Proposed Change to Bylaw(s)

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Existing Bylaw: State Referee Committee (paragraph 5)

The state Referee Administrator and state Youth Referee Administrator shall be members of this committee and with the state referee committee chair shall nominate candidates for the state director of assessment, state director of instruction and state director of assignment, all of whom shall become members of this committee after approval by the board. They shall be appointed for a specified two-year term and may be reappointed.

Bylaw w/ proposed change:

The State Referee Administrator and State Youth Referee Administrator shall be members of this committee and with the state referee committee chair current SRC members shall appoint nominate candidates for the State Director of Assessment, State Director of Instruction and State Director of Assignment, all of whom shall become members of this committee after approval by the board. They shall be appointed for a specified two-year term and may be reappointed.

How the Bylaw would read after proposed change:

The State Referee Administrator and State Youth Referee Administrator shall be members of this committee and with the current SRC members shall appoint candidates for the State Director of Assessment, State Director of Instruction and State Director of Assignment, all of whom shall become members of this committee. They shall be appointed for a specified two-year term and may be reappointed.

Rationale:

In US Soccer policy 531-1, Referee Administration, the positions of the SRA and SYRA are appointed by the State's Adult and Youth Associations. As we currently do, these positions should be subject to board oversight. The rest of the SRC positions are not mandated in that way. They just need to have people appointed to them. This change makes it makes it more likely that all positions will be filled at all times.

The role of the SRC is to focus on the referees within the state in conjunction with US Soccer, not so much with the state association itself. In fact, if other national organizations operate within the state, for example US Club Soccer, they too have they right to appoint someone to our SRC. As such, the SRC needs to be a bit independent of the State Association and not have all of its members appointed through board approval.