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1 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay, everyone. Good
2 afternoon. Again, I want to welcome everyone
3 here to the AGM, our first fall AGM, and
4 before we get started with the full agenda,
5 let's take a few more minutes for a Moment of
6 Silence for those of us of our USASA family
7 who has passed away this past year.

8 (Moment of silence.)

9 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you. And next I
10 will have everyone stand and do the Pledge of
11 Allegiance.

12 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

13 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I'd like to call on
14 Tony, our Credentials Chairman, to do the
15 Credentials Report.

16 MR. FALCONE: Good morning, everyone.
17 Let me go through a few preliminaries before
18 we start. First of all, a question was
19 raised. The USASA officers, regional
20 officers, directors have votes under general
21 business, but under our bylaws do not have
22 votes for elections.

23 So those who have the ability to vote
24 during the elections are only the
25 organizational members which are state

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1 associations, USASA affiliates, USASA leagues.

2 Now, I will be going through those who
3 have signed for their packet, if anyone is
4 missing I will ask you or I'll ask that state
5 or a member if they are present and you can
6 pick up your packet up here in the front.

7 During the elections we will be using
8 electronic voting as we did back in February
9 and when we get to that part of the meeting
10 we'll have instructions on how that works, but
11 you will need to pick up the WiFi here in the
12 meeting room and we'll give it out. If
13 there's anyone who doesn't have a device or a
14 computer, we will be walking around and we can
15 assist you and allow you to have your votes
16 and we'll just ask for a show of hands at that
17 point.

18 Also, there are a few officers that are
19 going to be here representing their state
20 association so I'll clarify that as I go
21 through the roll. I will go through the roll
22 with the names. You do not have to say you're
23 here. Those of you who have signed in, we
24 know you're here, but I will state how many
25 votes that member has.

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1 I'll first start with our national
2 officers. So we have our President, John
3 Motta, Vice President Richard Moeller,
4 Secretary Shonna Schroedl and Treasurer Lori
5 Stoneburner, all with one vote each. Then our
6 directors. We have Director At-Large Werner
7 Fricker, Director At-Large Cezar Wasecki and
8 Independent Director Brett Hurwitz, all with
9 one vote each.

10 One more thing. I wanted to announce it
11 earlier. I know we had regional elections
12 yesterday. The newly-elected members of
13 officers for the regions, your position comes
14 into effect after this meeting is complete, so
15 those who came to this meeting as a regional
16 officer continue in that capacity until the
17 end of this meeting.

18 So Region 1 Director Fritz Marth, Deputy
19 Director Anthony Falcone, Region 1 Secretary
20 Scott Mapes is present, but he's going to be
21 representing Vermont so he will not be voting
22 as an officer. Region I Treasurer John
23 Kahmke.

24 For Region II we have Director Bill Davey,
25 Deputy Director Nick Radu, Region II Secretary

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1 Dyann Pugliese is representing Michigan, so
2 she will be not voting as Region II Secretary.
3 Region II Treasurer, Wayne Wilson is
4 representing -- Wayne, I forgot your state.
5 Sorry about that.

6 MR. WILSON: Nebraska.

7 MR. FALCONE: Nebraska. Wayne is
8 representing Nebraska, so he will be voting
9 for Nebraska, not as a Regional Treasurer.

10 Region III we have Darius Ejlali, Deputy
11 Director Chaz Ballish, Secretary Karen Beyer,
12 Treasurer Nick Calabro.

13 For Region IV we have Director Paul
14 Scherer, Deputy Director Sergio Bolioli,
15 Secretary Roy Carlson and Treasurer Roger
16 Hamilton. Past presidents. Do we have any
17 past presidents in the room? I know Mr.
18 Edwards.

19 MR. EDWARDS: I'm voting New Mexico.
20 Yvonne's flight was cancelled so I'm not
21 taking --

22 MR. FALCONE: So you're for New Mexico,
23 okay. Gianfranco Borroni is not here? I
24 didn't see him. No, so none of the past
25 presidents are here at this meeting and in

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1 their capacity for voting in that capacity.

2 Region I members. We have Connecticut
3 with four votes, Delaware with one vote,
4 Eastern New York with four votes, Eastern
5 Pennsylvania with four votes, Maryland with
6 two votes, Massachusetts with five votes,
7 Metro D.C.-Virginia with five votes, New
8 Hampshire with one vote, New Jersey with four
9 votes, Pennsylvania West with three votes,
10 Rhode Island with two votes, Vermont with two
11 votes, West Virginia with one vote, Western
12 New York with four votes.

13 From Region II we have Illinois for five
14 votes, Indiana with three votes, Iowa with
15 three votes, Kansas with three votes, Kentucky
16 with three votes, Michigan with four votes,
17 Minnesota with four votes, Missouri with two
18 votes, Nebraska with two votes, North Dakota
19 with one vote, Ohio North with three votes,
20 South Dakota with one vote, Southern Ohio with
21 two votes, Wisconsin with one vote.

22 From Region III, we have Alabama with two
23 votes, Arkansas with four votes, Florida with
24 five votes, Georgia with four votes, Louisiana
25 with four votes. Do we have anyone here from

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1 Mississippi? Mississippi did not sign for a
2 card. Mississippi is not present. North
3 Carolina with five votes, North Texas with six
4 votes, Oklahoma with three votes, South
5 Carolina with four votes, Tennessee with three
6 votes, Texas South with four votes.

7 Last but not least among the regions,
8 Region IV. Alaska with three votes, Arizona
9 with three votes, California North with five
10 votes. California South with five votes,
11 Colorado with two votes, Hawaii with three
12 votes, Idaho with three votes, Montana with
13 two votes. Is Nevada present? Anyone from
14 Nevada here? Nevada is not present. New
15 Mexico with four votes, Oregon with four
16 votes, Utah with three votes, Washington with
17 five votes and I understand Wyoming -- is
18 Wyoming present? Anyone from Wyoming here?
19 Wyoming is not present.

20 Our other organizational members.
21 American Youth Soccer, one vote. Eastern
22 Development Program, one vote. National
23 Premier Soccer League, one vote. Do we have a
24 representative from State Soccer? State
25 Soccer is not here. United Premier Soccer

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1 League. Do we have a representative from
2 United Premiere Soccer League? United
3 Premiere Soccer League is not here. Do we
4 have a representative from the United Women's
5 Soccer? United Women's Soccer is not here.
6 U.S. Club Soccer, one vote.

7 Do we have a representative from West
8 Coast Soccer Association? West Coast Soccer
9 Association is not here. Do we have a
10 representative from the Women's Premiere
11 Soccer League? We do not have a
12 representative from the Women's Premiere
13 Soccer League.

14 Okay. Jen, do we have a tally? Let me
15 ask again: UPSL, United Premier Soccer
16 League. Anyone present from United Premiere
17 Soccer League? No. Okay. I'll come back
18 with the final tally.

19 PRESIDENT MOTTA: While we're waiting
20 for tally I'll just give you a brief -- since
21 I don't have a timekeeper now and I would only
22 have eight minutes, I feel free to just speak.

23 So again, good afternoon everyone,
24 delegates, guests, friends of U.S. Adult
25 Soccer and welcome again to Buffalo. How was

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1 Niagara Falls yesterday?

2 (Applause.)

3 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Good. Seemed like
4 everybody had a great time and many of you
5 told me you crossed something off your bucket
6 list, so it's funny because when we chose
7 Buffalo three years ago everybody says
8 Buffalo? Why Buffalo? That was the reason
9 why we chose Buffalo. It wasn't for Buffalo.
10 It was for Niagara Falls, so I hope it was
11 worth it for everyone, especially if it was
12 your first time there.

13 I want to say a special thanks to Western
14 New York for hosting a very special event.

15 (Applause.)

16 PRESIDENT MOTTA: And for the
17 hospitality they have shown us in the
18 hospitality room at Soho yesterday and
19 everything they did for our trip to the Falls
20 yesterday. I'm sure everyone here appreciates
21 your effort. Again, thanks a lot.

22 Yesterday we held elections during the
23 Regional Meetings and I just would like to
24 congratulate all the new elected officials and
25 thank those who have served, so in Region I I

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1 would like to welcome Tony Falcone as the new
2 Regional Director and the new elected Board
3 Member on the USASA Boards.

4 (Applause.)

5 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I'd also like to
6 congratulate Andy Weiss who is now the new
7 Deputy Director for Region I.

8 (Applause.)

9 PRESIDENT MOTTA: And Scott Mapes who
10 was re-elected as the Secretary of Region I.

11 (Applause.)

12 PRESIDENT MOTTA: In Region II I would
13 like to congratulate Claudio Frigo who was
14 elected as the new Deputy Director for Region
15 II.

16 (Applause.)

17 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I also would like to
18 thank Nick Radu for his service to Region II.
19 Thank you, Nick.

20 (Applause.)

21 PRESIDENT MOTTA: And congratulations
22 back to Wayne Wilson who got re-elected as the
23 Treasurer of Region II.

24 (Applause.)

25 PRESIDENT MOTTA: And Region III,

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1 congratulations to both Darius and Karen who
2 both got re-elected into their positions in
3 Region III.

4 (Applause.)

5 PRESIDENT MOTTA: And in Region IV
6 congratulations to Robin who got elected as
7 the new Deputy Director of Region IV and Roger
8 Hamilton on his re-election as Treasurer.

9 (Applause.)

10 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I would also like to
11 thank Sergio for his service to Region IV and
12 to USASA and his time as the Deputy Director
13 of Region IV.

14 (Applause.)

15 PRESIDENT MOTTA: This morning during
16 the forum for the Presidency I really talked
17 about a lot of the accomplishments of USASA,
18 so I not going to go through that again. Most
19 of you heard it this morning, so there's no
20 sense to repeat it.

21 (Applause.)

22 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Just because of that I
23 will. I would like to talk a little bit about
24 some of the things that are coming up,
25 especially the Board Retreat that you've all

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1 heard about coming in Chicago in November.
2 When I got elected four years ago we held our
3 first Board Retreat and it was more like a
4 strategic summit where we came up with some
5 goals and a plan that we wanted to get done in
6 the next two to three years, four years and I
7 felt that many of the things that were in that
8 plan have gotten accomplished, but as an
9 organization, every few years we need to
10 reschedule or schedule a retreat or a summit
11 to continue to set goals and objectives.

12 As we know, the world changes tremendously
13 at a rapid speed. Things that we talked about
14 yesterday probably aren't relevant today
15 anymore because of the speed of which things
16 get done in this world today. So a few months
17 ago at one of our Board Meetings, we decided
18 it's time we sit down as a Board and have a
19 retreat and setup some new goals and see where
20 we are as an organization and continue to try
21 to grow it and come up with new ideas because
22 you have to keep thinking outside the box if
23 we want to stay relevant in the sport.

24 The Board will meet throughout the whole
25 weekend in the first weekend of November and

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1 setup some new goals and new initiatives.
2 Following the retreat, my plan would be to
3 have a follow-up meeting with the members,
4 those that could attend, and show what our
5 ideas were and get input from the membership
6 so that maybe there are things we're not
7 thinking about, things that you've experienced
8 that you can help the Board with.

9 So it won't be just a Board decision, so
10 we will invite the membership to a follow-up
11 meeting to show you what we've come up with
12 and get your ideas to help us out with that
13 plan. My idea right now would be to hold that
14 meeting in conjunction probably with the
15 Coaches Convention in January in Chicago also.

16 I know many of us attend anyway. It would
17 save on costs for everyone and it would give
18 an opportunity to go at a place where not only
19 are we meeting, you can enjoy all the
20 festivities and the clinics that are being
21 done during the Coaches Convention, so that is
22 a plan.

23 We'll meet in November, put the plan
24 together and try to get you guys, whoever is
25 interested, in attending a meeting in January

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1 in Chicago with us with the Board to go over
2 the plan that we've come up with and refine it
3 and change it and add it and delete so it will
4 be a working document when we get there, but
5 all their input would be appreciated.

6 Also, the Adult Commission is this
7 weekend. We met on Thursday and one thing
8 that we agreed on and I thought it was a great
9 idea was that U.S. Soccer has the Soccer
10 Growth Fund and we felt that as an
11 organization that USASA should put together a
12 request called a grant to help with technology
13 at the state levels.

14 We know that not everyone has the luxury
15 of having a computer system, doing online
16 registrations and if we want to grow as an
17 organization we've got to be all technological
18 savvy and get technology working in all the
19 states, so we thought as the commissioners met
20 that, you know, we would put together a grant,
21 send it to U.S. Soccer to try to help the
22 state associations that need the help with a
23 computer system and get them some technology
24 into the states that could use it, so that was
25 one of the things that came out of our

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1 Commissioners Meeting on Thursday.

2 I also spoke about woman's soccer in the
3 past and with the Women's World Cup coming
4 next year. We have a great opportunity to
5 join in that excitement and bring back the
6 Women's Amateur Cup. It's always been a goal
7 of this Board to try to resurrect that cup
8 and, you know, we always kind of fell on not
9 enough interest. We had issues with Jerry
10 Zanelli who it had to be his way or the
11 highway, but I think we're at a spot where we
12 need to put together a committee again, a
13 women's committee, and talk about the Women's
14 Amateur Cup and resurrecting the women's
15 program within USASA.

16 I was very inspired when I went to the
17 Region III Meeting this summer and saw the
18 excitement and the success that the Region III
19 had with their women's program and that really
20 gave me that extra push that I needed to say
21 you know something, if they can do it in
22 Region III, we can do it nationally.

23 (Applause.)

24 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So if I'm re-elected
25 one of my first things I will do is put that

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1 women's committee together and I've got some
2 really great names already in my back pocket,
3 and I'm sure even if I'm not elected I'm sure
4 whichever, either Mike or Chris, would do the
5 same thing, so we've got to get that program
6 back online.

7 I've have heard the cries out there for
8 better communication and I agree. We do not
9 do a good job with communications. I will
10 commit to everyone here that if I'm re-elected
11 that every Board Meeting agenda and approved
12 minutes will be emailed to the entire
13 membership to make sure that everybody knows
14 when we're having a meeting, whether it's a
15 Board call and what the agenda will look like
16 and then following the meeting and the
17 approved minutes, we will send via email so
18 you don't have to go looking for it to the
19 entire membership.

20 (Applause.)

21 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Now, again, Carlos is
22 in the back room. Welcome, Carlos. Carlos is
23 our president. He's still here with us.
24 Carlos is our new president and I spoke to
25 many of you because a lot of people used to

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1 ask me questions about Carlos and what is
2 going on and as we all know that Carlos for
3 the first four or five months was just
4 basically, you know, nonexistent here in the
5 States.

6 He was traveling the world and I know I
7 got in a few calls with him and he says, John,
8 I'm going to three different countries today.
9 I went to one, I'm flying there and I've got
10 to get on a plane to another country today. I
11 mean, it was hard work to get that World Cup
12 in here, but he has succeeded and we are
13 definitely -- everyone will benefit because of
14 the hard work that Carlos did. So give Carlos
15 a hand.

16 (Applause.)

17 PRESIDENT MOTTA: But now as we talked
18 about, and I don't want to rehash everything
19 we talked about in the forum, but having the
20 World Cup in this country is going to be a
21 massive opportunity for everyone in this room
22 to join them, to get on the bandwagon, join,
23 get involved, and I didn't talk about it
24 before, but I remember during the 1994 World
25 Cup my position at Foxboro was they used to

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1 call it head of -- not Head of Delegation, but
2 Head of Government was my title and during
3 that time, and it's probably one of the things
4 that's happened to me in soccer that will stay
5 with me forever.

6 I ended up watching three World Cup games
7 in Foxboro with President Bush and I was his
8 official liaison for those three games, so
9 those are memories that you'll never, never,
10 never forget. Sitting with a U.S. President
11 on your side watching three World Cup games is
12 memories and I'm sure there are people in this
13 room that have their own memories from the
14 1994 World Cup, so get involved.

15 I'm sure there will be a lot of committees
16 coming up in the years to come to get
17 involved, whether you have a venue in your
18 state or not. Take advantage of that
19 opportunity because those are lifetime
20 opportunities that you cannot let go and you
21 probably -- it's a once-in-a-lifetime
22 opportunity. Maybe I'll get two in a lifetime
23 if I can survive eight more years, but it's a
24 great opportunity and again, we as an
25 organization, we've got to also see how we can

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1 take advantage of that opportunity to grow our
2 membership.

3 The one thing I want to stress again is
4 the Growth Fund and I know I talked about it a
5 little bit earlier and Carlos talked about it.
6 There's \$3 million available from U.S. Soccer
7 for us to grow, for you to grow in your state.
8 Again, Washington State took advantage of it
9 with the walking soccer, right?

10 He has attracted new members to his
11 organization. It's now expanded into Idaho
12 and other parts of the country, so put
13 together that program, that grant application,
14 submit it, come up with some great ideas. No
15 idea is a bad idea. Put it together. Send it
16 to U.S. Soccer and let's take advantage of
17 those \$3 million.

18 I mean, that is definitely U.S. Soccer
19 showing that they want to help out, so if we
20 don't take advantage of it, shame on us. So
21 let's all go out there and do something.

22 So we have a lot of other business to
23 attend to. I think there's a small election
24 this afternoon, so I will keep my comments
25 short and thank you for everything. Tony?

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1 (Applause.)

2 MR. FALCONE: So an update while John
3 was entertaining us. We have a representative
4 from the Women's Premiere Soccer League
5 present, so they are present with one vote.
6 For general business, for this meeting there's
7 a possible total of 190 votes. For the
8 elections there's a possible total of 170
9 votes. Basically it's the twenty officers who
10 did not move for the elections.

11 Any questions? Is there a motion to
12 approve the Credentials Report?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Motion to
14 approve.

15 MR. FALCONE: Are there any objections?
16 If there's no objections, then it's approved.

17 (Motion passed)

18 PRESIDENT MOTTA: One thing I forgot to
19 mention, when you come and speak and if you do
20 speak, can you please mention your name for
21 the stenographer so she has it on record who
22 is speaking.

23 Next we have the confirmation of the
24 minutes of last year's 2017 AGM. Anyone have
25 any additions or corrections, deletions to the

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1 minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting?
2 Seeing none, I'll take it as it's approved.

3 (Motion passed).

4 PRESIDENT MOTTA: John Kahmke?

5 MR. KAHMKE: As a point of order, I'd
6 like to make an amendment to the agenda that
7 we bring up the amendments being proposed
8 after your confirmation of the minutes.

9 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay, so there's a
10 motion to change the agenda and bring up the
11 amendments to the charter bylaws and policies
12 following the confirmation of minutes, which
13 we just did so it would be next on the agenda.
14 Do I have a second?

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

16 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Any discussion?

17 MR. KAHMKE: The effects of that,
18 depending on some of the amendments in the
19 system right now, could have a bearing on
20 voting strength.

21 PRESIDENT MOTTA: The rationale, Bob,
22 there is we have members here who last year
23 because of a bylaw change lost their voting
24 rights with us, so this would give them -- if
25 we change the agenda and the bylaw passes, it

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1 would give them an opportunity to get their
2 voting back. It's not to change it, just to
3 give members their voting strength back that
4 we took away last year.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll second it.

6 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Okay. Any more
7 discussion? Rob Lavielle.

8 MR. LAVIELLE: Rob Lavielle, Adult
9 Commissioner. Just a question to that. If
10 that does go into effect that would not change
11 the current voting for anything today? It
12 would go into effect after this meeting.
13 Would that be correct?

14 PRESIDENT MOTTA: That would be correct,
15 but once the amendment is on the floor we
16 could amend it to say effective immediately.

17 MR. LAVIELLE: Okay. I just wondered.

18 PRESIDENT MOTTA: That would be the
19 plan. Question?

20 MR. PINORI: I think the only --

21 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Say your name. Peter
22 Pinori.

23 MR. PINORI: Peter Pinori for Western
24 New York. If I am not mistaken, I think
25 that's only going to be like five extra votes.

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1 I think we're talking about 170 I think Tony
2 said to us. It's going to go up to 175. It's
3 not like the end of the world, so that's why
4 the reason why we seconded the motion.

5 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you. Thank you
6 very much. Any other discussion? Yes,
7 Doctor. Dr. Tom.

8 MR. MOORE: Does this not mean we'll
9 have to bring credentials back up and do a
10 re --

11 PRESIDENT MOTTA: That would be correct,
12 Tom. Any other discussion? Mr. Busch.

13 MR. BUSCH: Yes. I just have a point of
14 clarification. Are we talking about that
15 single bylaw on the voting strength or all of
16 the bylaw changes?

17 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Tom, since they are
18 doing one and Karissa will be up here, we'll
19 do the entire package.

20 MR. BUSCH: That seems kind of illogical
21 to me, but okay, I understand.

22 PRESIDENT MOTTA: You can amend it to
23 make it just the one. I mean, it's up to you
24 guys.

25 MR. BUSCH: I think that makes a lot of

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1 sense because of the election and the other
2 things that are involved. I understand the
3 voting strength and I understand that we
4 probably disenfranchised people when we didn't
5 expect to last year. That's fair, so if John,
6 the maker of the motion, would accept I think
7 we ought to deal with that particular --

8 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So you want to make an
9 amendment to his to do just Bylaw 302, right?

10 MR. BUSCH: Yes, so we deal with that
11 alone and then that one would go back on the
12 agenda.

13 MR. KAHMKE: That's fine.

14 PRESIDENT MOTTA: John is good, so you
15 just changed your amendment to do 302 up to
16 this part of the agenda only. All those in
17 favor of doing bylaw 302 now please say aye.
18 Any nos? It passes. Thank you.

19 (Motion passed)

20 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So now we'll bring up
21 Karissa for Bylaw 302 only.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Minutes, minutes.

23 PRESIDENT MOTTA: We did the minutes.
24 It was approved. Yes, I said there was no
25 deletions or corrections. I approved them.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry.

2 MR. FALCONE: Not to make any changes to
3 the minutes, but last year in Tahoe we had a
4 number of bylaw amendments that were approved.
5 Unfortunately, there was some clerical errors
6 when the edits were made to the bylaws that
7 are published on our website, so some things
8 were amended or not changed.

9 I would like to ask that the Rules
10 Committee give an authority to make the proper
11 reviews and the proper edits so that the
12 bylaws that we have published on our website
13 are correct.

14 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Any other members in
15 objection to that? Okay. David Borts.

16 MR. BORTS: John, we've had a lot of
17 informal discussion about the issues that Tony
18 brought up and one of the issues that just --
19 I'm not trying to over-lawyer it, but the
20 problem that we've got is that what's
21 currently published by USASA is not a
22 100 percent accurate reflection of what our
23 bylaws are and it is an issue and we're asking
24 and the Rules Committee is asking and a number
25 of other people, the members of the

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1 association, are asking for some amendments to
2 the bylaws today, but on the other hand the
3 bylaws as published are not accurate.

4 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So I think what Tony
5 is asking is that we authorize the Rules
6 Committee to look at it and correct them the
7 way they should be corrected.

8 MR. BORTS: I agree, but it also puts us
9 in some dilemma about whether we should be
10 doing any amendment of the bylaws today
11 because what -- and again, I'm not trying to
12 be an obstructionist, but what we have
13 published is not accurate so we are amending,
14 and our entire bylaws as published on the
15 website, I think everybody who knows if you
16 look them over they are not an accurate
17 reflection of what we passed within the last
18 year and it is an issue and I think it should
19 be addressed.

20 I'm not technically trying -- I know we
21 meet twice a year, so it's tough, but we
22 really shouldn't be amending what doesn't
23 exist. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I'm not an attorney so
25 I don't know. We'll take that under

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1 advisement. So do we need to take a vote on
2 -- no. Here's Karissa.

3 MS. RICHARDSON: So we are addressing at
4 this time just the proposed revision to Bylaw
5 302. There are two competing proposals. The
6 first one was submitted by Tony Falcone and
7 it's printed on Pages 14 and 15 of the
8 conference book. So Tony?

9 MR. FALCONE: Ready for me to make a
10 motion?

11 MS. RICHARDSON: I am.

12 MR. FALCONE: As a proponent for the
13 Bylaw Amendment 302, I'd like to make a motion
14 for the amendment, Anthony Falcone, Deputy
15 Director from Region I.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second the
17 motion.

18 MS. RICHARDSON: The motion is seconded.
19 Any discussion?

20 MR. FALCONE: Yes. I just want to
21 explain the purpose of this motion is to
22 recognize affiliates who do not run leagues,
23 but have members across the country running
24 leagues. Many of them are associated with
25 their youth programs that they aren't actually

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1 registering players and bringing them in.

2 This would allow those affiliates to have
3 the same voting strength as our state
4 associations and that's the purpose of this
5 amendment. I also want to add I'm the
6 representative for USASA on the Credentials
7 Committee for U.S. Soccer and I know this is
8 an issue dealing with that Credentials
9 Committee and it's a possibility that when we
10 meet in February the Credentials Committee may
11 not interpret our bylaw as it currently is, so
12 this would make that adjustment. Thank you.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: Thank you. Your name
14 and where you're from.

15 MR. HUTTON: Greg Hutton from U.S. Club.
16 Obviously I'm speaking in favor of this
17 amendment. I appreciate Mr. Falcone for
18 proposing it in support of the three
19 presidential candidates as well and I also
20 want to thank you your support for amending it
21 on the agenda today.

22 Our position is this makes right a bylaw
23 also proposed by Mr. Falcone at our last
24 year's Midyear Meeting that was passed that
25 essentially reduces affiliate's voting

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1 strength to one. A bit of context that's
2 relevant. We did not receive notice of the
3 proposed bylaw or the Midyear Meeting itself
4 last year and, accordingly, we were not
5 represented at the Midyear Meeting and did not
6 have a chance to speak against that in which
7 our voting strength was reduced.

8 Our understanding is we were inadvertently
9 left off the membership mailing. I mention
10 that not to pass blame, certainly. Our
11 experience with the USASA national office has
12 been great. Duncan, Nick, Pierre, Jen and
13 staff has been very responsive and provide
14 answers and it's been nothing but great with
15 them. I just mention it because it's relevant
16 here.

17 In closing, we think it's fair. It's the
18 right thing to do and we ask for all of your
19 support. Thank you.

20 MS. PUGLIESE: Dyann Pugliese, Michigan.
21 All our leagues in our state believe that they
22 are USASA leagues. If this bylaw stands as
23 written, they're going to be given a vote. I
24 would like to suggest that the maker consider
25 adding USASA as a direct affiliated league.

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1 MR. FALCONE: Dyann, that would be
2 incorrect what you stated. What this does is
3 it specifically says USASA affiliates and we
4 have USASA affiliates defined in our bylaws as
5 organizations with recreational programs that
6 register players, so this does not effect your
7 local leagues. This does not apply to your
8 local leagues. Your local leagues are still
9 affiliated through you as a state association.

10 This is currently for U.S. Club Soccer,
11 AYSO and other organizations like that that
12 are affiliate members.

13 MR. TRAINOR: Dan Trainor, Arizona. And
14 this will effect either one of the 302s,
15 depending on which one is voted in, but on
16 paragraph two I would propose to change the
17 last part of the sentence where it says
18 respective state associations based on the
19 residence of those players.

20 Many of the national regional leagues and
21 that have players from outside of their area
22 playing on their states or on that team, so it
23 really should be the location of that team,
24 whatever the correct words are there, so that
25 it's not the residence of the player. It's

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1 the location of the team. That way that team
2 and that state association gets that credit.

3 MS. RICHARDSON: So Section 1, Part II
4 is where you're looking at, correct?

5 MR. TRAINOR: Correct.

6 MS. RICHARDSON: So instead of residence
7 of those players --

8 MR. TRAINOR: Location of the team.

9 MS. RICHARDSON: Location of the team.
10 All right. All in favor -- any discussion on
11 the amendment?

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

13 MR. BALLISH: Was it seconded? Okay.
14 Pat Ballish, South Carolina. The only concern
15 I have with this is there are certain teams
16 that are located on borders of states where
17 some players are in one state and some players
18 are in another. The way this was written, and
19 we did talk about this, the way this was
20 written would be, frankly, the easiest way and
21 the fairest way to account for the player who
22 lives on the Georgia side or the Savannah side
23 of the state line is a Georgia player. If
24 he's on the Hilton Head side, he's a South
25 Carolina player.

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1 Even our league has some fields in
2 multiple states, so we felt that this is the
3 fairest way to make it so each state got their
4 appropriate registers.

5 MS. RICHARDSON: Discussion as to the
6 amendment? All right. Name and where you're
7 from.

8 MR. MOORE: Tom Moore, Cal North. Just
9 a quick question actually directed at Duncan
10 and his staff. Do you have already on hand a
11 mechanism for tracking the location of teams?

12 MR. RIDDLE: No, only the players.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: Any further discussion
14 on the amendment?

15 MR. SCHERER: Paul Scherer from Idaho.
16 I would agree with the last gentlemen's
17 statement that it makes it cleaner and
18 simpler, so I would -- I'm opposed to the
19 change and I would hope that it would stay
20 exactly how it's written now and recommended
21 by the Rules Committee.

22 MS. RICHARDSON: Any further discussion
23 on the amendment? Seeing none, all in favor
24 of amending the proposed bylaw change please
25 say aye. Those opposed?

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1 I think the nos have it, so the amendment
2 will not be made but Mr. Motta has an
3 amendment.

4 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Do you want to make an
5 amendment also?

6 MR. SCHERER: Yes. I'd like to amend it
7 so that the bylaw becomes immediately
8 effective after the vote. Paul Scherer from
9 Idaho.

10 MS. RICHARDSON: So we have a motion to
11 make the bylaw effective immediately upon
12 passing. Do I have a second?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

14 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion as to
15 that amendment? Those in favor please say
16 aye. Any opposed?

17 So it will be effective immediately upon
18 passing. Any further discussion as to the
19 proposal itself? All right. All in favor of
20 adopting the Tony Falcone proposed Bylaw 302
21 amendment please say aye. Any opposed?

22 Sounds to me like it passed. I'll be
23 back. Mr. Marth is withdrawing his proposed
24 bylaw change to 302 based upon the passage of
25 the one we just adopted.

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1 (Motion passed)

2 MR. PINORI: I'm sorry, but I need to
3 understand and I want to make sure that all of
4 us understand. Did we pass the 302 or did we
5 not pass it?

6 MS. RICHARDSON: We passed 302.

7 MR. PINORI: Just the way it's written?

8 MS. RICHARDSON: The way it is written
9 with no amendments.

10 MR. PINORI: I'm sorry, everyone.

11 MS. RICHARDSON: Other than the
12 amendment that is effective immediately, not
13 with the change to the proposed language.

14 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I want to thank
15 everyone for passing the amendment because I
16 think that we do have members that are our
17 members, that they should be given their share
18 of votes, so thank you.

19 MR. FALCONE: Point of order, Mr.
20 Chairman. Tony Falcone, this time wearing my
21 credentials hat. I ask for all the affiliates
22 to come up front to pick up their packets that
23 have been adjusted with their additional
24 votes.

25 PRESIDENT MOTTA: The U.S. Club and the

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1 USAYSO are here?

2 MR. FALCONE: All that are registered as
3 affiliates, so it excludes the two leagues.

4 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So all of the
5 affiliates, please.

6 MR. FALCONE: We have a few minutes.

7 PRESIDENT MOTTA: You want them to come
8 up to get a --

9 MR. FALCONE: And I will then come up
10 and give an updated credentials report, so
11 maybe what point are you in the --

12 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Next on the agenda is
13 communication, which we don't have any, and
14 then it's the election, so we can't do the
15 election until we get the updated Credentials
16 Report.

17 MR. FALCONE: Do you want to take a
18 little break then?

19 PRESIDENT MOTTA: We're going to take a
20 ten minute break.

21 (Pause in proceedings waiting for
22 updated Credentials Report)

23 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Can everyone please
24 take a seat. Let's get the meeting back to
25 order. Is Tony Falcone here?

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1 MR. FALCONE: Yes. Mr. Pinori, she is
2 calling you, so the man who yelled and didn't
3 come to the microphone is P-E-T-E-R and then
4 the last name is P-I-N-O-R-I. He's from
5 Eastern New York.

6 MR. PINORI: Thank you very much.

7 MR. FALCONE: I have an updated
8 Credentials Report. Due to the bylaw change
9 and the approval to be put into effect
10 immediately, the new tallies are for general
11 business 200. Let me go through the
12 affiliates as well.

13 So American Youth Soccer Organization has
14 four votes. Eastern Development Program has
15 three votes. U.S. Club Soccer has five votes.
16 Women's Premiere Soccer League has three
17 votes. And PFL is a USASA league so they
18 still only have one vote, so the total
19 possible votes for general business is 201
20 votes.

21 The total possible votes for our elections
22 is 181. Motion to approve the updated
23 Credentials Report?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

25 MR. FALCONE: Any objection? It's

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1 approved without objections. Thank you.

2 (Motion passed)

3 PRESIDENT MOTTA: All right. Thank you.
4 So next is on the agenda will be the elections
5 and I will turn the microphone over to my vice
6 president, Richard Moeller.

7 MR. MOELLER: Hello, everybody. Welcome
8 to Buffalo. Again, I just -- before we
9 continue I just want to again say thank you to
10 the Western New York delegates and the staff
11 here for a great weekend and great weather.
12 It's been great weather, so thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. MOELLER: So we're going to start
15 off with the elections for -- we're going to
16 start off with the independent director --
17 sorry. The At-Large Director, is there any
18 nomination from the floor? I know somebody
19 wanted to run. Do we have a nomination from
20 the floor for anyone for the --

21 MR. WEISS: I'm Andy Weiss from
22 Massachusetts and I'm nominating Cezar Wasecki
23 for At-Large Director.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you spell
25 that?

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1 MR. WEISS: No. It's just like it
2 sounds.

3 MR. MOELLER: Thank you, Andy.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

5 MR. MOELLER: Yes. At-large, so I have
6 a first and a second to close it. That's it?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.
8 Indiana.

9 MR. MOELLER: So moved. Thank you very
10 much. So Cezar, congratulations.

11 MR. WASECKI: Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. MOELLER: Thank you, Cezar, for your
14 service and continued service. Next we're
15 going to move on to the position of secretary.
16 Do we have any nominations for position of
17 secretary? Please come up to the microphone.

18 MR. BORTS: David Borts from the State
19 of Rhode Island which also corrects the fact I
20 didn't give my name earlier for our
21 stenographer, and my apologies.

22 For the position of secretary I am going
23 to place a nomination for Shonna Schroedl. I
24 want to just briefly talk about Shonna for a
25 moment. She's been our secretary for a number

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1 of years. She served the Board well. I have
2 communicated with a number of members of the
3 Board and we have been very happy with her
4 performance.

5 I believe that Shonna is a person who
6 stands for integrity and openness and for
7 those of you who don't know her, she's been
8 involved in soccer I think longer than I have
9 perhaps on the national level, Vice President
10 of the state association, Director of Ops for
11 a professional team and I just wanted to also
12 let you know that the way I met Shonna, it's
13 real important.

14 This is important because when you talk
15 about elections you're talking about who can
16 do things and who are these people and we
17 don't get to know people too well unless we
18 know them for a number of years.

19 I met Shonna at the pool in Newport Beach
20 in California a couple of years ago. My wife
21 walked up to her and she said who is that
22 woman over there with this beautiful little
23 child who is from Asia and we walked over and
24 I said that's Shonna and we introduced
25 ourselves and we both looked at Shonna and

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1 looked at the daughter who she adopted and
2 brought to this country and kind of like
3 you're making judgments, kind of fell in love
4 with the character of the person and she is a
5 great person. She's a great advocate for
6 openness and for women's soccer and I really
7 think she deserves our vote for re-election,
8 and thank you, Shonna, for what you've done on
9 the board.

10 MR. MOELLER: Thank you very much, Dave.
11 Any other nominations for the position of
12 secretary?

13 MS. PUGLIESE: Dyann Pugliese from
14 Michigan. I would like to second Shonna's
15 nominations. I'd like to point out that
16 Shonna has been appointed to two United States
17 Soccer Federation committees, the Diversity
18 Committee and Open Cup Committee. She is then
19 from our board and the OD Board the voice
20 again for this association in two areas of
21 U.S. Soccer.

22 I think that's very important for us to
23 consider, that we have that liaison person
24 going and representing our association.

25 MR. MOELLER: Thank you, Dyann. Any

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1 other nominations for the position of
2 secretary?

3 MS. GEORGIN: Hello. Kali Georgin. I
4 would like to nominate Karen Beyer as
5 secretary of USASA. A little bit about Karen,
6 outside of the fact that I absolutely adore
7 her. She is an extremely hard worker in
8 regards to the communication and what we have
9 all so desperately been asking for and she has
10 done a wonderful job in Region III in regard
11 to communication and a lot of things that I
12 think that you guys were asking for for John
13 fell more on secretary for her to do. That is
14 her job to make sure that we get communication
15 out.

16 Some things shouldn't be asked. We should
17 just do them. I think that we do need change.
18 I think that we need new blood. She is a huge
19 advocate for women's soccer. She's done so
20 very much in the State of Georgia and for
21 Region III, but I could go on forever, but I
22 think that again I would nominate Karen Beyer.

23 MR. MOELLER: Thank you very much, Kali.

24 MR. EISENBRAUN: Scott Eisenbraun from
25 North Carolina. I'd like to second that and

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1 just add a little bit more on communication
2 that we talked about so much this morning. As
3 Karen stated, there is a lot of times messages
4 come to the state presidents and the executive
5 directors that don't get sent to all the
6 members of each board. Karen does a
7 tremendous job sharing all that information
8 across the platform so all our members in all
9 our state associations get the information
10 needed and take some of the pressure off the
11 presidents of these associations from doing
12 that as well, so I second the nomination of
13 Karen and I highly recommend her for this
14 position.

15 MR. MOELLER: Thank you, Scott.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. MOELLER: Any other nominations from
18 the floor? No.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I move
20 nominations be closed.

21 MR. MOELLER: Thank you. Is there a
22 second?

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

24 MR. MOELLER: Great. So we're going to
25 go with the voting here, Tony.

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1 MR. FALCONE: So as we did last
2 February, we're going to use the
3 USASA.Electionrunner.com to do our votes. In
4 your packets you should have received an ID
5 number, user name and ID number, so in your
6 browser on your devices, on your computers put
7 in USASA.Electionrunner.com.

8 It will take you straight to this vote.
9 If you have multiple votes as a member and
10 it's just one or two people, you don't have
11 many people, it's not split up, then you will
12 have to go back and log in for each vote that
13 you take. On the ballot it will show the two
14 candidates. Just click who you want.

15 It will show lastly "Are you sure"? You
16 say yes. Once you do that, your ballot is
17 locked. There was a question asked about do
18 we have any way of knowing how you voted? In
19 the program that Nick has Nick can see who
20 voted to see if it's 100 percent. If you
21 decide you do not want to vote, you're not
22 required to, but we would know if there is any
23 missing votes or all the votes have been
24 passed that are possible.

25 It does not tell him how you voted. The

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1 program accumulates the votes, so it's
2 candidate X got 50 votes and candidate Y got
3 40 votes, that's what he would see. This is a
4 two-person race so it probably will be just
5 one ballot unless there's a tie somehow and
6 we're prepared to do another ballot, if
7 necessary.

8 For the presidential election since
9 there's three ballots we're setup for multiple
10 ballots and if after the first go-round
11 there's no one with a 50 percent plus one vote
12 -- hold on a second. 50 percent plus one. So
13 we are set up for multiple ballots.

14 When you go into the program -- Nick, have
15 we launched yet?

16 MR. SCHMITT: It's launching.

17 MR. FALCONE: So if you go in right now
18 it may show that there's no election, so give
19 it a few minutes to run. For the Presidential
20 election, since we have three and there's a
21 possibility it could go another round, I want
22 to let you guys know since I'm an Italian
23 Catholic, we're going to do things the Vatican
24 way.

25 So the square outside of here, outside the

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1 hotel, if we do not have a winner black smoke
2 will come out. If we do have a winner it's
3 white smoke.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If you use the
5 app it's under U.S. Adult Soccer.

6 MR. FALCONE: Okay. If you use the app
7 it's under U.S. Adult Soccer. If you go
8 straight to the browser, use
9 USASA.Electionrunner.com.

10 Any other questions? We're good to go?
11 So go to your browser. If you need to
12 refresh, start refreshing. If there are any
13 individuals that do not have a computer or
14 device, please raise your hands. Myself and
15 the staff will come help you.

16 If there's any -- if anyone is having
17 problems, raise your hands as well. I do
18 believe if your name is in upper case letters
19 you use upper case. I've been informed when
20 you see your ballot on the top it says for
21 president and we aren't taking over here, so
22 this is for president, it's not for secretary,
23 that's just a typo.

24 This is for secretary in case anyone is
25 confused. It's just a typo on the top of the

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1 ballot, but it is for secretary.

2 MR. MOELLER: I want to make sure. Does
3 anybody have a question, having any issues?
4 Kind of the last call. Let's make sure that
5 if you're having any issues casting your vote,
6 please let us know right now. Raise your hand
7 so Jen up here can assist you. Otherwise,
8 we're almost done with this vote.

9 Seeing none? Excuse me one more time.
10 Another public service announcement. Just to
11 make sure everyone is clear, if you have more
12 than one vote you have to go back in, you cast
13 your first vote, you refresh, cast your second
14 vote, so if you have three or five votes
15 you've got to do that three or five times.

16 Anybody here that did not do that? Still
17 needs to do that? Raise your hand please, if
18 so. Again, I'll ask again is there anybody
19 that did not do that that needs some time to
20 do that?

21 All right. We have one state that's doing
22 that and then we should be done in two
23 minutes.

24 (Votes being cast)

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: While we have

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1 some down time may I just make a comment?

2 MR. MOELLER: I actually have the vote
3 for the election. I was just given the
4 official votes and the winner for the
5 secretary position is Karen Beyer.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. MOELLER: Congratulations, Karen.
8 Thank you, everyone, for voting and I'd like
9 to be the first to say thank you, Shonna, very
10 much for everything that you have done and you
11 continue to do.

12 (Applause.)

13 MR. MOELLER: I know she has some great
14 committees she's on. We talked about a few
15 things that we're going to do, not just for
16 USASA, but for U.S. Soccer, so thank you very
17 much.

18 We are now going to move along as long as
19 the staff -- are you guys ready for the next
20 election? We're going to now go to the
21 position of President. So do I have any
22 nominations for position of President of
23 USASA? Anybody that would like to nominate
24 someone, come up to the microphone.

25 MR. ZAUGRILLI: John Zaugrilli from New

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1 Jersey. I'd like to make a nomination to
2 re-elect John Motta for president of USASA.

3 MR. MOELLER: Thank you. We have a
4 nomination for John. Do we have any other
5 nominations for the position of president?

6 MS. HALTERMAN: Good afternoon. I'm
7 Kendra Halterman. I am the Women's Vice
8 President for Utah and I would like to take
9 this opportunity to nominate Mike Edwards for
10 president for the USASA. As most of you know,
11 Mike has been part of the USASA for a very
12 long time. You all know what he stands for
13 and the successes he has accomplished.

14 Mike has intensive experience as one of
15 our leaders from running local leagues to
16 administering national and international
17 programs like the U.S. Open Cup to
18 representing U.S. Soccer nationally and
19 internationally, FIFA.

20 He continues to lead Albuquerque Soccer
21 League as their president since 1981 as well
22 as New Mexico State Soccer Association
23 President. Regarding his past service for the
24 USASA, to highlight a few items of his
25 dedication and commitment, some of his

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1 positions include chairing the USASA National
2 Cup program, served as a USASA Vice President
3 from 1995 to 1997, President from 1997 to 2006
4 and to top it off, moving another level up
5 being USFF Vice President from 2006 to 2016,
6 which also includes serving on many, many U.S.
7 Soccer committees.

8 With Mike's proven track record, he will
9 serve our organization well and strengthen us
10 for our future. I ask you to support Mike and
11 elect him as our next president. Thank you.

12 MR. MOELLER: Thank you, Kendra. Do we
13 have any other nominations for president of
14 USASA?

15 MR. MARTH: Bill Marth representing the
16 State of Delaware. It is my great pleasure
17 and honor to nominate my brother for the
18 presidency of USASA. I have obviously known
19 my brother my entire life, but I can honestly
20 say win or lose I have never been more proud
21 of my brother than today.

22 My brother has been involved in USASA for
23 many years. He started off playing youth
24 soccer for a local team in our area. He got
25 involved in managing a local team, becoming a

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1 coach for a reserve team and manager of a
2 club.

3 He then got involved in our league as
4 being on our Board of Trustees and he's been
5 involved with USASA both as on the National
6 Cups Committee representing Region I as Deputy
7 Director for five years and for the last eight
8 years the Director of Region I.

9 My brother loves USASA. He will always do
10 what is in the best interest of this
11 organization. This is a great organization,
12 but he does realize that there are certain
13 challenges, challenges dealing with growth,
14 dealing with servicing our membership and
15 communication to our membership and if you
16 have the candidate's form, my brother outlined
17 his vision for that and I'm very proud to
18 nominate Fritz Martin for President.

19 MR. MOELLER: Thank you very much. I'll
20 ask again, any more nominations from the floor
21 for president of USASA?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Move to close
23 nominations.

24 MR. MOELLER: Do I have a second to
25 that?

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

2 MR. MOELLER: Thank you. We're closing
3 nominations. So you have three candidates.
4 You've heard them hopefully this morning when
5 they were speaking and we're going to go to
6 the elections.

7 MR. FALCONE: Just as we did with the
8 last election, using the same URL on your
9 browser. If you have multiple votes, then
10 you're doing the multiple votes as an
11 individual. Once you finish your first ballot
12 you need to refresh and do it again and the
13 top line is your user name. The second line
14 is your password. You'll have to enter it in
15 each time for each vote, and again if anyone
16 has need for any assistance, just call us out.
17 Myself and the staff will be walking around.

18 MR. MOELLER: Again, remember if you
19 have multiple votes, you have to go in and
20 refresh. Every vote counts.

21 MR. FALCONE: When Nick gets it launched
22 it should have the three candidates, not the
23 last election. If something lobs off on your
24 device, just let us know. We'll help you out.
25 We're trying to get it launched. The

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1 system has a little bit of a delay.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You have to go
3 back to USAA.com.

4 MR. FALCONE: Depending on your browser
5 the refresh may not work by hitting the
6 refresh key. If that's the case, then retype
7 in your browser USASA.Electionrunner.com.

8 (Votes being cast.)

9 MR. MOELLER: If I could get everyone to
10 please take a seat or pay attention. We have
11 a big announcement here. So, I'm going to let
12 -- we just had a conversation with the
13 candidates. No candidate got fifty plus one
14 in this first round. Everybody was
15 well-supported, but we just had a discussion
16 and now I'm going to turn it over for some of
17 the candidates to make a couple comments.

18 MR. MARTH: I really want to thank
19 everybody for the opportunity for running in
20 this election. Unfortunately, it doesn't look
21 like it's going to be going our way, so I'm
22 going to withdraw my candidacy for president.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. EDWARDS: I guess I don't need to
25 wear reading glasses to talk. What a really

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1 good session this morning and probably the
2 best thing that I have heard in a long time
3 was when Hank told me how refreshing it was to
4 watch me and Fritz and John up here. We just
5 got it done and I told you we were friends
6 when we walked in and we're friends now.

7 I'm going to withdraw my name from the
8 race for president and I will move that we
9 elect John Motta president by acclamation.

10 (Applause.)

11 (Standing ovation.)

12 MR. MOELLER: I think, if I may get
13 everyone's attention, please. I don't know
14 about you, but I feel in my heart just like
15 this big because what you just saw was
16 amazing. That is what you call family
17 teamwork putting the big picture ahead of your
18 own needs and desires, so I can't thank
19 everybody here enough, but I have to ask.

20 If there's no objections on the floor, I'd
21 like to make it official that John Motta has
22 been re-elected as President of the USASA.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. MOELLER: And I want to thank Fritz
25 and Mike for what you just did, but even more

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1 for everything you have done and you're going
2 to continue to do for all of us. Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT MOTTA: I'm like I have no
4 words to say. I mean, what Richard just said
5 was amazing. I mean, you heard me this
6 morning. These two guys are truly friends and
7 if what they did right now doesn't solidify
8 that, there's nothing in this world that will
9 prove that we're really good friends and we're
10 going to remain friends forever, so I want to
11 thank personally Fritz and Mike for doing that
12 and I want to thank all of you out there for
13 the support.

14 I'll try to be a lot more transparent, a
15 lot more communications. I have heard
16 everything you've told me. None of us are
17 perfect, but we can always improve, so with
18 that again, thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 PRESIDENT MOTTA: So now we go to
21 amendments and we need Karissa back up on the
22 dais. All right.

23 MS. RICHARDSON: Continuing on with our
24 bylaw discussions, we are turning now to Pages
25 18 and 19 in the conference book. The

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1 proposal to amend Bylaw 312 which was
2 submitted by Chris Marth. Do I have a motion
3 to consider that amendment?

4 If there's not a motion to address that
5 one, we will move on. Page 21, Bylaw 213
6 proposed by the Idaho State Soccer
7 Association. Do I have a motion for that?

8 MR. SCHERER: Paul Scherer with the
9 Idaho State Soccer Association. I just am
10 going to withdraw the motion because I really
11 do believe that it probably would be better
12 served in a policy.

13 The only comment I have is under the Rules
14 Committee it says this proposal -- proposed
15 amendment does not address the underlying
16 issue of whether or not the NBOD is imposing
17 such sanctions. Really that was the whole
18 idea of this proposal was that the NBOD is not
19 applying the sanctions that we should be doing
20 and I hope that we in the future do so, and
21 again I would certainly be more than happy to
22 help with writing that as a policy. Thank
23 you.

24 MS. RICHARDSON: Thank you. The next
25 one is Bylaw -- the proposal to amend Bylaw

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1 401 on Page 23, submitted by Paul Scherer. Do
2 I have a motion to address that?

3 MR. SCHERER: Yes. I would like to
4 address that since I'd like to withdraw that,
5 that amendment. The reason I put it in was
6 really for one main reason, for us to start
7 thinking about our government. This
8 association really needs to think about how we
9 govern and why we're doing the things that we
10 do and where our emphases are and that was
11 only reason for that, and thank you very much.

12 MS. RICHARDSON: So then we move past
13 Pages 25 and 26 to Page 27 to the proposal
14 regarding Bylaw 107 submitted by the Rules
15 Committee. Do I have a motion to address that
16 bylaw?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

18 MS. RICHARDSON: Second?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

20 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion with
21 regard to the proposal to amend Bylaw 107?
22 All in favor? Oh, sorry.

23 MR. WEISS: Andy Weiss, Massachusetts.
24 I'm curious as to the rationale or reasoning
25 behind this. It seems like it's to save paper

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1 and it's two pages of definitions.

2 MS. RICHARDSON: There has been concern
3 expressed from the Rules Committee from
4 members and the Board of Directors that they
5 would like a smaller document.

6 MR. WEISS: So from 37 pages to 34 pages
7 or 35 pages?

8 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes. That's the basis
9 for the proposal.

10 MR. WEISS: It seems like it's
11 ill-advised to take away definitions which are
12 almost a necessary precursor to any corporate
13 governance document.

14 MR. TRAINOR: Dan Trainor, Arizona. I
15 agree with that sentiment. It's the first
16 thing that you do when you start comparing and
17 looking at bylaws as to the proper wording and
18 making sure that everything is in compliance.
19 We also model our bylaws after U.S. Soccer.

20 U.S. Soccer still has definitions in their
21 bylaws. This is dangerous in that at some
22 point in the future somebody is going to make
23 a mistake and it's not going to be defined. I
24 would not vote for this. It's, as just was
25 mentioned, to reduce paper.

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1 Come on. We're smarter than that. This
2 needs to be in there to make sure that we stay
3 in compliance with all of the bylaws that are
4 out there.

5 MR. FALCONE: Tony Falcone, Deputy
6 Director, Region I. Part of it was to reduce
7 the bylaws, but the more important part is we
8 have many outdated terms here that are no
9 longer in use. Most of these, what we have as
10 definitions are actually defined in the bylaw.

11 Sometimes these old definitions are
12 inconsistent. I do know that U.S. Soccer has
13 it setup this way and this is originally -- we
14 had copied U.S. Soccer's bylaws during the
15 years to make the changes, but this was during
16 the day when books were actually published and
17 having a dictionary like that was helpful
18 because you didn't have to try to find what a
19 state association was, for instance.

20 Now that everything is computerized and
21 you can do a search function within a document
22 the necessity to have this section is
23 duplicative and, as I stated before, many
24 times the part here in the dictionary or the
25 section does not get updated when we make the

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1 rule changes.

2 MR. MOORE: Tom Moore, Cal North. I
3 would certainly like to thank the Rules
4 Committee for looking at this issue. I would
5 urge a no vote on the item, but further
6 encourage the Rules Committee to do those
7 updates with specific definitions, but
8 personally in reading bylaws I find it very,
9 very helpful to see definitions upfront.

10 MR. SCHERER: Paul Scherer from Idaho.
11 I agree with Mr. Moore on that. I think the
12 definitions are important, but I would also
13 recommend that the Rules Committee look at
14 proxy and representative and how that reads in
15 our bylaws because it's not very clear.

16 Someone shows up from a different state
17 and brings a vote. Is that not a proxy? I
18 think we really need to look at that.

19 MS. RICHARDSON: Any further discussion
20 regarding Bylaw 107? Okay. All in favor of
21 the proposed amendment please say aye. Those
22 opposed?

23 All right. So we're moving on to the
24 proposed Bylaw Amendment 211 on Pages 29 and
25 30. I would note that on Page 30 how the

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1 bylaw would read as amended is missing the
2 first sentence that should be there in
3 Section 1. It is at the bottom of Page 29.
4 It just didn't make it to the way it would
5 look after it was amended.

6 Do I have a motion to consider the
7 proposed amendment to Bylaw 211?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

9 MS. RICHARDSON: Do I have a second?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

11 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion? Okay.

12 MR. TRAINOR: Dan Trainor, Arizona. I
13 know why Tony might be looking at that. The
14 only thing I would point out and make sure
15 that everybody understands the differences
16 between voting for policies and voting for
17 bylaws, so if this goes into a policy it's a
18 different part of it, so just making sure you
19 understand that as you're voting.

20 MS. RICHARDSON: Yes. The Bylaw
21 Committee has proposed a policy to replace the
22 removed language. We'll consider that if this
23 bylaw amendment passes.

24 MR. FALCONE: I'd like to address
25 Section 1 of this amendment. Section 1

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1 states, "The Board of Directors shall
2 establish, publish a policy, outlining
3 procedure for application of new members
4 joining USASA in the process for consideration
5 of said application".

6 I would like to delete the part the Board
7 of Directors and/or just Board of Directors to
8 replace that with USASA, and the reason for
9 that is the policy is not exclusive just to
10 the Board of Directors.

11 If this national council wants to propose
12 a policy it should able to do so, but the way
13 this is written out it gives exclusive
14 authority to just the Board of Directors.

15 MS. RICHARDSON: So if you look at the
16 bottom of Page 29 where it says proposed
17 amendment, he's referring to that sentence in
18 red, so instead of it saying the Board of
19 Directors, he is proposing making a motion to
20 amend that to read USASA. Do I have a second?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

22 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion as to
23 that? Okay. Those in favor of amending the
24 proposed please say aye. Any opposed?

25 So in that case, is there any further

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1 discussion regarding the proposed bylaw
2 amendment? Hearing none, those in favor of
3 adopting the amendment please say aye. Those
4 opposed? All right.

5 Page 31, the proposal to amend Bylaw 212
6 as submitted by the Rules Committee. Do I
7 have a motion to consider that proposal?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

10 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion?

11 MR. TRAINOR: I guess it's my turn at
12 the mic. Dan Trainor, Arizona. I would
13 change -- propose a change in the red number
14 five where it says "submit all prior
15 registration data by required date" and change
16 it to "all USASA required player
17 registration".

18 That way it encompasses all of the things
19 that we need instead of nebulous player
20 registration.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

22 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion as to
23 that amendment? Those in favor of adopting
24 the amendment please say aye. Any opposed?
25 Any further discussion with regard to the

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1 bylaw amendment proposal? Those in favor
2 please say aye. Any opposed?

3 Okay. Turning then to Page 32 and the
4 proposal to amend Bylaw 213. Do I have a
5 motion to consider that?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

7 MS. RICHARDSON: Do I have a second?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

9 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion? Those
10 in favor of adopting the amendment to Bylaw
11 213 please say aye. Any opposed?

12 All right. Turning then to 34 and 35 of
13 the proposal to amend Bylaw 221, do I have a
14 motion to consider that?

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

16 MS. RICHARDSON: Do I have a second?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

18 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion? Dan,
19 you're up.

20 MR. TRAINOR: I did send these all in
21 ahead of time. They just didn't get out. So
22 first of all, I'm not necessarily sure that we
23 should pass this without having a policy
24 already in place, but leaving that aside, what
25 I would say in Section 1 to better make it

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1 more succinct to what we're after, "An
2 organization member failing to pay the
3 required fees and to report the required
4 registration data due to USASA shall be
5 subject to sanctions as set forth in the
6 policy. Such sanctions may include
7 suspension, fines and/or termination of
8 membership".

9 It's better verbiage. It says exactly
10 what we need and what is being talked about,
11 especially on this weekend. Better than
12 having an and/or situation.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: Do I have a second to
14 amend the proposal?

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

16 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion with
17 regard to the amendment? Those in favor of
18 amending the proposal please say aye. Any
19 opposed? Any discussion with regard to Bylaw
20 221?

21 MR. FALCONE: Tony Falcone, Deputy
22 Director, Region I. Back to that Section 1 in
23 that first sentence. First sentence ends in
24 "a policy to be established and/or published
25 by the USASA and/or its Board of Directors".

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1 I'd like to put an amendment that removes
2 the and/or the Board of Directors and just say
3 published by USASA since the Board already has
4 authority to make policy as does the council.

5 MS. RICHARDSON: Do I have a second to
6 amend the proposal?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

8 MS. RICHARDSON: Are there any questions
9 or discussions with regard to the proposed
10 amendment? Those in favor say aye. Any
11 opposed? Any further discussion with regard
12 to the amendment to Bylaw 221? Those in favor
13 please say aye. Any opposed?

14 Page 37 is not an amendment. It was a
15 typo from the meeting in Tahoe and shouldn't
16 have been included in the book. It was my
17 mistake. And the Rules Committee is
18 withdrawing the proposal to amend Bylaw 441,
19 so we'll move past that.

20 Looking at Pages 40 and 41 are the
21 policies proposed by the Rules Committee to
22 replace the bylaws that were amended. The
23 current language is essentially the same as
24 came out of the bylaw and we did that as a
25 placeholder while the organization works on a

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1 more detailed policy so at least we know
2 something about what we're supposed to do in
3 the meantime.

4 First is the policy regarding applying for
5 membership. Do I have a motion to adopt that
6 policy?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

8 MS. RICHARDSON: Do I have a second?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

10 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion? Those
11 in favor please say aye. Any opposed? All
12 right.

13 Next one is the policy on submission of
14 fees and other information. Do I have a
15 motion to consider that policy?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

17 MS. RICHARDSON: Second?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

19 MS. RICHARDSON: Any discussion?

20 MR. BALLISH: Chaz Ballish, South
21 Carolina. I would move that we lump all of
22 these policies together and have one vote.

23 MS. RICHARDSON: Do I have a second?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

25 MS. RICHARDSON: So he's asking us to

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1 consider the last two policy proposals. Any
2 discussion? Those in favor of both of the
3 policies please say aye. Any opposed? Thanks
4 everybody.

5 (Applause.)

6 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you, Karissa.
7 Great job. Next on the agenda will be the
8 budget, so if we can have Nick please come up.

9 MR. CALABRO: Good afternoon. The
10 budget is on Pages 12 and 13. Considering
11 passing the budget fiscal year 2019, third
12 numerical column from the left.

13 I'll just open the floor. If there's any
14 questions or comments on any particular line
15 item please come to the mic. Can I have a
16 motion to approve? Oh, we have one.

17 MR. BORTS: Hi. David Borts from Rhode
18 Island Soccer Association. I actually was
19 going through the budget and it's not a
20 complaint and I had a conversation with John
21 about it.

22 I think for future purposes we should get
23 a little more definition on one of the line
24 items and I'm not asking for people's travel
25 plans or anything like that, but on the USASA

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1 meeting NYN, I think it's at line 73 which is
2 USASA NYM AGM XO. A little more definition
3 might be in order. Very, very general and
4 give us a breakdown by meeting.

5 Just a little bit of breakdown. It's a
6 large expense and a breakdown for the
7 membership would be good. Thank you.

8 MR. CALABRO: Could I have a motion to
9 approve?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So moved.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

12 MR. CALABRO: Any further discussion?
13 Yes, sir. Please also state your name.

14 MR. HAITZ: Chris Haitz, Cal South. I
15 just have a question about Line 33 which ties
16 into an issue that I brought up to the Region
17 and I brought up to the National Office
18 earlier this year. Actually, this summer for
19 the cup competition, the National Amateur Cup
20 Competition.

21 So we had a team from Southern California
22 that spent \$35,000 traveling first to the
23 regional final which is held in Denver. They
24 spent about 15 grand. They won that and then
25 had to fly to Milwaukee which cost them

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1 another \$20,000. They finished in third
2 place. I think that was like \$4000, \$3500
3 prize money.

4 So they spent \$35,000 supporting our cup
5 competition and they won -- I don't know what
6 the number was exactly, but --

7 MR. CALABRO: \$7500.

8 MR. HAITZ: \$7500 for third place. So I
9 went to the National Office first and asked
10 for some travel subsidy or prize money for
11 having won Region IV and I was told that
12 that's not -- they understand the position,
13 but it's not provided for in the bylaws.

14 I'm directing it to the Region. I went to
15 the Region and the Region gave me the same
16 response. So my specific question then is on
17 Line 33 I see this number that's allocated to
18 the regions to support the National Amateur
19 Cup, and I just wonder where that money is
20 being directed to specifically and would
21 encourage --

22 MR. CALABRO: So I can answer that
23 shortly. That is divided equally between the
24 four regions and then it's up to the
25 governance of each region on how to allocate

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1 that both to the expense of the cups and/or
2 any travel subsidy.

3 MR. HAITZ: Okay, so this year Region IV
4 took the decision in partnership with the
5 National Office to have the Region IV
6 tournament run from and by the National
7 Office. There were four teams that entered
8 into a semifinal round and it was just based
9 on geographic parent.

10 We feel in the region that's how the whole
11 entire cup competition should be run and
12 managed since it is a national cup tournament
13 and not a regional cup tournament, so I just
14 wondered where the money that was designated
15 to Region IV, where and how that money was
16 spent and I just would like us all to consider
17 if we are going to award regional winners that
18 there should be some prize money available to
19 these teams because it can become cost
20 prohibitive. They did spend \$35,000 and they
21 won \$7,500.

22 MR. CALABRO: Okay, so I guess the short
23 answer in two parts of that is you have to go
24 to your region to see how that was spent and
25 the second part is in the future policymaking

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1 session we can talk about further prize money.

2 Any other questions, comments about the
3 budget? All in favor of passing the 2019
4 budget please say aye. Any opposed? Thanks.

5 (2019 Budget passed)

6 (Applause.)

7 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Seeing that there is
8 no other new business, next we'll go on to
9 Good of the Game.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Will the ballots
11 be destroyed?

12 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Ballots will be
13 destroyed. Good of the Game? Mr. Sadowski.

14 MR. SADOWSKI: From Virginia. For the
15 good of the meeting and for the good of the
16 bylaws, in the past we had a session.
17 Particularly now that we have more time in our
18 annual meeting to go over the bylaws as a
19 group and hash out some of the amendments and
20 things like that, so I would suggest for the
21 good of the bylaws and the good of the
22 meetings that we adopt that practice next time
23 around so that some of these things can be
24 hashed out and explained and we're going into
25 the meeting knowing that things are coming off

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1 and have a little more robust discussion
2 rather than when everybody gets kind of
3 frustrated and let's just get through this.

4 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you.

5 MR. MARION: Andy Marion, South
6 Carolina. Just a small suggestion concerning
7 policies, that we just passed a few policies.
8 I believe on the USASA website there is a
9 policy manual posted where all these things
10 are included, so I assume that with these new
11 bylaws that are approved today that that
12 manual will be updated and then reposted; is
13 that correct?

14 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Of course.

15 MR. MARION: My suggestion is for each
16 policy there is a date approved put by it and
17 by whom, so it will say -- like for the
18 policies today, it will say National Council
19 Meeting, September 22nd, whatever. Because if
20 you look at the manual now you don't know when
21 any of these policies were passed and when I
22 looked at it before coming here, there were
23 policies in there that I didn't know we had,
24 but I couldn't go back and look at any minutes
25 to say see what happened or why.

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1 So that's the first suggestion and the
2 second is going into the future is any time
3 the policy manual is updated with new
4 policies, when the Board passes a policy or
5 whatever, that the body of membership be
6 notified and you can simply say there's a new
7 policy number such and such or whatever. It's
8 now in the manual. It's posted. Here's the
9 link.

10 Because otherwise for those of us that are
11 here and when we sober up on Monday we might
12 forget what all the policies were that were
13 passed and that way it's a reminder and a way
14 for people to see what we did. So two
15 suggestions on policies.

16 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Dan.

17 MR. ROONEY: Dan Rooney, Connecticut.
18 I'd like to thank Western New York again for
19 hosting. I just have a concern that's been
20 brought up in the past. Buffalo isn't the
21 easiest place to get to for a lot of people
22 here. It wasn't easy for me and I'm just 300
23 miles away.

24 Tahoe wasn't easy to get to. It would be
25 nice to have the meetings where we can all get

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1 a direct flight, so can we talk about like
2 where is the Board considering future
3 meetings? Can you tell us?

4 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Next year?

5 MR. ROONEY: Next year and the following
6 year.

7 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Next year it will be
8 at Palm Springs, California.

9 MR. MARION: How about future years?
10 What are we looking at?

11 MR. RIDDLE: Only two years booked.

12 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Only two years booked.

13 MR. RIDDLE: Just on the point of that,
14 this is the highest attended meeting we've
15 ever had.

16 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Tony.

17 MR. FALCONE: Tony Falcone from Region
18 I. Last month we had a national cup that are
19 run by Region I and Region II and Region III.
20 It's hosted by Region III and the Florida
21 State Soccer Association, so first I'd like to
22 thank my good friend Darius Ejlali for
23 hosting, although I have to admit he didn't
24 really do much.

25 He left all the dirty work to Florida

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1 State Soccer Association, so I'd really like
2 to thank and congratulate Darius, but a lot of
3 the work and effort, I want to thank Rich
4 Moeller and especially Nicole McMaster who is
5 the tournament director for an outstanding
6 job. They were great hosts. It was a great
7 facility. Even though we had a few
8 thunderstorms rolling through and delayed the
9 games, we were still able to get all the games
10 played.

11 Also like to congratulate the winners in
12 the Werner Fricker Cup for the Amateur Open
13 Championship was Christos FC from Maryland and
14 the Gerhard Mengel Cup which is the Over-30
15 Championship, Nashville United from Tennessee.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. FALCONE: And then this year we
18 kicked off the very first Men's Over-40 Cup.
19 It doesn't have a name yet. Maybe if John
20 treats us well. Let's think about it. I'd
21 like to congratulate Kickers FC of Florida for
22 winning the Men's Over-40.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. FALCONE: This is the third year
25 we'll be continuing the cup competitions.

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1 This year we added the Over-40. Hopefully all
2 three regions will still take part and we
3 would love to get Region IV to participate as
4 well. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 MR. HALL: Larry Hall, North Texas.
7 Real quick, just a suggestion for the office.
8 For these meetings how to do what North Texas
9 does. If you've ever been to our AGM
10 meetings, when we have dead times or anything,
11 get some raffle tickets. Get some raffles,
12 get some Nike, get some swag from them, get
13 some gift cards or something.

14 It would be really nice rather than
15 everybody disappear and then come back in.
16 When we have delays we give away. Everybody
17 keeps in the meeting, they keep going and it
18 makes a very smooth and quick meeting.

19 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you, Larry.

20 (Applause.)

21 MR. BRENNER: Jason Brenner with North
22 Carolina. Just a couple of things like we saw
23 throughout the day. Quick comments. When I
24 believe it was Bill got up and talked about
25 the decline in the numbers, the first chart he

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1 showed all but one of the states were MLS
2 states, so I wonder if there's a correlation
3 between MLS and how they run those franchises
4 and the fan base not wanting that to be
5 threatened.

6 I don't know if it's the market or
7 something like that. We also talked about
8 having strategic partners. I think it would
9 be strategic of us to tap into U.S. Soccer and
10 hit up their strategic partners to do the
11 adult. I believe U.S. Soccer has a
12 partnership with Budweiser, I believe. Well,
13 we're an adult soccer association. Budweiser
14 would be a pretty connective piece of tissue
15 for us.

16 I don't know if you guys are aware of it,
17 but 23 kegs of beer we drank in three days, so
18 apparently they drink, so you see the
19 strategic alliance there? Just trying to find
20 some connective tissue.

21 So this is a little bit of a hot button
22 for me. I think we should stop talking about
23 growth because it's extremely vague. It's
24 lofty. It's very difficult to quantify growth
25 outside of hey, we had 100 players. Now we

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1 have 110. I think it is much more practical
2 of us to change the philosophy of how we
3 approach things, so instead of saying our
4 mandate is to grow the game of football, I
5 think our mandate should be we are going to
6 invest in the game of football and if you
7 change that philosophy and you start investing
8 in it, the growth will come.

9 So as a marketer, as a business leader, I
10 invest in my employees, I invest in my
11 product, I invest in my brand and I'll get
12 sales from that and I really strongly believe
13 if we invest in football we will see the
14 numbers grow. We'll get it.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. BRENNER: Last thing here, I think
17 it's really easy for us to get passionate and
18 excited about the World Cup. I mean, who
19 doesn't, right, and the fact it will be here
20 in 2026, that's bloody awesome, so
21 congratulations. Well done.

22 But that's easy, isn't it? Showing growth
23 during a World Cup year, who can't do that?
24 Like John can show growth in a World Cup year,
25 right? It's easy. What I think is harder for

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1 us as a governing body is where is that
2 passion in the years we don't have a World Cup
3 here in the United States or we don't have a
4 World Cup, period, so I think we need to kind
5 of relook at how we're approaching things and
6 go back to that secondary point of investing
7 in the game, investing in what we do, invest
8 in the passion we have and the growth will
9 come.

10 So thank you for your listening and I
11 appreciate it. Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you. Good
13 points.

14 MR. BUSCH: Tim Busch from Washington.
15 I didn't want the meeting -- congratulations,
16 John, on your re-election, but I think we
17 witnessed something that we very seldom see in
18 our culture anymore which was a demonstration
19 of character and people put the organization
20 above their own issues and I can tell you,
21 Fritz is a great friend of mine and I respect
22 him tremendously, but I can remember Mike
23 Edwards chairing a meeting in Seattle when
24 someone was challenging our state association
25 and I always remember what Mike said; that we

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1 were the people that were the purest, only
2 from the standpoint that we don't all make our
3 living out of the game. We do it out of our
4 heart. So again, great character.

5 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. BUSCH: Unlike Hank, I'm going to
8 bring tears to everybody's eyes. The other
9 thing that I wanted to talk about was our
10 interaction with the walk soccer and I want to
11 acknowledge one of my staff members, Josh Vega
12 from Yakima who did the logo on the shirt
13 which will forever be known as the Carlos
14 shirt since he got the first one.

15 We'll see if we can share that logo around
16 the country with people, so if you're
17 interested in how we did that grant, not that
18 we're any smarter than anybody else, we'll
19 share that with you. If you want to know
20 about walk soccer or some of the things, just
21 send me an email, so thank you.

22 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Thank you, Tim.

23 MR. MOORE: Just one quick question
24 about the real reason about why many of us
25 come to the meetings. What time and where is

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1 the pickup soccer game?

2 MR. KRYWONOS: I'll answer that for you.
3 Matt Krywonos from Western New York Soccer
4 Association. So just wanted to welcome
5 everybody from Buffalo as difficult or as easy
6 as it may have been to get here. This is the
7 highest attended meeting for USASA meeting
8 whatever, so if you had to struggle, we
9 appreciate the struggle.

10 Congratulations to all the candidates who
11 were elected and all the hall of fame
12 inductees for tonight and the pickup game will
13 be gathering in ten minutes in the lobby.
14 Looking for a 3:00 kickoff. We didn't
15 anticipate that we would be going this long,
16 so we have to delay things a little bit, but
17 want to get everybody there and back in time
18 for tonight's festivities.

19 We'll start gathering, but take your time.
20 We'll look to leave at 3:00 and I think most
21 of you have -- the word has been getting
22 around and hopefully everybody should know the
23 final details. Lobby by the main entrance.
24 We'll look to leave about 3:00.

25 PRESIDENT MOTTA: Before everybody

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1 leaves, I just want to make a final comment
2 and, again, I want to thank U.S. Soccer
3 President Carlos Cordeiro for making some time
4 out of his very busy life to be here with us
5 today.

6 (Applause.)

7 PRESIDENT MOTTA: And is Kathy Zolad
8 still here?

9 MS. ZOLAD: Yes, right here.

10 PRESIDENT MOTTA: And again, I want to
11 acknowledge Kathy who came here to represent
12 U.S. Youth Soccer. Again, I've been friends
13 with Kathy for so many years.

14 (Applause.)

15 PRESIDENT MOTTA: And seeing that we
16 have no other Good of the Game people, we'll
17 adjourn the meeting. Thank you again and
18 enjoy the rest of the day.

19 (Applause.)

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21 (Adjourned at 2:23 p.m.)

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