

**Greater Cleveland Soccer Officials Association (GCSOA)
Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Minutes
Meeting held on 09 August 2026**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Martin

There were 33 members in attendance.

A motion was put forward to waive the reading of the 2025 ABM minutes.
(Abdel-Hamid – Jarus). All were in favor and they were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report

Bank balances on 1 January 2026 - \$17,269.59, 15 August 2026 - \$17,416.46
2026 Income - \$4,690 – Dues, Expenses - \$1,635.62 shirts, instructors

Communications

Best wishes were sent out to ailing members Jon Handwerk and Tracy Dowe.

Committee Reports

President's Report – Mark Martin

We hope to continue to recruit new members and support those who join our refereeing family. The GCSOA does not have much input on rule changes or OHSA policy. We can make suggestions, but it is up to the OHSA to implement changes.

VP Recruitment & Retention Report – Matt Henneman

Nothing to report

VP Member Services– Craig Semenec

Nothing to report

Secretary – George J Balasko

We currently have approx. 100 referees with paid dues. There are approx. 135-140 referees registered with GCSOA on Dragonfly.

GCSOA was once again the sponsor for Referee Night at the Columbus Crew. There were 35 referees from around the state in attendance. We are the only association that has been able to coordinate such an event.

We continue to use the Parma Recreation Dept. free of charge for our meetings. It is requested that members work with Jamie Otter to work one set of Parma recreation soccer matches in the fall in appreciation of using the space.

Old Business

There was no old business to carry over.

Elections – Secretary Balasko presiding as President Martin was up for election

President - Yousef Abdel-Hamid nominated Mark Martin, second by B. Gisser
Motion to close nominations (Gisser – Jarus)
All were in favor

Vice President of Member Services
Craig Semenec was nominated by Ed Jarus, second by Abdel-Hamid
Motion to close nominations (Grant – Henneman)
All were in favor.

Treasurer – Jon Handwerk was nominated by Matt Nixon, seconded by Henneman
Motion to close nominations (Otter – Alushi)
All were in favor.

GSCOA Officers for 2027 (calendar year terms)

President – Mark Martin (2027-2028)
Vice President of Recruitment and Retainment – Matt Henneman (2026-2027)
Vice President of Member Services – Craig Semenec (2027-2028)
Treasurer – Jonathan Handwerk (2027-2028)
Secretary – George J. Balasko (2026-2027)

New Business

None

Motion to Adjourn (Latsch – Jarus)
Approved and adjourned by President Martin at 6:45 pm

Prepared by:

George J. Balasko
GCSOA – Secretary