



West Virginia Soccer Association

WVSA AGM 2024 Report of WVSA Executive Director

This has been a little easier year than 2022 as we have been able to get back to almost normal. Thanks to all the Clubs, Teams, Players, Coaches, Parents, and staff that have worked with us to keep WVSA working safely. The past three years have been challenging and frustrating and I appreciate all the support.

The state office has continued to offer the services needed for our clubs and players. Thanks to Kristi, Amanda, Marcus, Beth, Spike, Susan, Thomas, Peter, and Bob. I cannot thank the staff enough for all their hard work.

The WVSA Board of Directors will see several changes this year. Len Rogers is retiring after 24 years as WVSA President. Len has been a source of guidance and support and has always looked to the future for WVSA and he will be missed. Sec/Treas Charlie Birkelbach, D2 Commissioner Clifton Williams and Adult At Large Commissioner Scott Abbott have decided not to seek re-election and we thank them for their service to WVSA. Long time WVSA State Referee Administrator Mike McCarthy has also stepped down and has left BIG shoes for Doung Sharpe to fill!!!

USYS continues to have Bimonthly calls with all Executive Directors and national staff to share ideas and keep everyone updated on programs. USYS East Region still has weekly calls with the Executive Directors to support each other and share solutions to common problems. US soccer has monthly calls also to keep us updated on the status of programs and future plans.

Our Youth National Association. US Youth Soccer restructuring is continuing to evolve. CEO. Skip Gilbert has been guiding the staff and working with State Associations to provide assistance as needed. Dr Pete Zopfi, USYS Chair stepped down in order to run for USSF VP. USYS Vice Chair Todd Lockhart will be acting Chair until the USYS AGM this summer. Many changes in USYS staff and programs have occurred and will continue. WVSA Dir of Competitions and Member Services has been named USYS East Region Program Manager.

USASA, our Adult National Association, is also evolving their structure. The adults are struggling with the same governance issues as the youth have dealt with the past few years.



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USFF continues to evolve under new leadership. Chris, Len, Randall, and I represented WVSA at the USSF AGM in Dallas. Nathan Goldberg defeated USYS Past Chair Dr Pete Zopfi in the race for USSF Vice President. WVSA has been very active on this issue and our Risk Manager, Kristi, will be keeping our members informed.

The travel league, WVSL, with Spike Laraba having developed this year's program to reflect input from the clubs, was held last weekend.

WVSA will host both USYS Regional events in 2024 at Barboursville and Shawnee. We appreciate all the volunteers who have helped us with past events, we will be calling on you soon!

The WVSA Office and Staff are here to support the members with resources to help your programs grow.