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On behalf of the Board of Directors and our staff, I would like to sincerely thank all of our NYSWYSA member clubs, leagues, programs and sponsors for all you do to support youth soccer.

As we look back, we can acknowledge that this has been a year of change. In our administration we have witnessed the retirement of three long serving members of the board and staff – Curt Regruit, Rich Wagner, and Donna Mizerak – and the addition of two new members – Matthew Boyle and Meghan McAllister. We have launched a new registration program – GotSport. In our programs we have adjusted to accommodate changes in the market as well as changes in the needs of our members. On the National level, we welcomed US Soccer's new CEO, JT Batson and several new members on his staff. Throughout all of this, our mission remains the same: Create Soccer Fans for Life.

To achieve our mission, we are committed to marketing and applying resources to help our member clubs and leagues grow. This commitment extends to focusing on strategies that will:

1. Increase the number of children participating in soccer
2. Increasing the number of qualified coaches AND referees
3. Increasing the opportunities our members have to participate in the sport
4. Maximizing the benefits provided by USYS and US Soccer

So, what part do each of us play in this effort to grow the game?

- Are we helping to lower the social and economic barriers children have to enter the sport?
- Are we truly focusing on player development at the younger age groups as opposed to winning games?
- Are we positively encouraging players AND referees as they develop their skills?
- Are we supporting the leadership of the local club or league in implementing its programming?
- Are we providing our parents opportunities to increase their knowledge of this great game of ours?

Regardless of where you are in this journey, NYSWYSA is here to assist you. For only by collaborating can we overcome the barriers preventing us from growing the beautiful game.

Respectfully submitted,

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