



AYSO Executive Board Meeting

February 5, 2026 @ 7:15pm PST

I. Call to Order – 7:18pm PDT

Members in attendance: Patrick Shopbell, Shant Kamanjian, Brandi Lane, Dan Jeffries, Rolf Mauermann, Shanti Rao, Luke Powers, Harry Plotkin, Terry Taskahasi, Johnathan Gardner, Alberto Estepa, and Christina Scott

II. Updates

- Sectional Update
 - AYSO United has been paused while it is reevaluated.
 - NAGM meeting is in Grapevine, Texas over Memorial Day. Patrick will attend.
 - All Stars Playoffs will be February 21-22 and February 28-March 1.
 - Let Them Play Tournament will be in Chino from July 10-12.
 - All coaches need to be CPR trained by next February. Terry got a quote of \$141 per person for 50 people, which is more than the individual rate.
- Area Update
 - Region 88 and Region 2 have upcoming tournaments in late May and early June.
 - Regional referee classes are February 21 (Region 88) and March 7 (Region 214)

III. Discussion Topics

- If anyone is planning to step down from the Board, please email Patrick ASAP!
- Next Board meeting will be in person at a restaurant on March 5, 2026.
- Winter Season
 - All Stars has played 288 games! Playoffs will be February 14-15.
 - Grad Series has been underway for four weeks and has four weeks remaining. Thinking of having medals made for everyone and the last week will match up teams of similar skill.
 - Winter Stars is doing well under the guidance of Launch Sports. Have added some skills training and approximately 25 kids attended.
- Fall Soccer Plans
 - BU16 was a house league of four teams that played here. Two other regions have proposed to split the upper division league into a “recreational group” and a

“more competitive” bracket. This proposal didn’t go over well and there was some grumbling that we shouldn’t have split up our players.

- The majority of the house league was asked if they wanted to play in a more competitive bracket, but most said no. They wanted more recreational soccer options.
- Discussion that the recreational teams need to be more balanced moving forward. Kids who were “pushed” to go into a more competitive league probably would have dropped out, so it’s important to have those two levels of play.
- Discussion whether we might want to interlock with specific regions. Or we might want to have all interested players sign up for one specific region for a “house league.”
- Perhaps have information sessions in April or May, especially for kids who are going up into the next division.
- Also want to discuss “team balancing” further for fall season!
- Registration for Spring
 - 190 kids are interested, but we don’t have enough coaches!
 - Region 88 has over 1,000 kids signed up, but most other regions are low on enrollment too! They would be interested in interlocking.
 - Shanti suggested that we don’t have enough kids to form teams, so perhaps we want to use more of a NEXT or Winter Stars format instead.
 - Might want to send a newsletter and let families know that spring soccer signups are available. Might also want to let All Star players know as well.
 - Rosters, fields and coaches are needed by March 1st.
 - Some discussion of the pricing for spring season. Motion to charge \$125 for spring was made by Shant and was seconded by Terry. Motion was carried with unanimous approval.
- Jackson Elementary school is requesting donation items for their auction. Concern that once we donate to one school, we will be asked to donate for all schools. Perhaps offer free registration and some basic gear.
- Field Issues
 - Might worth moving some goals to Butler, since that field is working very well for us!
 - La Canada field requests are due by February 20th. Need to ask for all of the lit fields.
 - Muir South has received multiple complaints due to severe gopher damage. However, it is a lit field and it does not cost us anything! We can’t pay to repair the field, but if someone wants to fill in some holes, that would be ok. We could also pay someone to fumigate the entire field to remove the gophers.
- New Rules for Birthdates Policy

- Some discussion regarding whether we want to give the option to “play up” or not.
- Can arrange for an “info session” Zoom meeting for parents with any concerns!
- Matthew and Bret are working on our website.
- Committee (Brandi & Harry) has been assembled to rework our policies for our region apart from the national policies. Terry started on these rewrites and the committee will continue his work.
- Some discussion of whether we would like to restart the EXTRA program.
- Grant updates - we got \$11K for equipment, so we need to think about how to spend those funds. Perhaps we want to get goals for the Butler fields. Another suggestion was to use some of those funds to train for AED/CPR certification.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Scott