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1 (The USASA National Council recessed to go  
2 into the U.S. Adult Council Soccer meeting at 1:45  
3 p.m.)  
4 PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. Thank you.  
5 So now what we're going to do is the U.S.  
6 Soccer Adult Council agenda. Could we have that put  
7 up there, please.  
8 We're going to call to order. The very  
9 first thing that we need to do is to give the voting  
10 rights of all the Credentials Committee to all of the  
11 members of U.S. Adult Soccer that are in the room.  
12 The exact voting rights.  
13 Is there such a motion?  
14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.  
15 PRESIDENT GROFF: Seconded?  
16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.  
17 PRESIDENT GROFF: All in favor say  
18 aye? Anyone say no?  
19 It passes.  
20 (Motion passed.)  
21 PRESIDENT GROFF: The second thing is  
22 guest speakers. Do we have anyone? Hearing  
23 none.  
24 The election of the four Adult  
25 Commissioners. Now, the way we're going to do

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1 this, we have nominations. Are there any  
2 nominations for Adult Commissioner?  
3 MR. PINORI: Good afternoon, Peter  
4 Pinori from Eastern New York.  
5 Eastern New York is proud to nominate  
6 Mr. Richard Groff as one of the Adult  
7 Commissioners. It's not just for his experience,  
8 which is over 30 years, all of you know, but that  
9 doesn't count as much as Rich is able to get  
10 things done through the people that he knows at  
11 the U.S. Adult Soccer, through everybody here. I  
12 found him to be one of the best people we ever  
13 had as leaders for our organization. What is  
14 important -- and I'm going to say it again,  
15 because I want to stress it -- he gets things  
16 done for all of us. And that's why we strongly  
17 would like to nominate Rich.  
18 PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you, Peter.  
19 I have a declared nomination for Bill  
20 Davey. So that would be your second candidate.  
21 MR. FALCONE: Anthony Falcone, Deputy  
22 Director for Region 1, the region that's first on  
23 your heart, first on the pitch -- no one liked  
24 that one, huh? Okay.  
25 I would like to nominate our region

<p>5</p> <p>1 director from Region 1, Fritz Marth, to be one of                  2 the Adult Council members. He has served in that                  3 position for the last two terms and would                  4 nominate him again to return as an Adult Council                  5 member. Thank you.                  6 PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay.                  7 MR. OLIVAS: Rick Olivas, Cal North.                  8 We would like to renominate Bill                  9 Bosgraaf for the position.                  10 PRESIDENT GROFF: Bill Bosgraaf is                  11 already a member. He was elected last year.                  12 Is that okay? He is there.                  13 I think there is one additional                  14 nomination.                  15 MR. MATTSON: Yes, I would like to                  16 nominate Rob La Vielle, Region 3 Director, for                  17 Adult Commissioner position.                  18 PRESIDENT GROFF: Are there any other                  19 nominations?                  20 Motion to have the nominations close.                  21 Second?                  22 All in favor, say aye?                  23 (Motion passed.)                  24 PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. There are                  25 four candidates for four positions. We can do</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1 lot. It's a huge responsibility that I'm                  2 assuming, and I will work hard to represent you                  3 as well as I can.                  4 The one thing that I am not, I am not                  5 a genius. I am not -- I do not know everything.                  6 I will need to surround myself with people that                  7 are experts in different areas, and I will -- and                  8 that's where I will look for your help. I will                  9 need to surround myself with good people in order                  10 for us to achieve our goals.                  11 I will say a little bit more later,                  12 but again, thank you.                  13 (Applause.)                  14 PRESIDENT GROFF: So at this very                  15 moment, John holds both seats on the U.S. Soccer                  16 Board of Directors, because he was elected last                  17 year, and now that he's elected chair, he                  18 automatically has a seat.                  19 So I assume, John, you are resigning                  20 from the last year's election, which creates a                  21 one-year vacancy on the U.S. Soccer Board of                  22 Directors. We need to fill that position, and we                  23 need nominations.                  24 And Mr. Motta will also run this                  25 election.</p>
<p>6</p> <p>1 this by acclamation.                  2 All those in favor say aye. Anyone                  3 opposed?                  4 There are four Adult Commissioners.                  5 (Applause.)                  6 PRESIDENT GROFF: The next position is the                  7 election of the Adult Chair. Nominations?                  8 MR. MARTH: Fritz Marth, Adult                  9 Commissioner and Region I Director.                  10 I would like to place into nomination                  11 John Motta.                  12 PRESIDENT GROFF: Are there any other                  13 nominations?                  14 Hearing none, a motion to close the                  15 nominations?                  16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Move to close.                  17 PRESIDENT GROFF: Second?                  18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.                  19 PRESIDENT GROFF: All in favor say                  20 aye?                  21 John Motta, Congratulations.                  22 MR. MOTTA: Good afternoon, everyone,                  23 and thank you. It's a huge honor to represent                  24 all of you as the Adult Council Chairman.                  25 Having no one run against me says a</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1 MR. MOTTA: Okay. So I will open the                  2 floor for nominations for the one-year position                  3 on the adult -- as a representative of the Adult                  4 Council on the U.S. Soccer Board.                  5 MR. LA VIELLE: Thank you, John.                  6 I would like to nominate Arthur                  7 Mattson for this position. I have known Arthur                  8 for well over 15 years. When I was state                  9 president in Florida, he came on as a league                  10 president. Arthur represents U.S. Adult Soccer.                  11 He is a current player. He's a current referee.                  12 He's a mediator in his professional position.                  13 And so I think we would represent -- he will                  14 represent this body in its needs on the U.S.                  15 Soccer Board of Directors.                  16 It's my privilege and honor to                  17 nominate Arthur Mattson.                  18 MR. MOTTA: Okay. Any other                  19 nominations?                  20 MR. KEPNER: Yes. My name is Bob                  21 Kepner. I'm from North Carolina.                  22 And it is my distinct honor to                  23 nominate Richard Groff for this position. I have                  24 known Richard for many years, dating back to the                  25 late '80s. He's a man who has experience that is</p>

<p>9</p> <p>1 in depth, of a quality nature, comprehensive, and                  2 complete. He's served Adult Soccer, all of us                  3 know that. He sits before us, has stood before                  4 us many, many, many times.</p> <p>5           During the years of his involvement                  6 in soccer, his perspective and his experience                  7 have followed a complete wide broad perspective:                  8 Involvement at the youth level as a state                  9 president; involved with the pro level as a                  10 commissioner of the Professional A League; NBOD,                  11 seven years; USASA president, four years. This                  12 is a man to whom we all owe a very high level of                  13 respect.</p> <p>14           One of the things that I have heard                  15 during the time that this election process has                  16 been going on -- and I don't like to have people                  17 at my back -- so one of the things that we have                  18 learned, that I have learned as we've gone                  19 through the process of looking at people is that                  20 there are three different candidates: Arthur, a                  21 friend of mine, has already been nominated;                  22 Richard, another friend, I'm nominating him. One                  23 of the things that I learned in the Region 3                  24 meeting today is that there's a feeling that                  25 since Richard is not going to continue as a</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1 associations that were having difficulty, state                  2 associations that wanted to do different things                  3 and, perhaps, leave the organization.</p> <p>4           The skill of negotiation is something                  5 that is important in terms of representing Adult                  6 Soccer at the next level, at the highest level.                  7 He's already been there for four years and would                  8 continue to do that. Negotiation is a skill that                  9 involves give-and-take. And representing any                  10 kind of organization involves a give-and-take.</p> <p>11           A key element, I feel, is that U.S.                  12 Soccer shows to Richard a very, very high level                  13 of respect. We know him now as the next honoree,                  14 as the Werner Fricker Award recipient. It shows                  15 a great time spent and devotion given.</p> <p>16           So I nominate my friend, our friend,                  17 our leader, Richard Groff.</p> <p>18           (Applause.)                  19 MR. MOTTA: Thank you, Bob.                  20 Any other nominations?                  21 MR. OLIVAS: Rick Olivas, Cal North                  22 again.                  23 I'm going to try to get it right this                  24 time. I nominate Bill Bosgraaf.                  25 MR. MOTTA: Okay. Any other</p>
<p>10</p> <p>1 member of the USASA Board of Directors,                  2 therefore, that that in the very real sense                  3 disqualifies him as a good, solid legitimate                  4 member representing the Adult Council at the                  5 national level.</p> <p>6           I don't agree with that philosophy.                  7 I think the experiences that one has, if you                  8 think about anybody who moves from a                  9 vice-president level or a president level to a                  10 higher position, CEO, anything of that sort, that                  11 it's the experience that counts.</p> <p>12           This is a person that I have learned                  13 to know in terms of having the highest possible                  14 level of integrity. Richard and I don't always                  15 agree with each other, but you will know exactly                  16 where Richard stands.</p> <p>17           One of the key points that I will                  18 offer to you is that when a person is working                  19 with the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors, having                  20 skills that are useful is very important.</p> <p>21           One of the things that we have                  22 learned about Richard during the four years that                  23 he's been president is that he has used those                  24 skills to the advantage of USASA. He's devoted                  25 time, going around nationally to state</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1 nominations?</p> <p>2           MR. MOORE: I hate to interrupt the                  3 campaign speeches. This is Tom Moore, Northern                  4 California.</p> <p>5           I'm just wondering where are we on                  6 this agenda? I know it's a little                  7 disadvantageous that we didn't see this agenda                  8 until it got put up on the meeting here. But I'm                  9 just wondering where we are on this agenda.</p> <p>10           PRESIDENT GROFF: Tom, a vacancy was                  11 created that we did not know, a mandatory                  12 vacancy, so, therefore, we would have to add it.</p> <p>13           MR. MOORE: So it would be under new                  14 business?                  15           PRESIDENT GROFF: No, it's under                  16 election of Adult Chair. We have to fill that                  17 vacancy. So we put it in there. Thank you.                  18 We would do resolutions next.                  19 MR. MOTTA: Are there any other                  20 nominations for the representative on U.S.                  21 Soccer?                  22           Seeing none, I will close                  23 nominations.                  24           Now, I believe, since we have three                  25 candidates for one position, that a majority will</p>

<p>13</p> <p>1 be needed to have a winner, so we need 101 votes.                  2 If we do not get -- if any candidate does not get                  3 101 votes, on the first try, we will have a                  4 second election, and I think we will continue                  5 that process until someone receives the majority                  6 votes.                  7 MR. MC GEE: I have a point of                  8 clarification. My clarification is do the people                  9 sitting up here who don't have a vote in                  10 elections in USASA, do they have a vote in this                  11 election, because if they don't, then we need to                  12 have a new credentials report.                  13 PRESIDENT GROFF: We need that                  14 additional credentials report.                  15 MR. EJLALI: Okay. The credentials                  16 report for the election would be 185 is your                  17 total, making 93 the majority.                  18 MR. MOTTA: So now -- we will give an                  19 opportunity for each candidate to address the                  20 body.                  21 We'll start with Richard.                  22 PRESIDENT GROFF: We actually decided                  23 this by drawing our names out of a hat, so I will                  24 go first.                  25 You have three candidates. This is a</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1 on my experience, my creativity, and my platform,                  2 not only what we have done, but what we need to                  3 do. U.S. Soccer is going to be a \$100 million                  4 business. We contribute \$600,000 to that. They                  5 don't need that money anymore. You need an                  6 advocate to bring that money back into this room,                  7 and the same thing for U.S. Youth Soccer and any                  8 other youth amateur affiliate.                  9 You heard John, who's been talking --                  10 it's time that U.S. Soccer pays for our joint                  11 programs. The Under-23 program is critical. We                  12 heard our national team coach say today, for 20                  13 years this organization, U.S. Soccer, has ignored                  14 the 18- to 23-year-olds. U.S. Soccer needs to                  15 have a platform for those players, those elite                  16 players.                  17 This organization stepped forward                  18 when no one else did it. We were the only                  19 sponsor for the National Women's Soccer League                  20 last year. Yes, we put up \$5,000. We got our                  21 boards, but we said that women's soccer in this                  22 country needs to be developed with the best                  23 league in the world, and we need to invest every                  24 dime that we can to make sure it succeeds.                  25 And it's not enough just to win gold</p>
<p>14</p> <p>1 very important choice for this body. You can't                  2 choose someone just because they have another                  3 position. You can't choose someone because they                  4 have no programs. And you can't choose someone                  5 when they would say, oh, he's not there anymore.                  6 You have to make a positive choice                  7 for the future, just not of U.S. Adult Soccer,                  8 but of U.S. Soccer.                  9 I can tell you, I am going nowhere                  10 for four years. And that was the commitment with                  11 my wife Maggie, because she knew it was a 24-7                  12 job for me. Every morning e-mails, constant                  13 attention, helping the national office start                  14 selecting an executive director.                  15 But this organization is my passion.                  16 Now, it may mean, as I've already                  17 agreed, to serve on the board of Delaware                  18 Soccer -- because they're not represented today,                  19 and they're small, and they need help, and I want                  20 to help them. I have already said to John Motta,                  21 I will serve on any committee that he wants to                  22 appoint to me.                  23 I am not going away. Anyone who                  24 thinks that I will disappear into the night, it's                  25 not going to happen. I stand before you, based</p>	<p>16</p> <p>1 medals with the women. We need to win gold                  2 medals for the men. All of our national teams                  3 have to be ready.                  4 But what happens that we're not                  5 competing at the highest level for the Under-17s                  6 and Under-20s? Where is our strategy? That                  7 cannot happen in the future.                  8 As you know, the Lamar Hunt Open Cup                  9 is a passion of mine. I played in it many years                  10 ago. Werner has been a great chairman there. We                  11 have fought hard. Four years ago, there were 16                  12 amateur teams in that event. Today, four years                  13 later we will have 42 teams for the first time.                  14 But it needs to be 64.                  15 I don't believe now is the time to                  16 make a change. I believe you need the 16 years                  17 of experience on the Board, the U.S. Soccer                  18 Board. I believe my experience as your president                  19 has been very helpful. I want to continue to                  20 serve on the U.S. Soccer Board, and I want to                  21 represent U.S. Adult Soccer.                  22 Thank you.                  23 (Applause.)                  24 MR. MOTTA: Thank you, Richard.                  25 I guess -- Bill Bosgraaf?</p>

<p>17</p> <p>1 MR. BOSGRAAF: Hello, everybody.                  2 As you know, my platform is to be in                  3 support and take that second position to support                  4 our president. I think we're all capable of                  5 doing a good job, and I also believe that our                  6 leadership coming from the USASA side is going to                  7 be more than capable to do everything that has                  8 been mentioned. And I believe that I can do a                  9 good job in that role and be part of that                  10 Federation board. So I already spent time going                  11 around to the regions, so I don't want to spend                  12 any more time on this.                  13 And I would appreciate your support.                  14 Thank you.</p> <p>15 MR. MOTTA: Okay. Thank you, Bill.                  16 And last, we will have Arthur.</p> <p>17 MR. MATTSON: Good afternoon,                  18 delegates.                  19 First, I would like to thank you for                  20 the opportunity to allow me to serve on your                  21 National Board of Directors and your Adult                  22 Council. I also would like to thank U.S. Soccer                  23 for hosting this weekend's events here in                  24 beautiful New York City, a little chilly, but                  25 still very nice. And also remind you of our</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1 I think it is time. And I stand before you here                  2 today to ask for your support to be that second                  3 unified voice.                  4 I don't want to take anything away                  5 from Richard, his accomplishments. They have                  6 been great. He's done a good job, and while we                  7 haven't agreed on everything, I think everybody                  8 can agree that he has put in a lot of time into                  9 this organization. And as any president that                  10 leaves a board, they always want to leave it a                  11 little bit better than they found it, and I am                  12 certain that everybody will agree that Richard                  13 can say that.                  14 But this seat that we're voting on                  15 right now is not an award of service. Because,                  16 if it was, I would be the first one to vote for                  17 Richard. But it's not. This seat is way more                  18 important than that, and if we send somebody that                  19 doesn't sit on this board to the U.S. Soccer                  20 Board of Directors, that represents this board,                  21 it could potentially cause confusion, and it                  22 could potentially cause, you know, some                  23 misunderstanding, maybe some lack of                  24 communication, and it could potentially undermine                  25 what your board is trying to accomplish moving</p>
<p>18</p> <p>1 mid-year meeting, which happens to be in the                  2 sunny state of Florida in September, and I can                  3 assure you all that white stuff you will see on                  4 the ground will just be beach sand.                  5 Now, we have many important decisions                  6 to make today, but none more important than the                  7 decision of who we're going to send to the U.S.                  8 Soccer Board of Directors to represent you. Now,                  9 we've already chosen one of those two seats                  10 today. It was John Motta. It makes perfect                  11 sense. He's going to be our president moving                  12 forward. He's going to sit on our Board of                  13 Directors, and just like the rest of the Board of                  14 Directors on here, moving forward, they're going                  15 to be involved in the monthly meetings, the daily                  16 phone calls amongst board members, discussing the                  17 ways that we can improve USASA and how we're                  18 going to deal with the challenges that face us in                  19 the future. And that is why it is crucial that                  20 when we send a voice to U.S. Soccer, it is a                  21 unified voice from the Board of Directors that                  22 you elected to represent you.                  23 And as a side note, it's been over a                  24 decade since we have sent a fresh voice and a new                  25 face to the U.S. Soccer Board of Directors. And</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1 into the future, because we're going to have a                  2 new president, and no matter what, our course of                  3 action is going to be changing.                  4 Now, I know Richard says he wants to                  5 stay on the board and finish that term out for                  6 one year; that he may have some unfinished                  7 business, some -- tie up some loose ends. And I                  8 can assure you that John and I working together                  9 here on this board representing you at the                  10 Federation board, we can handle that.                  11 Now, our relationship with U.S.                  12 Soccer is good, but I think it can be better.                  13 For example, I don't think U.S.                  14 Soccer should serve as our personal ATM machine.                  15 And as one of my fellow board members put it, it                  16 kind of sounds like we go to U.S. Soccer like                  17 they're our mom and dad asking for an allowance.                  18 I think we're better than that.                  19 But don't get me wrong. I look                  20 forward to going to the board and fighting for                  21 you and fighting for funding, for the projects                  22 and the programs here at USASA that make sense,                  23 that makes us stronger, because that's in                  24 everybody's best interests. I would much rather                  25 go to U.S. Soccer and ask for a fishing pole than</p>

21	<p>1 to ask for a fish every day.                  2 Now we face challenges in the future.                  3 Every state does. And we face competition.                  4 Competition is good. Competition makes us                  5 stronger. Competition forces us to create                  6 programs that our members need and want. And we                  7 have to acknowledge that moving forward, and I                  8 think your new board does. And I know that by                  9 working together, we can assure that USASA is                  10 prepared to face those challenges in the future.                  11 Thank you.                  12 (Applause.)                  13 MR. MOTTA: Okay. Thank you.                  14 So, now, you all have your ballots in                  15 your packets. We are going to use the second                  16 sheet. The first one says "Adult Commissioner"                  17 ballot. We're not using that ballot. Make sure                  18 you are using the "USSF Board Representative"                  19 ballot. So if you can please fill it out with                  20 your vote.                  21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: John, is it                  22 the green color?                  23 MR. MOTTA: They're both white.                  24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Green.                  25 MR. MOTTA: I got two white ones.</p>	23	<p>1 Representative" in the white.                  2 MR. ELJALI: The colored ones we will                  3 use if we cannot get a majority in the first                  4 round. Go through your pack. It's based on the                  5 number of -- you get one per vote for your state.                  6 So if you have five votes, you are going to have                  7 five ballots, and that's going to include the                  8 colored ones. So find the white one at the back.                  9 The five white ones on the back, if you have five                  10 votes and fill that in, please.                  11 PRESIDENT GROFF: After all the                  12 ballots are collected, and then they go back and                  13 figure out what the vote is, we will move on to                  14 the resolutions.                  15 Nick, do you want to put up last                  16 year's resolutions.                  17 If you can remember, last year, we                  18 passed three resolutions by the U.S. Adult                  19 Council. Let me tell you what the result was.                  20 Mandatory adult player liability insurance was                  21 accepted by the U.S. Soccer NBOD, and it was                  22 expanded to mandatory liability insurance for all                  23 players and staff.                  24 I will say it, John will say it:                  25 Only white ballots this time. So if you have one</p>
22	<p>1 MR. EJJALI: Our first round of                  2 voting will be on the white ballots only. If you                  3 put your nominee on a colored one, your vote will                  4 not be counted, so please find your white pack                  5 and use your --                  6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There is no                  7 white one. What does it say on it?                  8 MR. EJJALI: As John told you, it                  9 says the USSF Board Representatives. It has a                  10 space for one -- green.                  11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Green.                  12 MR. MOTTA: Okay. Somebody bring one                  13 up and show us what you are talking about.                  14 MR. ELJALI: There are white ones and                  15 green ones.                  16 MR. MOTTA: So let's use the white                  17 for the first ballot.                  18 All of the ballots are stapled                  19 together; is that correct? In the back of the                  20 packet, there should be a white ballot that                  21 states USSF --                  22 MR. GROFF: Hold on.                  23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's on the                  24 back of the packet that says Adult Commissioners                  25 Ballot. On the back of that, it has "USSF Board</p>	24	<p>1 vote, you have one white ballot. If you have two                  2 votes, you have two white ballots.                  3 MR. MOTTA: We only use the green if                  4 we do not get a majority on the first ballot. We                  5 will use that for the second ballot.                  6 PRESIDENT GROFF: So that was                  7 approved. You pushed it. They accepted it.                  8 Good idea.                  9 Expansion of the amateur teams in the                  10 Lamar Hunt Open Cup. You pushed it. It went                  11 from 34 to 42. Another good event.                  12 The National Amateur Championship for                  13 men and women. Last year, it was only for the                  14 men. This year in May, it will be for the men                  15 and the women.                  16 We also gave you copies on your desk                  17 of those resolutions for last year.                  18 For this year, the U.S. Adult Soccer                  19 Board of Directors and the Adult Commissioners                  20 recommend two resolutions. They were approved                  21 last night at about 8:30. We're going to show                  22 them to you one at a time. We are hoping to do                  23 this by voice vote.                  24 The first is the U.S. Soccer National                  25 Amateur Championship. We just spoke about that.</p>

<p>25</p> <p>1 Approved for men and women. The committee, whose                  2 head, the chair is John, after last year's                  3 experience, they wanted to upgrade the elite                  4 status of this event. It is the U.S. Soccer                  5 National Amateur Championships.                  6 And so we are recommending a \$10,000                  7 prize to both the men and women's champion.                  8 Any discussion on that motion? It's                  9 to be funded by U.S. Soccer.                  10 Hearing no discussion, can I have a                  11 motion to approve.                  12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Move to                  13 approve.                  14 PRESIDENT GROFF: Second?                  15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.                  16 PRESIDENT GROFF: All those in favor                  17 say aye? It's approved.                  18 (Motion passed.)                  19 PRESIDENT GROFF: The next                  20 resolution: This one is a resolution for an                  21 Under-23 Open Championship. This is very much in                  22 line with what Jürgen Klinsmann said we need to                  23 do something for the 18 and 20s, those elite                  24 teams. And so what we're recommending is a                  25 partnership of U.S. Adult Soccer and U.S. Soccer.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>1 for New Mexico State Soccer Association.                  2 I'd remind all of you that this isn't                  3 the first time a program has started this way.                  4 The Veterans Cup, successful as it is, we got                  5 kick-started with 25,000 bucks for three years                  6 when Hank was the secretary general. And at one                  7 time, when my friend Werner Fricker was chair of                  8 the Competitions Committee, when we had such a                  9 thing, they took a recommendation to the U.S.                  10 Soccer Board to fund an Under-20 and an Under-23                  11 National Cup. And we got them kick-started.                  12 So I, like Arthur, like many of you,                  13 I don't like to go to U.S. Soccer for money, but                  14 as Richard pointed out, Jürgen made a really                  15 dynamic presentation this morning that rather                  16 impolitely alerted us to our deficiencies and                  17 exactly why we are where we are. And it was bad                  18 news. And one of the suggestions is where we are                  19 killing ourselves is right here, right here in                  20 this age group. And this is not going to be                  21 turned down.                  22 But the other thing I'd suggest you                  23 do is don't forget while you are sitting in here                  24 as members of USASA, you are also state                  25 associations, and don't be hesitant about putting</p>
<p>26</p> <p>1 It'll be for Under-23 teams. It's a national                  2 championship. You come directly to the event, no                  3 regional qualifying. We want elite teams. Our                  4 goal the first year is 16, played over a four-day                  5 period. And we have proposed a funding plan from                  6 U.S. Soccer of \$40,000 for field rentals, medical                  7 personnel, referees, awards, and then 20,000 from                  8 U.S. Adult Soccer to send our staff, manage the                  9 event, provide insurance, things of that nature.                  10 Is there any discussion?                  11 MR. MOORE: Tom Moore, Cal North.                  12 Just a quick question. This is a                  13 recommendation to, I presume, the Board of                  14 Directors or National Council of U.S. Soccer                  15 Federation, and similarly to the Board of                  16 Directors and/or national council of U.S. Adult                  17 Soccer Association.                  18 What happens under this resolution if                  19 one or the other fails to approve the funding?                  20 PRESIDENT GROFF: Tom, what U.S.                  21 Adult Soccer said is they will fund it                  22 themselves.                  23 Is that a fair statement, gentlemen                  24 and ladies? Go ahead.                  25 MR. EDWARDS: Mike Edwards, registrar</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1 something on your state association letterhead                  2 and sending it off to the secretary general                  3 suggesting to them that your state wants to be                  4 part of this and you really, really want the                  5 Federation getting behind this. Let's not just                  6 make this USASA. Let's spread it out.                  7 PRESIDENT GROFF: Thank you, Mike.                  8 Mike has been very invaluable. He's                  9 the chair of the Lamar Hunt Open Cup Committee.                  10 It's under his leadership that we got the 42                  11 teams. He will be very instrumental in this as                  12 vice-president of U.S. Soccer. It's great to                  13 have you here, Mike.                  14 Motion to approve.                  15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.                  16 PRESIDENT GROFF: Second.                  17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.                  18 PRESIDENT GROFF: All in favor?                  19 (Motion passed.)                  20 PRESIDENT GROFF: So we have -- go                  21 back to the agenda. We have new business. Is                  22 there any new business that you want to bring to                  23 the U.S. Soccer Adult Council? We will continue                  24 to wait for the vote.                  25 Duncan do we have any awards to give</p>

<p>29</p> <p>1 out just to kill time here? Okay.</p> <p>2 Well, I know this is a violation of</p> <p>3 the agenda protocol; however, just think of this</p> <p>4 as a time that we're giving out awards, and we</p> <p>5 don't really care which organization we are</p> <p>6 representing.</p> <p>7 So I guess it was three years ago, I</p> <p>8 started the tradition of giving out beer steins</p> <p>9 for those state associations that had increased</p> <p>10 membership. This year for whatever reason,</p> <p>11 Region 1 ended quickly -- I was stuck in the U.S.</p> <p>12 Board meeting -- so we're going to do this now,</p> <p>13 so you can walk up here. Duncan will read them</p> <p>14 out, I will hand them to you.</p> <p>15 MR. RIDDLE: Western Virginia.</p> <p>16 (Applause.)</p> <p>17 MR. RIDDLE: Eastern New York.</p> <p>18 (Applause.)</p> <p>19 MR. RIDDLE: Vermont.</p> <p>20 (Applause.)</p> <p>21 MR. RIDDLE: Rhode Island.</p> <p>22 (Applause.)</p> <p>23 MR. RIDDLE: Pennsylvania West.</p> <p>24 (Applause.)</p> <p>25 MR. RIDDLE: Massachusetts.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1 MR. RIDDLE: Alabama.</p> <p>2 (Applause.)</p> <p>3 MR. RIDDLE: South Carolina.</p> <p>4 (Applause.)</p> <p>5 MR. RIDDLE: Arkansas.</p> <p>6 (Applause.)</p> <p>7 MR. RIDDLE: New Mexico.</p> <p>8 (Applause.)</p> <p>9 MR. RIDDLE: Nevada.</p> <p>10 (Applause.)</p> <p>11 MR. RIDDLE: Idaho.</p> <p>12 (Applause.)</p> <p>13 MR. RIDDLE: Washington.</p> <p>14 (Applause.)</p> <p>15 MR. RIDDLE: Oregon.</p> <p>16 (Applause.)</p> <p>17 MR. RIDDLE: Wyoming.</p> <p>18 (Applause.)</p> <p>19 MR. RIDDLE: Arizona.</p> <p>20 (Applause.)</p> <p>21 MR. RIDDLE: Hawaii.</p> <p>22 (Applause.)</p> <p>23 MR. RIDDLE: Montana.</p> <p>24 (Applause.)</p> <p>25 MR. RIDDLE: Cal South.</p>
<p>30</p> <p>1 (Applause.)</p> <p>2 MR. RIDDLE: Western New York.</p> <p>3 (Applause.)</p> <p>4 MR. RIDDLE: Missouri.</p> <p>5 (Applause.)</p> <p>6 MR. RIDDLE: Ohio North.</p> <p>7 (Applause.)</p> <p>8 MR. RIDDLE: Southern Ohio.</p> <p>9 (Applause.)</p> <p>10 MR. RIDDLE: Wisconsin.</p> <p>11 (Applause.)</p> <p>12 MR. RIDDLE: Minnesota.</p> <p>13 (Applause.)</p> <p>14 MR. RIDDLE: Iowa.</p> <p>15 (Applause.)</p> <p>16 MR. RIDDLE: Kansas.</p> <p>17 (Applause.)</p> <p>18 MR. RIDDLE: North Dakota.</p> <p>19 (Applause.)</p> <p>20 MR. RIDDLE: Louisiana.</p> <p>21 (Applause.)</p> <p>22 MR. RIDDLE: Texas South.</p> <p>23 (Applause.)</p> <p>24 MR. RIDDLE: Georgia.</p> <p>25 (Applause.)</p>	<p>32</p> <p>1 (Applause.)</p> <p>2 MR. RIDDLE: Cal North.</p> <p>3 (Applause.)</p> <p>4 MR. RIDDLE: AYSO.</p> <p>5 (Applause.)</p> <p>6 MR. RIDDLE: The MPSL.</p> <p>7 (Applause.)</p> <p>8 MR. RIDDLE: SAY Soccer.</p> <p>9 (Applause.)</p> <p>10 MR. EJLALI: All right. Folks, we</p> <p>11 did not reach a simple majority. I need for you</p> <p>12 to look into your pack and find the green ballot</p> <p>13 that says "USSF Board Representative."</p> <p>14 I would like to announce the vote</p> <p>15 totals. Bill Bosgraaf, 21; Richard Groff, 75;</p> <p>16 Arthur Mattson. 87. Total vote of 184 -- -83.</p> <p>17 Excuse me. So, missing two ballots. Please use</p> <p>18 your green ballot, cast your votes again.</p> <p>19 MR. BOSGRAAF: Considering where the</p> <p>20 votes are at, I'm going to drop out, and I</p> <p>21 hope -- I would like to send my support towards</p> <p>22 Arthur Mattson. Thank you.</p> <p>23 MR. ELJALI: Okay. Please cast your</p> <p>24 votes from the green ballots, please.</p> <p>25 PRESIDENT GROFF: All right. We're</p>

<p>33</p> <p>1 going to give the awards for the hosting of our 2 events.</p> <p>3 MR. RIDDLE: The first one is for 4 hosting the 2013 USASA Veterans Cup, and this is 5 a nice plaque here for Cal South. 6 (Applause.)</p> <p>7 MR. RIDDLE: In 2013, we also changed 8 the format for the Women's National 9 Championships, and the hosts did an unbelievable 10 job in making a success of that tournament, so we 11 would just like to thank the Kansas State Soccer 12 Association. 13 (Applause.)</p> <p>14 MR. RIDDLE: 2013 was also the first 15 time, we hosted and ran the U.S. Soccer National 16 Amateur Championships, and our host was North 17 Carolina. Again, they did a fantastic job and 18 made everybody so welcome, and we thank them for 19 that. 20 (Applause.)</p> <p>21 MR. RIDDLE: Our National Cups in 22 2013 were hosted by one of our established "cup" 23 states, and it was a very poignant moment, 24 because we were hosted by Texas South, and I 25 think you all know that we lost one of our</p>	<p>35</p> <p>1 Association. 2 (Applause.)</p> <p>3 PRESIDENT GROFF: Congratulations. 4 And the last one, in Region 1, is the 5 Metropolitan D.C. Virginia Soccer Association. 6 (Applause.)</p> <p>7 PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. We have no 8 additional meetings here. We're waiting for the 9 vote tally. Do we have one? Okay. 10 My suggestion is that we go back -- 11 the parliamentarian says that we have to sit and 12 wait. 13 MR. MOORE: Richard Groff, Tom Moore. 14 So no possibility of adjourning 15 temporarily to the Adult USASA National Council 16 meeting? 17 PRESIDENT GROFF: I asked the 18 parliamentarian that, and he said we need to do 19 the business of U.S. Soccer Adult Council 20 meeting. 21 MR. MOORE: Would it help if you had 22 a motion? Just checking. 23 PRESIDENT GROFF: We have a 24 suggestion. Since it's not technically on the 25 agenda, how about if we allow the people that are</p>
<p>34</p> <p>1 greatest members in there this year. So, Texas 2 South. 3 (Applause.)</p> <p>4 PRESIDENT GROFF: Okay. The last 5 group of awards we have -- this is a tradition 6 that we started four years ago -- we have an 7 award that we give to an outstanding state 8 association. It's usually one in each region. 9 As you see when -- these who come up here -- it's 10 people who have excellent membership. They're 11 growing. They have coeds. They have 12 recreational leagues, and they have competitive 13 leagues, and they are leaders in their area and 14 region. 15 The first one from Region 4 is the 16 Idaho State Soccer Association. 17 (Applause.)</p> <p>18 PRESIDENT GROFF: Congratulations, 19 Paul. 20 The next one is Region 3, North 21 Carolina Soccer Association. 22 (Applause.)</p> <p>23 PRESIDENT GROFF: For Region 2, a 24 state that's small but has one of the best coed 25 leagues in the country, South Dakota Soccer</p>	<p>36</p> <p>1 running for the member-at-large for U.S. Adult 2 Soccer to give their campaign speeches? Does 3 anyone object to that? 4 Seeing none, do you all three want to 5 speak? 6 MR. WASECKI: I do want to speak. 7 Okay. 8 PRESIDENT GROFF: Cezar, come on up 9 here and speak. 10 MR. WASECKI: Is somebody else 11 speaking? 12 PRESIDENT GROFF: It appears they all 13 do. 14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you want an 15 order? 16 (Multiple simultaneous conversations.) 17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Here they 18 come. 19 MR. EJLALI: Out of 184 votes cast, 20 Richard Groff, 81; Arthur Mattson, 103. 21 (Applause.)</p> <p>22 PRESIDENT GROFF: Congratulations to 23 Arthur. 24 All right. We can adjourn from the 25 U.S. Adult Soccer -- no, the U.S. Soccer Adult</p>

1 Council meeting.  
 2 Is there a motion to adjourn?  
 3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So move.  
 4 PRESIDENT GROFF: All in favor, say  
 5 aye.  
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 8 back into the National Council Meeting.)

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