



**District Info:**

**County: Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo**

**Total Players:**

To All District 7 and Cal South Board of Directors:

Once again 2010 has been a great and productive year for Cal South and District 7. We had several major events and significant changes in Administration, coaching education, State Referee Association, Parental Education and a significant growth in the TOPSoccer Program. These are positive changes that will affect our environment and development for the years to come. My thanks to Mr. John Weinerth and his staff for their continuous support.

At the board meeting on Saturday, December 11, 2010, the Cal South Board of Directors finalized what has been a seven-month comprehensive review of the organization's bylaws in an effort to ensure that Cal South, under its status as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, is operating fully in accordance with the current California Corporations Code. The bylaws of an organization are a critical governing document intended to outline an organization's basic structure, voting rights, the powers of its directors, and most importantly, what comprises "membership" within that organization.

"It was time for an exhaustive review. There have been new revisions to the Corporations Code and we wanted to ensure that our legal counsel did a full review," stated Cal South President Johnnie Garza. "Outside of the legal aspects, there were other elements we wanted to take a closer look at as well. We are a membership-based organization, and we wanted that to be clearly established very early on in the document. People want to know who our members are, how you become a member, and who gets to vote. We have outlined that with much greater clarity within our revisions, and we think it will be a welcome change."

This year we also saw the formation of a Cal South Recreational Task Force. It was a privilege for me to be nominated Chair of this committee. The Cal-South Recreational Task Force Team (RTF) was put together in an effort to provide feedback from member leagues and clubs that have a recreational focus. The RTF was made up of volunteers who were appointed by their District Commissioners to represent the recreational leagues and players within their respective districts. A key part of the committee's duties was to facilitate communication between the organization of Cal South and its recreational members. The RTF was engaged and solicited recreational member feedback through participation in a satisfaction survey and other statistical tools. Through these efforts, the RTF provided the Cal South Board of Directors with a set of prioritized recommendations. These recommendations will have a great impact and will establish a roadmap to improve the recreational arena. This will provide a more robust foundation of Cal South benefits and services for our recreational membership. The RTF recommendations will offer an additional avenue of engagement for recreational members not only strategically, but also operationally by providing additional tools to help them meet their goals. I would like to thank the RTF Committee members for their time, commitment and dedication.



I would like to thank Mr. David De Leon, Cal South Executive Vice President for his eight (8) years of service to Cal South BOD. His knowledge and leadership will be greatly missed. I would also like to thank our outgoing District 1 District Commissioner Mr. Chris Gallup for his Cal South services.

I would like to thank you for electing me for another term as your District 7 Commissioner. As your District Commissioner I will continue to insure that District 7 is well represented and that all your concerns and problems are resolved in a timely manner. Challenging scenarios require challenging decisions, your patience and support is truly appreciated. My great thanks to my Assistant District Commissioner Ms. Christie Paulson for her continuous support and dedication to Cal South.

Congratulations to our entire district Champions and finalist.

Congratulations to our District 7 honorees for 2010-2011, Mr. Howard Fink, President of West Valley Soccer League and Ms. Karen Sweeny of Estero Bay Youth Soccer.

Once again, I would like to commend the Cal South Staff, PAD and all Staff committees for their professionalism, dedication and commitment to Cal South and our game.

In closing, I would like to leave with this thought:  
"Commitment is not an emotion; it is a character quality that enables us to reach our goals"  
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Best regards, please make sure to visit the Cal South District 7 web site, under "Our Board of Directors" menu and click on District 7 (<http://www.calsouth.com/en/district-7/>) to keep up-to-date on District and Cal South informational news.

Hoping to see you at the District 7 Informational meetings and Cal South AGM.

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