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1. PREFACE:

Prior to Nick Alexakos becoming President on 1 January 1996, IPSC was in disarray.

Under the prior administration, the IPSC Assembly was often a marathon, two day event, and the affairs of the confederation were poorly conducted. The IPSC Constitution was not strictly observed, and decisions were made inconsistently because they were based upon emotion and nepotism.

Thanks to the steady leadership and good governance of Nick Alexakos, those issues were swiftly corrected, enabling IPSC to embark upon becoming the largest and most respected dynamic sports shooting organisation in the world that it is today.

We all owe Nick a huge debt of gratitude for his resolve, his vision, and for his unwavering passion. Additionally, I owe him for his personal loyalty and steadfast friendship.

It's been a privilege to work closely alongside Nick every step of the way over the past 21 years, and I'm truly honoured that he entrusted me with so many important responsibilities on that remarkable journey.

The next IPSC President will inherit a stable, geographically broad, and fiscally sound organisation.

It's my sincere hope that Regional Directors will give me the opportunity to continue Nick's legacy, and help guide IPSC into the future.

Nick Alexakos is a tough act to follow, but I'm intimately familiar with his playbook, as the following pages will hopefully illustrate.

2. INTRODUCTION:

The essential requirements for IPSC President are **strong, open-minded leadership, an intimate knowledge of all aspects of IPSC operation, fastidious organisational skills, and a highly efficient administration.**

Most importantly, **100% full time dedication is essential to the important task at hand.** We simply cannot function effectively with a part-time President!

As I have no family, business or other commitments to distract me, I will continue to devote myself full time to IPSC, 7 days a week, as I have done for the past decade.

Of course, none of the vital qualities above can be effective without **timely communications.**

I've been the most responsive IPSC Executive over the past 21 years. I respond to all communications within a maximum of 12 hours, but usually within 3 hours.

And, in the Internet age, the nationality and physical domicile of the IPSC President are irrelevant.

In any case, once you've considered my credentials and future plans, I hope you will agree that I am the most qualified and most experienced person to become the next IPSC President.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vince Pinto', written in a cursive style.

Vince Pinto

3. CREDENTIALS (Current Positions):

3.1 Handgun Rules Director (since 1996): I'm the longest serving member of the Rules Committee. I've worked tirelessly to refine our rules, but always in close consultation with Regional Directors, Match Officials and competitors. I attended every Handgun World Shoot since 1996.

3.2 Production Division Director (since 2001): Managing the Approved Gun List requires me to maintain regular contact with major gun manufacturers. I created the gun check protocols currently used at all major competitions. I personally supervised the gun check at every Handgun World Shoot since 2005, in addition to numerous Level IV matches.

3.3 Regional Development Director (since 1997): When I was appointed, IPSC had 45 regions, but today we have 102 Regions. In addition to seeking out and processing new Regions, I worked closely with them to formulate a sustainable structure for their growth and development. After admittance, I continued to assist them to overcome all the challenges they faced. I also mentored newly elected Regional Directors of established regions, to help them settle into their new role.

3.4 Patron Program Director (since 2013): This significant program was conceived by me. After it was launched, I single-handedly recruited 56 Patrons, generating US\$560,000 in gross revenues for IPSC. The Patron Program is why IPSC now has such a strong balance sheet. See the chart in Appendix 1 for a graphical illustration of the major impact of this program. It is these funds which enable us to actively pursue membership of Sport Accord/GAISF.

3.5 Executive Director (since 2013): In this general support role, I assist the President to manage the day to day affairs of the confederation. I also assist the Treasurer to liaise with regions regarding collection of fees. I handled every aspect of our application to Sport Accord in 2015, a massive task which virtually consumed my every waking moment for 3 months. Our application was comprised of 400 pages of forms and supporting documentation. I continue to work on that crucial task.

3.6 Anti-Doping Director (since 2004): I wrote our original Anti-Doping Rules in 2004, as required for our first application to join the GAISF at that time, and I updated them a number of times since. I created an Anti-Doping Test Distribution Plan, a complex new requirement for our application to join Sport Accord in 2015. I'm currently writing our related Anti-Match Fixing Policy and Code Of Ethics.

3.7 Global Village Administrator (since 2005): This official IPSC forum was conceived by me, and I've served as sole Administrator since its launch. It has now grown to over 12,800 members, and it is the most comprehensive, and most reliable source of IPSC information on the Internet.

3.8 IPSC World Magazine Managing Editor (since 2011): Although I chose not to be credited, I wrote or edited every article published from the inaugural issue. I wrote all major match reports in addition to all regular feature articles such as the President's Page, Match Medic, Air Crew and the IROA Briefing. I also edited every article submitted to us by people highlighted in each issue. It now reaches +100,000 readers with each issue.

3.9 IROA Range Master: I was originally accepted by IROA in 1997, and was promoted to Handgun Range Master in 2002. I'm also a Rifle and Shotgun Chief Range Officer. In addition to the numerous matches I worked as an official, I conducted IROA Range Officer Seminars in Hong Kong, Macau, China, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and the Philippines. I also created a number of Range Officer Guides which are now incorporated into the IROA Seminars.

4. CREDENTIALS (Past Positions):

4.1 Secretary (2001-2013): I'm the longest serving and the most experienced Secretary in IPSC history. I assisted the President to prepare Motions for the Agenda, and to conduct Assembly proceedings. I wrote uncontested Minutes for 13 consecutive assemblies, but I attended all 21 IPSC Assemblies since 1996. However, I continue to serve as IPSC Constitutional Chairman.

4.2 Competition Director (2013-2016): I'm the first person to hold this post but I started working with the President on our overall multi-year Match Calendar long before my appointment. I wrote a new, and far more comprehensive Match Contract. I managed all major match online registrations, the distribution of slots calculated by the President, match scheduling, and the invariably complex squadding requests from Regional Directors, for over 1,300 competitors at a time, without a single complaint ever being recorded.

4.3 Hong Kong Regional Director (1996-2002): As the sole non-Chinese member, I was truly honoured to be elected IPSC Hong Kong Regional Director seven consecutive times. I did not seek reelection in 2003 due to my increasing responsibilities to IPSC HQ, but I continue to be an advisor. The highest ever membership of IPSC Hong Kong was achieved during my tenure, as was the first Level III competition. I'm a former Handgun Champion and Shotgun Champion of Hong Kong.

I also assisted Hong Kong to secure the inaugural Action Air World Shoot scheduled for 2018.

4.4 Action Air Director (2009-2016): In this role, I liaised with numerous airsoft organisations in various countries throughout Asia and Europe, in order to find common ground on issues that were treated differently from area to area, to arrive at a mutually acceptable compromise. This enabled us to release our first Action Air rules in 2009, which I updated numerous times since.

5. OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE:

5.1 I am honoured to be a recipient of an IPSC Gold Star of Merit, an award presented by the IPSC President for extraordinary services to IPSC.

5.2 I conceived the IPSC Lifetime Achievement Award, which has been presented to competitors Rob Leatham and Jerry Miculek, and IPSC Webmaster Ian Fachie.

5.3 I conceived our Pictorial Stage Signs, now a familiar sight at major matches of all disciplines.



6. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE - IPSC:

6.1 To reintroduce the advisory IPSC President's Council, with representatives from each of our IPSC zones to serve as Zone Directors, so that all IPSC zones are represented at strategy meetings.

6.2 To extend the Handgun World Shoot from 6 days to 7 days, thereby increasing the capacity of the Main Match by 192 slots (+17%), to better balance supply and demand.

6.3 To extend the European Handgun Championship from 5 days to 6 days, thereby increasing the capacity of the Main Match by 192 slots (+20%), to better balance supply and demand.

6.4 To revitalise our energies to obtain membership of Sport Accord/GAISF.

6.5 To introduce an IPSC Global Membership ID, which individual competitors can personally update online. Regional Directors can use their Regional Control Panel to assign slots to their members for all Level IV or higher matches by clicking check boxes, instead of spending many hours laboriously entering multiple pages of data.

6.6 To form a select committee to investigate the viability and optimum means for full conversion to Electronic Scoring, for all Level IV and higher matches, within 3 years.

6.7 To dramatically improve our fee payment and reconciliation system, making it far more efficient and responsive for Regional Directors.

6.8 To establish IPSC President's Medal distribution centres in each of our Continental Zones, so we can have faster and more efficient delivery.

6.9 To seek Assembly approval for an IPSC Family Program, to provide discounts and reserved slots for adults attending Level IV or higher competitions with their children or grandchildren.

6.10 To consider changing our Major Match Schedule from a 3 year to a 4 year cycle, in line with all other international sports federations. This will ease pressure on IROA to supply officials, but it will also enable us to introduce additional Level IV and higher competitions.

6.11 To establish an IPSC Junior Scholarship Programme. I have a pledge from a generous benefactor who will make an initial contribution of **US\$100,000** to seed this project.

7. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE - IROA:

7.1 To conduct a major review and restructuring. We have the finest, most dedicated Match Officials in the world, but the IROA administration needs much more transparency, more consultation, more communication, and far less mystery.

7.2 To eliminate the Tier subsidy system. Every IROA official selected to officiate at Level IV or higher competitions deserves the same travel subsidy and other benefits.

7.3 To include points reporting with the Match Director's online match results submission process, so that IROA officials will no longer need to submit signed Points Cards. Points will be automatically credited from match results.

7.4 To introduce a Match Administration Seminar for prospective and serving Range Masters.

7.5 To reintroduce Range Master Instructors, and to hold periodical training seminars.

7.6 To introduce a new Chief Stats Officer ranking.

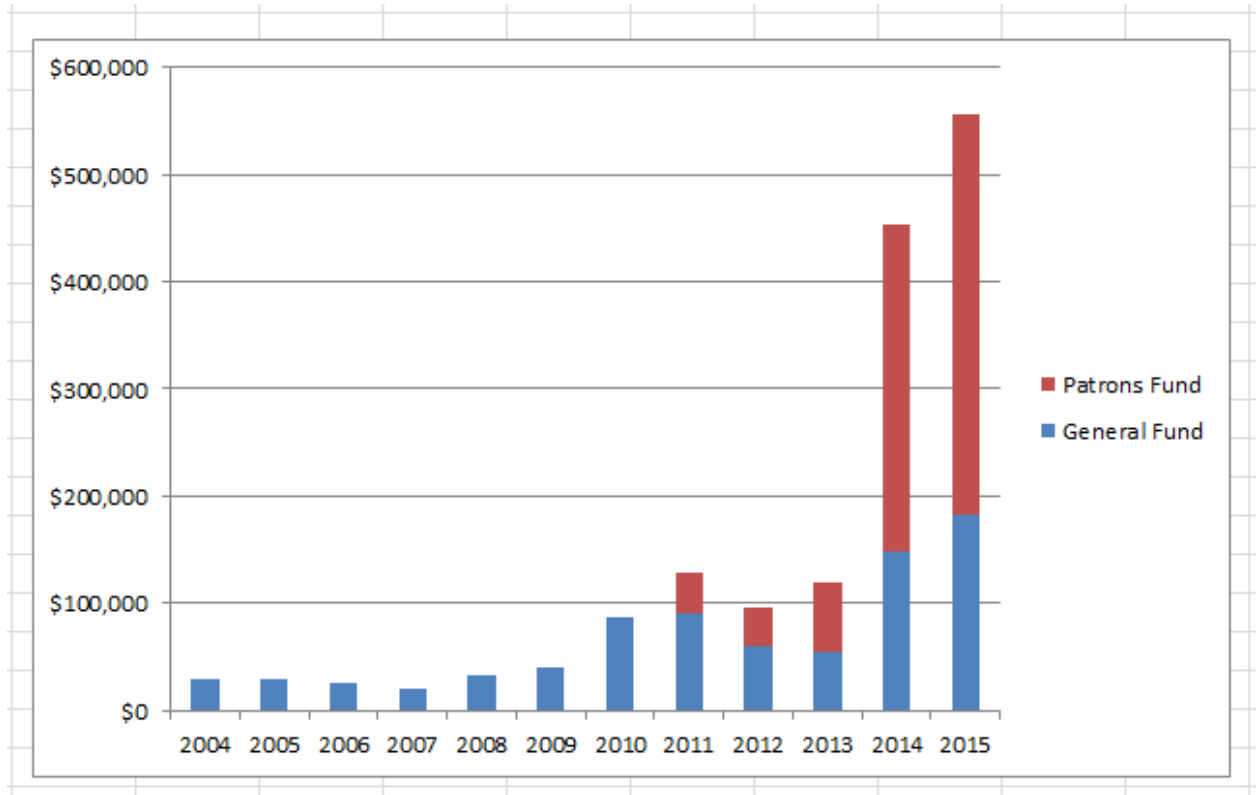
7.7 To make it a requirement that all Range Officers obtain and regularly renew First Aid certification as a condition of their membership.

7.8 To introduce standardized official name tags, with ranks, for all IROA Officials.

Appendix 1

IPSC Financial Reserves By Source

The Development (Patrons) Fund generated by me represents 68% of our net assets!



(Note: the chart does not yet reflect activity in 2016 or 2017)