

AYSO Board Meeting

February 3, 2022

Participants

X	Taj Chiu		Caroline Amicone
X	Neil Weinberger		Steve Hawkins
	Craig Rosebraugh		Dana Bradley
X	Mimi Goldstein		Bill Owen
X	Shanti Rao		George Hervey
X	Dan Jeffries		Ivonne Penichet
X	Terry Takahashi		Marco Quezada
	Joanie Paik		Samir Singh
	Stas Petropoulos	X	Steve Haegelin
X	Patrick Shopbell		Tara Mastro
	Susan Streets		Scott Davis
	Louise Hamlin		Monika Wehbe
	DeWayne McMullin	X	Oscar Alvarez-Salazar
	Sam Shaker		Frank Fernandez
	Ryan Holmes		Andrew Thompson
	Michael Bartlett		Brandi Lane
	Tony D'Angelo	X	Christina Waugh
X	Gus Razo	X	Calum Torrie
X	Octavio Zavala		

Call to Order

Taj Chiu called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Approval of previous meeting minutes (November, December, January)

Patrick moved to approve the minutes. Terry seconded. The motion passed.

Reports

Report from National, Section, and Area - Taj

Training

The new training system is aliiiiive! To log in, go to the registration system (<https://ayso13.org/register>) and click on the mortarboard hat icon in the top right corner. All the same management training has migrated to the new platform. Training on how to use the platform will be offered.

Events

EXPO is back, March 22-26 in San Diego. The region will pay for travel and hotel costs. In general, EXPO is awesome – a way to meet people who do your role in other regions and learn completely different ways to do it. Any problems we have, other regions have them too. Use your own judgment to decide your comfort with attending an in-person conference. If you don't have a Divvy card, the region will reimburse you.

June 17-19, the Ken Aston Referee Camp will be at Chapman College. It's a residential camp. This is the place to take an Intermediate, Advanced, National upgrade, the instructor course, or an assessor course. The classes are intense.

National Annual General Meeting will be held this spring, and 3 national board members will be elected. You can run for one of those board seats!

Volunteering

Every volunteer needs to get a LiveScan. Even if you've done it for another organization, you have to do it again for AYSO. It was offered at the Roadshow, and 25-30 people went. Glendale will host it on Feb 12 from 8am-1pm, and at Region 13 on Feb 19 from 8am - 1pm. The actual scan only takes about 3 minutes. Register in advance at <https://www.applicantservices.com/AYSO-BILLED>, which takes about 15 minutes. Remember to put in your full legal name as it appears on your drivers' license.

Programs

Spring Cup needs a coordinator! If you want to run a 6-week tournament, reach out to the Area Director, Rolando Morales, ad@ayso1c.org tournament to happen, you can

Management

Region volunteers, please get on Slack.

For All-Stars, we experimented with the Spond app for push communication, creating groups for each of the programs. From an administrative standpoint, it was helpful to avoid getting the same questions over and over again.

Do we want to try Spond Club? Maybe. It's better than Team Snap and it's convenient

Programs

Registrar report

A whole lot of kids are playing soccer this winter! The Winter Stars roster has 280 players, though some overlap with Grad Series and All-Stars.

InLeague is getting upgraded this year. It won't be able to do everything, so Google Sheets is staying. The central problem has been the data being out of date. Shanti plans to upgrade the DCA sheets with real-time bidirectional synchronization – player data in, team assignments out.

Scheduling

The game scheduling infrastructure needs to be upgraded this spring.

Kelley Pruett has offered to get involved with practice field scheduling! Neil will bring her up to speed this fall. It's always been separate from game schedule because there are different criteria, needs by the coaches. We have tended to go out of our way to accommodate personal needs, especially the coaches who sign up late.

Blue Sombrero was bought, and AYSO discontinued using stack sports connect. Region 13 transitioned to InLeague. InLeague will be upgrade their system in the Fall. Data is migrating over to ETrainU. In January InLeague and ETrainU will be integrated. Currently AYSOU is the only option for course registration.

Referee report

Referee staff met to discuss All-Stars and Grad Series. Many at-large referees are working. We are struggling to get mentors out at Grad Series. DeWayne has been out there every week, and Bill Owen and Taj are working the field.

Steve Hawkins is stepping down as the director of referee instruction. This doesn't have to be a referee instructor – this is an administrative role, so anyone can do it. There's a fair bit of paperwork to record everyone's eligibility and participation. Perhaps Rob Owen or DeWayne would be interested? We shall be optimistic that there will be in-person referee instruction this fall.

Coach

Also need a Director of Coach Instruction.

LADPH ordered that masks be used “where practicable”, and other regions seem to have interpreted “practicable” as “optional”. The Area leadership has instructed the other regions to have everyone start the game wearing a mask, and for referees to encourage players to wear their masks as much as possible. If other teams don’t wear masks, report it to Rolando Morales ad@ayso1c.org directly.

Treasurer

To reduce administrative paperwork, Mimi recommended that these limits be approved for recurring monthly payments:

Athens \$200/mo
SoCal Edison \$250/mo
SoCal Gas \$30/mo
Spectrum \$110/mo
Diversified Alarm \$180/quarter
Woodbury Industrial Park \$3500/mo
Trini Garcia Cleaning \$385/mo
Emailoctopus \$35/mo
Jotform \$25/mo

Dan Jeffries moved to approve the proposal. Shanti seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

If you regularly purchase equipment for the Region, please get a Divvy card to streamline the paperwork.

The Region had a CD at BofA earning 1.7%, and it rolled over into a 13-month CD at 0.03%. This was renewed into a short-term 7 month CD at 0.05%, anticipating that interest rates will increase this year.

Christina Waugh joins the board as the assistant treasurer! Christina joined AYSO at age 5, played in college, and is a CPA and a volunteer treasurer for other nonprofits that are more complicated than AYSO. Her oldest joined AYSO when she was 5, with Calum, and is in Grad Series now.

Fields

Steve Haegelin has been heading up maintenance. Lights on Muir North: 6 of 8 stations are running. One of the other 2 is in a repair shop. One needs a new radiator. Fixing or replacing them is difficult because of supply chain issues. A generator is being rented for \$700/mo. That was the only generator there was.

Some of the lights are 15 years old. Not too long from now, the whole fleet will need to be replaced.

AltaPasa Fastpitch, the community baseball club which uses Muir North is raising funds to upgrade Muir North and South facilities, including repairing lights and installing a removable home run fence on Muir North that would allow the JV field to be shared between baseball and soccer. This would allow soccer practice to begin at 5pm on weeknights in the fall. Muir South would also get a softball scoreboard, to build goodwill with PUSD. Muir would still have a 12U field and a 10U field. The fence will stay up on Muir South, allowing AYSO to use the Muir South fields throughout the fall. It would be a net gain of field space for AYSO. For soccer to continue using Muir North this winter, the fence will be necessary.

Taj proposed that AYSO Region 13 spend between \$15-20k to improve the recreation facilities at Muir High School and requested opinions from the board. Shanti supports the initiative. Neil supports, and cautions that the club be clear that Muir’s principal and PUSD’s facilities director are supportive of and appreciative of the contribution. Dan notes that AYSO has regularly contributed to schools and sports organizations with less resources. Mimi and Tony and Terry want to learn more before approving the motion.

Communication

Octavio "Tavo" Zavala wishes to contribute and improve the region's processes. AYSO was his family's first sports experience, and they had a great time. Being new to the program, he also identified a number of suggestions for improvement, especially in communication. Tavo's passion is to improve how information is delivered to new parents. For example, there are many forms and PDFs to fill out, and we really needed a checklist to keep track of them all.

Organization

The Board will vote in March to approve the board of directors for MY 2022. If anyone wants to change their role, please notify the RC.

Tournaments

The Bill Owen Spring Classic will be April 16-17 at the Rose Bowl Area H. Turns out, that's Easter. Oops. Steve is exploring alternatives for late March.

VIP

Tony D'Angelo reported that 7-10 kids continue to come for VIP. More may join on Sundays from 88's program.

Area also has a new VIP coordinator.

Safety

Dan reports that LADPH intends to relax the outdoor masking order when the hospitalization rates decrease. This could come about within a few weeks.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Next Board Meeting is March 3, 2022 at 7:15 pm.