

Soccer Maine Slate of Candidates for 2024 Board Election Annual General Meeting - March 23, 2024

PRESIDENT

Loren Peters – Loren has been actively involved in youth soccer for nearly 30 years by filling roles such as a coach, registrar, treasurer, VP and President of local clubs. Loren has served Soccer Maine in other capacities as well, having been VP of Recreation and Board Treasurer. As a retired business professional, Loren has been able to make it a priority to be involved in USYS and US Soccer regional and national meetings to ensure Maine is always represented. He understands that these relationships will help the growth of youth soccer in our state for all ages and abilities. He also agrees that it's equally important that Soccer Maine continues to strengthen its role in providing support for its members, clubs, players, coaches and referees.

Current/Potential Conflicts of Interest – *none*.

VICE PRESIDENT - RECREATIONAL

Pete Levasseur – Pete has been serving the youth in the Sanford area for over 45 years where he has served as a health and physical education teacher. Pete worked with his community beginning in 1977 to establish Sanford Soccer Association, being heavily involved in developing a dynamic recreation program that has been a model for others in the State, along with a classic travel program. He was also instrumental in developing their field complex, where they own and operate their own fields to this day. Pete served many capacities over the years with Soccer Maine, and most recently served as South District Director on the Board of Directors. In addition, Pete serves as the State Director of Instruction for Maine Soccer Referee Association where he's well known for his positive and enthusiastic speeches to spectators regarding sportsmanship.

Current/Potential Conflicts of Interest – Board Member for Sanford Soccer Association (classic & recreational)

John Morgan – Through his work with the Westbrook Soccer Club, John has experienced Soccer Maine programming in many capacities such as player, coach, parent, VP of recreational, director of coaching, risk management, and president. He also volunteered hundreds of hours to a decade-long project that renovated a dilapidated recreational space for futsal in Westbrook. John believes that recreational programming is often the first experience coaches, parents and players have with youth soccer so it's important to strengthen this foundation of programming as it's key to growing the game of soccer in Maine.

Current/Potential Conflicts of Interest – *Co-owner/Chairman of Rosevelt Soccer Club (premier),* Founder/Chairman for Maine *Soccer Association (adult).*

AT LARGE

Rick Doyon – Rick has been involved in Soccer Maine for many years in various capacities, most recently as VP of Premier and Member at Large. He was the long time President of Velocity Premier SC, and currently serves as a coach there. He also serves as the Girls Varsity soccer coach for NYA where he helped them win back-to-back state championships from 2018 to 2022 and was named a Maine Coach of the Year in 2019. Rick was also instrumental in starting Biddeford Youth Soccer Association.

Current/Potential Conflicts of Interest – Board member for Velocity Premier SC (premier).