

To whom it may concern,

Upon receipt of this email, I am officially putting forth my intention to run for the Missouri Youth Soccer Board of Directors Secretary position at the 20/21 AGM.

As you all know, I have been with Missouri Youth Soccer Association for the last 16 years. Over that time, I have worn many hats as MYSA continued to evolve into what it is today, a strong membership, a financially sound organization with many more members than we ever imagined was possible. When I started, we were an office of one full-time employee. MYSA has gone from virtually offering nothing but a State Cup competition to having a full office staff to serve every member through the variety of services it now offers.

As the longest-serving employee in the history of the Association, I have developed and retained working relationships with clubs across the state, with every club registrar, director, as well as coaches, parents. I believe that since I am not affiliated with any club or league this puts me in the unique position of serving ALL MYSA members in a non-partisan way.

MYSA members, especially those in outlying areas of the state, deserve as much recognition and attention of MYSA's service and as every club in big cities. MYSA's Mission Statement has always been, "to promote, foster and perpetuate the game of soccer in the state of Missouri". Many people who have come on to the board of directors have had no intention of making sure this mission statement is adhered to and implemented. That is not the case with me.

Having worked diligently for years making sure members across the state have always had access to the tools they needed, whether it is regarding insurance claims, coaching certification, background checks, etc. I pushed for the state office to allow the registering of Independent Teams that no longer wished to register or beholden to specific clubs. I was instrumental in making sure that the ODP program was not eliminated at a time in the past when there was serious talk of no longer offering it to our players.

I believe my extensive knowledge and experience of the needs of our members would make me a great asset to the Board of Directors. I do not believe that going backward is the best path sought by MYSA. Self-interest decisions do not belong with any person that wants to sit on the MYSA Board of Directors and is not in the BEST interest of the entire membership through the STATE of Missouri. Long gone should be the time of politics, hidden agendas, or partisanship.

I am confident that I can bring to the board the essence of what is best for the entire state while continuing the mission statement "to promote, foster and perpetuate the game of soccer in the state of Missouri". At this time, I ask for your vote for the Secretary's position to the Board of Directors, I believe I would be a great asset to the organization in this new capacity now that I am no longer an employee.



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