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Re: NESSFTA By-Law Amendments

Dear Mhari:

As you know, I agreed last year to prepare draft language to implement a possible By-Law Amendment, one to expand the number of Directors serving on the Board of the NESSFTA. Accordingly, I have prepared an appropriate Report and am enclosing it with this letter. As noted below, I am "cc'ing" Don Brunn and Bob Montler.

I do apologize, Mhari, in terms of getting this to you at the "last minute." Unfortunately, my "hobby" of practicing law sometimes slows down my work on Springer activities. Nevertheless, I am emailing this letter and the enclosed Report to you, which I hope you can post in time to meet the 30 day rule. (If there is any glitch in transmission, please call my Secretary—Connie Gioia 312/609-5526. Also note that Connie is sending the email copy of this letter and Report from her email address.)

See you next month!

Cordially,



David H. Hopkins

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(with enclosures- via mail & email)
cc: Mr. Don Brunn
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**Report on Proposed Amendment to
NESSFTA By-Laws to Expand Board**

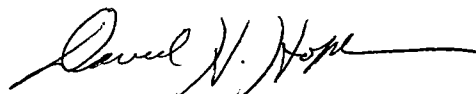
At the 2006 NESSFTA Delegates meeting, the undersigned suggested a modification to the existing By Laws (primarily *Article VIII, Section 1*) to expand the number of Directors so that the Board would include more persons than just the incumbent officers. The rationale was that, if several more Directors were added, for staggered three year terms, continuity in management would be enhanced. There appeared to be a positive reaction to the idea, and the undersigned agreed to prepare a report setting forth specific language for implementing the suggestion.

Subsequently, on closer review of the NESSFTA By-Laws Section relating to Directors, the undersigned became concerned about the specificity for "geographical balance" on the Board, as seemingly required under the current *Section 1*. In all likelihood, such requirement has been ignored in some past years. Accordingly, an additional change to the key provision is set out below, so that the proposed language entails somewhat more flexible language as to the "geographical balance" concept.

In addition, in light of the suggested expansion of the Board, a correlative change to *Article IX, Section 4* is also submitted. This change is to mechanically revise the language relative to the annual election so that it refers to an election of both Officers and Directors, not just the former.

In light of the above points, the suggested "re-writes" of *Article VIII, Section 1* and *Article IX, Section 4*, are set out in Attachment I ("Redlined" Version) and Attachment II ("Clean" Version), appended hereto.

Respectfully submitted,



David H. Hopkins

