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# Q2 TOPSoccer Quarterly Zoom

## May 4, 2022

# National TOPSoccer Committee



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Chair – Dave Robinson	East – Pete Bussa
At-Large (Coaching) – Rick Flores (NM)	South – Jenn DiTillio
At-Large (Marketing/Communications) – Shannon Hartinger	Midwest – Roni Andrew (WI)
BOD Representative – Thomas Sowinski (NE)	West – Sandy Castillo (Cal So)
USYS Office/Staff Liaison – Tom Condone	

**Contact info: <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/programs/topsoccer/>**



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# Zoom Expectations

1. Participate!
  1. Mute your microphones (until end session)
  2. Type questions in chat
  3. Ping other attendees directly if interested
  4. Slides, reference documents will be emailed
2. Respect (perspectives and opinions of others)!
3. Suggest (ideas and speakers for future Zoom calls)

# Down Syndrome Soccer

Thomas Sowinski – see separate slide deck



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# Symposium Recap



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## Midwest/West

Date: April 1-3 (Fri-Sun)

Location: Albuquerque, NM

Great engagement by all attendees

Great speakers

Great coaching course, field session

Thanks to Rick, Sandy, Shawn, and all of the crew at NMYSA (Gloria!)

## 2023 Plan

National Symposium

Targeting March/April time frame

Location TBD (likely either Kansas City, KS or Frisco (Dallas), TX)

# MLS Pilot Program



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- Organized effort to get better engagement between MLS clubs and TOPSoccer programs within state associations and local clubs
- Initiated by a student who saw great promise in doing something more, and who reached out to the upper levels of MLS
- Identified select MLS clubs and associations to participate in a pilot (some have long-standing relationships, some are newer)
- Not intended to get in the way of existing or planned TOPSoccer activities in these states or elsewhere
- Will stay engaged through the summer, and develop template of best practices to take to the broader MLS in 2023

# Grant Program Fall 2022



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- Advance notice!
- Similar overall funding level (\$100,000) – assuming full BOD approval at their annual budget meeting in July
- Committee will meet to discuss what worked in the past (and what didn't) – in general, the more specific you can be, the better chance you have to receive an award
- NOTE: Grant awardees from 2021 program, please remember to submit accounting of how the grant funds were spent.
  - Email with report, receipts to Tiffany Graze ([tgraze@usyouthsoccer.org](mailto:tgraze@usyouthsoccer.org))



# Midwest Update:

## Roni Andrew



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# East Update:

# Pete Bussa



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# West Update: Sandy Castillo



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# South Update:

# Jenn DiTillio



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# Marketing Update:

## Shannon Hartinger/ Jade Parrish



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# Coaching Update:

## Rick Flores



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# Hot Topics/ Open Mic: What's on your mind?



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# Next Quarterly Zoom – August



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Other topics - volunteers to present?

Feedback from spring and summer seasons, events

Email me or contact your regional Chair with ideas, suggestions, volunteers!



**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!**



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