



# ILLINOIS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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## Monthly Meeting Notes

January 9, 2024

### Attendees:

- Claudio Frigo, President
- Mariusz Folta, Treasurer
- Renata Bechtoldt, Recording Secretary
- Hugh Orlicz, Delegate-at-Large
- Gaetano Traversa, Delegate-at-Large
- Ante Loncar, Executive VP
- Erwin Fleps, Delegate-at-Large
- Duncan Riddle, Delegate-at-Large
- Karen O'Dowd, Secretary
- ~~Morgan Garcia, Delegate-at-Large~~

**Location:** ZOOM CALL

**Meeting to Order:** 7:00pm

- Motion to approve previous meeting minutes – Karen (1<sup>st</sup> motion); Gaetano (2<sup>nd</sup> motion); all members approve

### Agenda Topics

#### Financials (attachment):

- Discussion around Certificate of Deposits (CD) – low/high yields
- International friendly matches played in Chicago – contribution back to ISSA for Chelsea/Borussia match
- Review of financial statement (covered income and expenses)
- Motion to approve statement: Erwin (1<sup>st</sup>); Duncan (2<sup>nd</sup>); all members approve

#### Player Registrations (attachment):

- Record breaking registrations for Illinois
- Largest player registrations in the nation
- 16,212 registrations

#### New Business

- Hall of Fame Event – “amazing event” statement from Claudio based on feedback from guests
  - Venue, food, speakers
  - Powerful HOF inductees
  - Inductees larger group than normal due to pandemic
  - Need to start planning for next HOF; seeking sponsorship and advertisements to assist with expenses
  - Event great opportunity to recognize individuals; prestigious award

- USASA AGM – February 8-11<sup>th</sup>, Dallas, Texas
  - No voting or special sessions
  - Erwin to represent ISSA at event
  - Social event
- Discussion around proposed new age groups/division
  - Over 30 to Over 35
  - Over 48 to Over 50
  - Over 40 to Over 45
- Questions around aligning with our Illinois State Cup, and also national competition; age groups do not match
- New referee software system for assignors
- Zoom calls in the future
- ISSA AGM preparations (January 27, 2024)
- IWSL 50 years celebration – more information to follow from Karen
  - Question around Women in Soccer; holding event with IWSL celebrations
- Lisa Varada – ability to work remotely to register players and utilization of printer off-site

#### **Unfinished Business**

- ISSA By-laws and removal of USASA reference
  - Housekeeping required to ensure that our state is not bound to any USASA changes that negatively impact our players or hinder our state
  - Form committee to review and propose options (Duncan, Karen, Hugh)

Next Meeting – February 13, 2024

Motion to adjourn – 8:07pm