



United States Adult Soccer Association Region I

**2024 Annual General Meeting
Hyatt Regency, Frisco, TX
28 September 2024**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:06 a.m. CT.

Regional Director Tony Falcone welcomed everyone and thanked all for joining. A Moment of Silence was taken for members lost in the past year: Howard Rubenstein, ENYSA; Joe Barone, ENYSA & NPSL; Larry Samples, EPSA; Jim Allen, USSF referee assessor from MD; Kip Germaine, MDCVA.

Tony congratulated Fritz Marth and Cezar Wasecki for induction into the USASA Hall of Fame.

Guests: John Motta USASA Pres.; Fritz Marth USASA VP; Global Collective & Bruce Bode, USASA Executive Director.

1. Roll Call & Credentials - Credentials Chairman Peter Pinori (ENY) - Secretary Scott Mapes called the roll and noted those present:

State Association	Votes	Comments
Connecticut	4	Present
Delaware	(1)	Not Present
Eastern New York	4	Present
Eastern Pennsylvania	4	Present
Maine	(1)	Not Present
Maryland	3	Present
Massachusetts	6	Present
Metro DC/Virginia	5	Present
New Hampshire	(1)	Not Present
New Jersey	3	Present
Pennsylvania - West	3	Present
Rhode Island	(1)	Not Present
Vermont	1	Present
West Virginia	(1)	Not Present
Western New York	4	Present
Subtotal	37	Votes present for elections & general business

Regional Officers		
Director Anthony Falcone	1	Present

Dep. Director Mary Beth Falk	1	Present
Secretary Scott Mapes	(1)	Present but voting as Vermont
Treasurer Vincent Treglia	1	Present
Subtotal	3	Votes Present
TOTAL VOTES	40	Votes Present for general business

2. Approval of Region I 2024 Winter Meeting Minutes (9 February 2024) - The minutes approved as presented by unanimous consent. Minutes already posted on Region web site.

3. Treasurer’s Report - Region I Treasurer Vincent Treglia: Treasury Report sent out and posted. Regional Cup largest expenses for the region. The cup support to be discussed at USASA level. Budget is a calendar year and the Region is on target with what was projected.

4. Director’s Report - Tony Falcone

- Livio D’Arpino Award: The 2024 recipient is Scott Michael Mapes (VT).
- Tony discussed the need for increase for Region support in the USASA budget. Previously it was \$40,000 and cut to \$20,000.
- Discussion of Cup Format
 - Men’s Amateur to continue with 16-teams men amateur
 - Region to continue Werner Fricker Cup (Region event only) after feedback from Peter P. (ENY) & Bill Marth
 - Status O-30, O-40 and O-50 as national events uncertain but after discussion, Region members want to continue
 - Women’s Amateur to continue as weekend tournament with open registration with possibility of playing on a separate weekend/location
 - Discussion of host location was opened
- Director’s Farewell: Last meeting as director (6 years), two stints as treasurer as well as deputy director. Tony assured us he will continue to be involved with MD Soccer and possibly with Region cups. A round of applause was given in appreciation of Tony’s hard work and commitment to the Region and USASA.

5. Reports of other Officers & Committees

- Deputy Director, Mary Beth Falk - Announced she is running for the At-Large NBOD position. Cezar W. (MA) and Peter P. (ENY) urged R1 to support her in the election.
- Secretary, Scott Mapes - Read David Borts (RI) letter addressed to Region. First meeting David has missed in 30 years, expressed his appreciation for and friendships made at Region.
- Cup Committee - Peter P. (ENY) gave a cup committee report. Region had 186 teams participate in state qualifiers. Peter thanked Tony for his heart and soul in all the effort he puts into the Cup committee and events.
 - Region Champions for 2024:

- Amateur Cup: NY Pancyprian Freedoms (ENY)
- Werner Fricker Cup: Lansdowne Yonkers FC (ENY)
- Gerhard Mengel Over-30 Cup: Christos FC (MD)
- Region I Over-40 Cup: Central Park Rangers Legends (ENY)
- Region I Over-50 Cup: Christos FC (MD)
- Region I Women’s Championship: Rochester Lazars (WNY)
- Region I Under-23 Championship - West Chester United (EPA)
- 2024 National Championships
 - Amateur Cup: NY Pancyprian Freedoms (ENY) - Champion
 - Gerhard Mengel Cup Over-30: Christos FC (MD) - Finalist
 - Over-40 Cup: Central Park Rangers Legends (ENY) - Champion
 - Over-50 Cup: Christos FC (MD) - Champion
- Soccer Fest - Cezar W. (MA) gave a Soccer Fest update. It was second year in Greensboro, NC. Michigan is in consideration for 2025 with Vermont for 2026. The plan is to map out 3-4 events out to facilitate greater participation with the advance planning. Raised \$3-4,000 towards breast cancer.
- USASA Committee member Updates:
 - Vincent Treglia (ENY) - Budget Committee.
 - Jim Sadowski (MDCVA) - Governance Committee - Policy Manual Rewrite Review. Voting Bylaws Review.
 - Cezar W. (MA) - Gave an update on the AED purchase and reimbursement program.

6. Unfinished Business

None

7. New Business

Budget: Motion made and approved by unanimous consent.

8. Elections

- Director - Cezar W. (MA) was voted in by acclamation.
- Secretary - Scott M. (VT) was voted in by acclamation.

9. Guest Speakers/Announcements:

- Global Collective gave a recap of what next with their efforts to help USASA with its strategic planning initiatives.

10. Good of the Game

- Scott M. (VT) announced the second annual adult Twin State soccer game versus NH was played in NH in 2024 including the first annual Co-ed match. VT sides won both games and the “Rusty Cup.”
- It was announced by WNY that ENY & WNY will initiate an Empire Cup match in 2025.
- Kevin A. (MD) announced MD celebrated its 100th Anniversary held 10 August 2024.
- Richard G. submitted a US Soccer ITG Grant for \$200,000 (for an adult tournament for 4 elites men and women’s). This is to support and see the Hank Steinbrecher Cup continue and establish a Women’s Open Cup. Richard also announced he started his elected position within US Soccer and USASA in 1988 and in 2025 will not seek any elected position.
- Bill M. (EPSL) on behalf of Region and the greater soccer community thanked Tony F. for all his efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Scott Mapes
Secretary
USASA Region I