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Thought you might want to see this also, especially the 2nd paragraph.

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**Subject: Thank You Team South Carolina!**

Good Morning SCSA...

I wanted to be sure this was the first thing I did this morning, and that is to THANK YOU ALL. This past week at TEAMS in Las Vegas you guys definitely put the Nation on alert that WE are definitely Number 1 in the Sports Tourism Industry. Even though when you have 35 representatives from one state, yes I said 35 you have no choice but to go BIG, and that's exactly what we did. There may have been some technical issues that came up during the week, but in all we had a GREAT showing and really a solid "re-branding" campaign. (See Attachment)

There are so many things to list, so I first wanted to begin with SCPRT (Duane, Jenny, Perry, Justin and Amy). You five were completely awesome and we couldn't thank you all enough for your support and we all are glad that you got to experience 1<sup>st</sup> hand why we all show so much passion about the South Carolina Sports Alliance. It all begin with Duane Parrish and his opening remarks alongside Governor Nikki Haley personal video message to the TEAMS2015 Conference. What a way to kick it off you two. However, I really need to point out Jenny Waller. For those who don't know she really did a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to execute the NEW sponsorship/opening party event. Quite frankly, a lot of this would not have happened without her leadership, thank you Jenny. By the way how could I forget Perry, #ThePhotographerOfTheYear. I'm sure there will be some interesting pictures that will come out of this ☺.

To the rest of the SportsInSC Team, what can I say you guys are simply the best. We had so many first timers represented at the show this year. It was a great mixture and we all learned from each other. A lot if planning went into the business component (appointments, schedules, greeters, responsibilities). ABSOLUTELY, none of this would have been possible without Jeff Poole. Jeff put together the plan to ensure that the "Business @ TEAMS Expo" was self sufficient. My friend you went above and beyond the call of duty and Greenville is lucky to have you my friend. Along with Jeff, two other board members were vital as well in making sure everything went well. Scott and Kathleen it's an honor to have you lead the SCSA, you two are really the most experienced professionals we have in the SCSA and staples in the industry.

NOW!, I had to save this person last. She not only embodies attention to detail, work ethic, leadership, but most importantly true friendship. We put on the BEST EVER Client event that ANYONE has ever hosted. During the TEAMS Expo, everyone was talking about what South Carolina did. From the **EXCELLENT FOOD & BEVERAGE** to the **INDUSTRY NETWORKING** and capping it ALL off to an **EVENING WITH CARLOS SANTANA**, Lindsay Burns my friend you are simply AMAZING. Lindsay put this entire package together all while expecting her first child. I'm sure it was not easy planning such an "Oscar Winning" event on top of not being able to come because of Doctor's orders. Lindsay I can tell you every single one of the clients were not only gracious but honored they were invited. Because of you we were a group that was #50Strong. We missed you but most of all we thank you for your service and really, really cool ideas. ☺

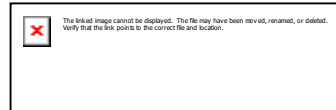
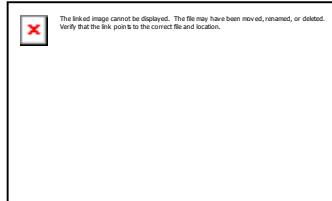
I hope you all have a great week and I look forward to even bigger things from this group. Hope to see you all at Governor's Conference in Charleston. HINT: Our next meeting

In the words of Duane Parrish, ***"Let the Games Begin"***

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