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**Washington Youth Soccer Announces Special Council Meeting To Present  
New Infrastructure and Its Future Impact On Organization**

*FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON* (Thursday, September 25) – After months of extensive evaluation, the Washington Youth Soccer Board of Directors, with the assistance of Jan Glick & Associates, has successfully developed the organizational framework for the Constitutional Convention. In order to share the Board of Directors' new strategy, initiatives and benefits to its members, Washington Youth Soccer will host a Special Council meeting for association presidents and MAR representatives on Saturday, November 8th at the SeaTac Courtyard by Marriott from 1:30 pm – 5 pm.

Earlier this summer Washington Youth Soccer began considering new systems and structures in order to provide enhanced services to our members through a more effective governing and communication process with Districts, Associations and Clubs. After extensive consideration of how the existing and potential new systems do or would function, the Board voted to recommend to the membership that a new governance and management system be instituted. The Board issued the following summary statement.

*The goal of the Board is to propose a change in structure of the organization to the Council that will allow Washington Youth Soccer to separate governance functions from operating functions, thereby strengthening both. The proposal is:*

*The Board of Directors will be responsible for governance functions including:*

- *Leadership Development (Board and Executive Director)*
- *Audits*
- *Finance and Budget*
- *Fundraising*
- *Strategic Planning*
- *Hiring and Evaluating the Executive Director*

*The Executive Director is responsible for implementing all operational matters and proposing operational policy solutions. The District Commissioners shall provide policy guidance on such decisions to the Executive Director.*

*The intent is to propose Bylaw changes that will be voted on at the 2009 Annual General Meeting (AGM) with the goal to have all organizational and structural changes implemented within 24 months.*

The proposed new system includes the following:

- Greater roles for Washington Youth Soccer staff, including additional senior staff hires, with an emphasis on member communication and services
- Additional Washington Youth Soccer staff support for each District

The Board's proposal provides greater emphasis on fundraising, building strategic partnerships and other governance functions in order to diversify and grow revenues. Washington Youth Soccer will also look to continue using communication tools to solicit feedback and answer questions that arise from each district during this process.

Washington Youth Soccer encourages all association presidents and/or MAR representatives to attend this Special Council Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> in order to actively participate in this critical process and help establish a stronger, more efficient organization that strengthens the game of soccer.