

After careful consideration I have decided to become a candidate for the office of CJSA Secretary. I am seeking this office because I want to use my years of soccer experience to serve the entire membership of CJSA.

As an officer of CJSA the secretary is elected by the membership of CJSA. He/she records the minutes of all CJSA meetings and manages CJSA official documents and historical records..

Service to my community has always been a passion of mine. I have been a volunteer in numerous levels of youth soccer for the past thirty-five years.

My soccer experience includes

- Secretary of the West Haven Youth Soccer League
- Registrar of the South Central District
- CJSA State Registrar.
- I worked on the CJSA Senior Bowls, and the Region I Tournament of Champions
- Co-founder of the South Central Premier program
- President of the South Central Premier Soccer Club
- CJSA South Central District Representative.
- CJSA President
- U.S.Soccer Appeals Committee for 17 years
- U.S. Soccer Constitutional Revision Committee, and currently the U.S.Youth Soccer Governance and Nominating Committee.
- U.S.Youth Soccer Mediator and was appointed as the first dean of the Soccer Learning University.
- As the dean I created a curriculum and training workshop for state presidents and executive directors throughout the country.

As president of CJSA for ten years I had ten years of experience working with and organizing the office staff, coaching licensing and ODP staffs. During that time I established the CJSA Inner City Program, the CJSA scholarship essay program for graduating high school seniors, the CJSA Young Player Development Program (YPDP), the TOPSoccer program for athletes with disabilities, the CT State Referee Committee and Silent Sidelines Weekend. The new programs that I created during my presidency were important to the growth of youth soccer in the state.

I had the honor of being inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame in 2006. I was awarded CJSA life membership in 2008 and in 2013 was inducted into the New England Soccer Hall of Fame.

In the corporate world I worked in Operations Reporting and Performance Management in the health insurance industry. In that position I reviewed department policies, practices and personnel performance and created solutions to maximize efficiency and performance.

I have gained experience and knowledge in each of the positions I have held from my local club in West Haven to the national positions that I held in U.S. Youth Soccer and the U.S. Soccer Federation. I would now like to bring that experience and service to the position of secretary of CJSA.

I believe that the history of CJSA provides a solid foundation for the future. I have been a part of that history and want to be part of that future.

Yours in soccer,

Andrea Duffy