

**Mississippi Soccer Association
Annual General Meeting
January 23-25, 2009
Hilton Hotel
Jackson, Mississippi**

The Mississippi Soccer Association began its Annual General Meeting Friday afternoon, January 23, 2009, with a Council Meeting followed with a **President's Reception** at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. A bar and hot Hors D'oeuvres and entertainment were provided for the guests by Pullen Insurance.

THE 2009 AWARDS LUNCHEON

Workshops were held throughout the day on Saturday, January 24, 2009, at the Hilton. The **Awards Luncheon** was held at noon in Salon A.

Brent Clements was the Master of Ceremonies for the Awards Luncheon. President David Dodd presented the opening statements. Brent introduced the Sponsors for Mississippi Soccer. They were Score American Soccer, C Sanders Emblems, Kohl's, and Pullen Insurance. Various other vendors from the state were present as well.

David Cox, Desoto County Soccer, presented the Blessing of the Meal prior to the food being served and the presenting of the awards.

President David Dodd made the introductions of the awards beginning with the **Suzanne Brown Award-Administrator of the Year**. Jeff Parr was the winner.

President Dodd presented the **Volunteer of the Year** award to Shirley Griffin.

President Dodd introduced Jose Sanchez, who introduced the members of the Referee Committee and announced the winners of the Young Referee of the Year Award by district:

North	Male	Layne Jackson
	Female	Charles Rayner
Central	Male	Johan Henk
	Female	Briana O'Neil
Western	Male	Anish Sharma
South	Female	Jordan A. Nix

The winners for **MSA Young Referees of the Year** were:

Male	Johan Henk
Female	Jordan A. Nix

Jose Sanchez presented the **George Hoff Award** for **Adult Referee of the Year** to James White.

Terry Eguaoje made the announcements for **Coach of the Year** awards. The district winners were:

North	John Stubbs BOYS REC Richard Stubbs GIRLS REC AJ Foster BOYS SELECT Mark Holley GIRLS SELECT
Central	Scott Reibock BOYS REC Brian Lowry GIRLS REC James Gledhill BOYS SELECT Derrick Washer GIRLS SELECT
Western	Alexandra Oglesby BOYS REC Alexandra Oglesby GIRLS REC Michael McGowen BOYS SELECT Rashad Williams GIRLS SELECT
South	Tommy Crabtree BOYS REC Dewayne Carpenter GIRLS REC Byron Clarke BOYS SELECT Jeff Bruni GIRLS SELECT

The winners for **MSA COACH OF THE YEAR** were:

REC BOYS	Alexander Oglesby
REC GIRLS	Brian Lowry
SELECT BOYS	AJ Foster
SELECT GIRLS	Jeff Bruni

The **COACH INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR** winner was Mike Lyles.

President Dodd presented the retiring officers a plaque for their service to MSA. The retiring officers were: Tony Bombich, Kay Boulter, and Dawn Wright.

Brent Clements and David Dodd concluded the awards luncheon with praises to the winners and with reminders of the workshops to be presented immediately following the session. Door prizes were drawn and distributed.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting for the Mississippi Soccer Association was called to order by President David Dodd at 9:45 AM on Sunday, January 25, 2009 in Salon A of the Hilton Hotel, Jackson, MS.

President David Dodd led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag and Gene Phillips presented the opening prayer.

President David Dodd acknowledged and introduced the sponsors for MSA: Score American Soccer, Crown Trophies, C Sanders Emblems, Kohl's, and Pullen Insurance. He also thanked the MSA council and the office staff for their hard work throughout the year.

Kathy Friar, Secretary presided over the roll call while Barbara Brent, Registrar, tallied the responses. Out of a possible total of 68 eligible votes, 47 were present. A quorum was established. Having received a report of a duly constituted quorum of Members in Good Standing, President Dodd called the business session to order. President Dodd introduced the council members and chairman of the different committees.

The detailed reports of the council and office staff were printed in the Annual General Meeting book presented to each delegate. Vice President Division II Tony Bombich gave a brief report and thanked everyone for letting him serve as Division II Vice President for the past year. Treasurer report was given by Gene Phillips, Treasurer and the report will be filed for audit.

Brent Clements asked for motion to accept the officer's reports. Motion made by David Cox to accept the reports and seconded by Mark Wilson. Motion carried. Motion was made by Mark Wilson to accept the work that was done by the Council for the past year and seconded by Jeff Walden. Each year we requested organizations that are interested in hosting the various MSA sponsored tournaments to go on line and submit applications for those tournaments. We received seven tournament applications and the Council reviewed the applications and looked at the tournament rotations and the value for the players and this is the Schedule for 2009-2010. There were:

Kohl's American Cup	April 30 – May 2, 2010	South Mississippi
MSA State Cup	May 28-30, 2010	Clinton Soccer
MSA Presidents Cup Soccer	May 14-16, 2010	Tupelo Youth
Coaches Cup	November 7-8, 2010	Meridian Soccer

The district Qualifying Tournaments: North District – Starkville, Central District – Brandon, South District – Hattiesburg, Western District – Clinton, April 17-19, 2010.

Brent Clements announced that were three clubs up for Provisional Membership. They were Carroll County Recreation League, Leake County Youth Soccer, and Philadelphia/Neshoba Co. Soccer.

Motion: To accept Carroll County Recreation League, Leake County Youth Soccer and Philadelphia/Neshoba Co. Soccer as Provisional members to MSA.

Motion Made by: Kenny Griffin
Second: Doug Kitchens
Vote: Unanimous – Carried

Motion: To accept Saltillo Futbol Club into the MSA as member in good standing with full privileges.

Motion Made by: Kenny Griffin
Second: Kim Quarles
Vote: Unanimous – Carried.

According to bylaws if an organization has no registered players in two years they are drop from MSA rolls, Louisville Youth Soccer is being dropped from the rolls.

Motion To accept the 2008 Annual General Minutes as presented in the book.

Motion Made by: Mac McCool
Second: Greg Lewis
Vote: Unanimous – Carried

President David Dodd presented the consideration for proposals by presenting the members to the Rules and Revisions Committee. They were Dawn Wright, Chairman, Greg Lewis, Randy Bledsoe, John Allgood and Mike Ross.

After the introduction of the committee members, President Dodd declared a break at 10:15 AM. The meeting reconvened at 10:30 AM.

Kathy Friar presided over the roll call and Barbara Brent registered the responses. Out of a possible 68 eligible votes, 47 were present. A quorum was noted and the meeting proceeded.

Brent Clements then gave the rules for consideration of proposals.

Motion: To allow the correction of any spelling, grammar or punctuation, etc. to the rules and revisions as necessary.

Motion Made by: Greg Lewis
Second: Kim Quarles
Vote: Unanimous – Carried

Motion: To allow any necessary renumbering of Bylaws or Policies.
Motion Made by: Gene Phillips
Second: Bob Gilbert
Vote: Unanimous – Carried

Proposal 1 Removes D1 Boundary requirements
Current Policy State D1 Boundaries

Justification/Purpose Our current policy follows USYS National Cup rules, however, MSA is still requiring a player/parent to obtain a transfer request even though the written policy does not. The current e-reg system immediately identifies where players were last registered, which makes it easy to assign the player to the new organization for registration purposes.

Committee: The Committee believes that specifically defined territories assist smaller Full Members in growing and maintaining a base of players through protection of its player base.

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote

Motion Made by: Reid Quarles
Second Kenny Griffin

Vote: **For 3 Abstained 5 Against 41 Proposal failed.**

Proposal 2 and 3 was withdrawn by the maker of the proposals.

Proposal 4 Revise bylaw to provide that Vice President Division 1 resides over Division 1 Competition Committee. Adds new bylaw to provide duties and membership in Division 1 competition committee. Revises bylaw to provide for Division 1 Competition Committee as a Standing Committee.

Current Policy MSA Vice President Division 1 and Standing Committees

Justification/Purpose Due to the complexity and continuing management issues with Division 1, we believe that the current duties of Vice President Division 1 make the job very difficult. The makers believe that a Standing Committee with representation from the clubs that participate in Division 1 would be the best vehicle to manage Division 1 competition in a fair and efficient manner. The proposed Committee would have a representative of all clubs having 10 or more Division 1 teams in the prior year

Committee Recommendation The Committee would be more favorable in considering the concept of the formation of a committee; however, the Committee could not reach a consensus that all affected Members are fairly and equitably represented under the proposal.

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote
Motion Made by: Kenny Griffins
Second: Rick Brohaugh
A friendly amendment was presented that would add an Advisory Committee

Motion Made by: Jeff Parr
Second: Rick Brohaugh
Vote: **For 6 Against 34 Abstained 6 Amendment failed**

Vote on the original proposal
For 1 Against 41 Abstained 3 Proposal failed.

Proposal 5 Allow MSA Division 1 to host a separate State Cup for U13 and below age groups

Current Policy Division 1 State Cup Rules provides for one Division 1 tournament at the end of May

Justification/Purpose This policy change would reduce the length of the soccer seasons for younger players. This would increase participation in youth soccer because it would free the player to participate in other sports. The reduction of the season would allow for more kids to play soccer and give them the time to participate in other sports.

Committee The committee believes that his proposal is an unnecessary policy and the MSA Council currently holds the authority to set the site and structure of all MSA sponsored tournaments.

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote
Motion Made by: Kenny Griffin
Second: Mac McCool
Vote: For 2 Against 41 Abstained 4 Proposal 5 failed

Proposal 6 Require assignor to attempt to provide neutral referees for league games. If not available provides procedure to notify teams and give option for game to be played later with neutral referees.

Current Policy Division 1 League Play Rules – Referee assignment

Justification/Purpose League games are important to Division 1 teams. League games should be officiated by a neutral referee.

Committee The assignor shall undertake her/his best efforts to provide neutral officials.

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote
Motion Made by: Kenny Griffins
Second: Mac McCool

A friendly amendment was presented.

Motion Made by: Kenny Griffin
Second: Mac McCool

Vote: For 47 Against 0 Abstained 1 Amendment passed

Vote on the motion as amended

For 46 Against 1 Abstained 1 Passed as amended.

Proposal 7 Revise Team Selection Policy to allow for unrestricted advertising and provide a commitment/acceptance procedure that protects players from coaches demanding acceptance on the spot at a tryout.

Current Policy Division 1 Team Selection policy

Justification/Purpose This policy would allow all clubs to provide information and communications about their programs on an unrestricted basis. However, the new commitment/acceptance procedure would protect players and their family from a forced or coerced acceptance at tryouts.

Committee The proposal would make administration and monitoring of the requirements in the proposal unreasonably burdensome.

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote

Motion Made by: Kenny Griffin

Second: Mark Wilson

Vote: For 0 Against 45 Abstained 2 Proposal failed.

Proposal 8 To place a limitation on the consecutive terms that an individual may hold an Officer/Director position on the MSA Executive Council.

Current Policy Provisions for term, election, removal and duties.

Justification/Purpose The change would be to allow for more diverse participation in Executive Council positions. It would ensure that more Member clubs have an opportunity to have individuals serve on the Executive Council.

Committee The committee felt that this proposal was not in the best interest of the Administration of MSA and that currently all Council Officer/Director positions are elected by the Membership every other year under current policy.

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote

Motion Made by: Kenny Griffin

Second: Rick Brohaugh

Vote: For 1 Against 45 Abstained 1 Motion Failed

Proposal 9 was withdrawn by the maker of the proposal Kenny Griffis.

Proposal 10 & 11 To change appointment authority for temporary successors to Officer positions to the Executive Council. Add and delete language to change President's authority and duties.

Current Policy President alone appoints all non-elected Council positions, committees, and Appeal boards. President appoints temporary successors to Officer positions.

Justification/Purpose No one person should have the authority to appoint temporary successors to the MSA governing board. The person appoint should receive approval of a majority of the Executive Council members.

Committee The President shall appoint with Executive Council approval a temporary successor for any vacant officer's position except the President until the next general membership business meeting when the membership shall fill the position in the manner prescribed for officer election.

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote

Motion Made by: Kenny Griffin

Second: Rick Brohaugh

Vote: **For 48 Against 0 Abstained 1 Motion Passed**

Proposal 12 To modify the current Division II policy to also allow for the primary registration of Division II players.

Current Policy Division II players are secondary rostered.

Justification/Purpose All Division II players must also be primarily registered as Division III players. This gives a player the choice between Division III plus Division II or just Division II.

Committee The committee felt that this proposal would return the Division II program to its complications several years ago and create registration problems.

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote

Motion Made by: Kenny Griffin

Second: Rick Brohaugh

Vote: **For 1 Against 45 Abstained 2 Motion Failed**

Proposal 13 Adds a second level of associate membership for challenged programs that need separate memberships

Current Policy Currently no provision for other than select associate memberships

Justification/Purpose Some organizations need a separate membership category for their Challenged programs for donations and 503c3 purposes.

Committee The committee felt that a level of membership should be available Recommendation to organizations desiring to provide the outreach program for soccer only. The committee felt that the current Associate Member Bylaw related to Division 8 has its own distinctive issues and that likewise the TOP Soccer Division would have its own unique issues.

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote
Motion Made by: Allen Pilcher
Second: Jimmy Lott

Motion Made by: Friendly amendment to modify proposal
Reid Quarles
Second: Jeff Parr

Vote: For 47 Against 0 Abstained 1 Proposal passed.

Executive Director called a brief recess at 11:55 to allow the delegates and guests time to stretch and regroup their thoughts. Door prizes were given out during break.

The meeting reconvened at 12:15 PM. Kathy Friar, Secretary, made the roll call with Registrar, Barbara Brent recording the results. Out of a possible 68 voting delegates, 46 were present. A quorum was declared and the business session resumed.

Proposal 14 New policy would require three teams in the National Cup age groups to form as an associate member

Current Policy Current policy allows for 15 registered players to form as an associate member

Justification/Purpose The new policy brings it into line with what other State and National Governing bodies require

Committee The committee believes this is not an unreasonable requirement

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote
Motion Made by: Kurt Higgins
Second: Allen Pilcher
Friendly amendment to strike 15 or more registered players

Motion Made by: Jeff Parr
Second: David Cox

Vote: For 44 Against 1 Abstained 1 Amendment passed

Vote on the proposal as amended

For 44 Against 1 Abstained 1 Passed as amended

Proposal 15 and Proposal 16 were withdrawn by maker of the proposal.

Proposal 17 Requires club to state who may approve transfers and releases

Current Policy No requirement for transfer/release approver

Justification/Purpose This past year we have had individuals sign releases for players and then the club disputed their authority.

Committee The committee believes the justification and integrity of such actions which can impact eligibility of players through no action or fault of the players warrants passage of this proposal.

Motion To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote

Motion Made by: Rick Brohaugh

Second: Kurt Higgins

Vote: **For 44 Against 1 Abstained 1 Proposal passed**

Proposal 18 Updated to reflect USYS Registration Policy Rule 201

Current Policy References outdated USYS Resolution #

Justification/Purpose Housekeeping to bring current policy into alignment with current USYS policy. There is no substantive change to the current policy.

Committee Passage of this proposal under compliance with USYS rules and policies.

Motion To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote

Motion Made by Doug Kitchens

Second Tommy Gore

Vote **For 45 Against 1 Abstained 1 Proposal passed.**

Proposal 19 Organizational Partnerships

Current Policy No policy exists

Justification/Purpose While not all organization are able to support all levels of soccer or do not have the means to administrate all levels of soccer, it is incumbent upon organizations that do have these means to enter into an agreement whereby both organizations survive and benefit.

Committee Believes this proposal does not meet the process requirements to Recommendation be considered. It is unclear whether the intent was for this to be considered a Bylaw or Policy. It would appear that as currently written the likelihood is that the

language of this proposal would allow circumvention of existing Bylaws and Policies.

Motion: To place the proposal on the floor for discussion and/or vote
Motion Made by: Kenny Griffin
Second: Jeff Parr
Vote: **For 2 Against 43 Abstained 1 Proposal failed.**

Executive Director Brent Clements then recognized the 100 percent clubs. They included the following:

District 1 – Northern

Caledonia Park Commission Soccer
Oxford Park Commission Soccer Organization
Pontotoc Park Commission Youth Soccer

District II – Western

Brookhaven Youth Soccer Organization
Clinton Soccer Association
Copiah County
Greenville Youth Soccer Association
Grenada Youth Soccer Association
Southwest Jackson Soccer League
South Madison County Soccer Organization
Winona Soccer Organization

District III – Central

Brandon Soccer League
City of Richland
Florence Soccer League
Meridian Youth Soccer Organization
Flowood YMCA

District IV – Southern

D'Iberville Soccer
George Green County Soccer
Gulf Coast United Futbol Club
Poplarville Soccer Club
West River Soccer Club

President Dodd called for the Election of the Officers as presented in the Annual General Meeting Book.

Bob McCummins was the only candidate on the ballot for Division II Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. President Dodd asked if the assembly would accept Bob McCummins as Division II Vice President by a vote of acclamation. The assembly responded with yes. There were no opposing votes. Bob McCummins was elected.

Doug Kitchens was the only candidate on the ballot for Division III Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor. President Dodd asked if the assembly would accept Doug Kitchens as Division III Vice President by a vote of acclamation.

The assembly responded with yes. There were no opposing votes. Doug Kitchens was elected.

Barbara Brent was the only candidate on the ballot for Registrar. There were no nominations from the floor. President Dodd asked if the assembly would accept Barbara Brent as Registrar by a vote of acclamation. The assembly responded with yes. There were no opposing votes. Barbara Brent was elected.

President Dodd announced the results from the elections for district directors were held the previous day. Jimmy Lott is re-elected as Western District Director and Kim Quarles was re-elected as Central District Director.

Door prizes were given out before the meeting was adjourned.

President Dodd adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM after all door prizes were given.

Respectively submitted,

Kathryn B. Friar
Recording Secretary