



INFORMATION PAGE

Week of February 25th, 2011

1 **Saint Vincent and The Grenadines elects a new Executive**

In a 19th February meeting, the following EXCO was elected. Congratulations to Jacqueline De Freitas on her re-election, and to the members who will take SVG to the next level:

President	Jacqueline De Freitas
1st Vice President	Phillip Alvis
2nd Vice President	Kelly Glass
Treasurer	Leonard Matthews
Secretary	Shervonne Cato
PRO	Andrew Newman
Asst. Secretary/Treasurer	Kimron Barnum
Committee Members	Cheno Baptiste, Seymour Browne and Anthony John

In case you were wondering, there are two other female IRB Member Union Presidents: Stina Leijonhuvud (Sweden) and Tan Theany (Cambodia); and two female Union Chairpersons - Gifty Annan Myers (Ghana) and Alexandra Langer-Hansel (Austria).

2 **USA Rugby announces seating of College Management Council**

(From usaRugby.org)

The first major piece of the restructuring of the administration of college Rugby is now in place as USA Rugby has seated its College Management Council.

The 15-member Council will equally represent men's and women's programs in all regions of the country and serve as the focal point for implementation of USA Rugby college operating policies.

"We are entering a new era in college Rugby," USA Rugby CEO Nigel Melville said. "The seating of the College Management Council puts decisions on the issues facing the college game directly in the hands of college stakeholders."

Members of the Council are:

Chair: Peter Seccia, USA Rugby Board of Directors

East Region: Alex Magleby, Dartmouth; MaryBeth Mathews, Bowdoin

South Region: James Farrar, South Carolina; Nancy Kechner, Virginia

Central Region: Scot Prunckle, Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Bill Sexton, Truman State

West Region: Ellen Owens, California; Matt Sherman, Stanford

International Athletes: Dan Payne, Life; Alex Williams, USA Rugby High Performance

Staff Liaison: Todd Bell, USA Rugby Collegiate Director

A breakdown of the schools represented in each region will be available on the USA Rugby website.

Rounding out the Council are the chairs of the four college-specific committees that will serve under the Management Council:

Women's Strategic: Sue Parker, Navy

Eligibility: Marty Bradley, Tennessee

Men's Competitions: Kevin Battle, UC-Santa Barbara

Women's Competitions: Jonathan Griffin, Stanford

The four chairpersons will serve as ex-officio (non-voting) members of the Council. Full committee rosters will be announced in the coming days.

"I am looking forward to chairing the College Management Council," USA Rugby Board member Pete Seccia said. "The Council will now receive the baton from the College Strategic Committee and expand on that work. My fellow Council members represent a broad cross-section of the sport and bring a diverse set of experiences and opinions to the table. It's a dynamic group.

"I'm excited about the progress we've made at the college level over the last year with the founding of the Premier competition, the administrative restructure and the move to a conference-based system for the men's game. The Strategic Committee and our Collegiate Director, Todd Bell, should be commended for all that they accomplished in such a short period of time."

The Management Council replaces the College Strategic Committee as the lead body directly overseeing the college game in the USA Rugby structure.

Among its charges, the College Management Council will:

- Implement USA Rugby college operating policies
- Consider, rule on and guide implementation of recommendations from college committees

- Make policy recommendations to the Rugby Committee related to college Rugby
- Provide guidance to, and oversight of, college committees
- Supervise compliance with USA Rugby college operating policy.

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3 Passing the ball to Scott Harland

The *Information Page* will in future be prepared and sent to you by Scott, NACRA's Regional Development Officer.

Scott was appointed in April 2008 and has proven himself an outstanding contributor to Rugby in this region, particularly in the Caribbean.



Before joining NACRA, Scott was involved in Canadian refereeing, coaching and administration, having refereed at the national level and coached at the international level. He is accredited as an IRB Trainer, having previously been Acting Executive Director of the Manitoba Sport Secretariat, a role that saw him assist with the development of government policy regarding sports development and event hosting. This position also gave Scott an opportunity to support, advise and monitor a wide range of sports organizations and event host committees.

I will provide the latest IRB circulars, rulings, directives etc for Scott to include.

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Best wishes to all.

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Regional General Manager



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