHN STACEY: I understand.

10 LOU CONFESSORE: Okay. We've got three  
11 vacant, okay. So I would like -- what do I do,  
12 make a motion that we're going to have a regional  
13 committee work on all of this stuff?

14 JOHN STACEY: I must confer with my well  
15 influenced people. Hold on.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: Lou, would you be opposed to  
17 the current Regional Vice Presidents, that they can  
18 go back to the membership within their regions to  
19 get input and bring it back to the, to this body,  
20 well, to the, to the current EC and Board of  
21 Directors?

22 LOU CONFESSORE: At an executive, at a Board  
23 meeting?

24 BECKY MCLAREN: At a Board meeting.

25 LOU CONFESSORE: Which would be January,

1 right, the next one?

2 JOHN STACEY: Yes.

3 LOU CONFESSORE: Okay. And --

4 BECKY MCLAREN: But, remember, we can always  
5 call interim meetings by, special meetings if we  
6 need to.

7 LOU CONFESSORE: Okay. And?

8 BECKY MCLAREN: So would you be, if you  
9 needed, if you wanted them to have input, would you  
10 be willing to let the current Regional Vice  
11 Presidents form those committees?

12 Because you're saying in your region where  
13 you're from, because there will be, right now  
14 there's, you have three DCs right now, one's going  
15 to run for RVP.

16 LOU CONFESSORE: I have three?

17 I thought I only had two.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Actually you have two because  
19 one just left.

20 BECKY MCLAREN: But there are, 4 and 5 are the  
21 only ones that are open that I'm aware of.

22 LOU CONFESSORE: Yes, okay.

23 BECKY MCLAREN: Would you be willing for that,  
24 for them to do that?

25 LOU CONFESSORE: Okay. I'm fine with the

1 Regional Vice President appointing the committee,  
2 but all I want is for us to have some input into  
3 this, okay.

4 So how do I do that now, do you want me to  
5 make a motion that the Regional Vice President  
6 appoints the committee?

7 JOHN STACEY: Lou, I mean, I don't know if  
8 it's acceptable. I believe that we are of the  
9 same, on the same page here. I think we would want  
10 the input of the membership in terms of how we  
11 separate it, just as there is no, we know in the  
12 political world you've got all kinds of crazy stuff  
13 that happens with districting and things like that.

14 We have, we want, I want, I will not approve  
15 anything that I don't think is equitable as far as  
16 we can make it. There's clearly going to be some  
17 unhappy people no matter what you do. I don't know  
18 if a motion would do any good because we're already  
19 planning on, hopefully, the Region VPs are planning  
20 on getting feedback from their members through  
21 their District Commissioners and through direct  
22 contact with their constituents.

23 LOU CONFESSORE: It's interesting that none of  
24 that has ever happened in the three years you've  
25 been screwing around with this.

1 JOHN STACEY: We have --

2 MARINO TORRENS: (Unintelligible.)

3 JOHN STACEY: No, don't.

4 We have, so Lou was in, he was against.

5 Tommy, if you'd rise.

6 TOMMY THOMPSON: Lou was against what?

7 JOHN STACEY: He was against the proposal.

8 MARINO TORRENS: He's not against anything.

9 JOHN STACEY: I'm sorry, he said he was  
10 against the proposal.

11 LOU CONFESSORE: I didn't talk about the  
12 proposal.

13 TOMMY THOMPSON: I don't think Lou talked to  
14 the proposal, but I would like to still, again, say  
15 that local representation, your January board  
16 meeting will be just like it is now. You'll still  
17 have your twenty District Commissioners  
18 representing the membership. I don't believe it's  
19 necessary to form another committee. If the region  
20 doesn't have their own DCs, that's a regional  
21 problem, not a state problem.

22 The local representation has between now and  
23 January to get together, the twenty DCs and four  
24 Regional Vice Presidents, to present those concerns  
25 to the full Board at the January meeting.



1           LOU CONFESSORE: Remember we want to hear  
2 about it before then.

3           TOMMY THOMPSON: Well, you do it before then,  
4 but right now this next scheduled Board meeting is  
5 January.

6           LOU CONFESSORE: Right, right. But we --

7           TOMMY THOMPSON: Your region can do it  
8 tomorrow. I don't care when your region does it.

9           But those are your elected officials, but you  
10 guys are electing these positions to represent you.

11           Let the Regional Vice Presidents convene at  
12 the regional AGM to get this done between now and  
13 January so when the January Board meeting comes up,  
14 they'll be able to stand up before the membership,  
15 the Board, and say this is what my region wants.  
16 And then the Board will come to a decision on the  
17 details of this plan, to implement this plan.

18           Again, today, we're trying to approve a  
19 concept. We're not going to approve every detail,  
20 but your Board is still in place in January to work  
21 out the details, not the new Board, the old Board.

22           JOHN STACEY: Thank you. Thank you.

23           Mr. Goldian -- by the way, I just want to say,  
24 thank you, Joe. Back in 2007 this guy right here  
25 convinced me to be a DC, and he sucked me into this

1 stuff, so thank you.

2 JOE GOLDIAN: You're welcome.

3 JOHN STACEY: I'm going to thank him, yes.

4 JOE GOLDIAN: Okay. My name is Joe Goldian  
5 and I'm the President/Chairman of the Brevard Youth  
6 Soccer League.

7 JOHN STACEY: For or against, Joe?

8 JOE GOLDIAN: I am for it with exceptions,  
9 that's why I deferred to Lou.

10 First off, I do not see any referee input into  
11 the Board.

12 JOHN STACEY: I can answer.

13 We, the full anticipation is that the -- I  
14 don't know the official thing, Mr. Migna; correct?

15 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

16 JOHN STACEY: Mr. Migna would be at all four  
17 of the meetings and he would represent the referee  
18 interest but would not have a vote on the newly  
19 comprised Board of Directors.

20 JOE GOLDIAN: Okay. The next issue that I  
21 have is I think it is a fantastic idea to reduce  
22 the Board, but I would like to go further and  
23 reduce the Board to the eleven and strengthen the  
24 Regional Board's input into it so that the Regional  
25 Board would direct the RVP for that region to vote

1 certain ways at the EC, you know, based upon their  
2 input. And we do have the meeting that they have  
3 to have two weeks before the Board meeting, the  
4 total Board meeting, that gets that done. But I  
5 want to strengthen the Regional Board with that  
6 charge.

7 And then I would like to see the Regional  
8 Commissioners, well, first off, we are under  
9 assault from other organizations for players, both  
10 soccer players and others. We need to be more  
11 responsive. This, I think, makes it more  
12 responsive. But we are disruptive in the fact that  
13 we are destroying, well, I feel we are destroying  
14 the traditional values of the districts and the  
15 regions.

16 What I would like to see is the Regional  
17 Commissioners be the, have the same guidelines or  
18 the same boundaries as the District Commissioners  
19 have now. So you would, in C you would have six, D  
20 you would have four. And have the District  
21 Commissioners being Regional Commissioners voted on  
22 by their people, and they serve the region at the  
23 Regional Board and with the Regional Vice  
24 President, you know, I don't want to say rule, but  
25 oversee that region.

1           MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Are you making that  
2 motion?

3           JOE GOLDIAN: I would just, like I said, it's,  
4 I would like it included in the overall plan that  
5 way. So that's a lot of words that I said and a  
6 lot of different things, so I will make that  
7 motion.

8           JOHN STACEY: So, if I'm, I'm going to try to  
9 restate what your amendment is and make sure we're  
10 clear.

11           Is that okay?

12           JOE GOLDIAN: Yes.

13           BECKY MCLAREN:

14           JOHN STACEY: your amendment would be to,  
15 that the newly comprised Board of Directors consist  
16 solely of the eleven, eleven positions, President,  
17 Vice President, all the way down to Regional VPs.

18           JOE GOLDIAN: Yes.

19           JOHN STACEY: That the, that there be no  
20 additional elected representation on the Board of  
21 Directors.

22           JOE GOLDIAN: That is correct.

23           JOHN STACEY: That those, and that those  
24 individuals that we would still do two elected and  
25 two appointed to serve on the Regional Board?

1           JOE GOLDIAN: No.

2           JOHN STACEY: Or is it that the current  
3 structure and the current voting we continue, and  
4 that those individuals only serve on the Regional  
5 Board and not serve at the state level?

6           JOE GOLDIAN: Yes, that is correct.

7           JOHN STACEY: That's what you're saying?

8           JOE GOLDIAN: Yes, the DCs would become  
9 Regional Commissioners and they serve on the  
10 Regional Board, and the Regional Board would make  
11 the decision that the RVP would come to your Board  
12 meeting with their input and their, you know,  
13 philosophy.

14          JOHN STACEY: Well, I'm sure, I'm sure this is  
15 going to be, this will probably be a little ballot  
16 vote, so, but I will ask for a second.

17          MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Second.

18          JOHN STACEY: We have multiple seconds.

19          So are you going to speak to the amendment or  
20 the proposal?

21          KATHERINE PENNINGTON: Well, Katherine  
22 Pennington, Top of Florida Soccer Club up in North  
23 Florida, where though we may be little, we are  
24 fierce.

25          I have a couple points of clarification and

1 then I guess I'm going to speak against the,  
2 quote/unquote, amendment.

3 First, my point of clarification is, number  
4 one, my understanding is currently your referee  
5 liaison is a non-voting member and he would  
6 continue to be non-voting or he will go --

7 JOHN STACEY: The referee liaison is currently  
8 a voting member of the Board of Directors.

9 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: And will remain or will  
10 not?

11 JOHN STACEY: Actually, no, the referee  
12 liaison position will be eliminated.

13 We have a state, what's his name, what's it  
14 called?

15 MARINO TORRENS: It's the State, the SYRA,  
16 Joseph Migna, he will be on every Board meeting  
17 except he won't have a vote.

18 JOHN STACEY: He currently attends the  
19 January, the January and --

20 MARINO TORRENS: This one.

21 JOHN STACEY: And this, the AGM board meeting  
22 as a non-voting member. He gives a report and, you  
23 know, deals with the, again, represents the  
24 referees.

25 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: Okay. My point of

1 clarification that I'm looking for is there's no  
2 strike/add language here.

3 You're asking this membership to approve or  
4 disapprove a concept that you will come back to us  
5 next year with for a vote; is that correct?

6 JOHN STACEY: No.

7 MARINO TORRENS: No.

8 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: That is not correct?

9 JOHN STACEY: That is not correct.

10 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: Okay.

11 JOHN STACEY: We are asking, we are proposing  
12 this as a change. There are a number of rules that  
13 will probably have to have a lot of housekeeping  
14 done in order, you know, to clean up references to,  
15 you know, the positions, the titles, the names of  
16 the Board, that sort of thing. I would imagine  
17 next year you'll have a lot of housekeeping rules  
18 that will have to be implemented in order to, you  
19 know, make our rules fit this proposal.

20 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: Okay.

21 JOHN STACEY: Or this structure, that's what's  
22 being proposed is a new structure. Which will then  
23 precipitate the implementation of rules and an  
24 implementation process that will have to be managed  
25 by the Board of Directors over the next year.

1 Because the new Board will not take, will not be  
2 seated until the end, after the General Meeting  
3 next year. So Sunday afternoon of next year is  
4 when the new Board would actually take effect.

5 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: Okay. I think we're  
6 splitting hairs. This is not strike/add, I do not  
7 have --

8 JOHN STACEY: I have a lot of them, so.

9 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: You're not amending  
10 bylaws here, you're not amending rules, you're  
11 asking for us to approve this concept?

12 JOHN STACEY: That's correct.

13 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: The actual amendment to  
14 the rules will come back next year?

15 JOHN STACEY: Would have to, yes.

16 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: So I think we're  
17 splitting hairs here, and you're just asking for  
18 input here. So I'm not even sure that --

19 JOHN STACEY: Well, we are, but we're asking  
20 for a vote, up or down, on whether this proposal,  
21 whether the new structure is where we need to be,  
22 whether the membership wants a new structure or if  
23 they're happy with the old structure.

24 That's the question of the day.

25 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: Okay.



1           JOHN STACEY: Do we continue doing business as  
2 usual or do we move to a new model?

3           KATHERINE PENNINGTON: Okay. I just think  
4 that the motion on the table, the amended motion on  
5 the table is out of order because there's no  
6 strike/add language here. So I really don't, I  
7 would question whether it's not, whether or not  
8 it's in order.

9           MARINO TORRENS: Are you talking about the  
10 amendment?

11          KATHERINE PENNINGTON: The amendment, the  
12 motion just made, the amendment.

13          JOHN STACEY: The motion, if you're going to,  
14 to add, to have strike and stuff like that, you  
15 would look at the top of the back of the first page  
16 where it states two elected Regional Commissioners  
17 per region, that's what he's asking that we strike  
18 that.

19          KATHERINE PENNINGTON: It's not in --

20          JOHN STACEY: It's not in, it's not a form of  
21 a rule, per se, but that, if anything, that is  
22 really the question at hand is, you know, do we, in  
23 the motion do we strike the inclusion of the two  
24 elected Regional Commissioners, among other, a few  
25 other things in terms of the Regional Board, but

1 that's the statement.

2 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: Okay. My point of  
3 order is I think the amendment is out of order.

4 TOMMY THOMPSON: Okay. Let me try to address  
5 Ms. Pennington's concerns about --

6 JOHN STACEY: Tommy Thompson, Past President.

7 TOMMY THOMPSON: Is points of order, she's  
8 probably correct, the formality right now would be  
9 to present every rule that needs to be changed to  
10 make the changes.

11 But if you approve the concept, then there's  
12 going to be a motion made, and I'm going to make  
13 it, to allow the Rules Committee to go through the  
14 rules and adjust the rules as necessary to  
15 implement the proposal, and that will come back  
16 next year again.

17 So that should solve your point of order.

18 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: Well, I agree with you,  
19 but it doesn't mean the motion is in order with the  
20 rule. I still think the motion is out of order.

21 TOMMY THOMPSON: Well, I'm not writing these  
22 rules and regs, but the Board can still approve the  
23 concept today. The membership can approve the  
24 concept today, the restructure of the organization  
25 along these guidelines.

1           Next year they'll come back with the rules,  
2           because it's not going to be implemented until next  
3           year anyways. So next year you'll have a whole  
4           list of every rule and bylaw that needs to be  
5           changed and we'll have to vote on them again.  
6           Hopefully it won't be a lot, but if somebody  
7           objects to something, we'll have to go through each  
8           individual rule and make sure it changes to conform  
9           to the proposal that you're passing today.

10           This is not an implementation until 16/17, so  
11           it will be back before the Board next year with all  
12           the rule changes. It's a proposal to get approval  
13           for that. Otherwise, why go through all the  
14           efforts of the rule changes if you don't have at  
15           least this proposal approved by the body.

16           KATHERINE PENNINGTON: (Unintelligible.)

17           JOHN STACEY: Thank you, Tommy.

18           TOMMY THOMPSON: Okay. We disagree.

19           KATHERINE PENNINGTON: (Unintelligible.)

20           JOHN STACEY: All right. The amendment, the  
21           amendment that Joe Goldian has proposed has been  
22           seconded.

23           So if I may, we have, she was against, I need  
24           a for, who is for the amendment, anyone?

25           BRENDEN MORIARTY: Just a point of

1 clarification if I may.

2 Brendan Moriarty, Braden River Soccer Club.

3 We keep calling it a concept. The Board just,  
4 again, it is not a concept. What you're asking us  
5 to do is effectively change the structure of the  
6 Board. So for everybody that thinks this is a  
7 concept, it's not.

8 The Board is asking you to change the  
9 structure from thirty-two members to nineteen, but  
10 really to eleven voting members, the eight elected  
11 District Commissioners will get one vote at the AGM  
12 only.

13 JOHN STACEY: No, no, that's not true.

14 The eight elected regional representatives  
15 would become part of the singular Board that meets  
16 four times a year and have a vote at every single  
17 one of those meetings.

18 BRENDEN MORIARTY: Okay. Then --

19 TOMMY THOMPSON: That's been changed --

20 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

21 JOHN STACEY: Hang on. Hang on. Hang on.

22 Okay. So if you're speaking to the amendment,  
23 the amendment, as presented or read by Mr. Goldian,  
24 would reduce the state Board to eleven members.

25 BRENDEN MORIARTY: Right.

1 JOHN STACEY: You are correct.

2 BRENDEN MORIARTY: Right, so it's not a  
3 concept. It's we're asking to vote on going from  
4 thirty-two to eleven.

5 JOHN STACEY: That is if the amendment passes,  
6 that would then be the proposal, yes.

7 BRENDEN MORIARTY: Correct. Okay.

8 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay. So we have, that was a  
9 point of order.

10 Do we have anyone in favor of the amendment?

11 (No response.)

12 JOHN STACEY: Hearing no further discussion,  
13 we'll call for a vote.

14 All of those in favor of the amendment to  
15 reduce the Board from nineteen, the proposed  
16 nineteen to eleven, signify by saying aye.

17 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

18 JOHN STACEY: All of those opposed, say nay.

19 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Nay.

20 JOHN STACEY: My opinion the nays have it.

21 We are back to the original proposal, original  
22 proposed amendment, restructuring amendment from  
23 the Board of Directors which would consist of  
24 nineteen individuals as delineated.

25 Yes, sir.

1           BRENDEN MORIARTY: And then again, now if I  
2 can add on to the point of clarification again just  
3 to make sure that we understand. Again, it's not a  
4 concept, but we are voting to restructure the Board  
5 as you see it today from thirty-two members to  
6 eighteen.

7           JOHN STACEY: Nineteen.

8           BRENDEN MORIARTY: Nineteen, I'm sorry.

9           And all nineteen of which will have a vote at  
10 the newly proposed four meetings during the course  
11 of year?

12          JOHN STACEY: Correct. They will have, they  
13 will be full participants on what you see.

14          And we're getting into nomenclature, guys, but  
15 we call it the Executive Committee because that's  
16 what we've been known, knowing it as. I suspect we  
17 would call it the Board or Directors and it would  
18 be four, four meetings per year.

19          Yes, Joe.

20          JOE GOLDIAN: Joe Goldian, BYSL.

21          Actually, on my original amendment I had two  
22 sections. The second one was to make the DCs  
23 become Regional Commissioners rather than doing the  
24 four that is there.

25          UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: That's already

1 in the --

2 JOE GOLDIAN: But, I mean, when you first said  
3 about the amendment, when you asked for the vote,  
4 you just mentioned that one part. I don't know if  
5 anybody else realized the second part that I added  
6 to it.

7 JOHN STACEY: Okay.

8 JOE GOLDIAN: So I don't know how you want to  
9 approach it.

10 JOHN STACEY: The proposal already renames  
11 them from District Commissioners to Regional  
12 Commissioners.

13 JOE GOLDIAN: Right.

14 JOHN STACEY: It does cut down the number of  
15 electeds from the, whatever the number is now to  
16 two per region, and with two appointed Regional  
17 Commissioners per region, a minimum of two  
18 appointed commissioners, so we are using the term  
19 Regional Commissioners.

20 JOE GOLDIAN: Right. But I had wanted, or I  
21 had desired to have the District Commissioners  
22 just -- well, the districts would be the same size.  
23 It wouldn't be divided up, C wouldn't be divided up  
24 into two sections, you still you would have six in  
25 there. But those commissioners would be called

1 Regional Commissioners and everything else involved  
2 would be the same.

3 JOHN STACEY: The reality there is, and it's  
4 just commentary here, if you have six Regional  
5 Commissioners now that used to be called District  
6 Commissioners, it's just nomenclature, all of a  
7 sudden how do we decide who the two are  
8 representing on the state Board.

9 JOE GOLDIAN: That's where I would -- okay.  
10 Never mind. You voted that down. I don't like  
11 that idea, so I'm against the whole thing then.

12 JOHN STACEY: All right. Thank you.  
13 Are you for -- where are we at here?

14 MARISA WHISEL: I actually want a point of  
15 clarification.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Name.

17 JOHN STACEY: That's always a good option, I  
18 guess.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Name.

20 MARISA WHISEL: Marisa Whisel, Space Coast  
21 United Soccer Club.

22 Part of the problem that I see is I think you  
23 guys are asking us to, at this point, approve too  
24 much detail. If we could, the concept is what it  
25 was originally called, of reducing the Board, I



1 think people understand that thirty-two people is  
2 too many. You can't get everybody at all the  
3 meetings and it's difficult. So reducing the  
4 Board, I think you can probably get most people to  
5 agree to.

6 But once you get into the finer points in how  
7 you divide the districts and should it be east,  
8 west, north, south, how many, you're going to get a  
9 lot of questions. If you want me to approve all  
10 six pages, I would say no just flat out because  
11 there's details I disagree with.

12 But if we can limit what we're agreeing to, to  
13 reduce the Board to nineteen voting members and the  
14 regions decide, go back, and then strike the rest  
15 until we have details, then that changes the whole  
16 discussion.

17 JOHN STACEY: So, and I, for fear of getting  
18 chopped off here and out on a limb, this is the  
19 structure that you have, this is the proposed  
20 structure. Really this, this is what we're asking  
21 to go to.

22 MARISA WHISEL: It's all of the pages and the  
23 details.

24 JOHN STACEY: Right.

25 MARISA WHISEL: Where you get a lot of

1 questions.

2 JOHN STACEY: Because we've been accused of  
3 putting stuff and hiding it and not disclosing it,  
4 we're full disclosure. We're trying to say we're  
5 doing some other things to strengthen these  
6 positions, to add the requirement the Treasurer  
7 have a finance background, to ask that the  
8 Registrar have three years experience so that we  
9 can make sure we have the right people.

10 I get that we're asking for a lot, but the  
11 bottom line is this, we're asking to go to  
12 nineteen, a nineteen-member Board that will have  
13 twelve regionally elected individuals and will have  
14 seven statewide individuals on the Board. That is  
15 the long and short of this amendment, or this  
16 proposed structure, which will have to be  
17 implemented through rules next year. I believe  
18 those would be house, would be considered  
19 housekeeping rules since this membership would have  
20 voted on this structure.

21 MARISA WHISEL: Can I make a motion then?

22 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

23 JOHN STACEY: Absolutely. A motion to amend.

24 MARISA WHISEL: An amendment to amend, yes.

25 I would like to make a motion to strike the

1 portion from these six pages under the Regional  
2 Board about how they're divided and how they decide  
3 representation at this point in time and have that  
4 decided by the Regional Board after it's passed.

5 JOHN STACEY: We have a motion that the  
6 ultimate structure of how the regions are split --  
7 make sure I'm right on this. That the, how the  
8 regions are split will be separated and will be  
9 decided by the Board of Directors, the current  
10 Board of Directors --

11 MARINO TORRENS: No, that's not --

12 JOHN STACEY: -- next year?

13 MARISA WHISEL: By the region.

14 TOMMY THOMPSON: She said by the region.

15 JOHN STACEY: Region, region. I understand.

16 TOMMY THOMPSON: I'll second her motion.

17 JOHN STACEY: Okay. We have a second.

18 TOMMY THOMPSON: Tommy Thompson.

19 MARINO TORRENS: That's not part of this  
20 proposal.

21 MARISA WHISEL: Yeah, it is.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Where?

23 (Multiple people speaking at the same time.)

24 MARISA WHISEL: The pages aren't numbered.

25 JOHN STACEY: I know there's no numbers. I

1 get that.

2 TOMMY THOMPSON: It's under Regional Board.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Where does it say  
4 this?

5 ELSA MAROON: Actually --

6 MARISA WHISEL: Right under Regional Board.

7 JOHN STACEY: Okay. On page --

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Oh, gracious.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Under Regional  
10 Boards.

11 ELSA MAROON: It's under Regional Boards.

12 And yesterday when we had the proposed rule  
13 changes, this was one of the changes that the  
14 membership asked for. Originally we had exactly  
15 what you just said. Originally we had that we  
16 would divide it up, the VPs would get with the  
17 people that were elected, and the VPs actually were  
18 going to make a decision between what was best for  
19 their region.

20 But the people that were at the proposed rule  
21 change meeting were very strongly about having it  
22 stated, you know, east, west, north, south, so we  
23 put it in this way, so.

24 JOHN STACEY: I think the intent is to ensure  
25 geographical representation. Even if it's reduced,

1 geographic being, you know, not just two people  
2 from the same area, if that makes sense.

3 MARINO TORRENS: All right. That's why --

4 JOHN STACEY: But we have it --

5 MARINO TORRENS: -- I didn't know it was  
6 there.

7 JOHN STACEY: We'll vote on the amendment.

8 Tommy.

9 TOMMY THOMPSON: I'm speaking for the  
10 amendment, and basically I'm saying it goes back to  
11 what Lou said, let the regions determine how they  
12 want to divide it up. As Joe said, we've got  
13 twenty districts in the state right now.

14 An alternate proposal would be, I'll take  
15 Region C since they love me so well, that they have  
16 six Regional Commissioners which are District  
17 Commissioners. We got Regional Commissioners,  
18 those six can elect the two voting members to the  
19 Board of Directors. But let the regions come back  
20 with a plan in January of how they want to govern  
21 their region. We're decentralizing this back down  
22 to their regions and the Board will approve it or  
23 say it's ridiculous because you're putting all  
24 power in District E1.

25 But let them come back in January to the full

1 Board, which would still be the structure as it is,  
2 as Lou wants input at the local level, and Joe said  
3 the same thing. And the Region will come back and  
4 say, okay, Region B may not agree with what Region  
5 C wants to do. That's fine. As long as there's a  
6 plan how they want to elect the two voting members  
7 to the Board of Directors.

8 JOHN STACEY: Anyone speak against the  
9 amendment on the floor?

10 We have a point of clarification from Elsa.

11 ELSA MAROON: I just want to make sure once  
12 the Regional Boards come back, this will become it,  
13 or is this something that you guys want to change  
14 every year with the Regional Board, because that  
15 would be kind of crazy?

16 So is it, is this going to be a one-time  
17 thing?

18 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Yes.

19 TOMMY THOMPSON: To answer your question I  
20 would say no because the dynamics of the region may  
21 change. But as long as the Regional Board passes  
22 the concept of how they want to proportion their  
23 votes within their region, that should be fine.

24 JOHN STACEY: Okay. Anyone to speak against,  
25 or the ever popular point of clarification?

1 (No response.)

2 MARINO TORRENS: Call the question.

3 JOHN STACEY: Okay. Call the question.

4 If you are in favor of removing language  
5 regarding the geographical division, removing that  
6 language, all in favor say aye.

7 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

8 JOHN STACEY: All opposed.

9 (No response.)

10 JOHN STACEY: The ayes have it. There will be  
11 no fixed set-up, it will be up to the Regional  
12 Boards to decide.

13 MARINO TORRENS: I move to call the question.

14 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Thank you.

15 JOHN STACEY: The question has been called.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Is there a second?

17 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Second.

18 JOHN STACEY: Do we have a second?

19 I heard a lot of thank yous, so I'm thinking  
20 Terri Towers has seconded it.

21 TERRI TOWERS: Yes.

22 JOHN STACEY: All right. So we have a, the  
23 question has been called.

24 Correct me if I'm wrong, but the proposal has,  
25 it has been put forward that because this is

1 ultimately going to change the bylaws of our  
2 organization, that we need a two-thirds majority to  
3 pass. So it will not be a simple majority and I do  
4 not have the numbers, but we'll figure -- yeah, we  
5 do right here. Two-thirds majority of the  
6 available votes is four thousand one hundred and  
7 eighty-nine of the certified votes.

8 I would venture to say that let's just go  
9 straight, let's get a real number on this, so I  
10 don't want to ayes and nays, because I think it's  
11 an important step. So if you're in favor of  
12 reducing the current membership from thirty-two to  
13 nineteen voting members as outlined in this  
14 proposal, please vote A for yea, B for nay, and C  
15 for abstain, as soon as he's ready to go.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Here we go.

17 JOHN STACEY: Please vote.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Make sure you hold it until  
19 the green light flashes.

20 JOHN STACEY: Someone remind me once the, how  
21 many --

22 MARINO TORRENS: We need forty-one  
23 eighty-nine.

24 JOHN STACEY: No, no, no. How many devices  
25 are left.



1 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: (Unintelligible.)

2 JOHN STACEY: A few people left.

3 (Conversation between the Board of Directors.)

4 JOHN STACEY: All right. I'm going to, I'm  
5 just going to count down from ten. I think it's a  
6 little -- I know we have a couple more, but we have  
7 to have a cut off; right?

8 MARINO TORRENS: Press again if you're not  
9 sure.

10 JOHN STACEY: Ten, nine, eight, seven, six  
11 five, four, three, two, one, and please end it.

12 MARINO TORRENS: It passes.

13 (Applause.)

14 JOHN STACEY: By a vote of four thousand four  
15 fifty-two in favor, we have in excess of two-thirds  
16 majority, the proposal passes.

17 Thank you very much.

18 TOMMY THOMPSON: I would like to make a  
19 motion, please.

20 That the Rules Committee be charged with  
21 coming back to this organization next AGM with all  
22 the proposed, the rule changes to implement this  
23 plan.

24 JOHN STACEY: Motion needs a second.

25 MARINO TORRENS: Second.

1           TERRI TOWERS:    Second.

2           JOHN STACEY:   Multiple seconds.

3           All in favor of charging the Rules Committee  
4 with implementing these, the proposal, say aye.

5           MULTIPLE SPEAKERS:  Aye.

6           JOHN STACEY:   All opposed, nay.

7           (No response.)

8           JOHN STACEY:   Any abstentions?

9           (No response.)

10          JOHN STACEY:   Thank you.

11          I turn it over to Marino.

12          MARINO TORRENS:  Okay.  I guess we already had  
13 the recess, so opening remarks.

14          First, I will thank you -- hey, that's what it  
15 says, at ten forty-five I was supposed to do that.  
16 I'm a little late.

17          Thank you for, again, for being here.

18          Congratulating again Tampa Bay United U17  
19 girls, U16 girls from Jacksonville Football Club,  
20 and U13 boys from Bonita Springs for becoming  
21 National Champions, and Jacksonville for becoming  
22 back-to-back National Champions.

23          If any of those clubs are represented here, if  
24 you could please stand.

25          (Applause.)

1           MARINO TORRENS: You guys must be doing  
2 something correct. Congratulations.

3           Okay. I guess I introduced the guests  
4 already. We had John Sutter, President and Chair  
5 of U.S. Youth Soccer who spoke earlier.

6           We got Mike Ray in the back, last year, no,  
7 two years ago inducted into the Hall of Fame of  
8 FYSA. Mike, if you get up. Thank you. Thank you,  
9 Mike.

10          (Applause.)

11          MARINO TORRENS: And we already saw Virgil  
12 Stringfield, but this year's introduction, inducted  
13 into the Hall of Fame. Congratulations.

14          (Applause.)

15          I want to thank the staff before I forget,  
16 because I know if I leave it to the end, I'm going  
17 to forget. Staff members, those in red shirts,  
18 where are you, please stand up.

19          (Applause.)

20          MARINO TORRENS: We couldn't do this without  
21 you. I would like, I want to really thank you for  
22 all you did this year and especially this weekend.  
23 I know it's a long day. Thank you very much.  
24 Thank you.

25          Dale, can you bring Carmen in for a minute.

1 It's gonna to take two seconds.

2 Those of you that were here last year remember  
3 that I brought Carmen up and said this was her last  
4 AGM after seventeen years I think it was, long  
5 enough. She was retiring from FYSA as a Treasurer.

6 We decided that she will be doing all of our  
7 AGMs from now on. She's going to be working at all  
8 our AGMs. And I want to thank you, thank you for  
9 all the hard work you do even though you're  
10 officially retired. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Thank you, Carmen.

13 She said the Brett Favre of FYSA.

14 Okay. In the book you've got the minutes of  
15 last year's AGM. Are there any corrections to it?  
16 I hope everybody read them.

17 (No response.)

18 MARINO TORRENS: Seeing none, I make a motion  
19 to approve the minutes.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Second.

21 BECKY MCLAREN: Second.

22 MARINO TORRENS: All those in favor say aye.

23 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 MARINO TORRENS: Abstain?

2 (No response.)

3 MARINO TORRENS: Do we have letters? No.

4 Any reports from the Officers and Committee?

5 JOHN STACEY: John Stacey, Coach and Player  
6 Development Vice President.

7 I want to mention that the EC and BOD have  
8 approved the renewal of the FYSA Bucks program for  
9 a third year. There's a couple changes. We've  
10 gone back, for those of that received the Bucks,  
11 you know that last year for equipment we reduced  
12 the award by basically ten percent to cover some  
13 shipping. We're going back to the full two dollars  
14 per player for either equipment or education.

15 We plan to send out a, just an email, a brief  
16 email asking for some input on the types of  
17 equipment we're offering. I realize there's only  
18 so many balls and pinnies and cones that you can  
19 buy as an organization. We do want you to use it  
20 for education wherever possible. But, you know, if  
21 you need equipment we're looking at a couple of  
22 options. The goals in the first year of our  
23 program, we had some full-size goals, they were  
24 extremely expensive to ship and it caused some  
25 issues. But we have some options that we're

1 looking at that would be appropriate for the  
2 recreational program.

3 So I just wanted you to know that the program  
4 will renew. We're probably going to open up the  
5 FYSA bookstore somewhere around September 1. So if  
6 you have a, if you have a recreational program, be  
7 looking for an email from me outlining the award  
8 for this year and the processes, so.

9 Thank you.

10 DIANA ROBERTSON: We're checking on something  
11 right now.

12 But, anyway, I would like to speak on behalf  
13 of FYSA Foundation, which you know was created a  
14 couple years ago and -- oh, sorry, Diana Robertson,  
15 Treasurer -- and we have put some funds aside in  
16 perpetuity to give back to the clubs through  
17 grants.

18 And this year, while we're looking for  
19 something, is Stuart Youth Soccer here?

20 (No response.)

21 DIANA ROBERTSON: Tarpon Football?

22 Tarpon Football submitted a request for  
23 scholarships and received thirty-six hundred  
24 dollars this year.

25 And Florida, is it Celtic or Florida Celtic,

1 please stand. They submitted too, they received  
2 equipment of five thousand and scholarships of four  
3 thousand seven forty. We're waiting on our lovely  
4 checks to take a picture and put it on the website.

5 Stuart Youth, who is not here, also received  
6 equipment of over thirty, excuse me, twenty-six  
7 hundred dollars.

8 We appreciate it. Please submit, we'll try to  
9 do our best to keep promoting it for equipment,  
10 brick and mortar, or scholarships. And we're  
11 looking to find ways to expand that. So thank you  
12 for the submissions. We know the money will be  
13 helpful and please submit to the Foundation.

14 The applications are open now through November  
15 30th. It is on the website.

16 Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 MARINO TORRENS: Any other reports from the  
19 Committee?

20 (No response.)

21 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Diana, come back up.  
22 The proposed budget is next.

23 DIANA ROBERTSON: I wish I wore my pink shirt  
24 today, but I wore green for money.

25 All right. So if you turn to the pretty pink

1 pages, the first one shows the current approved  
2 budget and current year-to-date through July 14th.  
3 As you can see we are currently at a positive of  
4 four hundred and forty-three thousand, but there  
5 are many expenses that are not in, such as we have  
6 the registrations for AGM, but not all the expenses  
7 are in, and our overhead towards the end of year.  
8 And that number will be reduced.

9 On the backside you'll see the current budget  
10 on the right of 2014/15. On the left side you will  
11 see the 2015/16. There were some minor miskeys.  
12 If you don't mind I'll go through those.

13 Under computer network maintenance, it shows  
14 one hundred sixty-five thousand, that should be  
15 sixteen thousand five hundred. Just a little added  
16 zero.

17 The D&O policy is twenty-three eight fifty,  
18 not twenty-one thousand.

19 And miscellaneous programs, versus just  
20 miscellaneous, is one forty-eight four hundred,  
21 that is where your FYSA Bucks expenses are located,  
22 which is why that's a higher number. Total  
23 miscellaneous is about six from the bottom, under  
24 expenses.

25 So your total expense are nine, excuse me,



1 three million nine twenty-three three eighty-four.  
2 Our net income proposed budget is seventy-four  
3 thousand two ninety-one.

4 Any questions?

5 TERRY STRAUB: Terry Straub, District 3 on  
6 behalf --

7 DIANA ROBERTSON: Oh, we need a motion to  
8 accept the budget before we discuss.

9 JOHN STACEY: John Stacey. I make a motion we  
10 accept the budget as presented.

11 KATHERINE PENNINGTON: The question is about  
12 the budget.

13 (Conversation between Board members.)

14 DIANA ROBERTSON: Oh, okay, what's your  
15 question?

16 TERRY STRAUB: The question is bank fees.

17 DIANA ROBERTSON: Bank fees?

18 TERRY STRAUB: Yeah, last year you budgeted  
19 five thousand, actual right now it's standing at  
20 thirteen thousand, and you're budgeting again five  
21 thousand. What's the discrepancy, and if this is  
22 going to be a continuing issue, why don't you  
23 budget more?

24 DIANA ROBERTSON: At the time we prepare a  
25 budget, we're doing this four months ago, it could

1 be that there was some lagging fees. A budget is a  
2 guideline. And, yes, we'll have to look at it  
3 again to see if there was a reason why something  
4 hit late. But we are hoping to get bank fees down  
5 is our goal also. We don't like to pay all those.

6 And there's credit card fees. We're trying to  
7 get that reduced. We did get a new contract  
8 through GotSoccer and that's supposed to reduce  
9 credit card fees.

10 TERRY STRAUB: And that would be my second  
11 comment that --

12 DIANA ROBERTSON: I'm sorry. Credit card fees  
13 is separate.

14 TERRY STRAUB: Yeah.

15 DIANA ROBERTSON: But we will watch the bank  
16 fees, and the key is we don't want to pay bank  
17 fees.

18 TERRY STRAUB: Nobody wants to pay bank fees.

19 DIANA ROBERTSON: Exactly.

20 TERRY STRAUB: But the practical matter is you  
21 already spent over close to fourteen thousand and  
22 your year end isn't done.

23 DIANA ROBERTSON: Correct. But we had to  
24 approve the budget a few months ago with the  
25 numbers we had at that time.

1 Do you want me, if you want we can --

2 TERRY STRAUB: Well, you know, just for a  
3 practical matter for a position, you know, I would  
4 think you would owe us an explanation why the fees  
5 are, you know, almost three times as much, the  
6 fiscal year isn't even over yet. If there is a  
7 horrendous mistake, I wish you would have brought  
8 it to our attention before we approve this. That's  
9 my only point.

10 DIANA ROBERTSON: Okay.

11 BRUCE KONNERS: Bruce Konners, Sunrise.

12 I just wanted to bring up one thing. There's  
13 no balance sheet shown, is there a reason for that?

14 DIANA ROBERTSON: It is standard that for  
15 purposes, it's the budget, we don't, you don't  
16 approve a balance sheet.

17 BRUCE KONNERS: Okay.

18 DIANA ROBERTSON: It is what it is. It's on  
19 the website.

20 BRUCE KONNERS: It is on the website?

21 DIANA ROBERTSON: It is on the, what is that  
22 called, Gold Star. It is public information, all  
23 990s, which is your balance sheet and your P&L.

24 BRUCE KONNERS: All right. I would just  
25 recommend for the future that whenever, you know,

1 the first thing you do when you analyze an entity  
2 or business is look at the balance sheet. That's  
3 the first thing you do. So since everyone is here,  
4 in the future you should consider just bringing  
5 that along, putting it in the book.

6 DIANA ROBERTSON: Because a balance sheet is a  
7 moving, in motion, you normally do not approve a  
8 balance sheet.

9 BRUCE KONNERS: I understand that. I'm just  
10 saying for informational purposes you guys should  
11 list that, you know.

12 DIANA ROBERTSON: Okay. Anything else?  
13 Can I make a motion to approve the budget?

14 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

15 MARINO TORRENS: As amended.

16 DIANA ROBERTSON: As amended?

17 MARINO TORRENS: As amended because we changed  
18 the numbers.

19 BECKY MCLAREN: Okay.

20 MARINO TORRENS: From what they have in the  
21 books.

22 DIANA ROBERTSON: Okay. Yes, as amended per  
23 my numbers. Second.

24 All of those in -- well, no discussion.

25 All those in favor say aye.

1 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

2 DIANA ROBERTSON: Any opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 DIANA ROBERTSON: Any abstain?

5 (No response.)

6 DIANA ROBERTSON: Thank you.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Any unfinished  
8 business?

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Marcos.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Marcos, you say you have  
11 unfinished business.

12 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Marcos Fernandez, Kendall  
13 Soccer.

14 I'm glad that this year we had this Board  
15 restructure come above, you know, before us. Last  
16 year we had, I brought a proposal regarding the  
17 FSPL be approved to be incorporated as part of a  
18 program that FYSA was under their rules and bylaws,  
19 and I know they've been operating for some time  
20 now. So I would like to withdraw the motion  
21 because it's unfinished because it was tabled last  
22 year, okay.

23 But I would like for it to, give the task to  
24 the FSPL Commission to either have it incorporated  
25 under a program that FYSA is running. Or come back

1 with some sort of recommendation as to how it  
2 continues to run as, you know, as it not being into  
3 the, as an FYSA program.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I don't think in our  
5 rules and in our bylaws we have any, how we run the  
6 programs.

7 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: The program was not  
8 established. In other words, today you came and  
9 changed the structure of the Board.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Right.

11 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Okay. FYSA is running a  
12 league like every other FYSA affiliate is running;  
13 correct? It was never, it was never brought to the  
14 membership. That was my whole point last year,  
15 okay. So you're running a program that is run by  
16 FYSA, it's not really, can't really be policed  
17 other than by the FSPL Commission Advisory.

18 So all I'm asking for is I'll withdraw the  
19 motion that I had last year, okay, but under the  
20 premise that the FSPL Commission, who has been  
21 working hand in hand with FYSA, with the  
22 administrator, okay, either make it an official  
23 program under FYSA's rules and bylaws, or provide a  
24 recommendation for it to be a league affiliated  
25 with FYSA just like every other football league

1 under the premise that it was first established.

2 And Tommy Thompson, I'm glad he's here today,  
3 because it was, those minutes were in 2002 as to  
4 what that structure is and how that league and what  
5 it's supposed to be formed as.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

7 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: So I would like to  
8 withdraw.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

10 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: Yes?

11 MARINO TORRENS: Yes, we all accept it. I  
12 just wanted to make sure that nobody else had a  
13 comment, that's why I looked that way.

14 Any other unfinished business?

15 (No response.)

16 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. New business.

17 Mike, yeah, you were waiting for, yeah.

18 MIKE STRICKLER: (Unintelligible.)

19 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

20 MIKE STRICKLER: (Unintelligible.)

21 MARINO TORRENS: And thank you for being  
22 patient because I know it was hard for you.

23 MIKE STRICKLER: (Unintelligible.)

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: You got to go up  
25 and down. Up and down.

1 MIKE STRICKLER: Oh, okay, thanks.

2 One of the things that's coming down --

3 MARINO TORRENS: Identify yourself, please.

4 MIKE STRICKLER: Oh, Mike Strickler, Director  
5 of Coaching, Florida Youth Soccer.

6 What we had, we had several meetings this  
7 weekend in regards to the upcoming player numbers.  
8 And those are the upcoming player numbers are fours  
9 for U8s, sevens for U10s and U9s, and nines for  
10 U12s and U11s. Those numbers will be changing.  
11 They're mandated by U.S. Soccer for the 17/18  
12 season, all right. It is the anticipation that the  
13 16/17 season will be when most of the states will  
14 be mandating these, if not all of the states in  
15 unison.

16 And before we do that, we've got a bit of a  
17 plan to kind of phase this in so that we can see  
18 whether there are some logistical issues that need  
19 to be addressed before it's fully implemented.  
20 Such as, you know, they've got, you know, set field  
21 sizes, but will there be minimums and maximums.  
22 We'll look at the field sizes they have and look at  
23 some of the rules that they have as well.

24 So, you know, and Steve with the first rule  
25 change withdraw, withdrew his rule change, we will



1 allow, we will ask for leagues who wish to  
2 implement these playing numbers for this year with  
3 the stipulation of that you're using the U.S.  
4 Soccer rules as they are, so you can't, you know,  
5 you can't, you know, just add another player and  
6 play on bigger fields. You need to play within  
7 their guidelines. If leagues wish to do that, I  
8 will have some sort of procedure where we can allow  
9 your particular league to do this, all right.

10 You know, we're not, I don't think, looking at  
11 the logistics that they gave us, we're not ready to  
12 do it in total, and that's why the withdrawal of  
13 the initial proposal. But this year, this time  
14 next year, it will be something that we vote on in  
15 terms of mandating it for the 16/17 year. And if  
16 we don't do it next year, then two years from now  
17 we won't have a choice, okay. That's the U.S.  
18 Soccer guideline.

19 So I will have that information. If you're  
20 interested in that information, you know, email me  
21 so I can have a list of people that we're, we're  
22 going to do that with.

23 We're going to go out as a staff and kind of  
24 evaluate some of this so that we, you know, I'm a  
25 part of the U.S. Youth Committee that's working

1 with the U.S. Soccer Technical Committee, and we  
2 can come back with recommendations.

3 Thank you.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Mike, I'm sorry. I've got a  
5 question.

6 As I understand that U.S. Youth Board is  
7 meeting at the end of the month and they're going  
8 to try to come up with a guideline as to when  
9 Nationals, Regionals, and all that go into effect.

10 And also you guys are having a meeting at the  
11 end of the month, the Coaching Committee?

12 MIKE STRICKLER: Okay. I didn't get the first  
13 part.

14 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, okay. The first part, it  
15 has to do more with the second part of the U.S.  
16 Youth mandate about calendar years.

17 MIKE STRICKLER: The calendar, yeah, we're not  
18 dealing with calendar.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Right. But --

20 MIKE STRICKLER: We talked about the calendar.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I'm sorry.

22 MIKE STRICKLER: In our meetings.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

24 MIKE STRICKLER: Okay. If you want to talk  
25 about them in your meetings, my head is already

1 swimming over that one.

2 MARINO TORRENS: I think you have a question  
3 behind you.

4 MIKE STRICKLER: Yeah.

5 JOHN HURST: Just to clarify.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, yeah.

7 JOHN HURST: John Hurst, Boca United.

8 Just a clarification, right now we are using  
9 all the suggested group age groups that are in  
10 there on the smaller side. So our kindergartens,  
11 our 3v3, we don't need special permission for this  
12 now.

13 MIKE STRICKLER: Yeah, our guidelines right  
14 now are four versus four for U8 and below, and we  
15 allow, we allow for three versus three, okay. And  
16 then sixes for U10, six versus six. And then for  
17 U12 is eight versus eight.

18 That will continue for those groups with the  
19 exception of the ones that we're going to use in  
20 our phase-in study. And if you want to part of  
21 that phase-in study, let me know so that we can  
22 make the proper accommodations.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Any other questions?

24 MIKE STRICKLER: Did that answer it?

25 Where'd he go?

1 Oh, did that answer it?

2 Okay. All right.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Any other questions for Mike?

4 Thank you, Mike.

5 Okay. Oh, yes, Barry.

6 BARRY WITLIN: New business. Barry Witlin,  
7 South Florida United.

8 Following up on what Marcos had recommended  
9 that the, I would ask that the Florida State  
10 Premier League Commissioner codify the league in  
11 compliance with the structure as approved by the  
12 membership, establish rules governing its play. So  
13 it's like the membership was tolled and voted on  
14 and was consulted on, that it has to be in  
15 compliance.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Thank you.

17 Anything else?

18 That leads us to the elections.

19 BARRY WITLIN: No, wait. You got a motion on  
20 the floor.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, you made a motion. I  
22 thought you were recommending -- I'm sorry. I  
23 didn't hear the part about the, that you were  
24 making a motion, okay.

25 BARRY WITLIN: Yes.

1           MARINO TORRENS: Repeat that motion then. I'm  
2 sorry. I was just taking it as a recommendation to  
3 us. My fault.

4           BARRY WITLIN: For the FSPL Commissioner to  
5 codify the FSPL as a league in compliance with the  
6 structure that was approved by the membership.

7           MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Any other comments?  
8 (No response.)

9           MARINO TORRENS: All those in favor say aye.

10          MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

11          MARINO TORRENS: Opposed, say nay.  
12 (No response.)

13          MARINO TORRENS: I guess it passed.

14          Okay. Elections. I will handle the elections  
15 for Elsa.

16          The first election according to the book is  
17 for Vice President of Player and Coaching  
18 Development which is currently being seated by John  
19 Stacey.

20          Any nominations?

21          RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: I would like to  
22 nominate John Stacey.

23          MARINO TORRENS: And who are you?

24          RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: I am Rhonda  
25 Link-Cummings, VP of Region B.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Rhonda is nominating  
2 John Stacey and there was a second --

3 DIANA ROBERTSON: Diana.

4 MARINO TORRENS: -- by Terri.

5 DIANA ROBERTSON: Diana Robertson.

6 MARINO TORRENS: John, do you accept  
7 nomination?

8 JOHN STACEY: Yes.

9 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Any other nominations  
10 from the floor?

11 Somebody's getting, are you getting up, sir?

12 DAN WHITIS: Yes.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, okay. Name and club  
14 please.

15 DAN WHITIS: Dan Whitis, Braden River Soccer.

16 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

17 DAN WHITIS: I want to nominate Frank  
18 Villaizan.

19 MARINO TORRENS: For the position of Vice  
20 President of Coach and Player Development?

21 DAN WHITIS: Correct.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Is there a second?

23 MIKE WEBER: Second.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Second by?

25 MIKE WEBER: Mike Weber.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Frank, are you in the room?

2 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Yes.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Do you accept the nomination?

4 FRANK VILLAIZAN: I will not accept that  
5 nomination.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Thank you, Frank.

7 Any other nominations?

8 (No response.)

9 MARINO TORRENS: Seeing none.

10 I'm sorry?

11 Terri, get up there.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: I move that nominations are  
13 closed for VP of Player and Coach Development.

14 TERRI TOWERS: I'll second that.

15 MARINO TORRENS: Seeing no other nomination,  
16 by acclimation I will take John Stacey.

17 Those in favor say aye.

18 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you, John. Welcome  
20 back.

21 (Applause.)

22 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. The next one will be  
23 Vice President of Competition which is, now is  
24 vacant. I'll take nominations, please.

25 DIANA ROBERTSON: Diana Robertson, Treasurer.

1 MARINO TORRENS: I'm sorry.

2 DIANA ROBERTSON: I would like to nominate  
3 Rhonda Cummings.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Is there a second?

5 BECKY MCLAREN: I'll second it.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Second by Becky, and the lady  
7 in the back that jumped up.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Do you need my  
9 name?

10 MARINO TORRENS: No, we got another second,  
11 but I just wanted to acknowledge you got up and  
12 (indicating).

13 Rhonda, do you accept the nomination?

14 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: (Nods head.)

15 MARINO TORRENS: Any other nomination from the  
16 floor?

17 ROBERT ANDREU: Robert Andreu, First Hernando.  
18 I would like to nominate Frank Villaizan.

19 BARRY WITLIN: Second.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Is there a second?

21 BARRY WITLIN: Second.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Second by Barry Witlin.

23 Frank, do you accept that nomination?

24 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Yes, I do.

25 MARCO ORTEGA: Marco Ortega, A2 DC.



1 I would like to nominate Nick Megaloudis.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Who?

3 MARINO TORRENS: It's Nick Megaloudis.

4 Okay. Is there a second?

5 ENGRID SPENCE: Second.

6 MARINO TORRENS: Second by Engrid from Weston.

7 I know your name.

8 Is Nick in the room?

9 Nick, do you accept the nomination?

10 NICK MEGALOUDIS: Yes, I accept the  
11 nomination.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Any other nomination  
13 from the floor for the VP of Competition?

14 (No response.)

15 MARINO TORRENS: Seeing none.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: I move that we close  
17 nominations for VP of Competition.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

19 TERRI TOWERS: Second.

20 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. I'm going to let the  
21 lady talk first. You want to talk?

22 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: Do you want me to go to  
23 that one?

24 MARINO TORRENS: You can do that one, this  
25 one, down there, wherever you want.

1 JOHN STACEY: I would go down.

2 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: I will go down. Yeah,  
3 I'll go down.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, and then by last name  
5 Frank will be next and then Nick. I mean, by last  
6 name, I'm sorry, Nick will be next and then Frank.  
7 M comes before B.

8 RHONDA LINK-CUMMINGS: I have been involved  
9 with Florida Youth Soccer since 1998 when I was a  
10 Registrar, then an ADC, and then a DC, and now I  
11 have been the Region VP for seven years.

12 I have participated in Regional Cup rounds. I  
13 have been at State Cup rounds. I have attended  
14 Region III President's Cup. And I have enjoyed  
15 all, seeing all the competition and being there  
16 with the kids and parents and the coaches from  
17 other states.

18 I think this position is working with staff at  
19 the state office. I know the former person in this  
20 position did all of the scheduling, everything,  
21 that's done in the state office. It is a time to  
22 work with the state office to make a better  
23 competition in the State of Florida, all  
24 competition.

25 And so that is my aim to kind of revamp the

1 position and be the spokesperson of FYSA and all  
2 leagues and in all competition.

3 (Applause.)

4 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Nick.

5 NICK MEGALOUDIS: Thank you. My name is Nick  
6 Megaloudis, I'm with Miami Strike Force, and that's  
7 one tough act to follow right there.

8 Just to give you a little bit of background,  
9 I've been in the State of Florida for twenty-five  
10 years, started coaching through FYSA way back. I  
11 was part of FYSA coaching staff, the ODP Program.  
12 I did some of the staff coaches for licensing,  
13 played professional soccer for eight years in the  
14 United States in the NASL and the MISL. I was All  
15 American at Long Island University. I've coached  
16 MLS with the Miami Fusion for two and a half years,  
17 and been involved in youth soccer for about  
18 twenty-five years.

19 Certainly I don't have some of the experience  
20 and the background of working directly with FYSA,  
21 but given the opportunity I will do my best to  
22 certainly make sure that we are provided the best  
23 level of competition and making sure that we're  
24 doing the things for all the children that are  
25 playing in FYSA.

1 Thank you very much.

2 (Applause.)

3 MARINO TORRENS: Mr. Frank.

4 FRANK VILLAIZAN: Many of you know me. I've  
5 worked Region Cup. I've worked State Cup  
6 throughout every region. Former District  
7 Commissioner. I was President of a large league in  
8 Florida. Again, I'm not going to give you the  
9 whole story. Talk to your neighbors. You all know  
10 me. I have a working relationship with the state  
11 office. They know me well. They usually lock the  
12 door when I come in.

13 I can only promise you this, I will do the  
14 best I can, the way I worked for you as a District  
15 Commissioner, as the Site Director of the Region  
16 Cup and for State Cup.

17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Now I'll give you the  
20 opportunity for anybody that wants to talk on  
21 behalf of any of the three candidates, but, please,  
22 let's keep it short.

23 (No response.)

24 MARINO TORRENS: Nobody?

25 Okay. Now on the screen you'll have, A is for

1 Rhonda, B is for Frank, and C is for Nick.

2 Start voting now.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Vote now?

4 MARINO TORRENS: Yes, make sure you hold it  
5 until the green light flashes.

6 Okay. We're going to start closing in five,  
7 make sure you press it, four, we're still missing  
8 some, three, press it again, four, I mean, three,  
9 two, I don't know, one, stop.

10 (Reaction from the audience.)

11 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Becky.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: It's because Marino can't  
13 pronounce the word.

14 MARINO TORRENS: I couldn't see the words.

15 BECKY MCLAREN: According to our rules, we do  
16 it by Robert's Rules, and when you have, when there  
17 are three or more candidates, a plurality vote is  
18 used and that is the largest number of votes given  
19 any candidate when there is three or more.

20 So by plurality vote --

21 MARINO TORRENS: Frank is the new VP of  
22 Competition.

23 Congratulations.

24 (Applause.)

25 MARINO TORRENS: Wow, that was close.

1           Okay. The next position is Registrar,  
2           currently served by Alice Smith.

3           BECKY MCLAREN: I nominate Alice Smith.

4           MARINO TORRENS: Is there a second?

5           ENGRID SPENCE: Second by Weston.

6           MARINO TORRENS: What's your, no, I want to  
7           put you on the record.

8           What's your name, ma'am, tell me now.

9           ENGRID SPENCE: Engrid Spence, Weston.

10          MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

11          KARLA KELSEY: Karla Kelsey with a K.

12          MARINO TORRENS: Karla Kelsey with a K.  
13          What club?

14          KARLA KELSEY: Arlington FC.

15          MARINO TORRENS: Arlington FC.

16          DAVE DITILLIO: I third it. I'm doing  
17          (unintelligible).

18          MARINO TORRENS: Any other nominations from  
19          the floor?

20          (No response.)

21          MARINO TORRENS: Seeing none.

22          And a motion, I can't make it.

23          TESSIE GOICOECHEA: I move we close the  
24          nominations.

25          DAVE DITILLIO: Second.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

2 TESSIE GOICOECHEA: Tessie Goicoechea.

3 MARINO TORRENS: All those in favor of closing  
4 the nomination say aye.

5 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Aye.

6 MARINO TORRENS: So, Alice, I guess by  
7 acclimation, those in favor of Alice  
8 (unintelligible).

9 (Applause.)

10 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. The next one is for  
11 Region A.

12 BECKY MCLAREN: No, Secretary.

13 MARINO TORRENS: No, I'm sorry, Secretary, I  
14 skipped one, which is currently served by Elsa  
15 Maroon.

16 BECKY MCLAREN: I nominate Elsa Maroon.

17 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Second.

18 MARINO TORRENS: Linda Soeder second, Marcos  
19 Fernandez second, and Terri second.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Third.

21 MARINO TORRENS: And we have a third.

22 Oh, I forgot, I'm sorry. Elsa just accepted  
23 the nomination. I forgot to ask the other ones.  
24 I'm sorry.

25 Okay. Any other nominations from the floor?

1           TESSIE GOICOECHEA: I move we close the  
2 nominations. Tessi Goicoechea.

3           BECKY MCLAREN: I second.

4           MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Again, by acclimation,  
5 Elsa, welcome again.

6           (Applause.)

7           MARINO TORRENS: Now this is only for Region A  
8 clubs, the Vice President of Region A. Nominations  
9 from the floor, please.

10          I see two, three, four people coming up, so  
11 let's see.

12          Oh, okay. One second before we do noms.

13          UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: He has to switch  
14 the list to just the Region A.

15          MARINO TORRENS: Oh, this is for the votes,  
16 I'm sorry. Yeah, we got to switch for only A, only  
17 Region A club votes.

18          PAT KENNEDY: We can start talking though;  
19 can't we?

20          MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, we can do that. We can  
21 just start talking and -- okay, nominations,  
22 please.

23          PAT KENNEDY: Pat Kennedy, Elite Soccer  
24 Academy.

25          I'd like to nominate Shenoy Raghuraj.



1 MARINO TORRENS: Who, I'm sorry?

2 PAT KENNEDY: Shenoy Raghuraj.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Okay.

4 NICOLE CORBY: I second that.

5 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Is there a second?

6 NICOLE CORBY: Nicole Corby, Hollywood

7 Wildcats.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Nicole, what's the last name?

9 NICOLE CORBY: Corby, with a C.

10 MARINO TORRENS: Corby?

11 NICOLE CORBY: Yeah.

12 MARINO TORRENS: From Hollywood Wildcats.

13 Shenoy, do you accept the nomination?

14 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: I do.

15 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Any other nominations?

16 TOMMY THOMPSON: Just for the record, can he  
17 spell the name so the court reporter will get it  
18 correct.

19 MARINO TORRENS: When he comes up to talk, if  
20 you'll spell your name for the record. I will not  
21 try to spell it.

22 LINDA SOEDER: Are we ready?

23 MARINO TORRENS: Yes.

24 LINDA SOEDER: Linda Soeder, Al DC. I  
25 nominate Marco Ortega.

1 MARINO TORRENS: Is there a second?

2 ENGRID SPENCE: Engrid Spence, Weston FC.

3 I second.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Marco, do you accept the  
5 nomination?

6 MARCO ORTEGA: Yes.

7 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. R, O, oh, Shenoy,  
8 you're first. Where is he? There he is.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No, he's not.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: (Unintelligible)  
11 nominations.

12 MARINO TORRENS: Oh, I'm sorry, anymore  
13 nominations?

14 I didn't see anybody getting up. I'm just  
15 trying to get out of here I guess.

16 Is there a motion to close the nominations?

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Region A has to.

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Region A has to.

19 MARINO TORRENS: Right, I didn't say it.

20 Region A, is there, Region A, do we, do you  
21 move to close the nominations?

22 BARRY WITLIN: So move.

23 MARCOS FERNANDEZ: So move.

24 MARINO TORRENS: So move, okay. Thank you.

25 Okay. I'm sorry. Now you need to spell your

1 name just for the record, please.

2 SHENOY RAGHURAJ: My name is Shenoy Raghuraj,  
3 R-A-G-H-U-R-A-J. I'll just, once again, my name is  
4 Shenoy. I've served in various aspects of youth  
5 soccer from, mainly at the local level. I've been  
6 a club president, a club registrar, a referee,  
7 referee assignor, I've been coach, assistant coach,  
8 team manager.

9 I'm generally the person who, whenever  
10 somebody says, hey, can you help us out with this,  
11 I say yes. And that's kind of how I ended up here  
12 in any event.

13 In terms of other experiences with soccer, I  
14 have served as the Vice President of Palm Beach  
15 Soccer League. And some of the experiences that I  
16 have there is that I ran their annual tournaments  
17 for several years successfully.

18 Other than that, I'm pretty, I'm a  
19 detail-oriented person. I'm mission-focused. Some  
20 of you may say, hey, how come you did all those  
21 different positions. I feel once I accept  
22 something and I have my mission, I get that  
23 accomplished. And when I'm done, I'm done. So  
24 this is not a lifelong goal or lifelong career move  
25 for me.

1 I hope that I can get your support and I will  
2 be here for everyone. And I just want to bring it  
3 back to the local level.

4 And I know FYSA and everyone is talking about  
5 having a change in leadership change. I believe  
6 I'm the change. I'm not existing in any of the  
7 Boards or memberships, so that's why I want to do  
8 this.

9 Thank you for your time and I hope everybody  
10 has a good drive back.

11 (Applause.)

12 MARINO TORRENS: Marco, I'm sorry, before you  
13 do that. It's, the spelling is M-A-R-C-O. That  
14 one I can spell.

15 MARCO ORTEGA: Good afternoon. My name is  
16 Marco Ortega, I'm the A2 DC for FYSA.

17 I've been the DC for five years. I was also a  
18 former President of the Greater Hollywood Soccer  
19 League. I played as a player for FYSA. I've  
20 coached, refereed. I'm a referee assignor as well.

21 Been involved with Region Cup, State Cup, AC  
22 Cup, just been involved. And all I can offer is a  
23 hundred percent of myself, support from our DCs,  
24 and lots of hard work.

25 First thing we're going to be looking at with

1 your support is, Monday, to look at the field  
2 availability for Region Cup, and work with the  
3 leagues so that we can adjust our times as far as  
4 Region Cup starting points and, you know, go from  
5 there.

6 So thank you for the time. Thank you for your  
7 support. And have a safe drive.

8 (Applause.)

9 MARINO TORRENS: Thank you.

10 Like I mentioned before, does anyone want to  
11 speak on behalf of either candidate?

12 Seeing none -- oh, sorry. I jumped the gun  
13 again.

14 PAT KENNEDY: Very quickly. Just quickly,  
15 I've been -- oh, Pat Kennedy, Palm Beach Soccer  
16 League and Elite Soccer Kennedy.

17 I've been working with Shenoy in various  
18 aspects of youth soccer in Region A for the last  
19 four to five years. I can tell you that he is the  
20 go-to guy. You know, when we needed someone to run  
21 our tournament exclusively last year, he did it,  
22 you know, organized everything by himself.

23 He's well connected within our region and  
24 knows all the players involved. So even though  
25 he's not a member of the current FYSA staff or

1 Executive Committee or District Commissioner, I  
2 feel he would do a great job for our region.

3 Thank you.

4 MARINO TORRENS: Anybody else?

5 (No response.)

6 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Seeing none.

7 Are you ready?

8 We're going to A or 1 for Shenoy, B or 2 for  
9 Marco. Start voting now, and that's only Region A,  
10 please.

11 I don't know how many clickers we have for  
12 Region A, so I'm going to start counting now.  
13 Five, make sure you press it, four, make sure you  
14 hold it, three, make sure the green light goes on,  
15 two, one, zero, stop.

16 And, Marco, you're the new Region A VP.  
17 Congratulations.

18 (Applause.)

19 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Vice President of  
20 Region C, nominations from the floor?

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Marino.

22 MARINO TORRENS: Yeah, I'm just going to take  
23 the nominations while you do that, yeah, so we can  
24 speak.

25 LARRY FERROL: Larry Ferrol, Largo United

1 Soccer.

2 I nominate Dave Ditillio.

3 MARINO TORRENS: Is there a second?

4 Somebody got to say it in there, you're closer  
5 to it.

6 GERALD MORIN: Gerald Morin, Pinellas Park  
7 United Soccer. I second it.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Any other, any other  
9 nominations, sorry?

10 ROB ANDERSON: Rob Anderson, President of  
11 Florida Fire Juniors.

12 I would like to nominate Miguel Denny.

13 MARINO TORRENS: Is there a second?

14 CHRYSTAL STEWART: (Inaudible.)

15 MARINO TORRENS: Did you hear it, ma'am? No.

16 CHRYSTAL STEWART: Chrystal Stewart, Southwest  
17 Florida Soccer.

18 MARINO TORRENS: But we need it for the, oh,  
19 I'm sorry, we need it for the recording. If you,  
20 at least louder or get closer. Thank you.

21 CHRYSTAL STEWART: Chrystal Stewart, Southwest  
22 Florida Soccer Association.

23 MARINO TORRENS: Chrystal Stewart, okay.

24 Any other nominations?

25 (No response.)

1           MARINO TORRENS: Okay. First, Dave, do you  
2 accept the nomination?

3           DAVE DITILLIO: Yes.

4           MARINO TORRENS: Miguel, do you accept the  
5 nomination?

6           MIGUEL DENNY: Yes.

7           MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Denny, Ditillio, so,  
8 Miguel Denny, you are first, sir.

9           MIGUEL DENNY: My name is Miguel Denny. I've  
10 been the C5 District Commissioner for the past ten  
11 years. I am running for VP because of my  
12 involvement with Region Cup Region C over the past  
13 ten years.

14           If I'm selected as your VP, my first order of  
15 business is to make sure that all our DCs in our  
16 region are brought up to speed in some kind of  
17 GotSoccer training, to help our local registrars  
18 and our coaching directors to be able to run rec  
19 tournaments within their clubs, and help the local,  
20 the new registrars get the kickstart on their, on  
21 their duties.

22           The other thing I would like to do is I would  
23 like to make sure that all our DCs are pretty much  
24 going to be the eyes and ears of the region and  
25 allowing me to make better choices when it comes to



1 decisions that depend on what I say.

2 I want, and for example, in terms of our  
3 Region Cup, I've had, you know, we've been doing  
4 Region Cup, been involved with Region Cup for as  
5 long as I have been a DC, and just would like to  
6 see it done better. We've done it for so long and  
7 I think we seem to have the same stoppage points or  
8 problems every year, and I think we can do better.

9 I also, when I have the people that are  
10 running Region Cup, be more involved in the, the  
11 DCs being more involved in just not sitting outside  
12 at Region Cup time, but be more involved with the  
13 planning and the implementation of getting this  
14 done.

15 Just for example, you know, we give our DCs  
16 duties and tasks that ensure us making less  
17 mistakes at the end product, making sure we have  
18 all the medals, we have all our T-shirts, we have  
19 all our T-shirt sizes, which is always our problem  
20 is to make sure they have the right size and the  
21 right size for the right kids. And if we give that  
22 task individually to a particular District  
23 Commissioner doing that, I think we'll kind of  
24 eliminate some of those errors.

25 The other thing is that I would like to know

1 that our District Commissioners are being fully  
2 used in terms of, you know, our hearings, that they  
3 become chairs in our hearings, and become more  
4 readily available for the darker side of our sport,  
5 you know, for the suspensions and the discipline,  
6 and the discipline and, the discipline issues of  
7 our league.

8 And I'm not going to take much more of your  
9 time, it's just that the impending changes that are  
10 coming, we need to be ready. And just with the  
11 education alone is going to, it's going to be very  
12 important that whoever is selected or elected be  
13 ready for this impending change. And we need to  
14 get that done as soon as possible because, folks,  
15 it's coming. It's not going away.

16 So take that into consideration when you make  
17 your selection and thank you for your time.

18 (Applause.)

19 MARINO TORRENS: Dave.

20 DAVE DITILLIO: Okay. My name is Dave  
21 Ditillio. I'm your Region C Vice President now and  
22 I am running again.

23 Give me a minute, please.

24 First off, I want to thank all my regions, C1  
25 to C6, C2, all your clubs. You have always been

1 there for me and I appreciate it. And I've been  
2 there for you guys, too.

3 My success as being the Region C VP has been  
4 the scholarships. Region C Cup, not perfect, I'm  
5 not going to say that, but we can incorporate it and  
6 make it work better. The AC Cup, I have always  
7 been good there.

8 Also, you know, it's just not me being a VP,  
9 it's these people here, too, that's my backing, my  
10 DCs.

11 And I want to thank also the volunteers,  
12 Joann, Tim, Larry, Paul, Clearwater, TBU, you know.

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: We love you,  
14 Dave.

15 DAVE DITILLIO: And my goals for the next two  
16 years, I have two of them that I want to try.  
17 Hopefully they'll work.

18 A recreation tournament, Coles (phonetic),  
19 maybe, we'll think about that. But another one  
20 would be adding Region B and D to my AC Cup, and  
21 maybe have it in Auburndale.

22 So I want to thank you all.

23 (Applause.)

24 MARINO TORRENS: Anybody for Region C that  
25 would like to speak for either candidate?

1 (No response.)

2 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Seeing none. We have,  
3 okay, voting for Dave is A or 1, voting for Miguel  
4 is B or 2. And this is only Region C, please.

5 Again, I don't know how many clickers are out  
6 there for Region C so in a little bit I'm going to,  
7 once I see that it comes, slow down. Keep on  
8 pressing it.

9 Okay. Here we go. Five, make sure you press  
10 it, four, make sure it turns green, three, make  
11 sure you hold it, two, one, stop.

12 Dave, congratulations.

13 (Applause.)

14 MARINO TORRENS: You remain VP of Region C.  
15 Okay. That brings to a close --

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)

17 MARINO TORRENS: The clickers, Miguel, you  
18 want a recount, no, no.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Marino, remind  
20 everybody when they leave.

21 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Anything for the good  
22 of the game?

23 TOMMY THOMPSON: I got something.

24 MARINO TORRENS: I see somebody in the back,  
25 okay, no.

1 Tommy.

2 TOMMY THOMPSON: To the Board of Directors and  
3 all of us, today is not the end of a process but  
4 it's the beginning of a process of moving forward  
5 into the years to come.

6 I think your membership has been very clear  
7 today that they have input that they want to give  
8 to you. Four Regional Vice Presidents, if you've  
9 got vacant DC positions, get them filled. Have  
10 your regional meetings. Listen to your membership  
11 and come back in the January Board meeting with a  
12 proposal of what your membership wants you to do  
13 with this organization and their regions.

14 The process that we've gone through today is  
15 only a starting point to move this organization  
16 forward. But you elected officials right now, I'm  
17 doing it on the record, I'm charging you with doing  
18 the due diligence, come forth in January with  
19 concrete proposals. Don't come to the January  
20 meeting with problems, come with solutions, and  
21 let's move this organization forward for the next  
22 ten, twenty, fifty years.

23 It's been a pleasure to be here this weekend.  
24 I took the shots two years ago, but the seed was  
25 planted and grew. And the organization is moving

1 forward in the right direction.

2 Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 MARINO TORRENS: Anybody else for good of the  
5 game?

6 Are you coming up to a microphone, sir?

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No, sir.

8 MARINO TORRENS: No, no, oh, okay.

9 JOHN STACEY: As was brought up earlier,  
10 clearly this method of voting allows for us to  
11 capture information that we otherwise would have  
12 been destroyed.

13 So I just restate the intent that any  
14 electronic records of the outcome of the vote in  
15 terms of who voted for whom needs to be eliminated,  
16 all right. And it shall not be distributed to  
17 anybody in any such way, just so we're clear.  
18 Because normally we would destroy the ballots, but  
19 it's a little different when you get to the  
20 electronic world. So while there, and there may be  
21 an archive of these somewhere, guys, but I, just  
22 make sure we're all clear it ain't being shared  
23 with anyone, okay. Thanks.

24 MARINO TORRENS: Okay. Now talking about  
25 those clickers, on the way out, in the back, Carmen

1 will be there collecting them, and the staff will  
2 be there also collecting them. Unless you have  
3 five hundred dollars for each one of them and you  
4 want to take it home with you, we'll take the five  
5 hundred dollars. We don't have a problem.

6 I need a motion to adjourn.

7 MULTIPLE SPEAKERS: Motion.

8 MARINO TORRENS: Yes, question, wait.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: When we turn it  
10 in, will we have a receipt saying that we turned it  
11 in?

12 MARINO TORRENS: I believe --

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I think you  
14 sign.

15 MARINO TORRENS: I think they're making you  
16 sign --

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: No, they're not.

18 MARINO TORRENS: -- if I'm not mistaken.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: You can choose  
20 to sign.

21 MARINO TORRENS: You can choose to sign when  
22 you go in the back.

23 Guy, have safe travels. Thank you very much.  
24 God bless you. Thank you.

25 (Meeting concluded at 12:51 p.m.)

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