

**ASA/USA Softball Board of Directors Meeting
Carol Ford Meeting Room
Galt House Hotel – Louisville, Kentucky
Sunday, November 1, 2015**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joey Rich delivered the Invocation and Phil Gutierrez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The Members present were Phil Gutierrez, E. T. Colvin, Warren Jones, Andy Dooley, Dave Persing, Tony Laws, Joe Patterson, John Gouveia, Joey Rich, Bill Parks, and Bev Wiley.

Absent: Rodney Cobb, Valerie Arioto, Michelle Moultrie and Frank DeGroat

4. REMARKS

- a. President remarks
- b. Past President remarks
- c. President Elect remarks
- d. Executive Director remarks

5. APPROVAL OF PROXIES FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING

	Proxy Name	Council Member
1	Anderson, David	Bob Gill (ALPR Oklahoma)
2	Bowers, Luau	Andy Loechner (Commissioner Pennsylvania)
3	Capizzano, Robert	Joseph Benanti (ALPR New Jersey)
4	Dubchansky, Sonja	Cassi Ponso (ALPR Sacramento)
5	Dunbar, Iris	Tim Williams (ALPR Florida)
6	Funicelli, Bev	Jack Mowatt (Commissioner Maryland-DC)
7	LaCorbiniere, Daniel	Mary Ellen Leicht (Allied Member NJCAA)
8	Light, Greg	Chuck Hawke (Commissioner Kansas City)
9	Louie, Chuck	Anna Louie (Commissioner San Francisco)
10	Marsh, Don	John Felicetti (ALPR Southern California)
11	Martin, William	Alisa Durocher (Commissioner New Hampshire)
12	Osborn, Eddie	Ron Boley (Commissioner Portland)
13	Pavone, Joe	Tom Lorent (ALPR Chicago)
14	Pownall, Jim	Bruce Evans (ALPR Illinois)
15	Schowengardt, Eric	Tracy Mayberry (Allied Member National Sports)

16	Scott, Sandy	Dee Webster (ALPR Northern California)
17	Shaner, John	Jim Stutts (Allied Member Virginia Recreation & Park Society)
18	Spears, Traci	Chuck Hawke (Commissioner Kansas)
19	Straiton, Wayne	Lynn Ribolini (Commissioner Vermont)
20	Tegeler, Mike	Greg Pohl (ALPR St. Louis ASA)
21	Waldvogel, Al	Barb Walters (ALPR Wisconsin)
22	Sprouse, Randy	Andy Dooley (Commissioner Piedmont)
23	Zawierucha, Steve	Frank Kolarek (Allied Member League of Dreams)
24	Swafford, Doug	Greta Hayes (Play Big Shine Bright Softball)
25	Hayes, Greta	Joe Huff (Allied Member Tennessee Parks & Rec)

M/S/C – Motion to approve the submission of the 2015 General Council Proxy requests. Motion carried.

6. DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. IT Department – Steve Walker, Director

Steve Walker submitted the Team, Individuals and Umpire production reports and Comparison Reports as of 10-01-2015.

B. Championships Department – Chris Sebren, Director

i. ASA Hall of Fame Stadium Events Report

Chris Sebren provided the board with the last remaining ASA Hall of Fame Stadium Events Report.

ii. 2015 ASA Slow Pitch Boys' National Championship

M/S/C – Motion to grant relief of \$50.00 per team assessment fee for the 2015 ASA Slow Pitch Boys' National Championship in Topeka, Indiana. Motion carried.

iii. 2015 ASA/USA Girls 10U A Nationals

M/S/C – Motion to grant \$3,000.00 in relief to Normal, Illinois for the 2015 ASA/USA Girls 10U Nationals. Motion carried.

C. Marketing and Communications – Codi Warren, Managing Director

i. World Cup XI TV Proposals

An update was given on the television coverage for 2016 bids from ESPN and Long Haul Productions using CBS Sports.

ii. OKC CVB Support for 2016 Events

The Oklahoma City CVB will be supporting the following 4 events for 2016:

14-Under Hall of Fame Championship – June 16-18, 2016

18-Under GOLD National Qualifier – June 18-20, 2016

16-Under Hall of Fame Championship - June 23-25, 2016

18-Under Hall of Fame Championship - June 25-27, 2016

iii. USA Softball Rebranding – Digital efforts

Steve Walker and Codi Warren met with Old Hat for the rebranding of the logo and will report back to the Board at the 2016 Spring Board Meeting.

D. Chief Financial Officer – Mark Loehrs, Director

Mark Loehrs, CFO provided the board the 2016 budget information for their review. The Board will discuss the 2016 Budget at their second Board meeting on Friday, November 6, 2015.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. WBSC Softball Division Congress Report

The WBSC Congress/CONPSA meeting was held in Oklahoma City, OK, October 14-17, 2015. Mr. Colvin, WBSC North American Vice President, provided an update of the new WBSC structure on the Board of Directors.

B. 2019 WBSC Softball Division Men's World Championship Bid

ASA/USA Softball withdrew their bid which was awarded to Prague, Czech Republic.

C. 2019 WBSC Softball Division JR. Women's World Championship Bid

Southern California ASA and the City of Irvine were awarded the Bid for this event.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Big 12 Softball Championship

The Big 12 Softball Championship will be returning to the Hall of Fame Stadium with the potential of Television Broadcasting in 2017.

B. Board Process Of Removing Commissioners

The board will be reviewing the appeal process associated with the removal of a council member.

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

M/S/C – Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Commissioners and Associations. Motion carried.

M/S/C – Motion to come out of Executive Sessions. Motion carried.

Actions following Executive Session:

M/S/C – Motion to accept Memphis ASA Commissioner resignation and merge area into Tennessee ASA. Motion carried

10. **ADJOURN**

M/S/C - Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.