

AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS' ASSOCIATION INC.

(Registration No. A00 27415N)

2009 PFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MEETING MATERIALS

23 October 2009

**Friday 13 November 2009 at 12.00pm for 1.00pm (AEST)
at PricewaterhouseCoopers
201 Sussex Street,
Sydney NSW 2000**

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1. AGENDA

AGENDA FOR 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS' ASSOCIATION INC TO BE HELD AT 1.00PM (AEST) ON FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2009.

1. OPENING

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

3. ORDINARY BUSINESS

The ordinary business of the meeting will be:

- (a) to confirm the minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting held 5 September 2008;
- (b) to receive:
 - (i) from the Executive a report on the transactions of the PFA for the year ending 30 June 2009; and
 - (ii) from the Chief Executive his report on the business of the PFA for that period;
- (c) to accept declarations of interest from members of the Executive;
- (d) to:
 - (i) ratify the appointments of Tim Cahill and Vincenzo Grella to the Executive to fill casual vacancies; and
 - (ii) conduct an election for five members of the Executive; and
- (e) to receive and consider the statements of the PFA required under section 30(3) of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* (Vic) ("the Act"), including:
 - (i) the income and expenditure of the PFA for the year ending 30 June 2009; and
 - (ii) the assets and liabilities of the PFA at the end of that period.

4. SPECIAL BUSINESS

The special business to be transacted at the meeting will be:

- (a) to consider a special resolution to change the name of the PFA to Professional Footballers Australia Inc;
- (b) to consider a special resolution to alter the Rules of the PFA;
- (c) to consider a special resolution that Ross Aloisi, Simon Colosimo, Ante Milicic and David Zdrilic be admitted as PFA Life Members;
- (d) to consider a special resolution that PFA Life Member Craig Foster be made a PFA Champion; and
- (e) any other matter of which notice is given in accordance with the Rules of the PFA and the Act.

2. AGENDA ITEM 3(a) – MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS' ASSOCIATION INC HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 3.00PM (AEST) AT PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS, 201 SUSSEX STREET, SYDNEY AND BY TELECONFERENCE.

1. OPENING

The Chairman formally welcomed everyone to the 2008 PFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) and opened the meeting.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Attendance:

Simon Colosimo	President, Sydney FC
John Poulakakis	Chairman
Brendan Schwab	Chief Executive & General Counsel
Kevin Muscat	Executive, Melbourne Victory
Alex Wilkinson	Executive, Central Coast Mariners
Liam Reddy	Executive, Queensland Roar
Ante Milicic	Executive, Shahzan Muhda
Jon McKain	Executive, Wellington Phoenix
David Tarka	Executive, Perth Glory
David Zdrilic	Sydney FC
Ross Aloisi	Wellington Phoenix
Jason Petkovic	Perth Glory
Naum Sekulovski	Perth Glory
Scott Bulloch	Perth Glory
Matt Mackay	Queensland Roar
Matthew Kemp	Melbourne Victory
Adam D'Apuzzo	Newcastle Jets
Clint Bolton	Sydney FC
Shannon Cole	Sydney FC
John Aloisi	Sydney FC
Alex Tobin	Life Member
Stan Lazaridis	Life Member
Jeromy Harris	Candidate for Life Membership
Clinton Ooi	Assistant to the Chief Executive
Laura Sigal	Player Relations Advisor & Lawyer
Sanjeevan Balasingam	Player Relations Executive
Zeljko Susa	Player Relations Officer

Also in attendance (for part of the meeting):

Rob Abernethy	FFA Head of A-League Operations
Jo Setright	FFA Head of Legal and Business Affairs
John Didulica	FFA Legal Counsel (Regulatory) and Candidate for Life Membership

Apologies:

Harry Kewell	Executive, Socceroos
Michael Valkanis	Executive, Adelaide United
Ante Covic	Executive, Newcastle Jets

The Chief Executive reported that Michael Valkanis had given a late apology for urgent personal reasons, but still planned to join the meeting if possible. It was noted that Michael was the proxy holder for a number of Adelaide United players.

Proxies:

The Chief Executive reported that he had received the following written appointments of proxies in accordance with Rule 17(o) of the Rules of the PFA:

Member	Date	Proxy
Dave Mulligan	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Richard Johnson	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Glen Moss	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Mark Paston	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Daniel	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Jeremy Christie	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Michael Ferrante	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Andrew Durante	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Emmanuel Muscat	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Adam Kwasnik	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Ben Sigmund	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Troy Hearfield	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Shane Smeltz	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Kosta Barbarouses	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Tim Brown	25/8/08	Jon McKain
Reinaldo	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Mitch Nichols	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Sergio van Dijk	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Hyuk-su Seo	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Chris Grossman	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Robbie Kruse	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Michael Zullo	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Tahj Minniecon	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Griffin McMaster	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Tim Smits	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Andrew Packer	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Danny Tiatto	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
David Dodd	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Ben Griffin	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Charlie Miller	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Craig Moore	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Massimo Murdocca	1/9/08	Liam Reddy

Member	Date	Proxy
Tom Oar	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Luke Devere	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Josh McCloughan	1/9/08	Liam Reddy
Sasa Oggenovski	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Travis Dodd	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Angelo Costanzo	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Cristiano	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Alemao	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Daniel Beltrame	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Cassio	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Eugene Galekovic	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Diego	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Fabian Barbiero	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Robert Younis	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Lucas Pantelis	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Jason Spagnuolo	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Jonas Salley	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Paul Reid	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Scott Jamieson	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Paul Agostino	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
Robert Cornthwaite	3/9/08	Michael Valkanis
James Downey	5/9/08	David Tarka
Nikolai Topor Stanley	5/9/08	David Tarka
Jason Petkovic	5/9/08	David Tarka
Jamie Coyne	5/9/08	David Tarka
Nikita Rukavystya	5/9/08	David Tarka
Jimmy Downey	5/9/08	David Tarka
Jamie Harnwell	5/9/08	David Tarka
Dylan Macallister	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Sasho Petrovski	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Nik Mrdja	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Dean Heffernan	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Andrew Clark	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Ahmad Elrich	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Adrian Caceres	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
John Hutchinson	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Brad Porter	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Matt Simon	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
David D'Apuzzo	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Mark Bosnich	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Andrew Redmayne	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Greg Owens	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Danny Vukovic	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Mile Jedinak	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Matthew Osman	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Nigel Boogaard	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Paul O'Grady	5/9/08	Alex Wilkinson
Evan Berger	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Jose Luis Lopez	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat

Member	Date	Proxy
Ney Fabiano	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Carlos Hernandez	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Rodrigo Vargas	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Grant Brebner	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Michael Thwaite	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Steven Pace	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Tom Pondeljak	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Mitch Langerak	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Billy Celeski	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Daniel Allsopp	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Steve Pantelidis	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Daniel Vasilevski	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Nicholas Ward	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Michael Theoklitos	5/9/08	Kevin Muscat
Rob Middleby	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Mark Bridge	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Adam Casey	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Terry McFlynn	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Alex Brosque	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
John Aloisi	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Stephen Corica	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Tony Popovic	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Niko Tsattalios	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Stuart Musialik	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Ivan Necevski	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Brendon Santalab	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Mike Enfield	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Adam Biddle	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Dez Giraldi	5/9/08	Simon Colosimo
Kaz Patafta	5/9/08	Adam D'Apuzzo
Ben McNamara	5/9/08	Adam D'Apuzzo
Adam Griffiths	5/9/08	Adam D'Apuzzo
Jesper Hakansson	5/9/08	Adam D'Apuzzo
Edmundo Zura	5/9/08	Adam D'Apuzzo
Jason Hoffman	5/9/08	Adam D'Apuzzo
Jason Naidovski	5/9/08	Adam D'Apuzzo
Ben Kennedy	5/9/08	Adam D'Apuzzo

The Chief Executive reported that Notice of the AGM had been given to all members of the PFA on 8 August 2008, more than 21 days before the AGM. Such notice was necessary due to a number of Special Resolutions being on the Agenda. The AGM Meeting Materials were also published that due on www.pfa.net.au and referred to in the AGM Notice.

3. ORDINARY BUSINESS

(a) Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting of the PFA which was held on 10 January 2007 be accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

(b) Report from the Executive

The President presented a brief report on behalf of the Executive on the activities of the PFA for the year ending 30 June 2008, and noted the membership of the Executive and its work.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Executive's report be accepted.

(c) Report from the Chief Executive

The Chief Executive presented a detailed report on the business of the PFA for the year ending 30 June 2008, and the developments of the PFA since the 2007 Annual General Meeting. In particular, the Chief Executive referred to *The Marston – 2008 PFA Members' Guide* which had been distributed to all members detailing the comprehensive work of the PFA in its various activity areas. The Chief Executive also summarised the current plans and work of the PFA by reference to its 10 operational goals.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the Chief Executive's report be accepted.

(d) Declarations of Interest

The Chief Executive read out the declarations of interest set out at page 10 of the AGM Meeting Materials which had been published on www.pfa.net.au and referred to in the AGM Notice.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the declaration of interests be accepted.

(e) Election

The Chief Executive reported that, at a meeting of the PFA Executive held prior to the AGM, Executive members Ross Aloisi and David Zdrilic had tendered their resignations with effect from the end of that Executive meeting. The Executive has respectively appointed Jon McKain and David Tarka to the ensuing casual vacancies.

IT WAS RESOLVED to ratify the appointments of Jon McKain and David Tarka made 5 September 2008 to respectively replace the casual vacancies created by the resignations of the same day of Ross Aloisi and David Zdrilic.

The Chief Executive noted that, subject to the PFA Rules, the terms of appointment of Messrs McKain and Tarka expire at the conclusion of the 2009 AGM.

The Chief Executive reported that, in addition to the resignations of Messrs Aloisi and Zdrilic, Harry Kewell would not be seeking re-election to the Executive.

The meeting warmly thanked all three players for their contribution and commitment to the Executive over several years. The President made a presentation of gratitude on behalf of the PFA to Messrs Aloisi and Zdrilic, the retiring Executive members in attendance at the meeting.

The Chief Executive further reported that he had received 5 written nominations for election as ordinary members of the Executive of the PFA in accordance with Rule 9(b) of the Rules of the PFA:

- John Aloisi, nominated by Simon Colosimo (5 September 2008);
- Ante Covic, nominated by Tarek Elrich (28 August 2008);
- Ante Milicic, nominated by Simon Colosimo (5 September 2008);
- Michael Valkanis, nominated by Robert Cornthwaite (2 September 2008) and
- Alex Wilkinson, nominated by himself (4 September 2008).

The Chief Executive reported that Jon McKain had been nominated by Tim Brown, but had withdrawn that nomination upon being appointed to fill the casual vacancy on the Executive.

It was noted that the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies.

IT WAS DECLARED, in accordance with Rule 9(c)(i) of the Rules of the PFA, that Messrs Aloisi, Covic, Milicic, Valkanis and Wilkinson be deemed to be elected as ordinary members of the Executive of the PFA.

The meeting congratulated all elected, including new Executive member John Aloisi.

(f) **Statements Required Under Section 30(3) of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* (Vic)**

The Chief Executive made a detailed presentation on the financial position of the PFA, noting the membership and work of the PFA Governance Committee, the PFA's financial performance against budget in 2007/2008, the PFA's budget for 2008/2009 and the PFA's 3 year financial strategy including specific projections until 2009/2010.

In accordance with Section 30(3) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Vic), the following statements were also received. The statements were audited by the PFA's auditors, PKF, and were published on www.pfa.net.au 14 days before the AGM:

- (i) statement of income and expenditure for the PFA for the 2007/2008 financial year; and
- (ii) particulars of assets and liabilities at the end of the 2007/2008 financial year.

The Chief Executive reported that in the view of the Executive:

- the statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the PFA for the 2007/2008 financial year;
- there have been no subsequent events to alter that view; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe the PFA will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

IT WAS RESOLVED that the statements be accepted.

4. SPECIAL BUSINESS

The special business transacted at the meeting was:

(a) Change of Name of PFA

IT WAS RESOLVED, as a special resolution, that the name of the Australian Professional Footballers' Association Inc be changed to Professional Footballers Australia Inc with effect from 1 July 2009.

(b) Alteration of the Rules of the PFA

IT WAS RESOLVED, as a special resolution, that the Statement of Purposes and the Rules of the PFA be amended by deleting the current Statement of Purposes and Rules in their entirety and replacing them with the Statement of Purposes and Rules in the form at Annexure B to the AGM Meeting Materials.

(c) Admission of Life Members

John Didulica joined the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED, as a special resolution, that Jeromy Harris, Brad Maloney, John Didulica and Kevin Muscat be admitted as Life Members of the PFA.

IT WAS ALSO RESOLVED, as a special resolution, that Greg Brown, and Frank Farina be admitted as Life Members of the PFA with effect from the date on which the alteration to the Rules of the PFA under Agenda Item 4(c) takes effect.

(d) Awards of Recognition

IT WAS RESOLVED, as a special resolution, that Kimon Taliadoros and Alex Tobin be awarded with awards of recognition for outstanding service rendered to the PFA.

It was noted that all new Life Members, Alex Tobin and Kimon Taliadoros would be formally presented with awards at the inaugural presentation of the PFA Alex Tobin OAM Medal and PFA Kimon Taliadoros Scholarships to be held on the evening of the AGM. However, due to the special nature of the award named in honour of Alex Tobin, the Chief Executive took the opportunity to present him with the medal named by the PFA in his honour.

(e) Other Business

(i) A-League Disciplinary Regulations

The Chairman welcomed Rob Abernethy, FFA Head of A-League Operations, Jo Setright, FFA Head of Legal and Business Affairs, and John Didulica, FFA Legal Counsel (Regulatory) to the meeting.

A lengthy discussion ensued about the principles, terms and operation of the new A-League Disciplinary Regulations, which, the AGM noted, adopted many of the recommendations of the PFA developed at the discussion on the same topic at the 2007 AGM. It was agreed that FFA and the PFA need to maintain close dialogue on this matter, with a view to regularly reviewing the operation of the regulations. To this end, the PFA, through the players, communicated its view that the regulations allowing for the Match Review Panel to review matters which have escaped the referee's attention including the denial of the goal scoring opportunity were technical, subjective and likely to cause problems in terms of consistency and the confidence of the public and participants in the system.

(ii) Other Business

There was no other business.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.30pm.

Confirmed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____

3. AGENDA ITEM 3(b) – REPORTS

In October 2009, the PFA for the second time published a special edition of *The Marston*, the PFA's official magazine for Australia's professional footballers. *The Marston* doubles as the PFA's 2009/2010 Members' Guide and sets out in comprehensive detail the business and activities of the PFA for the financial year ending 30 June 2009.

3.1 Report of the PFA Executive

PFA President Simon Colosimo will verbally present to the meeting his report on the activities of the PFA Executive for the year ending 30 June 2009.

3.2 Report of the PFA Chief Executive

PFA Chief Executive and General Counsel Brendan Schwab will verbally present to the meeting his report on the business of the PFA for the year ending 30 June 2009, and the developments of the PFA since the 2008 PFA Annual General Meeting.

4. AGENDA ITEM 3(c) – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To ensure the transparency and accountability of the PFA, the PFA's Rules require any transactions in which a member of the Executive has an interest to be declared at the following Annual General Meeting. This accords with the responsibilities of Executive members of the PFA under relevant legislation.

The only current resolutions carried by the Executive in which a member of the Executive has a relevant interest are set out below.

4.1 PFA Executive Honoraria

In June 2009, the PFA Executive adopted the following honoraria policy for members of the Executive effective 1 July 2009:

- President, \$5,000 per financial year; and
- ordinary member of the Executive, \$1,000 per financial year.

Executive members will now pay full membership fees, with PFA Delegates to be exempted from the payment of membership fees in consideration of their duties.

4.2 PFA Education Fund

Members of the Executive have the same entitlements and are subject to the same grant conditions as all Full Members of the PFA.

4.3 Game Plan Australia Pty Ltd

Game Plan Australia Pty Ltd is engaged by the PFA to provide the services of John Poulakakis as Chairman of the PFA. The terms of the agreement between Game Plan Australia Pty Ltd and the PFA were approved by the PFA Executive in February 2008 on the recommendation of the PFA Governance Committee. The agreement is for an open ended duration terminable on the giving of one month's notice by either party.

4.4 Chief Executive Brendan Schwab

Chief Executive Brendan Schwab is employed by the PFA in a full-time capacity under a contract of employment approved by the PFA Executive on terms recommended by the PFA Governance Committee in July 2008. The agreement is for a term of 3 years to expire on 31 March 2011.

4.5 Statement of Compliance

Apart from the matters declared above, no member of the Executive receives any remuneration or other benefit in consideration of or in connection with his membership of the Executive, other than the payment or reimbursement of expenses directly incurred in attending Executive meetings. In accordance with the Rules of the PFA and relevant legislation, no member of the Executive participated in any vote in relation to any of the matters declared above in which he had a specific interest.

5. AGENDA ITEM 3(d) – ELECTION

At the AGM:

- an election must be conducted for 5 of the 10 ordinary positions on the PFA Executive; and
- all Executive members appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Executive since the 2008 AGM must have their appointments ratified.

5.1 Current Composition of the PFA Executive

- **Retirement:**

Ante Milicic (elected 2008 AGM) is due to retire from the Executive at the AGM as he is no longer eligible to sit (he does not play in the A-League or professionally overseas). His casual vacancy can be filled by the Executive.

- **Expiring Terms:**

The terms of the following players expire at the AGM. All are eligible for re-election:

- Simon Colosimo (elected 2007 AGM);
- Liam Reddy (elected 2007 AGM);
- Kevin Muscat (elected 2007 AGM);
- Jon McKain (replaced Ross Aloisi in September 2008, who was elected at the 2007 AGM); and
- Tim Cahill (replaced David Tarka in May 2009 who, in September 2008, replaced David Zdrilic who was elected at the 2007 AGM).

- **Ratification of Casual Vacancy:**

The appointment of Vincenzo Grella – who filled the casual vacancy created by the retirement/resignation of Michael Valkanis (elected 2008 AGM) – requires ratification at the AGM. His term will then run until the 2010 AGM.

- **Continuing Executive Members:**

The following Executive members were elected at the 2008 AGM and have terms that run until the 2010 AGM:

- John Aloisi
- Ante Covic
- Alex Wilkinson

5.2 Conduct of the Election

Laura Sigal, the PFA's Associate General Counsel, has been appointed as the Returning Officer for the conduct of the election. She has determined that the period for nominations to be lodged will open on Monday 26 October 2009 and close at 12.59pm on Friday 13 November 2009.

Nominations of candidates for election as ordinary members of the Executive must be made in writing and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination). All nominations must be in the form set out at Appendix 4 to the rules of the PFA (Rule 24.8(c)).

The result of the election is determined at the AGM as follows:

- if insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the Executive, the candidates nominated will be deemed to be elected and further nominations will be received at the meeting;
- if the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled on the Executive, the persons nominated will be deemed to be elected; and
- if the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled on the Executive, a ballot must be held at the AGM in the manner provided for in the Rules of the PFA.

**6. AGENDA ITEM 3(e) – STATEMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THE ASSOCIATIONS
INCORPORATION ACT 1981 (VIC)**

In accordance with section 30 (3) of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* (Vic), the audited financial statements of the PFA for the 2008/2009 financial year will be made available on www.pfa.net.au.

7. AGENDA ITEM 4 (a) – CHANGE OF NAME OF THE PFA

7.1 Recommendation:

THAT the name of the association be changed from the Australian Professional Footballers Association Inc to Professional Footballers Australia Inc and that the Rules of the PFA be altered accordingly.

7.2 Comment:

The change of name was approved at the 2008 Annual General Meeting held on 5 September 2008 to take effect 1 July 2009. Consumer Affairs Victoria decided that a name change could not be adopted to take effect at a future date. Accordingly, it is necessary to move the special resolution again. The name change will take effect on the date it is approved by Consumer Affairs Victoria. In the meantime, the Professional Footballers Association name and logo are registered trademarks of the PFA.

8. AGENDA ITEM 4 (b) – ALTERATION OF THE RULES OF THE PFA

8.1 Workplace Representatives

(a) Recommendation

THAT Rule 17.1 of the Rules of the PFA be altered as follows to allow for voting by proxy at meetings of any Delegates' Committee:

17.1 Each member present at a meeting of a Delegates' Committee (including the person presiding at the meeting) is entitled to one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes on any question, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote. All votes must be given personally or by proxy given to a Member of the Delegate's Club or National Team approved by the Chief Executive.

(b) Comment:

The Delegates' Committees were formally introduced into the PFA's Rules by special resolution carried at the 2008 PFA Annual General Meeting. The PFA Executive must obtain the approval of the Soccerroos or the A-League Delegates' Committee before entering into a Collective Bargaining Agreement in respect of those membership groups. This ensures player control over the affairs of the PFA. As a result, a member of the Delegates' Committee should have the right to appoint a proxy where he is unable to attend a meeting. In the case of the A-League, this ensures the Delegate's teammates can be represented at the meeting even if the Delegate cannot attend in person.

8.2 Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)

(a) Recommendation

THAT all references in the Rules of the PFA to the Workplace Relations Act 1996 (Cth) be replaced with references to the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth).

(b) Comment:

The recommended resolution reflects the recent change in the legislation of the Australian parliament governing workplace relations.

8. AGENDA ITEM 4 (c) – ADMISSION OF LIFE MEMBERS

3.1 Recommendation

THAT, in accordance with Rules 5.1 and 5.2 of the Rules of the PFA, Ross Aloisi, Simon Colosimo, Ante Milicic and David Zdrilic be admitted as Life Members of the PFA.

3.2 Comment

In the view of the Executive, all 4 nominees have rendered outstanding service to the PFA in their capacity as members of the PFA Executive.

(a) Ross Aloisi

Ross, an original member of the PFA whilst a player with Brunswick Juventus in the former National Soccer League in 1993, served the PFA Executive productively between 2005 and 2008. In that time, the PFA grew in effectiveness by achieving 100% membership and Collective Bargaining Agreements for both the Socceroos and the A-League. Ross also played the role of Club Delegate at Adelaide United and Wellington Phoenix.

(b) Simon Colosimo

Simon has been heavily involved in PFA affairs since the PFA was heavily involved in discussions to save the Carlton Soccer Club in the former National Soccer League in 1999/2000. In late 2004, he joined the PFA Executive, becoming the PFA's 4th President following the retirement of long-term PFA President Alex Tobin. Simon's tenure as PFA President has seen the PFA through the difficult transition from the former Soccer Australia and National Soccer League into the modern professional game. Simon has always been active in ensuring player involvement in the PFA's decision making at both Socceroo and club levels. The PFA's influence, services and collective bargaining outcomes have all grown substantially under his Presidency. He now sits behind Alex Tobin as the PFA's longest serving President.

(c) Ante Milicic

Ante, a long time PFA member during both the NSL and A-League eras, served the PFA Executive between 2005 and 2008. In that time, the PFA grew in effectiveness by achieving 100% membership and Collective Bargaining Agreements for both the Socceroos and the A-League. Ante also played the role of Club Delegate at Newcastle Jets and Queensland Roar. He also sat as a member of the PFA Governance Committee.

(d) David Zdrilic

David is also a long time PFA member during both the NSL and A-League eras, and served the PFA Executive between 2005 and 2008. In that time, the PFA grew in effectiveness by achieving 100% membership and Collective Bargaining Agreements for both the Socceroos and the A-League. David also played the role of Club Delegate at Sydney FC and fully supported and contributed to the role of the PFA during a long and successful career with the Socceroos.

3.3 Earlier PFA Life Members

Kimon Taliadoros (1999)
Francis Awaritefe (2000)
Andrew Harper (2001)
Robert Hooker (2001)
Alex Tobin OAM (2002)
Craig Foster (2003)
Brendan Schwab (2003)
Stan Lazaridis (2003)
Zeljko Kalac (2006)
Greg Brown (2008)
Frank Farina (2008)
Jeromy Harris (2008)
Brad Maloney (2008)
John Didulica (2008)
Kevin Muscat (2008)

8. AGENDA ITEM 4 (d) – PFA CHAMPION

The PFA Rules provide for awards of recognition to be made to PFA Life Members for exceptional leadership and contribution. This form of recognition is called “PFA Champion” and sits as the PFA’s highest honour. In 2008, Alex Tobin and Kimon Taliadoros became the only players so far honoured in this way by the PFA (refer www.pfa.net.au).

4.1 Recommendation

THAT, in accordance with Rules 5.4 and 5.5 of the Rules of the PFA, PFA Life Member Craig Foster become a PFA Champion.

4.2 Comment

Craig Foster was a member of the PFA Executive from 1998 until 2002, when he finished his playing career. During this time, he was also a Director of PFA Management Limited, which led the PFA’s research into the development of a new professional football competition in Australia. The work of PFA Management Limited largely influenced the work of the 2003 National Soccer League Task Force, the recommendations of which resulted in today’s A-League. In recognition of his service to his fellow professionals, Craig became a PFA Life Member in 2003.

Craig enjoyed a successful playing career both in Australia and abroad. As a professional in England, he not only captained Championship outfit Crystal Palace, he also helped ensure the PFA was the voice of both domestic and overseas based Australian professionals. Whilst the media immediately welcomed Craig in his post playing days, in 2005 he briefly stepped down from his media commitments and acted as Interim Chief Executive of the PFA during the negotiation of the Socceroos Collective Bargaining Agreement for the 2006 FIFA World Cup. His work in the media has been independent, informed, original and underpinned by a determination to ensure Australia becomes a power in the world game. His skill as a presenter has seen him engaged in the wider media, becoming the anchor sports newsreader for SBS television.

As with Alex and Kimon, the PFA Executive has resolved to establish a special program in recognition of Craig’s contribution. The PFA Craig Foster Football Media Scholarships are appropriately named, and recognise Craig’s professional achievements as a player, with the PFA and in the media as both a football analyst and media presenter. They will be awarded to up to 2 players annually who are seeking a post-playing career in the football media.

9. AGENDA ITEM 4 (e) – OTHER BUSINESS

The PFA Annual General Meeting also provides an important opportunity for members to raise items of general business in accordance with the Rules of the PFA.