

Greetings board members of the Iowa Soccer Association,

I humbly submit my second annual report to you in regards to the fiscal year from July 1 2020, to June 30th 2021. You may recall that in this time period we chose to waive all Re-registration fees for existing referees due to the hardships from the pandemic. We completed our second year of registrations with the Learning Center platform released by US Soccer in 2019, and also completed the second year of using the demosphere assigning platform in 2021.

Because we essentially did an auto renewal it is hard for us to tell how many referees we gained or lost in this last year with all the changes that have been happening in the last 18 months. We believe that this coming 12 months will be a real indicator of where we will be with referees hopefully coming out of the backside of this pandemic. We are fairly confident the numbers will be lower, we are merely hoping they will not be too low. In those regards, we have been in communication with Hido on what the numbers actually need to be to meet the needs of the games being played across the state. With numbers ranging from 750 to 850 referees, I am hopeful this is a number we could meet with our current registration numbers above 1500.

Our Triennial meeting will be taking place this coming January and I am sure we will be addressing the future concerns of recruitment and retention during these new times in our society and sport.

Some success from the referee department here in Iowa for the last year. We elected Ms. Ella Anliker, and Mr. Jacob Stevens as our Youth Referees of the year. We also elected Esad Omanovic as our Adult Referee of the Year. Sticking with news on Esad, he has been invited to participate in this year US Soccer National Referee Camp this coming January and when he is successful there, should become Iowa's only National Level Referee. Justin Mack continues to receive the invitation as Iowa's only National Assistant Referee.

We had some great showings this year as a referee group at the regional president's cup as well as the regional championship series tournaments. For the President's Cup, Jonathan Hill was selected to represent Iowa at the National President's Cup tournament in Des Moines. Shane Smith and Lance Mesman, our former State Director of Assessment and National Coach, and current State Director of Assessment were also requested to assist in the President's Cup tournament in Des Moines.

Esad Omanovic and Charles Woodcock were selected from the Iowa delegation at the regional championships series tournament to represent Iowa at the National Championships Series event. They both had great performances there with Esad being given the distinct honor of being in charge of the Under 18 Boy's Final with a fantastic showing. We are very proud of all of the referees listed in the above two paragraphs for having such fantastic years on and off the field!!

New faces on the Iowa Referee Committee are Chairmen, Michael Vosatka; Director of Mentorship, Dallan Christensen; State Director of Instruction, Alec Clark; and High School Liaison, Michael Lucht. We thank Chip Walaska for the last 10 years in the State Director of Instruction position with many other years in other roles on the IRC as he retires and looks to spend more time travelling and spending time with family! We also thank Jenn Dunn for her many years as she also stepped back from her High School Liaison position to spend more time with a coming of age family.

Familiar Faces on the IRC remain:

Royce Van Roekel-	State Referee Administrator	Kevin Stapleford -	State Youth Referee Admin
Lance Mesman -	State Director of Assessment	Lou Agocs-	State Director of Assignment
Rich Voyek-	Secretary	Jeff Birdsley -	Treasurer
Tyler Turner-	State Registrar		