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State Board of Directors Meeting
August 9, 2022 – 7:30pm
Electronic Meeting

Attendance: Alvaro Garcia-Velez (WYSA President), Jay DeBruin (WYSA Vice President), Chris Lay (WYSA Secretary), Chris McCormick (Kickers), Melissa Zielinski (WYSA Executive Director), Francisco de la Rosa (Southwest), Chris Yustus (Midway), Alex Schroeder (Ozaukee), Chris Billstrom (East Central), Parker Conover (MAYSA), John Janasik (Metro), Mike Recklies (Stateline), Kevin Wasco (Independent Director), Craig Carlson (WYSA Associate Director of Coaching)

1. Call to Order Alvaro Garcia-Velez at 7:33 pm
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (07/12/22). Kevin Wasco makes motion to approve; seconded by Jay DeBruin. All in approval. Motion/minutes pass.
3. President's Updates Alvaro Garcia-Velez – Alvaro is continuing discussions with WSL (Adults) on appointment of a new State Referee Administrator. There is no agreement yet and it is possible that the decision will be deferred to U.S. Soccer in time for the September appointment, which would mark a new, two-year term. After board discussion Alvaro proposed submitting a set of questions to the two primary candidates and, possibly, exploring how both can be included in the State Referee Committee.
4. Treasurer's Report (Ken Ward) – Ken was absent from the meeting. Melissa reported in Ken's absence. Preliminary July financials were not available at the time of the meeting and will be forwarded to the State Board when available. Melissa also shared that she and Ken had met with a wealth management advisor from CLA to discuss WYSA investments. Any further discussion was tabled until a future meeting where Ken would be present.
5. Old Business - Hybrid Committee Proposal (Chris Billstrom/Parker Conover) – in collaboration presented a proposal to consolidate the WYSA Board to 10 positions: reduction to 5 Districts, each District with one rep, top 3 Districts based on number of participants with an additional rep and a President and Treasurer (Secretary and VP roles eliminated). Leagues can still operate as they do currently but there will be reasonable/minimal standards for Districts (e.g., website, hosting coach & referee courses, etc.). Boundaries for District consolidation will be determined at a later date and with input/comment from clubs.

The Board asked a series of questions and discussion followed. It was agreed that there will be several days offered for all Board members to further review the proposal and submit a vote (electronically) within the next 5-7 days. This proposal is intended to marry revisions to bylaws and therefore is time sensitive.

Motion submitted on August 10, for electronic votes submitted no later than August 17. Motion made by Chris Billstrom, second by Parker Conover.

Motion: I move to adopt the WYSA Board restructuring framework and consolidation to five Districts as described in the Hybrid Proposal white paper, the Hybrid Proposal presentation, and the Hybrid Proposal FAQs.

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Explanation

An aye vote commits that Director to the framework and consolidation. As a result, the Board will begin drafting the actual language of a bylaws amendment which would implement the changes described. Importantly, these changes will not go into effect unless the Board agrees to new District boundaries by the October meeting.

A nay vote rejects the framework and consolidation as currently proposed.

Aye	Nay
Parker Conover – MAYSA	Chris Yustus - Midway
Shan Amini – Waukesha	John Janasik –Metro
Chris Billstrom – East Central	Francisco de la Rosa – Southwest
Kevin Wasco – Independent Director	Fred Yasatan – Racine
Jay DeBruin – WYSA Vice Chair	Ernie Englund – Kenosha
Chris Lay – WYSA Secretary	Chris McCormick – Kickers
Ken Ward – WYSA Treasurer	Alex Schroeder – Ozaukee
	Mike Recklies – Stateline
	Brandon Wachholz – SYRA
Aye = 6, Nay = 8. Motion fails	

6. For the Good of the Game – Thank you to WYSA staff for hosting the Board and “Friends of WYSA” at the July 23 Manchester City vs Bayern Munich exhibition match at Lambeau Field. The match garnered the highest number of spectators (78k-plus) of any soccer match in the United States over the past year.