

NEW MEXICO STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION

NMSSA Annual General Meeting

December 7th, 2024

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2. Introductions and Roll Call - Jennah Thompson
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 - b. Executive Committee - Committee Chairs
 - c. Leagues - Mesilla Valley Soccer League, Albuquerque Soccer League, Gallup Adult Soccer League, Santa Fe Adult Soccer League
 - d. Guests - Silver City Soccer Club, Sandia League, Farmington Adult Soccer League, TJ Willham - Referee Assignor and Duke City Soccer League.
3. Board of Directors - Reports
 - a. President - Audrey Wilson
 - b. Vice President - James Swenson
 - c. Treasurer - Tina Volzer
 - d. Secretary - Jennah Thompson
 - e. Director of Committees - Andrea Romo
4. Committee Chairs - Reports
 - a. Appeals Committee - Audrey Wilson
 - b. Competitions Committee - James Swenson
 - c. Budget and Finance/Auditing - Tina Volzer
 - d. Rules and Regulations - James Swenson
 - e. Referee Committee - Audrey Wilson
 - f. Credentials Committee - Jennah Thompson
 - g. Marketing and Fundraising Committee - Andrea Romo
 - h. Other committees are currently unfilled but are not required to be held.
5. Updates from Region IV
 - a. Regional and National Amateur cup - Audrey
 - i. Chair of Region IV Regional Cup - women's division (Augustine from Utah for men's division)
 - b. Soccer Fest = Veteran's Cup (age range divisions)
 - c. Region IV annual meeting in Portland January 3rd - 5th, 2025.
 - i. Leagues are encouraged to participate
 - ii. NMSSA may be able to help accommodate or provide a stipend to leagues for attending. (Budget will be reviewed and approved by the Treasurer.)

6. Updates from USASA - AGM 2024 in Frisco, TX September
 - a. Sport Lomo Registration - Audrey Wilson and James Swenson
 - b. Data and Payment submission requirements - Audrey Wilson
 - c. Insurance (Player Accident Insurance) - Audrey Wilson
 - i. The process
 - ii. What it covers
 - d. The Collective Global - consultant group
 - i. Strategic Plan - Best Practices Working Group - Audrey
7. Updates from US Soccer
 - a. Safe Sport - Audrey
 - i. Process
 - ii. Requirements for your league
 - iii. How to get certified
 - b. Michele Kang - donation of \$30 million dollars towards women's soccer.
 - c. Update on Player Registration Path Forward - youth soccer update.
 - d. Innovative to Grow (ITG) Grant - applications are due in September
 - e. Referee Abuse Prevention Working Group
 - i. Kari Seitz - elected/hired as the VP of Refereeing
 - ii. Revised section 531-9 of US Soccer policy in regards to Referee abuse. (Extended to families, includes social media abuse, gross mistreatment that does not involve physical harm, and examples)
 - f. Adult Amateur Working Group - Audrey
 - i. A task force that is intended to expand adult soccer in various aspects. (Unaffiliated leagues, increase adult participants, tackle accessibility issues, transition from youth to adult, language barriers and immigrant players.)
8. Tournaments:
 - a. Schedule of Events - 2025
 - i. MVSL Open in Las Cruces - February 15th - 16th.
 - ii. Party on the Pitch in Santa Fe - May 30th - June 1st
 - iii. Dog Days in Ruidoso - June 28th - 29th
 - iv. Freedom Cup in Albuquerque - July 26th - 27th
 - v. Zia Cup 7v7 in Albuquerque (Mesa del sol) - August 23rd-24th (dependent on interest)
 - vi. Fall Classic in Albuquerque - Coed Nov 15th -16th, Men's/Women's Nov 22nd - 23rd
 - b. Tournaments of 2024 - James Swenson
 - i. What went well
 - ii. What needs some improvement
 - iii. Expectations of a sanctioned tournament

- c. Please submit your request to have NMSSA execute a tournament in your area or with a unique idea in mind to James Swenson, the Chairman of the Competitions Committee.
- 9. Budget - Tina Volzer
 - a. Actuals for 2024
 - b. Proposal for 2025
 - c. The overall goal of a non-profit organization in regards to managing the monies submitted by its members.
 - d. Tax implications (i.e. 1099's/W9's, donations, etc)
- 10. Bylaws Update - James and Audrey
 - a. The process of amending bylaws of NMSSA
 - b. Reasons behind updating the old bylaws from 1999.
 - c. A look at the Bylaw changes -
 - i. Inserting dates in regards to USASA policy
 - ii. Safe Sport Protocol - US Soccer policy
 - iii. New board position - Director of Committees
 - iv. Term limits and staggered voting for BOD's
- 11. How NMSSA operates and serves its leagues:
 - a. USSF > USASA > Region IV > NMSSA (refer to handout)
 - b. US Adult Soccer is our overhead governing body (like USYS)
 - i. They have bylaws, policies, and procedures that we have to follow.
 - 1. Player data - keep track of numbers (we must be at or above 225,000 members to be considered part of USSF. They also use this data for statistical purposes (demographics, language, region, etc.)
 - 2. Payment - Remittance form used to submit the number of players and amount of money owed. (Standard Recreational player is \$12/player and a tournament player is \$8/player)
 - 3. Attend National meetings to represent your state association and vote during an annual general meeting.
 - 4. Carry out duties and responsibilities of the state association that complies with their Bylaws and Policies.
 - c. State Association provides:
 - i. Certificate of Insurance (COI) for leagues to book fields that require insurance to protect the league, players, coaches, etc.
 - ii. Player Accident Reimbursement Insurance - Players can request a reimbursement in the event an accident has occurred during a sanctioned event. (i.e. Injury or broken windshield from a soccer ball)

- iii. Overhead insurance for your league and facility. *This gives a general insurance policy that helps reduce out of pocket costs for umbrella insurance for your league. (*Indoor and privately owned facilities - only covers soccer related activities.)
- iv. Access to state run tournaments without additional charges. All members get access without needing a tournament pass.
- v. Access to Regional and National tournaments such as the Regional and National Amateur Cup, the US Open Cup, and Veteran's Cup.
- vi. Access to other USASA sanctioned tournaments throughout the country. (i.e. Copper Cup, Fiestas Tournament, Tournament of Champions, etc)
- vii. A FREE registration system. Sport Lomo can be set up for your league to operate seamlessly with NMSSA and USASA. This system is paid for by NMSSA.
- viii. A part of the State Referee Committee (SRC), which is responsible for maintaining, recruiting, mentoring, and developing licensed referees. That means that you get licensed referees at your games and events. It also means that you can voice your concerns at any SRC monthly meeting and become part of the referee community.
 - TJ - do you want to touch on what you are doing to develop our referees?
- ix. Direct assistance with your league in the following ways:
 1. An **appeals** system for your league. This helps regulate players, coaches, teams, and leagues to ensure safe play and handle disputes that may arise. NMSSA has an appeals committee to handle state level disputes. (*Referee Abuse and Assault cases automatically go to the state)
 2. Relegation of your league if needed.
 3. **Registration** and scheduling through Sport Lomo.
 4. A **webpage/website** to host your league
 5. Host a tournament in your area.
 6. Recruitment and Advertising for your league through marketing with NMSSA.
 7. A place to address individual league needs with other leagues and experts across USASA.
- d. NMSSA does NOT do:
 - i. Tell you how to run your league. Each league has their own bylaws, policies, rules, board of directors, etc. As long as the league provides the minimum requirements of affiliation, the league can operate how they choose.

- ii. Negotiate with insurance companies. We provide insurance, but we are not an insurance company. USI through USASA is the provider.
- iii. Spend member money for individual or personal benefit/gain. All money is allocated and budgeted to go towards our USASA obligations and the rest goes back to the players and leagues through our tournaments and services.
- e. What is required of our leagues/members:
 - i. A copy of the required documentation about your league.
 - ii. Members/Players register with NMSSA and pay their annual fee.
 - iii. Follow proper Safe Sport procedures and policies.
 - iv. Use licensed referees.

-BREAK FOR LUNCH-

12. New Business - AKA What's coming in 2025?

- a. New leagues COMING SOON...
 - i. Adult Futsal
 - ii. Adult Walking Soccer
 - iii. Sandia League to expand
- b. New affiliates COMING SOON...
 - i. NMSSA is working with the following areas to get some organized soccer together
 - 1. Hobbs
 - 2. Farmington
 - ii. NMSSA is working with International Indoor Soccer Arena to see if affiliation can benefit their adult league and players.
- c. New division coming to Santa Fe Adult Soccer League
 - i. NMSSA will be working to get a women's division started in SF.
- d. New Tournament in Las Cruces
 - i. MVSL Open in February - Valentine's Day Weekend
- e. Working with a vendor/partner to establish a larger scale marketing campaign to get information about our leagues out to the greater public.

13. Voting

- a. Annual fee - Audrey
- b. Board of Directors
 - i. All positions are voted in.
 - ii. Future voting will be staggered for the NMSSA Board of Directors:
 - 1. President - elected every odd year (2025)
 - 2. Vice President - elected every even year (2026)
 - 3. Secretary - elected every odd year (2025)

4. Treasurer - elected every even year (2026)
 5. Director of Committees - elected every odd year (2025)
 6. Registrar - elected every even year (2026)
- c. New leagues - none at this time
14. Open Discussion/Questions for the Board of Directors
 15. For the Good of the Game

-ADJOURNMENT-