

2018 MSYSA Nomination List

Position	Candidate	Bio	Email Address
Executive VP	Doug Schuessler	Y	exvp@msysa.org
2nd VP- Player Development Program	Willie Ibarra	Y	pdpvp@msysa.org
3rd VP for Grassroots Soccer Programs and Development	Rob Biondolillo	Y	recvp@msysa.org
Secretary	Tom Gross	Y	secretary@msysa.org
Central-West Regional Commissioner	Robert Purkey	Y	
East Regional Commissioner	Alex Hargrove	Y	eastrc@msysa.org
West Regional Commissioner	Jackie Eskay	Y	westrc@msysa.org
At-Large Member (e)	Trish Heffelfinger	Y	thatlarge@msysa.org
At-Large Member (e)	Kerry Brimmer	Y	kbatlarge@msysa.org

Doug Schuessler

BIO STATEMENT

For nearly 30 years, I have been motivated to introduce our youth to the beautiful game, to educate parents to become comfortable and capable as coaches, to utilize the youth soccer experience to enhance our sense of neighborhood, and to weave an ethic of caring and service into our community of programs. As much as anything, I have worked to create environments and experiences that encourage continued participation throughout each player's youth, and potentially beyond, in recognition of the amazing benefits that such continued participation provides to each individual and our society at large.

My efforts have generally focused on the less glamorous aspects of the game, the ones that don't attract a lot of attention or volunteers. I have refereed for the past 40 years, while training thousands of youth referees and game leaders over the past 15 years. I coordinated MSI's TOPSoccer program for 15 the past 20 years, and led the annual MSYSA TOPSoccer Festival over that time, as well. I have coached teams at all levels of play, while focusing the last 10 years on leading skills development programs for players and coaches in the Recreational and Classic community. I have managed large tournaments for very small clubs, small events for very large clubs, and everything in between.

My passion going forward is to support and facilitate systems to deliver the quality coaching education for which US Youth Soccer is so well known. We will recognize that all coaches are hungry for such opportunities, that coaches at different levels will consume and learn in very different ways, and that our focus will be on achieving success at feeding their desire to learn on behalf of all the kids!

RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Executive Director, Montgomery Soccer Inc., 2001-2018
Business Manager, Computer Sciences Corporation, 1999-2001
Financial Analyst, Montgomery County Bankers, 1998-1999

EDUCATION

BA, Davidson College, 1980
Masters (Finance), Johns Hopkins University, 1998

COACHING/ADMINISTRATION

1995-2001, Potomac Soccer Association (my own kids' teams)
1996-2018, Thomas S. Wootton HS (Boys' Varsity)
1995-2011, Potomac Memorial Tournament (tournament director, scheduler, etc.)
2001-2016, MSYSA TopSoccer Annual Festival Director (and related activities)
2001-2018, MSI (every role you could imagine!)
2016-2018, MSYSA Executive Vice President

Robert Biondolillo

3rd Vice President, Maryland State Youth Soccer (MSYSA)

Rob serves as the 3rd Vice President (Grassroots Programs and Development) for the Maryland State Youth Soccer Board of Directors. He was elected to the MSYSA Board in 2013 as an at-large member, and transitioned to the 3rd Vice-President in 2015. Rob also served for 7 years as Vice-President of Arundel Soccer Association, and several years on the Clubs Committee of the National Capital Soccer League. He also serves on the NSCAA advisory council for boys and girls youth programs and on the US Youth Soccer Eastern Region Grassroots Committee. From 2010 through 2014, Rob served as assistant General Manager for the women's Chesapeake Charge competing in the WPSL, including the 2012 season with WPSL Elite – the bridge season with women's professional teams between the WPS and beginning of the NWSL. Rob has been an active youth competitive team coach for 20 years, primarily in NCSL. He is in his 9th year as Boys Head JV/Assistant Varsity coach for Meade High School at Fort Meade, MD, with Meade High reaching the state finals for MPSSAA 4A schools in 2015 and multiple Anne Arundel County Championships.

Rob is a current employee of the Defense Intelligence Agency as an intelligence officer, and served 31 years of service as an Army officer in combat arms and intelligence units as a unit commander and staff officer, including the commanding general's staff, US 3rd Armored Division, in Frankfurt, Germany. Rob's service also includes duty with NSA, CIA, and DoD.

Rob is a graduate of Niagara University (BA-Political Science), and University of Maryland (MA, Economic and Security Policy). He is also currently completing an additional Master's degree in Sports Management.

Rob is married and the father of one son.

Willie Ibarra – Candidate for MSYSA 2nd Vice-President

Currently the Director of Coaching Education for Maryland State Youth Soccer Association and the main overseer of the Olympic Development Programs, Ibarra has built a very reputable MSYSA coaching school that teaches and develops youth coaches with improving their overall methodology for the beautiful game of soccer. His goal is to have over 90% of the youth coaches in the state of Maryland to become certified.

In addition, Maryland ODP has become one of the powerhouses of Region 1, developing over 60 players in 2017 who have reached Region 1 status.

STATE ASSOCIATION – Since 2008, Ibarra has been a coaching educator with MSYSA and taught over hundreds of coaching courses throughout the state of Maryland. He was the first staff instructor to teach courses in Spanish to the Latino community of Prince Georges County, a huge void for many years. Teaching courses in Spanish continues today. Also a member of the MSYSA Adjudication Committee that oversees and addresses complaints or infractions from referees, coaches and parents of youth soccer.

COACHING BACKGROUND -- Ibarra holds an A-License with the US Soccer Federation, is certified with a National Youth Coaching License and is certified with TOPS, which trains & develops players with disabilities. Coached club, high school, and collegiate teams at all ages. Coached Maryland ODP. Former academy director of the Darryl Gee Soccer Academy in Montgomery County, managing and overseeing more than 100 soccer programs. Currently youth travel coach at Soccer Association of Columbia (SAC).

COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS -- In 2000, selected to coach the Maryland ODP U23's boys to include the best collegiate players of UMBC, Maryland, American, & Georgetown. In 2003, voted "Travel Coach of the Year" by SAC. In 2005, awarded "Coach of the Year" by MSYSA. In 2009, led Prince Georges Community College (PGCC) to JUCO League and Regional championship (ranked 7th in the nation).

PLAYER BACKGROUND -- Played two years at PGCC and two years at Salisbury University. Also played semi-professional in the international leagues of Washington, DC.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE -- Earned two college degrees from Salisbury University and University of Maryland. Ibarra was a former high school teacher with Maryland public schools.

OTHER SOCCER ACTIVITIES -- Today, a contributor writer of coaching educational articles to a national publication called the Soccer Journal. Has interviewed many of the best soccer minds, including Len Oliver, John Ellinger, Roy Dunshee and Pete Carangi.

NOTABLE -- In 2014, one of five youth coaches highlighted by the legendary Washington Post sportswriter Steven Goff in an article about local soccer personalities who were positively influenced by World Cup tournament stars such as Pele, Johan Cryuff, Franz Bechenbauer and Diego Maradona.

One of his favorite quotes is from the great Vince Lombardi: "If you really want something, you can have it if you are willing to pay the price. And the price means that you have to work better and harder than the next guy."

Tom Gross began his involvement with youth soccer as a volunteer all-girls U8 recreational coach in 1997, and continued coaching recreational soccer until 2012 when his youngest child aged out. As a volunteer, Tom was also a recreational age group commissioner and board member with both DC Stoddert Soccer and Virginia Youth Soccer. In 2002, Tom began working professionally with DC Stoddert Soccer and later with Montgomery Soccer. Since 2016, Tom has served as Secretary for the Maryland Youth Soccer Board and since 2017 as Secretary of Women and Girls In Soccer (WAGS) Board of Directors.. He has the USSF "E" and the USSF National Youth coaching licenses. Tom was also a grade 8 referee. Tom's passion is enlightened youth athletic development. Tom lives in an empty nest with his wife Elizabeth in Washington, D.C.

Robert L. Purkey Jr.

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Robert and his wife Lara have been married for 23 years and have two kids, Ryan 19 and Paige 18. Robert has been employed by the City of Rockville for 18 years. He serves as the Construction Inspection Supervisor and possesses 14 certifications from the International Code Council (ICC) which includes a Certified Building Official (CBO). He was appointed by the Governor, in 2016, to the Maryland State Elevator Safety Review Board where he is currently serving in his third year.

In the Spring of 2007, Robert began coaching his daughter's 1st grade soccer team. In the Fall of 2008 he was instrumental in the formation of the Damascus Sparks U9 girls travel team for Damascus Soccer. He has served the Sparks, currently a U19 team, as the treasure for the inaugural season and then as the team manager for the last 9 ½ years. He served as the WAGS (Washington Area Girls Soccer) club representative and is currently the NCSL (National Capital Soccer League) club representative for Damascus Soccer. He is the Tournament Director for the 2018 Mid-Atlantic Cup and also serves as the Assistant Director for the August Cup, since 2012, and the Assistant Director of the Rush for the Cup tournament for the past four years. In 2011, Robert obtained his grade 8 referee certification where he continues to serve the youth soccer community by refereeing hundreds of games.

Alex Hargrove

I believe soccer is a great platform for youth to develop life skills and habits associated with life long health and fitness. While it may be our goal to develop players to their greatest soccer ability, I believe it is equally important for us to create an environment that fosters character development associated with long term success outside of the world of soccer. This is the approach I take when working with my players from youth to college.

Alex Hargrove currently serves as the head men's soccer Coach at Salisbury University and is a coaching staff member with Salisbury United Soccer Club. Previous to these roles he has been involved with the university and various youth programs on the eastern shore of Maryland since 2006.

- Salisbury University Head Men's Soccer Coach 2016 - 2018
- Salisbury University Assistant Men's Soccer Coach 2010 - 2015
- Instructor and Director for various camps and clinics across the mid-Atlantic region 2006 – 2018
- Maryland State Youth Soccer Association, East Regional Commissioner 2016- 2018

Jackie Eskay
MSYSA West Regional Commissioner

My name is Jackie Eskay, and I am the current West Regional Commissioner for MSYSA and have been serving in this position since 2016. During my time with MSYSA, I have had the opportunity to serve on several committees, including the ODP Committee in 2016, the Hiring Committee, the Bylaws Committee, and State Cup. In addition to my role with MSYSA, I am a Member of the United Soccer Coaches Association (formerly NSCAA) Foundation Committee, and the Academy I Director and staff coach for FC Frederick. I am running for re-election for the West Regional Commission position, and I am asking for your vote.

I've been involved with soccer for most of my life as a player, soccer mom, coach, volunteer, and administrator. I've always believed that the game belongs to the players, and I've tried to make sure every player regardless of level or age has the opportunity to enjoy the game to *their* fullest potential; whatever that may be.

I hold a USSF National "D" license, USSF National Youth license, and the Grassroots 4 v 4 license. I've earned a variety of United Soccer Coaches Association (formerly known as the National Soccer Coaches Association of America "NSCAA") diplomas, including - Level 1 Diploma (2014), Level 2 Diploma (2014); GK Level 1 (2014); Player Development Curriculum Diploma (2014); NSCAA Special Topics Diploma-The Mental Game (2015); NFHS High School Professional Development Certificate (2015); NSCAA Special Topic Diploma-Small sided games, (2016); and NSCAA Special Topics Diploma-Attacking Principles of Play (2016), 4 v 4 Diploma (2016) .

Professionally, I've practiced law since 1992, serving as an assistant attorney general in criminal appeals for the state of Arizona, trial attorney with the department of justice capital case unit, and now a real estate attorney in the title insurance industry as the owner of Capitol Settlements, LLC.

I've been coaching youth soccer for over 20 years with a special emphasis on U6-U11, and serving in a director/head age group role for the younger age groups in FC Frederick over the last 15 years. I am married and the mother of five soccer players, two girls and three boys. Collectively, our family has participated in the Maryland ODP program and Region I programs for almost 22 seasons! I've had the wonderful opportunity and experience to coach all five children and to watch my 3 older children continue their soccer careers in college (St. Mary's College of MD & William & Mary), with one having played professionally and one on his way to William & Mary next fall. My husband is the Executive Director/Director of Coaching at FC Frederick, and soccer has been our way of life for as long as I can remember.

Of all my experience and background with the game, one of the most rewarding has been my involvement with FC Frederick's Golden Mile Soccer Program, a free soccer program for at-risk youth at two Title 1 schools in Frederick, Maryland. The program just finished its 7th year serving over 350 kids each season. Coaching these

children is one of the most meaningful volunteer activities I have done. There is no question that Golden Mile is often the best part of these kids' day, and the one constant they can rely on each and every week of the season. Our entire family participates in the program and I have watched how helping this community has taught my own the unique and special gifts of the game of soccer.

My experiences have given me a unique perspective of the game as well as an understanding of the many challenges we face as we enter a new and exciting period of growth and change in youth soccer. I rely on these experiences to help promote and further the game within my own club and MSYSA. Ultimately, my wide range of experiences, long time involvement with the game, and understanding of the state, regional, and national administrative concerns and difficulties will allow me to continue to positively impact MSYSA and help grow the game for all levels of youth players.

I appreciate your consideration and look forward to further dialogue.

Trish Heffelfinger
Executive Director
Maryland Soccer Foundation

- In 1998 Trish became the founding Executive Director of the Maryland Soccer Foundation which owns and operates the Maryland SoccerPlex, Discovery Sports Center and SAMSoccer.
- She oversees the administrative management of the Maryland Soccer Foundation and its entities. There are 16 full time employees of which seven maintain the 24 fields.
- Since 2016 Trish has served as an At-Large member of the MSYSA board. She has served on the State Cup, President's Cup and By-Laws committees.
- She also sits on the board of Visit Montgomery, the Germantown Alliance, and is the new Chair of the Montgomery County Sports Hall of Fame. She is a member of the Gaithersburg-Germantown and Clarksburg Chambers of Commerce.
- Prior to the SoccerPlex Trish held senior positions in marketing and advertising for local companies: Marriott Hotels, American Security Bank and the Resolution Trust Corporation.

Fun facts about Trish:

- Born and raised in Washington, DC.
- Lived in London for three years.
- Married to another Washingtonian and has two sons who played soccer but only one played at the SoccerPlex.
- Loves hot weather, flip flops, rock & roll music and hanging out at the beach.

Kerry Brimmer MSYSA Bio

Soccer Philosophy: The soccer landscape has changed dramatically over the 40+ years in which I have been involved. The changes have made me more passionate about staying involved. I believe whole heartedly that soccer should be available to all interested in playing & that it is possible to have a level for all to play. Physical ability, location & economic status should not be barriers to playing. I believe it is a governing board's responsibility to insure access to all and to grow the sport accordingly.

Coaching Philosophy: I have always believed that as a coach and mentor, an adult has an amazing opportunity to reach the youth of our society. The ability to instill positive character traits, to teach the importance of group dynamic values and to have an impact in the overall life lessons that sports participation has to offer an athlete is an incredibly rewarding aspect of coaching. In my 21 years of coaching experience, I have tried to create an atmosphere of accountability, ownership, leadership, competitiveness, confidence, respect and commitment. I consider my coaching a success when these characteristics are used by another coach, teacher, employer or parent to describe any of my players.

Coaching Experience:

1997- present :

- 5 Maryland State Championships
- 1 Regional Championship
- 1 National Finalist
- Multiple league and tournament Championships
- Local, Regional & National League Participation

Playing Experience:

- 1984-1986: University of Maryland, College Park
- 1980-1984: Elizabeth Seton HS
- 8 years of Club Experience with BSA : State Cup Championship, ODP.