



Ohio Association of Football Officials

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The Annual Meeting of the Ohio Association of Football Officials was held on Friday, August 8, 2014, at the Royal American Links, Galena, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by President Frank Bullock at 5:12 PM.

Life Members in Attendance: Alge, Clemmons, Crispino, Mahan, Murray, D. Nowak, Pfaff, and Poole

Active Members in Attendance: Adams, Bondy, Bowersock, Bullock, Carder, Clay, Davis, Ellis, Feeney, Furjanic, Garner, J. George, C. George, C. Griffith, Hampton, Henderly, Henderson, Ken Katafias, Kevin Katafias, Kleckner, Kozma, Kuhlman, Mamarella, Mangas, McDonald, Mlakar, Ken Myers, Kris Myers, Noggle, Mike Pickarski, John Pickarski, Pierce, Rathbone, Sima, Stout, Tipton, and Widman.

Associate Members in Attendance: Cowles, Gerogosian, M. Griffith, Harding, Kelly, Kowalski, Mahnke, Myricks, N. Nowak, Joe Pickarski, Rice, Smith, Spryszak, Tarone, and Tomlin.

Provisional Members in Attendance: Janssens, and Kruzel.

Copies of the minutes from the 2013 meeting were distributed and the members were asked to review them. Motion to accept minutes; Crispino (SW), second Ken Myers (NW). Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Carder reviewed the Financial Report from the past year. A listing of receipts and expenses from August 2013 to August 2014 was provided. Bank accounts show \$6,929.96 in Checking and \$4,415.69 in Money Market Savings. Total Cash On Hand, \$11,345.65. Motion to accept Treasurer' Report; Mlakar (NE), second Mangas (NW). Motion carried.

Membership Report, Carder. Life Members, 26; Active Members, 115 Associate Members, 92; Provisional Members, 12, Special Member, 1; Total, 246.

Membership Chairman (NW) Joel Clay reported that the following Provisional Members have been recommended for advancement to Associate Member status. C. Miller (NW), C. Hughes (NW), D. Aller (NW), M. Kruzel (NW), C. Douglass (NW), T. Sarver (C), R. Schwieterman (C), P. Parry (NE), B. Willis (SW), M. Allen (SW), and K. Cloud (SW).

Motion by Crispino (SW) to accept all 11 Provisional Members listed for advancement to Associate Members. Second by D. Nowak (NW). Motion carried.

Clay also reported that ten Associate Members were recommended by the Membership Committee and approved by the Executive Committee for Advancement to Active Membership. He brought each Associate's name to the floor, a discussion was held and an individual vote was taken.

The motions and voting results are as follows:

Nick Gerogosian (NE): Motion by Mlakar (NE) to accept, second by Adams (SW). Motion carried.

Stanley Kielar (NE): Motion by Crispino (SW) to accept, second by Noggle (NE). Motion carried.

Craig Kowalski (NE): Motion by Mamarella (NE) to accept, second by Mlakar (NE). Motion carried.

Keith Smith (NE): Motion by Ken Myers (NW) to accept, second by Furjanic (NE). Motion carried.

Anthony Tarone (NE): Motion by Ken Myers (NW) to accept, second by Noggle (NE). Motion carried.

Michael Bahner (NW): Motion by Poole (NW) to accept, second by Kuhlman (NW). Motion carried.

Frank Spryszak (NW): Motion by Tipton (NW) to accept, second by Alge (NW). Motion carried.

Barry Garringer (NW): Motion by Alge (NW) to accept, second by Poole (NW). Motion carried.

Jared Wenglikowski (SW): Motion by M. Pickarski (SW) to accept, second by Kris Myers (SW). Motion carried.

Jamie Harding (SW): Motion by Adams (SW) to accept, second by Crispino (SW). Motion carried.

President Bullock announced that three letters of recommendation were received by the Executive Committee to nominate Max Schwarzel (SE) for Life Membership. An on-line voting of the membership took place this summer and Mr. Schwarzel would be inducted as a Life Member of the OAFO at tonight's Kickoff Banquet.

President Bullock called for a discussion on Inactive Retired officials, as noted in Article V11, Sections 1 and 6 of the By-Laws. Secretary Carder read those sections of the By-Laws, reiterating that those officials who hold Active status in the OAFO for a period of ten years or more, shall have all rights and privileges as non-retired members without paying dues. Since Section 6B states that Inactive Members must be recommended by

the Executive Committee and approved by two-thirds vote of the members voting, that action could occur this coming year. Membership Chairmen were asked to forward the names of those retired officials from their districts that qualify, and want to remain part of the OAFO. The Executive Committee would act on those names and set up an on-line vote of the membership with their recommendations this coming year.

Executive Committee Member Ken Kuhlman (NW) was called on to read the list of playoff/post-season assignments awarded to OAFO Members for the 2013 season.

OAFO Members Playoff/Post-Season Assignments--2013

11/23/13 NCAA Division III 1st Round, Wittenberg vs. Lebanon Valley, **Pat Parry (R), Chris George (L), Brian Carpenter (H), Bart Buckler (F)**

11/23/13 NCAA Division III, 1st Round, Mount Union vs. Washington & Jefferson, **Brent Brown (U), Mike Sassaman (H), James Bondra (F), George Ittu (S)**

11/23/13 NAIA, 1st Round, University of the Cumberlands vs. St. Ambrose University **Matt Byer (U), Tony Moldovan (L), Mike Brenner (S)**

11/23/13 NCAA Division II, 1st Round, Grand Valley St. vs. Saginaw Valley St. **Ron Kay (F), Jim Sima (S)**

12/7/13 NCAA Division II, Qtr. Final, NW Missouri State vs. St. Cloud, **Ron Kay (F), Jim Sima (S)**

11/30/13 NCAA Division II, 2nd Round, NW Missouri State vs. Minn. Duluth. **Paul Stout (F)**

12/7/13 NCAA Division II, Qtr. Final, Lenoir-Rhyne vs. North Alabama, **Paul Stout (F)**

12/7/13 NCAA FCS, 2nd Round, Eastern Illinois vs. Tennessee State, **Frank Bullock (H)**

12/7/13 Big Ten Championship, Michigan State vs. Ohio State, **Joel Clay (F)**

12/21/13 NCAA Division II National Championship, Florence, AL, Lenoir-Rhyne vs. Northwest Missouri, **Ron Kay (F), Jim Sima (S)**

12/21/13 R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl, Tulane vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, **Dennis Morris (Alt)**

12/28/13 New Era Pinstripe Bowl, Bronx, N.Y., Rutgers vs. Notre Dame, **Mike Elliott (B), Steve Furjanic (Comm), Nick Define (Booth)**

12/28/13 Russell Athletic Bowl, Orlando, FL., Louisville vs. Miami, FL., **Jeff Baur (L)**

12/30/13 Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl, Ft. Worth, TX, Middle Tennessee vs. Navy, **Tom Riepenhoff (B), Don Bondy (Comm)**

12/31/13 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Atlanta, GA, Duke vs. Texas A&M, **Dan Gallagher (F)**

1/1/14 Heart of Dallas Bowl, Dallas, TX, North Texas vs. UNLV, **Rudy Studd (H), Jonathan Shelton (L)**

- 1/3/14 AT&T Cotton Bowl, Arlington TX, Oklahoma State vs. Missouri, **Jeff Szink (L), Jeff Noggle (F), Scott Buchanan (B), Dave Nowak (Comm)**
- 1/4/14 NFL Wild Card, Indianapolis, IN Kansas City Chiefs vs. Indianapolis Colts, **Gary Arthur (L)**
- 1/6/14 BCS Vizio National Championship Game, Pasadena, CA, Florida State vs. Auburn, **Ron Tipton (L)**
- 1/11/14 NFL Divisional Playoff, Seattle, WA, Seattle Seahawks vs. New Orleans Saints, **Mark Steinkerchner (L)**
- 1/12/14 NFL Divisional Playoff, Denver, CO, Denver Broncos vs. San Diego Chargers, **Bob Waggoner (F)**
- 1/19/14 NFL NFC Championship, Seattle, WA, Seattle Seahawks, vs. San Francisco 49ers, **Dana McKenzie (H)**

Ex-Officio Ken Myers, on behalf of the OAFO, recognized and thanked the Supervisors of Officials from the area for staffing their leagues with OAFO members. Those recognized were: Andy Pfaff of the NCAC, Danny Kleckner of the OAC, Mark Baltz of the HCAC, Gene Steratore of the PAC and Mountain East, Mike McCann of the GLIAC and GLVC, Bill Carollo of the COC, (Big 10, MAC and Missouri Valley) along with members of his staff, Bob Waggoner and Gary Arthur. Also recognized were Doug Rhodes of the ACC and Terry McAulay of the AAC.

Monty Mlakar, the Spring Clinic Chairman for 2014, reported that 123 attended the event, hosted by the Members from the Northeast, and held in Strongsville, Ohio on May 9 and 10. Feedback was very positive and the clinicians who volunteered to run the training sessions were offered the Association's sincere gratitude. The Spring Clinic rotates to the SW District for 2015 and it was mentioned that the SW was already in the preliminary planning stages.

Bob McDonald reported on the 2014 Lowell Wrigley Memorial Golf Tournament. John Crispino (SW) was responsible for the ideal weather conditions and 42 members teed it up in a scrambles format. Dave Nowak (NW) issued a challenge to the rest of the state to match the NW's participation, noting that of the 42 players, 20 were from the NW. A minimum of 60 players are needed to return the "Lowell" back to a shot gun start. There were some rumblings that the Wrigley could possibly be moved to Toledo, Fremont or Findlay in the future.

Bill Henderly coordinated the Kickoff Banquet this year. Former Dayton Football Coach and current Assistant AD Mike Kelly will be the featured speaker and the program calls for the presentation of a Life Member award to Max Schwarzel (SE). The new Associate Members in attendance will be introduced, as well as the new Actives. The Jack McLain President's Award will be presented to outgoing President Frank Bullock and 54 dinners will be served.

Bill Ellis, the OAFO's website administrator, was called on to report on the OAFO website. He stated that rules interpretations and training videos from the CFO are located on the site and its content is continually being updated. He was increasing the number of pictures posted on the site and asked for game action pictures of members be sent. He also asked that members keep their profiles updated, including email address changes, so that they continue to receive communication from the OAFO.

Mr. Henderly was called on to give an E.C. "Irish" Krieger Scholarship report. A detailed, two page overview was included with the agenda that outlined the scholarship investment's performance and values, including recent gifts donated by the OAFO. The current investment market value as of June 30, 2014 is \$68,121. The historical cumulative amount of all gifts received over all years (since inception) into the Irish Krieger Memorial Scholarship fund is \$37,701.54. \$2,126 will be available for awards this coming academic year. A copy of the scholarship application has been updated and can be found on the OAFO website. There was some discussion regarding the language used on the application, specifically the ties to the OHSAA. Secretary Carder had contacted the administrators at Ohio University for clarification and it was explained that the language was originally set up by the family of Irish Krieger. It was also stated that many years ago, OAFO Member and Attorney Joe Yannity was called upon to render a legal opinion on the language used. The administrators have an understanding of this difference but cannot change the language. They do take into consideration Mr. Yannity's legal opinion when reviewing applications so that is a nonissue today. It was also mentioned that OAFO members who would like to donate to the scholarship, can do so by contacting Ohio University or making arrangements with their estate planning attorney.

Secretary Carder recommended that the OAFO make a donation this year to the Irish Krieger Memorial Scholarship. He stated that last year's donation was \$3,546 and with the profits from the Spring Clinic, as well as the donations from the sale of OAFO logo merchandise this past year, the Association was in a position to donate at least \$4,000. A motion to make a donation of \$4,000 to the E.C. "Irish" Krieger Memorial Scholarship was made by John Crispino (SW), second by Bill Henderly (C). Motion carried. A \$4,000 check will be sent to Ohio University.

Unfinished Business—None.

New Business--Ex-Officio Myers (NW) asked for a vote on the rotation of new officers for the upcoming year: President, Chris Garner (C), Vice President Ken Kuhlman (NW) and Secretary-Treasurer, Brian Carder. Motion by Poole (NW). second by Crispino (SW). Motion carried.

Joining them on the Executive Committee for 2015 is Nick Brigati (SE), Jeff Noggle (NE), Bill Ellis (SW) and Frank Bullock Ex-Officio.

Membership Chairmen for 2015 are Doug Warns (C), Monty Mlakar (NE), Joel Clay (NW) and Chad Adams (SW). SE is still open.

Carder reminded everyone that 2015 dues were to be paid by January 1, 2015.

With no more new business, a motion was made by Kleckner to adjourn, seconded by most in attendance. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Carder, Secretary-Treasurer