

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JANUARY 19, 2005**  
**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**  
**5:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME**

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**VIA TELEPHONE:** Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Sunil Gulati, Bill Goaziou, Mike Edwards, Don Garber, Burton Haimes, David Messersmith, Cameron Rast, Alan Rothenberg, Peter Vermes.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Daniel T. Flynn, Jay Berhalter, Timothy Pinto, Gregory Fike, Jim Moorhouse, Russ Sauer, Livia Kiser.

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President Contiguglia called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and announced that a quorum was present.

**PETER VERMES UPDATE**

Peter Vermes requested that he have the opportunity to address the Executive Committee and was granted the floor by President Contiguglia. Mr. Vermes reported that the U-20 had successfully qualified for the U-20 World Cup in 2006. He stated that he wished to recuse himself from any discussions that the Executive Committee had regarding the Men's National Team Negotiations. President Contiguglia stated that he understood Mr. Vermes position.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER INITIATIVE, INC.**

Dan Flynn discussed a proposed grant of \$50,000 to the Women's Soccer Initiative, Inc. ("WSII") for the development of a women's soccer league in the United States. The \$50,000 would be payable in two installments, \$25,000 up front and \$25,000 if the WSII raised \$50,000 or showed satisfactory progress toward the development of women's soccer. It was **MOVED** for the passage of a resolution granting the WSII \$25,000 up front and \$25,000 if they showed satisfactory progress in the development of women's soccer. The motion **PASSED**. Mr. Vermes then left the meeting.

**MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM NEGOTIATIONS**

Tim Pinto and Russ Sauer provided an overview of the Men's National Team collective bargaining negotiations to date. Mr. Pinto informed the committee that the negotiating team would be meeting with Mr. Levinstein in Chicago on Thursday, January 20, 2005 and that a mediator would be present.

The Executive Committee engaged in vigorous and detailed discussion regarding the Federation's negotiation strategy and what, if any, further action the Federation should take to facilitate an agreement between the parties.

There was an update on the status of the Men's National Team training camp currently taking place with replacement players. Currently, the players that accepted invitation for training camp

were preparing under the direction of Coach Bruce Arena for the February 9, 2005 match against Trinidad & Tobago.

**WOMAN PLAYER IN MISL**

Tim Pinto updated the executive committee on the fact that an MISL team was considering signing a woman to play on the team. Mr. Pinto explained that FIFA had prohibited the signing of a woman to play on men's second division team in Mexico in December 2004. It was agreed that Mr. Pinto would inform the MISL of the recent FIFA decision.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.