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Inquiry re: David Koenig

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Dear WESPA Executive Board,

Thank you for your consideration of my request. According to rule 6.5(c), the player must appeal to "the appropriate national body" and "only then may the player contact the WESPA Executive Committee, who will arrange for the finding to be reviewed." This is exactly what I have done. There is nothing in that rule that says the "appropriate national body", in this case NASPA, must have finished its appeal process.

Furthermore, my case demonstrates intentional wrongdoing by NASPA, including hiding accusatory documents from me. Because John Chew responded to my lawyer with a factual misstatement that I delayed responding for eight months—when NASPA has delayed for eight months giving either me or WESPA a single reason for my suspension—and because NASPA has not given me any timeline for when it will consider my appeal, most reasonable people would conclude that NASPA is intentionally leaving me in limbo.

This is an extraordinary case in which the leadership of a WESPA member association, NASPA, has so grossly and obviously violated ethical norms, that another member association, ABSP, has


1. "opened up an ongoing discussion and communicated to WESPA a number of concerns,"
2. stood up for me and my record of conduct in their country, calling it "unblemished, even exemplary," and
3. called into question whether they should maintain "the historic stance... to uphold or reciprocate bans of other WESPA nations."

All of these quotations are from ABSP's official statement to me in response to my email of June 8th that went to both your committee and theirs. I am attaching ABSP's statement to this email for your reference.

Given these extraordinary circumstances, I believe that WESPA has a responsibility to step in and hear this appeal as expeditiously as possible, and perhaps to consider sanctions against NASPA if its leadership does not correct its behavior.

Sincerely,

David Koenig

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