

ISSA 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2023 MEETING MINUTES
11:00 am ISSA Office, Arlington Heights

The meeting was called to order at 11 am. The meeting agenda was unanimously approved. Roll call was taken by leagues signing in at the door upon entry. Board members present were Claudio Frigo, Karen O'Dowd, Ante Loncar, Gaetano Traversa, Hugh Orlicz, Bruce Bode, and Mariusz Folta.

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was held for all those who have passed during the last two years.

The minutes from the January 22, 2020 General Membership meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The financial reports, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activity and Budget, were presented. Discussion followed. We will have a Hall of Fame Dinner this year, 2023, and the Women in Soccer event will be held in 2024. A motion was made by Ante to approve these reports as presented. It was seconded by Hugh. All ayes motion carried.

Claudio announced that for the good of soccer and for the third year in a row, the \$250 league affiliation fees will be waived.

Claudio explained that the complex the ISSA office currently resides in is being torn down and the office needs to relocate. A new location at 2775 Algonquin Road (down the street) is being currently reviewed. The new office site will also allow us to store equipment there which is currently being stored in a storage facility. It also has a conference room available and a kitchenette. The current lease is up on May 31st, however plans are to move prior to the spring season kicking off. Though the rent is going up, we will not need to pay storage fees any longer, so monthly costs to run the office should be similar. In addition, the monthly electric fees at the current location run excessively at \$900.00 per month.

Duncan Riddle was introduced and spoke to the attendees. He explained that he is no longer the USASA Executive Director. They are interviewing to fill his position. He is currently consulting for them until the position is filled. Duncan shared some background information on the USASA and ISSA's relationship through the past several years. Ten years ago, the USASA forced an administrative change in Illinois due to the ongoing problems here; not holding regular meetings and financial challenges. They issued a loan to Illinois with a 4-year payback; however, Illinois paid it back in just 3 years. Currently, Illinois is the top state in the country with registrations over 16,000 players. Ten years ago, it was just over 3,000 players. As a side note, all of Region II combined has 38,000 players. What an accomplishment for Illinois! He also explained the USASA membership fees have been streamlined across all associations. International game fees to states may be discontinued; money will be used to fund other projects.

Hugh thanked Claudio for a job well done and for all of his consistent and continued efforts for the state of Illinois and Region II.

Elections: Board members Ante Loncar, VP; Karen O'Dowd, Secretary; and Hugh Orlicz, VP of Marketing were elected by acclamation. A motion to elect by acclamation was made by Hugh and seconded by Mariusz, all ayes, motion carried. The open Delegate positions #3 and #5 were appointed as follows by

Claudio: #3 Morgan Garcia and #5 Duncan Riddle. Both candidates had submitted resumes and were welcome by everyone.

Claudio explained that several Trial Boards were held this year and that there is a solid process in place to handle these types of issues.

There was no Unfinished Business or New Business to be discussed.

Claudio thanked all the board members for their hard work and dedication to Illinois soccer and asked for questions from the floor. Calin Marinacas, calinv.marinacas@gmail.com, with Tri-County Soccer asked with help to grow his O35, O45, and O55 men's leagues. They plan Friday evenings and Sundays. Suggestions were offered including merging with another league or changing days and times of competitions.

The PSL Banquet is on 3/4/23, per Gaetano.

The Fire Kickoff luncheon is on Monday, 2/27/23 at 11:00 am. The ISSA will be hosting a table. Please advise Claudio if you are interested in attending.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Karen and seconded by Bruce. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting was closed at 12:00 pm.