

MASSL Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday December 13, 2025

Shorty Howell Park Community Center, Duluth, GA

Members signed in for the meeting and registered for door prizes.

League President, Mike Alexander, called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

League Secretary, Chris Bolden, presented the meeting agenda on the projection screen.

League Vice-President, Chuck Williams, provided an opening prayer. Mike recognized the many U.S. military veterans we have in the league in attendance.

Mike Alexander recognized all league board members, league volunteers (practice champions Jim Hannah and Clay Tavormina), 2025 league umpire volunteers and photographers (Rob Vanni and Jim Hannah).

Mike covered the 2025 Financial Statement as presented on screen. Mike provided a line-by-line update for all revenue and expense line items. Mike emphasized the overall financial health of our league ending 2025 versus 2024. Primary contributors to strengthening the budget in 2025 were increases in league registration fees, sponsor revenue and a decrease in league softballs heading into 2026.

A large portion of the open dialogue centered around the umpire situation heading into 2026. The 2025 season umpires were a collaboration of league members stepping up to umpire and a few outside recruits. The overwhelming feedback of the membership is to have a professional association handle the umpire duties in 2026. Mike stated that professional association umpiring would cost the league 3X the amount we paid in 2025. Mike also mentioned that despite a healthy treasury balance of \$12,571.12 that we would most likely need to increase registration fees again in 2026 to cover the cost of an umpire association. The general feedback from the members in attendance was acknowledgement and support of an increase to have association umpires handle our games.

Question from the membership: Can we offer registrants the ability to pay for both Spring and Fall halves during the Spring 2026 registration process? The board will take it under consideration and discuss the viability in the January 2026 Board Meeting.

Mike covered the 2025 Membership Demographics, recognized the league sponsors (as shown on the presentation) and issued a special thank you to the 2025 Team Managers for both leagues. Mike presented each manager with a \$25 GC donated by Parts Authority.

Mike also recognized the league commissioners – AL Commissioner Todd Eaton and NL Commissioner Tommy Wiggins.

Next, we honored league members who had passed away the past 24 months with a moment of silent prayer.

The Jim Smith Sportsmanship award was presented by Chuck Williams. Chuck read aloud the spirit and essence of Jim Smith as a player and person. Then, Chuck read the nominating statement for this year's recipient that was submitted by Paul Sawyer. The 2025 honor was bestowed on longtime league member and previous board member Rick Rhodes for outstanding performance and character.

Election of 2026 League Officers was next on the agenda. Mike, Chuck and League Treasurer, Christine Scheurich, all volunteered to return in 2026. Mike asked the members in attendance if anyone had a desire to nominate any other member for any of the three (3) board positions. No one stepped forward with a nomination. Mike reported that all current league Board Members will return in 2026, with the exception of AL Commissioner Tommy Wiggins. Tommy announced his desire to step down in the November BOD Meeting. We sent an email to the general membership asking for volunteers to take the reigns. We received interest from two (2) NL league members – Paul Sawyer and Marvin Powers. The BOD voted in November to replace Tommy with league member Marvin Powers.

Mike reviewed the 2025 Season. Utilizing the Baseball and Softball fields at Best Friend Park Monday thru Thursday nights and for member practices Saturday & Monday mornings. No change expected in light fees. Field maintenance items presented – fix 1st base bag on Softball Field, line up pitching rubber and home plate and 2nd base on the Softball Field and line the batter's boxes accurately on both fields.

Mike presented a Gwinnett County update. Nothing new for 2026. Out-of-county fee remains the same at \$90 per player for non-Gwinnett residents playing in the MASSL. We plan to have an on-field meeting at Best Friend Park in January 2026 with the Gwinnett County Parks & Rec leadership team.

Mike reiterated our commitment to having the Annual One Pitch Players Tournament in September 2026. Chuck Williams and Doris Warpole will be co-champions for the Memorial Tournament.

Top door prizes – two senior bats donated by Eurskine Lyons and a large screen TV donated by Sergion Sencion/EZ Appliances – were raffled off as we concluded the meeting.

Mike Alexander adjourned the meeting at 10:35am.