

2026 SHORE BOARD #194 ELECTION CANDIDATES & NOMINEES

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT-ELECT

CHARLIE GILL, IAABO CLASS OF 2014

If elected as President-Elect of Shore Board #194, I would bring my experiences as both an official on and off the court, as well as my passion for the game of basketball. Serving as a member of Shore Board #194 has been incredibly rewarding, and officiating has allowed me to connect with so many others who share the same love for the game and this vocation.

In my time with the board, I have had the honor of serving multiple terms on the Executive Board and am currently serving as Vice President. Additionally, I serve as the Chairperson for the Ethics Committee and have actively participated in a variety of committees, including the Assignment, Exam, Floor Test, Mechanics, and Mentoring committees.

Beyond officiating on the court, I am passionate about helping others grow as officials. This summer, I had the opportunity to serve as an observer at some camps throughout the shore, where I worked closely with officials who attended from our board looking to improve their skills. It's a rewarding experience to work with officials who want to develop and get better, and I would like to continue to do whatever I can to support our board.

I have also been fortunate to officiate numerous State Tournament Finals, Shore Conference Finals, and Holiday Tournament Finals. I am honored to be a former recipient of the Lou DeGeorge Strive for Excellence Award.

As President-Elect, I would bring a strong work ethic, a collaborative mindset, and a youthful perspective. I believe in the importance of listening to all members and working together to ensure the continued success of our board. I am passionate about Shore Board #194 and in this role I want to continue to work together to ensure Shore Board #194 remains the best board in New Jersey.

Thank you for your consideration.

VICE-PRESIDENT

JARRED WEISS, IAABO CLASS OF 2012

I am excited to seek nomination for the Vice President position of Shore Board 194. Throughout my membership, I have remained actively involved across several areas of the organization, including the Banquet, Exam, Assignment, and Communication Committees. I have contributed as a presenter at membership business meetings and have served as an observer both locally and for the NJSIAA.

Since the spring of 2018, I have proudly served as a Cadet Supervisor. In this role, I have had the privilege of supporting and guiding new officials as they begin their officiating careers. Following the pandemic, I helped rejuvenate the Mentor program and serve as its chair, working to strengthen the new-member experience. Being part of our Cadets development - and celebrating their growth and successes - remains one of the most rewarding aspects of my involvement.

As an engaged member of the Shore Board, I have seen firsthand the positive direction in which our organization is trending. I hope to continue contributing to that momentum in an officer position. I am proud to represent Shore Board 194 and remain committed to bringing my expertise - both on and off the court - along with a youthful, energetic perspective to help our chapter continue to grow and maintain its position as the premier board in New Jersey.

SHORE BOARD 194 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

* Denotes Slate Candidate Selected by Nominations Committee

* **TARA BYRNES** · IAABO CLASS OF 2017

I am excited to run for the executive committee for a second consecutive term to continue to serve my fellow members. My love for the game of basketball dates back to 1978 when I played on my first organized team. I continued to play at all levels including four years of Division II college basketball. Immediately after graduating college, I began coaching in an effort to stay involved in the game. Throughout my coaching career I have served as an assistant varsity and junior college coach, as well as, a head girls varsity, boys and girls recreation and girls AAU programs. In 2015, I eagerly joined Shore Board 194 as a cadet to focus on my role as a basketball official. Since joining the board, I have embraced opportunities to contribute and lead, currently serving as an executive board member, co-chairman for the banquet committee and am a member of the attendance committee. These roles have allowed me to support the organization's mission, while fostering community and excellence in the game I am so passionate about. If given the chance to serve again, I will continue to bring my experience, commitment and enthusiasm to the board for another term.

* **BRIAN MURRAY** · IAABO CLASS OF 2005

As a member of Shore Board 194 since 2003, I have taken on many volunteer roles within the Board. I was a member of the Executive Board for numerous terms, Banquet Chairman for over 4 years, and most recently served as your board president since 2024. I also serve on board committees to assist our membership in bettering itself, specifically the Mentor and Cadet Ratings committees. I attend our camps to serve as an observer and pass knowledge on to more junior officials. As my presidency term comes to an end, I am seeking to be re-elected onto our executive board so that I can stay as a "voice in the room" for our membership and always do what's in its best interest. I am happy with the direction our board is going, and the opportunity for younger officials to move up has never been greater than it is right now. It is for these reasons I am submitting my name for election to the Shore Board 194 Executive Board.

* **MIKE ROVIRA** · IAABO CLASS OF 2013

I have been a part of Shore Board 194 since 2011 when I returned to NJ from the military. Since joining, I have been on the mechanics committee, mentoring program and current chair of the memberships committee. Being a part of the Executive Board would allow me to continue to assist the Shore Board in more ways. I feel that my background in the military can assist in bringing new ideas and perspectives to the Executive Board such as being the voice of any member or cadet that has any insight to improve something that Shore Board has to offer. Listening to all members to hear their concerns and bringing them to light to make sure it gets addressed is something I do on a daily basis in my day-to-day job, so I feel that it is an asset to the board. Thank you for your consideration.

* **DOUG THOMPSON** · IAABO CLASS OF 2010

I am honored to be nominated for the Executive Committee. With 16 years as a high school referee and two years on the Ethics Committee, I have a strong commitment to improving officiating standards and strengthening ethical practices. My approach is grounded in integrity and fairness, and I strive to support a consistent, professional environment for all officials. If elected, I will work to uphold the values of our association and help ensure the quality and credibility of our officiating program.

GREG ADAMS · IAABO CLASS OF 2016

I have been a proud member of Shore Board 194 since 2014. I am looking to add a new voice and to share my experiences with the Board. I officiate both boys and girls so I can provide information on both. I have officiated the past two years at Rutgers University in Group Final games and I also officiated the 2025 Shore Conference girls final. More importantly, I have really enjoyed the camaraderie of working with each of you for the past 11 years. Thank you for your consideration.

RUSMIN LALIC · IAABO CLASS OF 2022

My experience as a member of Shore board 194 has been relatively short but to say the least there has never been a dull moment. I am running for the Executive Board because I'm driven to help others, create better realistic paths for officials, and provide positive leadership. I believe that our board can really benefit from new faces, and new energy- people who can make others feel supported, valued, confident in their growth and contribution to the game/kids.

Over the years I have befriended many officials that always say we need some younger/new officials or "fresh blood" as many of the veterans would say into the executive board to help pave the future for shore board 194. I'm willing to roll up my sleeves, and work towards a bright future for the shore board.

KEVIN LOESCH · IAABO CLASS OF 2019

Prior to applying as a cadet for Shore Board 194 in the summer of 2017, I undertook a rigorous health and exercise program to lose 50 pounds to demonstrate to the Board interview committee my commitment as an organization official. Since becoming a member, I've actively sought to improve my officiating skills thorough observation, IAABO seminars and video library, and attendance at numerous camps, primarily 3-person mechanics. I routinely attend high-level games as an observer to learn best practices for appearance, demeanor, mechanics and game management from our best senior officials. I've been able to develop my skills to receive varsity, including state tournament assignments since my fifth year as a member. This season I serve and the prior two seasons I've served as a member of the Cadet Ratings committee, willingly evaluating cadets above my quotas. I now believe it's time for me to look to assume greater responsibilities in support of the board to best serve our members. I believe I possess the critical thinking and organizational management skills from my Government service career to assist in the development, implementation, assessment and refinement of policies and best practices across the board. I possess the human resources, needs analysis, communications and quality management skills relative to the recruitment and retention, professional development and continuous education challenges of the board. I believe these challenges need to be addressed to grow membership, establish standards for excellence as a model for IAABO boards not just in NJ, but across the US. As a member of the Executive Committee, I have the responsibility to effectively communicate with members, understand organization needs and take the necessary actions that will benefit the entire board and demonstrate a commitment to excellence that ensures Shore Board 194 effectiveness and efficiency always best supports the IAABO and NJSIAA officiating missions.

JOE CALLANO AWARD NOMINEES

RICH JOHNSTON · 38+ Years in Board #194, IAABO Class of 1988

I am proud to be an active member of IAABO and Shore Board 194 since 1988. I have served a three-year term as President of our Board from 2021-2024, currently sit on the Executive Committee, in addition to serving on the Executive Committee from 2014-2021. Over the past 15 years or so I have served on multiple committees, including Banquet, Cadet Ratings, Constitution and currently sit as the chair of the Mentoring Committee. I truly enjoy being involved with the Board and always look to do what is best for the membership as a whole. On and off the court my goal is to promote the officiating profession in a positive manner at all times.

On the court I have officiated multiple Girls and Boys Shore Conference Tournament games, Girls Shore Conference Tournament Semifinals, as well as Girls and Boys State Sectional finals, and Girls State Semifinals. Never taking any assignment for granted, I strive to give the teams, coaches and their supporters my full effort at all times.

Thank you to the Nomination Committee for nominating me for the Joe Callano Award. I am honored and humbled to be considered for this award.

BRIAN MURRAY · 21+ Years in Board #194, IAABO Class of 2005

I have been a member of Shore Board 194 since 2003, serving over 23 years. Throughout my time I have developed many relationships, mentors, and most importantly friends. I became an active member within the Board serving numerous committees which include the following: Assignment Committee, Cadet Ratings, Mentoring, and Banquet Chairperson which I ran for four years. I was also active in our Officials vs. Cancer campaign working with coaches to coordinate events to help the cause. I have also served as the Executive Board for two different three-year terms prior to taking over my current role as Shore Board 194 President. I have been proactive in assisting with coordinating offseason camps as well as volunteering as an observer to provide feedback to up-and-coming officials that attend. I am also currently an active member on NJ State Board #1, representing Shore Board 194, and attend regular IAABO meetings as well as the yearly Seminars. As a New Jersey State Trooper for over 20 years, I have always made sure to serve and protect, and apply what was taught to me in life on the court. I am grateful and honored to be recommended for this prestigious award and look forward to being an active member on this board for many years to come.

JOHN WERNER III · 24+ Years in Board #194, IAABO Class of 2002

Officiating Career

- Began IAABO officiating career during the 2000–2001 season
- Earned the privilege of assignment to:
 - 3 Tournament of Champions (ToC) games
 - 11 State Finals
 - 4 State Semi-Finals
 - 6 State Sectional Finals
 - 4 SCT (Shore Conference Tournament) Finals

Service & Leadership Contributions

Throughout my career, I have remained actively involved in board leadership and committee work, demonstrating a sustained commitment to the growth and development of our organization:

- Executive Committee – 10+ years of service
- Banquet/Raffle Committee – 15 years of service
- Mentor Committee – 12+ years of service
- Written Test Administration Committee
- Floor Test Committee

JIM SULLIVAN AWARD NOMINEES

DAVID BIRNBAUM · Director of Mid Monmouth Travel Basketball League

Dave has served as Ocean Township league representative starting in 2009, board member since 2010, and league President since 2017. The Mid Monmouth Basketball League is comprised of 28 Shore Conference towns primarily in Monmouth and Ocean Counties plus Allentown, Millstone, and Monroe. The league has grown to 253 teams this year, over 2,500 girls/boys in grades 3rd-8th. We play over 1,500 games including the league playoffs crowning 12 champions across each age group. We are the largest travel league in the state of New Jersey. The differentiating factor of our league is that we are a town-based league. All participants must be residents of the town they live in which provides a strong sense of community pride throughout the season. This is a volunteer position which I continue to serve in with all three of my sons (ages 26, 24, 21) having played. I do all scheduling by hand and run all day-to-day operations of the league from October through March. Many of the athletes who go on to play High School and College basketball played in Mid Monmouth. We have many coaches today who played in this league when they were growing up. I work very closely with members of Shore Board 194 who officiate all our games. Under my leadership, we began the 3rd grade girls' division 2 years ago and have seen the teams grow from 8 in 2023 to 14 in 2025. In addition to the work I do for Mid Monmouth, I assist the Fort Athletic Club with their annual Feastmode Thanksgiving tournament. I do all scheduling for the event which surpassed 100 teams this past year and help coordinate the event with the club.



MIKE CLEMENTE · Boys Varsity Head Coach, Central Regional HS

Mike Clemente's coaching career started as the top assistant at Moravian College for 3 years where he spearheaded the recruiting process. Currently Mike is in his 11th year as the head coach of the Central Regional High School boys' varsity basketball program.

Mike is the driving force behind the school's annual Jimmy V Showcase, an event he helped establish to honor the spirit of perseverance and hope embodied by Jim Valvano. Each year, Mike leads the program's efforts to raise funds for cancer research, rallying players, families, and the broader community around a cause that extends far beyond basketball. In the past 10 years his Jimmy V Showcase has raised and donated over \$185,000 for cancer research. A cancer survivor himself, Mike's dedication has turned the showcase into a meaningful tradition that reflects his belief in using sports as a platform for impact.

