



# ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## Monthly Meeting Notes

March 14, 2017

### Attendees:

- Claudio Frigo, President
- ~~Goran Guzina, Treasurer~~
- Renata Bechtoldt, Recording Secretary
- Hector Nava, Delegate-at-Large
- ~~Rolando Gonzalez, Delegate-at-Large~~
- Hugh Orlicz, Delegate-at-Large
- Bruce Bode, SRA
- ~~Ante Loncar, Executive VP~~
- Karen O'Dowd, Secretary
- Erwin Fleps, Delegate-at-Large
- ~~Felipe Manriquez, Delegate-at-Large~~
- Tommy Isirov, Delegate-at-Large
- Bob Balciunas, SRA
- Abi Okulaja, Referee

**Location:** 2025 Arlington Heights Road, Suite 111, Arlington Heights

**7:06pm | Call Meeting to Order**

### Agenda Topics:

- Roll Call
- Minutes of previous meeting
- Correspondence
- Financial Reports
- Committee Reports
- Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Miscellaneous Items
- Adjournment
  
- Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2017 – 1<sup>st</sup> motion (Hugh); 2<sup>nd</sup> motion (Erwin) - all board members present approve minutes
- Resignation Letter received from Goran Guzina at 4:08pm on March 14, 2017 (letter enclosed)
  - Back-up plan was around Franco Sepede to become ISSA Treasurer
  - Nomination around Franco
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Motion (Claudio); 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion (Felipe) – all board approved
- Conflict of Interest | All board members but Felipe Manriquez and Franco Sepede

**Financial Report:** Goran provided update via email to Claudio

- Net Assets = \$131,000.00
- Commonwealth Edison - \$378.50 (normal for this office for this period of time)
- Security deposit for prepaid rent
- Claudio to forward Financial Report to board for additional review and consideration

**Registrations:**

- New registrations (behind)
- No registrations for National Soccer League
- CLASA did not play indoor (220 players)
- PSL played indoor (team registration early prior to outdoor season)
- 549 people – Liga De Futbol Chicago (did not register players); still in discussions around registration into ISSA
- Registration 346 players paid with USASA
- 1368 YTD
- Unpaid league dues: Field Sports Complex, Liga De Futbol Chicago,
- Action: Hugh to speak with Field Sports Complex

**Committees:****Trial Board (Hugh)**

- One year suspension; \$200 fee; Krzysztof Smerchalski (Wisloka)

**Referee Update (Bob/Abi):**

- Adult representative for referee committee
- 160 people present
- Mentoring program for youth referee program
  - Rich Grady, Michael Kennedy, Abi, Bob – around promoting good referees
  - Put a program with referee ranks – ability to advance into professional ranks
  - Other states interested in mentoring program / benchmarking
  - Objectives to prepare the referees
  - PSL, NSL and CLASA participating in this program
  - Donation to program – pay mentors / extra stipend from the league
- Bruce Bode replaced Ninos Alexander as ISSA Adult referee state representative (advocate for Adult League/referee)

**Centennial Hall of Fame**

- Abi mentioned that it was a nice event / appreciated
- Remaining alcohol / continue to disposition

**Chicago Fire Luncheon**

- Boring

**Annual General Meeting (Hawaii)**

- Attendance was mandatory; ISSA required to participate
- Discussion around Regional tournaments
- Last weekend of July (Fort Wayne, IN) – Tournament of Champions
- National Rule Committees and By-Laws (revisions around challenging State Association)
- Vice President nominated from Florida
  
- Metropolitan Soccer League Playoffs and Hall of Fame Day (March 12, 2017)
  
- Illinois State Cup – IWSL | Women's Team
- Starting earlier for registration (May 14, 2017)
- State Cup Rules and Regulations
- ISSA State Representative
- Illinois State Cup - Rename the trophy (Open) – Adria won cup 3 consecutive years – retire cup
- Discussions around National Soccer League and allowing registration for State Cup due to non-affiliation

- Discussions around paying non-affiliation fee to enter the State cup
- Votes for next meeting
- Needs for D&O Insurance

#### Open Forum

- US Club Soccer – a portion was purchased by investment company (see profit potential)
- Youth State Association stronger and more efficient than the Youth National Association
  - 3.1 million players (youth soccer)
- Referee Assignor | State cup
  
- Next Meeting | Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Meeting Adjournment | 9:18pm