



Nominating Committee Chairperson Roger J. Best

November 18, 2023

Three (3) positions on the NYSWYSA Board of Directors (BOD), President, 2nd Vice President and Secretary are open for election at the virtual November 18, 2023 NYSWYSA Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Descriptions of each role, as per the NYSWYSA By-Laws, can be found here:

- [President](#)
- [2nd Vice President](#)
- [Secretary](#)

An announcement that these positions were open for election was distributed to the membership and is posted on the NYSWYSA Website. Nominations of persons interested in serving the membership of the NYSWYSA in any of these capacities should be sent to the NYSWYSA Nominating Committee Chairperson Roger J. Best. The nomination documentation must include a completed nomination form, a resume providing the candidate's qualifications, and a cover letter stating the reason(s) for interest in the position.

At the April 19, 2023 NYSWYSA BOD Meeting then President Curt Regruit resigned his position citing his official change of residency to out of state and his appointment to the USSF Member Advisory Committee. Subsequently, the NYSWYSA BOD appointed Hugh Goodridge, NYSWYSA 1st VP, to the position of President. At the August 5, 2023 planning meeting, the NYSWYSA BOD appointed Syracuse District Commissioner Pete Lautensack to NYSWYSA 1st VP.

At that time, Hugh Goodridge had served as the NYSWYSA 1st VP from 2015 to 2023 and State Cup Chairperson from 2010 to 2023, plus has been in many other soccer related activities for over the past 40 years. Hugh's resume shows his long history in soccer with many, many years of experience in a myriad of coaching and administrative activities related to the game.

Deborah Philps was elected to the NYSWYSA position of 2nd VP at the November 20, 2021 Annual General Meeting. Her past involvement with the Hilton Heat Soccer Club and Rochester Futbol Club provided her with invaluable knowledge and experience in her current position.



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Incumbent President Hugh Goodridge and incumbent Deborah Philps Second Vice President are the only announced candidates for these positions on the NYSWYSA BOD. The NYSWYSA Nominating Committee considers both candidates to be very well suited and highly qualified to continue in their respective positions based on their experience and performance. They have continued to conduct the various functions and responsibilities of their positions with integrity and in a timely and professional manner.

Therefore, the committee highly recommends Hugh Goodridge for the position of NYSWYSA President and Deborah Philps for the position of NYSWYSA Second 2nd VP. The bios/resumes of candidates can be viewed on the agenda for the November 18, 2023 NYSWYSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is posted on the NYSWYSA Website @ <https://nyswysa.org/association-info/2023-annual-general-meeting>.

On November 6, 2023, Jim Mort submitted his letter of interest and bio for the open position of NYSWYSA Secretary to the NYSWYSA Nominating Committee. The Committee reviewed and validated his application. After interviewing him, the Committee recommended to NYSWYSA President Hugh Goodridge that Jim be nominated for the position to which Hugh agreed.

The position of NYSWYSA Twin Tiers [District Commissioner](#) has been vacant since January 2023 and is open for nomination. As this position is not up for election by the membership, the BOD will review all applicants and may elect a successor to fill the remaining balance of the vacant term (until October 2024).

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger J. Best - NYSWYSA Nominating Committee Chairperson