



The Flag and Whistle

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Notes from the President

Board Positions Filled - As communicated in the March 9th email to members; both the VP and Secretary Board positions were filled with highly capable and qualified members. The Board vetted both candidates and appointed them at the March SSBRA Board meeting. Once again, please join the Board in thanking Steve Morgan for stepping up to the VP position and Michael Takeda for stepping up to the Secretary position and please help welcome them to their positions. These two will support the association in these positions until the 2016 Annual General Membership meeting in May. The appointments of Steve and Michael continues the Board's efforts to ensure diversity on the Board with Michael bringing his "young adult" ideas, inspiration, and enthusiasm to the board and Steve bringing his experiences as the VP for the local High School Baseball Umpire unit, and from the multiple other Board and volunteer positions which he has been involved in. With the addition of Steve and Michael, the Board's diversity now ranges across a wide variety of age, race, and referee experience.

Young Adult Referee Group - In addition to the Secretary position, the Board has asked Michael to organizing a young adult referees group within SSBRA where we can help our newer referees grow their referee skills and abilities to ensure SSBRA can continue to provide the Southern California soccer community with the same high level of quality and professional referee service which we have been providing for decades. If you are interested in being a part of this group please contact Michael at secretary@ssbra.org. If you are interested in helping Michael organized and manage this group he would be more than happy to get your support.

Returning Membership Form – In order for the association to properly determine its membership size, SSBRA is implementing a yearly [Returning Member's Application](#). This brings SSBRA in alignment with most other organizations and groups who already have yearly renewal processes. The form is an On-line form which only takes a few short minutes to complete and submit electronically. The form is located on the "Association" page at <http://ssbra.org/association/rma/> on the SSBRA website. The count from the Returning Member's Application forms will be used to determine the proper payments for the Association's Insurance and to determine the amount of Arbiter slots required each year as both of these 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. The form must be submitted by June 30th so the Association has the time required to properly communicate with our customers. All members interested in returning for the following membership year must submit the form, made available electronically on the website.



SSBRA Meeting and Cal South Training Requirements - As a reminder to all members, in order to remain a member in good standing, each referee must attend at least 5 SSBRA Association General Membership meetings each year. In addition, to be recertified by Cal South each year 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 General Membership meeting.

Member Log-In page & SSBRA Roster – Thanks to our Web Master, Rick Roberts, the SSBRA roster is now available on the SSBRA website behind the Members Log-In page. This roster is populated from the member information in Arbiter. The Member Page contains the Roster and SSBRA Financials. This site will also be used to archive other SSBRA proprietary information as required. Each member has to register the first time he/she uses the site by providing his/her email address and a User Name and Password. After receiving a confirmation email from the system, the member has full access to all the Member Content on the page.

State Cup – Based on SSBRA support to Cal South’s different initiatives like RPD, and Referee development and upgrades, SSBRA is receiving State Cup fields to assign SSBRA referees. Please provide your availability so we can properly staff those matches.

Referee Professional Development (RPD)

The March Referee Professional Development (RPD) was the best attended RPDs since we started hosting RPDs at NHS. The March RPD had 50 attendees with 40 of them being SSBRA members. The April RPD is on the 19th and there is already 51 referees signed up but there is plenty of room and plenty of time to still sign up. Please sign up by using the following link; <http://cysa.affinitysoccer.com/eventmanager/public/event.asp?calid=6986707&eventtype=RPD> or use the link on the SSBRA Training page. The RPDs start at 7:00 pm and run till 9:30 pm.

March General Membership Meeting –

The Draft minutes for the March meeting are shown below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the April meeting.



**SSBRA General Meeting Minutes
3/29/16 Tuesday 7:30~9:00 p.m. @ North Torrance HS Cafeteria**

Board members attendees:

Michael Hinz – MH	Steve Morgan - SM	Donat Mckenley – DM
Chris Nevil – CN	Michael Takeda - MT	

Approved minutes from February GM:

- ✓ Motion to approve by William Yee, second Alan Samson

CalSouth Training: Gabriel Goldsman of CalSouth provided with 1-hour CalSouth Training – “Promising Attack” We hope to have a Special speaker, George Noujaim, in attendance at the next GM.

Notes from the president:

- MH welcomed the new members in attendance, Five new members were present at the meeting out of the 9 new members who have recently joined SSBRA.



- MH provided an update of SSBRA's Franchise Tax Board status; the association has now attained "Active" status after several years being shown as "expired" This is important as it is needed for several of our contracts with our clients.

Manhattan Beach 7v7: MH announced that checks are now processed from January and February after clearance of FTB status. They will be mailed out. Contract for 2016 has been received and agreed upon.

Lawndale: MH announced that all referees working the league are asked to send in a copy of auto insurance to Mike Estes: mestes@lawndalecity.org. This is due to the fact that SSBRA referees are individual contractors. The Lawndale season starts 4/2.

SSBRA.org and Arbiter information: MH announced that the association website has gotten its own domain and the URL is www.ssbra.org. New members log-in page is created for access to roster and financials. Michael Hinz advised everyone to update and publicize their information on Arbiter since roster is parallel to Arbiter information. Also, a reminder to upload referee picture to Arbiter.

Returning member's application: MH announced the returning member's application and its purpose. All members interested in returning for the following membership year must submit the form, made available electronically on the website. This is needed to better understand association's staff size. MH also reminded members that in order to stay in good status of membership, each referee must attend at least 5 SSBRA association GM's and to be recertified each year each member has to completed 5 CalSouth Training (Cal South training occurs at the SSBRA GM).

Assessment: DM discussed the assessment status. All members who still require assessments need to complete, and contact Donat and Valle to schedule one.

Rankings: SM briefed on the process of rankings: who are involved, what affects one's ranking and the upcoming ranking review. Steve will be asking 3 to 4 members to help out as part of the rankings committee.

New league: DirectKix6v6 - a new league has asked for SSBRA's service. All games are at Fairfax HS starting at 9p.m. League is working on getting games to begin at 8p.m. so referees can ideally have 2-game sets, just like MB 7v7. \$30/game paid ON FIELD.

League Status

LA Riot: MH announced that the league was pleased with the service this past season.

Beverly Hills 7v7: MH notified that the season has started.

Friendlies: MH announced that the association is receiving requests for friendlies and mentioned the recent problem with some requests for SSBRA support being filled by a non-SSBRA assignor. The problem is now resolved.

CalSouth ROL: MH reminded members to complete 2016 certification as the last day to do so for 2016 is April 14. Still have 27 members NOT on the ROL.

Young Adult Referee Group: MT announced the creation of the group and its purpose. It is still in draft mode.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Next GM will be Tuesday April 26 @ North HS at 7:30 p.m.