



The Flag and Whistle
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- Over 42 Years Serving the Soccer Community -

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Notes from the President

- **The 2018-2019 membership year dues of \$100 are now payable on or before June 1. Dues are past-due on July 1.** Members can bring their dues to the May meeting or pay on-line using the PayPal link on the SSBRA website. If you have a check for referee fees of over \$100 coming from SSBRA, the SSBRA Treasure will deduct \$100 from these fees unless you have already paid or you tell the Treasure not to deduct the dues.
- **All SSBRA Members interested in returning to SSBRA for the 2018-2019 season must submit an on-line Returning Member Application (RMA) by June 30.** Like New Membership applications, the Board will review all applications for renewal. Access the RMA for the SSBRA website.
- We continue to break records with every RPD! The May SSBRA sponsored RPD in Torrance had a record of 88 referees in attendance with 50 (or 75%) of them being SSBRA members. The exercise and training sessions continue to be top quality. The next PRD is on June 19th, if you have not attended an RPD, do yourself a favor and come out and see what you have been missing. Remember, you need to complete at least 3 RPDs per year to maintain a Grade 7 and 5 RPDs to upgrade to Grade 7.
- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on June 26th at Tony's Pizza. The following Bylaws changes which were proposed at the May meeting will be voted on at the June AGM. In addition, elections for the President, Secretary, and the Member-at-Large will also occur at the June AGM. The three incumbents will be running again in 2018 and their Candidate statements are shown below. No other candidates were nominated at the May meeting.
- Proposed Bylaws changes – These changes are basically corrections for Typos, Clarifications, and Updates to Board Member Titles.
 - a. **Remove extra language and correct typos** - IV MEMBERS A. Membership in this Association shall be limited to referees 14 years of age or older. (~~Effective January 1, 2015~~) All members must be; USSF Certified, registered with Cal South, and meet all applicable Cal-South
 - b. **Clarify** - IV MEMBERS B. Applications (~~both New and Returning~~) shall be approved by the Board of Directors (BODs).
 - c. **Clarify** - IV MEMBERS C. To be considered a member in good standing, each member shall;
 1. Attend at least five **Cal South** training sessions on the Laws of the Game each year.
 3. Attend at least 5 **SSBRA** membership meetings per year. The Board will review requests for exceptions.



- d. **Clarify** - IV MEMBERS D. Levels of Membership
 - 3. Probationary members must attend a BOD approved **field** orientation/training workshop as scheduled by the BOD.
 - e. **Clarify** - VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS C. Authority: 1. All Board decisions (except disciplinary matters) shall be final, subject to appeal by 2/3 of the members present at a membership meeting (Subject to Section XI). **Appeals must be made no later than in the 2nd membership meeting after the Board's decision is announced in the GMM or AGM meeting minutes.**
 - f. **Update** - VIII APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS – NON-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS E. Duties of the Appointed Board Members.
 - 2. Instructor/Trainer **and Mentor** - develops, schedules, and manages instruction and training courses & clinics for SSBRA members. These training and clinics may occur during the normal SSBRA Membership meetings or at others times agreed upon by the BOD. **Assigns Mentors to SSBRA members for growth and improvement.**
 - 3. ~~Mentor and Referee Coach~~ **Assessment** - ~~Assigns Mentors to SSBRA members for growth and improvement.~~ Schedules **assessments** coaching opportunities for member's in response to requests from members for to advance their USSF Referee Grade or in response from the BODs to review member's abilities or for referee rankings. Note: If this position is not filled by the BOD, these duties are completed by the Instructor/Trainer **and Mentor**.
 - g. **Typo** - XIII GENERAL OPERATING PROCEDURES H. Any member has the right to appeal a decision (except disciplinary matters) rendered by the Board of Directors. Appeals may be made per **VI (C.1)** or per **XI (G-K.3)**.
 - h. **Typo** - Other typos which may be found during the final editing and release of the approved changes which do not change the intent or content of the By-laws
- Board Member Candidate Statements
 - **President – Incumbent – Michael Hinz** – I am honored to be your current President and I look forward to another term. I would like to be able to continue to lead SSBRA and I am proud of all the hard work and dedication SSBRA members have shown over the last several years. SSBRA continues to push the envelope in regards to our professionalism and I want to continue to address the issue related to the low tournament fees and the overall issue with Soccer Referee fees as compared to other sports officials. SSBRA's position not to support Tournaments paying less than \$1.50 a minute have made a positive change across the soccer community. Due to our stand, most if not all tournaments in 2019 will pay at least \$1.50 per minute. I would like to work with you and the other associations to help make this trend to continue.
 - **Member At Large – Incumbent – Chris Nevil** - I've been pleased to serve on your Board during an era of increasing ambition and professionalism for our Association. Our profile and reputation in the soccer community have solidly increased in recent years, thanks, in large part, to your tremendous participation in RPD, your efforts to upgrade your certifications, and most importantly, a lot of solid work on the pitch. We can continue to improve and build upon our successes. I look forward to continuing to serve you.
 - **Secretary – Incumbent - Jay Pignatello** - I want to return to the Board and continue to work with clients to get more tournament business for SSBRA.

May General Membership Meeting

The draft minutes for the May General Membership Meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the July General Membership Meeting on the 31th.



SSBRA General Membership Meeting Minutes – May 29, 2018 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm – NHS

- 1) April GMM Minutes were approved by the membership
- 2) Since the President was absent Steve Morgan, VP, led the meeting.
 - a. SM - More Grade 7's and higher than grade 8's. 60 vs 59 Great job!!! Keep it going.
 - b. SM - The April SSBRA sponsored RPD in Torrance had a record of over 84 referees in attendance. More than 50% of the attendees were SSBRA members. The exercise and training sessions were top quality and the April RPD was the best RRD since SSBRA started sponsoring the RDPs. The next PRD is on May 18th, do yourself a favor and come out and see what you have been missing. Remember, you need to complete at least 3 per year to maintain a Grade 7 and 5 RPDs to upgrade to Grade 7.
 - c. SM - All SSBRA Members interested in returning to SSBRA for the 2018-2019 season must submit a.n Annual Membership Application by June 30. The Board will review all applications for renewal.
- 3) SM –Ask if there were any new members but there were none. SM reminded the membership of the NMI program
- 4) Cal South Training
 - a. Instructor: Paul Vernon
 - b. Topics: Part II of Referee assault and abuse
- 5) SSBRA Business
 - a. SM - The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on June 26th at Tony's Pizza.
 - i. Bylaws changes proposed in writing
 1. There were no ByLaws changes proposed by the membership
 2. SM – Reviewed the ByLaws changes proposed by the Board and reminded everyone that they will also be included in the May F&W. The changes are basically editorial and consist corrections for typos, clarifications, and updates to some Board member position titles. (Note: The proposed changes are out lined above.
 - ii. SM - Elections for the President, Secretary, and the Member-at-Large will occur at the AGM.
 1. The three incumbents will be running again in 2018.
 2. No other members were interested in running
 3. Candidates' position statements to introduce themselves and their positions on the issues and their ideas affecting SSBRA will be posted in the May Flag and Whistle.
- 6) Board Speaks
 - a. Bruce – Treasurer - Dues can be taken out of June checks
 - b. Chris – MAL - Writing reports attention to details is important
 - c. Gabriel – Assigning - June 16/17 tournament availability updates requested - Zog scores send in to Gabriel
 - d. Steve – VP – no comments
 - e. Taidgh - Training and Assessments – no comments