



AYSO National Board of Directors Meeting

AYSO Office, Torrance CA

July 13, 2019

National Board of Director (NBOD) Members

Present: Michael Karon (President), Dan Howald (Vice President), Eileen Tabert (Vice President), Margie Close (Secretary), Doug Ryan (Treasurer), Yvette Barrett, Cathy Farless, Donna Nelson, Randy Pittman, Jeff Ransom

Absent: Maurice Miranda (Vice President)

Section Directors (SDs)

Present: Frances Stronks, (Section 1), Mike Morrissey (Section 2), Mark Schmaltz (Section 3), Tracie McCormick (Section 5)*, Brian Mohling (Section 6), Clyde Asato via webinar (Section 7), Rick Buiteweg (Section 8), Kris Graff (Section 9), Rich Pagliarli (Section 10), Audrey Castreje (Section 11), Tom Simons (Section 12), Michael Hartley (Section 14)

Absent: Bob Lasagna (Section 13)

*Tracie McCormick sitting in for Michael Mays

National Office Staff

Present: Yvonne Lara (Director of Marketing & Communications), Patty Mallan (Executive Administrative Specialist), Jill Meshekow (Director of Human Resources), Scott Snyder (Director of Programs & Education), Matt Winegar (Transitional National Executive Director)

Other

Present: Jan Buddingh (Chair, Legal Commission)

Call to Order

The meeting of the American Youth Soccer Organization ("AYSO") National Board of Directors ("NBOD" or "Board") was called to order by National President Michael Karon at 1:18pm PT on Saturday, July 13, 2019.

Action Items

- a. Approval of June 7-9 2019 NAGM Minutes
 - Donna Nelson moved to approve the June 7, 8, and 9th minutes. Doug Ryan seconded. **MOTION CARRIES by unanimous consent.**
- b. Approval of the Officers
 - Michael Karon reviewed the officer assignments: Vice Presidents Dan Howald, Maurice Miranda and Eileen Tabert; Treasurer Doug Ryan and Secretary Margie Close.
 - Michael will continue to review all committees/councils/working groups and identify assignments
 - Michael Karon moved to approve the posted assignments. Randy Pittman seconded. **MOTION CARRIES by unanimous consent.**
- c. 2020 Open Cup Business Case
 - Scott Snyder reported the 2019 Open Cup was very successful, with a record number of teams and all games covered by referees.

- NBOD expressed concerns on the timing of the Open Cup conflicting with both the Ken Aston Camp and the National Games, and about the use of paid referees. Discussion was had regarding more volunteer involvement.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Scott Snyder will provide the NBOD with a proposal for the Open Cup 2020 at the October Board meeting.
- d. NAGM 2021 proposal
 - Yvonne Lara presents location and date options researched for NAGM 2021. Discussion ensued regarding returning to the Memorial Day weekend (May 21-24, 2021). Based on the price of hotel accommodations, the Board agreed that the Marriott Marquis Atlanta was the best option presented for that holiday weekend.
 - Doug Ryan moved to approve the Atlanta location and date for NAGM 2021. Margie Close seconded. **MOTION CARRIES: 7 for, 3 opposed** (Yvette Barrett, Eileen Tabert, Donna Nelson)
 - It is recommended that information about the location and dates of NAGM 2021 be distributed soon for Region planning purposes,
- e. AYSO ALLIANCE Proposal
 - Yvette Barrett reports that after a few clarifications from questions which arose at the NAGM, the motion to approve the AYSO ALLIANCE program is being resubmitted.
 - Randy Pittman requested the following edit be made to the below language in the program operations to allow more flexibility in:
~~“At no time should~~ **The number of division/gender teams in the ALLIANCE program should not exceed the number of teams in the Primary Program.”**
 - Concerns about competing with EXTRA were expressed. It was explained that this program will fill a gap between United and Primary in parts of the country that do not have a robust EXTRA program.
 - It was clarified that this is not a required program.
 - Rick Buiteweg said that prior to rolling out ALLIANCE, it needs to be determined how our current system will process the registrations.
 - Yvette Barrett moved to approve the AYSO ALLIANCE Program with the requested edit from Randy Pittman. Doug Ryan seconded. **MOTION CARRIES by unanimous consent.**
- f. Section 6, Region 1161 Area Change
 - Jeff Ransom explained that Region 1161 is in closer proximity to Area U and the Region’s needs will be better met as a part of this Area.
 - Jeff Ransom moved to reassign Region 1161 to Area 6/U. Doug Ryan seconded. **MOTION CARRIES by unanimous consent.**
- g. National Uniform Sponsorship
 - Michael Karon explained there will be a reasonable, quick turnaround on a decision to move forward once the NBOD has sponsors brought to them for consideration.
 - Doug Ryan moved to authorize the AYSO Office and its Primary Program uniform partner to engage an agency to pursue [up to 2] potential national uniform sponsors. Dan Howald seconded. **MOTION CARRIES by unanimous consent.**
 - **ACTION ITEM:** The AYSO Office will provide the sponsorship language/parameters to the NBOD.
- h. National Games 2021
 - Donna Nelson reported that the bid package had not yet been sent to the Sections.

- After discussion, it was decided that the Section Directors have until Friday, July 19, to express interest to Donna Nelson about hosting the National Games 2021. If more than one Section Director expresses interest, 60 days will be given to the Sections to complete the bid package and submit for consideration.
- The bid package was sent to all SDs for informational purposes, including consideration of bidding for the Games 2023.

Discussion Items

- National Games 2019 Initial Report
 - Donna Nelson reported that the National Games was an overall success and that the volunteers expertly ran the tournament.
 - Clyde Asato thanked Donna Nelson and Irwin Kavy for their dedication and hard work in support of the Games. There was a lot of newspaper and television coverage, especially because the Games coincided with the FIFA Women's World Cup.
 - Matt Winegar was impressed with the dedication and professionalism of the Section 7 volunteers and said that the AYSO Office had not fulfilled the conditions of the MOU.
 - Donna moved to forgo any contribution to the national budget from the revenue of the National Games 2019, giving 100% of the profits to the host, Section 7. Eileen Tabert seconded. **MOTION CARRIES by unanimous consent.**
- Growth Plan Updates: Previously discussed – no discussion in business session
- WHEN! Foundation Start-up Plan
 - Michael Karon deferred this discussion
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Will be added to the October Board Meeting Agenda
- AYSO Office Alignment Plan: previously discussed – no discussion during business session
- Council/Committee Reports: no discussion
- RC Re-appointments
 - Eileen Tabert asked the Section Directors and the Board if there should be a policy to evaluate long term RCs who have not participated in RC training and to make reappointment contingent upon attending.
 - There were concerns that there are certain exceptions that needed to be made.
 - Eileen asked that Section Directors encourage all RCs to do RC training and if an exception needs to be made, to provide that as a note that can be put on their re-appointment.

Executive Director Report

- Matt Winegar reported on changing banking regulations that are affecting Regional accounts. Due to the Patriot Act, many banks are closing accounts that were opened as retail/commercial accounts. This has caused some banks to close some AYSO Regional accounts and send the AYSO office a check for the funds. The finance office team is diligently working with affected Regions.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** AYSO Office will send the Section Directors a list of affected Regions
 - **ACTION ITEM:** AYSO Office will push out communication about this issue to the Regional Commissioners.
- Matt Winegar asked the Section Directors to promote RC and AD Training to their members. Minimum number of attendee are being set for each training.
- Matt Winegar explained that the lease for the AYSO Office is up in March 2021 and a decision on renewal or looking for a new location will be made before the end of the calendar year.

Meeting adjourned 5:10pm



UPDATED: July 13, 2019 NBOD Minutes Approval

Open During: August 05, 2019 @ 4:55 PM - August 07, 2019 @ 12:00 PM

Vote Question: Do you approve the attached minutes for the July 13, 2019 NBOD Business Session?

Vote Options

User	Yes	No	Abstain	Vote Submitted
EileenTabert	Y			August 05, 2019 @ 5:04 PM
MargieClose	Y			August 05, 2019 @ 5:06 PM
MichaelKaron	Y			August 05, 2019 @ 5:08 PM
YvetteBarrett	Y			August 05, 2019 @ 5:46 PM
JeffRansom	Y			August 05, 2019 @ 6:05 PM
DanHowald	Y			August 05, 2019 @ 6:50 PM
DougRyan	Y			August 06, 2019 @ 5:23 AM
MauriceMiranda	Y			August 06, 2019 @ 2:06 PM
DonnaNelson	Y			August 06, 2019 @ 7:58 PM
CathyFarless	Y			August 07, 2019 @ 10:43 AM

Randy Pittman

ABSTAIN