

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2015**  
**8:00 A.M. PT**

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**PRESENT:** Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Carlos Cordeiro, Cindy Cone, Dan Flynn, Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Jeff Agoos, Don Garber, Arthur Mattson, John Motta, Fabian Nunez, Bill Sage, Donna Shalala, John Sutter

**REGRETS:** Chris Ahrens, Merritt Paulson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jay Berhalter, Linda Cardenas, Greg Fike, Ed Foster-Simeon, Eric Gleason, Lisa Levine, Christopher Moore, Jeff Plush, Brian Remedi

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President Gulati called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Linda Cardenas took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Board meeting on December 7, 2014 in Carson, California. The minutes were **APPROVED** with no changes.

**PRESIDENT/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT**

President Gulati updated the Board on U.S. Women's National Team's schedule for the 2015 World Cup year. He also informed the Board that the Federation is actively looking at measures that will promote player safety in the sport. President Gulati updated the Board on the FIFA elections taking place this year with five candidates vying for the presidency. Dan Flynn updated the Board on plans to increase support and revenue through strategic spending and other projects. Mr. Flynn and President Gulati confirmed that the Federation will work with an outside group to refresh governance procedures and internal structure for the first time since 1991. The group will have a goal of streamlining operations and making the organization more suited to modern challenges.

**COPA AMERICA 2016**

Jay Berhalter provided updates on the planning of the format and venues of the tournament in 2016.

**U-17 RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

The Board **MOVED** to authorize Mr. Flynn to extend the contractual agreement for the youth residency program in Bradenton, FL. The motion **PASSED**.

**2015 NWSL SEASON**

Jeff Plush updated the Board on the upcoming NWSL season and capturing the excitement of this summer's World Cup.



## **PRODUCTS AND RETAIL STRATEGY**

Mr. Berhalter outlined the strategy for maximizing retail product revenue in the upcoming year, which aims to continue the growth of the past few years.

## **FY2015 PERFORMANCE**

Eric Gleason provided updated information on the Federation's performance during the current fiscal year presented. The Board discussed budgeting strategies going forward.

## **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Board reviewed a presentation by Goldman Sachs on a possible new investment strategy for the Federation. The Board **MOVED** to accept the new strategy and hire Goldman Sachs as a portfolio manager. The motion **PASSED**.

## **PRO COUNCIL REPRESENTATION**

Don Garber gave an overview of the Professional Council and outlined a proposal for amending how votes would be allocated at the National Council. The Board **MOVED** to accept Mr. Garber's proposed amendments to the structure of the Professional Council. The motion **PASSED**.

## **COACHING POLICY AMENDMENTS**

Mike Edwards addressed the previously passed coaching policy amendment for all coaching instructors to have an "A" license. The Board **MOVED** to amend the policy to allow other licensed coaches to be instructors on a case-by-case basis. The motion **PASSED**.

## **STATE ASSOCIATION APPLICATIONS**

Lisa Levine updated the Board on the process regarding three applications (California-South, Nevada and Washington) to replace the current adult State Associations.

## **INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCES**

The Board **MOVED** to amend USSF Policy 601-6 on international clearances to comport with recently amended FIFA regulations regarding the age at which international clearances are required. The motion **PASSED**.

## **U.S. SOCCER FOUNDATION**

The Board **MOVED** to accept President Gulati's nominations of Kevin Payne and Dr. Bob Contiguglia to the Board of the U.S. Soccer Foundation. The motion **PASSED**. Ed Foster-Simeon gave a report on the current status and performance of the Foundation.

## **U.S. YOUTH SOCCER**

Christopher Moore was introduced to the Board as the Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Youth Soccer.

*(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 11:50 a.m.

