



REPORT: CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SEAN O'HOLLAREN

Welcome everyone to Munich and to the WFSGI 2019 General Assembly.

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new members. In recognition to those who have travelled many miles to be here and to the spread of the WFSGI membership I would also like to say 'Good Afternoon, Good Morning, Good Evening'. Thank you for the investment of your time and expense to be here

It's also important to recognise that we are gathered here on Chinese New Year and I'd like to express a Happy Lunar New Year – this year being the the year of the pig – to all WFSGI members and to wish wealth, good fortune and friendship to you.

At WFSGI we recognise that there is so much going on in the world and we are working to evolve and look further ahead. We feel disruptive forces at work from climate and weather change to political volatility and innovation.

Our WFSGI committees are hard at work addressing the challenges of sustainability, labour, trade, manufacturing, logistics, privacy and the digital market place, protecting our intellectual property against counterfeiting, promoting physical activity and sport, and a myriad of other issues. WFSGI recognises the importance of tying them all together.

Our Board is inspired by our opportunity to fully embrace change and help our members look further ahead to educate our workforce, increase participation in physical activity, and minimize the impact of our industry on the planet. We will be refining the WFSGI vision and mission to assure the viability of this organization and to give you return on your investment of membership.

The work of our industry inspires and enables athletes to perform and compete. The pinnacle of competition for athletes remains the Olympic Games and our dialogue with the International Olympic Committee has never been more engaged and productive

We have a full agenda today for the WFSGI General Assembly and we hope that you will engage in the discussion, raise questions, and participate in the discussions today and tonight at dinner as participation is at the heart of what we do.

Sport remains a unifying force for change and a powerful medium to foster diversity and inclusion

We are grateful for your engagement and appreciate you being here.

Thank you