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| 1 Q Bill Davey? | $1 \mathrm{Q} H$ aw a ii, 2? |
| 2 A Here. | $2 \mathrm{~A} \mathrm{Here}$. |
| 3 Q Nick Calabro? | 3 Q Idaho, 3 ? |
| 4 A Here. | 4 A Here. |
| 5 Q D yanne Pugliese? | 5 Q Illinois, 4? |
| 6 A Here. | 6 A Present. |
| 7 Q W ayne W ilson? | 7 Q Indiana, 4? |
| 8 A Here | 8 A Here. |
| 9 Q Rob LaVielle? | 9 Q Iow a, 3? |
| 10 A Here | 10 A Here. |
| 11 Q D arius Ejla li? | 11 Q Kansas, 3? |
| 12 A Here | 12 A Here |
| 13 Q Karon Beyer? | 13 Q Kentucky, 3? |
| 14 A Here | 14 A Here |
| 15 Q Nick Calabro? | 15 Q Louisiana, 4? |
| 16 A Here | 16 A Here. |
| 17 Q Paul Scherer? | 17 Q M aryland, 3? |
| 18 A Here | 18 A Here. |
| 19 Q Sergio Bolioli? | 19 Q M assachusetts, 6? |
| 20 A Here | 20 A Here. |
| 21 Q Roy Carlson? | 21 Q M etro D.C., Virginia, 5? |
| 22 A Here | 22 A Here. |
| 23 Q Roger Ham ilton? | 23 Q M ichigan, 4? |
| 24 A Here. | 24 A Present. |
| 25 Q A la bam a, 3? | 25 Q M in nesota, 4? |
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| 1 A Here | 1 A Here. |
| 2 Q Alaska, 3? | 2 Q M is sissippi, 1? |
| 3 A Here. | 3 A (Noresponse.) |
| 4 Q Arizona, 4? | 4 Q M issouri, 2? |
| 5 A Here | 5 A (No response.) |
| 6 Q Arkansas, 3? | 6 Q Montana, 2 ? |
| 7 A Here. | 7 A (No response.) |
| 8 Q Cal North, 4? | 8 Q Nebraska, 2 ? |
| 9 A Here. | 9 A Here. |
| 10 Q Cal South, 5? | 10 Q Nevada, 1? |
| ${ }_{11}$ A Present. | 11 A Present. |
| 12 Q Colorado, 3? | 12 Q N ew Hampshire, 1? |
| 13 A Here | 13 A Here. |
| 14 Q Connecticut, 4? | 14 Q New Jersey, 4? |
| 15 A (Indicating.) | 15 A Here. |
| 16 Q Delaw are, 1? | 16 Q New Mexico, 4? |
| $17 \mathrm{~A} \mathrm{Here}$. | 17 A Here. |
| 18 Q Eastern New York, 4? | 18 Q North Carolina, 5 |
| 19 A Here. | 19 A Here. |
| 20 Q Eastern Penn, 3? | 20 Q North Dakota, 2? |
| 21 A Here. | 21 A (No response.) |
| 22 Q Florida, 5 ? | 22 Q North Texas, 6? |
| 23 A Here. | 23 A Here. |
| 24 Q Georgia, 3? | 24 Q Ohio North, 3? |
| 25 A Here. | 25 A Here. |


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| 1 | Q Oklahoma, 3? | 1 | Q SAY, 1? |
| 2 | A Here. | 2 | A (No response.) |
| 3 | Q Oregon, 4? | 3 | Q U.S. Club, 4. |
| 4 | A Here. | 4 | A Here. |
| 5 | Q Pennsylvania West, 3? | 5 | Q WCSA, 3? |
| 6 | A Present. | 6 | A Here. |
| 7 | Q Rhode Island, 2? | 7 | Q NSL, 1. |
| 8 | A Present. | 8 | A Right here. |
| 9 | Q South Carolina, 3? | 9 | Q I'm going to go through the folks |
| 10 | A (No response.) | 10 | that I did not hear from. |
| 11 | Q Please speak up. | 11 | Arthur Mattson? |
| 12 | South Dakota, 1. | 12 | A (No response.) |
| 13 | A Here. | 13 | Q Scott Mapes? |
| 14 | Q Southern Ohio, 2? | 14 | A (No response.) |
| 15 | A Here. | 15 | Q Mississippi? |
| 16 | Q Tennessee, 4? | 16 | A (No response.) |
| 17 | A Here. | 17 | Q Missouri? |
| 18 | Q Texas South, 3. | 18 | A (No response.) |
| 19 | A Here. | 19 | Q Montana? |
| 20 | Q Utah, 2? | 20 | A (No response.) |
| 21 | A Here. | 21 | Q North Dakota? |
| 22 | Q Vermont, 2? | 22 | A (No response.) |
| 23 | A (No response.) | 23 | Q Vermont? |
| 24 | Q Washington, 5? | 24 | A (No response.) |
| 25 | A Here. | 25 | Q USL? |
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| 1 | Q West Virginia, 1? | 1 | A (No response.) |
| 2 | A Here. | 2 | Q SAY? |
| 3 | Q Western New York, 4? | 3 | A (No response.) |
| 4 | A Here. | 4 | PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. While the |
| 5 | Q Wisconsin, 2? | 5 | Credentials Committee does their work and do the |
| 6 | A Here. | 6 | vote count, we will move on with the agenda and |
| 7 | Q Wyoming, 1? | 7 | try to get people out of here in record timing. |
| 8 | A Here. | 8 | Next on the agenda would be the |
| 9 | Q USL, 3? | 9 | Confirmation of Minutes of last year's 2015 |
| 10 | A (No response.) | 10 | mid-year meeting. Is there any corrections or |
| 11 | Q WPSL, 3? | 11 | any additions you would like to make to the |
| 12 | A Here. | 12 | minutes? |
| 13 | MR. EJLALI: Can we have our | 13 | Seeing none -- |
| 14 | Credentials Committee helping so -- | 14 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Move to accept |
| 15 | MS. SCHERER: USL? | 15 | the minutes. |
| 16 | Q WPSL. | 16 | PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Gerhard |
| 17 | A Here. | 17 | moves to accept the minutes. Second? |
| 18 | MS. SCHERER: WPSL, could you come up | 18 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second. |
| 19 | here, please? | 19 | MR. SCHERER: Second. |
| 20 | Q NPSL, 3? | 20 | PRESIDENT MOTTA: Any corrections? |
| 21 | A Here. | 21 | If not, we will move to accept. Thank you. |
| 22 | Q AYSO, 3? | 22 | (Motion passed.) |
| 23 | A Here. | 23 | PRESIDENT MOTTA: Next on the agenda, |
| 24 | Q MSSL, 1? | 24 | we have Communications. I don't have any |
| 25 | A Here. | 25 | communications to present to the council, so |

we'll move on.
The Reports of Officers and Standing Committees. I'm going to start by, I'm going to start with a short video that we'll be putting up on the screen. I want everybody to really pay good attention to this video. It doesn't relate to soccer, but it relates to what our world is like today. It was done by Coca-Cola, and the information on that, when I first saw this video, is definitely mind-boggling. It moves quick, so if you're a slow reader, you might miss part of it, but it's a quick thing, so just keep up with it. It's going to show you how quick our world is changing today, and what's happening in the world today.

And I want you to just take a look at it and read the captions and see how powerful they are, because I want to relate to it, as it relates to our organization, after we finish the video. So please look at it and pay close attention.
(Video shown.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: I guess the technology here is as good as the technology they're talking about, right?

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Thank you.
So we read the last thing. How do we
fit in? If you really watched that video, the world is changing right before our eyes faster than anything ever before, and it's going to get quicker. So the message is, as an organization, we need to be in tune with what's going on out there, and we got to be willing to change, because if we don't change, all that stuff that you saw up there, it's going to go right by us; see it go right by us. And I'm not saying we have to change the way we do everything, but we have to have our minds open in doing some change, because the world is constantly changing, minute by minute, second by second.

So I just wanted to show this, because when I saw it in my corporate office, I was -- I was blown away.

This is what I saw there, and I said, you know, I think it will fit in very well with our soccer people, because, you know, we need to see that the world is changing constantly and how frequently it is, and we need to be in tune to that. And that's why sometimes we make proposals, and we have some ideas that I know
it's very difficult to swallow as an
organization, but sometimes we have to make difficult decisions, and I hope we get the buy-in from you people because we have to be in tune with what's going on in the world.

So just keep that in the back of your mind, and hopefully, we come forward together as an organization to make us a lot better and a lot more powerful than we are today. So I hope you enjoyed that video.

Next, I want to talk to you a little bit -- well, first of all I want to thank Rob LaVielle, who has been a board member with us for quite a few years, and Rob lost an election this morning in Region 3, and I just want everybody to thank, publicly thank, Rob for his service on the board.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: I'm going to let Darius do the Credentials Report, and then I'll continue with my report.

MR. EJLALI: Of 212 possible votes, we have 194 total, 97 is a simple majority, 130 is the two-thirds vote.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Thank you.
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So, what I would like to -- just a couple of things I want to mention -- there's been a lot of good conversations around our membership regarding timely registration reporting to the office, and I know this is a sensitive topic with some in the room. But, as a national body, and as a Board of Directors, that basically our fiduciary responsibility is to enforce all that was, and the bylaws of this organization. We understand that some of you, you know, who have difficult times receiving monies from your leagues, et cetera, and that puts a burden on you, but it's inexcusable when we reach the month of December, and we have state associations out there that have not paid, not even for one registration.

I mean, that is not, you know, that's uncalled for. There's no reason why that, by that time of year, we should not have some registrations in from every state in the country. So, our board has been challenged. I received numerous e-mails from members, who do things right, asking us, as a board, why aren't you guys enforcing your own bylaws?

So going forward, I know we're in the
new year 2016, I'm going to ask everybody here to do your utmost best to bring in your
registrations in a timely manner this year. Our registration numbers from last year, if anybody looked in the book, shows that we were down over the year, 2014.

I looked about -- a few weeks ago, the USASA office received an additional 7,000 players for 2015, which we could not apply back to 2015, because we already had sent all of our information to our auditors to do an audit of our books. So it was too late to add those numbers.

So technically if you look at the numbers that we had, it was 7,000 that came in late for 2015. Our association was actually up by 5,000 members, 2015 over 2014. And on that big increase, I have to thank U.S. Club Soccer for joining us as a member. They brought in 7,000 members.

So, you add the 7,000 , and technically, we're up 5,000, we're still down 2,000 players, overall, which, again, if you had looked at the trend over the last few years, it is not a good trend to be on, because we need to stop seeing that grass grow up, and not go down

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any longer.
I think this year, we're going to add in a few new members. We're having serious conversations with the Super Y League, who will be coming to join us from USSSA. That will bring us quite a few thousand more members to our organization, but again, I ask everyone here to work as hard as we can, to look for that, those additional members in your states, to increase our membership.

As Dave Guthrie showed us yesterday at the open forum, it doesn't look rosy for the USASA for the year in the future, if we continue on the downward slide. So I urge everyone, and we, at the office, and the board, will work diligently to try to increase our membership, but it's got to be a team effort. We can't do it alone. We understand you can't do it alone, but we need to work as a team to increase our numbers, and that needs to be everyone's priority going forward.

Another thing I want to talk to everyone about. We had a meeting with our insurance people today, and I know you have heard this before, and you've heard it at your regional
meetings. It is imperative that everyone that registers with us signs a waiver when they register. Last year USASA was hit with a substantial lawsuit that cost the insurance company a substantial amount of money.

We are currently in court with another lawsuit from Florida that probably could have another potential of costing the insurance company a lot more than the last one. And it just shows us the importance of having these players sign the waiver. A waiver will not protect you from somebody suing us and taking us to court, but if you signed the waivers that our insurance company has provided -- again, I want to stress, there is a waiver that is provided by our insurance company -- if you use that waiver, there's a lot more protection, a lot easier to defend the cases that are brought before us.

So, as state association executives and officers, I urge you to go back to your states and ensure that your leagues, and the teams are signed, using those waivers, and signing, because at the end of the day, it protects you, it protects us, it protects the whole association from having enormous future 20
insurance fee increases. So I cannot stress enough the importance of getting that done. So please go back to the states and get that done.

Another thing I want to talk a little bit about is our cups. Again, I know I mentioned this before at the mid-year meeting, but I want to stress again that this year's Amateur Cup is going to take a twist from what we did last year. Last year, we tried to have an Amateur Cup as part of the whole Soccer Festival, and we got feedback from it, and it wasn't -- we didn't get the paint that I thought we would get, that I wanted.

So this year, as an organization, we decided to take the Amateur Cup, which in my opinion, and my goal is to make the Amateur Cup like the Lamar Hunt Open Cup is for U.S. Soccer. It's going to be our premier event, something that our members will want to strive for, something that has prestige to it.

So this year what we're going to do at the semi-final stage after the regional winners are declared at the semi-finals, and the final stages, we're going to have one of the four teams, or the teams that are in the semi-finals,
and finals, bid to host the event at their locations.

We want to try something new because I kind of think that if we did something new for a local team and they have a good following, they could probably make the event a good event, a full weekend event with a festival, et cetera, et cetera, and try to raise the level of this cup. So, this year, we will try something new, which we have never done, which again, I'm hoping that we will see the results that will take the cup to another level.

I also want to reiterate something I said last year, and I said it at every regional meeting last year. I know there's mixed feelings about the National Over 30 Cup and the National Open Cup. We're talking about the Fricker and the Mango Cup.

I made a commitment last year, and I'm going to say it again here today, that if there are regional winners from every one of the four regions in those two competitions, we will hold the National Mango Cup and the National Fricker Cup at the Soccer Fest with the four regional wins.

We're not going to -- we do not have any funds allocated to bring the teams there, but if you want to have the national competition at this Soccer Festival for the four regional winners, and there's a way to get them there, the regions help them get there, or they want to get there themselves, we will host those two cups at the National Soccer Festival. So I put the onus back on the regions to, you know, try to get that competition in your regions, so that we can continue having that national competition within USASA.

And the last thing I want to talk about is the bylaws. I'm not going to get into the bylaws. I spoke at most of the regional meetings -- Fritz and Vivian at Region 1 -- so I didn't get a chance to speak at the Region 1 meeting, but all the other three meetings, I gave you my interpretations and basically what I felt about the bylaws.

We're going to have debate on it soon, when we get into the bylaw changes, but I do want to congratulate Dave Guthrie and the Governance Committee. In my opinion they did an absolutely fabulous job getting the research,
getting the facts, getting us information that I think was needed for our organization to move forward.

I know we didn't agree on all the bylaw changes that were put forward at this time, but if we take steps at a time, we will get to our destination eventually. So maybe we take smaller steps at this time, instead of taking a big jump, but I'm confident that in the future, if we all work together and, we work together, that we'll get to the destination that we all feel this organization needs to get to.

So without further ado, we'll continue with the agenda. And next on the agenda will be the Elections. And we will begin with the election of President.

Oh, I'm sorry. We have other reports before we get to the election. So Shonna wants to do her report.

MR. EJLALI: On the Credentials Report, there's an error on the program. We are trying to do this automated, so I would ask for -- so the simple majority is not 97, it's wrong on the report, it's 98 . So I would ask approval of the amended Credentials Report.

I need a motion to approve the amended --

MS. BEYER: So move.
MR. HAMILTON: Second.
MR. EJLALI: All those in favor; no? Thank you.
(Motion passed.)
MS. SCHROEDL: Okay. So a few small things.

Do you have a slide -- first of all, before we get to the slide, I want to let you know that one of the things that we have recently done is implemented a quicker approval of our NBOD minutes, so that those will be done, hopefully, within about 10 days after our meeting instead of waiting for those --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Go up to the mic. Can't hear you.

MS. SCHROEDL: Sorry about that.
So we have implemented a process to approve our NBOD meetings quicker, so that you can hopefully see them about ten days after each of our meetings.

This slide, National Recreational Park Association, about three years ago, I
initiated a first contact with this organization and USASA with the intent to be talking to them about having better access to municipally-owned soccer fields, because I know most of you really struggle or a lot of you struggle with getting access to fields.

When I attended the national conference in 2013 and I actually sat in on some breakout sessions where parks, district personnel from around the country were talking about how to successfully keep adults off the field, and I wasn't surprised, but I was a little bit surprised that they actually would state it publicly.

Then, the next year, John and Duncan went to the national conference, and I sat at the meeting for them with the assistant director of the national organization to further this discussion.

This year, we're going to be attending their conference in the fall. This conference has over 7,000 people that attend, and this represents about 2,000 park districts from across the country. So we will be meeting with these people and having direct contact, with the 26
intent again, to get better access for USASA leagues, promoting our insurance, and the value to them of having affiliated games on their field and adult games on their field, since one of their missions is to promote lifelong fitness and recreation.

So I wanted to let you guys know that that is a long-term project that we have been working on, and we will continue to be working on that. It's not something we've really talked about publicly yet.

Any questions at all on that?
All right. Thank you.
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Thank you, Shonna.

Does -- any other officer or committee chair would like to give a report at this time? Seeing none, thank you.

So we move on to the Elections. And we'll begin with the election of the President of USASA. And as all of you know, I sent out a memo that I would like to seek reelection for a second term as your President.

In the first term as your President, I think we've done a lot. I know some of you in
this room agree to what we have done, and others may not totally agree to what we've done, but my goal when I first started was to get a strategic summit going, which we did, and based on the strategic summit, we would take actions that we felt would be needed to move this association forward.

We have done a good percentage of our strategic plan, and I just would like to have your confidence for two more years to reelect me as your President, and so we can continue on the strategic plan and get this organization to a level that is moving along. So, thank you.

Is there any -- I'm going to turn the elections over to Shonna.

MS. SCHROEDL: So, are there any nominations for the position of President?

MR. SCHERER: Yes. Is the mic on?
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There's a little switch on the bottom. Slide it over.

MR. SCHERER: Operator error, of course.

I would like to place John Motta into nomination for President of USASA. I think he's done a fantastic job, and I think we're in the process of moving forward and -- I finally got this fixed -- so, thank you.

MS. SCHROEDL: Was everyone able to hear Paul?

MR. SCHERER: Anybody not hear me?
MS. SCHROEDL: So John Motta has been
nominated. Are there any other nominations?
MR. SCHERER: Move that we close the nominations.

MS. SCHROEDL: Paul Scherer has moved that the nominations for our President will be closed.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
MS. SCHROEDL: Thank you. So John Motta, by acclamation, for another term.
(Applause.)
MS. SCHROEDL: I apologize. We actually need to vote. So all in favor of John Motta for President? Are there any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. SCHROEDL: Thank you.
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you, everyone.

Thanks for your confidence in me for the next year. Hopefully, I will exceed your
expectations.
And again, there are a couple of things that we're going to reinstitute, going forward, things that I think that we used to have, and that we will reinstitute them back after this AGM, and one would be a Membership Committee that now, I heard people last night at the forum, that they do feel that we need to move the organization forward, and the Membership Committee is a committee, that is the committee that would move us forward, so we're going to reinstitute that.

I think we're going to reinstitute our cup committee, to an extent, because in my opinion, we have so many of these new regional and national leagues that are becoming our members. And I really believe that it's time that we take a good look at our full membership and see how we can maybe bring those teams in for our National Cup programs and give it another, you know, quick start, of becoming the program that it once was.

So we do have work to do, and I promise you that I will work my hardest to get us to where we should be. And again, thanks for

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your confidence in me.
So next, we have the office of Secretary. Anybody who would like to nominate the Secretary? Mr. Hamilton.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: I nominate Shonna.
MR. HAMILTON: You are out of order.
I nominate Shonna Schroedl --
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay.
MR. HAMILTON: -- for Secretary.
She's done a good job. She's been doing this
since 2010, I believe, and she does a lot more
than simply take notes and minutes. She's been a contributor to the board in making decisions and policies. And in the usual Chicago tradition, I encourage you all to vote early and vote often for Shonna.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: How many votes -are you going to call them? Are you going to call the votes they're counting?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Any other nominations for Secretary?

Seeing none, I will close the nominations, and can I have a vote of acclamation for Shonna? All those in favor say aye? Anybody
opposed?
(Motion passed.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay.
Congratulations, Shonna.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: If somebody wants
to make a motion, just go to the microphone
please, and state what that motion is. Gloria, did you want to make a motion? Gloria, come to the mic. Not now?

Next, we have elections for the at-large member which is one of the two at-large that we elect every other year. We elect a member, so I open the floor for nominations for the at-large member.

MR. MARTH: Thank you.
I would like to place into nomination Cezar Wasecki for the at-large position. You know, we talk a lot about what we want to do as an organization, about growing membership, about getting more high tech with online registration, and the like. And there's one state in our region, I think, that really stands out in that regard, and that's Massachusetts, who, under Cezar's tutelage, made great strides in that

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regard, and he certainly brings that expertise to the board. And so I encourage you to support Cezar in his re-election.

Thank you.
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Any other nominations for the at-large position? Seeing none, I close the nominations. All in favor of voting for Cezar by acclamation, say aye? Anybody opposed?
(Motion passed.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Congratulations, Cezar.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Next on the agenda we have Unfinished Business. And I don't believe we have any Unfinished Business to take care of, so I would like to bring up Karissa for the Amendments to the Bylaws. Karissa is our chairperson of the Rules Committee.

MS. RICHARDSON: Thank you. As John has indicated, I am the new President, or new chair of the Rules Committee, and --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: On the vote for the commission- --

PRESIDENT MOTTA: Can you get to a
microphone?
MS. RICHARDSON: She's asking about voting for the adult commissioner.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: That's another meeting.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Never mind.
MS. RICHARDSON: So if you see in
your book the proposed bylaw amendments that were
put together by the Governance Committee -- and
many of you attended the forum yesterday and have
seen that, and so based on the input that they received, Dave Guthrie has some amendments that they're proposing to what's in your booklet. So I will let Dave address those rules, and we'll go through these step by step.

MR. GUTHRIE: Thank you.
Dave Guthrie serving as chair for
your Governance Committee, representing Richard
Moeller, and Richard Groff, Harold Taylor and Ann Braghero.

We'd ask that we withdraw the following. That's Bylaw 303, Section 2, if you will scratch that. Give you a chance to open your book.

Again, that's withdraw the

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recommended changes of Bylaw 303, Section 2.
Also withdrawing 304, Section 2. Withdrawing
402, Section 1, and the Bylaw recommendation of 432, withdraw those.

We will ask for additional amendments with some of the other bylaws, but we are completely withdrawing those four.

MS. RICHARDSON: So, I think it probably makes more sense just to start with the first bylaw proposal amendment, that would be 301
-- Tony has requested a repeat of the withdrawn sections. It's my understanding that the withdrawn sections are Bylaw 303, Section 2; 304, Section 2; 402, Section 1, and 432.

Is that right, Dave?
MR. GUTHRIE: That's correct.
MS. RICHARDSON: So looking, starting
at page -- there's a motion to adopt the proposed amendment to Bylaw 301.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move. UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second. MS. RICHARDSON: I heard a motion and a second. So is there any discussion with regard to the proposed revisions to Bylaw 301? All right. In that case, all opposed
to adopting the proposed revisions say aye. Any opposed?

It sounds to me like the majority is passed.
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: Good point. Two-thirds? So we'll probably need to -- we will do another voice vote first to determine if it's clear to get to the two-thirds majority.

MR. FLAMHAFT: Point of information. Are these amendments submitted to the Rules Committee for their recommendations?

MS. RICHARDSON: They were. You will see the comments regarding the Rules Committee discussions highlighted in yellow.

MR. FLAMHAFT: Thank you.
MR. KEPNER: Bob Kepner, North Carolina.

One question does pop into my mind about the independent director role.

I attended the forum last night for a brief period of time, and a question was posed, during that gathering, about the role of the independent director itself, as to whether or not there needs to be sort of conceptually -- I will
use the following terminology -- sort of a refreshing process, that sometimes persons in the role of independent director can be there, and the impact to their participation can be minimized simply through a staleness process. And Mr. Guthrie did respond very forthrightly on the matter of saying, if a person is not performing the function well, then he should not, through the process be, he or she, be reelected.

It raised the question in my mind today, though, as to whether or not -- I recognize the term itself, "independents," should be clear. Nonetheless, I wonder if there should be some definition to the role.

Right now in the present bylaw amendment that's proposed, it's a title. And I don't know for sure whether it's a valid point that I'm making or not a valid point that I'm making, but it's certainly one that I will pose as a question.

Should there be some level of definition to the role of independent director before we vote on the subject of whether or not to add the role of independent director?

MS. RICHARDSON: There is a -- if I
may, there is a proposal to amend Bylaw 403, that would address the responsibility and description of the role of independent director. That has been proposed by the Governance Committee. So returning to the approval, we do need two-thirds. So I would ask all in favor of adopting proposed Bylaw Amendment to 301 say aye? Any opposed? Hearing no objections, that passed.
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: So we'll return to
Bylaw 302. That revision would add the name of the role of the independent director and the composition in voting. Do I have a motion to adopt that bylaw amendment?

MR. BUSCH: So move.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion? All
in favor of adopting bylaw revision 302, say aye?
Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: So the next two pages are ones that are -- that have been withdrawn. So we are now turning to Bylaw 401, which would begin as the independent director, officer and director listed there.

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We have a motion to adopt the revision of Bylaw 401.

MR. SCHERER: So moved.
MS. RICHARDSON: Second?
MR. BUSCH: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion on that one?

MR. MARION: Since this has all been a rush, I haven't had a chance to -- there's a further bylaw later that defines the independent director, but the current bylaws that this section is amending, it just says the at-large directors, and now adding the independent directors, are individuals. And that's all it says about at-large. So they're not defined as any type of person. Whereas later, the bylaw that adds, which Bob Kepner was getting at, that adds the language to define an independent director, I don't see the language there either that really defines what an independent director is. It just says you can't have a financial relationship with the body, but it doesn't really say what kind of person that's supposed to be.

So now we're going to have at-large directors that are not defined, and independent
directors, which I don't see are defined, and I think, as Bob -- I just want to repeat sort of what Bob was saying, is that we need to have these terms defined, so we know what's the difference between an at-large director and an independent director.

Because in our minds, I think what we're talking about is an independent director is a non-soccer person or somebody outside of USASA, whereas the at-large is one of us, somebody within the USASA, and if that's what we mean, we ought to say so. So that's my thought.

MR. FALCONE: Tony Falcone, Deputy Director of Region 1.

I make a motion to remove the language "and regional directors," so that Section 2 would be "Directors-at-large and independent directors are individuals who serve on the Board of Directors."

The reason for such is that in Section 3 of Bylaw 401, regional directors are listed, as they're past, so there's not a need to include any regional directors on this section here.

MR. BUSCH: Second.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: So I have a motion and a second to amend the proposed bylaw revision to remove "and regional directors."

All in favor? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: So we have that amended. And then based on that, to remove the language of "and regional directors." Any further discussion with regard to this amendment and the conversation that's been started regarding this definition?

All right. So if that's the case, all in favor of adopting the amendment to Bylaw 401, say aye? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: On the next page, 402 , Section 1 , has been one of the ones withdrawn.

So we are turning now to 402, Section 6 , on the following page. Do I have a motion to adopt -- that's actually an added section that is not an amendment to the existing section. So do I have a motion to adopt the proposed new Section 402, Section 6?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move. UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second. MS. RICHARDSON: Second.
Any discussion with regard to this proposal?

MR. MARTH: Fritz Marth, Region 1.
I just have a question because this doesn't account for the fact that right now, there are no independent directors on the board. And yesterday, we discussed that on the first election cycle, two independent directors would be elected with one having only a one-year term and the other serving the full two-year term.

And I'm not saying that's a good idea or bad idea. I'm just saying this bylaw doesn't account for how we come forward, come the first of the year. So we are electing one independent director next year, and then the second one, the following year? Or are we electing two in the first year, whose term -- one of which, whose term is only one year?

MR. GUTHRIE: The bylaw that's before you talks about the numbers, the term, the term length, or the number of terms. If you look at the proviso at the very end of what's been 42
presented, there's a proviso that addresses, I think, the issues that you have raised.

MS. RICHARDSON: I'm sorry, Dave, where are you referring to?

MR. GUTHRIE: If you look at the proviso, at the very end, it's a proviso that addresses the very question you raised. Good question. And while you are looking at it, the way that would work is that a committee would be formed to go out and search for the types of individuals that are needed to serve on the board to fill this independent or outside director.

They would bring that, those names before you at the next council meeting, which would be this time next year. At that point, we could elect two; one which would be serving a one-year term, the other one would be serving a two-year term, so that you would have that rotating terms from there on out.

MS. RICHARDSON: Dave, was that at the end of all of the amendments, or are you saying that would have been included in the proposal regarding 402 specifically? I'm just asking, because I'm not sure that we --

MR. GUTHRIE: I don't know if that
was distributed. I'm working off of what we submitted. I don't know -- I'll be glad to read it.

MR. SCHERER: Actually, I think the way it reads, I think it would fix itself. It would only, in 2017, if we elected one officer, or two officers, it would still fix itself eventually. The first officer is to be elected as a one-year term, if we only have one, we have one. I would say --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just think it might need to be addressed.

MR. SCHERER: I think in the bylaws it would fix itself.

MR. MARTH: Right now, we would only provide for one --

MS. RICHARDSON: It seems to me that the choices are leave it as is, and elect one in 2017, and the second in 2018, for a two-year term, or amend this to reflect what we're going to do with the first cycle.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Ask for clarification.

MR. GUTHRIE: I have the proviso that was submitted on -- it did not get in the book. 44
I apologize for that. If that would help. It addresses your question.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you read it?

MR. GUTHRIE: The proviso would read this way: The National Council may elect two independent directors at the 2017 mid-year council meeting as long as the candidates and the election process complies with all aspects of these bylaws.

Should the council elect an independent director during the 2017 mid-year meeting, the newly elected independent director's term will expire at the close of USASA's 2018 Annual General Meeting. If the council elects a second independent director, so two the first year, during that 2017 mid-year meeting, the second newly elected independent director's term will expire at the close of the 2019 Annual General Meeting.

MS. RICHARDSON: And I think you understand the rationale. I think the concern that's been raised by Fritz is that the way the bylaw is currently submitted, it doesn't provide for that configuration. So the question, I
think, still remains whether we needed an additional, like one, in 2017 and one in 2018, pursuant to the every-other-year cycle, or whether an amendment is made to the proposed revision?

MR. GUTHRIE: It would be my recommendation that we have it as a proviso, so that as the proviso ages out, it's no longer relevant. It just falls off.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: Point of clarification. In your reading there, do you mean the Annual General Meeting of 2017? You said mid-year meeting of 2017.

MR. GUTHRIE: If I said mid-year, I apologize. The intent was for the annual meeting.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: Annual, all right.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just want to make sure there was some provision.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: I would also like to make an amendment to this section. As I went around to the regional meetings, I talked about the term limits of the independent directors, and according to this bylaw as written, it says they will be eligible for a limit of two consecutive 46
terms, two years, which is four years. I personally would like to amend it to make it to three consecutive terms of two years, up to six years, because sometimes I don't believe that four years is enough time that, you just get into the groove of things, and then all of a sudden you're gone. So I would like to make a -propose an amendment to change it from two consecutive terms to three, two-year consecutive terms.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Let's address that amendment. Is there any discussion regarding that amendment?

MR. KEPNER: Speaking to the matter of the proposed amendment to the amendment; is that correct?

PRESIDENT MOTTA: Yes, sir.
MR. KEPNER: That's what I thought. I just wanted to be sure.

I will speak against the amendment to the amendment. Four years is a substantial period of time in which an individual can either catch hold or not catch hold in a position. Your position, itself, it's a two-year position, and
you feel there's more needed in that position?
The President of the United States is a four-year position. It's a substantial amount of time in which a person can either make it or not make it, offer a contribution or not. So, I'm going to speak against it.

Certainly, there are settings in which six is part of the structure, but I think four is sufficient.

MR. BUSCH: Tim Busch, Washington.
I'm confused, which is probably a common state for me.

Without any criticism of anyone, and it's darn difficult to follow -- and I didn't swear, so I'm really proud of myself, and my mom is too -- it's hard to follow the amendments and follow the great work that the Governance Committee has done.

So what was the action regarding the terms of the two independent directors?

MS. RICHARDSON: That Dave presented the proviso that they are recommending, and we have not, it's --

MR. BUSCH: So what is the proviso? Do both of the independent directors start in 48
2017, one with one year, the other with two years?

MS. RICHARDSON: Correct.
MR. BUSCH: Okay. That's fine. Thank you for the clarification. MS. RICHARDSON: Yes.
MR. SCHERER: Paul Scherer from Idaho.

I would like to -- Region 4
Director -- I would like to speak in favor of the amendment at this time. The reason being is that if we decide that the person is a fit, that doesn't mean he has to be there for six years. All we're saying is if they fit, and they're doing a good job, let's keep them for the next two years, instead of dumping them off in four years.

The reality is they're going to serve a two-year term. We have choices at that time. So I don't think that that's onerous in any way. In fact, I think it's a little bit smarter on our part. If we do find somebody and they want to stay and they want to help us, I think we would be foolish to shoot ourselves in the foot to, by the fifth year -- if you actually made it six
years, we could use you for two more or whatever, or if you've made it for four years, and we don't need you anymore. Thank you.

MR. BALLISH: Chaz Ballish, South Carolina.

I've kind of got two things. One, I could also agree with John's amendment. I think six years, having spoke to some of the independent directors from the U.S. Soccer Board, they believe that six years is a good amount of time.

The one other thing I wanted to add was the proviso, as written, I think we should put the word "may"; we "may" fill both the first year. And I will tell you why, because having attended all of the meetings in the forum, what the discussion was, it will be difficult to get these first two independent directors at the level we want them, we want the President to do his job, or some people who could really help us.

This Nominating Committee has a large job in front of them, and they might not be able to find two for the first year. So by putting the word "may" up there, it gives the option, if we don't really have that second candidate that

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rises to that level, it gives us the option to go ahead and just put one in that office.

MR. MOORE: Tom Moore, California North.

So if the purpose of bringing in independent directors would be to find people who say I would like to take this job on, so that I can keep USASA exactly the same as it's been for years and years, with no change, no status, I would agree, four years would be fine for that sort of person.

But I think the reason we're looking for independent directors is to find people who can help us do professional change management. And those -- I'm sorry, that we're not exactly the most agile organization on the planet. We change kind of slowly. So that sort of person, we say, Well, the max you can have is four years. What kind of projects? What kind of issues is he going to try to take on to help us? That would be a, pretty short-term things, and I think we need to be thinking a little longer term than that, so I speak in favor of six years.

MR. TRAINOR: Dan Trainor, Arizona.
I'm going to speak against it. We're
just now voting to bring in an independent director on the outside, and we're already potentially shackling them. People look at that and say, I don't want to change. I do. I do think we need to change. But I think we also need to give them the chance to prove their worth. They aren't there all the time. If they aren't doing a good job, you vote them out, or you just don't ask them to come back the next term around, but I would say, let's see how it works. Let's get them in there. Let's develop it. U.S. Soccer has been doing it for quite awhile now. They're first talking about term limits now. Let's see how it works, and then we can always add them in later.

MR. BUSCH: Tim Busch, Washington.
To address the comment from the gentleman from South Carolina, I'm opposed to the concept of adopting independent directors and saying we may have two. It's permissive language. Now, you get into, we're committing to having independent directors, and then we're going to have an argument over whether we have one or two all the time. It makes absolutely no sense to me.

Certainly, there may be an issue of finding qualified candidates. If that was really the case, I would accept it. But putting in permissive language just sets up a whole, another battleground over an issue, I think, we thought we resolved.

MS. RICHARDSON: If I may, I think the comment from Mr. Ballish was with regards to the proviso for the first round of elections, that the committee could put two in the first year or could put in one year, and one in the next, and the proviso would then be if you did select two for that first election cycle, then one would serve one year, and one two years, and we would get them every other year, and it's ongoing. That is permissive language.

MR. BUSCH: Again, the point being, you wouldn't want it in the language saying, we may have one or two independent directors, that's uncertain.

MS. RICHARDSON: And that's why Dave is advocating the proviso, rather than amend it to the bylaws, to clarify that that's going to drop off once we get into the every other year cycle.

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So, we first need to address the motion to amend the proposed amendment to change the term from two years to -- pardon me, the term from two terms to three terms for a total of six years. So I will take a vote on that to adopt the motion to change it from two terms to three terms.
All in favor? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: Because that is just an amendment to the proposed amendment, it requires only a majority, so it does pass.
So we are now considering that it would be three successive AGM cycles.
So, if there's discussion on that, I will take a vote on whether to adopt the proposed amendment to Bylaw 402.
All in favor. Any opposed? So that is adopted.
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: We are now turning then to the proposed, addition of Bylaw 403, which is outlined, 403 , Section 6 , would outline the responsibilities of the officers and directors, specifically, the independent
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directors.
Do I have a motion to adopt that proposed amendment?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.
MS. BEYER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion?
In that case, all in favor of
adopting the proposed amendment to Bylaw 403,
Section 6 say aye? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: 404 is the proposed amendment to add four independent directors to the language. Do I have a motion to adopt that proposed amendment?

MR. BUSCH: So move.
MS. BEYER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion? All
in favor of adopting the proposed amendment to
Bylaw 402 say aye? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 404.
MS. RICHARDSON: 404, I'm sorry. I was turning the page.

We're now looking at the proposed amendment to 412, as outlined, the revision is
there. It's noted on that page. Do I have a motion to adopt that 412? Do I have a motion to adopt that proposed amendment?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move. MR. BUSCH: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion?
MR. GUTHRIE: Dave Guthrie again, Chair of the Bylaws Committee.

The Committee would like to revise
Section 1. The Rules Committee recommended the removal of the word "four" in front of regional director; removal of the word "two" in front of directors-at-large; and we want to remove the word "two" in front of independent directors; move the independent director to Number 8; and leave Number 7, to say Regional Deputy Directors.

MS. RICHARDSON: So to clarify, Dave is making a motion to amend the proposed amendment that you see there for Bylaw 412, Section 1, through the numbers, because they're defined in another section, to move independent directors to Number 8 and to leave in Number 7, Regional Deputy Directors.

MR. GUTHRIE: That's correct.
MS. RICHARDSON: Did I properly relay that? Do I have a second to that motion? UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second. MS. RICHARDSON: All in favor of adopting that proposed amendment that Dave just gave? Bob, could you put it back up in case you have -- there's any discussion with regard to that? Mr. Kepner is getting that.

MR. KEPNER: My name is Tim Busch.
MR. BUSCH: Don't even try to --
MR. KEPNER: The reason my name is Tim Busch is that I'm confused. That's the funny part.

But I'm Bob Kepner, and I am confused.

I was sitting there listening to all of this at-large, independent, and so on, but I can understand the role of independent director pretty easily. As my friend from South Carolina, Andy Marion, pointed out, this is a person who comes from outside the soccer world, has certain expertise, qualities, to be able to contribute to the goodness and the quality and the growth of Adult Soccer.

Sitting there thinking about the at-large, it's already a large board of
directors. And I would hate for us to add positions that are going to just add more people who are going to attend meetings. One of the distinct values of all of those, other than the two independent director roles, is that each person on the board has a specific well-defined significant role. The at-large, you can end up spending more money having people, more people participating in meetings, more people traveling to meetings, and expense, and so on, and I just worry about that.

So the confusion part is that we may well have gone ahead and said yes to doing this in the first place. So I apologize for that level of confusion. But I would ask that we're taking in -- I fully respect the role, and the quality of work that the Governance Committee has done. No question, it's just great. But I'm just also, but I am concerned on the flip side of this that we're trying to move too fast. Adding independent directors is a significant step. Adding at-large directors, if there's not substance to the action, to give a purpose to the role, I consider to be a questionable step at the same time as the independent director role.

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MS. RICHARDSON: Well, we do already have directors-at-large as part of the existing Board of Directors.

Any further discussion with regards to this proposed amendment to modify the amendment?

So, basically the concept is that if you look at the existing Section 1, the proposed amendment will remain the same except to add Number 8, independent directors.

So I would entertain, I would ask for a vote with regard to whether we adopt the amendment proposed by Dave Guthrie. All in favor? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: All right. Any further discussion with regards to the proposed amendment as a whole? I would entertain a vote to adopt the proposed revision to Section 412, or Bylaw 412, Section 1. All in favor? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: So the next section we're looking at is Bylaw 413, Section 2. Do I have a motion to --

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.
MS. RICHARDSON: -- adopt that proposed amendment.

MS. BEYER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion with regard to that?

MR. GUTHRIE: Dave Guthrie, Chair of the Bylaws Committee.

The Bylaws Committee removes its request to change Number 2 of Section 2.

MS. RICHARDSON: So you are making a motion to amend the proposal to leave Section 2 as it is currently written, and to add in independent directors, Section 2, Part 2, and then add independent directors to Section 2, Part 1. Is that correct?

MR. GUTHRIE: Right. So in other words, the Number 1, we would add the words "and independent directors," and Number 2, we would leave it unchanged.

MS. RICHARDSON: So I have a motion to do that. Do I have a second?

MS. BEYER: Second.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion with
regard to that? Okay, we'll take a vote on whether to adopt the proposal, the proposed amendment to the amendment. All in favor? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion with regards to the Bylaw proposal? In that case, I will take a vote to adopt the proposed amendment to Bylaw 413 , Section 2 . All in favor, say aye? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: 432 has been withdrawn by the Governance Committee. So we are moving on then to the proposed amendment Bylaw 511.

Do I have a motion to adopt that proposed amendment?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So motion.
MS. RICHARDSON: And a second?
MS. BEYER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion?
MR. GUTHRIE: Dave Guthrie again, Chair of the Bylaws Committee.

511, Section 2.
MS. RICHARDSON: Actually, if we can
back up -- I'm still working on Section 1.
MR. GUTHRIE: Okay, great, I will back up.

MS. RICHARDSON: So any discussion with regard to the bylaw in Section 1? Okay. We'll go to vote -- oh, you're almost too slow.

MR. MARION: Andy Marion. Just a question. This -- by passing this, it would make it a standing committee --

MS. RICHARDSON: Correct.
MR. MARION: -- not an ad hoc, special authority committee.

MS. RICHARDSON: Correct.
MR. MARION: Just a question of the governors, is that the governors, because there was some discussion last night as to what would be the appropriate form of this? Would it just be a committee appointed as necessary, when there needs to be a director filled, or would this be just an ongoing committee? So it's really a question as to what's best. I'm assuming the standing committee is what you would recommend.

MS. RICHARDSON: Any further discussion with regard to that? And we will vote on whether to adopt the proposed Amendment to

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Bylaw 511, Section 1. All in favor? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: Now, we're turning to 511 , Section 2. Do I have a motion to adopt that proposed amendment?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.
MS. RICHARDSON: And a second?
MR. SCHERER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion?
MR. GUTHRIE: Bylaw 3, we would like to withdraw Number 2.

MS. RICHARDSON: Which is --
MR. GUTHRIE: So 511, Section 2, Number 2.

MS. RICHARDSON: So that's the only amendment to that section. So we don't need to address anything in Bylaw Section Number 2?

MR. GUTHRIE: That's correct.
MS. RICHARDSON: All right. So we've
withdrawn that proposal. So now we're turning to 511 , Section 8 , which is an addition to the existing bylaws. Do I have a motion to adopt?

MR. BUSCH: So move.
MS. RICHARDSON: A second?

MS. BEYER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion?
MR. GUTHRIE: Thanks for letting me use that chair, by the way.

The Bylaws Committee would ask that 511, Section 8, Number 1, if you look at the second line there, where it begins "at-large board positions, including, but not limited to the positions of..." be removed.

So the corrected sentence would read, "The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying, evaluating and recommending qualified candidates for independent directors."

MS. RICHARDSON: Do I have a second to that proposed amendment?

PRESIDENT MOTTA: I second it.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any further discussion with regard to that amendment to the proposed bylaw revision? All in favor of that amendment? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: So any further discussion with regard to the amendment as a whole?

MR. GUTHRIE: For Bylaw 511, Section 64
8, the Bylaws Committee recommends removal of Number 2, and Number 4, and the following sentence that refers, that begins, "The nominating committee shall..."

MS. RICHARDSON: So you are making a motion to amend the proposal to remove Section 8, Number 2, Number 4, and the sentence following the numbered sections. Is there a second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion with regard to that proposed amendment?

MR. MOORE: Does the motion also include renumbering Section 3?

MS. RICHARDSON: Yes, that would be appropriate. So Number 3 would be renumbered to Number 2, if this does pass.

All in favor of adopting the proposed revision to the amendment, say aye? Any opposed?
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: Any further discussions with regard to the amendment that is now remaining, which would be to include the Section 8, Part 1, with that revision previously adopted, and Number 3 being now Number 2? Any discussion?

MS. RICHARDSON: And 5.
MR. FALCONE: Okay. Thank you.
MS. RICHARDSON: All right. If
there's no further discussion, I will take a vote on whether to adopt the proposed -- the revised proposed amendment. All in favor? Any opposed? Okay. Motion passes.
(Motion passed.)
MS. RICHARDSON: Thanks, okay. That does it.

Peter.
MR. PINORI: Just before we go --
MS. RICHARDSON: Well, I think we do have one more rule.

MR. PINORI: The rules that we just changed, is it possible for Duncan or somebody to 66
send us all of the things that we did today, so that we will all have them?

MS. RICHARDSON: Yeah. And the bylaws are available on the web page, the website, it's under, I think, the forum section, you can find them, so once Duncan's staff has the revised, they will be posted as well.

Do you want me to do the last one?
MR. KEPNER: John, do you mind if I interrupt?

PRESIDENT MOTTA: Just a quick announcement. The U.S. Soccer registration booth
is going to be closing. So if -- so if anyone has not registered with U.S. Soccer yet, please do so, because it will be closing in the next few minutes. Thank you.

MS. RICHARDSON: Mr. Flamhaft.
MR. FLAMHAFT: Ms. Chairlady, previously I had asked you on a point of information whether or not there are any recommendations with regard to rule changes, and you appropriately said there were. However, with regard to the rule change that I proposed, I don't see any, so is there -- before I go on and argue my motion -- is there a reason, or is there
one that I would receive now?
MS. RICHARDSON: I think it was an oversight. Our recommendation was sent separately from the recommendations that were to the Governance Committee amendments. I think it just didn't get there. The Rules Committee, when we did review the proposed amendment that you submitted, our only concern was that there wasn't any budgetary constraints set by the USASA, so...

MR. FLAMHAFT: May I now go forward and argue through my motion?

MS. RICHARDSON: You certainly may. Are you moving to adopt the bylaw, the proposed bylaw to Amendment 514?

MR. FLAMHAFT: Yes.
MS. RICHARDSON: Do I have a second on that?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
MS. RICHARDSON: Discussion, Mr. Flamhaft.

MR. FLAMHAFT: If the body has a moment to review our bylaws, you will see that in Section 3, Bylaw 1, the President certainly has the right to appoint committees; however, under that same section, there is an exception in that the Hall of Fame Committee is described in a separate bylaw. That separate bylaw is 514, which allows for the Hall of Fame Committee to stand alone in an isolated -- as an isolated committee, defining their rules and their obligations and responsibilities. And it specifically states that the USASA shall have a Hall of Fame Committee which shall be responsible for the nomination and selection of individuals.

What has happened is that the Board of Directors has mandated, without any discussion with the Hall of Fame Committee, they have mandated to the committee a specific number of people that they would like to see in the Hall of Fame.

That action by the board is an act -is arbitrary and is without authority according to the statutes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: The board, a couple or maybe two years ago, had a discussion regarding the number of nominees that would be set forth by the Hall of Fame Committee. And it was the board's decision that we felt that, if anything, more than four nominees in one year would kind of water down the whole process of the
evening, where, the Hall of Fame evening.
I think everybody in this room has been to a Hall of Fame event. And we know that after all the speeches and everything else, that anything after four, really, people are tired, and I really feel that if we go beyond four, the people that are the five or six or seven, sometimes they lose the prestige that they deserve, because it's just, people just -- it becomes a very long event.

So the board felt at that point that four nominees as the maximum per cycle should be sufficient to, you know, to nominate and to honor individuals. So that was the reason why the board voted that way. And my recommendation would be to keep it that way, because we like to make sure that the honorees are well honored that night and it doesn't get watered down by too many nominees.

MR. SCHERER: Paul Scherer, Regional, Director of Region 4.

I would like to dispute that it
wasn't arbitrary that we made that decision. We looked at it, and we really wanted to honor those people who were there. And like John was saying,

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after we had about five or six people get up and talk, you could look around, people are nodding off. I don't think that is honoring the people who are there. And I think it's important, a very important issue, and a very important honor that we give to folks, and I think they deserve our full attention.

And again, after listening to me for more than two or three minutes, everybody in here is going to start nodding off.

Really, I think that the Number 4 was not arbitrary. We looked at it, we thought that was probably about the number to really honor somebody, and given the amount of time, so that they could get up and thank everybody and we could all leave there and be real happy about it.

MR. FLAMHAFT: So if I understand what the two gentlemen who have just spoken about the rule change is that you and the board are concerned about the attention span of people that attend a dinner. You are concerned that because people will, I quote you, "nod off," that then you have the right to dictate to the Hall of Fame Committee how many people should be selected; that, to me, is a mind-boggling concept.

MR. SCHERER: I can certainly understand why it's mind-boggling for you. The idea is that not, the attention span, it's the honoring of that person, the true honoring of people.

You want to have 12 or have 14 people there? Is that really honoring those people that are there? And I think that's the important issue is how we honor those folks, and that's really the basis of all of this.

MR. FALCONE: Tony Falcone. Deputy Director, Region 1.

There are only two bodies within this organization that can approve policies. One is the National Board of Directors. The other is this National Council. The committees do not have authority to create policies.

If this National Council wants to reverse this decision of this board, it may do so, and then not approve the policies approved by us. But it's not the sole discretion of the committee, and this does not change anything with the Hall of Fame Committee. The Hall of Fame Committee will still be responsible for nominations and selection of members into the

Hall of Fame, but this policy as it sits right now, the current policy, it would be just four individuals that would be selected each year.

MS. RICHARDSON: Thank you.
MS. POLLEY: Peggy Polley-Grizzle from Kentucky.

This is the second time I have been on the Hall of Fame. And the Hall of Fame Committee, the rules that we have had, that is, up until this past year, had been you were allowed up to eight people to induct; however, we had not done that.

You take your 14 or 20 candidates. You look at the criteria, and you choose the people according to the criteria. This past year, we had six people. Three of them -- how can you decide if they all fit the criteria if you say to two of them, no, you're not going to get inducted, because you don't fit the criteria when you do. Normally, we all end up for, only four people. This was a special occasion. This was not something you do every year.

And then last year, it was a special occasion. And up until last year, the board had not said you could not induct any more than four.

We had been going by what was written in the bylaws of the Hall of Fame Committee. So it wasn't something we did out of line. We were using what was in the bylaws, in the conversation, but I still support that we should be able, if they, if you get 14 people, how can you turn away people who are the foundation of this organization? I think that's something you have to think about.

MR. BUSCH: Tim Busch, Washington.
I'm also in the Hall of Fame.
I want to give a different
perspective, and I really agree with what Tony said. If the council feels the number -- this is the normal conflict between a board of directors and a committee. For those of you that don't know, the Hall of Fame Committee is selected by the members of the Hall of Fame. They're not elected regionally or by the whole body.

I was inducted in 2007. I wear my ring every day, and I'm very proud of it. But I was inducted with 40 people. It was special. But I honestly think whether or not it's inattentiveness or the fact that you are trying to honor individuals, the whole room is full of 74
people who give so much of their time, you have to be reasonable about it. Whether it's four, six, or eight, there's budget issues. There's also an issue about making the experience important. And so I'm with Tony. If someone wants to make a proposal for a different number, that makes sense, but this bylaw proposal makes none to me.

MS. RICHARDSON: So seeing no further discussion. I will call the vote with regard to the proposed amendment to Bylaw 514. All in favor? Any opposed?

It sounds to me like that that amendment does not pass.
(Motion failed.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you, Karissa. Great job.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: And next on the agenda would be New Business, which we don't have right at the minute.

And that will bring us to the Good of the Game. And I will just start with, I think, everybody knows, public knowledge, that Gianni Infantino has been elected as the new FIFA

President.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Actually, I believe that will be a good choice for the United States. So, let's just hope that FIFA is on a new direction. They passed some new bylaws. So let's just pray that they're on a good path with a new leadership, and new people, and we have all the bad press behind us.

Steve.
MR. FLAMHAFT: Good of the Game?
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Good of the game, sir.

MR. FLAMHAFT: Tomorrow, I will be addressing the AGM, National Council, with regard to the following motion. And I'm anticipating attempts to prevent me from going forward as this issue may create embarrassment for the administration. So with your permission, I would like to read the proposal that I intend to read tomorrow and ask for your support.

I respectfully request that this administration, and this body censure Chuck Blazer for bringing disgrace to the United States Soccer for his unethical, corrupt, and immoral conduct.

I do so, because U.S. Soccer has been silent on this issue. When an American representative, no matter who it is, acts in a dishonest, corrupt, and illegal manner, I believe it reflects on all of us. And I will not sit silently, nor should any of us.

I think I speak for those, who in the past, as well as in the present, who worked and do work tirelessly with integrity and dignity to protect our reputation and the credibility of U.S. Soccer. No one in U.S. Soccer history has done as much damage to these values as Chuck Blazer. Chuck Blazer has dishonored our unblemished history.

I do not pretend to be the moral conscience of U.S. Soccer, but sincerely we must take a stand on unethical behavior when it impacts on our organization. We should take pride in the accomplishments of the organization and be vigilant of those who selfishly destroy it.

It is said that in situations such as this, when you are in doubt, what to do, do nothing. I believe when you are in doubt, as to
what to say, say what you really think.
I recognize that this request for censure is a rarity, but then, again, it is also true that we have never been the victim of such conduct.

The Assistant U.S. Attorney for the prosecution of the FIFA case has stated, It's fair to say that soccer federations whose officials have engaged in criminal conduct are victims. Their constituents, including the youth leagues, and other members of the bodies that rely on them for their support were harmed by the corruption of their officials and former officials.

I do not shy away from saying that I believe I am defending the honor of our leaders, past and present. I have been informed that I personally will pay a price by going forward with this motion.

It has been suggested that because Chuck Blazer is from New York and that I am from New York, that I should be protective of him. I reject that notion. I reject that rationale. I believe the censure request has merit and what I have stated should be stated. One should have

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the courage of their convictions.
I ask that you support this request, and I ask that you have the courage in joining me. That's what I will submit tomorrow.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you, Steve.
Now, before we all leave, before everybody starts to leave right now, I just want to make a point that, remember we still have an Adult Council meeting. As soon as we adjourn this, we will convene the Adult Council meeting. Yes.

MR. GUIMARAES: Gentlemen, Steve, with all due respect, Steve is here as an individual. He is not representing Eastern New York, and Eastern New York will do what they need to do, without having to ask information. But, what I want to emphasize is he is not representing Eastern New York. Thank you.

THE REPORTER: Name, please.
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Howard?
MR. RUBENSTEIN: Ladies and gentlemen, one of the reasons why I did come to this meeting was because I knew this was going to be brought up. Most of you don't know this, but a few people up there do. I am prejudicial on this matter. I
am a friend of Chuck Blazer. When I was President of Eastern New York Youth, Chuck Blazer was my vice-President.

Chuck Blazer did some things after he left U.S. Soccer that we do not agree upon. But when Chuck Blazer was part of Eastern New York Youth, when we played the National Youth Game, and defeated them, and when the bill came, when it came to pay the bill, I said to Chuck, Where in the hell are we going to get the money from? He said don't worry about it. He took it out of his own pocket.

Before Chuck Blazer got to CONCACAF, how many people ever heard of CONCACAF? Nobody. He had a little one room office in Guatemala City, and all of a sudden, he had two floors in Trump Tower, through Chuck's friendship with the possible next President of the United States.

Yes, Chuck did stupid things -- you know, you pay taxes on your income. That's what they nailed these guys on. Somebody gave him an idea. You take the money out of the Guatemala Bank, and you send it to the Caymen Islands in your name, you don't pay taxes anymore -- but he's stupid, since your corporation headquarters were in New York City.

But when Chuck Blazer was vice President of the Federation, under the leadership of Werner Fricker, all of a sudden, the money for international games that the Federation was due was being collected because Chuck went out there, on his or Werner's expense, and monitored those games.

So instead of 100,000 people that were never reported, and we used to get reports of 5 and 6,000 at a game in the Coliseum in Los Angeles -- nobody was ever censured who pocketed that money. When people took money from state associations, from their children, and various states whose directors embezzled \$250,000 and more, nobody was publicly humiliated. Nobody's name was brought up to the Federation for public censure. Yes, it was dealt with legally. Unfortunately, Chuck will be, will be dealt with, but it's not for us to censure him, or maybe it's because somebody was disappointed in 1984 that Chuck Blazer was elected vice President of the Federation, when he thought it was his right to be given that position. Personal vendettas are about to stop.

I have been through a lot of things over the past, over 30 years, maybe 40 years, I have been coming to these meetings. Never have I heard a barrage like that against somebody. Let the man die in peace.

Thank you.
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you.
Mr. Bollinger.
(Applause.)
MR. BOLLINGER: Jim Bollinger,
President of Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Association.

In an era of political correctness, I'm generally highly politically incorrect. I fully support Steve's recommendation to sanction Chuck Blazer for the simple reason that all of us here are doing what we can, doing what we do, to honor this game we love.

For whatever the reason, at whatever point in their life, someone chooses to dishonor this game we love, and this game that we have worked with so hard, they deserve to be called to task.

They may have done deeds in the past that were noteworthy, so have we all. If there 82
are people in the past that weren't brought to task, maybe it's time to change that. People that embezzled, people that did this, people that did that, I'm sure we have all seen them in our local state associations or our local leagues. Maybe it's time to bring that into full daylight. This is our time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: Now, to get us going, this is for the Good of the Game. We're not here to debate whether Steve Flamhaft has the right or should or should not make that motion tomorrow. So, let's try to keep it to the Good of the Game.

MS. PUGLIESE: Dyanne Pugliese, Region
2 Secretary. And I'm on a completely different subject.

Tomorrow, we are electing a Vice
President of the United States Soccer, and I would like to remind everybody that Mike Edwards has not only chaired this great association, he is still involved in our level. He is the only one of the three candidates who can say he's come up through these ranks, he's still involved in grass roots, and he understands our problems, our issues, and our concerns.

I'm concerned when somebody comes into the room and says to me, I'm not sure about your problems, but I want to meet with you and find out what they are. I think that should be a criteria. You should understand our problems already and say I'm coming in to represent you. I think we need more adult representation on U.S. Soccer's board, and I think Mike Edwards is the one to do it for us.

Thank you.
(Applause.)
MR. SCHERER: Well said, Diane.
Paul Scherer from Idaho.
One of the things I wanted to bring up, for part of the Good of the Game -- I think that's where we're at -- I hope, one thing, I would like to do is congratulate this body for having the courage to make the changes that they made today. Congratulations to this body.
(Applause.)
MR. SCHERER: I heard earlier that someone said we're moving too fast. No, that's not right. We're not moving fast enough.

If you sat through today's presentation, and last night, you saw how the 84
curve was on a very negative scale about how we're falling. We do need to change. We need to reflect on what we're doing. The independent directors are going to help us with that, but we need other changes too. A lot of our bylaws should be policies that we can change easily. We have to make restrictions on play. Our whole job is to facilitate play, and that's what we should be doing.

But again, I want to congratulate everybody. And thank you for having the courage to make the changes that you made today.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: Paul.
MR. GEORGE: Good afternoon everyone. My name is Bill from Maryland.

Another change that happened this weekend that I want to highlight which John mentioned earlier, is that he reinstated the Membership Committee, which is a wonderful change. We are a membership organization. 90 percent of our revenue comes from memberships, so, I think it is vital that we have an ongoing Membership Committee. John -- I was kind of the squeaky wheel, if you will -- and John has asked me to chair that committee.

I'm going to be reaching out to folks. I want to have a diverse committee with feedback, a cross-section of this membership from folks that run states, folks that run leagues, folks that run tournaments, because the fact of the matter is, we have different audiences that have different needs, and we need to be able to approach them differently. And different problems are going to require different solutions.

So also, on that note, I know we had folks before the meeting with our existing Membership Committee, before this one was reinstated, that had put in hard work. There was a best practices committee that put in hard work. So I'm going to reach out to you as well to perhaps dig up some of the work that was done.

But again my name is Bill George from Maryland. Please contact me if you want to get involved. I'm going to be reaching out to folks to tap into the wealth of talent, knowledge and experience that everyone has in this room so we can all grow the game together. Thank you.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi everybody. I'm Renee Rodriguez from San Antonio Soccer

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Association. I would just like to thank
Gianfranco Borroni, which he's not present right
now -- oh, there he is -- and John Pimona for doing the Carlos Rodriguez Memorial Bench Dedication, which is tomorrow. That means a lot to the Rodriguez family. Thank you very much.
(Applause.)
President GROFF: We will be doing the dedication tomorrow at 3:00, at the -- 2:00, from two to three -- at the Schertz Complex here. So I would like to see as many of us there as possible to commemorate what Carlos has done for our game.

MR. PIAZZA: Pascal Piazza, President, Texas South. On behalf of the wonderful women of Texas South, and me, "Bienvenidos a San Antonio," and have a great time and enjoy yourself this weekend.
(Applause.)
MR. MOORE: Tom Moore, Cal North speaking for the Good of the Game.

I understand that after the ceremony tomorrow at 2 , my understanding is we will actually have a pickup game, and I wondered if we could get some details on that.

PRESIDENT MOTTA: I will be the referee. How is that? Okay.

All right. Before we conclude the AGM for the USASA, I just would like to give out.

Our Annual Appreciation Awards.
So, I would like to acknowledge
Tennessee State Soccer Association for hosting
the 2015 U.S. Soccer National Amateur
Championships, which, for those that are here, they will again be hosted by Chattanooga, Memorial Day weekend, which will include our National Champions, our Open Cup, and our Amateur Champions, and Chattanooga, as the host, and I got word today that it looks like the Des Moines men's team will be the fourth team representing the PDL.

So if you want to come join us in Chattanooga for the weekend, it's a great event. Chattanooga is an absolutely great organization that puts on a really, really, great event.

So Tennessee, come on up.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you. We would like to also acknowledge Cal South for hosting the 2015 USASA Mid-Year meeting last 88 year. Cal South.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: We would also like to acknowledge Metro D.C. Virginia Association for hosting our 2015 USASA National Championships, and also Youth Soccer Fest.

Thank you.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: And just quickly, this year, we changed, we used to give out -which I changed from the Richard Groff's beer mug to the John Motta coffee mug -- an award for growth. I'm happy to give it for year over year growth, but this year, we've changed it, and we wanted to really make it a little bit more special, so this year's winners are three years of continuous growth.

So we would like to call up North Dakota Soccer Association. They're not here? I guess I will take home another mug.

Wisconsin Soccer Association. They're not here.
(Multiple simultaneous conversations.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: We've got North Carolina Soccer Association.

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    (Applause.)
    PRESIDENT MOTTA: Oklahoma Soccer
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Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Oklahoma.
Tennessee State Soccer Association.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: And is Jerry
Zanelli here, for the Women's Premier Soccer
League.
(Applause.)
PRESIDENT MOTTA: I will take home
four mugs.
Okay, so I think that concludes this
meeting. Motion to adjourn.
UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.
PRESIDENT MOTTA: Everyone, thank
you.
(Adjourned at 2:28 p.m.)
I, DEBRA K. RESLING, RMR, and Certified
Realtime Reporter appointed to take the meetings of
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