I. Call to Order

   General Announcements

   Conflict of Interest announcement

II. Consent Agenda Items (Mr. Arias)

   Minutes from February 16, 2022 Meeting

   Minutes from March 22, 2022 Email Vote

III. Remarks – David Arias, Chair

IV. CEO/ National Office – Jack Gierhart, Interim CEO

V. Old Business

   Motion (Mr. Alperstein): To take from the table the 7/7/19 motion to amend the materials rule concerning adding a second different safety system to the mask.

   Rationale: At the 7/7/19 board meeting in Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Alperstein made a motion (which was seconded by Mr. Watson) to amend the material rules to add a second different safety system to the mask (e.g., a second strap). A subsequent motion (which was seconded and passed) laid the first motion on the table "for one year and referred the issue to the RC and SEMI commissions for more data and to report back no later than the deadline for agenda items for the Summer Nationals meeting in 2020 and to request any data the FIE has on the rule." At the 8/27/2020 board meeting the motion was retabled until the 2021 Summer Nationals meeting, which has past. Here is the text of the motion being taken from the table:

   To amend the material rules as follows:

   M25.7. e:
   e) The bib of the mask must be made with cloth resistant to 1600 Newtons.
Replace with “350 Newtons”

M25.7. f:

f) The mask must contain a horizontal safety strap at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the strap firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask. This strap may be elastic or of any other material that may be approved by the S.E.M.I. Commission. Replace with:

f) The mask must contain two different safety systems at the rear of the mask, with the two ends of the straps of the systems firmly affixed to the two sides of the mask. These straps must meet the following requirements approved by the S.E.M.I. Commission:

Mask with metallic tongue

- The central band (strap) should not be less than 45 mm wide.
- The strap must be positioned low enough across the rear of the cervical region that the position of the strap on the head ensures that the mask cannot slide off.
- The band must be in solid material: when stretched the material should not sustain permanent plastic deformation and should quickly return to its original shape and size.
- The fastening system must be doubled: it must be closed with a double security system (this means that the Velcro™ must be attached at least twice).
- The Velcro™ must have a minimum breaking strain of 750 N/cm.
- The tags to which the strap is attached by Velcro must be secured to each side of the mask with the same breaking strain.

Mask without metallic tongue

- The position of the main strap must be low enough to ensure that the mask cannot slide off; the correct distance should be decided by the manufacturer (typically, 25/30 mm).
- The strap must incorporate 3 fixing points.
- The use of a magnetic strap, when present, remains mandatory.

For USA Fencing competitions the retrofit of existing masks, including FIE masks, to the new design is allowed, subject to verification by Equipment Check (approval of the Head Technician).

Appendix A 2.2 4.3 Bibs: (p.177)

The bib of the mask must be made with cloth resistant to 1600 Newton, to be tested by the methods described in 3.1, below Replace with “350 Newtons”

4.5 Test and Certificates: (p.178)

DELETE 4.5
Implementation: FIE homologated masks used in National events will be required to conform to the amended rules no later than 1 Aug 2020; all masks used in National events will be required to conform to the amended rules no later than 1 Aug 2021; all masks used in any USA Fencing event will be required to conform to the amended rules no later than 1 Aug 2022.

VI. New Business

Motion (Mr. Arias): To elect Selina Kaing as Vice President of the USA Fencing Board of Directors

Rationale: Based on the need of the Board of Directors for additional assistance for evaluation and management.

VII. Other New Business

VIII. Good and Welfare

Board Retreat Update
Summer Nationals Meeting Discussion

IX. Adjourn to Executive Session

X. Executive Session

XI. Adjourn