

CEDAR RAPIDS ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER

Spring Business Meeting: The Annual Spring Business Meeting will be Monday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Washington High School, Cafeteria.

Seventy-Fourth Awards Banquet: Everyone is invited to our annual Spring Banquet at the The Touch of Class on Mount Vernon Rd. S.E. on Friday, April 8, with cocktails at 6:15 p.m. and dinner around 7:00 p.m. We will have a cash bar. ?????? will be the featured speaker. 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 Charles Porter who scored 95%. We had 4 members score above 90%, seven less than last year. Twenty-eight scored above 80%, seventeen more than last year, and 14 above 70%, one more than last year. One scored below 70%. Nineteen officials did not take the test. In the applying category, Jon Jaschen scored the highest with an 88. Six did not take the test. One official failed the exam.

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 110 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.

State Associations: 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, 2011. www.iahxaa.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, 2011. www.ighsau.org. 515-284-1969

Check out their web-sites.

Officers for 2010-2011: The President is Rob Noble (Football), First Vice President is Fred Griffith (Basketball/Football), Second Vice President is Pat Casey (Football/Basketball), Third Vice President (Football) will be elected at the Spring Meeting. 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 past 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, Jeff Frese, Charles Porter, Jack Jaspers, Mark Miller, Mark Murphy, Craig Murray; Chris Oberbroeckling, Shane Remington, 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): Joel Duffy (Retired), Brad Jacobs (moved), Allen Stekl (moved).

Applying Members This Year: The membership will act upon the following officials during the upcoming meeting--Step II to Full Membership: Jay Brandt, Chad Bryant, Glen Hanson, Jon Jaschen, Roman Mitchell, Dale Morrison, Ron Versteegh, Bill Yuska. From Step I to Step II: Peter Eilers, Jesse Holtan, Jason Halbrock, John Morgan, Todd Rabey, Mark Troendle, Bill Utterback.

Web Site: www.craoa.com

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

5-YEARS RECOGNITION: Blake Brandt (FB-BB); John Dvorak (BB); Matt Miller (BB), Travis Wiltgen (BB)

10-YEARS RECOGNITION: Ken Juran (FB), Randy Long (BB), Chad Pohorsky (FB); Mark Murphy (BB), Kevin Schrader (FB).

15-YEARS RECOGNITION: Mark Borchardt (FB), Jack Jaspers (BB), Mark Miller (BB), , Adrian Simonson (FB) Rick Swan (FB), Brad White (FB), Loren Wood (FB).

20-YEARS RECOGNITION: Jeff Drahozal (FB), Steve Pisarik (FB), Joe Schmall (FB) and Deb Trimble (FB).

30-YEARS RECOGNITION: Jerry Winter (BB).

35-YEARS RECOGNITION: Don Haugen (FB).

45-YEARS RECOGNITION: Bill Yeisley (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 arbitersports your 2011 Football and Basketball Schedules.

Check out Web Site: Active members should continue to update theariber.net. You can now check out the Roster, Minutes, Requirements, Availability, Master Schedule, and Newsletters on 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.net.

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

Fifty Years Ago (1961): President was Ray Petrzelka. George Dorrington, Ken Ranshaw, Bill Brouard, Ward Siddell, Bob Allison, Len Novak and Jim Wolfe were accepted for basketball membership. Don Shupe, basketball coach at Washington High was the featured speaker. He pointed out five characteristics he would like to see in officials: 1/ plenty of hustle 2/ consistency 3/ not too technical 4/ a little thick skin and 5/ inconspicuous. Checking account had \$128.32. 40 members and guests were in attendance at the banquet at the Sheraton-Montrose Hotel.

Forty-Five Years Ago (1966): President Bob Vrbicek introduced guests at the annual Spring Dinner at the Terrace Room at the Airport. Ed Heying and Jim Trimble were approved for full membership. Jack Stone replaced Bill Quinby as secretary.

Forty Years Ago (1971): President was Bud Paulsen. New approved officials were Jim Morrow, Al Schulte, Bob Sullivan, Al Ahrens, Jim Doty and Ken Hartkemeyer. It was recommended that officials get \$25.00 for working football and basketball. Dinner was held at the Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana.

Thirty-Five Years Ago (1976): Marv Howsare was President. New officials approved to full membership were: Dennis Billing, Norm Grimm, Larry Palmer, Larry Walderbach, Dick Knockel and George Volk. Dinner was held at the Ronneberg Restaurant in Amana.

Thirty Years Ago (1981): Jim Patterson was President. Financial report was given. We had \$533.00 in the checking account. Sonny Deke, Diane Gorrill, Vaughn McClelland, Mike Neilly, Roy Wegmann and Lynn Johnson were admitted as full members. Spring banquet was held at the Ronneberg Inn in Amana.

Twenty-Five Years Ago (1986): John Pierce was President. We had \$446.00 in the checking account. Full membership went to Dan Alpen, Mike Anhorn, Harry Brown, Greg Gaffey, Lynn Hughes, Todd Kaska, Bob Kelly, Bill Kramer, Charles Visek and Tom Yock.

Twenty Years Ago (1991): Jerry Winter was President. We had \$1,795.58 in the checking account. Full status was granted to Scott Behn, Joe Crippes, Doug Valentine and Todd Claussen. Transfers were approved, John Nieland and Larry Walderbach.

Fifteen Years Ago (1996): Larry Walderbach was President. Full membership went to Mark Miller, Corey Haars, Darrell Hobbs. Transfer to Jack Jaspers and Dan

Moore. Five officials dropped because they didn't meet the requirements of the association.

Ten Years Ago (2001): Jack Jaspers was President. Dennis Fish, Randy Long, Mark Murphy, Phil Richie, Mike Wennekamp and Loren Wood was moved to full membership. Transfers approved to full membership were Brad Sorenson. The checking account had \$3,220.54. Crowne Plaza on 16th floor hosted the banquet. Ron Gonder was the featured speaker.

Five Years Ago (2006): Jeff Frese was President, Blake Brandt, Mike Braughton, John Dvorak, Greg Marling, James Potts, Steve Rucker and Travis Wiltgen was moved to full membership. Transfers approved to full membership was Matt Miller. The checking account had \$2,690.38. Ox Yoke hosted the banquet with Rick Hartzell as featured speaker.

Member to be recognized by IHSAA:

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www.craoa.com**

www.arbitersports.net

Past Presidents:

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| 1932 | Tom Hayden | 1972 | Pinky Primrose |
| 1933 | Tom Hayden | 1973 | Bill Yeisley |
| 1934 | Tom Hayden | 1974 | Jack Christenson |
| 1935 | Fred Winter | 1975 | Bill Quinby |
| 1936 | Alt Jenkins | 1976 | Marv Howsare |
| 1937 | Cap Hedges | 1977 | John Lowry |
| 1938 | Ira Carrithers | 1978 | Len Ranson |
| 1939 | Tom Crabbe | 1979 | Tom Pumroy |
| 1940 | Marv Levens | 1980 | Jim Patterson |
| 1941 | Orville Rust | 1981 | Rick Koolbeck |
| 1942 | Len Paulu | 1982 | Jim Meskimen |
| 1943 | Bill Barnard | 1983 | John Ferguson |
| 1944 | Hap Wilson | 1984 | Ron Sommers |
| 1945 | Carr Lavell | 1985 | John Pierce |
| 1946 | Sam Cooper | 1986 | Randy Krejci |
| 1947 | Tom Murphy | 1987 | Don Holladay |
| 1948 | Wayne Basler | 1988 | Ev Petersen |
| 1949 | Lloyd Goettel | 1989 | Larry Palmer |
| 1950 | Earl Klinzman | 1990 | Jerry Winter |
| 1951 | Harold Still | 1991 | Mike Opheim |
| 1952 | Ralph Martin | 1992 | Don Haugen |
| 1953 | Chuck Elias | 1993 | Harry Brown |
| 1954 | George Thomson | 1994 | Rich Hejda |
| 1955 | Llyoyd Wilson | 1995 | Lynn Hughes |
| 1956 | Bob Tvrdik | 1996 | Larry Walderbach |
| 1957 | Bob Tvrdik | 1997 | Scott Freuhling |
| 1958 | Les Grigg | 1998 | Tom Cleveland |
| 1959 | Emil Klumpar | 1999 | Rick Hersom |
| 1960 | Don Menning | 2000 | Dick Pohorsky |
| 1961 | Ray Petrzelka | 2001 | Jack Jasper |
| 1962 | Pat McPartland | 2002 | Dan Hilby |
| 1963 | Ray Hamad | 2003 | Dan Colbert |
| 1964 | Len Benhart | 2004 | Dave Brouard |
| 1965 | Bob Vrbicek | 2005 | Jeff Frese |
| 1966 | Lou Ginsberg | 2006 | Pat Dolphin |
| 1967 | Bill Brouard | 2007 | Mark Miller |
| 1968 | Bill Brouard | 2008 | Mike Mitchell |
| 1969 | Lloyd Spier | 2009 | Chris Heidelbauer |
| 1970 | Bud Paulsen | 2010 | Rob Noble |
| 1971 | Jim Schneekloth | 2011 | Fred Griffith |

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_____ Yes, I plan to attend the 74th Annual Banquet, at 7:00 p.m. at The Touch of Class on Friday, April 8. I need _____ reservations.

Cost will be \$20.00 per guest (Pay at the door) Cash Bar starting at 6:15 p.m.

_____ No, I cannot make it to the Annual Dinner.

Please return by Friday, April 1, 2011

*****REMINDER TO RETURN YOUR UPDATE SHEET FOR 2011-2012*****

SIGNATURE

****RETURN TO PINKY PRIMROSE IMMEDIATELY****
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