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**In Attendance**

Officers

*Mr. Jonathan Doughty, FCSI*  
*President*  
*(Coverpoint, A JLL Company)*

*Mr. Jim Petersen, FCSI*  
*Secretary/Treasurer*  
*(C.i.i. Food Service Design)*

Staff

*Mr. Nick Vaccaro*  
*Executive Administrator*

Allied Representatives (Non-Voting)

*Mr. Eric Von Kaenel*  
*(Unified Brands)*

*Mr. Greg O'Connell*  
*(Moffat)*

Directors

*Mrs. Clara Pi, FCSI*  
*Director of Special Projects*  
*(PYNEH, HK Hospital Authority)*

*Ms. Toni Clarke, FCSI*  
*(RT Hospitality Solutions)*

*Mr. Martin Rahmann, FCSI*  
*(Agere. Beratung für nachhaltigen Erfolg )*

*Mr. William Taunton, FCSI*  
*(Gastrotec S.A.)*

**Absent**

*Mr. Martin Ubl*  
*(MKN Maschinenfabrik Kurt Neubauer*  
*GmbH & Co. KG)*

## **FCSI's Vision**

**“FCSI is the global leader in foodservice and hospitality consulting”**

## **FCSI's Mission**

**“To promote professionalism in foodservice and hospitality consulting while returning maximum benefits to all members”**

## **Brand Slogan**

***“We Share, We Support, We Inspire”***

### **1.0 Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

The conference call meeting was called to order 8:06 am (EDT) at which time President Jonathan Doughty, FCSI welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for participating in the meeting. Noting that there was quorum for conducting official business Jonathan requested that the meeting begin. Jonathan reminded everyone that the only item on the agenda was the current situation with UK & Ireland, who have served notice to terminate their affiliation agreement with FCSI EAME. Jonathan reminded the WW Board that this would prevent FCSI UK & Ireland members from using “FCSI” or being part of the Society from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

### **2.0 Setting the Scene, Background & Current Status**

Jonathan provided a detailed background on the situation with FCSI UK & Ireland. He offered many facts and specifics of how the FCSI UK & Ireland Exec have interacted to date. Jonathan had also provided copies of all emails received from members since the FCSI Friday message. After an introduction and background about the recent FCSI Friday message, Jonathan asked Martin R. to deliver his experience over the past few months as EAME Chair. Martin R. then informed the WW board what has taken place within the EAME Board of Trustees and their relationship with UK & Ireland and his attendance at the FCSI UK & Ireland AGM that he was asked to attend. Jonathan confirmed the content of the last FCSI EAME Board of Trustees meeting in relation to the ‘issues’ that were contained in the FCSI UK & Ireland letter. In conclusion, both Martin and Jonathan expressed their frustration at the way the Termination of the Affiliation Agreement had been handled by FCSI UK & Ireland.

### **3.0 Setting out the Options**

Jonathan then reviewed the four options in detail that had been set out in his recent FCSI Friday message for proceeding with the termination that had been submitted by FCSI UK & Ireland.

- FCSI UK & Ireland are allowed to continue to use the FCSI designation, but not as part of EAME.
- FCSI UK & Ireland remain as part of EAME, requiring reversal of both the Termination and the Acceptance.
- FCSI UK & Ireland remain as a consultant Professional body in the UK, but not as FCSI.

- FCSI UK & Ireland version 2 is created for those Professional and Allied members that want to stay in FCSI.

#### **4.0 Discussion**

The board discussed the four options as provided and the possibility of combining some of the choices for a final resolution. A full question and answer session took place to ensure that all members of the Worldwide Board understood each of the options. The impact of changes in one local unit were also discussed, with reference to the other local units in FCSI EAME, as well as the costs, governance changes and Society changes that may be needed.

#### **5.0 Conclusions**

Jonathan asked Nick to circulate an email vote to the WW Board on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August. The exact text will be provided by Jonathan to Nick for distribution. Jonathan asked each board member to seriously consider each of the possibilities over the next few days and to ask any questions which come to mind. These can be individually or through the full Worldwide distribution list. Jonathan stressed the need to consider options fully, prior to the vote on Friday.

#### **6.0 Agreed Actions & Vote**

There was not an official vote of how to proceed with the problem and possible consequences during this conference call. The WW Board agreed that an official vote should be processed at a later date. This way the WW Board will speak with one voice and provide an appropriate solution for the current situation after giving thought to each of the alternatives.

#### **7.0 Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business brought before the board.

#### **8.0 New Business**

There was no new business brought before the board.

#### **9.0 Adjournment**

*Jim moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Martin R. and the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 am (EDT).*

*Meeting minutes recorded by N. Vaccaro on 08.04.2015.*