

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ORLANDO, FL
MARCH 13, 2009
7:30 A.M. ET

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

REGRETS: Fabian Núñez.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jay Berhalter, Timothy Pinto, Eric Gleason, Gregory Fike, Kati Hope, Ed Foster-Simeon, David Downs, Tonya Antonucci, Mary Harvey.

President Gulati called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Kati Hope took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the November 22, 2008 meeting in Los Angeles. The minutes were **APPROVED**.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gulati updated the Board about the 2018/2022 World Cup Bid. He reviewed the successful year that the Men's and Women's National Teams had in 2008.

CEO/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT

Daniel Flynn presented a review of FY2009 and other related business items.

ADULT COUNCIL REPORT

Jim Hamilton updated the Board on the Adult Council's effort to register more adult players and the Council's plans for the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sunil Gulati updated the Board on changes at the U.S. Soccer Foundation. The Foundation is planning on refocusing its efforts on fundraising. The Foundation Board was reduced in size from 28 to 16. As part of that change, the U.S. Soccer Board appoints two of the 16 directors. It was **MOVED** that the Board appoint Don Garber and Carlos Cordeiro to the Foundation Board of Directors. The motion **PASSED**. Ed Foster-Simeon also updated the Board on the Foundation's goals for the future.



CALIFORNIA SOCCER ASSOCIATION – SOUTH

Mr. Pinto informed the Board that California Youth Soccer Association – South submitted an amended application to become the adult state association in southern California. It was **MOVED** that California Youth Soccer Association – South be provisionally admitted as the adult state association for southern California. The motion **PASSED**.

PLAYING RULES/YOUTH SOCCER COACHING

President Gulati updated the Board on a productive meeting with youth Directors of Coaching and youth State Presidents regarding zone one technical issues. He informed the Board that the technical committee would continue to work with youth Directors of Coaching and youth State Presidents on these issues. Neither the technical committee nor the national staff were ready to recommend that small-sided games be mandated.

FIFA WORLD CUP 2018/2022 BID COMMITTEE

President Gulati introduced David Downs, the executive director of the world cup bid committee, to the Board. Mr. Downs updated the Board on the bid committee's activities and the bid process.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Pinto informed the Board that U.S. Soccer received an application from a group identifying itself as Wisconsin Youth Soccer to become the youth state association for Wisconsin. The current organization, Wisconsin Soccer Association, is a joint state association for both youth and adult soccer. Wisconsin Soccer Association was notified of the application and has 45 days to respond.

POLICY 531-10 (REFEREE MISCONDUCT)

Mr. Pinto informed the Board about a proposed amendment to Policy 531-10 that would make clear that a referee could be suspended from referee activities as one of the potential punishments. It was **MOVED** that the proposed amendment be adopted. The motion **PASSED**.

U.S. CLUB SOCCER STATUS

Mr. Pinto updated the Board regarding U.S. Club Soccer's request to change its membership category from National Affiliate to National Association. It was **MOVED** to provisionally change U.S. Club Soccer's membership category to National Association. The motion **PASSED**.

INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS

President Gulati updated the Board regarding the nomination of independent directors. He requested that the Board recommend that Carlos Cordeiro and Fabian Núñez be reelected as independent directors. It was **MOVED** to recommend Mr. Cordeiro and Mr. Núñez as independent directors to the National Council. The motion **PASSED**.

WPS UPDATE

Tonya Antonucci and Mary Harvey updated the Board on the upcoming launch of WPS. The Board congratulated Ms. Antonucci and Ms. Harvey on the work they had done so far.



PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL

President Gulati informed the Board that the Professional Council was unable to reach a resolution on the apportionment of its votes at the National Council Meeting in 2010 assuming that WPS was added as a professional league. Don Garber informed the Board about the MLS proposal for apportionment of the Professional Council votes. Francisco Marcos informed the Board about the USL proposal for the apportionment of the Professional Council votes. The Board debated the merits of both proposals. It was **MOVED** to approve the following allocation of votes for the Professional Council at the National Council meeting in 2010: 1) MLS will receive 10 votes (62.5%); 2) WPS will receive 4 votes (25%); and 3) USL will receive 2 votes (12.5%). The motion was **APPROVED**. President Gulati, Mr. Garber, Mr. Marcos and Kevin Payne abstained from the vote.

2010 AGM UPDATE

Kati Hope informed the Board that 2010 AGM would take place from February 4-6, 2010 at the Hilton Riverside in New Orleans.

2009 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Flynn informed the Board that the next in-person Board meeting would be June 6, 2009 in Chicago at Soccer House. President Gulati notified the Board that the meeting scheduled for September 5, 2009 would likely be telephonic. He also told the Board that since the MLS Cup had been announced, the Board would meet on November 21, 2009 in Seattle.

[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 11:45 a.m.

