



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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Notes from the President

The 2016-2017 Membership Year has started and every member has to complete two things.

- 1) Please make sure you have paid your 2016-2017 dues (\$75) or you have worked assignments before June 30, 2016. A list of members who have already paid their dues is published on the "Association" page on the SSBRA website at <http://ssbra.org/association/rma/>. Please verify that you are on that list if you have paid.
 - a. If you think you have paid but you are not on the list please contact your treasurer, Bruce Aston.
 - b. If you have worked enough MB 7v7 matches or Lawndale, or are working the LAPFC tournament on June 18, 19, 20 you can still have your dues deducted from your referee fees. This will occur automatically unless you pay your dues before June 30th.
 - c. Or bring your dues to the RPD meeting on the 21st or the General Membership meeting on the 28th.
- 2) Complete the on line [Returning Member's Application](#). This is a short on-line form that will only take a few minutes to complete (see additional information on this below).

Board Elections – The membership voted all five Board Incumbents back onto the Board at the Annual General Membership meeting on May 31th, 2016.

The 2016-2017 SSBRA Board

President: Michael Hinz
Vice President: Steve Morgan
Treasurer: Bruce Ashton
Member-at-large: Chris Nevil
Secretary: Michael Takeda

Proposed By-Law changes – Two of the six proposed By-Law changes (#1 and #6) were approved by the membership at the Annual General Membership meeting on May 31th, 2016. Details are provided in the meeting minutes below.

Returning Membership Form – Please remember to fill out the on-line [Returning Member's Application](#). All members interested in returning for the following membership year must submit the form located on the "Association" page at <http://ssbra.org/association/rma/> on the SSBRA website by June 30th. The count from the Returning Member's Application forms will be used to determine the annual budget, calculate proper payments for the Association's Insurance, and to determine the amount of Arbiter slots required each year as all of these things are based on the size of the Association's membership. The Association will also utilize this information to determine how many fields SSBRA can accept from DSL and CSL for the Fall season.

SSBRA Meeting and Cal South Training Requirements - As a reminder to all members, in order to remain a member in good standing and be able to vote at the Annual Membership Meeting, each referee must attend at least 5 SSBRA Association General Membership meetings each membership year. In addition, to be recertified by Cal South, each member has to complete 5 Cal South Training classes. The good news is that both the SSBRA and Cal South requirements can be satisfied by attending the monthly SSBRA meetings. SSBRA members can verify his or her membership meeting attendance on the SSBRA website on the Member page.



May General Membership Meeting –

The Draft minutes for the May General Membership meeting can be found on the next page. These minutes and the minute from the April meeting will be voted on for approval at the June Annual Membership Meeting.

**SSBRA Annual General Meeting / Election and Pizza Party
5/31/16 Tuesday 7:00 start @ Tony's Italian Deli in El Segundo**

Attendees:

Michael Hinz - MH	Steve Morgan - SM	Michael Takeda - MT
Bruce Ashton - BA	Valle Altobelli - VA	Chris Nevil - CN
Donat McKenley - DM	Armando Quiroz - AQ	

Check-in:

Meeting attendance started at 6:45 p.m. and ballots were distributed for voting by MT.

Election:

Election candidates, who were present, had the opportunity to speak briefly on his campaign and a brief discussion was held on the By-Laws changes. After the discussions a call to vote was made by MT and the business part of the meeting ended and the Pizza and drinks were served.

98 votes were cast at the meeting.

Thank you very much to Kiku Annon, William Yee, Bruce Ashton, and Michael Takeda for counting the votes throughout the remainder of the meeting. Due to the time required to count the By-Laws change votes the team counted the BOD votes first so the BOD results could be communicated to the membership before the end of the meeting.

Results as follow:

President: Michael Hinz

Vice President: Steve Morgan

Secretary: Michael Takeda

Treasurer: Bruce Ashton

Member-at-large: Chris Nevil



Approved By-law changes: #1 and #6

Proposal # 1: Motioned by: Veto Galati

Amend: Section VI, Paragraph A, Section 5

Motion: To remove from Bylaw VI, Paragraph A, the entire section #5 which currently reads:

VI OFFICERS, A. President: -The duties of the President are to

5. Be an ex-officio member of all committees, if he/she so chooses.

Proposal is to remove this section, in blue, with no replacement word

Proposal #6. Motioned by Michael Hinz

Amend: VIII, Paragraph A, Section 2

Motion: To correct the circular language currently in the By-Laws, rewrite VIII Board Of Directors (VIII A.2.) to clarify that the Board Of Directors is made up of the *Elected Officers* as described in (VII Elections of Officers) and "*Other Board Members*" referred as "*non-elected Board Members*" in VII Elections of Officers (VII E). Rewrite VII Elections of Officers by moving the text in VIII A.1 to VII and changing VIII A.1 to read "Officers" and moving VII E, F, and G.

VII ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

a) SSBRA Board Officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large

e) All non-elected Board Members (referred to as Other Board Members) shall be ratified at the next membership meeting after their appointment by the Board Officers. Said Members shall serve until the first board meeting after July 1 of each successive year.

VIII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. Members:

1. SSBRA Board Officers.

2. Other Board Members.

a. The Board Officers shall appoint Other Board Members including an Assignor and Instructor/Trainer, along with Other Board Members having duties as the Officers may deem necessary.

Such members will serve at the discretion of the Board Officers.

Proposal is to correct the language shown in blue and that VII E, F, G will be moved to VIII as these bullets relate to the BOD as a whole and not just to the Board Officers and not exclusive to the Election of Officers.

The meeting ended with the last few members leaving around 9 pm. The vote counting team left about 30 minute later.

~ Next meeting will be on Tuesday 6/28 7:30 p.m. @ North High School ~