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Team: PSG Boys 2013

Years at MSC: Three years. Current MSC Board Member, one year.

I just finished my first year on the MSC Board, and I have been impressed by what I have seen regarding the staff, coaches, and organization. I started playing competitive tennis at age 9. I competed worldwide, including playing in the Junior U.S. Open in 1999. I then played 4 years of Division I college tennis at Wake Forest University. I understand what it takes to be an elite athlete, and I gained so many valuable life skills playing sports: discipline, time/management skills, work ethic, good sportsmanship, working well with others, and much more. At the same time, I am the mom of three young children, and I know how important sports are for children at any level, even when it's not particularly competitive. Sports allow children to make new friends, move their bodies, get fresh air and have a lot of fun. I would like to stay on the MSC Board, so I can be a small part of helping this wonderful organization continue to thrive and continue to get bigger and better. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**Loryn Bergman \***

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Team: Barcelona Boys 2008 ECNL (Team Manager)

Years at MSC: I have been affiliated with MSC for 7 years. (MSC Board Member 4 years: Serve currently on the Executive Board as a Vice President, previously served as Secretary.)

My name is Loryn Bergman and I would be honored to continue serving as a member of the MSC Board. My main goal as a Board member is to work with our parent body, staff and fellow Board members to build community in support of our children's soccer development. My family has been part of the MSC community for several years and my son plays for the 2008 boys team, Barcelona ECNL. I am focused on ensuring that MSC continues to be an inclusive environment where all players and families feel welcome and where players are able hone their soccer skills while developing a lifelong love of the sport.

As for my qualifications, I have been involved in youth soccer for over 15 years and have volunteered as an MSC Team manager for the past 7 years. While on-field success of our players and teams is very important to me, I am also focused on helping support our players off the pitch. I have written grants for MSC helping to develop an ongoing partnership with the Yours in Soccer Foundation, which brings academic support programs to our student athletes.

In my professional career, I have worked as a prosecutor in the Manhattan DA's Office and the Office of Special Narcotics. After leaving, drawing on my undergraduate background in education and my legal expertise, I began focusing on helping families to obtain educational services for their children (both special needs and gifted and talented), managing middle and high school placements in NYC, and navigating the admissions processes.

I am grateful to all those who have helped make MSC such an incredible organization and am committed to further supporting the Club and all members of our community. Thank you for your consideration.

**Derek Cribbs \***

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Team: son Carter (now in college) started with MSC at u9 and daughter Cassie (now u19) started with MSC at U7

Years at MSC: Team manager for 9 years with Fury and Beat. MSC Board of Directors for 1.5 years

MSC has meant a lot to my family. We've been affiliated with the club for over 10 years and truly appreciate everything the club did for our children. I'm a big believer in the power of sports to teach kids outside of the classroom and I'd like to continue to be a part of MSC and help ensure that the club helps develop kids for many years to come.

**Brian Dolan \***

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Team: Freedom B 2005 ECNL (Team Manager)

Years at MSC: Nine. Current Board Member, 4 years.

I have been an MSC parent for 9 years. My son started at U8 and now plays for the U17 Freedom team. I have been a manager the entire time, first with Wolves and then with Freedom. It has been amazing to see the teams progress from EDP and NYCFC leagues to the current impressive ECNL league. I have played soccer my whole life and have been trusted several times to coach an actual game. I have been on the board for four years now and have helped with fund raising and other activities. The two years of Covid were an especially challenging time for the club and I was happy to be able to help in any way I could. Looking forward, I can see that MSC has some exciting times ahead. I hope remain on the board to help in any way I can.

**Jon Graber \***

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Team: Thunder B 2004 ECNL (Team Manager)

Years at MSC: Thirteen, Board Member for 7 years, including the past 4 as president.

Even though I no longer have a child in the club, I look forward to hopefully continuing to help it in any way I can.

**David Kramer \***

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Team: Express Boys 2006

Years at MSC: Ten + years. Board member (current) for five years. VP of Board for two years

I have simply been a lifelong soccer fan. I was part of that wave of kids who started playing soccer in the mid to late 70s on Long Island, rooting for the Cosmos, and scrounging for any glimpses of European soccer on TV. I played club soccer, much like my two children (Emma who played for Charge before attending college this last year / Will - currently for Express) and was ultimately able to continue playing Division I soccer in college and participate in a Final Four. I understand the dedication that is required to successfully compete at high levels in addition to the time and effort required to be a successful contributor to MSC.

I have had my children play on both Premier and non-Premier teams and I appreciate there is balance between what is right for each child. I also have children who have participated in both the boys and the girls programs at MSC and have seen the unique requirements and needs of each. With my background and being involved with the club for over ten years, I thought I had something to offer and was fortunate to be elected to the Board in 2017 and I have served as an active member since then focusing on player experience, the club's long-term strategy, and navigating the Covid crisis. For the past two years, I have held the position of Vice President on the MSC Board. This involvement has excited and motivated me to seek reelection and further help the club as it copes with the current situation and strives to become better and better in the future. I have worked in finance at large firms (JPMorgan) and also risked my own capital in investing and managing small businesses. I understand the time required of people to make things work efficiently. Already knowing and respecting the DOCs and MSC Board members, I believe I can work well with all parties critical to the club and I hope I can continue to contribute to the ongoing growth and success of MSC.

**Julie Kronish \***

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Team: Roma Boys 2007 ECNL - Team Manager 2005 Freedom (Jack) Roma 2007 ECNL (Jonathan)

Years at MSC: 10+ years; Team Manager Roma ECNL since inception; MSC Board Member since 2020; Board Secretary; Committee Member on Zone1 and Education

I would be honored to continue serving as a member of the MSC Board. As a board member, my goal is to further the club's efforts in broadening community engagement. I have held the role as Secretary as well as served on the board's Education and Zone-1 Committees this year. I bring a roll-up-the-sleeves positive spirit to help maximize club pride. My experience with MSC has given me a deep understanding of the psycho-social impact of club soccer from all levels - the players, families and community at large. My three boys have grown up playing soccer in the MSC community with a combined 25 years amongst them who all play or have played for both travel and premier-level teams. I truly believe it takes a village, and in these times we need to rally around what makes the MSC community special. Professionally, I have a background in public relations where I developed and delivered effective and creative marketing programs to brands and companies at MS&L, a top global PR agency. I continue to consult for small companies and support boutique agencies. I have a passion for spreading the word on all things that are of genuine interest to me – and MSC is certainly something near and dear to me. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**Anna Lonergan \***

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Team: One or all of my sons have been playing for MSC since 2009. Over this decade + I have managed teams, volunteered to staff events, and organized countless rides, hotel accommodations and team dinners. Team names include Titans, Emelec, Clash, Thunder, Wolves, Express.....

Years at MSC: Thirteen. My oldest son began training/playing at MSC in 2009. I have managed teams since we arrived, and I have been on the Board of MSC since 2016.

I hope to be re-elected to the MSC Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 season. Though MSC has come so far, evolving from a group of parent-coached/run teams to a club that is now regularly recognized as one of the premier soccer clubs in the country. Before I am ready to leave completely I would like one more year to support Board initiatives that are so important for the future excellence of MSC and for youth soccer in NYC.



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Team: Chelsea Boys 2010 ECNL (Team Manager), Surf Girls 2015

Years at MSC: 6 years; Chelsea manager, Current MSC board member, director of Health and Safety committee.

I have managed Boys 2010 Chelsea for the past 5 years and have been an MSC Board member for the past 4 years, and I would love to continue to serve on the Board. I am a physician at Columbia University Medical Center and lead the Health and Safety Committee. This year, my 7-year-old daughter will also be playing on Girls 2015 Surf. I am very invested in the success of this club and in the well-being of our kids.

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Team: Atletico Boys 2009 ECNL (Team Manager

Years at MSC: Seven seasons - Team Manager (6); Board of Directors (3).

Over the last seven years it has been wonderful watching my child's love for soccer grow under the tutelage of Manhattan Soccer Club. During these years, I have also become attached to the Club and would be honored to continue to serve on the Board of Directors. I look forward to help guide and build an even stronger club for my child and other New York City kids.

The last year and a half were unlike any other I hope to ever experience with the BOD. Through all the challenges of COVID I feel the Board and myself found new and creative ways to continue to help this club continue and look for new ways to grow. I continued my role on the Team Managers Committee helping several of you with your various questions. I coordinated and led a new training seminar at the beginning of the season to help new and existing Team Managers. I plan to continue this seminar and perhaps running others during the year if necessary.

I hope to find more reasons to be prideful in the work this group does for the community and to remain a part of the Board. I ask for your vote to continue my role on the MSC Board of Directors in the 2022-23 season. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Stacey Lager Fixler**

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Team: Girls 2010/U12 Premier – Spurs. Daughter Sasha.

Years at MSC: Four years. Supportive parent.

Reason for joining MSC Board of Directors: I am interested in being on the MSC Board of Directors because I want to contribute to an organization that has become a very important part of my daughter's life. MSC aims to bring the highest standard of soccer to New York City while also creating a supportive community. I would like to help MSC reach its goals as a soccer club by providing my background and experience as a lawyer for private and public companies, as a fundraiser (Loomis Chaffee Fund, UW-Madison Booster and current CGPS Fund volunteer), as a former D-I athlete (tennis - not soccer!) and most importantly, as a parent of a current MSC player. I am invested in MSC and the future of girls soccer and I would be thrilled to be able to dedicate my time to this wonderful organization.

Additional information about me: I am currently the General Counsel at Splice (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/stacey-lager-22bb0911>). My family and I reside on the UWS, and my kids are both enrolled at Columbia Grammar. I have previously spent time volunteering in a professional capacity with UJA- Professional Women's division and I currently mentor a group of young lawyers that are also UW-Madison alumni.

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Team: Spurs G2010 (Manager); Victory G2013 (Asst Manager)

Years at MSC: Six years.

Over the past 6 years, MSC has become an important part of my life through my daughters' (Abigail (G2010) and Caroline (G2013)) commitment to soccer. As the manager of my older daughter's team, I am heavily invested in the overall team experience, both for her personally and for my friends and their daughters. I am proud to be a part of two small communities within MSC. Now, I would like to be a bigger part of MSC's overall success, which is why I'm running for a seat on MSC's Board of Directors.

As a parent of two young girls, I think I can bring a unique perspective to the Board. I think I have a good sense of the MSC parent body, understanding what works, what doesn't, what needs immediate improvement, and what some long-term goals could be. Furthermore, as someone who works in sports production, I would also be willing to help with any Board initiatives with regard to streaming, social media, and promoting the club/kids. I think I would bring a lot to the Board and would be honored to be an official part of the larger MSC community.

Thank you

**Bill Goldstein**

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Team: My daughter (Ari) played for the Girls 2006 Devils team for 2 years (currently recovering from an ACL injury) and son (Sam) plays for the Boys 2009 Atletico team.

Years at MSC: My children have played for MSC for 3 seasons (daughter 2 years and son 1 year)

My wife Elissa and I have 2 children, both who have or currently play for MSC. Ari (16) played for the Devils prior to an ACL injury and Sam (12) currently plays for Atletico. Both Sam and Ari love their experience with MSC and we all have a tremendous appreciation for what the club has done for them.

Through their experiences with MSC, I have developed a fondness and appreciation for the club from both the on-field soccer development perspective but also how the club has helped to reinforce the importance of teamwork, accountability, and responsibility in our children not just on the field but also at school, home and in the community. The coaches are outstanding at teaching the game but have also reinforced the importance of not just being great soccer players but also student athletes and role models to others from a leadership and teammate perspective.

Through my children's love for the game and MSC, I am very excited about the opportunity to give back to the club. My professional experience has afforded me the opportunity to be a member of various non-profit and private company Board of Directors. I value these opportunities and am fully engaged to assist in any manner needed. I have a deep background in finance and would welcome the opportunity to add value to the MSC Board. I have been a member of various fundraising, finance and audit committees in my current and previous Board memberships.

I am currently on the Board of US Soccer's New York City Development Council as well as a member of the Rutgers University Business School Advisory Board.

Thank you for your consideration and go MSC!

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Team: 2010 Girls Rapids, 2008 Girls Surge (Previously team manager for the Thorns)

Years at MSC: Four years

I'm extremely excited for the opportunity to join the Manhattan soccer club board. I am a lifelong lover of soccer and played from the time I was young until college.

A few things about me that I think would help with my success on the board. In addition to club soccer my girls play club lacrosse - I have some interesting insight to share about how other clubs run their program. My girls played on both the A-Team and the B team so I understand the differences between the premier and the non-premier teams.

Thirdly, we have built close knit communities on the teams that we play on, and I have an ear to the ground to give constructive feedback as to what I'm hearing from others within the community.

From a work perspective I lead a team for my own job and I would be able to bring my organization and willingness to lead and take on initiatives very seriously.

I also have some experience with nonprofits through my affiliation with the Junior League.

I absolutely believe I can contribute to the ongoing success and growth of the MSC program.

Thank you

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Team: 2010 Girls Thorns

Years at MSC: Daughter has been on MSC for more than three years. We are very engaged with MSC. Wife is team coordinator.

I believe that MSC is at a critical crossroads to (re)establish itself as the premier soccer league in the New York City area. I played soccer in high school and have coached both daughter and now my son for more than ten seasons with West Side Soccer League. While I am not an expert player or coach, that experience has taught me a great deal about understanding the game and what it takes for a league to build and maintain loyalty and a strong brand.

My daughter and my family have been very dedicated and committed members of MSC for three years (and counting). There have been so many positives to her experience. There have been other aspects that I would like to help improve (e.g., communications with families and obtaining their buy-in in various respects). Doing so will very much enhance each player's appreciation for what MSC provides at every level of the game, but also strengthen the bond and commitment that families have to MSC.

As an attorney and an individual who has served on numerous boards and committees, I bring a very logical and pragmatic perspective, in addition to being quite used to conducting business in person, by phone and by videoconference.

I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for this position and look forward to working with MSC for years to come.

Thank you

## **David Lee**

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Team: Boys 2012 Pachuca (Parent); Girls 2014 Arsenal (Manager); Futures Boys 2016 (Parent)

Years at MSC: Since 2016 (Logan, Emelie and Leo Lee all started with Tiny Tigers); Manager of Arsenal since 2021

My family has been part of the MSC family since 2016. All of our three kids started in Tiny Tigers and are now on travel teams. I am eternally grateful that MSC is helping to teach my children the game of soccer while encouraging team work, self esteem and sportsmanship. All of my kids have worked really hard and continue to challenge themselves and their teammates to get better.

This past year, my efforts has been to help build a community around team Arsenal, which is the 2014 girls team under Coach EJ. Many of the families are relatively new to MSC and most of the girls on the team missed a year of soccer due to the pandemic. I am proud of the parents of Arsenal and the success that our girls have demonstrated over the past several months in their play but mostly in their love for each other as teammates. Through our friends and network in Upper Manhattan, my wife Christine and I have been spreading the word that MSC's girls program offers a fantastic experience for young girls for all skill levels. We believe this has lead to several new girls and families joining the program this past year.

I wish to join the board of MSC to continue advocating for the success of MSC's girls programs while continuing to support the boys program, which I believe is the best in the NYC area. I am cognizant that financial realities can be a limitation for the recruitment of more coaches to teach and for certain families to join. I hope that bolstering MSC's financial resources can help alleviate those limitations. I believe that my background in private equity, can be help me in supporting and driving fundraising initiatives for MSC to support the recruitment, retention and development of the best coaches this city has to offer. As a partner in a private equity fund, I have experience raising funds as I have helped raise over a \$1bn of capital for my firm. My professional network is deeply rooted in the NYC private equity / finance community, which is comprised of many former athletes and parents of athletes, who I believe would willingly contribute towards sports-related community organizations. I believe this is an untapped network that can help augment MSC's mission.

Lastly, I am proud to call myself a New Yorker, born and raised. I have tremendous pride in being an MSC parent and contributing towards the MSC community. I am committed to help the continuation of the rooted traditions of MSC while driving construction change to help the community evolve as necessary.



## **Dan Riley**

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Team: Daughter Caroline (Spurs, 2010) and son William (PSG, 2013).

Years at MSC: Parent for 4 years. Former manager of Monterrey.

I was flattered when I was first approached about potentially joining the Board of Directors at MSC and I have realized that it is something I very much want to do. I love the game of soccer. I started playing at a young age in San Diego and first joined a “travel” team at the U-10 level. I had the good fortune to play for two successful clubs in the area: the Nomads Soccer Club and the San Diego Surf. From there, I was lucky to be able to continue to play at the college level as a member of the men’s soccer team at Princeton University. Throughout my time playing I was exposed to the highs and lows that come with competing at an elite level. I had some incredible coaches, and some not so great ones. We won big games, but also had some crushing defeats (yes, one still stings). I had teammates who went on to play professionally, and some who burned out and lost the joy of playing. I have tried to use all these experiences to be the best soccer dad I can be for my soccer playing kids, daughter Caroline (2010, Spurs) and son William (2013, PSG). One of the great joys of having my first born be a girl has been learning more about the women’s game. We have gone to see the USWNT play in the World Cup, we go watch the Princeton women’s team play, and we have also been excited to see the development of the women’s professional game. To say I am now passionate about the women’s game would be an understatement. On a professional level, I have worked at New Mountain Capital for the last 20 years. I have seen our company grow from a tiny organization where it wasn’t obvious we would survive, to a thriving business managing a substantial amount of capital across multiple asset classes. Over this time, I have had the experience of being in the board room for large and small companies, some successful and some that were struggling with hard strategic decisions. I think that all of my life experiences as a player, parent, and professional provide me with a unique skill set that could be helpful to the MSC board.

## **Gaetano Sciuto**

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Team: Helping Colin Hodge with U17 Freedom during practice and games. Atletico Boys 2009 (parent)

Years at MSC: Three

My Name is Gaetano Sciuto , I am Italian and with my wife Stefania and my son Emanuele we have been living in NY since 2013.

Emanuele plays at MSC in the 2009 Atletico team since 3 years and I have been volunteering at the club since 2021 helping Colin Hodge with Freedom 2005 team.

I am currently the Chief Executive Officer of Giorgio Armani Corporation overseeing all activities of Armani Group in the Americas. Previously I was President Americas of Fendi for 5 years and before that Global Licenses and accessories Director at Fendi in Italy.

At the beginning of my career I worked for 10 years in the Sunglass industry mainly related to fashion and sports and worked with clients like Nike, Smith, Under Armour, etc.

I actually started my professional career in the US in the soccer industry. From 1993 to 1998 I was managing the development of an Italian company called Lotto Sport. Lotto was famous for its soccer shoes as the company was founded in the Montebelluna areas which is where all the high end soccer shoes are made.

In my job which I had for 5 years I was dealing with soccer clubs around the country trying to sell our uniform program along with our shoes. I always worked at the Dallas Cup one of the major youth soccer tournaments in the US as Lotto was official sponsor of AC Milan and their youth team would participate in the event.

I also played soccer all my life in Italy and also in US and I have the E coaching license which I obtained in 2019 here in US.

I hold a Master's Degree from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird) and a degree in Economics from Bocconi University in Milan.

In addition I speak four languages. ( Italian, English, Spanish and French)  
I have been In different boards in the past ( Italian-American chamber of commerce, Luxury foundation , etc) and currently I am a board advisor of Web 3.0 a company specialized in Metaverse and NFT's.

I would like to join the Board of MSC because I am passionate about Soccer and because I believe that with my experience in management, licensing, sponsorship both in sports and fashion could be useful to contribute to move forward the club.

I am available for any questions you may have and look forward to support the club in the future.

**Alexander Stein**

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Team: Parent of 2005 Freedom ECNL center midfielder Ollie Schiff Stein (#36)

Years at MSC: Two

I'm founder of Dolus Advisors, a consultancy that provides advisory services to CEOs, senior management teams and boards. I bring a wealth of knowledge and experience in organizational leadership, culture and governance, and would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the MSC Board.

For additional detail and qualifications, see my firm's website:

<https://www.dolusadvisors.com/about-profile> and LinkedIn profile:

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/alexandersteinphd/>. I'm happy to answer any questions as you make a determination, and thank you for your consideration.

## **Stephen Youngwood**

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Team: Manager, Boys 2002 Fury (2017 to 2021), Parent Boys 2002 Gremio 2010 to 2015, Fury 2002 2015 to 21, Parent Real Boys 2011 2018 to Present

Years at MSC: Twelve

1) I bring a long-time and varied experience with the club. Have seen the club for 12 years through two kids both on B teams and Premier Teams. Have the perspective of seeing one son start at 8 with MSC, growing from B to Premier, and then stay with it through the end of high school and now continue on to play at college. I now see the club now through new eyes with a U11 Premier player. Have seen it as a parent as a manger.

2) Have had a career in business and am now CEO of Sesame Workshop, an educational media focused not-for-profit. Deep experience in balancing mission and financial sustainability (and the culture and economic model it requires) 3) Passionate soccer player as a youth and big fan as an adult. Club has played an important part in my families' life and will continue over the next several years. I want to do what I can to help it thrive. I have a particular interest in seeing how it can support kids not just in soccer but also help those who need it find a balance with their school needs.