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Notes from the President

1. Bernie Towers, Coast Soccer League President, attended the Feb SSBRA General Membership Meeting to recognize SSBRA and several of its referees for their performance during the 2018 fall season. Bernie told the membership that SSBRA was one of only 3 associations being recognized by the Coast Soccer League. The Board joins Bernie and the Coast Soccer League teams in congratulating and thanking the following 17 members (in no particular order) were recognized by Coast Soccer League and Bernie Towers for receiving the highest ratings from the Coast Soccer League Managers of the teams they refereed in 2018.

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| 1. Andrew Butler | 7. Byron Eguchi | 13. Vasilios Sakellariadis |
| 2. David Martin | 8. John Hough | 14. Hernan Lopez |
| 3. James Marsella | 9. Eder Juarez | 15. Leonardo Farias |
| 4. Matthew Wong | 10. Lauren Carr | 16. Harry Ross |
| 5. Nouredine Miloud | 11. David Stewart | 17. Bruce Ashton |
| 6. Caleb Paydar | 12. Angelo McKinney | |

Bernie also told us that SSBRA scored second out of the three associations and he presented the association with a check for \$1000. The Board also understands that if it was not for the great work and efforts by the other SSBRA members, these 17 referees would not have had the opportunity to support the Coast Soccer League and any recognition of SSBRA or any of its members is a recognition of all members and SSBRA as an association.

2. We hosted 91 Referees at the March 19, 2019 Referee Professional Development course. This is the largest number of referees at any RPD. 50% of the referees (48) in attendance were SSBRA members which is another record.

The March GMM is on the 26th. Please make sure you attend. There are lots of things going on and attending the meeting is the best way to stay current on all the different things going on.

The draft minutes for the February General Membership Meeting can be found below.



SSBRA General Membership Meeting Minutes – Feb. 26, 2019

1. Michael requested approval of the Jan minutes and the membership approved them unanimously.
2. Bernie Towers, Coast Soccer League President, recognized SSBRA and several of its referees for their performance during the 2018 fall season. Bernie called out several of the highest scoring members by name. Bernie told the membership that SSBRA was scored second of only three associations being recognized by the Coast Soccer League and presented SSBRA with a check for \$1000. Bernie then provided a few comments about the Coast Soccer League and some of his ideas about next year.
3. Since the Cal South Instructor was having some technical issues with his equipment, Michael conducted the following SSBRA Business.
 - a) Michael covered the following updates with some of SSBRA's clients.
 - i. Beverly Hills fees have been increased from \$30 to \$40 per match. This equals a 33% increase.
 - ii. Manhattan Beach fees increased from \$33 to \$36 per match -- Up from \$30 in 2016. This equals a 20% increase over the two year period of 2017 - 2018.
 - b) Standards of Dress and Appearance – Official USSF Uniforms
 - iii. New style jerseys – long or short sleeves
 - iv. Badge should be for the highest grade for which the referee is currently qualified
 - v. Black shorts – No strips, Borders/trim, etc.
 - vi. Black 2-stripe socks
 - vii. Black shoes with black laces (may have white manufacturer's design)
 - c) Michael opened up the floor to the membership for any questions, comments, or concerns. A question about turning back assignments and turn back fees was raised by one of the members. Michael explained that per the By-Laws, turn back fees can be assessed and if the member does not agree that member can request exception of the fee in writing for extraordinary causes by emailing the Member-At-Large (MAL).
4. That this point the technical issues were resolved and Michael turned over the meeting to the Cal South instructor. The monthly training was conducted by Brian Beyzaee. Brian first covered the monthly questions and then presented the monthly training which dealt with State Cup Pitfalls, Restarts, and Tactical Fouls.

The meeting adjourned