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State Board of Directors Meeting  
October 11, 2022 – 7:30pm  
Electronic Meeting

### 1. Attendance & Call to Order

Alvaro Garcia-Velez (WYSA President), Jay DeBruin (WYSA Vice President), Ken Ward (WYSA Treasurer), Chris Yustus (Midway), Ernie Englund (Kenosha) Parker Conover (MAYSA), Shan Amini (Waukesha), Ernie Englund (Kenosha), Alex Schroeder (Ozaukee), John Janasik (Metro), Fred Yasatan (Racine), Francisco de la Rosa (Southwest), Chris Billstrom (East Central), Shan Amini (Waukesha), Brandon Wachholz (SYRA), Melissa Zielinski (WYSA Executive Director), Craig Carlson (WYSA Associate Director of Coaching), Jim Launder (WYSA Director of Coaching)

Alvaro Garcia-Velez called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (09/13/22)

Jay DeBruin motions to approve; seconded by Chris Yustus. Minutes approved.

### 3. President's Updates

- Tournament sanctioning applications will open October 24 and are due December 5.
- The Wisconsin Women's Soccer Advisory Council 2002 Symposium is December 3 at Downtown Kitchen in Milwaukee. Keynote speaker will be Angela Hucles Mangano – 2X Olympic Gold Medalist and current General Manager of Angel City FC.
- Additional Grassroots Referee courses have been added for 2022. WYSA will continue to reimburse for the courses AND pay for a uniform kit (through the end of the calendar year).
- The Board is reminded to submit their annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure.
- SafeSport will be conducting maintenance on October 19.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Ken shared that WYSA Closed the FY ending 7/31/22 with approximate \$39k surplus. Fred Yasatan, Dr. Kevin Wasco and Mike Recklies will join Ken on an Investment Committee to explore possibilities for making better use of WYSA funds.

### 5. Old Business

Alvaro updated the Board on communication with US Soccer regarding appointment of a new State Referee Administrator. The timeline for a determination by US Soccer is unknown and it was agreed that WYSA would reach out at regular intervals (approximately every month or month-and-a-half) with an official letter.

Bylaw Changes – a subcommittee will review and propose changes to the WYSA bylaws, including but not limited to the following deficiencies raised in an independent legal review of the WYSA bylaws:

- Article V - provide a clear description of a district. Could also include language that addresses bullet 4 below.
- Article VI, Section 3 (page 5) - does not specify how officers are elected.
- Article VI, Section 3 (page 5) - does not specify a nomination process. Note: we have used Article VII, Section 3, part C to request nominations in advance the last several years.
- Article IX, Section 1 (page 8) - at large members are not clearly defined. Currently states min of 4 and max of 12, should specify how many there are, who is voting for them and how/when they are elected. (Note: - this can likely be defined in Article V which currently defines districts (page 5))
- Article IX, Section1 (page 8) Independent Director listed. Need to:
  - Define how elected and by whom
  - Define the role of the Independent Director

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### **6. New Business**

US Soccer has a background check task force that will require Olympic Committee standards; expect more oversight expected from US Soccer. Meanwhile, WYSA investigating means for more efficiency and convenience to the entire process. In general, the Board is in support of more regular (i.e., annually vs every-other-year) background checks. Similarly, in support of coach pass cards being available electronically.

Melissa shared that there is interest to have standardization on who provides the background check service across all of soccer. This would be driven by US Soccer.

The 2023 WYSA AGM will be held Saturday, March 11 at the Harley Davidson Museum in Milwaukee. Keynote speakers will be focused on either the topics of parent engagement, DEI, or Risk Management. The Board was in general agreement that it should explore electronic voting for both those physically in attendance and those who cannot travel. More information to come on the feasibility and cost of this initiative.

State Championships & President's Cup Discussion. The event has gone well thus far. Staff continue to explore opportunities for sponsorship, including match balls.

### **7. For the Good of the Game**

The Board wishes to thank and congratulate WYSA staff on the scheduling, communication, and execution of the Under 15-19 Girls State Championships and President's Cup thus far.

Adjourn at 8:42pm.