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To All Ganders:

The Grand Nest Officers held a Special Meeting on October 21, 2006, in Chicago to address crucial issues about the organization as well as Annual Conventions. Short terms as well as long term issues were considered, including the potential reorganization of the Regions from five to three and the role of the Grand Nest, the Regions as well as the Ponds in putting on Annual Conventions. As you may know, these issues have been under consideration by the Grand Nest for several years. Your Officers are providing guidance to the Order as we enter the second century of our Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International.

These issues had to be addressed because the Southern Region was unable to produce a Pond to host the 2012 convention. Instead of changing the successful structure and organization of the Blue Goose under the Constitution and By Laws, the Grand Nest favors a plan to strengthen our five Regions by expanding the role of the Deputy Most Loyal Grand Ganders, accepting the offer of one of the Canadian Ponds to host the convention in 2012 and expanding the role of the Grand Nest in the funding and oversight of Annual Grand Nest Meetings in the future. This approach meets the immediate need for the 2012 Annual Convention, and lays the foundation for future successful Conventions.

Importantly, the Grand Nest is commencing on July 1, 2007, an international campaign to raise money on an annual basis to provide significant funding, where necessary, for conventions beginning in 2014. Commencing in 2014, the Grand Nest will expand its oversight to include the selection of the location of the Grand Nest Annual Convention in coordination with Regional and Pond representatives participating in the Annual Conventions. The funding for the Annual Conventions will be through a combination of corporate contributions as well as Regional contributions with Pond participation. This approach should generate stronger Regional ties, significant expansion of membership and a keen interest of all Ganders in Annual Conventions. By continuing the rotation of Conventions from Region to Region, we can preserve the unique "local color" of our five Regions and select locations that will be attractive and fun for all of our members. For our Order to continue to be successful, we will need the participation and assistance of all of our Ganders.

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