

**AGM 08.13.2007
PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Welcome!

We are excited to be part of a big family. Being affiliated with the United States Soccer Federation through the United States Adult Association gives us the opportunity to be proud of our Men's and Women's National Teams' achievements and utilize the logo that identifies us throughout the world:

Speaking of National Teams, we are delighted that Gillette Stadium will be hosting an extremely attracting international friendly match:

Date: **September 12, 2007 Kick-off: 8:00 PM**
Location: **Gillette Stadium, Foxboro, MA**
Teams: **Mexico MNT vs. Brazil MNT**
Promoter: **Soccer United Marketing**
Contact: **Nelson Rodriguez (212-450-1233)**

We had to wait 49 years (is it a Boston tradition?) but we have done it again, one of our affiliated clubs through the MSSL, Boston Olympiakos (MA) played a great game and beat AAC Eagles (IL) 2-0 in the finals held in Seattle, WA and are now the 2007 USASA Amateur National Cup Champions. Congratulations to Nick Pseuoikonomou and his entire entourage. We know he works extremely diligently behind the scenes to identify and develop soccer talent in Massachusetts.

Paul Athanasiadis and his MASS Women Select Team have also played some great soccer. They are the Region I 2007 Champions and are bound for the National Championship to be held in January 2008 also in San Diego, CA. We anticipate that they will come back with the National Cup

BOSTON OLYMPIAKOS

USASA AMATEUR 2007 CHMAPIONS

We are also proud of USASA Region I accomplishments under the leadership of Alex Tsalagas. With his vision and arduous work, Region I has broken 11 regional records, 4 national records and has become a National Champion as a region for the first time ever. Additionally, under the guidance of Larry Frisoli, Commissioner of Region I is the most prolific in players registrations and the best participant at national Cups.

At the state level, after many years of abstinence, a team from NELASA has captured the 2007 State Cup of Champions. Congratulations to Fidjos Terra!

FIDJOS TERRA (NELASA)

WINNERS OF THE 2007 MASS CUP OF CHAMPIONS

At the administrative level, we are working very closely with USASA and Demosphere to establish a direct on line registration for all our registered players through our affiliated leagues. It is an extremely versatile program which will provide all of us with the tools to verify our accumulated players' data.

The process is doable and we hope to get all our leagues to submit their teams' rosters in electronic format. We will be more than happy to manually assist in the process.

In reference to affiliation fees, MASS Soccer receives \$20 per player of which \$15 is disbursed to USASA (for liability/medical insurance and USSF Affiliation). We have the lowest affiliation fee in the country and we rank as one of the largest state organization with over 10,000 adult registered players.

Most of our work is done behind the scenes dedicating countless hours in getting the job done through various volunteer activities. We hope to see some of you using your skills for some of these indispensable committees. Please talk to any member of the MASS Executive Committee and let us know how we can best put your talents to work.

Finally, our Rules Committee (Larry Frisoli, Tony, Dubrowski, and Cezar Wislocki-Wasecki) has drafted judicious amendments to our Constitution and Rules to create a closer affinity to USSF and USASA and a greater sense of valid contribution and participation from our member organizations.

Of particular importance is Section 3.7 Voting Powers. Our present structure is not in line with USASA Bylaws 301 quoted below:

Bylaw 301. ORGANIZATION MEMBERS

Section 1.

(1) Each State Association is entitled to vote at National Council meetings, Federation National Council meetings, and that State Association's Regional Council meetings. A State Association shall have the following number of votes:

- (a) 0-44 players..... 0 votes
- (b) 45-750 players..... 1 vote
- (c) 751-1700 players..... 2 votes
- (d) 1701-3400 players..... 3 votes
- (e) 3401-8500 players..... 4 votes
- (f) Over 8500 players 5 votes

At any National or Regional Council meeting, the number of votes (delegates) of State Associations shall be based on the number of players registered and fees paid by the State Association to the USASA. Players registered and fees paid shall be for the previous calendar year (January 1 through December 31) before the Annual General Meeting as certified by the USASA Administrator. The number of votes (delegates) determined at the Annual General Meeting shall remain in effect until the next Annual General.

Our presenting governing rule Section 2.7 A.4 regarding voting strength is written as following:

A.4 Each delegate shall be accorded the votes allocated to the member. The weighted voting strength of a member shall be determined by the number of teams (consisting of at least 11 players for full field leagues and 6 for six v six and 7 for seven v seven leagues registered by the league) with MASS as determined by the Registrar at the record date as follows:

- 0-10 Teams 1 vote
- 11-20 Teams 2 votes
- 21-30 Teams 3 votes
- 31-40 Teams 4 votes

For every 10 teams over 40 - 1 additional vote

- President 1 vote
- V-President 1 vote
- Treasurer 1 vote
- Secretary 1 vote

Clearly this is not consistent with existing USASA governing Bylaws and it is entirely up to our organizational members to voice which directions they wish to follow.

At the AGM to be held on Monday night, August 13th, we hope to go through our various regular reports with efficiency and to be able to thoughtfully concentrate on our Constitution and Rules Amendments.

Please share your valuable thoughts constructively. Together we will be better and will provide our men and women a great environment in which to enjoy the game of soccer.

In the Spirit of the Game!

Pasquale Puleo
President

