

# CEDAR RAPIDS ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

## SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

**Spring Business Meeting:** The Annual Spring Business Meeting will be Monday, April 5, at 7:00 p.m. at Washington High School, Cafeteria.

**Seventy-fourth Awards Banquet:** Everyone is invited to our annual Spring Banquet at the Touch of Class on Mount Vernon Rd. S.E. on Thursday, April 15, with cocktails at 6:15 p.m. and dinner around 7:00 p.m. We will have a cash bar. Notice the reservation form in this letter. **PLEASE** return it as soon as possible. Your meal is free with your membership. Dinner is \$20.00 for your guest. Make every effort to attend and welcome the new officials.

**Top Test Scores:** The top Basketball Part II test score was by Cory Burkle who scored 97%. We had 11 members score above 90%, five more than last year. 30 scored above 80%, three more than last year, and 20 above 70%, one less than last year. Three scored below 70%. Thirteen officials did not take the test.

**A Reminder to Update the Executive Secretary:** In order to have as few conflicts as possible, I would like for you to update your football schedule with me. I will be starting to schedule games in early summer. We have over 100 games to assign once again. Only paid members will be assigned games.

**We Are In Need of New Officials:** The need is still there! We need many new officials for this coming fall and winter. Start looking for new members. We need officials who can work middle school games and many early basketball games. We will train them and give them some start-up games. If you bring in a new member, we will give you a free banquet ticket for your guest.

A reminder to new officials who are interested in officiating. Individuals who wish to officiate football and/or basketball through affiliation with the CRAOA and its' training program for either or both sports must indicate their intent by the following dates of the current seasons: Football—No later than the first regular C.R.A.O.A. meeting for football rules study in August. Basketball—No later than the first regular C.R.A.O.A. meeting for basketball rules study in October. Individuals who are beginning officials in football and/or basketball must meet the above guidelines to receive training and game assignments through the C.R.A.O.A. Those who express an interest after the deadline can officiate on their own or wait until the next year.

**Make Sure You Are Up-To-Date with the State Association:** A reminder to make sure you have paid your fees at the state level. Boy's Association: I.H.S.A.A., Box 10, Boone, IA 50036. \$40.00 for the first sport and \$10.00 for each additional sport, penalty fee of \$25.00 after

June 1, 2010. [www.iahsaa.org](http://www.iahsaa.org). 515-432-2011

Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union, PO Box 10348, Des Moines, IA 50306-0348. \$30.00 per sport plus \$5.00 each additional sport, \$10.00 penalty after June 1, 2010. [www.ighsau.org](http://www.ighsau.org). 515-284-1969

Check out their web-sites. **Register on Line!**

**Officers for 2009-2010:** The President is Chris Heildebauer (Basketball), First Vice President is Rob Noble (Football), Second Vice President is Fred Griffith (Basketball), Third Vice President is Pat Casey (Football). If you have any concerns, please contact any one of them.

**Longevity Award:** If you are one of the officials who have worked and belonged to the CRAOA for 10-15-20-25-30-35-40 years, please contact Pinky Primrose so we can make sure you will be recognized at this banquet. We will only recognize you on your anniversary date. Information is taken from the passed minutes of the Association.

**Speakers at Meetings:** We would like to thank you speakers who have volunteered to speak at the rules sessions. If you are interested in volunteering next season, please contact Bill Yeisley for Football and Pat Casey for Basketball.

**Working State Tournament Series:** The following officials worked the State Basketball Tournament Series: Steve Allman, Jim Barnes, Corey Burkle, Pat Casey, John Dvorak, Joel Duffy, Jeff Frese, Jack Jaspers, Mark Miller, Mark Murphy, Craig Murray, Chris Oberbroeckling, Charles Porter, Shane Remington, Tyler Turner, Ron Van Hoeck, Chris Wiltgen, Travis Wiltgen and Jerry Winter.

**Several Drop Out of C.R.A.O.A. Basketball:** The following officials dropped out of CRAOA (basketball): Harry Brown (retired), Dennis Higgins (requirements), Steve Rucker (coaching), Jason Turner (moved), Charlie Visek (retired), Nicole Wiltgen (baby).

**Applying Members This Year:** The membership will act upon the following officials during the upcoming meeting-Step II to Full Membership: Chuck Epperson, Mark Groteluschen, Willie Guy, Eric Klostermann, Randy Price, Marv Trachta, Steve Vincent, Demarro Walton. From Step I to Step II: Jay Brandt, Chad Bryant, Jordan Dumolien, Michael Eden, William Harris, Jesse Holtan, Jon Jaschen, Jerry Keleher, Roman Mitchell, Dale Morrison, Al O'Bannon, Dara Price, Andy Sauer, Ron Versteegh, Matt Wagner, Bill Yuska. Transfers to Full Membership: Steve Allman and Joe Miller.

**Web Site: [www.craoa.com](http://www.craoa.com)**

**The Following Longevity Awards:** The following officials will be recognized at the banquet for longevity to CRAOA:

**5-YEARS RECOGNITION:** Sam Barrett (BB), Dave Stamy (BB),

**10-YEARS RECOGNITION:** Doug Brock (FB), Jeff Hare (FB), Brian Phillips (FB) and Loren Wood (BB)

**35-YEARS RECOGNITION:** Larry Walderbach (FB).

Congratulations to these officials for their service to high school football and basketball.

**Hall of Fame Officials:** Eighteen CRAOA officials are members of the IHSAA Hall of Fame. Hall of Famers are: Len Benhart, Pat Casey, Jack Christensen, Bob Ferguson, Ray Hamad\*, Richard Koolbeck, Randy Krejci, John Lowry\*, Jim Patterson, Bud Paulsen, Ev Petersen, Lanny Peterson, James Schneekloth, Bob Tvrdik\*, Bob Vrbicek\*, Fred Winter\*, Jerry Winter and Bill Yeisley. \* Deceased

## **Don't forget to put into thearbiter your 2010 Football and Basketball Schedules.**

**Check out Web Site:** Active members should continue to update arbitersports.com. You can now check out the Roster, Minutes, Requirements, Availability, Master Schedule, and Newsletters on [www.craoa.com](http://www.craoa.com). If you have any suggestions, please forward them to the Executive Secretary. We will try to work with thearbiter and our web master to give you one of the best.

**A Few Reminders About Membership To CRAOA:** These are some of the requirements that make our organization one of the best! 1/ You must take and pass the state supervised test in your sport area. 2/ You must attend a minimum of three (3) local rules meetings per sport. New officials and applying officials must attend six (6). 3/ Officials must officiate six (6) or more games per season per sport. 4/ The Association does not procure Varsity officiating assignments for you! 5/ The C.R.A.O.A. does administer the Middle School, Freshman, Sophomore and Junior Varsity schedules of the Metro schools.

**Change of Address:** If you are or will be changing address or phone number please forward the information to the Executive Secretary. We are trying to have a 100% correct roster for you. I need your help on this. You can make the changes on [Arbitersports.com](http://Arbitersports.com)

## **Let's Go Back Into History Of The Association! Meeting Minutes...**

**Fifty Years Ago (1960):** President was Don Menning. Don Buchheister, Steve Pickart, Carley Pisel, Arnold Espe and Ron Walter were accepted for basketball membership. Lyle Quinn, Exec. Sec'y of ISHAA was the featured speaker. 45 members and guests were in attendance at the banquet at the Sheraton-Montrose Hotel.

**Forty-Five Years Ago (1965):** President Len Benhart introduced guests at the annual Spring Dinner at the Colony Inn in Amana. The checking account had \$99.80 in it. Lou Fairchild and Dan McFarland were approved for full membership. Grant Wessling and Bill Schupbach were granted honorary membership.

**Forty Years Ago (1970):** President was Lloyd Spier. New approved officials were Bill Yeisley and Richard Wagner. It was recommended that officials get \$25.00 for working football and basketball.

**Thirty-Five Years Ago (1975):** Jack Christenson was President. New officials approved to full membership were: John Adams, John Ask, Ev Petersen and Dan Stevens. Dr. Craig Currie was the featured speaker at the banquet in Amana.

**Thirty Years Ago (1980):** Tom Pumroy was President. Financial report was given. We had \$577.53 in the checking account. Ken Mulsoff and Herb Schaffer were admitted as full members. Spring banquet was held at the Ronneberg Inn in Amana. Don King was the featured speaker.

**Twenty-Five Years Ago (1985):** Ron Sommers was President. We had \$791.14 in the checking acct. Full membership went to Dale Carstenson and transfer Chuck Liston.

**Twenty Years Ago (1990):** Larry Palmer was President. We had \$1,885.55 in the checking account. Full status was granted to Tim Dryml, Scott Fruehling, Mark Greve, Bill Lech and Ron Peiffer. Transfers were approved--Shawn Hanson, Rick Hersom, Don Knock, Larry Long, Dave Taylor, Jerry Kiwala and Ernie Tomellson.

**Fifteenth Years Ago (1995):** Richard Hejda was President. Full membership went to Mike Bergman, Gregg Machetta, Robert Olberding and Randy Olhausen. Transfer to Dick Breitbach. Five officials dropped because they didn't meet the requirements of the association.

**Ten Years Ago (2000):** Rick Hersom was President. Jeff Hare was moved to full membership. Dennis Fish, Randy Long, Mark Murphy, Brett Myres and Loren Wood moved from Step I to Step II. Transfers approved to full membership were Scott Behn, Jeff Frese and David Lensch. Marv Howsare and Kenneth McNutt had 100% on basketball exam.

**Five Years Ago (2005):** Dave Brousard was President. Full membership went to Erick Klostermann, Ron Van Hoeck, Douglas Wick. Sam Barrett, Brad Jacobs and Dave Stamy transferred in CRAOA. Harry Brown had the top test score with a 97.

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