



## Joe Gintoli - 79th President of IAABO

Thank you. Good morning. Members of the Executive Committee, distinguished Past Presidents, delegates and guests.

I humbly stand before you today and accept the charge to serve as your 79th president of the greatest amateur sports officiating organization in the world -- the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials.

I have many to thank for being in this position today. First and foremost, I must thank the #1 person in my life: my wife Mary. For the past 36 years she has supported me and certainly made me look better than I really am. Mary, please stand.

I would also like to introduce members of my family that are here today. Please stand everyone. My daughter Cristina David and her husband Shawn David along with their two children Matthew, age 2 1/2 and Lily, age 6 months. They came in from Massachusetts.

My daughter Alexandra, who came in from Orlando. My mother Viola and my sister Margaret, who traveled from Port St. Lucie, Florida. And my brother Michael and sister in law Lorrie from here in Connecticut. Thank you all for being here.

My IAABO roots started with my home board - Fairfield County Board 9. Since 1977 I have been extremely fortunate to have been mentored and supported by many great Board 9 members, too many to mention today. But I must acknowledge Bobby & Eddie Balla, Don Warzocha, Steve Donahue & Lou Filippetti. They taught me how to officiate. But more importantly taught me to give more than you take.

There have been two Board 9 members who served as IAABO International Presidents before me, Don Lomme and my good friend, Peter Carroll. To be able to follow in the footsteps of these IAABO icons is truly an honor.

I also must thank the members of Connecticut State Board 5 -- past and present -- who I have had the opportunity to serve with. Six individuals from Connecticut have served as IAABO International Presidents before me. I am truly honored to become the seventh.

I would be remiss if I did not thank our long-time State Board Secretary-Treasurer Hank Luzzi for his leadership, friendship and dedication to our state.

To the Past Presidents of IAABO - thank you for giving me the opportunity to become involved in this great association at the international level and for your leadership and guidance.

To President-Elect Willie Jones and Vice President Paul Spinelli, I look forward to working with you to keep IAABO moving forward. Congratulations to both of you.

The daily management of IAABO rests with our Executive Director Tom Lopes and Assistant Executive Director Donnie Eppley. They both work tirelessly to assure IAABO remains the #1 basketball training & education association in the world. Thank you both.

We have been extremely fortunate to have Peter Webb as our

coordinator of interpreters all these years.

There has been no one in the country more respected as a teacher of the rules of basketball. Thank you, Peter, for all you have done for IAABO.

In my first act as your President, it is my pleasure to announce to you today that Peter Webb has been named 'IAABO Rules Coordinator Emeritus'. This honorary position will keep Peter's name a part of IAABO forever.

Also, in keeping with tradition, two Past Presidents are named each year to honorary executive positions. For the coming year, I am happy to announce that Peter Webb has been named honorary Executive Director and Tony Haley Honorary President. Congratulations to you both.

Delegates and members, I am happy to report to you today that IAABO is a healthy, vibrant association. We are in the best financial position we have ever been in. We have kept up to date with technology and trends to educate and train our members, and we have reached out to partner with others in the basketball community nationally to promote our mission.

But, we must not rest on our laurels. We must continue to press on and move forward to keep us on the cutting edge.

As IAABO leaders internationally, statewide and locally, we must continue to think outside the box and realize that the way we have done things for many years in the past may not be the best and most effective ways we need to do things in the future.

To quote former United States President John F. Kennedy: "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

Today, you have made a very important step to move forward in IAABO. With your approval of the new executive committee structure, the first change in 25 years, the doors of opportunity will open for additional talented members to serve our association.

This past year our Membership Development Committee, under the direction of Chairperson Rick Parnham and Assistant Chairperson Kelly Callahan, did a comprehensive study of all parts of our membership. This included recruitment, new candidate training, and member retention.

It is the most comprehensive study and reporting of all parts of membership development that I have seen in my 40 years in IAABO. It reveals many good things we do involving membership development, but it also shows our shortcomings.

Board leaders, let me ask you-- is it becoming *(continued on page 5)*



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## Director's Court

We are fast approaching the end of another fiscal year in IAABO. As you know, our year is July 1 through June 30, and the annual Spring meeting brings together the Presidents and the Secretaries to report on the "State of the Union" if you will. The reports of the various committees indicated that our house is in order; the analysis from both the accounting and the auditing firms stated that we are in good financial shape, and are appropriately following the budget. Transparency has always been our goal and this was achieved through the efforts of the Audit and Budget Committee working hand in hand with the IAABO office.



It is also worthwhile stating that all our committees are actively working to make IAABO a well-organized and an effectively smooth operating organization. Thanks to all the Chairs and Assistant Chairs for their leadership and contributions to the ever-changing direction of IAABO.

You will see changes in some of the roles committees will undertake as we move forward and continue to service our local boards and officiating groups across the country with the best instructional materials. We are evolving as we meet the challenges that officiating brings each year. Over the summer, continue to work on your skills as you officiate all those games -- no slack. These games are important as well as those during the regular basketball season.

Hope to see many of you at the fall Interpretation meeting which will be held in Newark, DE, conveniently located within driving distance of many members. See you then.

## President's Corner

For the last 96 years, IAABO has trained and educated more amateur basketball officials than any other organization in the world. Think about that for a minute. Think about what we have all been part of, no matter where we live or what we do in our daily lives. Now, ask yourself the following: "Would you be the same person you are today if you were not a member of IAABO?" What's your answer?

My answer is easy. I certainly would not be the same person I am today without my involvement in IAABO. The lifelong friends I have made, the opportunities I have had to officiate this great sport, and the chance to give back are just three things that immediately come to mind. Combine those three with how my IAABO involvement has impacted my family and my business career in such positive ways and for me, my 40 year IAABO membership has been a blessing.

My hope, and my guess, is your answer to the question is very similar, no matter how many years you have been a member of IAABO.

As I said during my acceptance speech at our recently concluded spring meeting at Foxwoods Resort & Casino in April, I am deeply humbled and extremely grateful for the opportunity you have given me to serve as your 79th President.

However, whether I am serving as your International President or you are serving in a leadership position on your local or state board, we all must remember the responsibilities that come with those privileges. Our job is to keep our association moving forward in a positive way. We must think ahead, act wisely, and make the decisions that we feel will best benefit the organization.

Starting this year, and over the next few years, IAABO International will go through a transition period where our leaders make decisions that put IAABO on a new path. Let

me be clear -- our progress in many aspects of the association over the last 10 years has been tremendous. This transition period that we are entering is not happening due to any negative factors. It can be explained in one word -- timing.



To begin, long-time IAABO Interpreter Coordinator Peter Webb has retired effective June 30th. With that, we have decided to take a new, expanded approach to the training and education of our members. We have brought on four excellent basketball minds and communicators -- Layne Drexel, Board 11 Delaware, TJ Halliday, Board 20 Maine, Dan Shepardson, Board 105 Vermont and Dave Smith, Board 4 Colorado -- to serve as Co-Coordinators. This new team has already been actively working under the direction of Executive Director Tom Lopes, and will present exciting new education and teaching programs. Interpreters, if you haven't done so already, you will want to make sure you clear your calendar and attend the upcoming fall meeting September 15-17 in Delaware.

Our Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee has begun work looking at all aspects of how our association operates as we prepare for the 2019 retirement of Executive Director Tom Lopes. The same can be said about the Membership Development Committee, which has the charge of examining how we can attract 16- and 17-year-olds to become involved in basketball officiating, and more specifically, attracting IAABO Junior members.

As we approach the summer of 2017, a time where we all usually take a breather and charge our internal batteries, those of us serving you on the international level will *(continued next page)*

## 2017 Spring Meeting Wrap Up

If you have ever been to Connecticut, you understand that things done there are always done with class. The IAABO spring meeting was no exception. It rained Wednesday and folks were concerned that the golf outing would be rained out. Low and behold, after Peter Carroll made a personal call to the "Big Guy in the Sky," the sun came out and we had a perfect day. The hospitality room was the highlight of the weekend, providing excellent food and drink for all to enjoy.

The spring meeting is for business, with all the committees meeting and sharing their reports ensuring that IAABO is running smoothly and that we are keeping up with current business practices.

IAABO conducted in depth and meaningful meetings. They were well attended, informative, provoked lively discussions and provided insights as to how different boards operate. It appears that our attendance at the spring meeting has been increasing every year. Thanks to all the boards for making it possible to have their representatives attend the meetings. Valuable information was shared.

The Executive Committee met on Thursday evening in closed session and discussed the locations for future Fall Seminars and Spring Business meetings. The following are the locations: fall 2017-Newark, DE, spring 2018-Ocean City, MD, fall 2018-Cape Cod, MA, spring 2019-Atlantic City, NJ.

Eileen Stanton, representative from Borden-Perlman, gave a brief insurance presentation and the contract was renewed; because we are a good customer, the rate was reduced to \$7 per person for another year with the same coverage. Secretaries are encouraged to share this information with their members as this policy is the best around. More on the insurance plan in a separate article.

President David Smith welcomed the representatives on Friday morning and reminded everyone of the full day of business ahead. All the standing committees conducted their meetings on Friday or Saturday. These reports were then presented to the Executive Committee for approval on Sunday morning. Approval was received for test dates for those boards conducting spring classes.

Peter Webb presented a report from the Officials Education and Development Committee. He reported on information received from observations of various state tournaments, information from interpreters and possible rule changes that were examined at the NFHS rules committee meetings a few days ago. The meeting was attended by Peter, Dennis Ordway, and Tom Lopes.

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: David Smith, Bd. 4 CO, Walter Rusak, Bd. 33 NJ, Tim O'Brien, Bd. 44 MA, Tim McAleer, Bd. 119 NY, Charles Ball, Bd. 134 MD and Don Thorne, Bd. 210 ON. Each was presented a Life Membership ring, and a plaque to signify their contributions to IAABO. Many thanks to Ron Foxcroft and Fox 40 for their sponsorship of this great event and all



their support during the year. All inductees spoke eloquently as they related their IAABO experiences and acknowledged the important people in their lives. The luncheon was attended by members and families of the recipients; 260 attended the luncheon which was the largest turnout ever.

After the luncheon, we honored Peter Webb for his service to IAABO. He was presented with gifts from the Interpreters, Past Presidents and from IAABO. Thank you again Peter for all you have done for IAABO.

Thanks also to all the behind the scenes work that made these programs go off without a hitch (Barbara, Lynn, Scott, Mark).

Sunday morning's General Assembly meeting included acceptance of the formal reports of all the standing committees. Constitutional changes were approved as they were posted in the mandatory Sportorials issue. Fifty year awards were presented to Gerry Kaczmarczyk, Bd. 53 NY, and Robert Norris, Bd. 6 CT, who were in attendance; other awards were picked up by the board secretaries.

IAABO Foundation Chairs in the amount of \$1,000 each in honor of Felix Addeo, Bd. 33 NJ, Haywood Bullock, Bd. 40 NY, Connecticut State Board No. 5, was present by IAABO President Joe Gintoli, Bd. 9 CT.

The 2017-18 IAABO Handbook dedication was announced and was awarded to IAABO, Inc. Past President and Life Member Lou Engle, Bd. 23 MD, and the Canadian version dedicated to Mike Thomson Bd. 206 BC.

Elections were conducted by Tom Reese, Bd. 244 MD, Chair of the Nomination Committee. Joe Gintoli Bd. CT was elected President, Willie LA Jones, Bd. 12 DC, was elected to President-Elect, and Paul Spinelli, Bd. 196 NJ, was elected Vice- President. Elected to the Executive Committee position vacated by Paul Spinelli, was Nelson Ribon, Bd. 194 NJ, he was elected to a three-year term. Re-elected to new three year terms were Sal Capitummino, Bd. 36 NY (Region 1), Ron Martel, Bd. 208 MA (Region 2), and Scott Young, Bd., 70 PA (Region 4).

Peter Webb, Bd. 111 ME, will serve as Honorary President and Tony Haley, Bd. 117 NH, as Honorary Executive Director.

It is now time to turn our attention to the Fall Seminar, which will be conducted in Newark, DE, September 15-17, 2017. IAABO heartily urges all interpreters to attend this most important meeting. As you know, the primary focus is to prepare the Interpreters so that they can instruct their members, by utilizing the materials and methods presented at this seminar. IAABO is working diligently on various timely topics with some very good presenters, and are designing some new materials to assist you. On Friday, we have tentatively scheduled some practical approaches to officiating and other topics suggested by our interpreters. On Saturday, we will return to segments on various rule topics, designed to assist the Interpreters with presentations they can use at their meetings. Sunday morning will highlight rule changes and points of emphasis for the upcoming season. We are looking forward to seeing all Interpreters in Newark. All registrations should be made online via the IAABO website.

## President's Corner (continued from previous page)

be very busy. Time does not stop and we have much to do to make sure we keep IAABO moving forward as the leading amateur basketball officiating association in the world.

Please understand that your leadership - locally or Internationally - can never do it all. We will need your help and the help of every one of our nearly 17,000 members. How can you help? You can help by always striving to be the best possible official on and off the court, as you represent IAABO. Make this, the off season, a time you commit to helping a newer member by mentoring him or her. Remember - someone helped you along the way. Make this, the off season, a time you make the commitment to be a better local board member. Specifically, help your board Secretary and Interpreter by volunteering

at meetings.

Most importantly, make this off season a time of commitment to give more than you take, not only as an IAABO member, but in your everyday life. I know firsthand that life becomes more fulfilling. You will be surprised what happens when you pay it forward.

Please never hesitate to contact me. My email is: JGintoli@aol.com

I want to hear how we are doing, both good and bad. If you have an idea, I want to hear about it. I can't promise we can act on all suggestions that are submitted, but I will listen to any and all. I am here to serve you in the best way that I can. I hope you are as proud to be an IAABO member. I am.

Have a great summer.





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more and more challenging to recruit new, younger members to your local board? If your answer is yes, you are not alone.

This issue is, in my view, the single biggest challenge that IAABO faces now and in the immediate years to come. We must reach out to our youth and provide more ways for them to be exposed to basketball officiating, and become a part of IAABO.

With that, today I am announcing the formation of the 'IAABO Youth Initiative.' this initiative will focus on the recruitment of 16 & 17-year-olds to become a part of IAABO as junior members. Some district boards have already created their own local junior programs. Now is the time to begin to look at expanding that at the international level. I have asked Rick and Kelly to once again lead the Membership Development Committee and take on this task. They will report back to our Executive Committee by our spring 2018 annual meeting.

This past fall President Smith began the process of the formation of an Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee. The purpose of this committee was to begin reviewing the structure of our association. This included establishing short and long term organizational goals and objectives - financially and administratively.

As you may have read in a recent issue of our IAABO Sportorials newsletter, Tom Lopes informed the Executive Committee that he intends to retire as IAABO Executive Director in 2019. We have been extremely fortunate to have had Tom as our Executive Director since 2008. He has led our association with class, integrity and profound professionalism.

The importance of this Strategic Planning Committee now becomes even greater. I have asked five individuals to continue to move forward with this initiative.

Chairing this committee will be Vice -President Paul Spinelli. Serving on the committee with Paul will be Barbara Eppley-Kistler, Executive Director Tom Lopes and Executive Committee members Dr. Ron Martel and Peter Palermino. All five of these individuals will offer the professional and diverse thinking needed to see where IAABO should go in its next chapter. I have asked the committee to report back to both President-Elect Jones and myself by our 2018 annual meeting.

Moving forward, we also need to re-focus on one more important piece of our association - the IAABO Charitable & Education Foundation. The Foundation was established with the purpose of educating and instructing individuals of all ages in the various facets of basketball officiating as well as to inform and educate the general public of the same.

The Foundation is a registered 501c3 corporation here in the State of Connecticut and was formed in 1982. Their main source of revenue has been private donations as well as Foundation 'chair' grants. There have been a total of 96 recipients with grants established in their name. It is an truly an honor. Your name becomes a part of IAABO Foundation history.

The Foundation awards scholarships to IAABO members that complete their participation in an IAABO officiating school, as well as provide financial support for our Fox 40 rules & mechanics clinics.

This past winter I reached out to Foundation president Bill Varno and shared with him an idea I had - an idea that would hopefully create some excitement in IAABO, raise some dollars for the Foundation and help a worthy cause.

Today, I am happy to co-announce with the Foundation, the kick off of the 2017-18 IAABO Foundation car raffle. The raffle will be conducted under the laws of the State of Connecticut and will begin August 15, 2017 and end April 28, 2018. A beautiful new 2018 Nissan Rogue, similar to the one that has been sitting in the foyer for the last five days, will be taken home by a lucky participant. All net proceeds from the raffle will go to help the Foundation. IAABO's only role in this raffle is a very simple, but extremely important one: to buy and sell raffle tickets.

In my discussions with Bill, I asked for one commitment from the Foundation in return for IAABO's support - that the Foundation make a donation, hopefully a big one, in an amount to be determined by them to the 2018 Officials vs. Cancer fundraiser. 2018 will be IAABO's 10th year as a partner in this great charitable cause. With the help of the Foundation we hope to make it the biggest and most successful fundraising year ever.

Complete information on all the details of the raffle will be sent to all board Secretaries in the summer so they can pass it along to their members.

Information articles will also appear in the coming issues of the IAABO Sportorials newsletter. I am confident this fundraiser will be very successful for the foundation.

As I close today, I want to announce that all Chairperson and Assistant Chairpersons from our standing committees this past year will be returning, with the exception of the Officials' Education and Development Committee, which will be restructured. I have asked Executive Director Lopes to examine the make-up of each standing committee to assure we have committee members who are ready and able to contribute. There will be changes made to the make-up of all committees.

We have been extremely fortunate to have had Dave Smith as our President this past year... Dave, you have led IAABO with class and distinct professionalism. Thank you.

Members, I thank you for having the confidence in me to serve as your 79th president. I will serve you to the best of my ability, and will continue to work tirelessly to make our great association even better.

All I ask in return is for your prayers. And the grace of God.

Thank you.

### Official Warning for Misconduct Given to Coaches in Basketball

Effective with the 2017-18 high school basketball season, play will be stopped and an official warning will be given to the head coach – and recorded in the scorebook – for misconduct by the coach or other bench personnel unless the offense is judged to be major, in which case a technical foul shall be assessed.

This new rule was one of the five changes recommended by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Basketball Rules Committee at its April 10-12 meeting in Indianapolis. All changes were subsequently approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

In addition to misconduct violations related to Rule 10-5, the head coach will be officially warned for the first violation of Rule 10-6-1 regarding the coaching box.

Rules 4-48-1 and 4-48-2 will both have a note stating that a warning is not required prior to calling a technical foul.

"Stopping play and making sure that the bench and the coach know that an official warning has been given sends a clear message to everyone in the gym and impacts the behavior of the coach, and in some cases the behavior of the opposing coach," said Theresia Wynns, NFHS director of sports and officials and liaison to the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee. "This change in behavior creates a better atmosphere and, many times, avoids the need to administer a technical foul."

In other changes, the rules committee approved enlarging the coaching box from 14 feet to 28 feet. The coaching box now shall be bounded by a line drawn 28 feet from the end line toward the division line. A line drawn from the sideline toward the team bench becomes the end of the coaching box toward the end line. State associations may alter the length and placement of the 28-foot coaching box.

"The committee thought the restriction of the (14-foot) coaching box limited the level of communication between the coach and players," Wynns said. "Allowing a coach freedom to move within the new box between the 28-foot mark and the end line provides a coach more access to his or her players."

Changes in Rules 3-4-1d and 3-4-4 regarding uniforms were approved by the committee, including restrictions on identifying names that can be placed in the allowable area of the jersey. Identifying names on uniforms must adhere to the following: school name, school nickname, school logo, player's name and/or abbreviation of the official school name. The panel in the shoulder area on the back of the jersey may be used for placing an identifying name as well.

The committee also approved a change in the way officials signal a foul against a player. After verbally informing the offender, the official shall use fingers on two hands to indicate to the scorer the number of the offender and the number of free throws.

"This change was made to minimize reporting errors that occur between the officials and the scorekeepers," Wynns said. "Two-handed reporting is easier for the scorekeepers to see and comprehend, and it is less confusing."

## The Inspiration of Alex Dobrowolski - Seven Marathons on Seven Continents



Alex Dobrowolski, 77, inspires his daughter Holly, 51. Is it because at that age he just finished a marathon in Antarctica? Absolutely! Is it because it was his seventh marathon on all seven continents? Of course! Why wouldn't it be? He's an inspiration to anyone given his running accomplishments, and his long IAABO career has helped him travel to the races and realize a long-time dream of his and Holly's – running marathons together as a father-daughter team on seven continents.

It didn't start out as an immediate dream 10 years ago. Instead, as Alex began running races, the idea evolved once Holly began running with him and both realized it was something they could physically do and wanted to accomplish. You hear their love and mutual support for each other when you talk with them.

Since 1980, Dobrowolski has officiated out of IAABO Board 33 in central New Jersey (he lives in Highland Park). He continues to be active, officiating games from fourth graders up through high school boys' varsity. The money from officiating has helped fuel his marathon mission, giving him the extra cash to travel (Alex officiated three other sports, including high school soccer and softball and adult softball).

"Officiating has been wonderful in helping me earn extra income to see the world. Thank goodness for IAABO. It's the only way I could do it. It is nice extra income," he explained.

Fortunately, both he and Holly stayed healthy throughout the journey, after Alex retired from his 40 years as a high school history teacher. "Officiating is a wonderful avocation. I've been retired for 14 years from teaching and my wife Joan is happy it keeps me out of the house," he said with a chuckle.

### Competing Competitively

Alex and Holly's journey began with their mutual competitive instincts – running, staying active, wanting to push themselves. Alex came to realize how much that instinct drove him when he was in his 40's, but it wasn't until he was 58 that he took a shot at his running trek. Alex and Holly running together began at the Teterboro Airport in New Jersey.



It was a 5K (Kilometer) race on a flat course on the runway. Temperatures ranged from 85-90 degrees and it was New Jersey muggy. The race went along the tarmac and runway as the airport was shut down for the event.

When it was done, Holly said, "When's the next race?."

"That was 17 years ago, and we've run together ever since," she said.

"I pay for all the expenses to travel to the races since it's very costly," Alex added.

"I thought the Teterboro race would be a piece of cake. It was

flat, no hills, but still my first race. I'm competitive like my dad, and said to myself, 'I'm not going to end my running career here.' I wanted to do another one," Holly said.

She was shocked at how well she did in her age group. "Dad usually places in his age group, and I'm kind of good in mine. I wanted to do a 10K next," Holly said.

Holly's first race was the Teterboro 5K in 2002, which she finished in a time of 31:14, placing 678/804 overall. "I was 168/241 females and 27/33 in my age group. It was not so much that I enjoyed the race -- it was brutal -- but I was determined that my 'running career' would not end with these embarrassing stats and that is why I continued running," she explained.

The next year she ran the Teterboro 5K 2003 and finished with the following stats: Time- 23:37, placing 297/659 overall, which was also 48/182 for females and 13/32 in her age group.

### Seeing the World

"We've seen so much of the world," Holly said with fondness. Their marathon journey began Rome in 2004. The race started and finished at the Coliseum, with the last 8 miles on cobblestone, pounding the joints of both Dobrowolski's. "It was painful on the cobblestone, but after we finished, I thought to myself, 'Maybe I'm good at this. Maybe I've got it in me.' I'm fit, I exercise," Holly observed.

"It was dad's dream that we run a marathon together on every continent. I said, 'Sure, I'll do it.'



I've had a passport since I was 10," she continued. The dream developed sometime after Rome and before the second marathon in 2007 in Iceland (which covered the North American continent for their quest).

"Dad instilled in us the love of travel," Holly said (The Dobrowolski's have another

daughter, Carol, who is a 5th grade teacher. Holly works as a dental assistant.). "The Antarctica marathon we did with a travel group and it was amazing – a great group of people. The other marathons we traveled on our own, and dad makes the arrangements," Holly added.

Following Iceland, the two targeted and completed 26.2-mile courses in: Sydney (Australia, 2008), Tokyo (Asia, 2012), Buenos Aires (South America, 2013), Cape Town (Africa, 2015) and culminating with one on King George's Island in Antarctica last year.

### Falling in Love with Cape Town

Though both Dobrowolski's have a place in their heart for the New York City marathon as their favorite, from their continental journeys, Cape Town, South Africa stands out as Holly's favorite.

"All were so different. All have different memories attached. After running Cape Town, it was my favorite," Holly said. "Strangers would come up to you and cheer you by name because your name was on the back of your jersey. I fell in love with South Africa."

Following Cape Town, Antarctica they ranked as number two. That excursion found them spending a night in a three-person tent – no hotel rooms there for comfort. "There was so much drama," Holly explained, "You can't leave any footprint. I remember chasing a Snicker's bar wrapper along the ground as it blew in the wind, trying to catch it and pick it up. Physically, it was the hardest. It was cold, there were a lot of hills and six loops, but everyone is so positive there."

Flying in, Holly said the penguins are almost like squirrels in New Jersey because of their prevalence.

"It was such a positive group of people. The winner of the 50K went out and cheered on all the other runners," Holly observed.

She finished in 6 hours and 35 minutes, and Alex ran an 8 hour, 23 minute marathon. "We were so drained emotionally. The race was so hard.



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But everyone was in it together and bonded. If you weren't in the lobby by 6 a.m. before the race, they left without you. Everyone called on their cell phones to coordinate," she observed.

### Tokyo's Historical Significance

While Alex found the Antarctica race grueling, his favorite trip was Tokyo, for historical reasons. As a high school history teacher, he looked forward to seeing the city bombed during WWII and how it had adapted and changed.

"It is one of the biggest and most fascinating cities in the world. It's large, complex and incredibly clean. The people are extremely nice," he observed.

"You could leave your wallet on the subway and someone would get it back to you the same day with everything in it," Alex explained as a way to describe the people of the city. "I was awed by the people. The city is robust and I admired what the people have done to bring it back since World War Two."

### Always in Shape

Officiating basketball keeps Alex in shape, as do the races. As he says with a laugh, "I've always been in shape. I'm only 20 pounds more than what I weighed in middle school." He played sports in high school college, and has always been active. Running came naturally.

He swims 3-4 times a week and runs 3-4 times a week with his partner Holly. It's a lifestyle for him, and keeping active and his weight down helps him maintain that lifestyle. He sees officiating and running similarly in that working with a partner you are better off.

Both runners have received U.S. Amateur Track and Field of New Jersey awards. Alex has taken three - 1st place awards and a 2nd and 3rd place in his age group for 5K and 10K races. Holly has received a 1st and 3rd for the same.

He came to the U.S. from Poland as a child, and has visited 50 countries around the globe. "I've got a wonderful wife and life. I'm one of the luckiest guys in the world."

### Plodding Along Leads to Marathons

Plodding along a track over 30 years ago in Maine eventually led to Alex running marathons. He'd been running at a high school track in Maine, when a man approached him and asked what kind of shoes he was wearing. "He got me into some good shoes - I was 43 at the time - and that got me running more seriously. I always wanted to do a marathon, and in 1998 did the New York City marathon. Before that, I'd run half-marathons," Alex said.

He decided to keep it up. At the time, there were not quite as many road races available to choose from, so Alex drove greater distances to compete. Now, with Holly he runs 2-3 a month.

"The popularity of races has grown. New Jersey is a hot bed," he said.

Now that he's the oldest runner to have competed in Antarctica and the oldest father-daughter combined age to have run on that continent, he'll have to figure out his next dream.

Alex and Holly are one of only three father-daughter teams to have run marathons on all seven continents. Don't bet against this IAABO official finding another challenge that keeps him and Holly competing in the years ahead.



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## Life Members Pass



Ralph Catuogno



Donald B. Davidoff

Ralph Catuogno, 86, died peacefully on Saturday, February 4, 2017. Ralph graduated from Central High School, where he was an outstanding student-athlete. He received a B.S. in Chemistry from the College of the Holy Cross. Ralph was a pharmaceutical chemist and a pioneer in the research & development of cardiac medications. He is a Veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Korean War. Ralph was a major catalyst in the development of youth programs in the State of Rhode Island, especially in the advancement of women's sports. He was a basketball official for high school and college for 60+ years. At the collegiate level, Ralph served as the Official Timer for Brown University, Bryant University and Providence College. For his strong devotion and accomplishments, he was bestowed with numerous accolades, such as being inducted into the Rhode Island Interscholastic Hall of Fame, the Order of Sons of Italy Hall of Fame, the Smithfield Heritage Hall of Fame, the Rhode Island Coaches High School Football Hall of Fame, and the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. Ralph was also the Past President and Commissioner of the Rhode Island Basketball Officials Association. Numerous scholarships in his name have benefitted many young scholar-athletes throughout the state. He served for 40 years as the Volunteer Director of Girls and Boys Basketball Leagues for the Smithfield Recreation Department, and was one of the founders of their summer basketball program. The Town of Smithfield honored Ralph by proclaiming April 6, 1979 as "Ralph Catuogno Day," and the basketball courts at Anna M. McCabe School were dedicated in his name.

Donald B. Davidoff, 82, died peacefully on Friday, May 5, 2017, at St. Peter's Hospital. Born in Albany, the son of Herman and Ethel Davidoff, Don grew up in Albany and graduated from Albany High School. It was there that he met the true love of his life and future wife, Joanne. Don went on to Dartmouth College, graduating in 1956. He remained as devoted to the college as he did to his wife and family. He then graduated from Albany Law School in 1959 and went on to begin his over 30 year career working for the State of New York. Don is survived by his wife, Joanne; his son, Jeffrey; his grandchildren, Max and Julia, and his daughters-in-law, Barbara and Michelle. He was a local college basketball referee for over 25 years, and the friendships he made along the way lasted a lifetime.

## Special Olympics



Officials from New Jersey Boards 33 (North Jersey), 34 (Camden) and 193 (Central) participated in the New Jersey Special Olympics Spring Sports Festival held in Wildwood, New Jersey.



# 2017 IAABO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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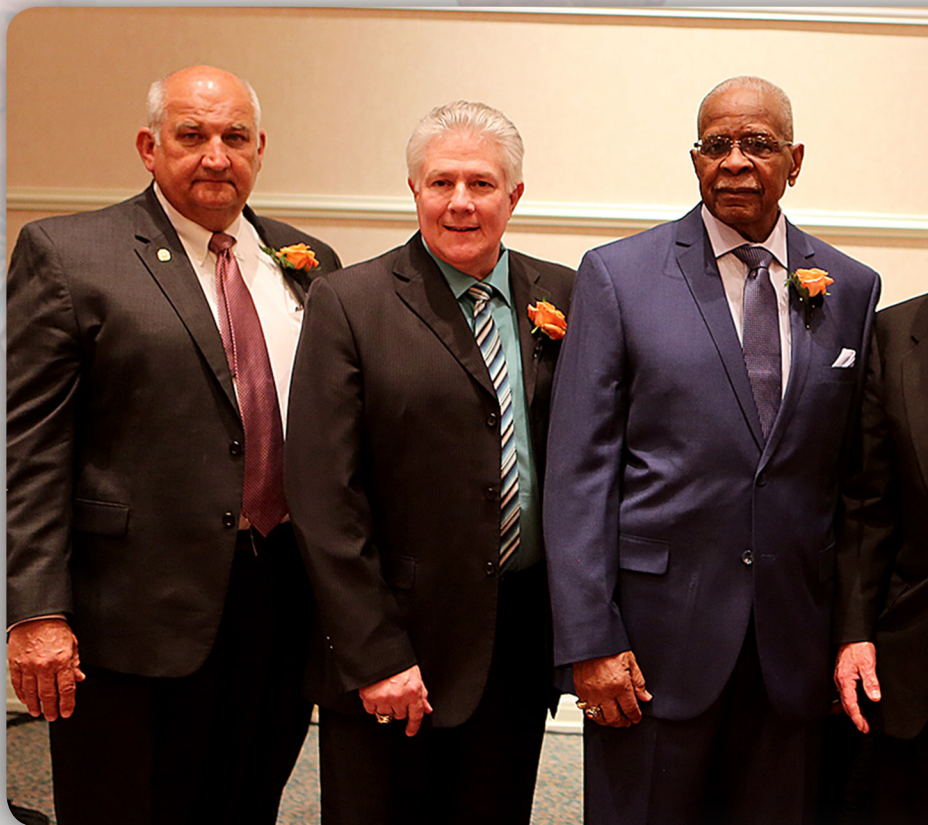
Tim O'Brien  
Bd. 44, North Central Massachusetts



Charles Ball  
Bd. 134, Southern Maryland



Don Thorne  
Bd. 210, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario



The eighteenth annual Honorary Life Membership induction ceremony entertained its largest crowd to date, on Saturday April 22, 2017, as the Connecticut State Board #5 was the host, which took place at the Tower Hotel of the Foxwoods resort, Mashantucket, Connecticut.

IAABO inducted six members into what has been long considered its Hall of Fame. They are Charles Ball, Board #34, Maryland, Tim McAler, Board #119, New York, Tim O'Brien, Board #44, Massachusetts, Walter Rusak, Board #33, New Jersey, Don Thorne, Board #210 Ontario, Canada, and David Smith, Board #4, Colorado.

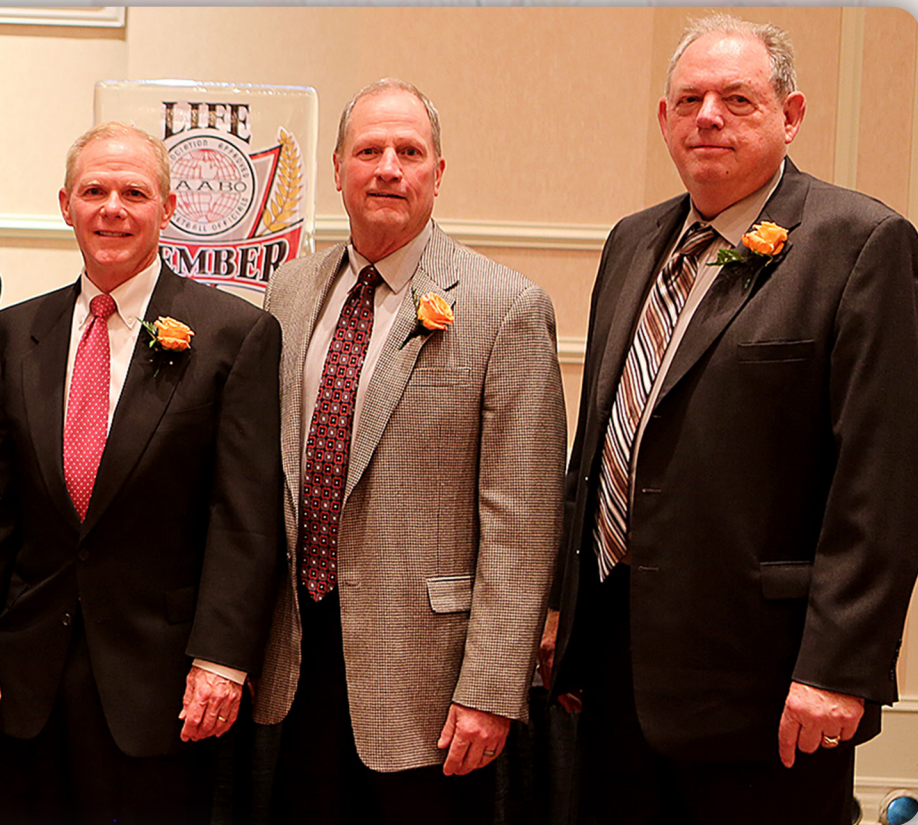
Master of Ceremonies, Tom Lopes, captured the audience with his humor of the various pictures, and was very poignant in describing the accomplishments of each inductee. Donnie Eppley is to be commended for his tireless work in setting up the slide show. Each of the recipients deserves the honor bestowed upon them.





# SHIP INDUCTION CEREMONY

by  **FOX 40**  
FOX 40 INTERNATIONAL INC.



Tim McAleer  
Bd. 119, Queens, New York



David Smith  
Bd. 4, Colorado



The six new Life Members possess 246 years of experience. As each of them spoke, it was obvious how important their respective families were, as the pursued an avocation in basketball.

They spoke of how friends and fellow IAABO members influenced them to become the best that they could possibly be in officiating the game of basketball. Their speeches demonstrated they had the tenets necessary to promote the purpose and the growth of IAABO.

The ceremony was concluded by honoring Peter Webb, IAABO's Interpreter. It is very difficult to find the appropriate words to describe exactly what Peter has, and will continue to mean to IAABO. Suffice to say, "One Rule, One Interpretation, and One Man who exudes IAABO."

Thank you Peter for all that you have done!!!

IAABO wishes to congratulate, as well as commend, the inductees and their respective families.



Walter Rusak  
Bd. 33, North Jersey, New Jersey



## 2017 Spring Meeting Awards and Appointments

At the April 22nd Life Membership Luncheon in Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket, Connecticut, the following IAABO members were presented with the prestigious award of IAABO Life Membership:

David Smith, Bd. 4 CO  
 Walter Rusak, Bd. 33 NJ  
 Tim O'Brien, Bd. 44 MA  
 Tim McAleer, Bd. 119 NY  
 Charles Ball, Bd. 134 MD  
 Don Thorne, Bd. 210 ON  
 50 year awards were presented to:  
 Board 4 CO, Jim E. King  
 Board 4 CO, Raymond G. Lutz  
 Board 6 CT, Robert Norris  
 Board 8 CT, Carl Pignone  
 Board 21 ME, Roland C. Gagne  
 Board 21 ME, Richard Goan  
 Board 31 MA, Daniel Burke  
 Board 37 NY, Richard Bavetta  
 Board 41 NY, Victor Ferrulli  
 Board 41 NY, Larry Lembo  
 Board 41 NY, Robert Seroski  
 Board 49 NY, Jim Mackin  
 Board 51 NY, Leroy Smith  
 Board 53 NY, James Huetter  
 Board 53 NY, Gerry Kaczmarczyk  
 Board 53 NY, Bob Kothe  
 Board 60 NY, James Ward  
 Board 95 MA, Roland H. Guthrie  
 Board 103 ON, Harvey Bishop  
 Board 105 VT, Norm Bisailon  
 Board 127 NY, Don Pagel  
 Board 134 MD, Tom Gwaltney  
 Board 152 MA, Steve Goveia  
 Board 152 MA, Bill Doherty  
 Board 194 NJ, Robert F. Scott  
**Appointments and Elections:**

At the General Assembly Meeting held Sunday, April 23, 2017, in Foxwoods Resort Casino, Mashantucket, Connecticut, Joseph

Gintoli, Bd. 9 CT, was unanimously voted into office as President. Willie LA Jones, Bd. 12 DC, was elected as President-Elect and Paul Spinelli, Bd. 196 NJ, was elected as Vice-President.

Elected to 3-year terms on the Executive Committee were: Scott Young, Bd. 70 PA (Region 4); Joseph Mitchell, Sr., Bd. 134 MD (Region 7); Peter Palermino, Bd. 6 CT (Region 8); were all re-elected to 3-year terms. Nelson Ribon, Bd. 194 NJ, was elected to serve as the Executive Committee member for Region 3 replacing Paul Spinelli, who was elected as the Vice-President.

### **President Joseph Gintoli made the following appointments:**

#### **Audit & Budget**

Larry Machione, Bd. 208 MA, Chair  
 Dennis Millevoi, Bd. 194 NJ, Asst. Chair  
 Bob Lantzy (4 CO), Dennis Murphy (117 NH), Nelson Ribon (194 NJ), Executive Liaison  
 Felix Addeo (33 NJ), Mike Hammond (27 MA), Jack Sweeney (40 NY), Advisors

#### **Board Relations and Policy**

Robert Alston, Jr. Bd. 134 MD, Chair  
 Dennis Ordway, Bd. 118 NH, Asst. Chair  
 Don Thorne (210 ON), Nelson Ribon (194 NJ), Richard Ogletree (12 DC), Executive Liaisons

Bill Loftus (26 MA); Bill Varno (36 NY), Dr. Ken Walker (84 RI), Advisors

#### **Constitution**

Steven Ellinger, Bd. 205 TX, Chair  
 Earl Truland, Bd. 40 NY, Asst. Chair  
 Joe Mitchell (134 MD), Ron Martel (208 MA)  
 Nelson Ribon (194 NJ) Executive Liaisons  
 Jack Sweeney (40 NY), Lou Engle (23 MD), Advisors

#### **Life Membership**

Gary Pucino, Bd. 84 RI, Chair  
 Tim O'Brien, Bd. 44 MA, Asst. Chair  
 Don Thorne (210 ON), Scott Young (70 PA), Sal Caputummino (36 NY), Executive Liaisons

Peter Carroll (9 CT), Lou DeGeorge (194 NJ), Jack Doyle (27 MA), Tom Reese (244 MD), and Bill Varno (36 NY), Committee Members

#### **Membership**

Rick Parnham, Bd. 102 ONT, Chair  
 Kelly Callahan, Bd. 11 DE, Asst. Chair  
 Robert Lantzy (4 CO), Dennis Murphy (117 NH), Don Thorne (210 ON), Executive Liaisons  
 Ron Brown (4 CO), Henry Hailstock (12 DC), Dick MacKenzie (105 VT), Advisors

#### **Rules Examination**

Roger MacTavish, Bd. 39 NY, Chair  
 Rich Antonelli, Bd. 27 MA, Asst. Chair  
 Peter Palermino (Bd. 6 CT), Sal Caputummino (36 NY), Ray McClure (200 GA), Executive Liaisons.

Lou DeGeorge (194 NJ), Mike Hammond (27 MA), Tony Haley (117 NH), Advisors

#### **Officials Education and Development**

Layne Drexel, Bd. 11 DE, T.J. Halliday, Bd. 20 ME, Dan Shepardson, Bd. 105 VT, and David Smith, Bd. 4 CO – Co-Chairs

Tim Laurain, Bd. 211 ON, Asst Chair (FIBA)  
 Barry Fuller (21 ME), Ray McClure (200 GA), Peter Palermino (6 CT), Executive Liaisons  
 Felix Addeo (33 NJ), Mark Byron (20 ME), Jack Doyle (27 MA), Advisors

#### **Women's Coordinating**

Barbara (Eppley) Kistler, Bd. 70 PA, Chair  
 Valerie Light, Bd. 6 CT, Asst. Chair  
 Peter Palermino (6 CT), Barry Fuller (21 ME)  
 S. Young (70 PA), Executive Liaisons.  
 Dan Barringer (IND OH), Mark Byron (20 ME)  
 Dick MacKenzie (105 VT), Advisors

#### **Parliamentarian and Legal Counsel**

Alan Goldberger, Bd. 33 NJ

#### **Honorary President**

Peter Webb, Bd. 111 ME

#### **Honorary Executive Director**

Tony Haley, Bd. 117 NH

## Peter Webb Honored



Peter Palermino (l), Bd. 6 CT, and IAABO Executive Committee Member, and Bill Varno, Bd. 36 NY, and IAABO Past President, present a Foundation Chair to Peter Webb, IAABO Coordinator of Interpreters.

Peter Webb, Coordinator of Interpreters for IAABO, was honored at the conclusion of the Life Membership Luncheon at the Spring Meeting in Foxwoods, CT. Peter retired after more than 50 years of service to IAABO. We thank him for all the interpretations, rule knowledge and preaching the gospel of the correct terminology when discussing officiating and mechanics.

Peter was overwhelmed with the incredible love and recognition provided by the IAABO family.

In addition to our gifts/donations, the Past Presidents provided a gift certificate. Tom Lopes and Donnie Eppley developed a short video presentation and gave Peter a basketball that listed Peter's many awards and accomplishments. The Interpreters, through the efforts of Peter Palermino, collectively raised \$3,150. Fantastic effort! The money was divided as follows: \$2,150 for an IAABO Foundation Chair and the balance to support Peter's attendance at Portland Sea Dogs (Red Sox AA minor league affiliate) baseball games and a personal check to Peter to use at his discretion.

Thanks again for your contributions! See you at the Fall Seminar in Newark, Delaware.



Tom Lopes (l), IAABO Executive Director, presented a full color printed "Stat Ball" to Peter Webb, IAABO Coordinator of Interpreters.



## 40 Years and Counting

*(Editor's Note: This is the first in a 3-part story for Sportorials. We interview IAABO members with more than 40 years experience, and posed the following 3 questions: 1) What has changed the most about the game for officials the past 40 years? 2) How have you adjusted? 3) How has IAABO changed during that time? The first installment runs below.)*

**Reggie Grant, IAABO Board 21 out of Western Maine; 40 years with IAABO:**

"Rule-wise, the AP arrow, 3-point line and smaller basketball for the girls' game have been game changers. On the court, pace of play, athleticism and size have changed significantly. The transition game and the use of the 3-point shot have replaced the walk-it-up set-it-up style of yesterday. The pace can be furious and explosive and I'm sure fun to watch, but along with this up-tempo style, we old timers wonder where have the fundamentals gone?"

"My adjustments have paralleled that of my local board. Our board has increased crews of three assignments significantly. This past year we serviced over 125 games with crews of 3 during the regular season, and all post season games at all levels used crews of 3 -- boys and girls. This all translates to improved court coverage that allows officials to adjust to the pace, physicality and athleticism."

"IAABO has grown in organization, quality of training and instruction. The use of technology has been paramount. The use of DVDs and plays of the week are now staples in officiating development. The IAABO staff and state Interpreters collectively are buying into the increased emphasis on training and development. IAABO summer camps are now part of the landscape. They allow all of us opportunities to hone our skills and techniques in the off season. Yes, we have changed for the better because the game has demanded it."

**Carl Drake, IAABO Board 48 from upstate New York; 56 years with IAABO:**

"The game today is a much faster pace. The players are way bigger and the fast guys are faster than when I first started. We had the push shot back then. Now the way they move the ball and handle the ball is so much faster."

"The three-official crew has been a big help to keep pace with the game. It allows us to get in better position and move to create better coverage than with two officials on the court."

"IAABO does a great job of handling and scheduling officials -- setting up the assignments, screening applicants and assuring availability."

**Jim Powell, Board 129, Salisbury, MD; IAABO member 53 years:**

"The skill level of the participants has improved immensely, and the game has changed because of the 3-point line to create more up-tempo play. High school coaches pick up on what college coaches are doing through clinics and observations. It's a faster tempo."

"Kids are now playing year-round through travel ball and at camps. That competition increases their skill level and makes them better athletes."

"That means officials have to make quicker decisions. The players are so quick and fast now, they move at blur speed. They're here, and then they're gone. You've got to make the calls right away when they occur, and control the game. Officiating is more difficult today because of that."

"Officials need to stay in shape and make sure they are focused on the game. The players move at a faster pace, you can't lollygag as an official. You won't last long making the 60-foot calls -- you must stay up with the action."

"The IAABO camps help officials a great deal. Modern technology, including visual aids and 'Plays of the Game' are invaluable officiating

helpers provided by IAABO."

"Years ago, you had to work as many leagues as possible to get experience, and you learned from those games. If there was a kicked ball, (must be intentional) for example, and your partner didn't tell you if you got the call wrong, it might have taken you years to get the call right. Very little feedback was given. Survival was the goal for you and your partner. Mentoring programs and being critiqued are two other major positives provided by local IAABO boards."

**Paul Spinelli, IAABO Board 196, N.J.; 42 years with IAABO:**

"The three-point line has been a big change. There was no three-point shot when I started. That's created more penetration and dish play. The players run more and get up and down the court quickly. It's a much faster game for the most part. The coaches pick up college traits and try to implement them in the high school game. That is good and bad -- you have to know your athletes. Today play is above the rim and players play twelve months a year."

"No doubt, you must stay in shape. When I started, the season was 3-4 months long. Now it is year-round. If you want to be a good official, you must work year around to stay in good condition and sharp."

"Three-man crews help you stay up with the game. I only work 3-man for boy's games. As I've gotten older, I rely more on instincts which helps me officiate and anticipate better. In 3-man crews, you must trust your partners to cover their primary coverage area than you would like. In 2-man crews, there were (are) more grey areas, and sometimes you have to reach out more."

"IAABO has grown with the addition of Tom Lopes as Executive Director and Donnie Eppley as the Associate Executive Director, and we've restructured the organization for more participation and growth. The IAABO referee schools have been very, very successful in teaching our young membership how to officiate a better game. They cover everything from mechanics to the rules and you see young people moving into higher ranks quicker because of it. IAABO is the leader in officiating -- we are now involved with teaching the sport with the Federation and make DVD's, videos and lesson plans to help local interpreters do a better job teaching at the local level."

**Ken Woodruff, IAABO Board 121, south of Buffalo, NY; 43-year member:**

"The three-point shot has changed the game dramatically. Before, the game was much more based in the half court, teams setting it up, then working the ball down low. Now, sometimes they set it up just for the three-pointer. The pace of the game is quicker today, more up-tempo, and it leads to transition baskets. You used to be able to linger and stick around after a shot went up. Not anymore. The other team is going to get the ball right up the court."

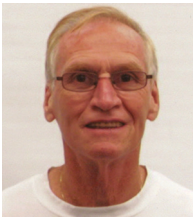
"Where I live, we still work 2-man crews. Three-man crews don't start until the sectional semi-finals. I'm 67-years-old and still working 2-man, so the pace of the game has an effect on me. I can't go as deep on the baseline as I used to. I have to work my butt off to stay with the pace."

"The technology part of things is where IAABO shines. Sportorials is more helpful now. Before, we'd use it to order equipment or find out about the annual meeting. It's evolved and helps our education drastically improve. The materials IAABO sends out to the boards has dramatically helped our officiating improve."

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## IAABO Adopts a New Approach



Layne Drexel  
Board 11 DE

Interviews were conducted for the hiring of an IAABO Coordinator of Interpreters at the spring meeting in Foxwoods. The initial goal of the interview committee was to select one individual to assume the position of IAABO Coordinator of Interpreters on July 1st.

However, the interviews went so well that it was decided to bring on board four Co-Coordinators to try a different approach as to how IAABO will service the instructional needs of our organization. Many new projects are being discussed to include the development of new video instructional films, possible webinars that can augment the Interpreters conference calls, local board visits and presentations, so we continue to deliver the "One Rule, One Interpretation" philosophy.

Can this work? IAABO feels it can and is taking four very good basketball minds, four proven presenters and four individuals from different geographical regions within IAABO. Asking them to come together and work toward a common goal of providing the best available instructional materials and methods to our local boards.

We have had a series of conference calls to outline duties, take suggestions and organize partnerships. We were elated to hear the enthusiasm, the willingness to collaborate and the eagerness to get started. We are truly blessed that we have these individuals to carry the torch of IAABO. Thank you for your support in this endeavor and rest assured that we will evaluate this program at the end of the year

The Co-Coordinators are:

*Layne Drexel, Board 11 DE, TJ Halliday, Board 20 ME, Dan*

*Shepardson, Board 105 VT, and Dave Smith, Board 4 CO.*

President Joe Gintoli, and the Executive Committee shared their full support for this new approach.

Joe reports "after being a part of the interview process with all candidates, it became very clear to me that Dan, Dave, Layne and TJ all were extremely talented, great communicators and dedicated Interpreters. My first thoughts to Tom were let's find a way to get all four involved and he agreed".

"I participated in the initial conference call this past Tuesday evening. You could feel the energy each of them had to work together. Tom laid out a very detailed initial outline of responsibilities during the call and went through a timeline of when these responsibilities needed to be completed".

"Obviously, this new approach may raise some questions from our members. And as we know, 'change' is sometimes difficult to understand. This new approach expands our ability to educate our members. In short, we now can get our message out to more members in more areas of IAABO at the same time. I hope you are as excited as I am about watching this process grow".

We are already planning the Fall Seminar and welcome any suggestions for sessions and topics that you would like included. ***Please continue to submit all basketball questions (rules and mechanics) to the IAABO Office via the website at [www.iaabo.org](http://www.iaabo.org). Answers to all inquiries will be provided within 48 hours.*** Stay tuned as we move forward.



Dan Shepardson  
Board 105 VT



Dave Smith  
Board 4 CO

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# Spring Meeting Photo Gallery



IAABO Interpreters honored outgoing Coordinator, Peter Webb at the conclusion of the IAABO Life Membership Ceremony



Kelly Stewart, American Cancer Society, presented a Volunteer Award for Excellence to Lou Levine, Bd. 44, MA



Joe Gintoli, IAABO President-Elect with his lovely wife, Mary



Robert Norris, Bd. 6 CT, is presented a 50 year award by David Smith, IAABO President, Bd. 4 CO



Gerry Kaczmarczyk, Bd. 53 NY, is presented a 50 year award by David Smith, IAABO President, Bd. 4 CO. Also in the photo is Gerry's wife of 50 years, Janice



Felix Adde, Bd. 33 NJ, is presented a Foundation Chair by IAABO Board No. 33, North Jersey. Also shown in the photo are (left to right) David Smith, Bd. 4 CO, Dennis Murray, President Bd. 33, Felix and Bill Varno, Bd. 36 NY



Willie LA Jones, President-Elect, IAABO, Inc. welcomes newly elected Vice-President Paul Spinelli, Bd. 196 NJ, to the dais



IAABO Past Presidents

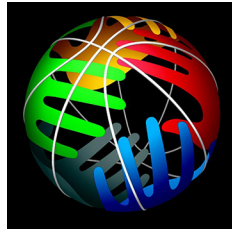


Haywood Bullock, Bd. 40 NY, is awarded a Foundation Chair. (L to R) – David Smith, Bd. 4 CO, Jack Sweeney, Bd. 40 NY, Haywood, and Bill Varno, Bd. 36 NY



## Catching Up On The Rules

Have you ever been tripped up by a rule? You knew the rule but there was an updated interpretation or case you missed or wasn't aware of? Has it happened recently? If so, maybe you weren't aware of or haven't had the opportunity yet to review the updated Canadian Association of Basketball Officials Case Book and then the FIBA Official Rules Interpretations both published in 2017. Whether as a review or for the first time, let's catch-up.



An additional case has been added to clarify a situation that is an exception to correctable errors Rule Art. 44.3.2 stating that "if the same team scores after having been erroneously awarded possession of the ball for a throw-in, the error shall be disregarded".

*A4 is fouled by B2 and this is team B's fifth foul of the period. The officials fail to award the two free throws. While A2 has the ball for a throw-in, B5 is then assessed a technical foul. The free throw for the technical foul is successful. The officials recognize the error at this point in time. How do we proceed?*

As we are still in the time frame to correct the error since the clock has not started, Team A shoots 1 free throw for the technical foul (already executed), then A4 shoots 2 free throws, followed by a Team A throw-in from the centre line opposite the table.

### FIBA Official Interpretations valid as of 1 March 2017 second edition

Interpretation Art. 15 Player in the act of Shooting was added with 15-1 and 15-2 specifying that a player is in the act of shooting if after being fouled passes the ball off, is no longer considered to be in the act of shooting.

Interpretation 16-9 was added to clarify when a goal is made by a live ball clearly passing through the basket and thus when the game clock should be stopped when a) a defensive team requires a time-out at any time during the game after a basket has been scored, b) the game clock shows 2:00 minutes in the 4th period or in an extra period.

Interpretation 23-1 and 23-2 has been added to specify it is a violation if a player leaves the playing court at the endline to avoid a 3-second violation.

Changes were made to Art. 29/50 24 Seconds.

Interpretations 29/50-28 and 29/50-29 (previously talked about) have been swapped in order so that the first interpretation refers to 14 or more seconds and the second less than 14 seconds to create a more logical order.

The scenario of the ball missing the ring that was previously not included is added to 29/50-28 through 29/50-32.

A new Interpretation 29/50-46 was added to clarify that a team who shot the ball and gains control of the rebound in their backcourt and is fouled and awarded a backcourt throw-in is awarded a new 24 second shot clock rather than 14 seconds.

The previous 29/50-46 was renumbered 29/50-47 and the subsequent 29/50 Interpretations renumbered up to 29/50-54.

Three more Interpretations were then added 29/50-55, 29/50-56 and 29/50-57 specifying:

- If the shot clock horn sounds with ball in the air and it misses the rim and the official does not call a violation waiting to see if Team B gains control than that time elapses and is not put back should the game clock sound.

- If the shot clock horn sounds with ball in the air and it misses the rim and the official blows his whistle, the game clock remains at the time the official blew their whistle.

- If the shot clock horn sounds with the ball in hand(s) and the game clock does not stop, it shall be reset to the time showing when the violation was called.

Art. 30 Ball returned to backcourt had former 30-12 and 30-13 renumbered 30-14 and 30-15 and new 30-12 and 30-13 added clarify the following:

If A1 while dribbling from his backcourt to the frontcourt, with both feet in his frontcourt and still dribbling, the ball in his backcourt, the ball then touches his leg and bounces into his backcourt that it is legal for A2 to recover it or start a dribble as A1 had not yet established control of the ball in his frontcourt.

It is a legal play if A1 in his backcourt passes the ball to A2 who is in his

### CABO published an updated Case Book January 21, 2017.

Case 4.3 was rewritten with pictures and added notes to provide more consistency in respect to undergarments when there is no league or conference policy in effect as follows:

- T-Shirts - same colour as the dominant colour of jersey (only for levels up to & including high school)
- Compression Undershirts - long or short sleeves, the same colour as the dominant colour of jersey (all levels)
- Compression Underwear - short or long legs, black or the same colour as the dominant colour of shorts (all levels)
- Compression Sleeves - same colour as the dominant colour of jersey (all levels)
- Compression Stockings - same colour as the dominant colour of jersey (all levels)

Clarification to Case 12-6 was clarified by changing "As the horn sounds" to "Just prior to the horn sounding".

Case 15-4 has been added to further clarify that a player who gets fouled in the act of shooting and then passes the ball off is not awarded free throws. Rule Art. 15 defines the act of shooting occurs when the ball is held in a player's hand(s) and is then thrown into the air towards the opponents' basket. Thus, a player who is fouled in the act of shooting and then passes the ball rather than release it towards the basket if able does not meet the criteria.

Case 17-19 was added specifying that an official shall bounce or hand the ball to the player for a throw-in anywhere on the court. Making it acceptable practice for an official to bounce the ball while administering a frontcourt endline throw-in.

Case 18-20 was added with illustrations that outline time-out positions and procedures. It specifies that the ball is to be left on the court where the game is to be resumed. It doesn't specify unless that is impractical, in which case, the officials would take the ball with them after clearly specifying the spot of resumption. It further specifies three standard time-out positions opposite the table. Officials should go to the position nearest to where the game will be resumed following the time-out or to the position that does not interfere with game-day promotions (i.e. dance troupe, fan contests, etc.).

The same case specifies that 1) in 2PO, with 20 seconds remaining in the time-out, that both officials move close to the team bench areas in order to be ready to activate teams returning to the court at the 50 second warning signal and 2) in 3PO, with 20 seconds remaining in the timeout, the two non-administering officials move closer to the bench areas with the administering official going to the spot of resumption.

In respect to free throws, Case 43-3 had 'on a last free throw' amended to 'on a last successful free throw' to match the language in the FIBA rule book. Case 43-8 was added clarifying that a violation by a shooter on a successful free throw takes precedence over a violation by the opponents (penalize shooter violation, disallow the free throw and ball awarded to opponents at free throw line extended) and that, if both the shooter and opponent(s) violate on an unsuccessful free throw that the two violations create a jump ball situation.

Case 43-9 spells out that a free throw shooter violation on an unsuccessful free throw resulting from disconcertion/distraction by the opponents is ignored and the free throw shooter is awarded a substitute free throw.



## Catching Up On The Rules

frontcourt and A2 touches the ball which returns to A1 who is still in the backcourt since A2 had not established control of the ball in his frontcourt.

New 30-16 specifies that if A1 is dribbling in his frontcourt near the centre line when B1 taps the ball into team A's backcourt, it is legal if A1 with both feet still in his frontcourt continues to dribble the ball which bounces in his backcourt. Team A did not cause the ball to go into the backcourt. This would create a 8 second period to get the ball to the frontcourt.

While new 30-17 reinforces that if a player of the team in control jumps from the frontcourt and catches a pass in the air from the backcourt and lands a) with both feet in his backcourt b) touching the centre line or c) straddling the centre line it is a violation for illegally returning the ball to the backcourt. Team control in the frontcourt is established when catching the ball in the air.

Art. 31 Goaltending and interference had additions 31-15 and 31-16 specifying it is an interference if a player (defense or offense) grasps the basket to play the ball. New 31-17 and 31-18 specify it is interference if a defensive player touches the ball while the ball is within the basket defined as the slightest part of the ball is within and below the level of the ring.

The latest Interpretations also address faking a foul (and/or flopping) with new Interpretations 36-18, 36-19 and 36-20 with the existing being renumbered. The procedure for whenever a player fakes a foul is:

- without interrupting the game the official signals the fake with showing the "rise-the-lower-arm" signal twice
- at next game stoppage, a warning shall be communicated to the player and the coach of this team.
- note: both teams are entitled to 1 warning
- next time a player of the team warned fakes a foul a technical foul shall be called
- note: should a player or team fake twice within the same play phase (play has not been stopped to allow warning to be communicated to coach) then a technical foul shall be assessed on the second fake although warning hasn't been communicated to coach
- if the faking is excessive and without contact a technical foul may be called immediately without a warning

Interpretations 37-8, 37-9 and 37-10 were added to differentiate between 1) contact by a defender from behind or laterally on an opponent not in the act of shooting in an attempt to stop the fast break with no other defenders between the offensive player and the opponents' basket is an unsportsmanlike foul but not necessarily so if in the act of shooting. Once the offensive player is in the act of shooting, contact from behind or laterally by the defender is a normal foul unless the officials judge that the contact was excessive or not playing the ball.

Several additions were made to Art. 46 Referee: Duties and powers in respect to use of the Instant Replay System. 46-10 was amended to identify as soon as the ball has entered the basket and the game clock stopped with 2:00 minutes or less in the game as one of the 'at the first opportunity when the game clock is stopped and the ball is dead' any time in the game that the IRS can be used to determine 2 or 3 points. As well, a time-out or substitution request may be cancelled once the IRS review has been completed and the decision of the review communicated.

Lastly, Interpretations 46-17 and 46-18 were added authorizing the use of the IRS to determine clock(s) corrections if the game or shot clock malfunctions.

That catches us up for now. FIBA is expected to release some additional rule changes later this year. Stay tuned. Take it from me 'A good catch-up is much more pleasurable than a bad trip-up.' 'I know an official, no no... not me, and this official (again not me)...



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## Mahoney's

On Saturday, March 11, 2017, Jim Mahoney (Bd.129, DE) and Sean Mahoney (Bd. 11, DE) became the first father and son in history to work the Delaware boys basketball state championship game together.

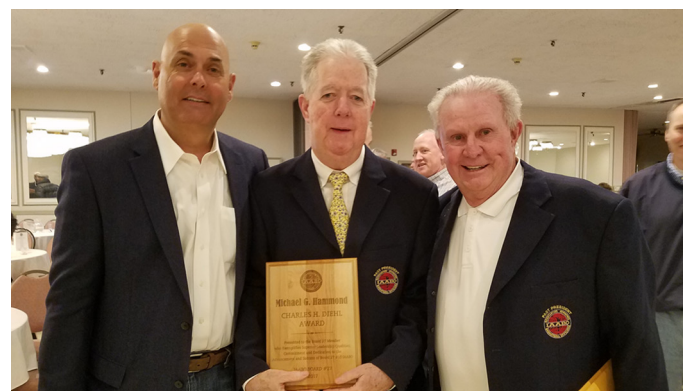


Sean (left) and Jim (right) before the game



Sean and Jim pictured with Sean's children/Jim's grandchildren (and possibly future IAABO members), Cian (l) and Ailyn (r)

## Michael Hammond Honored



Michael Hammond, Bd. 27 MA, was recently awarded the Charles Diehl award. The award is presented to a Board 27 member who exemplifies IAABO Board 27 traditions. Former recipients are Jack Doyle, John Mazzarini, Fran Foley, Fran Cummings and Bob Sterling. Also shown in the photo are Rich Antonelli (L) and Jack Doyle (R).

## A First in Maine



Tracie Martin, Bd. 111 ME, Reta Brown, Bd. 21 ME, and Julie Bradstreet, Bd. 20 ME, officiated the AA North Semi-Final between Bangor and Oxford Hills on February 21, 2017. This is the first time in the history of Maine basketball that three females officiated a play-off game together.

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