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**From:** Frances Stronks

**To:** Pete MacPhail  
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**Re:** Section One Nomination Process Responses

- A 'short' written response to the following seven questions
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1. Why are you interested in serving as Section One Director?

The opportunity to be more directly involved in the development and implementation of fun, fair and safe AYSO soccer experiences for over 100,000 children is a special challenge. The RCs and Ads in Section 1 do this without parallel. The privilege of serving as leader of this amazing group and being a part of the fun would be an honor. Having been warmly encouraged to come back to section operations by Jeff, I find that he was correct ... it feels right and I relish being part of it again

2. What skills do you feel you would bring to the position?

Depth of knowledge and belief in AYSO: its history, philosophy, policies and goals, the ability to see the big picture, desire to lead, faith and confidence in area and region leadership and patience.

3. What are your goals for Section One and how do you hope to achieve them?

My number one goal for Section One is to provide the best possible AYSO program for every child in every region. Providing regions with whatever assistance, guidance, training and support they need to accomplish this is of paramount importance. I am fully confident that with the outstanding ADs in Section 1 and the support and encouragement of top quality section and area staff, we are sure to continue to achieve this together.

4. Do you have any concern(s) within Section One and how do you plan to approach it/them?

Several areas in the section are seriously short of playing fields for practice and games. Competition for scarce facilities increases as club and adult groups vie for space and many cities are imposing resident capitation requirements that conflict with AYSO's policy of being open to anyone who wishes to participate regardless of residence. To compound the situation, formerly reasonable use fees charged by school districts have, in some case, been dramatically increased. I hope to help struggling regions understand the need to be politically active in order to get or keep playing fields and to assist in any way possible in the effort to acquire and/or keep these essential resources.

5. What do you feel should be the Section Director's relationship to each of the following: Section One ADs, Section One Staff, Section One RC's, Other Section Directors, NSTC, NBOD, other members of AYSO, including players and parents

The SD's relationship with section Ads, RCs and staff should focus on support, assistance and mentoring as needed or requested. The relationship to the NBOD and NSTC should focus on communication between them, emphasizing the needs and desires of the section and relaying the vision and policies of the board. Collegiality and shared passion for the mission of AYSO is the ideal relationship with other members of AYSO, and ADVOCACY on behalf of AYSO players and parents is an essential component of leadership at the section level.

6. What, if anything, concerns do you have regarding the future of AYSO?

None for those in Section One.