

Rod Petrie confirmed as new President of the Scottish FA



Rod Petrie has been confirmed as new President of the Scottish FA after his candidacy was endorsed by the membership of the Scottish FA at its Annual Meeting at Hampden Park today.

The Hibs' chairman has served as an office bearer for the last eight years and brings a wealth of experience of football administration at all levels of the game.

Rod replaces the outgoing Alan McRae, who has served as President for two terms of office. He was joined by fellow board member Mike Mulraney, the Alloa Athletic chairman, who was appointed Vice-President.

Rod becomes the 53rd President of the Scottish FA and paid tribute to one of his Hibernian forebearers who made a similar

ascent to the boardroom at Hampden Park.

“It goes without saying that today is a proud day and I grateful to the membership for endorsing my presidency,” he said.

“It is an honour to become President and follow in the footsteps of Harry Swan, the respected former Hibernian chairman of 30 years standing, who became President in 1952 until 1956. Harry was a pioneer: he was a visionary President of the Scottish FA whose influence and forward-thinking persuaded the game to look beyond its domestic horizons and embrace the possibilities that lay in European football.

“It is always appropriate to respect and honour the past. My appointment is not a reward for what I have done, rather a recognition of the contribution I can make during my term of office as President. I take the responsibility seriously and will continue to work hard in the best interests of Scottish football.

“We are a members organisation with responsibility for all of the game. We need to harness our strengths and engage in a constructive way with all of our stakeholders to make the Scottish FA and the national game the best it can be at all levels.”

Mike Mulraney: “I am delighted to have been appointed Vice-President of the Scottish FA and will leave no stone unturned in helping to take the game forward with a clear direction and in a collaborative way. During my time as a Scottish FA board member I have seen progress in working closer with the membership and as Vice-President my commitment is to continue to advocate working more efficiently and effectively with and for our member clubs, so that the pursuit of higher standards is achieved in an integrated fashion.”