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Presidents Report January 2019

Happy New Year!

I'm looking forward to a fresh start with the New Year focusing on the goals and objectives we spent time refining in 2018. I'd like to thank the committee members and staff who worked so hard in November and December to establish the operating plan for 2019.

The team of Directors from the different areas of our association are engaged and focused on their areas of expertise and working together productively, embracing the varied areas of the sport we serve. To help support and to gain a fuller understanding of "all the balls in the air" our executive group: Martine (Secretary), Rich (Vice President) and John (Treasurer) meet regularly with the leadership team that Jack set up for December and January that includes: Lauren, Peter, Donna and Mike. We will hear from each of them on this month's Board call.

My activities since our last call in December:

- World Sailing- Council had a vote to approve the minutes of the November Council meeting on 21 December. The result was: 22 approvals, 11 Rejections and 2 Abstentions. I decided to join Gary Bodie and Peter Hall in my concerns about good governance and I voted to Reject. I was very conflicted about which way to vote but followed my conscience on this which was my first reaction when I was aware of the objections of council members to the recording of their votes immediately after publishing the minutes.
- Kim Andersen phone call 16 January. Topics: moving forward from decisions made in November, distractions of negative social media coming from North America, working together re: sustainability plan, customer service from WS staff, long term plan for calendar of events and LA2028 planning, and future of World Cup events including Miami.
- USSF- as President of US Sailing I am a member of the Foundation Board. Dave Rosecrans, President led a meeting late December-grants were approved for classes sending sailors to international events (non-Olympic).
- NGB (National Governing Body) Board chairs of sports under the USOC, a group that shares best practices. January call: Topics: fundraising and relationship of foundation to association, USOC contracted Boardspan to do a Board assessment of each NGB, potential changes to the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act, impact of Safe Sport.

We have two major events coming up the end of this month: Sailing World Cup in Miami and the National Sailing Programs Symposium (NSPS) in Jacksonville. Staff and volunteers are hard at work to ensure each of these maximizes their potential.

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