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Inquiry re: David Koenig

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Hi Dave,

Please do not email me directly on my personal account regarding WESPA committee business - there are proper channels for correspondence of this nature. Thank you in advance.

I'll leave you with this food for thought - NASPA has offered to cut short your three year suspension and end this in the immediate future (i.e. reduce your suspension to a bit over a year based on time served) without the need for a lengthy and onerous appeal process. I suggest you seriously consider taking advantage of their offer which will allow you to expedite your return to competitive Scrabble rather than further delaying it. No need to respond to this on this thread. Thanks again.

Regards,
Jason Broersma

On Monday, October 30, 2023 at 04:29:10 p.m. EDT, Dave Koenig <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear WESPA Executive Committee,

I asked you in June for an appeal of NASPA's unjust decision against me and was told that you had to wait until NASPA finished their appeal process. 115 days after I appealed to NASPA, they finally responded to my appeal. From my understanding, the only thing that motivated them to finally do so was your organization putting pressure on their organization to do so. I am hopeful that you will handle my appeal much more expeditiously than they have.

I believe I have already submitted all relevant documents to you, but if it is helpful, they are also available at splenetic.net/the-conspiracy/

I presume that NASPA has already passed along the results of their appeal to you, but it is also available at splenetic.net/the-abusers/ along with my statement of response to it.

If necessary, I am happy to forward along to you the email that John Chew sent to me, to verify that the copy of John Chew's response to the appeal on the blog is accurate.

Sincerely,
David Koenig

On Fri, Jun 30, 2023 at 11:48AM Dave Koenig <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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