

BAY AREA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

January-February Membership Meeting

CALL TO ORDER. Thomas Morrow, BAYSA President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm on Saturday, January 24, 2026.

ROLL CALL. Present: Galveston County, HTX-South, North Channel, Santa Fe, Soccer Centro, South Belt, United Pearland

Also Present: Sam Ghalayini, Referees; Donald Hood, Executive Vice President; Lindsay Hood, Scorekeeper; Shirley McGraw, Registrar; Thomas Morrow, President; Sayed Naser, Scheduler; Rich Newell, Treasurer; Mark Powell, Tournament/Playoff Director; and Dave Smith, D&P.

REFEREES

Referee Pay Increase for Spring 2026. At this morning's presidents' meeting, the group discussed raising referee pay for spring 2026. HTX-South moved to allocate the remaining \$6,832 from the operating budget to fund the increase; SF seconded, and the motion passed. Sam Ghalayini outlined proposed referee pay rates for spring 2026:

Proposed Referee Reimbursement Fees for Spring 2026		
Age Level	Center	AR
U9/10	\$45	
U11/12	\$55	\$35
U13/14	\$60	\$40
U15/16	\$70	\$45
U17/18	\$75	\$50

Motion: HTX-South made a motion to approve the increase in referee reimbursement fees as noted above; Santa Fe, seconded; motion carried.

Referee Liaison. Sam Ghalayini urged clubs to identify referee liaisons to work with him. This was a BAYSA practice for many years.

BASRA Reorganization. BASRA, the previous Bay Area Soccer Referee Association, has over \$37,000 in unclaimed funds held by the state of Texas. Thomas Morrow, Dave Smith, and Sam Ghalayini will collaborate on efforts to reconstitute BASRA and reclaim these funds.

Action Item: Thomas Morrow, Dave Smith and Sam Ghalayini will work on preparing the required documents to reconstitute the BASRA organization so we may reclaim the funds.

Tournament/Playoff Director. Kavash Chowdhry resigned as BAYSA Tournament/Playoff Director. Thomas Morrow proposed appointing Mark Powell to serve out the remainder of the term. HTX moved to approve the appointment, with South Belt seconding; the motion passed unanimously. Mark Powell, who was present, accepted the position.

Election. In April 2026, BAYSA will be electing an executive vice president, scorekeeper, secretary, and scheduler. Interested persons should contact Thomas Morrow to be placed on the ballot.

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026, at 8 pm by Zoom.

Topic: BAYSA March Meeting

Time: Mar 2, 2026 08:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 12:29 pm.

Submitted by: *Shirley McGraw*