



Dave Koenig [REDACTED]

AB Meeting Tonight

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To: David Koenig [REDACTED]

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Dave,

I want to preface everything below by saying that I was not at tonight's AB meeting, as I had stupidly accepted free tickets to a Tigers game and invited other people before realizing it was the night of the AB meeting. Therefore, if you have any comments or questions on what you see below, I ask that you reply all to this e-mail instead of reaching out to me directly.

At tonight's meeting, the AB voted to suspend you pending adjudication of your case. Practically, since you've agreed not to play NASPA clubs/tournaments, there is no impact. However, your name is now on the suspended players list.

It was also decided that we will give you two weeks from today (Sept. 7) to provide us with a response. We will be ruling on the matter at our Sept. 20 meeting with all the information we have (whether you have responded or not).

I know this may seem unfair. I understand that you've had a perfect storm of things preventing you from responding already (broken laptop, COVID in a foreign country, pre-planned trips overseas, desire to have a lawyer look at your response, etc). However, you were originally informed of the complaint on April 14 and asked to respond within 10 days. It has now been 130 days by my count, and I can't argue with the AB's decision tonight to give you another 14 days and no more.

Steve Pellinen also e-mailed the AB this afternoon asking for an update on your case, accusing both the AB and you of not taking this matter seriously given that we've done nothing since receiving his complaint. The AB has to consider that Steve may be getting ready to point out that WGPO and CoCo has suspended a man alleged of sexual assault for five years while NASPA has sat on its hands for four months, thereby making its clubs and tournaments unsafe for women (unfair as that characterization may be).

Again, if you're angry/disappointed/frustrated at this e-mail, I understand. However, I believe that we've been fair to you from the start, unlike two organizations happy to suspend you for five years with one side of the story (a point I perhaps overly snarkily made in replying to Pellinen) and are being fair to you now.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Jason Idalski