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CALIFORNIA STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION PICKS NEW CHIEF

SACRAMENTO – The California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) has appointed Andrew “Andy” Foster as its new Executive Officer. Commissioners selected him at their meeting October 8, 2012 in Los Angeles.

Foster comes to the Commission from Georgia, where he worked as the Executive Director of the Georgia Athletic and Entertainment Commission and that state’s chief regulator of boxing, mixed martial arts (MMA), kickboxing, wrestling and ticket brokers. Under his tenure, the Commission’s revenue increased approximately 70% and the number of regulated shows grew 40%. He has more than 17 years of experience, having been involved in MMA since 1995 and boxing since 1999. He has spent the last four-and-a-half years regulating those sports.

“We’re very pleased to have landed someone of the background and caliber of Andy Foster,” said CSAC Chairman John Frierson. “We are hoping he can do in California what he did in Georgia in terms of increasing both revenue and the number of shows.”

“I’m very excited to be coming to California,” said Foster. “It has a rich boxing and MMA presence with the largest number of shows in the nation, and I look forward to ensuring a regulatory environment that is consistent and fair based upon contestant safety, public protection, and economic growth.”

Foster will begin his duties November 7, 2012 and attend his first meeting of the California State Athletic Commission the next day.

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