

**MICHIGAN STATE YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Monday, January 27, 2025**

The Board of Director's Meeting of the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) was called to order on Monday, January 27, 2025, by President Mike Poulos at 6:32 PM via 'Zoom'.

**Board Members Present:** Mike Poulos, Denise Moote, Adam Dixon, Tina Ramirez, Oscar Castañeda, Doug Prim, Ron Grobbel, Wendy Zielen, Mike Egnotovitch, Anthony Spica, Brian Scherzer, Steve DeVries, Paul Tinnion.

**Board Members Excused:** Gerhard Mengal, Robin Crawford.

**Administrators Present:** Elizabeth Satterley, Julie Pearson, Mark Zathey, and Tom Faro.

This is a **Reporting** Meeting.

The minutes for the MSYSA Board of Directors Meeting held on Monday, November 25, 2024, will be filed for audit.

**President's Report:** Mike Poulos

Discussed pros/cons of the recent United Soccer Convention/USYS Workshop held in Chicago, IL.

MSYSA's 'New Referee' Grant Program is open through April 1, 2025.

MLS Next is expanding its footprint in youth soccer by adding Tier 2 and Tier 3 levels.

USYS is considering options for a potential move of its national headquarters, currently located in Frisco, TX.

Awards Dinner is on 2/14, and the AGM is on 2/15, both are being held at the Amway Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids.

**Vice President Report:** Denise Moote

Denise was unable to attend United Soccer Coaches Convention due to travel delays at DTW Airport.

Expressed interested in learning more about MLS Next and its anticipated expansion in the fall.

**Treasurer's Report:** Adam Dixon

Adam relayed year-to-date (YTD) total revenue for the month ending December 31, 2024, was \$1,518,150 with YTD expenses totaling \$930,385, resulting in a YTD surplus of \$587,766. Adam addressed a few notable variances. (e.g., Membership, Coaching, St. Cup)

**Recording Secretary:** Tina Ramirez

No Report.

**MSPSP Chairperson Report:** Oscar Castañeda

Player registration and roster deadline for the spring season was on 1/25.

Strategic Planning (MSPSP) revealed no significant surprises. (e.g., need for additional modes of communication, possible restructure of MSPSP Board, establish Technical Committee)

**Recreational Director Report:** Doug Prim

Survey to clubs/leagues on Etrainu platform ('Club in a Box') was sent out last week. Waiting on the results on how best to proceed.

**MSA (Adult) Report:** Gerhard Mengel

Excused.

**SYRA Report:** Ron Grobbel

Will attend US Soccer Referee Workshop in Atlanta and attending 'Zoom' call on 1/30 regarding Policy 531-9.

**Metro Southwest Report:** Wendy Zielen

Will be conducting district meeting in advance of the AGM.

**Metro Central Report:** Mike Egnotovitch

Shared positive experience with attending the United Soccer Coaches Convention/USYS Workshop.

**Metro East Report:** Anthony Spica  
No Report.

**North District Report:** Brian Scherzer  
Recent district meeting included Houghton's participation.

**West District Report:** Steve DeVries  
Recent district meeting included participation from only two (2) member organizations.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Paul Tinnion  
No Report.

**Staff/Executive Director's Report:** Tom Faro  
Written Report Submitted Also, discussed associate membership category, strategic plan investments, and MLS Next programming.

**Staff/Technical Director:** Mark Zathay  
Six (6) Boys ODP teams participated in Far West Championships (AZ).  
Four (4) Girls players were selected to participate with USYS National ODP program.  
MSYSA's 'Pre-ODP' program begins soon under the direction of Scott Bridges.  
US Soccer 'D' license in Livonia, MI is now full (35 candidates).

**Unfinished Business:**  
MSYSA Rule 5.3 (F), Misconduct toward a Referee.

**Motion: (Ron Grobbel)** To approve MSYSA Rule 5.3 (F) rule change, as presented, effective immediately.

**Second: (Doug Prim)**

Discussion: This change is to ensure 'misconduct' is consistently defined as specified by US Soccer Policy 531-9.  
Motion: Approved.

**New Business:**

Associate Membership Category. Informally, Associate Members (non-voting) need to register between 25-99 players within one (1) or more MSYSA registration events. A future bylaw amendment would formalize the Associate Membership Category. The goal with Associate Membership is to encourage smaller clubs to stay connected with MSYSA, encourage them to attend District Meetings, AGMs, and to participate in MSYSA programs, events/tournaments.

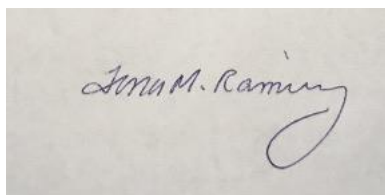
**For the Good of the Game:**

Paul Tinnion thanked Ron Grobbel and the SRC for their participation at a recent showcase in Wixom

**Upcoming Meeting(s):**

The next regular meeting of the MSYSA Board of Directors is also on **Saturday, February 15, 2025, at 8:00 AM** (Pre-AGM Meeting), Non-Reporting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina M. Ramirez".

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Tina Ramirez, Recording Secretary  
Michigan State Youth Soccer Association, Inc.