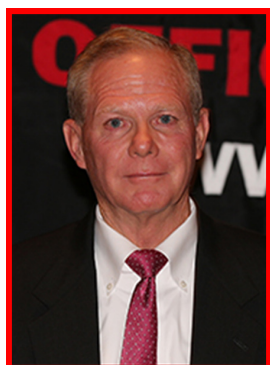




David Smith - 78th President of IAABO



David Smith

Good Morning, Delegates, Executive Committee, Past Presidents and Guests.

What an honor it is to be the 78th President of the finest officiating organization in the world. When I became a member of Colorado Board 4 in 1980, this moment was the furthest thing from my mind. Like most of you, all I really wanted to do was referee basketball.

Five members of Board 4 are past presidents of IAABO. One of them is

Dr. Ron Brown. My standing here today is in large part due to Ron and the confidence he placed in me. Without his mentorship and guidance for over thirty years, this would not have happened.

Additionally, I must thank the members of Colorado Board 4 for allowing me to be part of their leadership team as their Rules Interpreter since 1993.

It goes without saying that in any endeavor success is impossible without support. My biggest supporter is the love of my life, my beautiful and talented wife, Diana. In our over 30 years together she sacrificed so much to allow me to make basketball officiating part of my life. She never asked me to quit or cut back. She often dealt with a colicky baby, and two boys that were...well they were boys...by herself and never asked for anything. (Except a game check or two) I owe everything I am to her. Thank you sweetheart....I Love You!

Let me also thank the Past Presidents who have provided so much guidance and leadership; the Executive Committee; and the Committee Chairs and their Assistants that work tirelessly in supporting IAABO and its members.

We don't know how fortunate we are to have Tom Lopes and Donnie Eppley managing the organization. Their knowledge, leadership, guidance and commitment to IAABO is exemplary. Without them local boards and their members would not receive the services, answers and material so important to the success of IAABO, and our organization would be where it is today. Thank you Tom and Donnie.

I would like to also congratulate Joe Gintoli on his position of President Elect and Willie Jones being elected Vice President.

The plays of the week, IAABO schools, Sportorials and the IAABO website provide our members with exceptional and

essential training information and opportunities.

However, IAABO is not merely a bunch of basketball officials. We understand that our role and responsibility is not just to train basketball officials. IAABO is also community and understands so very well the importance of supporting and serving those in need.

That is why IAABO's members have contributed over One Point Five Million Dollars to "Officials vs. Cancer". Cancer is a disease that in some way has touched every single one of us. It will take all of us participating in this annual effort to provide researchers the resources they need to find better treatments and ultimately a cure for this terrible and devastating disease.

That is also why our members have officiated hundreds if not thousands of Special Olympics basketball games. We, who have been given much must be willing to give back to those less fortunate. If you have never refereed a Special Olympics basketball game, I encourage you to do so. The experience will move you I promise.

We as IAABO, both as individuals and as an organization need to continue to support charitable causes. Please make sure your local board continues to support these and other charities in your community.

IAABO is the premier provider of basketball officials training and training material in the world. To continue to be the leader, we must look for new ways to get the IAABO message out. Our brand is exceptional and our reputation is without compare. However, in a rapidly changing digital environment we need to identify ways to effectively disseminate our message and material to those that learn and think differently than those of us that are a little more mature learned and heard the message. Some of the old ways don't work as well as they once did.

We MUST take advantage of the opportunities technology provides.

One way to accomplish that is to involve the more technically and digitally intelligent members of our boards. If you are responsible for a presentation and you are not comfortable with technology ask someone who is to help and show you how to use technology to make the presentation better. Remember, somewhere along the way, someone gave you the opportunity to get involved. If you understand how technology can be used in presentations, volunteer to help those that don't.

We can't be afraid of change and *(continued on page 5)*

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Director's Court

Board Operations - At this year's spring meeting many topics were discussed during the Secretaries roundtable which may be of assistance to you in administering to your board. Here are some questions to consider:

IAABO insurance: Whether you have an individual policy or are an officer or director – are you covered? Does your board have a constitution? Do your members have a copy? Are discipline procedures in place, along with an appeal process and timelines? Are election procedures in place, are ballots unidentifiable, are there neutral overseers, are there guidelines for who can vote? Are financial reports presented annually, are your records transparent, is there an explanation of dues structure? Do you have dual member policies in place? Is there an applicant program in place with deadlines and expectations? Do you have a local web site?

These topics were presented so that secretaries can take a look and make updates where necessary to ensure the smooth operation of their board. The IAABO office is here to assist the secretary with any questions they may have.



President's Corner



When many of us began officiating, games started in November and if we were fortunate enough to be selected for the tournament, the season ended in mid-March. The four month season appears to have gone the way of the telephone land line. It now seems that basketball never ends for players, coaches, parents and officials. Basketball, like most sports, has become a year round commitment with the summer having as many if not more games than the regular season. There are games involving high school teams, club teams, AAU teams, JAM teams and the list goes on. Then there are team camps that have officiating camps attached to them where officials work multiple games every day.

Officials have different motivations for working summer games, all very legitimate. We work because a league assigner asks us and that might mean more games during the season. We work because it is convenient to go work three or four games in one evening to put a little money in our pockets. Finally, we go to an officiating camp to be seen and maybe get an opportunity to work at the next level, whether that be high school varsity, junior college, Division II or III, or perhaps the brass ring -- Division I college basketball. Regardless of why we take summer assignments, it is important for us to spend that time on the court and in the classroom to our advantage and for professional development.

Officiating games in the summer, if done wisely, gives us an opportunity to work on some things in a less intense environment. Prior to your summer schedule starting, take an inventory of your strengths and weaknesses as an official and write them down. In addition to your inventory, identify a couple of things you want to try over the course of the summer. After creating your lists, pick one or two things you want to apply each time you officiate. Trying to improve on too many things at one time is not as productive as concentrating on only a couple of things. For the golfers among you, it's like having four swing thoughts rather than one – the extra thoughts clutter your mind and mess your swing up worse.

If you attend an officiating camp, have some goals and objectives in mind going in. Though you may feel there is pressure to attend, don't let that be a negative. As we heard Rod Olson say at last year's Fall Seminar in Denver, "The two things

you can control are your attitude and your effort." Let your attitude and effort draw attention to you in a positive way. Have an open mind, listen to the clinicians and instructors. Try to implement some of what you are exposed to in your game. Make one of your camp goals not to be one of those "Yeah-But" officials. If the camp has classroom session take pen and paper. Being prepared leaves a positive impression. You are spending money to go, make it money well spent!

Working summer games present us with a number of challenges. Gyms are hot and stuffy. Spectators are frequently right on the boundary lines. Players and coaches think they can get away with things they can't get away with during the regular season. Parents think the games are for the state championship, especially in summer leagues or camps that have a tournament. Whatever comes up, handle it! Make dealing with these challenges a learning and training experience that will prepare you for similar situations in games that really count.

While it is very tempting, especially on those nights when we are working three or four games, we don't want to take shortcuts and develop bad habits by not rotating and switching, using bad signals and not working to get into position. Maintain and continue to reinforce your IAABO "good habits."

We also need to ensure we are physically at our best. As the season becomes never-ending, our fitness, health and wellness must be ongoing as well. Unlike years gone by, we can't choose to just get in shape for the start of the season – we must stay in shape all year. In preparing for your summer games, fuel your body well, stretch and cool down properly and make sure you are hydrated. Try to drink at least 64 ounces of water a day. All of these things will help avoid injury.

Summer games can also provide an opportunity to help our newer members. Veterans, use what you have learned and experienced to teach and mentor the younger officials you work with in the summer. Their experience will be better for having worked with you. If you are a newer official, ask questions, listen, watch and learn.

One more thing: Do you have IAABO insurance? If not, consider this. IAABO insurance covers any game any time, including summer games and offers game fee reimbursement when games are lost due to injury. The insurance does not apply to college games. For more information contact your board secretary.

Have a great summer season.

2016 Spring Meeting Wrap Up

What a great time of year to have our annual spring meeting in beautiful Orlando, Florida. The weather cooperated and we had a successful golf outing -- unlike Rochester last year (but that's another story). Committees convened during the spring business meeting and shared their reports, ensuring IAABO is running smoothly and keeping up with current business practices.

The meetings were in-depth, meaningful, well attended, informative, provoked lively discussions and provided insights on how different boards operate. It appears that our attendance at the spring meeting continues to increase annually. 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 2016- Gettysburg, PA, spring 2017-Foxwoods, CT, fall 2017-Wilmington, DE, spring-2018, Ocean City, MD, fall 2018-possibly upstate NY, spring 2019 NJ.

Brian Kersey and representatives from Borden-Perlman gave a brief insurance presentation and the contract was renewed at the same rate, for another year with the same coverage. Secretaries are encouraged to share this information with their members as this policy is the best around.

President Tom Reese welcomed the representatives on Friday morning and reminded everyone of the full day of business ahead. All of 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 session which reported on information received from observations of various state tournaments, as well as possible rule changes that were examined at the NFHS rules committee meetings a few days before (Peter and Dennis Ordway attended).

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: Tom Reese, BD 23 MD, Reggie Greenwood BD 12 DC, Jeff Jewett, BD 20 ME, Jon Lowe, BD 95, MA, Dennis Murphy, BD 117 NH. 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. Several personal revelations made the award even more meaningful. The luncheon was attended by members and families of the recipients; 145 attended the luncheon.

Thanks also to all the behind-the-scenes work that made these programs go off without a hitch (Barbara, Lynn, Scott), and a big thank you to Donnie Eppley as well for his organization of these events.

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 along with IAABO Foundation Chairs in the amount of \$1,000 each in honor of James Stark BD 40, NY and Jack Sweeney BD 40 NY, Jon Lowe BD 95 MA, Robert Harper BD 70 PA.

The 2016-17 IAABO Handbook dedication was announced and was awarded posthumously to Past President and Life Member Len Maida BD 51 NY, and the Canadian version dedicated to Past President and IAABO Life Member, Dennis Herbert. The committee decided to recommend



additional Handbook dedications as follows; 2017-18 - Lou Engle, Bd. 261 MD, and IAABO Past President and 2018-19 - Jack Doyle, Bd. 27 MA and IAABO Past President. Elections: Dennis Herbert, chair of the Nomination Committee, conducted the elections. David Smith, BD 4, CO, was elected President, Joe Gintoli, BD 9 CT, was elected President Elect, and Willie LA Jones, BD 12 DC, was elected Vice President. Elected to the executive committee position vacated by Willie LA Jones, was Richard Ogletree, BD 12 DC; he will serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Reelected to new three-year terms were: from Region 11, Dennis

Murphy, Region 2, Ron Martel, Region 1, Sal Capitumino.

Dan Barringer will serve as Honorary President and Mark Byron as Honorary Executive Director.

It is now time to turn our attention to the Fall Seminar. The Fall Seminar will be held at the Wyndham, Gettysburg, PA, September 22-25, 2016. To make a reservation call 717-339-0020 and ask for the IAABO Fall Seminar rate.

IAABO wholeheartedly 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, Peter will return to segments on various rule topics, designed to assist the Interpreters with presentations they can use at their meetings. The Sunday morning session will highlight rule changes and points of emphasis for the upcoming season. We are looking forward to seeing all of the Interpreters in Gettysburg PA. All registrations should be made online, and will be on the IAABO website.

There will be a dinner show at the hotel on Saturday night. You will not want to miss this Broadway-type show; you will be thoroughly entertained. Tickets are \$50, which includes dinner. More information about the Fall Seminar will be made available in the future.

"Gettysburg, the Musical"

Billy Finch encompasses the singing styles of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Elvis Presley's American Trilogy and even the bluesy soul style of Ray Charles.



Billy Finch and Minerva dress in Civil War attire as the story highlights the roles of Frank Sinatra as Robert E. Lee and Johnny Cash as Joshua Chamberlain.





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David Smith - 78th President (continued from page 1)

technology if we want to continue to be successful.

At the national level, we need to continue our efforts in collaborating with other organizations to get an IAABO presence into their officiating programs. Through Tom Lopes' very successful efforts, IAABO is now an integral part of NASO's Officiating Summit and our relationship with the National Federation has improved significantly. IAABO now provides the NFHS with videos used as part of its training program and Tom serves in an advisory role to the basketball rules committee.

These organizations know and understand the added value IAABO provides them.

This summer, IAABO will partner with Canadian officials organizations to provide training and to establish and IAABO presence as the Canadian game transitions to Federation to FIBA rules.

These types of efforts are critical to IAABO and its growth.

In addition to continuing these efforts at the national level, I would encourage local Boards to develop relationships with their State Associations to expand the IAABO presence in their basketball officials' training programs as well. Show them what IAABO can do for them, their member schools and the student athletes that play this great game.

Immediate Past President Tom Reese and I have had numerous discussions on how we can expand our training to develop even better officials. We are in total agreement that IAABO is the best in teaching rules and how to interpret and apply them. IAABO also publishes excellent mechanics manuals to ensure proper court coverage and the use of proper signals. Despite our leadership in these areas, more is needed if we want our members to reach their maximum potential.

As Tom stated in his address last year, video is available for nearly every game officiated. We need to teach officials how to use this valuable resource to identify how both individually and as a crew we can improve our officiating. Did we rotate properly? Were we in the best position to see the entire play? Did we move the right direction to get an open look? All of those questions can be answered and visual lessons can be readily learned if we provide our members with the tools on how to review and analyze video.

Officiating basketball is not different from any other situation encountered in life. It is not some unique experience that involves only policing and applying rules. We don't officiate in a vacuum. During a basketball game, officials must effectively deal with people, emotions and often times uncontrollable variables. Being successful in these situations is knowing when to listen; when to speak; what to say; how to say it; when to walk away and when to confront.

Communication skills, verbal and nonverbal, are critical to being successful in any personal interaction. Being aware of what is going on around us lets us be proactive in addressing potential situations rather than reactive. We need to provide our members with these important tools too.

Yesterday, Tom Lopes, Tom Reese and I met with Peter Webb to discuss these ideas. This year's Fall Interpreter's meeting will commit time to this type of topic.

About a year ago, my wife, our youngest son and I were talking when my wife mentioned I was going to be the president of the IAABO, "the International Association of Athletic Basketball Officials." While it gave me a chuckle at the time, a few days later I received the Sportorial that focused on the IAABO schools. In looking at the pictures, some of us did not look very athletic.

Being part of a very athletic, physically demanding sport like basketball; both health and fitness are critical to our success as officials. Improving our health and wellness through exercise, diet and getting proper rest will not only make us better on the court, it will also improve our lives. We will be better spouses, better parents, better bosses, better friends and overall better people.

Therefore, for the 2016-17 season, I propose to unofficially change IAABO's name to the International Association of Athletic Basketball Officials and ask every member and every board to make the commit to being healthier and more physically fit. I have discussed this with Michelle Futrell from IAABO's "Ask the Trainer" and we came up with some ideas to formulate a program. With Michelle's passionate enthusiasm and help along with assistance from others, I commit to providing you with some

tools and information to establish and reach some health and wellness goals.

IAABO is a member driven organization. While membership is stable, demographics tell us that we will need to address the generational attrition that every industry and organization in the nation is experiencing, sooner rather than later.

Although IAABO and local boards can develop plans, goals and objectives for membership recruitment and retention, success really depends on each of us as members. Each one of you is IAABO's best recruiter.

Simply talking basketball and officiating can create an interest in someone becoming an official. Helping new officials by being mentors and sounding boards can create a support system which will result in the increased retention of officials.

I would ask every official to be part of an individual recruitment effort. If half of us recruited one new official every year, we could double our membership in two years.

If your board does not need officials now, it is only a matter of time before it will. It is our responsibility at both the local and national level to make sure there are enough qualified, IAABO trained officials ready to fill assignments as they become available.

In closing, it goes without saying that we are part of a great game and a great organization. After my first couple of national meetings I mentioned to Dr. Brown that "these guys are really committed to this organization and making basketball officiating better." Though some of the faces have changed, that statement is still true today.

Tom Reese, you have done an outstanding job in leading IAABO this year. You leave us in great shape. Thank you for your leadership, guidance and support.

Members, my pledge is to serve you and this organization to the best of my ability and continue that commitment of making IAABO and basketball officiating better. It can't be done alone. It will take all 17,000 of us. To borrow from English playwright John Heywood, "Many hands make light work."

I am looking forward to this year and what we can accomplish by working together.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as your President.

Rules Questions for the IAABO Interpreter

1. A-1's end line throw-in pass contacts the side edge or the bottom edge of the backboard. Ruling?
2. A-1, while dribbling, touches B-1 who is standing on a sideline. Ruling?
3. A-1 is out-of-bounds for a designated spot throw-in. After receiving the ball from the official, A-1 fumbles the ball along the sideline and leaves the designated spot to recover the ball. Ruling?
4. A-1 is out-of-bounds for a designated spot throw-in. He/she muffs the bounce pass from the official and the ball rolls away. Ruling?
5. A-1, while dribbling, touches a nearby chair or the scorer and timer's table while his/her feet are inbounds. Ruling?
6. Fans from the visiting team are using artificial noisemakers during an opponent's attempted free throw?
7. The scorer mistakenly credits a field goal by A-1 to B-1 and team B in the second quarter. The regulation game ends with the score tied. During a time-out in overtime, the scorer detects the mistake and advises the Referee. Ruling?
8. A-1, out-of-bounds for a designated spot throw-in, jumps to release the throw-in pass to A-2. Ruling?
9. Thrower-in A-1 inbounds the ball to A-2. A-2 immediately throws the ball back to A-1. When A-1 touches the ball, he/she has one foot touching inbounds and the other foot not touching the floor. Ruling?
10. A-1, while airborne and holding the ball near the boundary line, requests a time-out. The official rules that the airborne time-out request can't be granted. Is the ruling correct?

Answers can be found on page 11

Mike Kitts 2016 New York State Basketball Hall of Fame



Mike Kitts was recently inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame. Kitts, a Syracuse native, is now an independent assignor of referees after officiating high school and major college conferences for 40 years.

Kitts worked nine Section III finals, five regional games and one memorable state tournament in 1987, when a Greg Koubek-led Shenendehowa team won a Class A title. He was also working Division II and III college games before transitioning into Division I in 1985. He retired from refereeing in 2014. During that time he officiated in the Big East, Big Ten, SEC, ACC, Atlantic 10, MAAC, MAC and North Atlantic Conference. He's also officiated NIT tournament games and NCAA Final Fours.

"I did a few games," Kitts said, with a chuckle, by telephone. "Never in my wildest dreams did I think this would happen. I started doing it for a little extra money ... and it's been a very rewarding experience."

Local high school official Tom Greene said Kitts always remembered where he started. He described Kitts as "one of the most down-to-earth people I've met."

Kitts officiated in the Big East for 26 years and learned the personalities of its many famous coaches.

"I started when Louie Carnesecca, John Thompson and Rollic Massimino were coaching," Kitts said. "That's when the Big East was good."

Whistle in a Haystack *Captures Inside College Basketball Officiating*

A new book that gives an insider view of DI college basketball officiating from Rick Hartzell is now available. Whistle in a Haystack is co-authored by IAABO's Dave Simon, a long-time writer for Sportorials and Referee magazine, and a 30+year IAABO member who currently lives in Grapevine, TX.

The book includes a foreword from Duke University coach Mike Krzyzewski, and officiating stories that include all-time great coaches like Bill Self, Bobby Knight, Dean Smith, Bob Huggins, Tubby Smith, Rick Barnes and more. Each chapter shares officiating stories that hold lessons for the reader both on the basketball court and in life.

Signed copies can be ordered from Simon by contacting him directly at davidsimon15@hotmail.com or Hartzell at hartzell@threewidemediamedia.com. The book is also available on Amazon.

Father/Son Crew



Congratulations to Jeff Rouillard (left) and his son, Kyle Rouillard who worked the 2016 Quinebaug Valley Junior Conference Boys Final at the Helen Baldwin Middle School, Canterbury, CT.

Life Members' Pass



Long time beloved member of Board 175 MA, Bill Miller. Bill had many close friends within several basketball boards. Bill cherished the many friends and relationships he had with the officiating community. Bill was a tremendous advocate for Basketball officials serving on the executive board forever, Secretary Treasurer for Board 175 for many years and additionally heading the educational programs. He gave most of the current members of

Board 175 their start. He was a tremendous teacher, advocate, and most importantly a friend. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

It is with great sadness that Board 54, MA announces the passing of Wilbert P. "Wil" Cingolani of Plymouth. Wil had been a continuous member of IAABO since 1948 and a member of Board 54 since its inception in 1979. He was a Life Member of both Board 54 and IAABO. Wil was a longtime league assignor of high school basketball, baseball, and softball. In 1989, Wil was one of three recipients of the MIAA's Distinguished Service Award. Wil was an educator and administrator in the Plymouth-Carver Regional School District. Please keep Wil's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.



Board 31, MA has lost IAABO Life Member, Robert "Bob" M. D'Agostino, Sr. He was a member of IAABO since 1958. Bob, Sr., 90, was affectionately known to many as "Dag". During his time at Springfield College, he was a standout athlete. Number 10, also known as "Rapid Fire" tore up the football field, setting records that stand to this day. On the baseball diamond, he was equally talented, playing shortstop. His fielding, hitting and base running was equal to none. His baseball career culminated in a trip to the college world series where he stole home to beat Texas A & M. After graduating "Coach Dag" began his teaching and coaching career in Middlebury, VT. Bob was also a knowledgeable and respected basketball official in Western Massachusetts for many years, serving as the assistant to the world interpreter of basketball rules.

Why Buy Insurance?



Eileen Stanton

I know some people hear the word "insurance" and instantly tune out. As I've grown older and wiser I have come to see the benefits of purchasing insurance.

Purchasing IAABO insurance for officials is a no-brainer. For a low cost, you are covered for an entire year. As an official, you are working in an injury prone environment. And in today's litigious society, having that liability protection is invaluable.

If you are injured during a game and aren't able to officiate because of that injury, the game fee reimbursement from missing one game will most likely cover the cost of the insurance for 6 years. With a maximum \$50 game fee reimbursement and the policy cost per year only \$7.50, the chance is high that at some point the game fee reimbursement will more than pay for the cost of the insurance. What if an over-zealous parent decides to take you to court for colliding with their child during a game? IAABO'S liability coverage will provide defense for you in that situation.

Directors and Officers liability insurance is another valuable plan that provides protection for lawsuits against the Directors and Officers of your board. The policy provides protection for actual or alleged wrongful acts, errors and omissions. It would provide coverage against such claims as: discrimination, wrongful suspension of officials and wrongful dismissal of officials.

If you have any questions about any of these issues, please feel free to reach out to me at estanton@bordenperelman.com

How NFHS Basketball Rules Are Made/Changed

The National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS), representing the nation's high schools, has a Basketball Rules Committee. The committee is composed of eleven (11) members, a chairman and representative from each of the eight sections comprising the NFHS membership. In addition, one committee member represents the NFHS Coaches Association and one committee member represents the NFHS Officials Association. The rules editor is from the NFHS office and serves as the liaison to the rules committee, but does not have a vote. Items for the rules committee's agenda may come from suggestions channeled through the state association offices, from rules committee members or from the editor. In order for a rule to be adopted or changed, it must be supported by at least seven of the eleven rules committee members.

Of major significance in the annual rules committee deliberations are the opinions in the rules questionnaire. This questionnaire, prepared under the direction of the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee, is sent out near the end of each playing season to each member state association for distribution to their coaches and officials. Those who fill out the questionnaire are asked to express their views and opinions regarding the existing rules and to vote on a list of potential rules changes for the following season. The results of the voting and the opinions expressed are then tabulated and

made available to members of the rules committee at the time of their annual meeting.

When considering various proposals for rules changes, the vote tally on the questionnaire items is given due consideration, but it is only one factor used in making a decision. The rules committee also considers other guidelines and principles during its deliberations.

Among these are criteria for rules revision. A few of the most important of these criteria are: Fair Play; Balance Between Defense and Offense; Definitions; Brevity; Exceptions; Simplicity; Adaptability; Physical Welfare.

Among other questions which rules committee members will ask themselves when considering a revision are these: (1) Is the proposed rule readily enforceable? (2) Will it severely penalize any accepted and legal skill? (3) Can it fit into the existing rules structure? (4) Does it limit the development of legal and effective coaching strategy? (5) Will it encourage questionable skills or player tactics? (6) Does it entail too much expense? (7) Has it received the benefits of experimentation conducted by competent individuals upon approval of the NFHS?

To give the reader some idea of the specific problems involved in changing the basketball rules and keeping them up-to-date, let's consider here, in brief, only one of the many items which perpetually comes before the rules committee for

its consideration. This one deals with the matter of suitable and equitable penalties for infractions of the rules.

In general, the purpose of providing penalties for rules infractions are (1) to compensate in some way the offended team which has been put at a disadvantage by illegal actions of the opponents; and (2) to discourage future infractions of a similar nature.

The penalties must be severe enough to accomplish these purposes, yet not so severe as to over-compensate the offended team nor penalize the offender too severely. It is precisely these points which have created "headaches" for members of the rules committee. Just how much is too severe? How much is not severe enough, and what is just right? Furthermore, basketball infractions, similar to civil and criminal violations, vary in degree; some are more serious than others. Therefore, the rulemakers must create rules wherein "the punishment fits the crime." The matter of penalizing for rules infractions has caused as much discussion and more soul-searching analysis on the part of rules committee members as any other phase of the rules.



Past President, Peter Webb, Bd. 111, ME, is the Coordinator of Interpreters for IAABO. He is responsible for providing guidance, clarifying basketball issues, and conducting online discussion groups with all IAABO Interpreters.

A Special Recognition

Congratulations to IAABO Board 6 member Charlene "Shep" Shepard for her recent induction to the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in April 2016. The Hall of Fame recognizes women who have and continue to make significant contributions to all types of sports, and those who support women's sports. It is one of Connecticut's most prestigious awards. Charlene was recognized for her 20 years as a high school and college basketball official. Charlene was also a very accomplished basketball player.

Charlene Shepard has been involved with basketball for over 20 years. "I grew up with four brothers who were into football and go-kart building," Charlene said. "I asked my dad for a basketball hoop one Christmas and, the next spring, I was in the yard every afternoon shooting."

She began her basketball career at Notre Dame Academy in Waterbury, Connecticut. She became an all-state high school player and graduated with 1,681 points and 1,024 rebounds. She was the first player in program history to score 1,000 points and her 1,681 total remains the school record.

Charlene calls her high school coach, Marie Mastandrea, her greatest influence – "she believed in me and my talents long before I realized how good I was," Charlene said. Charlene was a two-time all-state pick and an All-Waterbury selection at Notre Dame Academy, receiving the Richard L. Genua Sr. Memorial Award as the best girls' basketball player in Waterbury. She was the four-time team MVP and once scored 30 or more points in four consecutive games.

She went on to play basketball at Central

Connecticut State University under Hall of Fame coach Brenda Reilly. Charlene earned her Bachelor's degree in psychology in 1992 and her Master's in criminal justice and is currently a juvenile probation officer for the State of Connecticut.

Charlene is one of Connecticut's most distinguished referees. She is entering her 21st year as an official and has been a member of IAABO Board 6 since 2007, when her prior officiating organization merged with IAABO Board 6. Charlene has been selected to officiate many critical basketball games, including four Connecticut girls' basketball state championship games at the Mohegan Sun Arena. Charlene is also a Division III college official.

In addition to her officiating skills, Charlene is very active in a variety of IAABO Board 6 organizational activities. She currently serves as the assistant interpreter, the chairperson of the new applicants' committee, and a mentor in the mentor/

mentee program, a member of the Commissioner Observation Team and the co-director of the Connecticut State Board's annual summer referee camp. She also provides a variety of officiating presentations to Board 6 members.

Charlene is always encouraging less experienced officials to improve on their officiating skills and challenging veteran officials to do the same. There have been many nights where she received telephone calls from officials about various game situations or conflicts, always making herself available to fellow officials. Not once does she say, "Deal with it." There are always three questions: "What happened?" "How did you handle it?" and "What is the rule?" No matter the situation, Charlene is always willing to listen and walk you through it for a clearer understanding of the rule. Charlene is invested in the advancement of not just female officials, but good, hardworking officials. She is a mentor to many officials and continues to work to improve the officiating I.Q. of Board #6 members.

She calls basketball her "go-to place." Charlene said her No. 1 goal as an official is to open the door for more female officials. She would advise those just starting out in the game to find a mentor, saying she learned many things as a referee that didn't come from a book.

IAABO Board 6 is very proud of Charlene and looks forward to her ongoing contributions. She definitely is a "Hall of Famer"!



Valerie Light is the IAABO Board #6 Assistant Interpreter and IAABO Assistant Chair, Women's Coordinating Committee.

2016 IAABO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Presented by



President Tom Reese, Bd. 244 MD, addresses the crowd.



A special thanks for FOX 40



Jon Lowe, Bd. 95 MA, and his family.



Jeff Jewett, Bd. 20 ME, displays his Life Membership plaque.

The seventeenth annual Honorary Life Membership ceremony was held at a large crowd on Saturday, April 23, 2016, at the Wyndham Lake Buena Vista resort in Orlando. Five members were inducted into its Hall of Fame. They are: Tom Lopes, Board #1, Columbia, Jeff Jewett Board #20, Maine, and Dennis Murphy, Board #11, Massachusetts, and Tom Reese, Board #244, Maryland.

Tom Lopes, the Master of Ceremonies, opened the ceremony with the various accomplishments of the inductees. Tom did a tremendous job with the slide show, and his humor and laughter. The five recipients are all highly decorated.

The five new Life Members possess 18 years of experience, and all of them, when giving the award to their family and friends in the pursuit of their dreams, all gave credit to IAABO members for help. These five gentlemen possess the ideals that have led to the growth of IAABO.

It should be noted that Dennis Murphy, a member of the family, has been battling Multiple Sclerosis for over 20 years. Perhaps two other people in attendance saw a dry eye in the audience as Dennis made his way to the stage.

IAABO wishes to congratulate, as well as commend, the families.

IP INDUCTION CEREMONY

by FOX 40



0 for making all of this possible.

membership induction ceremony entertained as IAABO, Inc. hosted the festivities held at Orlando, Florida. IAABO welcomed five more Reggie Greenwood, Board #12, District of and Board #71 Arizona, Jon Lowe, Board #95, 7, New Hampshire, and Tom Reese, Board

nce again did a wonderful job of explaining ees, adding humor and facts. Donnie Eppley as the audience repeatedly responded with deserving of the honor bestowed upon them. 7 years of collective basketball officiating their respective speech, spoke of the role an avocation in basketball officiating. They pping further their own future in the game. t are necessary to promote the purpose and

n inductee, related to the audience that he r twenty-five years, something that only his endance, knew about. It was very difficult to de the revelation. He is truly an inspiration

commend, the inductees and their respective



Jeff Jewett, Bd. 20 ME, giving his acceptance remarks.



Dennis Murphy, Bd. 117 NH,
Executive Committee Member.



Reginald "Reggie" Greenwood, Bd. 12 DC,
along with his wife, Angie.

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The Post Game: A Sportorials Roundup Interview

(Editor's note: "Post-Game" is a new feature in each edition of Sportorials that will spotlight an IAABO official. The interviews will be short, with personal and officiating questions, helping IAABO members get to know other officials from IAABO. If you'd like to submit a name for an interview, please contact Donnie Eppley at eppleyd@comcast.net.)

This issue we feature Mark Halsell, a 29-year official who started in Kansas City before moving to St. Louis and joining IAABO Board 173. Mark has officiated high school and all levels of college basketball, including Division I for six years. He currently focuses on DII, DIII, DI JUCO and high school games. He has officiated multiple local, state and national championship games at the high school and college levels, including back-to-back DI JUCO championships in Hutchinson, KS.

Sportorials: How did you get your start officiating basketball and find out about IAABO?

Halsell: Bill "Pee Wee" Summers, a former Big 8 and Missouri Valley Conference official, got me involved when I lived in Kansas City, and played basketball at Park University. It was a great way for me to continue being a part of the game I love. That was 29 years ago. I took a job with Williams Pipeline, which resulted in the move to St. Charles and me becoming a member of IAABO Board 173.

Board 173 was a little group at the time, but we've grown in numbers since then. Our group association started as an official's informational group, which included meetings where rules and procedures were discussed, then gradually we began assigning games for a few schools, and we're now assigning for 35 plus high schools.

This is my 4th year as head of our Officials Development Program. We create, mold and develop new officials. We look to pair veterans with lesser experienced officials to officiate middle school and high school varsity games. As part of our development program we have been fortunate enough to have college and high school experienced officials donate their time to mentor the newer members, along with providing all other aspects of training and advice.

I've been involved with the program since day one, but took it over 3-4 years ago and have built upon it with our great staff.

Sportorials: Describe your biggest game. What happened?

Halsell: Whew, I've had a ton. I'd have to say the JUCO National Tournament in the late 1990's when Indian Hills Community College was undefeated coming into the tournament. They were looking to go undefeated for the season, which they did. It was high caliber competition and a big accomplishment for me. Indian Hills won the championship the previous year and their entire starting five, for that game, went on to play Division I college basketball.

With the game being in Kansas in an arena packed with 10-11,000 dedicated fans and not even a ticket available for the first round, I was extremely excited and honored to be on a championship game of that caliber. I remember wondering, "Don't these people work?" Later I learned that fans actually schedule and take their vacation time based on the tournament schedule. It was a phenomenal time for me.

Sportorials: What tips do you have for beginning officials?

Halsell: Be a student of the game of officiating. Obtain a mentor to learn from and help make your transition into the business easier. Be sure to work as much as you can to see plays and learn from your mistakes. I advise young officials to go to camp and be patient in their development. The two most important things are to handle the things you can control and learn the rules and how to apply them in any given situation.

Sportorials: What are your top officiating goals?

Halsell: I've attained most of my goals, one of which was to officiate at the Division I level. Though currently not working at the Division I level, I would like the opportunity to once again be hired as a Division I official. Otherwise, I've worked a number of championships at various levels, and



have enjoyed the camaraderie among fellow officials and the competitiveness among student/athletes. I still enjoy all levels of play and maintain a personal goal to keep improving "my game", which is very important to me.

Sportorials: Who is your hero?

Halsell: My son Mark Halsell II is my hero. He was a great athlete, and is a smart young man. Growing up he never gave my wife and I any trouble, and was an absolute joy to raise. He would go anywhere with me when I officiated games, and tell me when I screwed up. Any dad would dream to have him as a son. He was a walk-on basketball player one year at Kentucky University, but transferred after John Calipari took over. He finished his Masters at the University of Tennessee-Martin. After getting his Master's degree, he went on to become a graduate assistant and quickly learned that coaching is not all it's cracked up to be. He's now following in his father's footsteps and working in the petroleum industry!

Besides him, my wife of 29 years, Vicki, a high school Physical Education teacher and coach, and our daughter, Ebony, a former Houston Rockets Power Dancer, are also my heroes. They have helped me keep my head on straight, reminded me to do the job right, and to be the best I can be every night.

Sportorials: Who's on your dream officiating crew?

Halsell: That's a tough question because there are so many great officials. I'd probably select Teddy Valentine and Pat Adams. They're both extremely good, and throughout my development I studied them both. It would be a neat experience to work with two guys like that. Between the two of them, they have a few Final Four's under their belts.

Sportorials: What is your favorite place to officiate and why?

Halsell: I've been treated well at just about every place I've worked, but I enjoy working at the local St. Louis Christmas tournaments best of all. The hospitality rooms are awesome!

I enjoy working the IAABO Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament as well. The competition is great and its hospitality room is the best, bar none. This particular tournament is close to my heart because it shows that our association is very big on giving back and we're more than just an officiating assigning group.

In addition, we use funds raised during our annual golf tournament/outing to help needy kids by giving them scholarship money. So in addition to officiating, that part of being an IAABO member is equally important to me – giving back to others.

Answers to Questions

(From Page 7)

1. Legal. The ball remains live. Reference: 7.1.2a 3 & 7.1.2b
2. Legal. A-1 is inbounds....the ball is inbounds. Reference: 7.1.1 & 7.2.1 & 2
3. Illegal. A violation for A-1 leaving the designated spot. Reference: 9.2.1
4. The official shall sound the whistle and re-administer the throw-in. A-1 did not have the ball at his/her disposal. Reference: 4.4.7b
5. Illegal. A-1 is out-of-bounds. Reference: 7.1.1
6. Illegal. Reference: 1.18; The rule prohibits using artificial noisemakers. The Referee should notify game management to have a public-address announcement made.
7. The Referee shall have the mistake corrected. The overtime will continue. A bookkeeping mistake may be corrected at any time until the final score is approved. Reference: 2.11.11
8. Legal. A-1 must keep one foot on or over the designated spot until released.
9. Legal. The ball remains live. Reference:
10. No. The time-out request shall be granted. Reference: 5.8.3a

2016 Spring Meeting Awards and Appointments

At the April 23rd Life Membership Luncheon in Orlando, Florida, the following IAABO members were presented with the prestigious award of IAABO Life Membership:

Reginald "Reggie" Greenwood, Bd. 12 (DC)

Jeff Jewett, Bd. 20 (ME)

Jon Lowe, Bd. 95 (MA)

Dennis Murphy, Bd. 117 (NH)

Tom Reese, Bd. 244 (MD)

50 year awards were presented to:

Thomas Raucci, Bd. 10 CT

Robert Gamble, Bd. 12 DC

Gorman Davis, Bd. 23 MD

Mike Kinne, Bd. 25 MA

George Reidy, Bd. 26 MA

Thomas O'Connor, Bd. 27 MA

Paul Scully, Bd. 30 MA

Joseph Reilly, Bd. 30 MA

Richard Nelson, Bd. 33 NJ

Dick Bailey, Bd. 36 NY

Bill Varno, Bd. 36 NY

John Kurila, Bd. 37 NY

Richard Howard, Bd. 41 NY

Richard Cesca, Bd. 45 NY

Rick Ahlfeld, Bd. 47 NY

John Letscher, Bd. 52 NY

Harold W. Straughn, Bd. 54 MA

Thomas Zubert, Bd. 60 NY

Lewis Sims, Bd. 114 NY

George Hamilton, Bd. 118 NH

Dan Grimes, Bd. 119 NY

Mike McDonald, Bd. 127 NY

James Crouch, Bd. 171 TX

John Watro, Bd. 193 NJ

Gene Schaaf, Bd. 211 ON

Bill Siedling, Bd. 214 MD

Charlie Diffin, Bd. 232 ON

Jim Ward, Bd. 232 ON

Joel Duberstein, Individual

Charles Hinz, Individual

Appointments and Elections:

At the General Assembly Meeting held

Sunday, April 24, 2016, in Orlando, Florida, David Smith, Bd. 4 CO, was unanimously voted into office as President. Joseph Gintoli, Bd. 9 CT, was elected as President-Elect and Willie LA Jones, Bd. 12 DC, was elected as Vice-President.

Elected to 3-year terms on the Executive Committee were: Dennis Murphy, Bd. 117 NH (Region 11); Ron Martel, Bd. 208 MA (Region 2); Sal Capitummino, Bd. 36 NY (Region 1); were all re-elected to 3-year terms. Richard Ogletree, Bd. 12 DC, was elected to serve as the Executive Committee member for Region 6 replacing Willie LA Jones, who was elected as the Vice-President.

President David Smith made the following appointments:

Audit & Budget

Larry Machione, Bd. 208 MA, Chair

Dennis Millevoi, Bd. 194 NJ, Asst. Chair

Scott Young (70 PA), Bob Lantzy (4 CO),

Ron Martel, (208 MA), Executive Liaisons

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

Joe Mitchell (134 MD), Paul Spinelli (196 NJ),

Ray McClure (200 GA), 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

Ron Martel, (208 MA), Richard Ogletree, (12 DC),

Dennis Murphy (117 NH), 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

Barry Fuller (21 ME), Dennis Murphy (117 NH),

Joe Mitchell (134 MD), Executive Liaisons
Ron Brown (4 CO), Jack Doyle (27 MA), Lou
DeGeorge (194 NJ), Peter Carroll (9 CT),
and Bill Varno (36 NY), Committee Members

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Kelly Callahan, Bd. 11 DE, Asst. Chair

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Dick MacKenzie (105 VT), Advisors

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Mark Byron, Bd. 20 ME

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Make check payable to: IAABO, Registration Deadline: September 1, 2016



IAABO, Inc. President Tom Reese, Bd. 244 MD, presents a plaque to Past President Peter Carroll, Bd. 9 CT, for the largest single donation to the 2015/16 Officials' vs. Cancer campaign.



IAABO, Inc. President Tom Reese, Bd. 244 MD, presents a 50 year award to Tom O'Connor, Bd. 27 MA.



Colleen Murphy, wife of Dennis Murphy, Bd. 117 NH and IAABO Executive Committee member, addresses the Life Membership crowd.



Willie LA Jones, Bd. 12 DC, (left) assumes his position as Vice-President on the dais. Joe Gintoli, IAABO President-Elect, assists.



IAABO, Inc. incoming President David Smith, Bd. 4 CO, presents flowers to his lovely wife, Diana.



IAABO, Inc. Past Presidents' Club



Past President Bill Varno, Bd. 36 NY, presents outgoing President Tom Reese, Bd. 244 MD, with his Past President's jacket.



IAABO, Inc. Past President Dr. Ken Walker, Bd. 84 RI, gives the invocation at the annual general assembly meeting.

FIBA Individual Officiating Techniques (IOTs) - Pt 2

Passion isn't something that lives way up in the sky, in abstract dreams and hopes. It lives at ground level, in the specific details of what you're actually doing every day.

Marcus Buckingham

What comes to mind when you hear the word passion? For some it's expressed with unbridled enthusiasm or great acts of devotion. It can also be expressed in the day to day attention to the minute detail of one's craft. Part One of this article addressing the IOTs inherent in calling the game. This article deals with those IOTs that manifest the passion you have on the court and respect for the game and your craft with your professionalism and consistency.

These IOTs highlight the image you want to have on the court as strong, decisive and approachable. By ingraining the following expectations for presentation and procedures such that we do them subconsciously ensures the clear, effective and efficient communication and administration of the game.

Jump Ball

Let's start at the beginning. Have you ever had your partner whistle down your toss? Have you ever had a terrible toss by you or a partner not whistled down or a violation missed that leads to a score and the almost inevitable protest from the bench and/or players less than 3 seconds into a game? Not off to a good start. How do we avoid that?

Practice makes perfect! It's hard to do something really well when you don't do it often. You want to make sure that the toss is straight and reaches an apex just higher than the jumpers can jump. Make sure the jumpers are ready before starting the toss. Once you start, have a natural rhythm (don't hurry it), avoid any extra movements and use one continuous upward movement of the ball so both jumpers get the same cues and opportunity. Ensure that neither jumper taps the ball on the way up. Let the players clear, check the clocks are running and the arrow is set, move to position and officiate.

Throw-In Administration

Think about how many throw-ins there are in an average basketball game. So common and seemingly simple that sometimes we may not give them the diligence they are due. The thrower stepping on the court before release at a crucial time that is missed or the correctly called or missed violation for the thrower moving from the designated spot at a crucial time will happen but diligence in proper procedure every time makes any potential errors less frequent.

Make sure that the spot is correctly designate, use verbal preventative officiating such as "designated spot" or "at the spot" and remember to designate when a throw-in is in the frontcourt as such.

Ensure that you have the proper distance from the play to create a workable field of vision such that you can officiate the throw-in spot and any surrounding action on the court that could be your responsibility. Check the game and shot clock and partners. Put your whistle in your mouth while



holding the ball and then bounce the ball to the thrower. Start your visual count when the thrower catches the ball and then observe the throw-in and action surrounding

This past season FIBA introduced a warning whistle on a frontcourt endline throw-in. The administrating official (Lead) is to blow their whistle before placing the ball at the player's disposal. This serves to put the players, officiating team and table on notice that play is about to begin. As well, the Trail official is to mirror the Lead's chop-in of time when the ball is touched on the court which serves to make it more visible to the table.

Making a Call and Reporting to the Table

Whether calling a violation or a foul you want to be visible look strong, sharp and decisive. This starts with a sharp blast of your whistle. Stop moving before starting to signal. Have good body posture and only use approved FIBA signals at both the spot and when reporting to the table.

It is often said in officiating to sell your calls. In FIBA's mind this means to have the same rhythm, confidence and decisiveness in your calls. Every play should get the same treatment. What should be avoided is over-selling a call with over the top mannerisms, gestures or voice. In cases like those, less is more. You don't want to seem over-excited on any one play. You want to portray the same confidence in all your calls. On a personal note, my "sell" on those calls that many have come to expect a "sell" may be a voice a degree louder and the approved signal with a little more "umph" or crispness in delivery followed by a short pause for effect but not over-extended or other out of the ordinary.

FIBA has not included vocalization of the call at the spot in the mechanics. That said, it is accepted practice in Canada. What FIBA does say is to be ready to communicate verbally on your calls as needed either at the spot and/or while reporting. Consider on non-obvious or contentious plays to add a short verbal communication/qualifier to your report. i.e. "Blue 12, holding – locked white's arm on the rebound".

At the spot, ensure you use the appropriate arm to signal the direction of play so that you stay open to the court. This keeps your vision on the court and players.

When going to report a foul to the table: run to the spot, stop, have both feet on the floor, breath and get your balance before starting to report. Have strong, sharp and decisive signals. Have a unhurried yet efficient rhythm in your delivery. Be consistent from foul to foul in your delivery. FIBA added separate signals for hit to the head and illegal contact to the hand (used when

someone is shooting) to provide greater clarity to what happened on a play. Use the approved signal and importantly, report the foul that reflects what happened on the play. If the player got pushed, don't report it as a hit. It speaks to credibility.

Time-outs

The procedure is to leave the ball on the floor where the game will be resumed. That said, if at a bench area it should be moved out onto the floor away from the bench. If that is problematic, due to dancers or other on the floor at the time then take it with you to your time-out position.

The IOT is focused at making time-outs a time for meaningful crew communication. Communication should be effective and efficient. Assess present performance and any adjustments that may have to be made based on the game leading into the time-out. Then be prepared for play after the time-out. Be prepared for end of period and end of game situations by anticipating what is going to happen and how the crew will cover it. Use time outs to confirm your awareness of game parameters such as time on the game and shot clock and foul situation.

When the horn goes, the Referee should sound his/her whistle and the crew should get the teams back on the floor. Don't allow teams to extend time-outs by delaying and address it if it happens.

Time and Foul Management

What time and foul management refers to is being aware of and ensuring the correctness of the game clock, shot clock and foul counts and then the proper adjudication of time related situations; shot clock, 8 second counts and end of game and period plays. The idea is to maintain constant awareness and have definite knowledge at all times to both prevent and correctly handle inadvertent resets and other potential errors if they do happen.

Knowing what the foul count is prevents correctable errors. Even when we catch a correctable error in time and correct it, it has the appearance we missed something (we did). Let alone, if we don't catch it in time or at all. That creates an advantage for one team and hurts our credibility going forward.

As officials, we have to have the correct awareness and focus not to be surprised by and thus missing crucial plays (shot released or not, possible foul before or after horn) at end of periods/games. At the higher levels the officials have benefit of the Instant Replay System. When the IRS isn't being used, it's even more crucial.

Make it a habit to check the game parameters every deadball; game clock, shot clock, foul counts and arrow. Know the time on the game and shot clock by checking before administering all throw-ins. Be conscious to check the clocks whenever there is a new team possession and in situations where potential mistakes can be made with the shot clock. On loose balls, did the team not in control hold the ball or take a controlled dribble during the sequence. Another potential situation for errors is players trying to save the ball when it is going out of bounds. Did the player if not on the team in control tap the ball back into play (no reset of shot clock) or hold/control the

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ball and throw it back into play (full reset). On shots that may not be clear whether they have hit the rim or not immediate recognition and play awareness are needed to get it right. For example, if the ball misses the rim with 5 seconds left and the team that was in control gains immediate control and is ready to put the ball back up then we don't stop the play if there is an inadvertent reset. On the other hand, if they gain control and start dribbling out, play should be stopped and the shot clock put back to time. Make sure the shot clock is reset or not in any rebounding situation depending on who controls it (24 seconds if team that wasn't previously in control and 14 seconds if team that was previously in control).

Look to communicate as a crew with eye contact, signals or verbally during deadball or play to create a collective awareness and knowledge as a crew.

There are times that you will use the game clock to correctly ascertain time on the shot clock. For

example, there is a throw-in with 40 seconds left on the game clock and 4 left on the shot clock and the shot clock isn't started or starts late and the crew misses. There is a common foul by the defense with 34 seconds showing on the game clock. The foul is ignored, shot clock violation.

End of Period/End of Game

We've already talked about end of periods and games. The reality is that these times are often crucial to the game's outcome and generally come under more scrutiny. As important as making sure the clock starts on time is making sure it is stopped in time, especially in end of period and game situations. At higher levels, the officials can use the IRS in certain situations but with no IRS officials have to have definite knowledge to correct. An extra second running off in a one possession ball game with 4 seconds left is an important thing to correct and get right.

Create crew awareness by communicating. "Last shot" signal should be initiated and mirrored

by crew by the official with that responsibility for each possession and/or change of responsible official. For example, team white has a new possession with 20 seconds left and the Trail signals last shot. Team Blue steals the ball with 12 seconds left then the new covering official should signal last shot and acknowledged by crew. Ensure that the shot clock is turned off correctly with 24 or 14 seconds as appropriate.

Be passionate

Dedication to the details can and will make your game run better. Passion doesn't have to be overt or over the top. Put your passion on display through your professionalism and consistency of effort. Do the right thing in the right way every time because you've made your passion habit. Passion makes the game better, you better and your crew better. To borrow a part quote from Anthony Robbins, renowned motivational and empowerment speaker and author "There is no greatness without a passion to be great."

Springing Forward While Falling Back

Each year as a consequence of Daylight Savings Time we Spring forward and Fall back. This year there is a little twist for IAABO Membership in Canada. IAABO remains strongly committed to providing FIBA educational resources to develop its Canadian membership. I personally believe that there is intrinsic value and benefits beyond what are 'in-hand' in membership to IAABO. At the same time, membership expects tangible benefits; materials and resources they can use in their development. In response, This Fall will not only see us turning our clocks back an hour (falling back) but also springing forward with new FIBA materials and resources for the membership.

Head Start Now

As I write this article plans have been finalized and preparations made for the first IAABO FIBA rule based Officials' Camp to be run in conjunction with the U19 Men's Ontario Basketball Championships. It brings together IAABO, the Ontario Association of Basketball Officials and representation from the Canadian Association of Basketball Officials to provide both an instructional as well as potential certification opportunities in a very competitive environment. Thank you to Rick Parnham, IAABO Chair for Membership for spear heading this initiative.

Coming to a Board Near You

Inherent in membership besides what you get individually is what you gain by what your Board gains. In other words, your membership fees fund the resources sent to your Board which in turn they use to provide you education. This Fall, each Canadian IAABO Board will receive the comprehensive FIBA Lesson Plan Book. It takes the FIBA Rule Book and breaks it down to thirty-six (36) rule based lessons. Lesson content comprehensively covers the rule content from the rule book as well as incorporating the most recent interpretations and case plays relevant to each particular rule. It will be the most current

available resource of its kind updated with all the rule revisions and interpretations coming into effect this Fall.

Going forward, the Lesson Plan Book has the potential to provide consistency and structure to training and education at the local, provincial and national levels.

As with the last few years, you will benefit indirectly from the IAABO Interpreters – FIBA based conference calls scheduled throughout the upcoming season. These calls serve to answer questions from the Interpreters as well as provide clarification on recent rules and materials.

A 2016 release of a FIBA based You Make The Ruling DVD will be ready and distributed to the Boards to use at local meetings for training. A distinguishing feature of this video is that it will use play from club ball at the U17/U19 level, equivalent to high school, rather than World and Olympic FIBA competitions to illustrate the rules.

Coming To a You

Even in this digital age, I know many officials like having the 5x7 spiral bound handbook as a quick and comprehensive reference. The IAABO Officials Handbook – FIBA Edition includes a one-stop reference including the current FIBA Rule Book and Official Interpretations, the CABO Casebook, the Canadian 2 Person and 3 Person Mechanics Books.

This is a rule revision year for FIBA and updated rules and interpretations will be in place for the 1st of October this Fall. These will be reflected in the handbook as well as any updated mechanics.

A handbook is provided as part of your individual membership fees. We would be remiss if when mentioning fees if we didn't mention that the Canadian IAABO membership fee has been set at \$40 Canadian not \$35 US in recognition the presently disparate exchange rate and potential variability in monies planned for and received due to a fluctuating exchange rate.

We are looking at providing greater FIBA content within the Sportorials or possibly, produce a separate FIBA based Sportorials down the road. As well, a FIBA play of the week will be posted to the IAABO website with analysis to provide a weekly refresher.

What I find particularly beneficial is that RefSchool International (FIBA) version is again being revamped to both increase the content but also the functionality. This past season saw the question bank grow to over 800 questions. The question bank will be increased to over 1000 questions. Presently, the questions are accessible by rule i.e. Rule 5 or Rule 7. There are articles of the rules that are more extensive than others either by their content within the rule itself or by interpretations. These articles will be able to be accessed individually or by smaller groupings. For example; shot clock and duties of shot clock operator will be grouped and accessible. Other examples could be 8 seconds and returned to the backcourt or technical fouls.

RefSchool provides for individual rules review on a continual basis and for exam preparation in advance of the National Exam. At the Board level, it can be used for instruction, review and/or testing.

What It Means

What it means is that continually updated information and materials will be available to you at the Board and individual level. Sure, we'll all be setting our clocks back an hour this 6th of November but that won't delay the benefits IAABO will provide for your development as an official officiating FIBA rules. You can spring forward anytime of year.



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Condolences to: **Terrance McBeth, Bd. 119 NY**, on the passing of his mother; Condolences to: **Bd. 194 NJ**, on the passing of their member, **Vinnie Casciano**; Condolences to: **Greg Johnson, Bd. 12 DC**, on the passing of his brother; Condolences to: **Denise Palaia, Bd. 194 NJ**, on the passing of her brother; Condolences to: **Kathy Lynch, Bd. 194 NJ**, on the passing of her brother; Condolences to: **John Powers, Bd. 194 NJ**, on the passing of his father and former IAABO member, **Thomas**; Condolences to: **Gene Ruszczyk, Bd. 53 NY**, on the passing of his mother; Condolences to: **Arnold "Al" Bundy, Bd. 23 MD**, on the passing of his brother; Condolences to: **Bd. 40 NY**, on the loss of their longtime Life Member **Richard X. Park**; Condolences to: **George Geatz, Bd. 204 MD**, on the passing his mother; Condolences to: **Frank Thiel, Bd. 34 NJ**, on the loss of his mother; Condolences to: **Don Newell, Bd. 34 NJ**, on the loss of his mother-in-law; Condolences to: **Troy Lister, Bd. 67 PA**, on the passing of his father; Condolences to: **Bd. 119, NY**, on the passing of their member, **Bruce Wenger**; Condolences to: **Juan Almonte, Bd. 42, NY**, on the passing of his wife; Condolences to: **Fred Ellis, Bd. 42 NY**, on the passing of his mother; Condolences to: **Lloyd Williams, Bd. 42 NY**, on the passing his mother; Condolences to: **David Magenheim, Individual Member**, on the passing of his brother; Condolences to: **Bd. 31 MA**, on the passing of **Robert "Bob" M. D'Agostino, Sr.**, IAABO Life Member; Condolences to: **Lil Jackson, Bd. 70 PA**, on the passing of her father; Condolences to: **Ed McCloskey, Bd. 127 NY**, on the passing of his brother.