

CEDAR RAPIDS ATHLETIC OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2012 NEWSLETTER

Spring Business Meeting: The Annual Spring Business Meeting will be Monday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. at Washington High School, Cafeteria.

Seventy-Fifth Awards Banquet: Everyone is invited to our annual Spring Banquet at the The Touch of Class on Mount Vernon Rd. S.E. on Wednesday, April 11, with cocktails at 6:15 p.m. and dinner around 7:00 p.m. We will have a cash bar. Joe Oswald of the Girls Union 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 \$22.00 for your guest. Make every effort to attend and welcome the new officials.

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 116 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, 2012. 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, 2012. www.ighsau.org. 515-284-1969

Check out their web-sites.

Officers for 2011-2012: The President is Fred Griffith (Football-Basketball), First Vice President is Pat Casey (Basketball/Football), Second Vice President is Joe Schmall (Football), Third Vice President (Basketball) 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: Corey Burkle, Pat Casey, Jeff Frese, Jack Jaspers, Mark Miller, Mark Murphy, Craig Murray; Chris Oberbroeckling and Jerry Winter.

Several Drop Out of C.R.A.O.A. Basketball: The following officials dropped out of CRAOA (basketball): Ron Mescall (Health), Steve Vincent (Death); Jay Brandt (Injuries)

Applying Members This Year: The membership will act upon the following officials during the upcoming meeting--Step II to Full Membership: Chad Bryant, John Morgan, Al O'Bannon, Todd Rabey, Mark Troendle, DeMarco Walton. From Step I to Step II: Quinn Becker, Jerry Frasher, Ken Heying Doug King, Ryan Myers, Cody Oakes, Kurt Schndler, Dan Thomas, David Thul, Doug Wagner. Transfers: Jason Arends, Jeff Downing, Charlie Epperson, Willie Guy, Steve Wise.

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: Matt Bader (BB), Cory Burkle (FB), Lennie Mais (FB), Craig Murray (BB), Russ Omar (FB), Shane Remington (BB), David Sherman (FB). Chip Weeces (FB).

10-YEARS RECOGNITION: Sam Barrett (BB)

20-YEARS RECOGNITION: Jim Hazelton (BB), Charles Porter (BB).

30-YEARS RECOGNITION: Jerry Winter (FB).

35-YEARS RECOGNITION: Don Haugen (FB).

50-YEARS RECOGNITION: Pinky Primrose (BB).

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 2012 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. If you have any suggestions, please forward them to the Executive Secretary. We will try to work with the arbiter 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.

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50 Years Ago: April 2, 1962. 35 members and guests met at the Sheraton-Montrose Hotel for a buffet dinner. President Ray Petrzelka called the meeting to order. Coach Gay Dahn of Jefferson High School was the guest speaker. He spoke about his experiences with officials during the year and on how coaches look at officials and rate them at the end of the season. There was a balance on hand of \$46.96. Membership went to Don Goodwin, Wally Krouse, Gary Corey, Ron Graham and Norman Sauer. It was brought to the group that two new men who have had previous officiating experience but who did not attend the required number of meetings for new officials would like to be admitted to the Assn. It was decided that this would be impossible to do as it would mean waiving the laws of our constitution.

45 Years Ago: March 20, 1967, the Annual Dinner was held at the Ronneburg Restaurant in Amana. President Lou Ginsberg called the meeting to order. The new officials were discussed. Approval to full membership were Dave Messer, Lanny Peterson, Jerry Tann and Mike Tousey, temporary approval to Jack Christensen, Dick Christy, Dick Dircks, Dudley Draxton, Arnie Gaarde, Bob Kibby, Jerry O'Brien, Roger Pohlman, Dick Wagner.

40 Years Ago: March 6, 1972, the dinner was held at Ronneburg Restaurant. Jim Schneekloth was President. President-elect was Pinky Primrose. Full membership to Jack Barker, Bob Kramer, John Lowry, Ed Miller, Roger Norton, Jim Nelsen, Jim Benedict, Gary Karr, Dan Mellenthin, Bill Nichols, Walt Sharp, Don Spratte, Dick Venteicher, Russ Werning. Past Presidents of the CRAOA were honored at the social function as were four men who have served as Executive Secretary. The minutes and records only go back to 1958.

35 Years Ago: Monday, March 17, 1977, President Marv Howsare called the meeting to order. Evaluation of New Officials caused a lengthy discussion. Full membership to Sam Keilty, Larry Palmer, James Overman, Lee Koelker, William Primley, George Volk, John Wathan. Temporary Approval to Gary Wagner, John Fowler, Norm Grimm and Art Christofferson. Gene Wachholtz was approved as a transfer. The following officials were dropped from the roster due to failure to meet association requirements: Jim Benedict, Arnold Paulsen, Jerry Tann, Larry Walderbach, Russ Werning, Mick Mattiace and Bill Yeisley. Dinner was at the Ronneberg Restaurant.

30 Years Ago: March 22, 1982, President Richard Koolbeck called the meeting to order. Five officials were approved for full membership: Donna Butikofer, Jerry Winter, Tom Cleveland, Ray Kleuver, Don Holladay. Jim Meskimen was President-elect. The following officials were dropped from roster: John Adams, Sam Kilty, Herb Schaefer and Bob Kramer.

25 Years Ago: March 23, 1987. Meeting was called to order by President Randy Krejci. Balance on hand was \$904.93. Full membership to Steve Daily, Scott Engledow, Jeff Henderson, Ed Lala, Dave Brown, Tim Brashaw, Don Burrows, Dennis Smeltzer. Mick Mattiace was removed from roster because of not meeting requirements.

20 Years Ago: March 23, 1992. President Mike Opheim called the meeting to order. Full membership was awarded to Brandon Beaudry and Brian Rohr. Transfers into the organization were Gary Ewald, Jerry Kadlec, Eric Riester, Bob Sullivan.

15 Years Ago: March 17, 1997, President was Larry Walderbach. Thirty-five members were in attendance. Checking account had \$990.00. Full approval to membership went to Ron Knoche, Marv Lincoln, Tom Ratchford and Mike Winchester. Chris Caldbeck and Mike Droll were approved as transfers.

10-Years Ago: April 8, 2002, President was Jack Jaspers. Sam Barrett, Joel Duffy and Kenn McNutt were approved for full membership. Bill Kramer and Terry Turner were approved as full membership as transfers. The Banquet was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel with UNI Basketball Coach McDermott the featured speaker. Marv Howsare scored a 98 on the BB test. Jim Patterson went into the IHSAA Hall of Fame!

5-Years Ago: April 12, 2007, President was Pat Dolphin. Matthew Bader (BB), Eric Bergman (FB), Cory Burkle (FB), Greg Carradus (FB), Phil Goodall (FB), Jeremy Kohlhaas (BB), Michael Koolbeck (FB-BB), Lenny Mais (FB), Russ Omar (FB), Chad Osler (BB), Shane Remington (BB) and David Sherman (FB) were approved as full membership. Transfers were Craig Murray (BB), Terry Silberger (FB), Ben Sorden (FB) and Chip Weeces (FB). Gary Dolphin, Voice of Univ. of Iowa was the featured banquet speaker at The Touch of Class.

Pinky Primrose has served his 40th year as Executive Secretary of CRAOA.

Past Presidents

1932	Tom Hayden	1973	Bill Yeisley
1933	Tom Hayden	1974	Jack Christenson
1934	Tom Hayden	1975	Bill Quinby
1935	Fred Winter	1976	Marv Howsare
1936	Alt Jenkins	1977	John Lowry
1937	Cap Hedges	1978	Len Ranson
1938	Ira Carrithers	1979	Tom Pumroy
1939	Tom Crabbe	1980	Jim Patterson
1940	Marv Levens	1981	Rick Koolbeck
1941	Orville Rust	1982	Jim Meskimen
1942	Len Paulu	1983	John Ferguson
1943	Bill Barnard	1984	Ron Sommers
1944	Hap Wilson	1985	John Pierce
1945	Carr Lavell	1986	Randy Krejci
1946	Sam Cooper	1987	Don Holladay
1947	Tom Murphy	1988	Ev Petersen
1948	Wayne Basler	1989	Larry Palmer
1949	Lloyd Goettel	1990	Jerry Winter
1950	Earl Klinzman	1991	Mike Opheim
1951	Harold Still	1992	Don Haugen
1952	Ralph Martin	1993	Harry Brown
1953	Chuck Elias	1994	Rich Hejda
1954	George Thomson	1995	Lynn Hughes
1955	Llyoyd Wilson	1996	Larry Walderbach
1956	Bob Tvrdik	1997	Scott Freuhling
1957	Bob Tvrdik	1998	Tom Cleveland
1958	Les Grigg	1999	Rick Hersom
1959	Emil Klumpar	2000	Dick Pohorsky
1960	Don Menning	2001	Jack Jasper
1961	Ray Petrzelka	2002	Dan Hilby
1962	Pat McPartland	2003	Dan Colbert
1963	Ray Hamad	2004	Dave Brouard
1964	Len Benhart	2005	Jeff Frese
1965	Bob Vrbicek	2006	Pat Dolphin
1966	Lou Ginsberg	2007	Mark Miller
1967	Bill Brouard	2008	Mike Mitchell
1968	Bill Brouard	2009	Chris Heidelbauer
1969	Lloyd Spier	2010	Rob Noble
1970	Bud Paulsen	2011	Fred Griffith
1971	Jim Schneekloth	2012	Pat Casey
1972	Pinky Primrose		

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_____ Yes, I plan to attend the 75th Annual Banquet, at 7:00 p.m. at The Touch of Class on Wednesday, April 11. I need _____ reservations.

Cost will be \$22.00 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 Wednesday, April 4, 2012

SIGNATURE

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

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