



## *Ohio Association of Football Officials*

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The Annual Meeting of the Ohio Association of Football Officials was held on Friday, July 31, 2015, at the Royal American Links, Galena, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by President Chris Garner at 5:02 PM.

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

**Active Members in Attendance:** Adams, Bednarczyk, Bullock, Carder, Clay, Davis, Eckert, Ellis, Feeney, Foltz, Furjanic, Garner, C. George, Gerogolian, Gfell, C. Griffith, Hampton, Henderly, Henderson, Ken Katafias, Kevin Katafias, Kay, Kleckner, Kowalski, Kuhlman, Mamarella, Mangas, McDonald, Motter, Mlakar, Scot Myers, Noggle, Mike Pickarski, Pierce, Rathbone, Riepenhoff, Shaw, Shay, Sima, Spryszak, Steiner, Stout, Tarone, and Wodzisz.

**Associate Members in Attendance:** Aller, M. Griffith, M. Kelly, Kramer, Kruzel, Lilly, Mahnke, C. Miller, N. Nowak, Rice, Smith, Tomlin and Ziemkiewicz.

**Provisional Members in Attendance:** Dixon, Nelson, Newsom, C. Sheldon, D. Sheldon and Stabler.

Copies of the minutes from the 2014 meeting were distributed and the members were asked to review them. Motion to accept minutes; Ken Katafias (NW), second M. Pickarski (C). Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Carder reviewed the Financial Report from the past year. A listing of receipts and expenses from August 2014 to August 2015 was provided. Bank accounts show \$5,213.59 in Checking, \$2,415.94 in Money Market Savings and \$30.77 in PayPal. Total Cash on Hand, \$7,660.30. Motion to accept Treasurer' Report; Amicon (SW), second McDonald (SW). Motion carried.

Membership Report, Carder. Life Members, 29; Active Members, 132 Associate Members, 105; Provisional Members, 25, Special Member, 1; Total, 292.

Membership Chairman (NW) Joel Clay reported that the following Provisional Members have been recommended for advancement to Associate Member status. S. Barnett (SW), C. Dixon (SW), R. George (SW), J. Knipper (SW), J. McCulla (SW), R. Newsom (SW), D. Sheldon (SW), J. Czank (NE), B. Carpenter (NE), J. Kyanko (NE), P. Boehmer (NE), P. Nelson (NE), W. Sumlin (NE), J. Fritz (NE), S. Duncan (C), M. Chandler (NW), C. Honisko (NW), M. Johnson (NW), C. Rister (NW), D. Stabler (NW) and M. Skrzynieki (NW).

Motion by Crispino (SW) to accept all 21 Provisional Members listed for advancement to Associate Members. Second by C. George (SW). Motion carried.

Clay also reported that three 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:

Robert Cowles (SW): Motion by Clemmons (SW) to accept, second by C. George (SW). Motion carried.

Nolan Nowak (NW): Motion by Kuhlman (NW) to accept, second by Poole (NW). Motion carried.

Michael Griffith (NE): Motion by Furjanic (NE) to accept, second by D. Nowak (NW). Motion carried.

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

Executive Committee Member Ken Kuhlman (NW) was called on to read the list of playoff/post-season assignments awarded to OAFo Members for the 2014 season.

**11/22/14 NCAA Div. III, 1st Round, John Carroll vs. Centre, Wes Davis (R), Jared Greene (U), Mike Sassaman (H), Tom Jones (L), Tom Muellauer (F), Kevin Kelly (S), Ryan Schwieterman (B)**

**11/22/14 NCAA Div. III, 1st Round, Wittenberg vs. Washington & Jefferson, Pat Parry (R), Todd Pcionek (H), Joe Goicochea (L), Mark Piorkowski (F), DJ Hynes (S), Eric Kincaid (B)**

**11/29/14 NCAA Div, II, 2nd Round, Ferris State vs. Ohio Dominican, Nick Brigati (L), Bill Foltz (F)**

**11/29/14 NCAA Div, II 2nd Round Pittsburg State vs. Minnesota State-Mankato, Jim Rogers (B)**

11/29/14 NCAA Div. III, 2nd Round, Hobart vs. Johns Hopkins, Kyle Brown (B)

11/29/14 NCAA Div. III, 2nd Round, Mount Union vs. Washington & Jefferson, Brent Brown (U), John Rice (H), Scott Ganow (F), Aaron Schrein (S), Anthony Tarone (B)

12/05/14 MAC Championship, Bowling Green vs. Northern Illinois, Steve Furjanic (Com)

12/06/14 NCAA Div. III, Quarterfinal, Wesley vs. Hobart, Steve Grove (R), Mark Widman (U), Brian Feeney (H), Chris George (L), Jeremy Kyanko (F), Mike Reinhart (S), Bart Buckler (B)

12/06/14 ACC Championship, Georgia Tech vs. Florida State, Jim Visingardi (F)

12/13/14 NCAA Div. II, Semifinal, Minnesota State-Mankato vs. Concord, Nick Brigati (L), Bill Foltz (F)

12/20/14 New Orleans Bowl, Nevada vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, ESPN, Tom Riepenhoff (B)

12/26/14 Bitcoin St. Petersburg Bowl, UCF vs. NC State, ESPN, Jon Shelton (L), Doug Warns (B), Dave Nowak (Replay)

12/30/14 Belk Bowl, Charlotte, NC, Louisville vs. Georgia, ESPN, Jim Shaw (U), Jeff Szink (L)

12/31/14 Fiesta Bowl, Glendale, AZ, Boise State vs. Arizona, ESPN, Nick Define (Asst. Comm)

12/31/14 Orange Bowl, Miami, FL, Georgia Tech vs. Mississippi State, ESPN, Ron Tipton (L), Bill Alge (Asst. Comm)

1/02/15 Alamo Bowl, San Antonio, TX, Kansas State vs. UCLA, ESPN, Dennis Morris (Alt)

1/10/15 NFL AFC Div, New England vs. Baltimore, Gary Arthur (LJ)

1/10/15 NFL NFC Div, Carolina vs. Seattle, Bob Waggoner (FJ)

1/11/15 NFL NFC Div, Green Bay vs. Dallas, Dana McKenzie (HL)

2/01/15 NFL Super Bowl, Glendale, AZ, New England vs. Seattle, Bob Waggoner (FJ), Dana McKenzie (HL)

President Garner acknowledged the large number of post-season assignments and thanked those members for representing the Association so well.

Ex-Officio Frank Bullock, 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). Also recognized were Doug Rhodes of the ACC and Terry McAulay of the AAC.

Bill Ellis was called on to give the Spring Clinic report. The clinic was hosted by the members from the SW district and held at Wright State University on May 15 and 16. 128 paid participants and over 20 clinicians spent that Friday and Saturday reviewing rules and mechanics in both general meetings and position breakout sessions. It was noted that Wright State was very accommodating to the OAFO and the clinic was deemed a great success. President Garner thanked the members from the SW for their efforts in planning and hosting this year's clinic. It was noted that the Central District is in charge of the 2016 Spring Clinic.

Chad Adams reported that 58 players teed it up in the Lowell Wrigley Memorial Golf Tournament this year, held at the Royal American Links, Galena, OH. With the increase in attendance, up from 42 a year ago, the tournament was again returned to a shotgun start. Many stories were told, dozens of golf balls were reported missing, a few beverages were consumed, and prizes were awarded. Adams will again chair the Wrigley in 2016.

Bill Henderly coordinated the Kickoff Banquet again this year, with the University of Toledo's Coach Matt Campbell scheduled to be our guest speaker. The program also calls for the presentation of a Life Member award to Howard Eckert (NE). 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 Chris Garner and 73 dinners will be served. President Garner noted that this will be the last of many Kickoff Banquets that Bill Henderly has coordinated over the years and offered a sincere thank you on behalf of the entire OAFO.

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. New this year was the addition of the PayPal option for spring clinic fees, golf and banquet fees, as well as payment of dues. 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. The current investment market value as of June 30, 2015 is \$68,389.83. With the OAFO's \$4,000 gift in September, the historical cumulative amount of all gifts received over all years (since inception) into the Irish Krieger Memorial Scholarship fund is \$41,701.54. The Scholarship Fund awarded four scholarships during FY2015 of \$531.55 each, for a total of \$2,126.20. A copy of the scholarship application has been updated and can be

found on the OAFO website. 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 in the amount of \$1,000 plus \$516 from the sale of OAFO logo merchandise this past year. (\$2 for each item purchased) There were no profits from the 2014 clinic. A motion to donate \$1,516 to the E.C."Irish" Krieger Memorial Scholarship was made by John Crispino (SW), second by Mike Poole (NW). Motion carried. A \$1,516 check will be sent to Ohio University.

### Unfinished Business

Secretary Carder called for another discussion on Inactive Retired officials, as noted in Article V11, Sections 1 and 6 of the By-Laws. He 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. It was brought up at the 2014 meeting and those members who qualified for Retired Status were asked to inform the executive committee of their intentions so that a vote could take place. Retired officials Bill Henderly (C) and Brian Carder (NW) responded. A motion was made by Ken Kuhlman (NW) and seconded by Chris George (SW). Motioned carried. Membership chairmen were again asked to identify members who qualify for retired status and present those names to the executive committee for approval. Retired status will be added on the website so that these members continue to receive correspondence from the OAFO and have access to the website.

### New Business

A discussion was called by Sec-Treasurer Carder regarding the new use of credit cards for both fees and dues and what the related costs that were incurred this year. It was noted that 95% of spring clinic fees and 75% of golf/banquet fees came in through credit cards. Most of the membership agrees that credit cards are easier to use and wish to continue their use by the OAFO. A motion by Paul Stout (NW) was made to raise the annual dues to \$25. It was seconded by Bob McDonald (SW). After much discussion a vote was taken and the motion passed. Beginning on January 1, 2016, annual dues will be \$25. Dues paid after January 31 will be \$30.

Ex-Officio Bullock (SW) asked for a vote on the rotation of new officers for the upcoming year: President, Ken Kuhlman (NW), Vice President, Jeff Noggle (NE) and Secretary-Treasurer, Brian Carder. Motion by Crispino (SW), second by D. Nowak (NW). Motion carried.

Joining them on the Executive Committee for 2016 is Nick Brigati (SE), Bill Ellis (SW), Doug Warns (C) and Chris Garner Ex-Officio.

Membership Chairmen for 2016 are: Monty Mlakar (NE), Joel Clay (NW) and Chad Adams (SW). SE and C are open.

Carder reminded everyone that 2016 dues, now \$25, were to be paid by January 1, 2016.

With no more new business, a motion was made by Danny Kleckner (NE) to adjourn, seconded by Chris George (SW). Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Carder, Secretary-Treasurer