

To: M. José Damiani, President, World Bridge Federation

Mr. Xiang Huai Cheng, President, Chinese Contract Bridge Association

From: USBF Board of Directors

Regarding: Venice Cup USA1

The Board of Directors of the United States Bridge Federation sends to both of you as well as to the members of both of your organizations our regrets regarding the behavior of the members of the USA1 Venice Cup team at the prize-giving ceremony in Shanghai. Despite our pride in the bridge achievement of our team, we know that this was neither the time nor place for a political statement. Please accept our sincere apology and be assured that we are acting to prevent this or similar behavior in the future.

Jan Martel, President

Bill Pollack, Vice President

Steve Beatty, Treasurer

Joan Gerard, Secretary

Robert Hamman

Rose Meltzer

Lou Ann O'Rourke