

TGCISOA  
Annual Meeting  
November 24, 2019

**Minutes**

TGCISOA held its Annual meeting on Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Collin's Italian Café located at 502 W. 19<sup>th</sup> St., Houston, Texas.

Kyle welcomed the members to the meeting. Although there were ups and downs, he congratulated the members on the season.

He discussed the need to invite new members to the chapter. We're always looking to maintain a strong nucleus of officials. Candidates must have their state badge and exhibit a high-level professionalism.

We recognized the following members for post season assignments:

SWAC tournament- Sean Caouette, Deepak Lumba, George Kubove, Estefania Estrada, Ricky Hernandez and Ricardo O'Campo.

NCAA Playoffs- Jeremy Weed, Ace Adair, George Kubove and Daniel Vehabovic.

Carlos informed the chapter members of the following information:

1. Must attend 2 out of 3 chapter meetings to remain in good standing
2. Elections for VP of Operations and Scheduling, VP of Referee Development and Treasurer will be held tonight.
3. All TGCISOA members must register for next year by December 16<sup>th</sup>. All fees and documents must be submitted by the deadline or late fees will be incurred. NISOA late fee is \$50 and TGCISOA fee is \$25. Our 2020 roster must be submitted to NISOA by December 31<sup>st</sup>. We will use PayPal as our preferred method of dues payment. However, we will accept cash and checks.
4. Members can propose new members for 2020 by submitting an email with their recommendations to the Board.

Jeremy informed members that chapter funds were used to purchase Dynamo Dash tickets for the match we attended after the mid-season meeting.

Members should check with the Board and then the assignors before contacting the schools for payment status.

Angelina still owes us \$1,100 in assigning fees.

Our preferred method of payment is PayPal. Please follow instructions outlined in the annual meeting notification memo.

George covered the following:

St. Thomas' Assistant AD was pleased with our performance. Game fees were paid promptly.

Must be a member in good standing to referee offseason/spring games.

Keep your availability updated.

Encouraged the members to notify him and Kyle on turnbacks. Do it promptly and provide them with names of possible replacements. It's the members responsibility to find a replacement.

We're not expecting to add any new schools for the fall season.

The feedback was good on the new members that received centers during the fall season.

Harlan covered the following:

He informed us that 19 assessments were completed during the season.

He identified the following common themes:

1. Head injury management- Referee must get to the injured player quickly, show some urgency. Do not hesitate to beckon the trainer on to the field.
2. Coach the coach and players. Follow the guidelines that are outlined in the rules.
3. Set Pieces- Position yourself on corners to see players and have an unobstructed view
4. Misconduct-
  - A. Take feedback from assessor and apply it in future games.
  - B. Dissent- deal with it early. Do not let it get out of hand.
5. Encouraged the members to get exposure in other leagues. For example, DA and ECNL. Be seen by college coaches. They often make recommendations to conference assignors.
6. **Reporting**
  - A. Make sure referee crew receives/confirms pre game email with logistic details CC: assignor
  - B. Research teams including players, coaches, standings, etc. Valuable information.
  - C. Discuss game reports prior to leaving venue. Verify cards with player names and jersey #'s
  - D. Notify Board within 24 hours of any significant incidents especially red cards and serious injuries.
7. National NISOA referee program- 3 years as a NISOA member and 20 centers, assessments- 1 center and 2 AR's

Kyle completed the meeting with the following comments:

College season runs from August to December

Our chapter will assign approximately 60 games

Assignors look at our members at other leagues, like DA, ECNL and other USSF games

Be proactive in obtaining assignments. Do not rely on our chapter for game count and payment of fees.

College games require us to show from 115 to 130 minutes before kickoff. Be diligent and contact crew if you're going to be late.

We compare favorably with other chapters like Austin and San Antonio.

Pleased with our overall performance.

Mentor program- reach out to mentees and vice versa. May need to reassess this program.

New member referrals- send the Board your recommendations. You trust this individual and can vouch for this person's professionalism.

Deepak Lumba received the 2019 Referee of the Year award. He represented our chapter very well in professionalism and performance. This was a well-deserved award for him.

#### Modifications to Bylaws

1. Roberto Van de Wyngard made a motion to have 4 meetings per year with 2 being mandatory. Ace Adair added the second.

Question: Will Mejia asked if this extra meeting could be done thru a webinar.

Ace added a comment that members need to attend this meeting in person.

Board will review this meeting option and report back to the members.

**Motion passed with a majority vote by the members.**

2. Kyle Phillips made a motion to add a \$25 late fee when a member does not register by the chapter deadline of December 15<sup>th</sup>. Christina Hutchison added the second.

**Motion passed with a majority vote by the members.**

Elections were held for the following positions:

1. Treasurer- Jeremy Weed ran for reelection unopposed. He won a two-year term by acclamation
2. VP of Operations and Scheduling- Will recommended Deepak Lumba- He declined to run. George Kubove ran for reelection unopposed. He won a two-year term by acclamation.
3. VP of Referee Development- Harlan Matthews ran for reelection unopposed. He won a two-year term by acclamation.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.