



PAVLICH RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

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Matthew Pavlich will continue as the AFL Players' Association President for a third year after he was re-elected unopposed at a Board meeting on Wednesday night.

Pavlich will be deputised by Geelong's Patrick Dangerfield, who has been elevated to the position of Vice-President in place of the recently-retired Will Minson.

In addition to new Directors Scott Pendlebury, Daisy Pearce, Easton Wood, Sam Docherty and Phil Davis, digital strategy consultant and former sports lawyer Andrew Twaits has also joined the Board.

Twaits has been an advisor to the AFL Players' Association for the past five years and his addition to the Board was made possible by a constitution change to allow for up to two appointed Directors.

Twaits brings experience in law, governance, commercial, strategy and digital to the Board, from his time working in private practice, at Cricket Australia and as the CEO of Betfair.

He will directly support the President and Vice-President by filling the role of Chairperson in regular meetings.

Despite stepping down from his playing duties, Pavlich says he remains committed to advocating for the rights of players, both past and present.

"It's a crucial time for all AFL players with CBA negotiations ongoing and I'm looking forward to working with Patrick, Andrew and the rest of the Board to represent the interests of players," Pavlich said.

"Our membership is as united as we've ever been and with the addition of more than 200 female members, the Players' Association has never been stronger."

Dangerfield, who has been a Board member for the past three years, says he wants to keep driving outcomes for players.

"I feel as though stepping up to support Pav as the Vice-President is the next step in my development. We've assembled a high calibre Board and I'm confident we'll achieve some great outcomes for players going forward."

The 11-member Board is comprised of:

Matthew Pavlich (President)

Patrick Dangerfield (Vice-President)

Andrew Twaits (Chairperson)

Paul Marsh (CEO)

Leigh Montagna

Rory Sloane





Scott Pendlebury (new)

Daisy Pearce (new)

Easton Wood (new)

Phil Davis (new)

Sam Docherty (new)

There has also been a number of new player Delegates appointed to represent their respective playing groups.

The AFL Players' Association is the representative body for male and female AFL footballers as well as more than 3000 past players.

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