



AYSO Executive Board Meeting

April 14, 2025 @ 8pm PT

I. Call to Order – 7:26pm PDT

- Members in attendance: Adam Stieg, Brandi Lane, Luke Powers, Rolf Mauermann, Michele Vallisneri, Terry Takahashi, Patrick Shopbell, Dan Jefferies, Shanti Rao, Shant Kamanjian, and Christina Scott

II. Discussion Topics

- RC Approval – There was unanimous positive support for Patrick Shopbell as the new Regional Commissioner.
- Shanti made the motion to approve Patrick and Brandi seconded the motion. Unanimous support!!
- We have five board members present, (Michele, Terry, Brandi, Shant, and Christina), so he is officially confirmed.
- Patrick made the motion to approve the executive board, it was approved and Terry and Shanti are assistant RCs effective immediately.
 - Registrar and Assistant Regional Commissioner – Shanti Rao
 - Treasurer – Shant Kamanjian
 - RCA – Brandi Lane
 - CVPA – Michele Vallisneri
 - Safety – Dan Jefferies
 - RRA – Harry Plotkin
 - Secretary – Christina Scott
 - RC Emeritus and Assistant RC – Terry Takahashi
- Fall registration pricing – expectation that registration may drop by up to 25% next year and there are concerns about inflation. At this time we do not feel it necessary to increase the registration costs and we may write for more grant funding.
 - Volunteers can register on April 14th
 - May 1 is open registration; It is important to have the registration open as the spring semester ends so there is continuity for families.
 - May need to set a registration cap and when to turn on the waitlist since we don't know how many fields we will have available. Pasadena fields are dependable, but La Canada fields and PUSD fields are up in the air.

- We also need volunteers so it may be that once someone volunteers, then we can pull them off the waitlist.
- La Canada Fields – we have fields for games, but we do not have fields for practice.
 - The only lit fields are at LCHS, but the baseball/softball teams have been pushing to go year-round and La Canada Parks and Recreation voted on March 12th to keep AYSO & SURF soccer off the LCHS fields.
 - We wrote an appeal letter to the City Council and AYSO Region 13 representatives (maybe Claire and Harry Plotkin) will appear at the City Council meeting on April 15th at 6pm (which was shared by Taj)
 - It is unclear whether the city manager makes the final decision, but families have been asked to write letters of support and attend the City Council meeting.
 - Baseball has national policies that they have to play in their “neighborhood” but there are no such policies for AYSO. Technically, anyone can register for Region 13 or go to a different region.
- Light Towers at Muir North
 - It was mentioned that we might need to consider if we are going to put the lights into storage or sell them because Muir North isn’t keen on the lights sitting on the field. Some concern if we move the lights, then we may never get that field back. It is very possible that Marco disabled the lights so that they would not work since we couldn’t use the fields.
 - We can see that the fields are open and available, but when we try to register for open spaces, we are denied access to the fields. Club soccer is currently using the fields and has offered to buy the lights from us.
 - We need to reach out to PUSD to point out that this is an unfair situation. Terry pointed out that until there is a new principal that AYSO is unlikely to regain access to the field, however there is some confusion if the principal is the final deciding factor.
 - For now, we want to leave the lights on the fields and submit a request to use the fields again. We have goals there too!
- Coach concerns about spring season and spring tournaments
 - Concerns from a U14 team that there are few All Star players on the spring teams because most of them are on the tournament teams. The U14 coach felt that his players could learn from the All

Star players and not having them on his/her team is affecting the competitiveness of the spring teams.

- It would be helpful to have Samir in this discussion moving forward.
- It will be critical to keep the messaging consistent moving forward so parents clearly understand fall/spring teams, NEXT, All Stars, Grad Series, etc.
- We often assemble spring soccer at the last minute and we do not have an established policy for how the teams are formed. It really needs to be discussed in November at the latest moving forward.

III. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm PT and the next meeting May 1, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Scott