



2010 Presidential Candidates

NAME: David De Leon

CURRENT POSITION: Executive Vice President, Cal South Board of Directors

Dear Members,

Cal South is a strong and vibrant organization that requires an experienced leader to serve as your President. I have been involved with soccer for 11 years and have worked as a recreation professional in southern California for over 25 years. My experience includes working with cities, counties and school districts throughout the southern California region, as well as serving on several non-profit boards, including the American Red Cross, La Habra Chamber of Commerce, and Governor Schwarzenegger's Inner City Games.

I have served on the Cal South Executive Board for the past seven years in the role of Secretary and the last four years as your Executive Vice President. I have taken on a variety of initiatives while serving in this capacity and have remained extremely active within all Cal South programs and accessible to the membership.

While serving as Secretary, my main focus was improving the infrastructure and efficiency of our board meetings, which allowed for better management, greater accountability, increased opportunities for members to address the board, and greater transparency. Additionally, I worked with staff to help structure new revenue streams designed to increase programming without raising member fees.

While serving as Executive Vice President, I was responsible for oversight of the Protest, Appeals, and Discipline (PAD) Committee and Risk Management. Working with the Board, I created a new structure that encouraged more efficiency of the PAD committee, while ensuring that it operated in a fair and impartial manner. I also was a member of the committee that oversaw the transition of the State Referee Committee and Adult Association that now falls under Cal South governance as a joint youth and adult state association. I was instrumental in establishing the recent ten year agreement with SCMAF which oversees all City Recreation agencies across southern California and remain excited about getting our members more access to facilities.

It is the duty of the President to know what the pulse of the organization is and to be able to work with the Board of Directors to meet its needs. I was the first Executive Board Member to take the time to meet with member leagues, gaming circuits, and referees to hear their concerns. My future plan is to continue to work with cities and leagues to increase facility availability, to address the "pirate" leagues and to continue to seek out sponsors as a means of controlling costs.

I ask for your support and look forward to working with you for the betterment of soccer in southern California.

NAME: Johnnie Garza

CURRENT POSITION: Asst. Vice President / V.P. of Youth, Cal South Board of Directors

Johnnie Garza has been involved in the Southern California youth soccer scene for over 21 years. He began his involvement as a recreational coach for the Palmdale Youth Soccer League (PYSL) in 1988. He also contributed to the PYSL program as a referee, and in 1991 became the leagues Registrar where he served for three years. He moved to the competitive arena in 1995, when he founded the Antelope Valley Soccer Association. He served as the clubs first President until 2005.

Johnnie has served Cal South in a variety of positions, first as a coach for the Olympic Development Program in 1998 and 1999, then as the Assistant District Commissioner for District Six (6) from 1999-2002. He served as State Cup Chairperson from 2005 until 2007 coordinating State Cup activities for both the National and Open Cup competitions. He has served on the Cal South Board of Directors as the Assistant Vice-President for the past three years after being elected to his first term in 2007.

Professionally, Johnnie is employed by the U.S. Department of Transportations Federal Aviation Administration, where he has worked for 28 years. He began his career as an air traffic control specialist at Los Angeles Air Traffic Control Center. He as also worked as an Operations Supervisor at the Edwards Air Force Base Flight Test Center Radar Approach Control facility. He has extensive experience as a second and third level manager, and is currently the Director for Tactical Operations for the Western United States, where he manages day to day tactical air traffic operations within the National Airspace System. He is also responsible for customer integration with the FAA and other federal agencies on matters related to airspace capacity and efficiency for all major markets in the Western U.S.

Johnnie and his wife Cindy have been married for 30 years. Together they have served Cal South at nearly every level of involvement within the association. They have raised three children, Stephen, Matthew, and Amy, all of whom grew up playing youth soccer in Cal South programs.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Seven years experience as the owner and head coach of highly competitive soccer league. A successful track record for children over 4 years old and teenagers fewer than 17, managing athletic programs, recruiting, and developing talent. Actively involved in athletic and parent's affairs committees. Proven athletic administration skills include:

- **Budgeting**
- **Staffing/Scheduling**
- **Travel Planning**
- **Academic Standards**
- **Public Relations**
- **Recreational Programs**

- In the past 7 years I had managed to run two seasons per year, with a total of 14 championships. Coached teams are now playing at different cities against highly competitive teams.
- Member of CALSOUTH
- Served as the Director of Public Relations for the soccer club since 2002.
- Hold a Recreational Referee License; F, E and D Coach License.
- Owner of Hesperia Wolves Soccer Club.
- Volunteer Coach of AYSO.
- Volunteer Coach of HYSL

COACHING HIGHLIGHTS/COMMITTEE WORK

Volunteer Coach/ owner Soccer League

2004-Present

Hesperia, CA

- 2006: Created Hesperia Wolves Soccer Club
- 2003: Funded Tigres Soccer Club
- 2002: Volunteer Coach AYSO
- 2002: Volunteer Coach HYSL

SKILL QUALIFICATIONS

- Experienced Coach Manager
- Soccer Field Maintenance
- Public Relationships