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In 2010 the WKF saw the need to appoint a Presidential Aide, a wise move considering the shift in WKF strategy on many fronts including technical, coaching, and the premier circuit.

As the WKF and EKF experiences these rapid changes the board of the BKF, at the last executive meeting, discussed the importance of appointing a BKF Presidential Aide to help deal with these changes, someone who has direct contact, and can command respect, at the highest level.

Mike Dinsdale, an officer of the WKF and EKF, has been extremely helpful over the past few years, and his support has been exceptional. However, his WKF and EKF duties are increasing in line with these changes, and it was felt that, to be fair to Mike, we should delegate our executive responsibilities further.

The board agreed such an appointment would be beneficial and, after carefully considering our options, it was proposed by SKGB chairman, Paul Giannandrea, that Mike Billman, Vice-President of the BKF and EKF (England,) should be offered the position. This proposal was greeted with unanimous support from the other board members.

Mike has been on the EKF (European) Technical Commission for a decade now, and has continually networked on the World and European scene, forming a strong professional and personal relationship with the WKF President, Snr Antonio Espinos, and General Secretary, Mr George Yerolimpos.

Mike was not present at the board meeting for medical reasons, but I have now spoken with him outlining our plans and I am pleased to say that he has accepted the position with immediate effect.

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