SSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD VIA ZOOM

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, 3:00 P.M. Mountain time

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Shakman.

Attending: Chairman Shakman, Vice Chair Frank Whiteley, Director Walters, Vice Chair Ken Sorenson, Phil Umphres, Jim Garrison, First Vice Chair Geoff Weck, Director Philip DuPlesis, Vice Chair David Hart.

Also attending: Pat Costello, SSA members Dan Mannisto, and Michael Price and Director Walt Rogers.

The first item on the agenda was a report from Pat Costello, the SSA’s insurance representative, concerning coverage of CFI-Gs under the SSA group policy. Pat Costello recommended approaching AIG, the insurer for the SSA Insurance Program, to suggest reducing coverage for club instructors to $200,000 per individual, as more fully discussed in a memo Pat Costello prepared that was distributed to the ExComm in advance of the meeting. Pat Costello explained that his recommendation is based on his concerns about potentially large CFI-G coverage losses that could adversely impact the entire SSA insurance program. After discussion, Ken Sorenson moved to approve Pat Costello’s recommendation. David Hart seconded. It was approved unanimously.

The next item of business was a presentation by the co-chairs of the Digital Communications Committee, Dan Mannisto and Philip Du Plessis, of the Committee’s proposal to revise SSA’s websites. They reviewed in detail their written presentation, which had previously been provided to the ExComm and the Board members. It included a discussion of alternative methods to revise the websites, bids from possible vendors, analysis of the costs of the work, proposed timing and division of responsibilities, and included a recommendation to proceed with contractual arrangements estimated to cost as much as $480,000.

After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Shakman moved that the Committee’s recommendations be approved, and that a committee be formed to oversee the project, with authority to review and approve contracts for the work, and take all other action necessary or appropriate related to implementation, with a not-to-exceed cost of $480,000 for all aspects of the work. The Committee was proposed to consist of Chairman Shakman, Director Whiteley, Director DuPlesis, Dan Mannisto and Jim Garrison.

Director Hart seconded the motion.

Director Whiteley stated that he opposed the ExecComm approving the proposal because it had not been submitted to the Board for approval. Chairman Shakman noted that all Board members had all been sent the Digital Communications Committee proposal, and had been invited to attend and participate in the ExComm meeting, but that only Director Rogers had done so.

After discussion, the motion was approved, with one vote opposed, Director Whiteley.

The last item of business was approval of the ExComm meeting minutes of June 16, 2023. Director Whiteley moved to approve, which was seconded by Director Weck, and unanimously approved.

Chairman Shakman thanked Philip Du Plessis and Dan Mannisto for all of the time they spent on this project. Chair Shakman adjourned the meeting.