

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**TAMPA, FLORIDA**  
**JUNE 8, 2012**  
**1:00 P.M. ET**

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**PRESENT:** Sunil Gulati, Mike Edwards, Carlos Cordeiro, Dan Flynn, Jeff Agoos, Bill Bosgraaf, Dr. Robert Contiguglia, Don Garber, Evelyn Gill, Richard Groff, Burton Haimen, Jon McCollough, Fabian Nunez, Kevin Payne, Donna Shalala, John Sutter

**TELEPHONE:** Danielle Fotopoulos.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Linda Cardenas; Gregory Fike, Eric Gleason, Lisa Levine, Brian Remedi

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President Gulati called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 2, 2012 meeting and the 2012 AGM draft minutes. The minutes for the meetings were **APPROVED**.

**2013 AGM**

President Gulati updated the Board on tentative plans to hold the 2013 AGM in D.C. during the first week of June around a national team game.

**TRANSFER OF CASH RESERVES**

Eric Gleason informed the Board about a proposal to transfer of a portion of cash reserves from Merrill Lynch to Goldman Sachs. It was **MOVED** to approve the transfer. The motion **PASSED**.

**IMG ACADEMY U-17 RESIDENCY PROGRAM**

Dan Flynn updated the Board on the U-17 residency program at IMG Academy. It was **MOVED** to approve an extension of the agreement with IMG Academy through 2014, with a U.S. Soccer option for 2015. The motion **PASSED**.

**PROFESSIONAL REFEREE ORGANIZATION**

Mike Edwards updated the Board on the ongoing meetings to develop a strategic plan over the next three to five years for the PRO. The next PRO meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2012.

**TASK FORCE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNATIONAL GAMES FEES**

Mike Edwards updated the Board on the progress of the task force on the distribution of international games fees to organization members.



## **WISCONSIN ADULT STATE ASSOCIATION APPLICATIONS**

Kevin Payne informed the Board that Wisconsin Soccer Leagues (WSL) was the recommended candidate to become the adult State Association, with certain conditions for securing full approval at the next National Council meeting. Specifically, the panel recommended the following:

1. WSL be provisionally appointed as the adult State Association for Wisconsin. In order to be fully admitted by the National Council, WSL must comply with the conditions below;
2. WSL must create, adopt and implement a fully inclusive plan to integrate all existing member clubs that were part of Wisconsin Adult;
3. A “special master” be appointed to oversee the implementation of the Board’s decision until the National Council Meeting in 2013; and
4. WSL must also submit to the “special master” monthly reports on the last day of each month until the U.S. Soccer National Council Meeting in 2013 that detail its progress as the new adult State Association.

It was **MOVED** to adopt the panel’s recommendations. The motion **PASSED**. The Board appointed Mike Edwards as the “special master” to oversee WSL’s progress.

## **U.S. FUTSAL FEDERATION APPLICATION**

The Board reviewed the application of the United States Futsal Federation to become an Other Affiliate member. The Board recommended several changes to the application be made prior to August 15, 2012 Board meeting, at which time, the Board would review the application again.

## **TASK FORCE ON TRANSGENDER PLAYER REGISTRATION**

Dr. Robert S. Contiguglia updated the Board on the proposed inclusion policy created by the task force to allow transgendered players to participate in soccer with the gender team with which they identify. After discussion, it was **MOVED** to adopt the policy. The policy **PASSED**.

## **AMERICAN AMPUTEE SOCCER ASSOCIATION APPLICATION**

Greg Fike updated the Board on the Rules Committee’s review of the application for membership by the American Amputee Soccer Association. It was **MOVED** to provisionally approve the application of the American Amputee Soccer Association to become a Disabled Service Organization member. The motion **PASSED**.

## **DISCUSSION OF WOMEN’S PROFESSIONAL SOCCER IN THE UNITED STATES**

President Gulati updated the Board on plans to conduct a think-tank session, in June, concerning women’s professional soccer in the United States.

## **2012 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

President Gulati informed the Board that the remaining schedule for meetings in 2012 would be: 1) August 15, 2012 in Mexico City; and 2) December 1, 2012, at the MLS Cup (location to be determined).

*(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 3:55 p.m.

