

Dan Barringer, Bd. 55 OH, 71st IAABO President

On April 26, 2009, Dan Barringer of IAABO Board No. 55, Ohio, became the 71st President of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Inc. Below are President Barringer's remarks upon become IAABO President.

WOW! It is hard to believe that I am standing here today as IAABO'S 71st President in 86 years! What's harder to believe is that Bill Varno, Lou Engle, Roger MacTavish, Peter Webb, Joe Mitchell and Len Maida heard everyone of those speeches! That's OK – Tom Lopes wrote the speeches for all but the first two Presidents.

I am very proud to recognize family and friends that are here today. Family: my wife Mary; Terri and Chip; my son Mark who is back in Cleveland babysitting our grand puppies; my son Chris, who is currently the President of Board No. 55, is attending the Division I Mid-American Conference Officiating Camp; and Joe Williams (my first son). Joe could not make it today but I still want to make several comments. I had the opportunity to teach and coach Joe in junior high school in the early 70's in Cleveland. Joe came out of the projects in Cleveland to become the highest ranking African-American in the Publix grocery chain. Joe is the ultimate champion of what hard work can do for anyone!

It is with great honor and humility that I stand before you today. You know every previous President says several things in his speech: (1) Who were their mentors? (2) Who gave them the first break in officiating? (3) Who was their hero in officiating? (4) What is the status of IAABO today? (5) Where is IAABO going to be in the future?

Who were my mentors? Easy question Tony Pianowski, IAABO President during the 1959-1960 season and Secretary/Treasurer Emeritus for Board 55 *(continued on page 3)*



2009 Spring Meeting Wrap Up

IAABO was again blessed with incredible weather for our spring meeting. Luckily, our meeting wasn't held in Jersey since that would have meant poor weather. By the time all IAABO meetings were concluded on Sunday morning and our new President was inducted, everyone had obtained his/her mouse ears. Mickey was a very hospitable host. In spite of the many distracting attractions, IAABO conducted in-depth and meaningful meetings that proved to be educational, informative and constructive.

IAABO began its annual spring meeting on Thursday evening as the Executive Committee met in closed session. Primary discussion focused on selecting a new insurance carrier. After bids were presented, a new carrier, Borden-Perlman, represented by Beth Andrews, was chosen. This new package is priced at \$8.15 - a significant savings over the previous premium of \$11. Information will be sent to the Board Secretaries shortly. In fact by the time you read this you will already have the package.

Next on the agenda was the printing bid. It was awarded at a savings of over \$8,000.

After a welcome by President Felix Addeo, the standing committees gave their reports. Every committee was represented by its Chairperson or Co-Chairperson, and all reports were accepted. Peter Webb conducted the Visualization Committee meeting in place of Edgar Cartotto. Alan Goldberger made a presentation on Legal Issues which generated a lively discussion.

Certainly the highlight of the weekend was the Life Membership Luncheon. This was a formal affair to honor this year's class of inductees, which included: President Felix Addeo, Bd. 33 New Jersey, Elsie Weiser, Bd. 105 Vermont, Bill O'Donnell, Bd. 7 Connecticut, Bill Dixon, Bd. 12 District of Columbia, and Jack Sweeney, Bd. 40 New York. Each was presented with a Life Membership ring to signify his/her contributions to IAABO. All inductees spoke elegantly relating to their IAABO experiences and acknowledging people who have helped them along the way. Felix kept everyone laughing and concluded just in time for breakfast the next morning.

Sunday morning's General Assembly meeting included the formal reports of the standing committees, *(continued on page 5)*

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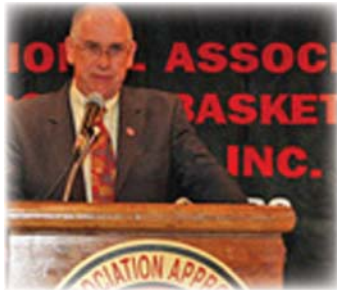
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Director's Court



Now that we have been away from the basketball season for a few months, it is my hope that your priorities have returned to your family, better than that I hope those priorities have never left. It is so easy to get wrapped up in our games that we sometimes forget our family and the hectic lives that they are leading as well.

You may not be aware of this; sports officials have a very high divorce rate. The higher up you go in the officiating ladder, the higher the chance you have for divorce. Once you think about that fact you may begin to understand how

it might happen, away from home, less and less time for spousal contact, less time with the kids, which leads to arguments over who is doing most of the work.

Picture this, coming home from work, packing your bag and getting ready to leave for a game: Your wife/husband, significant other, kids all trying to get a piece of you before you run out. Comments like "do you have another game tonight", "will you please speak to your son/daughter they are having a problem in school". These cries for help often go unanswered in the official's hurry to get out the door "to get to the next game".

The official that can find the happy medium and can balance all of the above will maintain a good relationship. You cannot referee a great number of games without the support of your spouse, it just cannot happen. Therefore you must work out the details on sharing responsibilities, share your monetary rewards from officiating, and more important find a way to share your time.

Sometimes you can make officiating a family affair, by taking everyone to the game and then out to eat enjoying each other's company. Possibly rent a room at a hotel near your game site that has a pool and invite the family for a winter getaway, order pizza in swim and rent an on-demand family movie the night before or after a game. Find a way, make everybody happy and you will be surprised how the door opens a little easier, and you will not fall prey to that ugly divorce statistic.

2009 Spring Meeting Wrap Up *(continued from page one)*

all of which were approved. A constitutional change was approved that changed the name of the Visualization and Education Committee to the Officials Education and Development Committee.

Dan Barringer, Bd. 55 Ohio, was elected President, and Mark Byron, Bd. 20, Maine, was elected President-Elect. Tony Haley, Bd. 117 New Hampshire, was elected Vice President and Dennis Murphy, Bd. 117, New Hampshire, was elected to the executive committee position vacated by Tony Haley.

Dr. Ron Brown, Bd. 4 Colorado, will serve as Honorary President, and Henry Hailstock, Bd. 12 District of Columbia, will serve as Honorary Executive Director.

IAABO now turns its attention to the fall

seminar to take place in Cleveland, Ohio on September 10 – 13, 2009. President Barringer has promised us a good time. Those of us who remember the old days can visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame or if you are in the mood for some sports - the Cleveland Indians or the Cleveland Browns should fit the bill.

IAABO heartily urges all interpreters to attend this important meeting. This is your seminar to prepare you to bring back information and techniques that will enable you to instruct both your new candidates and your veteran officials. Bring your toughest questions and your toughest plays so that we all can prepare for the upcoming basketball season. So make plans now to play a part in the seminar.



Errata Notice

The article titled, "What to Do When the Game Ends", that was featured in the March/April 2009 SPORTORIALS was authored by Ray Vanacore. Ray is the President of Board No. 10 CT. He has been a member of IAABO for over 23 years and is also the Assistant Interpreter, Coordinator of the new candidate's clinics and a contributing editor to the Board 10 Communique.

Dan Barringer, IAABO's 71st President (continued from page 1)

in Cleveland. In addition, Pete Amico, the quiet gentleman who was Board 55's Interpreter for 30+ years. Those two were the backbone of Board 55 and started the greatest local basketball officiating association in the State of Ohio. They taught me humility, professionalism, and loyalty. Pete Amico was as great a rules man I have known and his leadership helped me to eventually become the Rules Interpreter for Board 55 for 12 years. Those of you who knew Tony knew that he had IAABO blood throughout his body. I never met a man with more passion for IAABO than Tony. I only can hope to display half of that passion. Don Schirmer, former Secretary-Treasurer for Board No. 55 and former Executive Committee member was not only a great mentor but a loyal friend. Don has IAABO blood in his veins. Tom Toohig, who is our current Interpreter, taught me much about networking. The skills of Don and Tom helped give IAABO some of its greatest fall seminars in 1990 and 1998! We'll have another fine seminar this fall in Cleveland but please don't hold us to the standards that Don & Tom established.

My Mentors In IAABO: I want to personally recognize Alan Smith, Tom Reese, Dean Ericson, Peter Webb, and Lou Filippetti. I spent many a long night with these men just chewing the fat but mostly discussing officiating and IAABO during the 35 different fall and spring Seminars that I have attended; thank you, gentlemen.

Who gave them their first break in officiating? Tony & Pete were the first ones who gave me my break. However, I learned quickly that you have to WORK and EARN your breaks!

Who was their hero in officiating? I believe that I am unique with this answer. My wife Mary is my hero. She's not only my hero in life but she is my hero in officiating. After tagging along with me in my early years of officiating she decided to become one of us! She worked as high as Girls Regionals (The Elite 8) in Ohio as well as all of the other types of games. Mary was a role model for all officials and especially women officials. She always gave respect as well as commanded respect. Oh Yes - she is my hero!

What is the status of IAABO today? IAABO today is on solid ground! I don't know if I could have made that statement 3 years ago. Our leadership from the officers, the Executive Committee, Executive Director Tom Lopes, the office personnel in Donnie Eppley and Peter Webb make us as strong as ever. We are even going to be stronger in the future with Mark Byron, and Tony Haley waiting in the wings. We are sound financially and look to even become stronger.

Where is IAABO going to be in the future? Growth is one of the keys to strength in any organization. With Tom Lopes as our Executive Director, we have made tremendous strides in only one year! Our ties with NASO, the Federation and various other corporate relationships are just examples. However there is still plenty of work ahead. In order for IAABO to be successful I am going to refer to Ohio State's Football Coach Jim Tressel's definition of success. "*Success is the inner satisfaction and peace of mind that come from knowing I did the best I was capable of doing for the group.*" I strongly believe in that definition because it refers to the team.. I will repeat it one more time. "*Success is the inner satisfaction and peace of mind*

that come from knowing I did the best I was capable of doing for the group." *Because we are a TEAM.* I am appointing the following Ad Hoc committees: Committee: *What Do Local Boards Need from IAABO?* Chairperson: Lou Filippetti; Committee Members: Jamie McCaig, Chuck Harbach, Jimmy Paull, Gary Pucino, and Peter Webb; Committee: *How Can IAABO Help Federation States?* Chairperson: Tom Reese; Committee Members: Joe Mitchell, Willie Jones, Paul Spinelli, Jim Cermak, Paul Behr, John Pierantozzi, and Lou Engle; Committee: *How to Increase Membership & Retain Officials?* Chairperson: Alan Smith; Committee Members: Steve Ellinger, Barbara Eppley, Jeffrey Smith, Rick Parnham, and Bill Varno. Committee: *Future Conventions* Chairperson: Mark Byron; Committee Members: Tom Lopes, Ray McClure, Tim Laurain, Joe Gintoli, Tony Haley, and Peter Carroll

These issues have been addressed by IAABO the last several years. We need to take action on them now. Coach Woody Hayes of Ohio State authored a book titled "*You Win With People*". The people I have asked to work on these committees are WINNERS!

A concern that I have with many organizations is the lack of COMMUNICATION. I guarantee you that during the 2009 -2010 IAABO season there will be *Communication!* Please feel free to contact me if any of you have suggestions on how to improve IAABO!

With God's help I look forward to working with all of you to continue to keep IAABO as the #1 Officiating Organization in the world. I look forward to seeing you in the fall at the home of the 2008 -2009 NBA Champions, the Cleveland Cavaliers! Have a safe trip home. Thank you and God Bless You!



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2009 Spring Meeting Awards and Appointments

At the April 26th Life Membership Luncheon in Orlando, Florida, the following IAABO members were presented with the prestigious award of IAABO Life Membership:

Felix Addeo, Bd. 33 NJ
 Bill Dixon, Bd. 12 DC
 William O'Donnell, Bd. 7 CT
 Jack Sweeney, Bd. 40 NY
 Elsie Weiser, Bd. 105 VT

50 year awards were presented to:
 Charles Brown, Bd. 33 NJ
 Frank Capraro, Bd. 33 NJ
 John Collins, Bd. 26 MA
 Fran Foley, Bd. 27 MA
 Edwin Fraktman, Bd. 27 MA
 Jack Hannon, Bd. 27 MA
 Henry "Hank" Luzzi, Bd. 10 CT
 William Kenney, Bd. 168 NJ
 Wayne Lichty, Individual Member
 Bill Loftus, Bd. 26 MA
 Robert Lynch, Bd. 33 NJ
 Leonard Maida, Bd. 51 NY
 Joe D'Orazio, Bd. 130 MA
 Bob Pickett, Bd. 26 MA
 David Vivino, Bd. 194 NJ
 George Weber, Bd. 33 NJ

Appointments and Elections

At the General Assembly Meeting held Sunday, April 26, 2009, in Orlando, FL, Dan Barringer, Bd. 55 OH, was unanimously voted

into office as President. Mark Byron, Bd. 20 ME, was elected as President-Elect and Tony Haley, Bd. 117 NH, was elected as Vice-President.

Elected to 3-year terms on the Executive Committee were:

Barry Fuller, Bd. 21 ME (Region 10); Dennis Herbert, Bd. 211 ONT (Region 9); David Smith, Bd. 4 CO (Regional 5) and W. Alan Smith, Bd. 200 GA, (Regional 12) were all re-elected to 3-year terms. Dennis Murphy, Bd. 117 NH, was elected to serve the remainder of Tony Haley's term for Region 11.

President Dan Barringer made the following appointments:

Audit & Budget

Larry Machione, Bd. 208 MA, Chair
 Art Harmon, Bd. 194 NJ, Asst. Chair
 Joe Gintoli, Mike Hammond, Jack Sweeney, Executive Liaisons
 Lou Engle, Bill Loftus, Dick MacKenzie, Advisors

Board Relations and Policy

Joe Mitchell, Bd. 134 MD, Chair
 Ron Chapdelaine, Bd. 26 MA, Asst. Chair
 Dennis Murphy, Dennis Herbert, Willie L.A. Jones, Executive Liaisons
 Peter Carroll, Henry Hailstock, Ken Walker, Advisors

Constitution

Steven Ellinger, Bd. 205 TX, Chair
 Pat Laing, Bd. 192 ONT, Asst. Chair
 Dennis Murphy, Tom Reese, W. Alan Smith, Executive Liaisons
 Ron Brown, Lou Engle, Henry Hailstock, Advisors

Life Membership

Ron Martel, Bd. 208 MA, Chair

Gary Pucino, Bd. 84 RI, Asst. Chair
 Jeff Benedict, Joe Gintoli, Jack Sweeney, Executive Liaisons
 Lou DeGeorge, Jack Doyle, Dick MacKenzie, William Ryan, Bill Varno, Committee Members

Membership

Sal Capitummino, Bd. 36 NY, Chair
 Jeff Smith, Bd. 10 CT, Asst. Chair
 Tom Reese, W. Alan Smith, Paul Spinelli, Executive Liaisons
 Lou DeGeorge, William Ryan, Ken Walker, Advisors

Rules Examination

Roger MacTavish, Bd. 39 NY, Chair
 Paul Behr, Bd. 403 SC, Asst. Chair
 Mike Hammond, Willie L.A. Jones, Dave Smith, Executive Liaisons
 Bill Loftus, Bill Varno, Peter Webb, Advisors

Officials Education and Development

Peter Webb, Bd. 111 ME, Chair
 Lou Filippetti, Bd. 9 CT, Asst. Chair
 Dennis Herbert, David Smith, Jack Sweeney, Executive Liaisons

Jack Doyle, Len Maida, Advisors

Women's Coordinating

Bob Bernier, Bd. 8 CT, Chair
 Barbara Eppley, Bd. 70 PA, Asst. Chair
 Barry Fuller, David Smith, Paul Spinelli, Executive Liaisons
 Ron Brown, Jack Doyle, Dick MacKenzie, Advisors

Parliamentarian and Legal Counsel

Alan Goldberger, Bd. 33 NJ

Honorary President

Dr. Ron Brown, Bd. 4 CO

Honorary Executive Director

Henry Hailstock, Bd. 12 DC



Mike Kitts, Bd. 38 NY, was recently selected by the Naismith Foundation to receive the Naismith Award. The award is bestowed annually to the nation's best college basketball official.

NCAA 2009-2010 Regional Basketball Officiating Clinics

Women's

October 10, 2009 – Atlanta Hilton
 October 18, 2009 – Marriott Salt Lake City Downtown
 October 24, 2009 – Philadelphia Airport Marriott
 October 31, 2009 – Hyatt Regency Indianapolis

Men's

October 11, 2009 – Atlanta Hilton
 October 17, 2009 – Marriott Salt Lake City Downtown
 October 18, 2009 – Renaissance St. Louis Airport
 October 31, 2009 – Philadelphia Airport Marriott



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Cancer

Wrap Up



IAABO officials from across the United States and Canada joined together and blew pink and white whistles during the last week of January to raise public awareness of one of the most dreaded diseases, Cancer. Cancer has affected and will continue to affect all of us in one way or another. We have either had it ourselves, are going to get it, or know someone who has it. Cancer affects one out of every two men and one out of every three women in the United States. This is a personal issue to each and every member of IAABO. In addition to blowing the whistles, officials donated a portion of their game checks and raised over \$63,000.00 to assist in the fight against Cancer. Participating boards purchased white and pink whistles from the IAABO office for \$1.00 each and provided the whistles to their members. In turn the members were asked to consider making a donation to the “Officials vs. Cancer” campaign. Donations ranged from \$5.00 to some that were several hundred dollars. “The amount of officials who participated in the campaign this year was phenomenal,” stated Donnie Eppley, Campaign Coordinator for IAABO, Inc. “This year, we had twice as many boards participate

in the campaign and we are looking to further increase our participation next year,” stated Eppley. All of the money that is donated is funneled back to the local areas for the local American Cancer Society branches to use to assist in the fight. Tom Lopes, Executive Director, IAABO, Inc., presented a check in the amount of \$86,500.00 to the American Cancer Society (Coaches vs. Cancer) at the Final Four in Detroit, Michigan. The total amount represented all monies donated by basketball officials including IAABO officials, Division I men’s basketball officials and other officials from throughout the United States. In addition to the whistles, “Officials vs. Cancer” t-shirts were made available to those interested officials. With the assistance of everyone in IAABO, reaching a goal of \$100,000.00 as early as next season is not unrealistic.

Donations by State

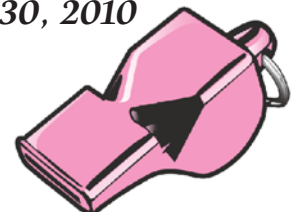
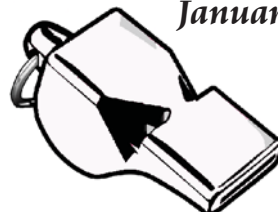
- Connecticut - \$13,507.29**
- New York - 13,236.00**
- Colorado - \$7968.00**
- Pennsylvania - \$7158.00**
- Maine - \$4281.07**
- Vermont - \$3180.00**
- New Jersey - \$3127.95**
- Massachusetts - \$2912.25**
- Missouri - \$2144.75**



Check Presentation in the amount of \$86,500 on behalf of IAABO Basketball Officials from Across the United States and Canada. Shown Left to Right; Fran Dunphy, Head Men’s Basketball Coach, Temple University; Tom Lopes, Executive Director, IAABO, Inc.; Donnie Eppley, Campaign Coordinator, IAABO, Inc., and Jim Satalin, Executive Director, Coaches vs. Cancer, American Cancer Society.

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The Summit brings together the key influentials and influential organizations in sports officiating. State high school associations, college conferences, national governing bodies and international sport officiating representatives will all be on hand. This is the "can't miss" event of the year in officiating.

NASO is proud to announce IAABO as the lead organization for this year's all-important Summit Basketball Breakout Session. What organization could be better suited at leading a hands-on practical session on better basketball officiating than IAABO?

The 2-1/2 day Summit features over 20 in-depth educational sessions specifically designed for officiating leaders. The topics are vital and current. The speakers and panelists are preeminent in the field.

The Summit provides an unbeatable opportunity to network with officiating leaders and renowned officials, all levels, all sports. It is the only time of year you can reach out so far, so easily.

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Running With The Game: John Cahill

Officials find their way to the basketball court many different ways. Some played the game in high school and college and want to stay involved with the sport they love. Some join the ranks to get exercise and find they have an aptitude for it. Others have been pushed or challenged by others to put on the stripes.

John and Din Cahill, oddly enough, started for similar reasons, but not necessarily the reasons you'd expect. With a former IAABO President, Jack Cahill, as their father, you'd assume officiating basketball would be a given. Neither John nor Din would disagree that Jack had a significant impact on their officiating careers. But a more subtle reason nudged them to get started: Picking up some spare change.

Both were in college at the time, and they saw a chance to try something they'd learned from Jack. At the same time, it would help pay bills, and for John, it served as a stress reducer. Little did he know the stress reduction technique would hum along for over 30 years.

John's trek began with the college intramural program, rec ball and summer leagues. It was in law school though where he got more serious. "There was a lot of stress with books and studying, and officiating helped relieve a lot of the pressure." The running itself was something that appealed to Cahill, and as he's moved to higher levels, he's wedded a running routine to his workout program.

"I don't run as much as I did when I was younger," John, 56, says, "but I still work out regularly. Usually I run 3 days a week. I mix that in with some work on the elliptical machine, and work out religiously 6 days a week during the off season. It clears my head, and is something I look forward to."

Keeping in shape has become a bigger priority throughout the years. "When I was younger, I was a bit heavier. As I've gotten older, running keeps the weight off, and puts me in better shape to start the season. As you get older, it's more difficult if you get out of shape then try to get back into the routine when the season rolls along. I keep a strict schedule."

When he hit his early 30's, Cahill recognized the importance of staying in year-round shape. "You can't just turn it on or off. Mother nature catches up with you. Weight is always a big issue, and you have more stress on your knees and joints if you carry extra pounds."

IAABO Start, IAABO Finish

Getting a start with IAABO Board 36, Cahill has taken his IAABO experience to the highest levels of Division I college basketball, working several NCAA Championship games, and currently working the Big East as his signature conference, along with the ACC, SEC and Big Ten. "I didn't have college aspirations when I began, but had success at the high school level, then DIII and DII. I kind of took it from there, and eventually made it to DI.

I never envisioned at the start that I'd have the games I do today. It wasn't in the realm of my thought process."

His first years in Board 36 exposed him to one of the side benefits IAABO provides: Meeting officials with more experience who share their knowledge with younger officials. It's not in the IAABO manual, but it's one of the side benefits members get – lessons and feedback from the guys who've been there before you.



John Cahill presenting at the IAABO Fall Seminar in Eatonton, New Jersey

Tim Wedt, Bill Varno and Sandy Boursseau were all officiating at the Division I level as Cahill was coming up, and he credits them for sharing what they knew and helping to make him the official he is today. "They were role models and products of the IAABO program. They were successful and I tried to emulate that."

His board was based in Albany, NY, and had a number of veteran officials willing to come along and watch. "We'd have skull sessions after games at someone's house. It was good mentoring. All of my success can be attributed to my start with IAABO," Cahill observes.

He spotlights his transition from DIII and DII to the DI level as a critical time that IAABO's foundation helped him the most. "I was working a tough DIII/DII schedule and was glad to have the IAABO foundation. It gave me confidence to handle the higher level games, the progression. For younger officials, one of the toughest skills to master is the mental part of the game. You're under scrutiny from a number of different angles – coaches, fans, the media – and you have to be mentally tough."

"People are not as accepting today of the human errors that occur when you officiate. IAABO, through the friendships you create, allows you to talk to folks who have been through it. They provide reinforcement when reviewing plays you got wrong so you don't make the same mistakes. I also got advice to keep working hard in the next game because if you dwell on the previous game, you won't perform in the next."

A Family Affair

While Jack Cahill didn't push John and Din into the officiating arena, John did take a core lesson from his dad that underlies how he approaches the game and his partners. "My father taught us to treat others like we want to be treated. You're not better than other people. I keep that in mind, and make sure younger officials always feel equal out on the court. My advice is to work hard, do the best you can and relax. Do what got you here. No one is going to be working a DI game unless their supervisor is comfortable with putting him on that game."

Din agrees that the mentoring side is a large part of John's personality. Younger by a year, he worked with John frequently through CYO ball, high school, DII and DIII, and the Ivy and Patriot Leagues. "Part of the fun of reffing (continued on page 13)

“Memories” – Spring Meeting Photo Recap



IAABO Executive Director, Tom Lopes presents a 50 Year Award to David Vivino, Bd. 194 NJ.



IAABO Life Members Pat Laing, Bd. 192 ONT, and recently inducted member Elsie Weiser, Bd. 105 VT.



“The King and His Dessert Court” – John Pierantozzi, Bd. 196 NJ, talked the entire table at the Life Member luncheon into giving him their dessert. Where is the Alka Seltzer? David Vivino, Bd. 194 NJ, looks on in disbelief.



50 Year Award Recipients - (Shown Left to Right) Bob Pickett, Bd. 26 MA, and his friend, Joan Weldon, along with IAABO Past President Bill Loftus, Bd. 26 MA, and his wife, Kathleen, at the annual IAABO Spring Meeting in Orlando.



IAABO Past President Dick MacKenzie, Bd. 105 VT (R), shares a laugh with incoming IAABO Vice-President Tony Haley, Bd. 117 NH.



Future IAABO Officials, Aislin, Christian, Jakeb and Ellie Pat, taking a break pool side at the Regal Sun Resort.

The 10th Annual Life Membership Luncheon again highlighted the annual spring meeting hosted by IAABO. The ceremony, which was held at the Regal Sun Resort in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, April 25th, 2009, presented five distinguished members with the Association's most prestigious award. The induction has become the premier event of the annual spring meeting as it is the highest honor that IAABO bestows on its membership.

Tom Lopes, the Executive Director of IAABO, who presided over the ceremonies, was eloquent and entertaining in his introduction of each candidate. Additionally, a very creative video highlighted the personal and professional careers that resulted in receiving the coveted "Life Membership Ring". The IAABO



Life Members - Class of 2009 (Shown Left to Right) - Felix Addeo, Bd. 33 NJ; Bill Dixon, Bd. 12 DC; Elsie Weiser, Bd. 105 VT; Bill O'Donnell, Bd. 7 CT; and Jack Sweeney, Bd. 40 NY



Tom Lopes and Life Member Felix Addeo

Life Membership ceremony and luncheon has become a hallmark tradition that personalizes the outstanding accomplishments achieved by the recipients. It was a crowning acknowledgement for each of these members who have "...contributed to the growth, purpose, ideals of IAABO and the game of basketball, through local district, state and national involvement..."

The following members were inducted: William Dixon, Board 12, DC, William O'Donnell, Board 7, CT, John "Jack" Sweeney, Board 40, NY, Elsie Weiser, Board 105, VT and Felix Addeo, past president of IAABO, from Board 33, NJ. They truly are a group of officials that represent the highest standards and principals in the IAABO organization and the officiating community. They are truly worthy recipients for this prestigious award.

Over 200 IAABO delegates, guests, and family members were in attendance to



Life Member Bill O'Donnell Receives a handshake from Life Member Chairman Ron Martel

witness these five members receive this prestigious honor. The pride, emotion, and appreciation expressed by each recipient were evident in their heartfelt remarks as they thanked those that had provided them with years of mentoring and support. They all measured their success by their commitment to family, community, love for the game and their ability to give something back to the organization that had been so instrumental in their lives.

On behalf of the Life Membership Committee we offer our sincere congratulations and best wishes to all the honorees and their families.

Letter of Appreciation

To Tom Lopes and Donnie Eppley,

Thanks for a job well done. It goes without saying that a lot of time and effort went into making the Life Membership Luncheon such a great success. Not only did you put the time into it but you also made Life Membership meaningful to all those in attendance and you enjoyed doing it. You introduced us not only as officials but as people and this made it more personable to all those in attendance.

Thanks to both of you for such a great weekend. Keep up the good work and it was quite evident at all the meetings that IAABO is in good hands and is headed toward a very successful future.

Sincerely,

Bill O'Donnell

End-of-game Replays Approved in High School Basketball

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (May 12, 2009) — Replay equipment may be used in state high school basketball championships next year to determine the final outcome of games.



In its April 13-15 meeting in Indianapolis, the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Basketball Rules Committee voted to permit state high school associations to use a replay monitor to review field-goal attempts at the expiration of time in the fourth quarter or any overtime period, but only in games when the last-second attempt would affect the outcome of the game.

This addition to Rule 2-2-1 was one of two major rules changes and five major editorial revisions approved by the Basketball Rules Committee. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

In response to end-of-game situations in three state championships during the 2007-08 season (South Carolina, Michigan, Ohio), the committee decided to give state associations the opportunity to use technology, if available, to assist in making sure that the correct team is awarded the state championship. Replay or game officials will be able to determine if the attempt occurred before time expired (0:00 on clock), and whether the shot was a two-point or three-point attempt.

“Coaches, participants, spectators and media now hold game officials to a higher, almost impossible standard,” said Mary Struckhoff, NFHS assistant director and liaison to the Basketball Rules Committee. “When available, technology should be used to assist game officials and administrators in making the correct call when the outcome of the game hangs in the balance and a team has no further opportunity to overcome a critical error. This change provides state associations that opportunity.”

Although not directly linked to the replay change, the other rule change approved by the committee could enhance the reviews of end-of-game situations. Beginning with the 2009-10 season, if a red light behind the backboard or an LED light on the backboard is present, it is permitted to signal the expiration of time in the quarter/extra period. If no red light/LED light is present, the audible timer’s signal will continue to signal the expiration of time. In the past, use of the red light/LED light was not permitted even in those facilities that had one.

“This change allows the technology to be used if it’s available, and in those situations when replay officials are reviewing end-of-game attempts, the red light/LED light should be helpful,” Struckhoff said. “All other end-of-period rules remain intact.”

Two of the five editorial changes were approved in response to last year’s major rule change in which all players moved up one lane space during a free-throw attempt, thereby leaving the two marked lane spaces closest to the end line vacant.

New language in Rule 9-1-3d states that a player leaves a marked lane space when he or she contacts any part of the court outside the marked lane space (3 feet by 3 feet). A clarification to Rule 9-1-3g indicates that a player occupying a marked lane space must have one foot positioned near the outer edge of the free-throw lane line with the other positioned anywhere within the designated 36-inch lane space.

Struckhoff said these changes were necessitated by players attempting to leave their positions too early to gain a rebound advantage.

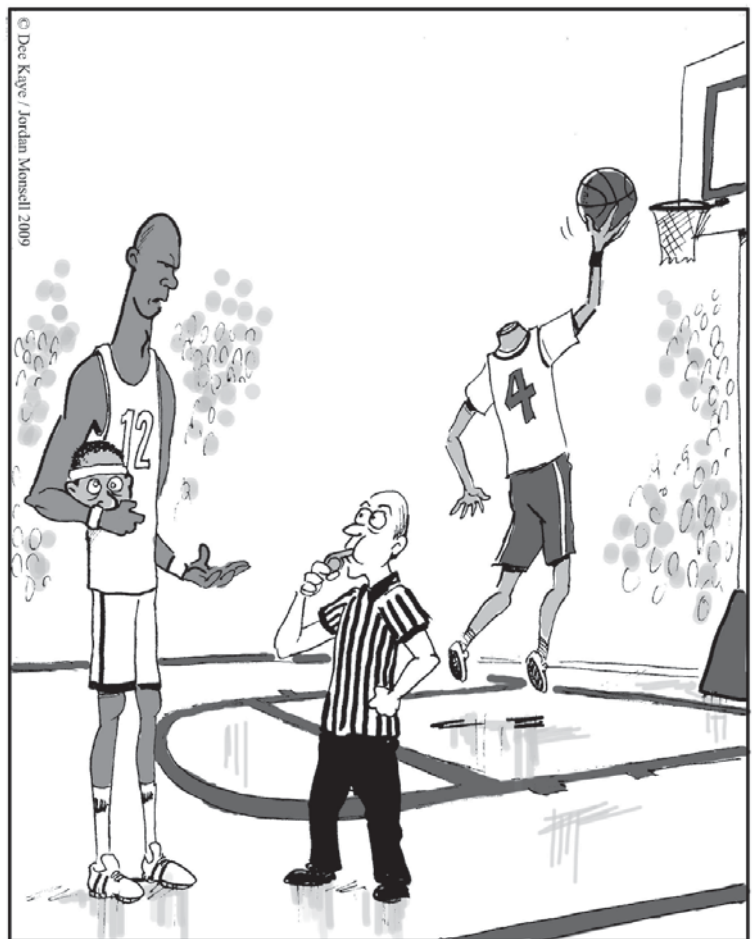
The remaining editorial changes are as follows:

Rules 1-13-3, 5-12-5: Clarified that the imaginary rectangle designated the area to be used for time-outs.

Rule 2-12-5NOTE: Clarified when the 20-second interval begins to replace an injured player.

Rule 3-7: Clarified that any item, in the referee’s judgment, that constitutes a safety concern is not permitted.

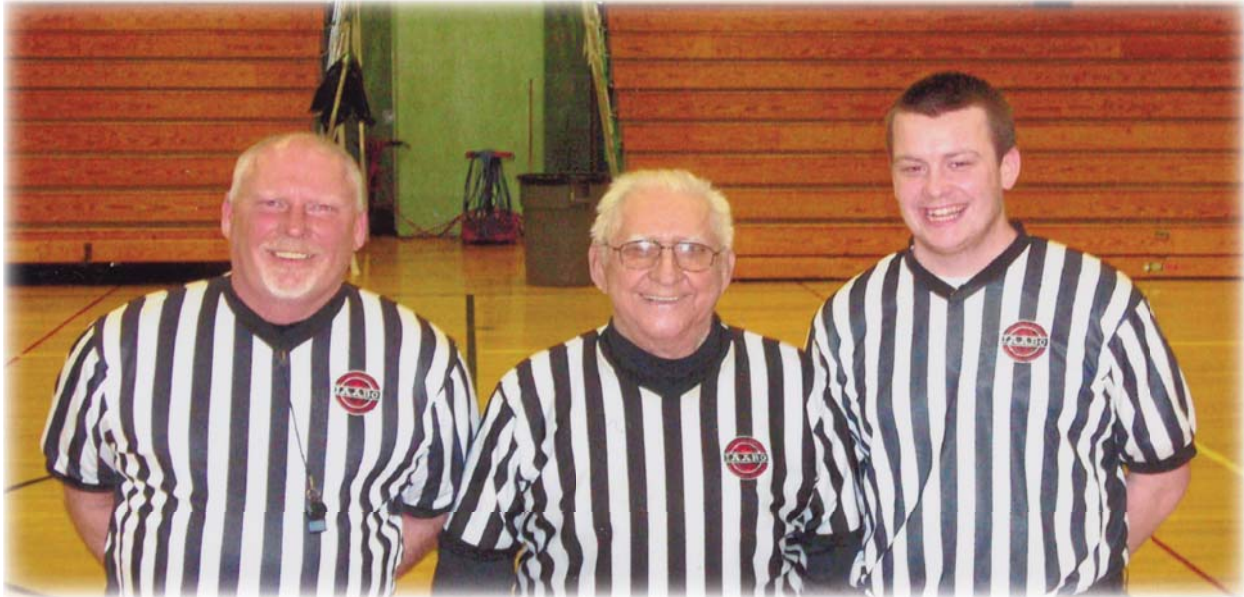
The committee also adopted five points of emphasis for the upcoming season. The identified topics include traveling, closely guarded, three-seconds, block/charge and free-throw administration.



“C’mon ref. How is that a foul?”

Three Generations of Members on Greater Lowell Board 95

The late Richard Bernier or Dick as we all knew him passed away on March 25, 2008. Dick served as a past president and long term Executive board member for IAABO. He was an elected Board Life member. Dick devoted countless hours to improving the skills of new officials. Dick, pictured center below, is flanked by his son, Ray, who has been a member of Board 95 since 1988 and his grandson. Ray's son and Dick's grandson, Brian Haakenstad, joined IAABO in 2006. Dick also has a stepson, Brian Haakenstad (not pictured), who joined IAABO in 1990.



Richard Bernier who recently passed away with his son Ray Bernier and grandson Brandon Bernier.



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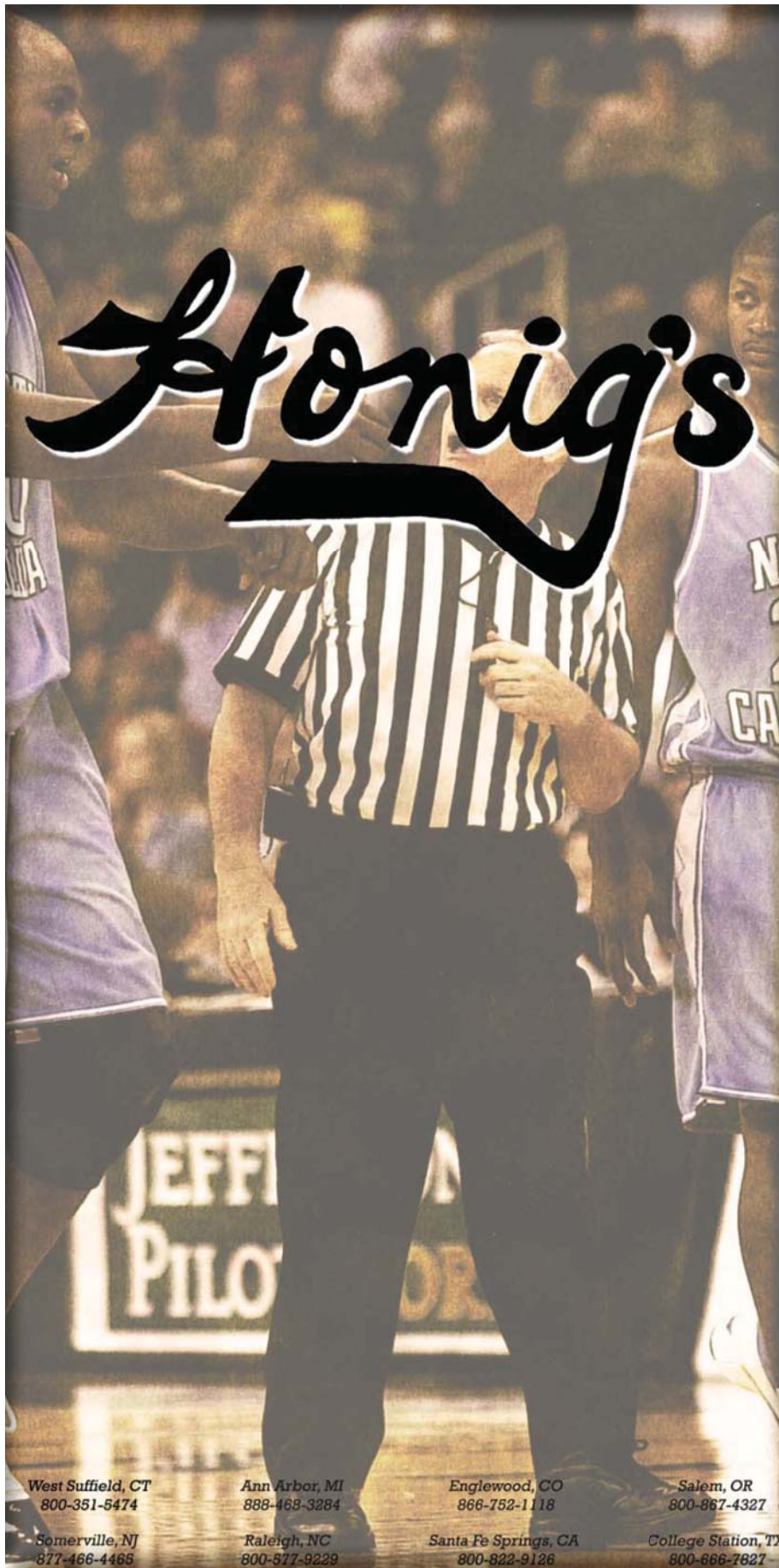
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Running With The Game: John Cahill (continued from page 7)

was working with John at all those levels. He would keep me in line, explain situations.”

Their partnership culminated in a game both remember as the highlight of their time spent together, a North Carolina-Princeton contest in the Dean Dome during the Antwan Jamison-Vince Carter era. Both remember the charged atmosphere and the joy of being on the court together. Though they had worked other Division I games together, when they got the assignment, both decided to bring their sons to the game. “It’s something my son and nephew will always remember,” John recalls.



“John made me feel comfortable working such a big game. I was definitely not the ref,” Din laughs.

Though 7-8 years ago Din’s job requirements forced him to the officiating sidelines, Din remembers it was John advising him that helped with the decision. “He told me not to jeopardize my career.”

“Din was very successful,” John says proudly. “He worked the Ivy, Patriot, MAAC and America East, and made it to the NCAA tournament. We were fortunate one year to both work the same day in the NCAA tournament.”

Being around their father allowed both to absorb officiating lessons growing up. “I saw from an officiating perspective how to conduct myself,” John says of his father’s experiences. “Just being around him and the game, we learned things. We’d talk about plays and what to do in certain situations.”

Cahill played basketball in high school, then two years at Sienna College, before officiating, but says his father never actively encouraged him or Din to follow in his footsteps. “When I broke into the Big East, we had some nice times traveling together. We’d talk about life in general, and it was a time I grew close to my father. It was quality time we got through officiating.”

Passion For Officiating

As Din describes it, above all else, you must have a passion for officiating to get to the top, and John has it. “You can’t get to the level John has without it. He has the pride, passion and drive. He eats, lives and breathes officiating.” At the same time, Din says, the camaraderie with other officials is the biggest thing John gets out of the game. “John’s best friends on the earth are his fellow officials.”

“They all root for each other. John has never said a bad word about another official. The fans may not believe officials care, but he cares above and beyond what any fan would. Officials want each game to be perfect, and the world would be a better place if we all approached our jobs that way.”

“John is ideal for officiating because he’s so level-headed. He’s a lot like our father in that way,” Din continues. “There was no doubt in my mind John would referee and have a passion for the game like our dad.”

Din remembers, for example, the first time the family went to Madison Square Garden. “It was a Mecca for John.”

He also remembers John’s first Final Four, working with Jim Burr and Ted Valentine. “He told me how proud he felt our dad would have been,” Din relates.

Their father Jack, Din recalls would run “at 100 mph so there was nothing in the tank at the end of the game.” Similarly, “John will not be outworked,” Din continues, “The way he works his 40 minutes on the court, he got from our dad.”

Moving From One Big League To The Next

Though John has officiated at the DI level since the 1980s, his signature conference has been the Big East. He felt it best to keep games closer to home, to balance time with his family (his wife, Karen, and children, Jaclyn, 23, and John, 20. “Karen has always been extremely supportive of my officiating, and I wanted to be around as much as possible for my kids’ high school years.” Though he made it to the pinnacle of college basketball officiating during that period by working the NCAA Division I men’s championship game, he didn’t add many games from other major conferences.

Instead, his job with the New York State Senate, along with his family, kept him busy and in his comfort zone. “I would never work a Tuesday or Friday during that time, so I could be home for my kids’ games. Combined with my job in the Senate, my schedule was constrained.”

That changed on December 31, 2007. Up to that point, though Cahill had been in the SEC, ACC and Big Ten, he didn’t accept a lot of games. With his retirement from the Senate, that all changed.

“Retirement gave me more of an opportunity to travel, and I added more games with the ACC, SEC and Big Ten. There is still a core group of officials you’re familiar with when you work in those conferences, but you have to get to know the coaches and facilities. Everyone has been positive and gracious.”

Though the leagues are different, Cahill finds he can stick to his basics: “While the league styles vary, I stay in my comfort level on the court – do your job like any other game.” From one game to the next, it might go from a grind-it-out slow-playing defensive affair to an explosive up and down frenetic pace, but if “you do the same job every night and are consistent, that allows the players to play with a certain positive expectation,” John explains.

Jack would understand.

(Dave Simon has been an IAABO member since 1984 and officiated through the small college level. You can receive his weekly newspaper column free of charge by emailing him at davidsimon15@hotmail.com. He lives in Grapevine, Texas.)



IAABO "ROCKS" Cleveland Again

Board 55 in Ohio is very proud to host the 2009 IAABO Fall Seminar in Cleveland, Ohio. The seminar will be held September 10-13 at the Holiday Inn, which is a convenient location to the many attractions in Cleveland. When contacting the Holiday Inn make sure you ask for the "IAABO" rate.

Plan to arrive early and participate in the golf outing which will be held at Pine Hills Country Club. On Sunday morning September 13th, the annual Spouse/Guest breakfast will take place. This is a great opportunity for our other members of the IAABO family to meet each other.

There will also be a Hospitality room opened for your enjoyment, to meet other members, discuss and compare issues that could have a positive effect on your board, or give advice on issues that confront

IAABO boards.

A visit to Cleveland would not be complete without a trip to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (go Doo Wop), or a visit to Jacob's field to see the Cleveland Indians. Make your plans early while the airfares are low.

The Fall Seminar is a must meeting for all interpreters. IAABO will be highlighting rules changes, points of emphasis, and having presentations on vital aspects of officiating. Through the use of new videos on various play topics, we will again have a session again on "You Make the Ruling". We will also introduce our new Crew of 2 mechanics video, and a video on proper signals. These sessions are the "meat and potatoes" of what IAABO does best, and that is to provide our interpreters with the best information to bring back to their local board.

IAABO looks forward to seeing you in Cleveland.

IAABO Announces New Insurance Program

The Executive Committee of IAABO is excited to announce that it has chosen Borden-Perlman as its new insurance carrier. After researching what companies had to offer regarding coverages and prices, bids were accepted. Presentations were made to the Board and after comparing the proposals and the costs, the decision was made to accept the proposal of Borden-Perlman. The Executive Board feels that this coverage for the price may well be the best on the market. The decision to enroll in this insurance program is strictly up to your board.

Here are the highlights of the program: coverage for Liability, Accident Medical, Game Fee Reimbursement, and Accidental Death & Dismemberment, at a cost of \$8.15 per official, a substantial savings over the \$11 per member that IAABO members paid last year. In direct comparison with any other coverage on the market, you will find that it is the most coverage for the money.

IAABO feels that it is part of our commitment to our members to



make available those services that may be of benefit. IAABO does not receive any monetary consideration for individual enrollment in the insurance program; just the knowledge that we can make this program available to our

members is our satisfaction.

IAABO boards will be contacted in the near future by Beth Andrews, who will be our agent. She will provide the necessary paperwork to obtain this insurance, in-depth explanation of the coverage, and she will be available to answer any questions members may have about the new insurance. You may contact Beth directly at (800) 932-4476 x105; (609) 895-1468 (Fax) or Email: bandrews@bordenperlman.com.

If your board does not currently purchase its insurance through our new carrier, you may want to consider it as an exceptional service to offer your members. IAABO strongly encourages you to discuss this with your members.



On April 25-26, members of the Vermont IAABO Board 105 volunteered their services for the Special Olympics basketball tournament held at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

Front from left, Special Olympians Sarah LaClair and Larry Young, members of the Chittenden County basketball team; back row, Rosie Chaloux (IAABO Board 105); Evan Field, a sophomore at the University of Vermont and a member of the UVM mens basketball team; Jeff Mongeon (IAABO Board 105); Olympian Christopher Preston; and Stephen Wright, a student at UVM.

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Thursday, September 10, 2009

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IAABO Lines

Condolences to: **Kathy Awkard, Bd. 12 DC**, on the passing of her grandmother, **Jim Mackin, Bd. 19 NY**, on the passing of his brother; **Reggie Northern, Bd. 214**, on the passing of his brother; **Bd. 21** on the passing of IAABO Life Member Michael DiRenzo; **David Swain, Bd. 44 MA**, on the loss of his mother; **Charles O'Malley, Bd. 44 MA**, on the passing of his brother; **Mathew O'Malley, Bd. 44 MA**, on the passing of his Uncle; **IAABO Board No. 61 PA**, on the loss of one of their members, **Steve Bosckosky**, who passed away while umpiring a baseball game in Warwick, New York; **Tim O'Brien, Bd. 44 MA**, on the loss of his mother; **Reginald Tarpley, Bd. 12 DC**, on the passing of his mother; **Jack Foley and Jim Ridick, Bd. 26 MA**, on the recent passing of their father and father-in-law; **IAABO Board 26** members on the passing of **John Deknis**, Board 26 Past President and IAABO member for 65 years, who passed away at the age of 95; **John D'Elia, Bd 26 MA**, on the passing of his mother; **John McCarthy, Bd. 26 MA**, on the passing of his infant granddaughter; **Jim Williamson, Bd. 70 PA**, on the loss of his mother; **IAABO Board No. 152** on the loss of their member, Greg Manach; **Steve Kelly, Bd. 152 MA**, on the loss of his son, Shawn.

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Michael DiRenzo, a Maine IAABO and Maine Basketball Legend



The late Mike DiRenzo

Mike DiRenzo, IAABO official and Maine basketball Legend, recently passed away at the age of 85. Mike, a World War II veteran and a graduate of the University of Maine, loved basketball as a player, then as a coach, as a referee, as a commissioner and finally as an IAABO executor.

While at the University of Maine, he began his lifelong relationship with IAABO. Upon graduation Mike entered the teaching profession additionally serving as a successful high school basketball coach. Soon Mike became a high school guidance counselor and director. He continued serving as a high school basketball official and eventually officiated college basketball in the greater New England area.

In 1978 Mike was named the Maine State Basketball Commissioner. In that role he served as the director and supervisor of the state's basketball officials and high school basketball. He served as commissioner for 13 years retiring at the end of the 1990-91 season.

Mike served Western Maine Board #21 as secretary-treasurer 1974 -1978. He served as Board # 21 Interpreter for twenty two years (1969 – 1991).

Mike served IAABO as an Executive Committee member for ten years (1981- 1991). He served as a member of IAABO's reorganization committee (OMP) in the 1980's. Mike was an IAABO Life

Member and an IAABO member from 1951-2009, fifty-eight years. Mike devoted five decades of service to IAABO championing it and basketball in and beyond Maine's boundaries. For this dedication, he was sincerely appreciated and he will be deeply missed.