

**MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2008
4:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME**

PRESENT: Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Carlos Cordeiro, Amanda Cromwell, Daniel Flynn, Don Garber, Jim Hamilton, Francisco Marcos, Brooks McCormick, Jon McCullough, Mike McDaniel, Larry Monaco, Fabian Núñez, Kevin Payne, Donna Shalala, Peter Vermes.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Berhalter, Timothy Pinto, Gregory Fike.

President Gulati called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Greg Fike took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

UPDATE REGARDING MISSOURI YOUTH SOCCER

Tim Pinto updated the Board on the status of Missouri Youth Soccer's request for support due to the recent settlement of pending litigation. The Board agreed that it was prepared to provide a loan pending a final proposal from Missouri Youth Soccer.

UPDATE REGARDING CALIFORNIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION – SOUTH

Mr. Pinto updated the Board about the proceedings to replace California Soccer Association-South as the state association for adult soccer in southern California. A hearing was scheduled for October 20, 2008.

LIFE MEMBER BYLAW AND POLICY

Mr. Pinto updated the Board regarding a draft Bylaw and Policy proposal for life members. The Board reviewed and discussed the draft proposal that would add specific criteria for nominating life members and a more defined process for considering nominations. It was agreed that a new draft would be circulated to the Board at its next meeting.

PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE STANDARDS

Tim Pinto updated the Board on the revisions to the professional league standards. It was **MOVED** to adopt the revised professional league standards. The motion **PASSED**.

2009 FIFA REFEREE AND ASSISTANT REFEREE PANEL

Dan Flynn provided the Board with the recommendations of the Referee Committee for the 2009 FIFA Panel of International Referees and Assistant Referees. It was **MOVED** to submit the nominations of the Referee Committee to FIFA. The motion **PASSED** unanimously.



MISL UPDATE

Mr. Pinto informed the Board that MISL had dissolved. It was **MOVED** to remove MISL as a member of U.S. Soccer because of its dissolution. The motion **PASSED**.

CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

Mr. Pinto informed the Board that both SAY and U.S. Club Soccer were planning on requesting a changes in their membership category. The Board would be provided with further details when SAY and U.S. Club Soccer submitted more information.

[At this point, the Board went into Executive Session. The minutes for this session are contained in a separate document.]

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

