The Board of Governors (BOG) met by way of a conference call on 03-01-10 at 5:00 pm PDT.

Board members participating included: David Nelson (chairperson), Gene Kaczmarek (Vice-Chair), Steve Jensen (treasurer), Jim Ferguson (secretary), Bob Bates, Al Beatty, Peggy Brenner, Oscar Feliu, Vern Jerimica, Bob Jacklin, Donald R. Van Buren, and Leslie Wrixon.

The Conference was called to order about 5:15 pm by the Chairperson, David Nelson. Identification by roll call was used to determine a quorum was participating.

1. David noted that the BOG had agreed during our annual Board Meeting at Conclave to a quarterly conference call. Items for discussion were solicited from the BOG. Items mentioned were Google Group usage (many), BBQ (Steve), Elections (David), and Project Status (David).

2. BBQ: Steve Jensen reported 10 people have registered to date for the Tiers’ and Liars’ BBQ at West Yellowstone. Steve pointed out the need for some quality Bucket Raffle items and solicited items from BOG members. All raffle items should be sent to Steve Jensen c/o Bob Jacklin (address below). Donors should send information to Steve concerning the items being sent to Bob. Bob Jacklin said he wants to donate some Jack Gartside flies. Donations should be shipped to:

   Steve Jensen
   c/o Jacklin’s Fly Shop
   105 Yellowstone Ave.
   W. Yellowstone, MT 59758
The Bucket Raffle is one of the ways for the FTG to raise funds to pay our expenses since there is no funding of our group other than what we raise or is donated to us. Steve Jensen is in the process of trying to establish the "pipeline" to get bucket raffle funds (≈$900) turned in from last year's BBQ to be available for FTG use.

There was a brief discussion on where the BBQ will be held. Bob Jacklin will email location information to David. We are looking for a covered area, probably outside, relatively close to the conference site. David Nelson will get the caterer and want some suggestions on who caters in the area. BBQ will be on Wednesday afternoon. Registration for the BBQ is required and costs $20. The cost of the BBQ will also get you 25 free tickets for the bucket raffle. A special Fly Exchange Raffle will occur where each participant brings a set of flies and gets a ticket into a drawing for their choice of flies. When your ticket is drawn, you will be able to pick a set of flies from the collection. Only FTG members, Demo tiers, and their significant others will be invited to the BBQ. We need to be concerned about the meal number and associated costs. That brought up a discussion on funding.

3. **FTG Funding:** FTG does not receive any financial support from the FFF national office. We do get funds from FTG membership fees, our bucket raffles at the BBQ, donations directly to FTG, and monies acquired from bidding at the annual auction on the fly plates Steve Jensen had done for funding of the FTG. All monies we collect is turned over to the FFF Treasure, reserved for our use only.

4. **Newsletter:** Peggy Brenner discussed the Newsletter that went out. There were some difficulties with the distribution through the Google Group system. People in general do not understand how to use the Google Group method and/or how it is to be used. As suggested by respondents, it was e-mailed as an attachment to members and that seemed to get the newsletter to the membership. The newsletter was well received once we got it. David suggested at least one more newsletter be sent out before the "Event" at West Yellowstone. Steve Jensen will flesh out the rules for the BBQ and send them to Peggy for an article on promoting the BBQ. At the present time the schedule is Wednesday BOG meeting from 8 - 12, BBQ from 12 - 4, President's Banquet in evening. Should be no conflict (or at least not too many.) Purpose of the BBQ is to build friendships and bonding among the flytiers at the beginning of Conclave, that hopefully extends throughout the event.

5. **Google Groups:** Several comments were expressed by BOG members about the difficulty in getting information from the Google Groups set up. Other FTG and FFF members were e-mailing complaints about not being able to access the information. The way a Mail List works, when someone sends a "reply" to the Group, it gets forwarded to everyone else. Peggy is going to try to get the system figured out so she can tell people what they need to do to access information. Our purpose of using Google was to find a way to easily communicate to everyone without having to individualize notifications. People are balking at entering Google by setting up an account, which you have to do to get into Google past the opening screen.

6. **Elections:** David reminded the board that our bylaws mandate that we turn over 1/3 of our BOG each year. David requested BOG members to let him know if you want to keep on the Board and/or willing to serve. We have 21 board members. Gene Kaczmarek mentioned the
difficulty in getting any response from Council Presidents or the Council fly tying representative (if one exists; not all Councils have such a position). This lack of communication effects two areas of our organization - we want to communicate with/locate interested flytyers for membership in FTG, tiers for the FFF Tying Demo Event, and for people interested in serving on the Board. BOG membership was first established from a list of interested persons submitted by Council or Regional Presidents but the response was not extensive enough. David will get information to Peggy for the newsletter on who people can contact to express interest in BOG participation and how to proceed with a nomination. David asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee - Steve Jensen volunteered to be on a review of nominating committee. The election should take place in the summer. Before that meeting we need to figure out whose positions are up for elections. The BOG will elect the officers of the BOG during the first part of the Board meeting in West Yellowstone.

7. **Projects:** David reminded the BOG that we need to justify our existence for the price of membership. Project participation was emphasized. We don't all have to have a project, but we should all be involved in one of the projects.

Leslie Wrixon reported on her **On-Line Archive Project.** Phase I is to get the database set up. She hopes to be starting input next week. Phase II involves restoration and photographic archival aspects of the museum items.

Bob Jacklin is considering and is encouraged to pursue a **History of Tiers Project,** as he has personally known so many of the greats of our sport.

Gene Kaczmarek reported he has 31 yes’s for **Demonstration Tying** at West Yellowstone. He needs more tiers and is soliciting recommendations. He will send out excel data base to see if we can get more tiers. He has room for 20 tables x 3 shifts = 60 tiers. There will be no video theatre this year due to space restrictions. Vendor vs tier space is a problem in West Yellowstone. Our "Learning Center" table area is questionable until vendor space is settled. The "Learning Center" is a place for the public to get a chance to start tying their first fly or work on specific aspects of tying. Emphasis is for an outreach center for youth but is not just for youth.

Hans Weilenmann has been working on finding **international tiers,** but without much success, due to the cost of attending. Oscar Feliu has also been working on international participation. Communication, travel distance, travel expense, and hosting facilities are the major problems to overcome if we are to get international participation. Oscar is going to forward possible names to Hans and to Gene for consideration as demo tiers. Vern Jeremica has some names to forward to Hans, who will forward to Gene.

Jim Ferguson is continuing working on Dreamweaver to develop an on-line **Fly Tying Instructor's Resource.** His goal is to have something up and functioning before the end of July if not before. David emphasized the need to have something up and going before the West Yellowstone meeting if we want to get continued support from members.
8. **Closing Thoughts**: Bob Jacklin suggested someone interview Darwin to get some historical reflections since his health has deteriorated. Steve Jensen will be spending some time with Darwin and his wife.

David urged all of us to continue to work on our projects and get some things completed or to a workable / functioning state. He has set up a web site for FTG separate from his personal site, http:www.FlyTyingGroup.com. The FFF site did not work out for FTG and the FTG materials were moved back to his site until he was able to establish our own site. He is setting up some guidelines and procedures for selected individuals to manage materials on the site. The ownership of the site will be by FFF, not any one individual.

9. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm PDT.

James H. Ferguson, Secretary FTG BOG
David L. Nelson, Chair FTG BOG