

September 9, 2022

Dear EMSA Members,

I would like to introduce myself as a candidate for the director-at-large position for the EMSA general meeting scheduled for September 25, 2022. My name is Joe Sesar and I have been involved in soccer in some way shape or form for pretty much my whole life. From childhood all the way until adulthood, playing the beautiful game has been a passion of mine. After my playing career in WOSL was done, I began to fill many roles on the management/administrative side of the sport. I have been a board member at London-St. Thomas Croatia SC (est. 1961) in various roles for the past 18 years. This included the role of vice-president, Manager of soccer, and I also played an organisational role in the creation of our youth program in 2013. As a parent of youth players my experiences in the game more recently have expanded my knowledge and understanding of the sport, and how it functions in the district and province. My children have played with not only local grassroots clubs but in the OPDL academy setting as well.

All of these great experiences have resulted in inspiring many ideas for improvement and development as well as my will to volunteer my time to move the game forward in our district. I have experienced the same challenges and frustrations that many of you have encountered, by the vast array of roles that I have filled as a soccer enthusiast. I am currently employed as a teacher with the LDCSB and feel I have the leadership skills to fill the role of Director-at-large within the EMSA District.

Thank you,

Joe Sesar