



# NATIONAL SOCCER HALL OF FAME

## 2021 Builder Screening List

This list includes all builders on the Eligibility List and on the Nominee List. Each Screeners will submit a ranked list 10 names (1 = most deserving) selected from the list below as their preliminary ballot.

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Bill McNutt

Thom Meredith

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Duncan Othen

Kevin Payne

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Harry Rogers

Thomas Rongen

Nick Sakiewicz

Steve Sampson

Charlie Schiano

Kari Seitz

David Socha

Kevin Stott

Peter Strasser

George Strawbridge

Jay Sugarman

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Kevin Terry

Baldomero Toledo

Jim Trecker

Ricardo Valenzuela

Keith Walker

Tim Weyland

Arnim Whisler

Peter Wilt

Lew Wolff

Rachel Woo

Mike Wuertz

Frank Yallop

Marcel Yonan



### **2021 Builders Eligibility List Overview**

This is the list of individuals eligible in the election that will choose a Builder be inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2021. This list is based on the criteria that were established by the Board of Directors of the Hall of Fame in April 2007 and modified in 2020.

Because non-playing accomplishments are not subject to the sort of statistical recordkeeping that playing accomplishments are, it is sometimes difficult to determine who has and who has not met those criteria. However, the Hall of Fame's historians have examined all the available materials and made determinations that with a few exceptions, the people on this list have met the criteria. The exceptions apply to people who were already on the Builders Eligibility List before those definite criteria were established and who are over 50. Those people have been "grandfathered" onto this list whether they have met those criteria or not.

The criteria are that candidates must be at least 50 years old or deceased (for purposes of the 2021 election, this means that living candidates can have been born no later than Dec. 31, 1970) and must have had a positive impact on American soccer at the national federation or first-division level lasting at least 10 years.

An exception to this 10-year rule applies to referees, whose time at the top of their profession was limited during the many years when FIFA required international referees to retire at age 45. Therefore, seven years as a FIFA international referee is considered sufficient, although a referee who has less than seven years as a FIFA international referee still can qualify for this list via 10 or more years as a United States first-division referee.

Two restrictions to the Builder Eligibility List are that elected officials and full-time employees of the USSF or the Hall of Fame are not eligible while they hold those positions, and persons on the suspended lists of FIFA, CONCACAF, the USSF the IOC or the USOC are not eligible.

### **2021 Builder Nominee List Overview**

Due to the broad general nature of the criteria, nominations for this category will be considered. Nominations are screened by the Hall of Fame staff and historians to determine the accuracy of the nomination materials.

The individuals on the Builder Nominee List have received a waiver from the Hall of Fame to be considered during the 2021 Screening Process.

***Screeners should treat Builder Nominees the same as any other Eligible Builder for the purpose submitting a preliminary ballot.***

If a Builder Nominee is named to a Preliminary Ballot by any Screening Committee Member, the Nominee will be added permanently to the Builder Eligibility List. If a Builder Nominee doesn't receive any support during the Preliminary Ballot Process, they must wait five years before being nominated again.

## **2021 Builder Nominee List Biographies**

### **Clive Charles** (deceased).

A U.S. national team and prominent collegiate coach. With U.S. Soccer, Charles most notably led the U.S. Men to the semifinals of the 2000 Olympic Soccer Tournament shortly after receiving a cancer diagnosis that would take his life in 2003. He was also an assistant with the 1998 Men's World Cup team and coached the U.S. U-20 women. At Portland, Charles led the University of Portland men's and women's teams to a combined 439-144-44 record and a NCAA championship for the women in 2002 while helping in the development of national team players Tiffeny Milbrett, Shannon MacMillan, Steve Cherundolo and Kasey Keller. He played 17 years as a professional, beginning in his native London with West Ham as a pioneering black player. His career featured stops at Cardiff City, Portland Timbers, Montreal Olympique, Pittsburg Spirit and Los Angeles Lakers.

### **Tim Hankinson** (born Feb. 18, 1955)

A first division head coach with experience across all levels of U.S. soccer. Most well known on the national stage for leading the Tampa Bay Mutiny to the MLS playoffs twice in three seasons and the Colorado Rapids to the MLS playoffs three times in four seasons. Served as MLS Director of Player Development from 1996-1998 and was the first head coach of the Nike Project-40 Team (an early MLS player development initiative). Coached several college programs. Founded and served as coach and general manager of the Charleston Battery and coached for several other second & third division clubs in USL and NASL. In addition to club stops in Iceland & India, Hankinson coached Montego Bay United in the Jamaican first division for 2 seasons.

### **Lincoln Phillips** (born July 4, 1941)

A prominent head coach at the first-division and collegiate levels. He gained his greatest acclaim as coach of the Howard University men's team, which he coached for 11 seasons, from 1970 through 1980. During that time, his teams reached the NCAA Division I tournament in eight different seasons, and won the NCAA Division I championship in 1974. He later coached the Virginia Commonwealth University men's team from 1989 through 1994, and assisted the U.S. men's national team in its preparations for the 1994 World Cup. He coached the Washington Darts of the North American Soccer League in the 1970 NASL season, after having coached them to the American Soccer League championship in 1969. Phillips, who was a goalkeeper, played four seasons in the NASL, with the Baltimore Bays in 1968, the Washington Darts in 1970 and the Baltimore Comets in 1973 and 1974. He was chosen to the NASL's postseason all-star team in 1970, and also was the NASL's leading goalkeeper that season. Born in Trinidad, Phillips has been a guiding light of the Washington, D.C., area soccer community for more than 50 years.

## **2021 Builder Eligibility List Biographies**

**Mark Abbott** (born Aug. 20, 1964).

A first-division league official. Abbott has been president of Major League Soccer for 15 seasons, 2006 through 2020, after having been an MLS employee since the league's start.

**Nat Agar** (deceased).

A leading team owner in the original American Soccer League. Agar, who had been among the founders of the U.S. Football Association in 1913, was owner and coach of the Brooklyn Wanderers of the ASL throughout their existence, from 1922 to 1931. He also coached the U.S. national team several times in the 1920s and was one of the organizers of the American tours by Vienna Hakoah in 1926 and 1927.

**Arturo Angeles** (born Sept. 12, 1953).

An international and first-division referee. Angeles was a FIFA international referee for 11 years, 1988 through 1998, including refereeing one game at the 1994 World Cup, three in World Cup qualifying between 1989 and 1996, two at the 1991 CONCACAF Gold Cup, one at the 1993 Copa America and one at the 1989 Under-20 World Cup. He was an MLS referee for three seasons, 1996 through 1998.

**Esse Baharmast** (born March 11, 1954).

An international and first-division referee and a U.S. Soccer Federation executive. Baharmast was a FIFA international referee for six years, 1993 through 1998, including refereeing two games at the 1998 World Cup, three at the 1996 Olympic Games, one at the 1997 Copa America, and five at the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 1996 and 1998. He was a Major League Soccer referee for three seasons, 1996 through 1998, including refereeing both the MLS final and the U.S. Open Cup final in 1996. He was the USSF's Director of Officials for 11 years, 1998 through 2008. He won the USSF's Werner Fricker Builder Award in 2020.

**Ed Bellion** (born Sept. 6, 1944).

An international and first-division referee. Bellion was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, 1980 through 1989, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying in 1985, two at the 1985 CONCACAF Championships and one at the 1983 Under-20 World Cup. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1981 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL final in 1983. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 2001.

**John Best** (deceased).

A coach and administrator with several North American Soccer League teams. Best was coach of the Seattle Sounders for three seasons, 1974 through 1976, and later was general manager and president of the Vancouver Whitecaps. Under his leadership, the Whitecaps won the NASL championship in 1979 and hosted the NASL championship game in 1983.

**Gianfranco Borroni** (born Sept. 3, 1937).

A U.S. Soccer Foundation and amateur soccer official. Borroni was a member of the U.S. Soccer Foundation board of directors from 1995 through 2004 and from 2006 through 2018, and chairman of its grants committee from 2007 through 2017. He was chairman of the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association from 1991 through 1998.

**Angelo Bratsis** (born Jan. 24, 1942)

An international and first-division referee. Bratsis was a FIFA international referee for 12 years, 1980 through 1991, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying in 1985 and 1988, and two at the 1985 Under-17 World Cup. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1981 to 1984. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1993.

**Dick Cecil** (born 1933).

A first-division team owner and team executive. Cecil was chief executive of the Atlanta Chiefs of the NASL and the NPSL for seven seasons, 1967 through 1973, and co-owner of the Chiefs for three seasons, 1979 through 1981. Under his leadership, the Chiefs won the NASL championship in 1968. He later served as a soccer consultant to the 1984 Olympic Games, the 1994 World Cup and the 1996 Olympic Games.

**Gene Chyzowych** (deceased).

A U.S. national team coach and an American Soccer League official. Chyzowych, who eventually became one of the most legendary of high school soccer coaches, served as president of the ASL for several years in the early 1970s and coached the U.S. national team in 1973.

**William Cox** (deceased).

A professional league and team official. Cox was founder and president of the International Soccer League, which brought leading European and South American teams to New York, for six seasons, from 1960 through 1965. He later was among the founders of the National Professional Soccer League, one of the forerunners of the original North American Soccer League, and was president of the NASL's San Diego Toros in 1968.

**Charles Creighton** (deceased).

A first-division referee. Creighton was one of the most prominent referees in the original American Soccer League and refereed the U.S. Open Cup final four times, 1914, 1918, 1927 and 1931. He refereed numerous games between American clubs and touring foreign teams, including the Hakoah-New York Stars game in 1926 that drew a long-standing record crowd of 46,000.

**Joe Cummings** (born 1949).

A first-division team official and a coaches association administrator. Cummings was president of the Boston Breakers in the Women's United Soccer Association for three seasons, 2001 through 2003, and in Women's Professional Soccer for one season, 2009. He was executive director of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for six years, 2009 through 2015.

**Thomas Cunningham** (deceased).

A first-division referee. Cunningham, one of the most prominent referees of the original American Soccer League, refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1926 and numerous games involving touring foreign teams.

**Walter Daggett** (deceased).

A first-division owner and team official. Daggett, the founder of the Seattle Sounders of the North American Soccer League, was managing general partner of the Sounders for six seasons, 1974 through 1979, and a director of the team in 1980 and 1981. Under his leadership, the Sounders hosted the NASL championship game in 1976.

**Jack Daley** (deceased).

A first-division team official. Daley was one of the longest-serving North American Soccer League team officials, whose involvement with NASL teams lasted from the 1971 season to the 1984 season, nearly the entire length of the NASL. He was general manager of the Toronto Metros, president of the Seattle Sounders and president of the San Diego Sockers. Under his leadership, the Sounders hosted the NASL championship game in 1976.

**Betty D'Anjolell** (deceased).

A youth soccer official and first-division team official. D'Anjolell held various positions with the Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer Association and the U.S. Youth Soccer Association in the 1970s, '80s and '90s. She was an official of two Major League Soccer teams, D.C. United and the Miami Fusion, from 1996 to 1999.

**Pat Dinolfo** (deceased).

One of the founders of the Rochester Lancers of the North American Soccer League. Dinolfo served as president of the Lancers for 12 seasons, 1970 through 1981. Under his leadership, the Lancers won the NASL championship in 1970.

**Gino D'Ippolito** (born March 4, 1935).

An international and first-division referee. D'Ippolito was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, 1976 through 1985, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 1980. He was a North American Soccer League referee for 12 seasons, 1973 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL final in 1979. He also refereed for many years in the Major Indoor Soccer League.

**John Di Salvatore** (deceased).

An international and first-division referee. Di Salvatore was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1966 through 1973, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 1968. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1973 through 1976.

**Raul Dominguez** (born April 15, 1956).

An international and first-division referee. Dominguez was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1990 through 1997, including refereeing four games in World Cup qualifying between 1992 and 1996, one at the 1995 Copa America, two at the 1991 Under-20 World Cup and one at the 1993 CONCACAF Gold Cup. He was a Major League Soccer referee for two seasons, 1996 and 1997.

**Todd Durbin** (born Aug. 20, 1968).

A first-division league executive. Durbin has been executive vice president for competition of Major League Soccer for 11 seasons, 2010 through 2020.

**Mike Edwards** (born 1953).

A U.S. Soccer Federation executive. Edwards was executive vice president of the USSF for 11 years, 2006 through 2016. He had previously been vice president of the U.S. Adult Soccer Association.

**Robert Evans** (deceased).

An international and first-division referee. Evans was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1980 through 1987, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 1980. He was a North American Soccer League referee for 12 seasons, 1973 to 1984. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1992.

**Eddie Firmani** (born Aug. 7, 1933).

A first-division coach. Firmani won three North American Soccer League titles with two different teams. He was coach of the Tampa Bay Rowdies from the 1975 season to the 1977 season, the New York Cosmos from the 1977 season to the 1979 season, the Philadelphia Fury in the 1980 season, the Montreal Manic in the 1981 and 1982 seasons and the New York Cosmos again in the 1984 season. He coached the Rowdies to the NASL championship in 1975 and the Cosmos to NASL championships in 1977 and 1978. He coached the MetroStars of Major League Soccer for one season, 1996.

**Bob Foose** (born 1969).

A first-division union official. Foose has been executive director of the Major League Soccer Players Association for 18 seasons, 2003 through 2020.

**Ed Foster-Simeon** (born 1961).

A U.S. Soccer Foundation executive. Foster-Simeon has been president of the U.S. Soccer Foundation for 13 years, 2008 through 2020.

**Jim Gabarra** (born Sept. 22, 1959).

A first-division coach and team official. Gabarra coached in all of the first 12 seasons of first-division women's soccer in the United States. In the Women's United Soccer Association, he coached the Washington Freedom in all three seasons. In Women's Professional Soccer, he coached Washington in the 2009 and 2010 seasons, and Sky Blue in the 2011 season. In the National Women's Soccer League, he coached Sky Blue for three seasons, 2013 through 2015, and the Washington Spirit (where he also was general manager) for three seasons, 2016 through 2018. He coached Washington to the WUSA championship in 2003.

**Sam Galin** (deceased).

An international and American Soccer League referee. Galin was among the first Americans certified as a FIFA international referee, and refereed at the first North American Championship in 1947. He was an ASL referee for more than a decade, and refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1945, 1946, 1949, 1950 and 1953.

**Richard Giebner** (deceased).

An international and national referee. Geibner was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, from 1961 through 1970, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 1965. He was a national referee for most of the 1950s and '60s, including refereeing the U.S. Open Cup final in 1957. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1997.

**Leo Goldstein** (deceased).

An international and American Soccer League referee. Goldstein was a FIFA international referee from 1961 to 1967, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 1961, and served as a linesman at the 1962 World Cup. He was one of the ASL's top referees in the 1950s and '60s.

**Jorge Gonzalez** (born July 11, 1968).

A first-division referee. Gonzalez was a Major League Soccer referee for 12 seasons, 2006 through 2017.

**Chico Grajeda** (born Sept. 2, 1967).

A first-division referee. Grajeda was a Major League Soccer referee for 15 seasons, 2004 through 2018, including refereeing the MLS final in 2013 and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2017.

**Richard Groff** (born 1946)

A U.S. Soccer Federation official and amateur soccer official. Groff was a member of the board of directors of the USSF from 2001 to 2006 and again from 2010 to 2018. He was treasurer of the USSF from 1991 to 1994 and president of the U.S. Adult Soccer Association from 2010 to 2014. He won the USSF's Werner Fricker Builder Award in 2014.

**Burton Haimes** (born May 22, 1943).

A leading youth soccer administrator. Haimes served as either president or chairman of the American Youth Soccer Organization from 1989 to 2009, and has also been a member of the boards of directors of the U.S. Soccer Federation and the National Soccer Hall of Fame.

**Brian Hall** (born June 5, 1961).

An international and first-division referee. Hall was a FIFA international referee for 15 years, 1992 through 2006, including refereeing two games at the 2002 World Cup, six in World Cup qualifying

between 1992 and 2005, one at the 1999 Confederations Cup, one at the 1993 Under-17 World Cup, four at the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2000, 2002 and 2005, and three in the CONCACAF Champions Cup in 2005 and 2006. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 11 seasons, 1996 through 2006, including refereeing the MLS title game in 1997 and 2003, and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2002. He has been CONCACAF director of officials from 2010 to 2013 and from 2016 to 2019.

**Adrian Hanauer** (born Feb. 7, 1966).

A first-division team owner and team executive. Hanauer was general manager of the Seattle Sounders of Major League Soccer for six seasons, 2009 through 2014, and has been majority investor/operator of the Sounders for five seasons, 2016 through 2020. Under his leadership, Seattle won the MLS championship in 2016 and 2019, and won the U.S. Open Cup in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2014.

**Andrew Hauptmann** (born 1969).

A first-division team owner. Hauptmann was investor/operator or majority investor/operator of the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer for 13 seasons, 2007 through 2019. Under his ownership, the Fire hosted the MLS all-star game in 2017.

**Richard Heron** (born 1958).

A first-division referee. Heron was a Major League Soccer referee for 11 seasons, 1998 through 2008.

**Clark Hunt** (born Feb. 19, 1965).

A first-division team owner. Hunt has been investor/operator of FC Dallas of Major League Soccer for 14 seasons, 2007 through 2020. He was investor/operator of the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer for six seasons, 2007 through 2012. Under his ownership, the Crew won the MLS championship in 2008 and Dallas won the U.S. Open Cup in 2016.

**Sandra Hunt** (born June 14, 1959) A pioneer women's referee. Hunt, the leading American female referee in the 1990s, was a FIFA international referee for six years, 1999 (when FIFA began naming female referees) through 2004, including refereeing two games at the 1999 Women's World Cup. She was a Major League Soccer referee for three seasons, 1998 through 2000, and Women's United Soccer League referee for three seasons, 2001 through 2003, including refereeing the WUSA championship game in 2001.

**Gordon Jago** (born Oct. 22, 1932).

A U.S. national team and first-division coach. Jago was coach of the U.S. national team during World Cup qualifying in 1969. He coached the Baltimore Bays of the North American Soccer League for two seasons, 1968 and 1969, and the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the NASL for five seasons, 1978 through 1982. He later became a leading figure in professional indoor soccer.

**Curt Johnson** (born 1968).

A first-division team executive. Johnson was general manager of the Kansas City Wizards of Major League Soccer for seven seasons, 2000 through 2006, and has been president and general manager of the North Carolina Courage of the National Women's Soccer League for three seasons, 2017 through 2019. Under his leadership, the Wizards won the MLS championship in 2000 and the U.S. Open Cup in 2004, and the Courage won the NWSL championship in 2018 and 2019 and hosted the NWSL title game in 2019.

**Dave Kasper** (born Oct. 10, 1965).

A first-division team executive. Kasper has been general manager of D.C. United of Major League Soccer for 14 seasons, 2007 through 2020. Under his leadership, D.C. has won the U.S. Open Cup in 2008 and 2013.



**Michael Kennedy** (born March 16, 1961).

An international and first-division referee. Kennedy was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 1999 through 2006, including refereeing one game in World Cup qualifying in 2004 and one game in the CONCACAF Champions Cup in 2006. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 15 seasons, 1998 through 2012, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2004 and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2010.

**Greg Kerfoot** (born c1959).

A first-division team owner. Kerfoot has been the majority investor/operator of the Vancouver Whitecaps of Major League Soccer for 10 seasons, 2011 through 2020.

**Toros Kibritjian** (born Feb. 24, 1934).

An international and first-division referee. Kibritjian was a FIFA international referee for 16 years, 1968 through 1983, including refereeing six games in World Cup qualifying between 1972 and 1980. He was a North American Soccer League referee throughout that league's 17-year existence, 1968 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL championship game in 1977. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 2011.

**Larry King** (deceased).

An international and first-division referee. King was a FIFA international referee for 13 years, 1965 through 1977, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying in 1968. He was a North American Soccer League referee for four seasons, 1974 through 1977.

**Dominic Kinnear** (born July 26, 1967).

A first-division coach. Kinnear was coach of the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer for five seasons, 2004 through 2005 and 2015 through 2017; was coach of the Houston Dynamo of MLS for nine seasons, from 2006 through 2014, and was coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy for one season, 2018. He coached the Dynamo to MLS championships in 2006 and 2007, and was named MLS coach of the year in 2005.

**Robert Kraft** (born June 5, 1941).

A first-division team owner. Kraft has been investor/operator of the New England Revolution of Major League Soccer for 25 seasons, 1996 through 2020. Under his ownership, New England won the U.S. Open Cup in 2007, and hosted the MLS championship game in 1996, 1999 and 2002.

**Stan Kroenke** (born July 29, 1947).

A first-division team owner. Kroenke has been investor/operator of the Colorado Rapids of Major League Soccer for 21 seasons, 2000 through 2020. Under his ownership, Colorado won the MLS championship in 2010, opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2007 and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2007 and 2015.

**Tom Kutis** (deceased).

Owner of one of the most honored teams in American soccer history. Kutis owned the Kutis SC team of St. Louis, which won the U.S. Open Cup in 1957 and the National Amateur Cup in six consecutive years, 1956 through 1961.

**Henry Landauer** (deceased).

An international and first-division referee. Landauer was a FIFA international referee for 16 years, 1964 through 1979, including refereeing one game at the 1970 World Cup and three in World Cup qualifying between 1972 and 1976. He was the first American ever to referee a game at the World Cup. He was a

North American Soccer League referee for 12 seasons, 1968 through 1979, including refereeing the NASL championship game in 1975. He refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1964.

**Tim Leiweke** (born April 21, 1957).

A first-division team official. Leiweke was president of Anschutz Entertainment Group, owner of the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer, for 14 seasons, 2001 through 2013, and president of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, owner of Toronto FC of MLS, in the 2014 season. Under his leadership, the Galaxy won the MLS championship in 2002, 2005, 2011 and 2013, won the U.S. Open Cup in 2001 and 2005, opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2003, hosted the MLS championship game in 2003, 2004, 2008, 2011 and 2012, and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2003. During the time that he was president of AEG, three other AEG-owned teams also won MLS titles.

**Frank Longo** (deceased).

A U.S. Soccer Federation official. Longo, a former college soccer coach, was chief of staff of the USSF headquarters for several years in the 1990s, and was chairman of the USSF's Hall of Fame Veterans Committee.

**Dante Maglio** (born Feb. 14, 1934).

A first-division referee. Maglio was a North American Soccer League referee for 11 seasons, from 1974 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL championship game in 1976 and 1981.

**Bill Manning** (born 1965).

A first-division team official. Manning was general manager of the Tampa Bay Mutiny of Major League Soccer for two seasons, 2000 and 2001, was president of Real Salt Lake of MLS for eight seasons, 2008 through 2015, and has been president of Toronto FC of MLS for five seasons, 2016 through 2020. Under his leadership, Real Salt Lake won the MLS championship in 2009, opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2008 and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2009. Under his leadership, Toronto FC has won the MLS championship in 2017, and hosted the MLS championship game in 2016 and 2017.

**Francisco Marcos** (born 1945).

The longtime leader of the United Soccer Leagues. Marcos, an official of several North American Soccer League teams, founded the USL in 1987 as the Southwest Indoor Soccer League and led its growth through a series of phases over several decades. He also has been commissioner of the A-League and a vice president of the U.S. Soccer Federation. He won the USSF's Werner Fricker Builder Award in 2007.

**Sam Mark** (deceased).

The owner of the Fall River Marksmen of the original American Soccer League, that league's outstanding team. Mark, who bought the team in 1922, built Mark's Stadium in Tiverton, R.I., the leading American soccer stadium of its day. Under his ownership, Fall River won ASL championships in 1924, 1925, 1926, 1929 and 1930, and U.S. Open Cups in 1924, 1927, 1930, 1931 and 1932.

**Fritz Marth** (deceased).

The longtime executive director of the U.S. Amateur Soccer Association. Marth was leader of that organization from 1981 through 2002, including the years when it conducted the U.S. Open Cup along with its other tournaments.

**Vince Mauro** (born Oct. 23, 1943).

An international and first-division referee. Mauro was a FIFA international referee for seven years, 1985 through 1991, including refereeing one game at the 1990 World Cup, one at the 1988 Olympic Games and one at the 1987 Under-20 World Cup. He was a North American Soccer League referee for three

seasons, 1982 through 1984. He was the U.S. Soccer Federation's Director of Officials for seven years, 1991 through 1998.

**Mark McCullers** (born Aug. 19, 1962).

A first-division team executive. McCullers was general manager of the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer for 10 seasons, 2004 through 2013, and president of the Crew for eight seasons, 2007 through 2014. Under his leadership, Columbus won the MLS championship in 2008.

**James McFarlane** (deceased).

A leading pre-World War II referee. McFarlane was one of the top referees in the American Soccer League, and refereed the U.S. Open Cup final in 1929, 1932 and 1935.

**Bill McNutt** (deceased).

A co-founder of the Dallas Tornado of the North American Soccer League. McNutt was a president of that team for six seasons, 1968 through 1973, a director for eight additional seasons, 1974 through 1981, and a director of the Tampa Bay Rowdies for two seasons, 1982 and 1983. Under his leadership, Dallas won the NASL championship in 1971 and hosted the NASL championship game in 1973.

**Thom Meredith** (born Nov. 7, 1951).

A first-division team and league official, and a U.S. Soccer Federation official. Meredith, who was publicity director for several North American Soccer League teams, became the USSF director of communications in the 1980s. He was the USSF director of events for most of the 1990s and a vice president of the Women's United Soccer Association throughout its existence.

**Steve Nicol** (born Dec. 11, 1961).

A first-division coach. Nicol was coach of the New England Revolution of Major League Soccer for 11 seasons, 1999 and then 2002 through 2011. He was named MLS coach of the year in 2002 and coached the Revolution to the U.S. Open Cup in 2007.

**Abbey Okulaja** (born 1965).

A first-division referee. Okulaja was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 2003 through 2012.

**Lothar Osiander** (born Nov. 8, 1939).

A national team, Olympic team and first-division coach. Osiander was coach of the U.S. men's national team for three years, 1986 through 1988. He coached the United States men's teams in two Olympic Games, 1988 and 1992. In Major League Soccer, he was coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy for two seasons, 1996 and 1997, and the San Jose Earthquakes for two seasons, 1999 and 2000.

**Duncan Othen** (deceased).

An American Soccer League coach and team official. Othen was manager of Brooklyn Hispano for 11 seasons, 1940 through 1951, including the team that won both the ASL title and the U.S. Open Cup in 1943.

**Kevin Payne** (born March 5, 1953).

A first-division team official. Payne was president and general manager of D.C. United of Major League Soccer for 15 seasons, 1996 through 2001 and 2004 through 2012. He was president of Toronto FC of MLS in the 2013 season, and from 2001 through 2004 was an executive of Anshutz Entertainment Group, which owned several MLS franchises. He won the USSF's Werner Fricker Builder Award in 2011. Under his leadership, D.C. United won the MLS championship in 1996, 1997, 1999 and 2004; won the U.S. Open Cup in 1996 and 2008; hosted the MLS championship game in 1997, 2000 and 2007, and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2004.

**Silviu Petrescu** (born Oct. 6, 1968).

A first-division referee. Petrescu has been a Major League Soccer referee for 14 seasons, 2006 through 2019, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2012.

**Alex Prus** (born Feb. 6, 1964) An international and first-division referee. Prus was a FIFA international referee for six years, 2004 through 2009, including refereeing one game in the CONCACAF Champions League in 2008. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 14 seasons, 1998 through 2011, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2007 and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2005, 2007, 2009 and 2011.

**Harry Rogers** (deceased).

A longtime prominent American referee. Rogers, one of the leading referees of the American Soccer League and college soccer in the mid-20th century, continued refereeing for many years.

**Thomas Rongen** (born Oct. 31, 1956).

A first-division coach and youth national team coach. Rongen was coach of the Tampa Bay Mutiny of Major League Soccer for one season, 1996; the New England Revolution of MLS for two seasons, 1997 and 1998; D.C. United of MLS for three seasons, 1999 through 2001, and Chivas USA of MLS for one season, 2005. He was coach of the United States teams at the Under-20 World Cup in 2003, 2007, 2009 and 2011. He coached D.C. United to the MLS championship in 1999.

**Nick Sakiewicz** (born Jan. 14, 1961).

A first-division team official. Sakiewicz was general manager of the Tampa Bay Mutiny of Major League Soccer for four seasons, 1996 through 1999; general manager of the MetroStars of MLS for seven seasons, 1999 through 2005; CEO of AEG Soccer New York in 2006 and CEO of the Philadelphia Union of MLS for six seasons, 2010 through 2015. Under his leadership, the Union opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2010 and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2012..

**Steve Sampson** (born Jan. 19, 1957) A national team and first-division coach. Sampson became head coach of the U.S. men's national team in 1995 and stayed in that position through 1998. He was coach of the national team during its run to the semifinals of the 1995 Copa America, and also coached it at the 1996 and 1998 CONCACAF Gold Cups and the 1998 World Cup. He was coach of the Costa Rican national team from 2002 through 2004 and coach of the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer for three seasons, 2004 through 2006. He coached the Galaxy to both the MLS championship and the U.S. Open Cup in 2005.

**Charlie Schiano** (born Feb. 12, 1934).

A first-division team owner. Schaino was one of the founders of the Rochester Lancers of the North American Soccer League and was chairman of the board of the Lancers for 12 seasons, 1970 through 1981. Earlier, he had been president of the American Soccer League. Under his leadership, Rochester won the NASL championship in 1970.

**Kari Seitz** (born Nov. 2, 1970).

An international and first-division referee. Seitz was a FIFA international referee for 15 years, 1999 through 2013, including refereeing nine games at the Women's World Cup in 1999, 2003, 2007 and 2011, six at the Olympic Games in 2004, 2008 and 2012, two at the Women's Under-20 World Cup in 2002, and two in Women's World Cup qualifying in 2010. She was a Major League Soccer referee in 1999, a Women's United Soccer Association referee from 2001 through 2003, a Women's Professional Soccer referee from 2009 through 2011 and a National Women's Soccer League referee in 2013, including

refereeing the WPS final in 2009 and 2011, and the NWSL final in 2013. Since 2016, she has been Senior Manager of the women's referee program at FIFA.

**David Socha** (born Sept. 27, 1938).

An international and first-division referee. Socha was a FIFA international referee for 10 years, 1977 through 1986, including refereeing two games at the World Cup in 1982 and 1986, six in World Cup qualifying between 1980 and 1985, three at the 1984 Olympic Games and four at the CONCACAF Championships in 1981 and 1985. He was a North American Soccer League referee for seven seasons, 1978 through 1984, including refereeing the NASL championship games in 1982 and 1984.

**Kevin Stott** (born July 9, 1967) An international and first-division referee. Stott was a FIFA international referee for 14 years, 1995 through 2008, including refereeing 12 games in World Cup qualifying between 2000 and 2005, four at the Under-20 World Cup in 2001 and 2003, two at the Under-17 World Cup in 2005, four at the CONCACAF Gold Cup in 2003 and 2005, and three in the CONCACAF Champions League in 2004, 2005 and 2006. He has been a Major League Soccer referee for 24 seasons, 1996 through 2019, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2001, 2005 and 2009, and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2000 and 2003. Since 2014, he has been the last referee from MLS' inaugural season who was still refereeing in MLS.

**Peter Strasser** (deceased).

Owner of one of the nation's best teams in the 1940s. Strasser, a jeweler, owned the Morgan Strasser team of Morgan, Pa., a leading team in the Keystone League of western Pennsylvania and winner of the U.S. Open Cup in 1949.

**George Strawbridge** (born Oct. 10, 1937).

A first-division team owner. Strawbridge was the founder of the Tampa Bay Rowdies of the North American Soccer League, and was owner and president of one of the Rowdies for nine seasons, 1975 to 1983. Under his ownership, Tampa Bay won the NASL championship in 1975.

**Jay Sugarman** (born April 12, 1962).

A first-division team owner. Sugarman has been investor/operator of the Philadelphia Union of Major League Soccer for 11 seasons, 2010 through 2020. Under his ownership, the Union opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2010 and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2012.

**Thomas Syme** (deceased).

One of the earliest of the United States's international referees. Syme was a FIFA international referee for 20 years, 1949 through 1968.

**Paul Tamberino** (born April 29, 1954).

A first-division referee and a first-division and U.S. Soccer Federation official. Tamberino was a Major League Soccer referee for six seasons, 1996 through 2001, including refereeing the 2000 MLS championship game and the 2001 U.S. Open Cup final. He was USSF director of officials from 2008 through 2010 and MLS director of competition in the 2011 season.

**Larry Tanenbaum** (born 1945).

A first-division team owner. Tannenbaum has been chairman of Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, the corporation that is the investor/operator of Toronto FC of Major League Soccer, for 14 seasons, 2007 through 2020. Under his leadership, Toronto FC has won the MLS championship in 2017, opened a soccer specific stadium in 2007, hosted the MLS championship game in 2010, 2016 and 2017, and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2009.

**Kevin Terry** (born Sept. 20, 1959).

An international and first-division referee. Terry was a FIFA international referee for seven years, 1998 through 2004. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 1996 through 2005, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 1998 and 2002.

**Baldomero Toledo** (born Feb. 6, 1970).

An international and first-division referee. Toledo was a FIFA international referee for 11 years, 2007 through 2017, including refereeing two games in World Cup qualifying between 2008 and 2011, one game at the 2007 Copa America, two at the 2011 CONCACAF Gold Cup and eight in the CONCACAF Champions League in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017. He has been a Major League Soccer referee for 17 seasons, 2004 through 2020, including refereeing the MLS championship game in 2008 and 2010, and the U.S. Open Cup final in 2016.

**Jim Trecker** (born May 14, 1945).

A U.S. Soccer Federation and North American Soccer League official. Trecker performed various public relations tasks for the U.S. Soccer Federation and the National Soccer Hall of Fame for several decades, particularly in the area of book editing. In earlier years, he was the New York Cosmos director of public relations, the NASL director of public relations, and chief press officer of the 1994 World Cup.

**Ricardo Valenzuela** (born Feb. 7, 1964) An international and first-division referee. Valenzuela was a FIFA international referee for seven years, 1999 through 2005, including refereeing three games in World Cup qualifying between 2000 and 2004. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 1996 through 2005.

**Keith Walker** (deceased).

An administrator with both the North American Soccer League and the U.S. Soccer Federation. Walker was the NASL director of officials for four seasons, 1979 through 1982, and general secretary of the USSF for four years, 1987 through 1990. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1991.

**Tim Weyland** (born Nov. 17, 1962).

An international and first-division referee. Weyland was a FIFA international referee for six years, 1995 through 2000, including refereeing three games in World Cup qualifying between 1996 and 2000. He was a Major League Soccer referee for 10 seasons, 1996 through 2001 and 2006 through 2009.

**Arnim Whisler** (born Nov. 4, 1963).

A first-division team owner. Whisler has been owner of the Chicago Red Stars in Women's Professional Soccer for two seasons, 2009 and 2010, and in the National Women's Soccer League for eight seasons, 2013 through 2020.

**Peter Wilt** (born March 20, 1960).

A first-division team executive. Wilt was general manager or president of the Chicago Fire of Major League Soccer for eight seasons, 1998 through 2005, and president or an owner of the Chicago Red Stars of Women's Professional Soccer for two seasons, 2009 and 2010. Under his leadership, Chicago won the MLS championship in 1998 and the U.S. Open Cup in 1998, 2000 and 2003. He later was involved in several lower-division soccer efforts in Indiana and Wisconsin.

**Lew Wolff** (born Dec. 13, 1935).

A first-division team owner. Wolff has been investor/operator of the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer for 12 seasons, 2008 through 2019. Under his ownership, the Earthquakes opened a soccer-specific stadium in 2015 and hosted the MLS all-star game in 2016.

**Rachel Woo** (born Aug. 30, 1968).

An international and first-division referee. Woo was a FIFA international referee for eight years, 2001 through 2008. She was a Women's United Soccer Association referee for three seasons, 2001 through 2003.

**Mike Wuertz** (born Aug. 14, 1934).

An international and first-division referee. Wuertz was a FIFA international referee for 13 years, 1967 through 1979, including refereeing three games in World Cup qualifying between 1968 and 1977, and one at the 1972 Olympic Games. He was a North American Soccer League referee for seven seasons, 1978 through 1984. He received the Eddie Pearson Award in 1998.

**Frank Yallop** (born April 4, 1964).

A first-division coach. Yallop was coach of the San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer for nine seasons, 2001 through 2003 and 2008 through 2013; the Los Angeles Galaxy for two seasons, 2006 and 2007, and the Chicago Fire for two seasons, 2014 and 2015. He coached San Jose to the MLS championship in 2001 and 2003, and was named the MLS coach of the year in 2001 and 2012. He was coach of the Canadian national team in 2004 and 2005.

**Marcel Yonan** (born March 22, 1956).

A first-division referee. Yonan was a Major Soccer League referee for 11 seasons, 1996 through 2006.