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Happy Holidays from the dugout:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone!!

50th Anniversary Clinic returns to Cedar Rapids: This years clinic will return to Cedar Rapids at the Marriott Hotel, 1200 Collins Road NE, on January 19-20, 2018. You can make reservations by going to the IHSBCA website and clicking on the reservations tab at the top of the front page. We are very excited with our list of clinic speakers this year. On Friday afternoon, we will have Ellsworth CC Head Coach Travis Akre, University of Iowa Pitching Coach Desi Durschel, Iowa Western head coach Mark Rardin, and one more speaker TBA. Our coaches mini-clinics will conclude Friday's sessions running from 4:55 to 6:50 pm. On Saturday, we will have our annual IHSAA rules meeting, along with the San Diego Padres outfield coach Jonathan Mathews, LA Dodgers catching coach Ryan Sienko, Cleveland Indians minor league hitting and infield coach Justin Toole, LA Dodgers pitcher Tony Watson, LA Dodgers strength and conditioning coach Brandon McDaniel, and rounding out our speakers with Jeff Nichols, exercise physiologist and co-owner of 2XU & Virginia High Performance. We will continue to host the annual McDonalds/FCA Breakfast on Saturday morning starting at 7:30 am. Mike Botts is heading up the umpire side of the clinic. Our umpire sessions will follow the same time frame on both Friday and Saturday. Hope to see everyone! Vendors will be allowed to start setting up their displays on Friday morning beginning at 9:00 am. The clinic sessions will begin at 1:00 pm on Friday afternoon and continue through Saturday, concluding at 3:45 pm.

The Awards Banquet will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Saturday evening, beginning at 6:00 pm. We are again looking forward to another outstanding weekend of baseball. With the clinic fast approaching, please check to make sure your membership has been paid for the 2017-2018 season. The new membership calendar year started on September 1, 2017 and runs through August 31, 2018. If your mailing label does not say 2018 on it, your dues have not yet been paid for this year. If you have questions, please give Lee Toole a call. Schools are reminded to take advantage of the school membership group rates. A reminder of how the discount works: the head coach is \$30.00, the first assistant coach is \$30.00, the second assistant coach is \$20.00, and the third assistant coach and beyond are \$15.00 each. The only catch to qualify for this coaching staff group discount rate is that all coaches, from the same school, must send in their membership forms together at the same time.

The Steering Committee, Board of Directors and each individual committee will meet prior to the start of the clinic on Friday. The Board and Steering Committee will meet on Thursday night, January 18th at the Marriott Hotel. The Steering Committee meeting will begin at 6:30pm, with the Board of Directors meeting beginning at 8:30 pm. Committee and district meetings will take place on Friday morning. Please refer to the list found in this newsletter towards the times and locations of the other individual committee meetings. The general session meeting, which is open to all association members, will take place on Friday morning at 11:00 am.

As a part of our special 50th Anniversary clinic, we will be hosting a "silent auction" during the two days. We will have many autographed baseball items and game memorabilia. The money raised will go towards our scholarship fund. Please come and bid on a variety of items!

2017-2018 IHSBCA COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

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MEETING SCHEDULE, OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Committee Meeting Schedule:

Committee	Site: <u>Marriott Hotel</u>	Date	Time
Steering	Rosewood Room	1/18	6:30pm
Hall of Fame	Rosewood Room	1/19	9:00am
All-District	Elm Room	1/19	8:30am
Clinic Evaluation	Hickory Room	1/19	9:00am
Umpires	Hickory Room	1/19	9:30am
L. Peterson/Pro-Line Award	All-Star Series Site	TBA	TBA
Awards Committee	Elm Room	1/19	9:30am
Audit/Constitution	Chestnut Room	1/19	9:00am
Rating Poll	Dogwood Room	1/19	9:30am
Membership	Birch Room	1/19	9:30am
All-Star Series	Iowa City	TBA	TBA
General Session	Hickory Room	1/19	11:00am



Committee chairman will be responsible towards reporting back from their committee meeting during the general session meeting on Friday, January 19th, at 11:00am. Attendance will be taken. Any member can sit in on any of the committee meetings.

Committee Members:

We would like for each committee member to check when his committee meeting will be held. It is important for the Chairman to take roll at this committee meeting. If a member has been absent for two consecutive years, he will be dropped from that committee unless he appeals his removal in writing to the Vice-President providing proper reasoning behind his non-attendance for two consecutive committee meetings.

Optional places to stay in Cedar Rapids:

If you are looking for reservations somewhere other than the Marriott Hotel, here is a list to look through:

Marriott Hotel - 1200 Collins Road N.E. (319) 393-6600
 Double Tree by Hilton - downtown (319) 363-8161
 Clarion Hotel - 525 33rd Ave. S.W. (319) 366-8671
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Comfort Inn - Rockwell Dr. N.E. (319) 393-8247
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Longevity Awards/Membership Awards & Win Club Awards:

Please take time to fill out the enclosed form towards Win Club, Conference Championship, number of years coached, and committee assignments. We need to get as much information collected before the January clinic towards the banquet awards.

Committee Assignments:

President-elect Rick Adire will be assigning members to the different committees during the clinic. If you have an interest in serving on one of the committees, contact Rick. Please get involved.

All-Star Coaches Needed:

Coaches, please fill out the questionnaire on the website if you are interested in coaching in the 42nd All-Star Series this coming summer. Dates are August 25 2018 in Iowa City. The All-Star Coaches are selected by the Steering committee during the January clinic. We are always looking for coaches to help with this great event. A past head coach must sit out for five years before coaching again. An assistant coach must sit out one year before he can apply again for a coaching position. We need coaches from all over the state to get a good balance. Please consider helping the association by coaching in a future all-star series.

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BCA Membership
 Ron Davini
 PO Box 12843
 Tempe, AZ. 85284
 (602) 615-0571
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ABCA Membership
 108 S. University Ave.
 Suite 3
 Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858-2327
 (989) 775-3300
 Cost: \$45.00





IHSBCA 2018 Baseball Clinic Schedule



Friday, January 19th - Session I:

- 8:00 - 4:00 Registration
- 11:00 - 12:30 General Session Meeting
- 12:50 - 1:00 Welcome - Tony Adams - President
- 1:00 - 1:45 Travis Akre - Ellsworth CC
- Topic TBA
- 1:45 - 2:10 Vendor Break
- 2:10 - 2:55 Ryan Sienko - LA Dodgers Catching Coach
- Catchers Development and Drills
- 2:55 - 3:15 Vendor Break
- 3:15 - 4:00 Marc Rardin - Iowa Western CC
- Team Practice Drills
- 4:00 - 4:45 Desi Durschel - University of Iowa
- Developing Pitchers

Saturday, January 20th - Session II:

- 7:15 - 1:00 Registration
- 7:30 - 8:50 Ed McNeil/McDonalds FCA Breakfast
- 9:00 - 10:15 IHSAA Rules Meeting
- 10:15 - 10:45 Vendor Break/2018 All-Star Coaches Announcement
- 10:45 - 11:25 Jonathan Mathews - San Diego Padres Coach
- Outfield Positioning and Drills
- 11:30 - 12:10 Marc Rardin - Iowa Western CC
- Developing Championship Culture through a System
- 12:10 - 1:00 Lunch Break
- 1:00 - 1:40 Tony Watson - LA Dodgers World Series Pitcher
- Pitching Mechanics and Drills
- 1:45 - 2:30 Justin Toole - Cleveland Indians
- Infield Work and Drills
- 2:30 - 3:15 Brandon McDaniel - LA Dodgers Strength and Conditioning
- Off-Season Training and Preparation
- 3:15 - 4:00 Jeffery Nichols - Virginia High Performance Training
- Mental Training, Goal Setting, High Performance

6:00 pm 50th Annual IHSBCA Awards Banquet

Umpire Clinic: Friday, January 19th - Session I

- 9:00 - 4:00 Clinic Registration
- 11:00 - 12:30 General Session Meeting
- 1:00 - 3:00 Don Umland, District III Coordinator of Umpires NCAA
- On-Field Plays and Professionalism
- 3:00 - 4:50 Cody Oaks, AAA Umpire
- 4:55 - 6:50 Mini-clinics

Umpire Clinic: Saturday, January 20th - Session II

- 9:00 - 10:15 IHSAA Rules Meeting
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 12:00 IHSAA Umpires Clinic
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 4:00 Perfect Game - Marion, Iowa
- Cage Work and Field Work (Bring your mask)
- Mike Droll: Division I Umpire, Hall of Fame
- Randy Bruns: Division I Umpire, Hall of Fame

High School Mini-Clinic Sessions:

#3 Umpires: TBA
4:55 - 6:50 High School Coaches Mini-Clinics:
Birch Room

Umpire group

#1 Development from Little League to HS: Getting everybody wk together
Steve Eddle - Head Coach, TBA Vista Un. Hickory Room
Moderator - Rob Meister, Bishop Garrigan HS

5:35 - 6:10 pm #3 Culture of Winning at the Highest Level Elm Room
Seth Thompson - Head Coach, Clear Lake HS
Moderator - Shannon Tesch, Ridge View HS

#4 A Smorgasbord of Ideas that Have Worked

#3 Umpires: TBA Birch Room
Umpire group
John Waddle - Head Coach, Coon Rapids-Bayard

Hickory Rm
Moderator - Ryan Berg, Storm Lake

#4 A Smorgasbord of Ideas that Have Worked for Us Hickory Rm
John Waddle - Head Coach, Coon Rapids-Bayard
Moderator - Ryan Berg, Storm Lake St. Mary's HS

#5 From Loser to Winner: Building a Winning

#5 From Loser to Winner: Building a Winning Culture in a Small School Elm Room
Cory McDonald - Head Coach, New Hampton HS
Cory McDonald - Head Coach, New Hampton HS

Elm Room Birch Room
#6 Umpires: TBA
TBA Moderator - Levi Miller, Nashua-Plainfield HS

6:15 - 6:50 pm #6 Umpires: TBA
#7 State Championship Coaches Panel Hickory Room

Birch Room
1A: Alex Bohl - MC Newman HS
2A: Fred Martin - Beckman Catholic HS
3A: Billy Argo - Davenport Assumption HS
4A: Michael Banta - Johnston HS
Moderator - Ethan Miller, Central Springs HS

6:15 - 6:50 pm #8 Conditioning for Pitchers Leading to and Through the Season Elm Room
Justin Meyer - Head Coach, Iowa Central CC
Moderator - Matt Nelson, Sgt. Bluff Lutor HS

#7 State Championship Coaches Panel
Hickory Room
Umpires: TBA
Moderator - Mike Bolts - Umpire Chairman

1A: Alex Bohl - MC Newman HS
2A: Fred Martin - Beckman Catholic HS

2017 Conference Champs:

IHSBCA Award Winners:

<u>Conference</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Bluegrass	Moravia/Twin Cedars	Michael Kauzlarich/???
CIML (Central)	Ankeny Centennial	Mark Hey
CIML (Iowa)	WDM Dowling	Mark Roering
	Johnston	Michael Barta
CIML (Metro)	DM East	Brian Luft
Corner	Fremont-Mills	Jake Brown
Hawkeye Ten	Harlan	Steve Daeges
Heart of Iowa	Saydel	JR Gebhart
	North Polk	Dave Middleton
Iowa Star	Don Bosco Catholic	Blaine Rhoads
Lakes	LeMars	Trent Eckstaine
Little Hawkeye	Indianola	Casey Aldridge
Mississippi Athletic	Davenport Assumption	Billy Argo
Mississippi Valley - (Miss.)	Iowa City West	Charlie Stumpff
Mississippi Valley - (Valley)	Iowa City High	Brian Mitchell
Missouri River	Sgt. Bluff-Luton	Matt Nelson
North Central	Webster City	Addison Kehoe
North Iowa Cedar - (East)	Dike-New Hartford	Sean Leonard
North Iowa Cedar - (West)	West Marshall, State Center	Jerod Brown
Northeast Iowa	New Hampton	Cory McDonald
Pride of Iowa	Martensdale-St. Mary's	Jon Fitzpatrick
Raccoon River	Carlisle	Blake Heitmeier
River Valley - (South)	Wilton	Jake Souhrada
River Valley - (North)	Monticello	Josh Soper
Rolling Valley	Ar-We-Va, Westside	Darin Schurke
	Exira-EHK	Trevor Miller
SEISC	Highland	Seth Milledge
Siouxland	West Lyon	Koury Kramer
South Central	Knoxville	Matt Miller
South Iowa Cedar	Lynnville-Sully	Bob Scandridge
Southeast	Mount Pleasant	Brent Broeker
Top of Iowa - (East)	St. Ansgar	Devin Schwiesow
Top of Iowa - (West)	Forest City	Jeff Jerome
Tri-Rivers	North Linn, Troy Mills	Travis Griffith
Twin Lakes	Alta-Aurelia	Dan Wendel
	Sioux Central, Sioux Rapids	Jeff Scham
Upper Iowa	Clayton Ridge, Guttenberg	Zach Mueller
WAMAC - (East)	Epworth, Western Dubuque	Casey Bryant
WAMAC - (West)	Vinton-Shellsburg	Jim Struve
War Eagle	West Sioux, Hawarden	Brian Engleman
	Hinton	Cale Kramer
	Remsen St. Mary's	D. Harpenau/J. Wesselmann
	Akron-Westfield	Gordy Johnson
West Central	Van Meter	Mike Kennedy
	Woodward-Granger	Eric Evans
Western Iowa	Treynor	Bob Mantell
Western Valley	Maple Valley-AOCO	Dan Dougherty
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Bill & Sherry Freese Contributors Award to Dave Dirx, Mark Hey, Michael Barta:

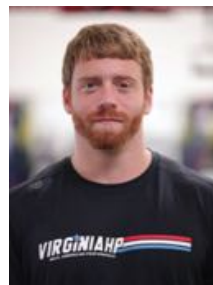
We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Dave Dirx, Mark Hey and Michael Barta for their organization, planning, contributions and hospitality during this past summers All-Star Series. They put together an outstanding four-day event. They had everything taken care of: meals, practice facilities, newspaper coverage, help with the scorebook and scoreboard, grounds crew, and parent meeting site. They also organized the game schedule so all three high school baseball fields were used. Whatever we needed, they had it for us. Dave, his committee and his volunteers spent hours making sure this series would be the best baseball experience these 64 All-Star players would ever have. On behalf of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association, we would like to pass along our deepest appreciation for your support and contributions. Congratulations to Dave Dirx, Mark Hey and Michael Barta for being named our 2017 Bill and Sherry Freese Contributors Award winners.

President's Award to Steve Hanson:



We would like to take this time to recognize a long time member, coach, and friend to our association. For that continued support and contributions he has made towards our 50th Anniversary project, we would like to recognize Steve Hanson with the 2017 IHSBCA President's Award. Steve is the long time and very successful head baseball coach at Marshalltown High School. He has been an active member in our association, serving on numerous committees and working his way through the officers chairs, ending as president of our association a few years ago. Steve has spent the past 14 months looking through boxes of pictures and sifting through years of newsletters towards gathering historical information for the banners displayed around and the video being shown during the clinic. Steve also worked on our website to bring our 50th Anniversary to the fore front. Steve put countless hours into this project. The final project shows his organization, his diligence, and his passion for the association and the game of baseball. On behalf of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association, we would like to congratulate Steve Hanson for being named the 2017 President's Award Winner.

Harold "Pinky" Primrose Award to Jeffery Nichols:



Jeff graduated from Wilton High School in 1996 and enrolled into Indian Hills CC in Centerville Iowa. Jeff played baseball at Indian Hills and played in 2 JUCCO World Series. He then attended Troy University on a baseball scholarship and graduated in 2000 with a degree in Exercise Physiology. Jeff began his career as a graduate assistant at Troy University as an assistant strength coach, managing 14 Varsity sports. On October 1, 2001 Jeff enlisted in the US Navy, graduated boot camp and received the "Lone Sailor Award" as the top graduate of his class of 3000 graduates. After boot camp Jeff began Basic Underwater Demolition (BUDs) training in California and received his SEAL warfare designation on May 17, 2002. Jeff spent eleven years as a Navy SEAL with SEAL teams on the East and West coast. Jeff completed double digit combat deployments and has been awarded numerous combat citations for valor and commendation. Aside from serving as a SEAL while on active duty, Jeff also worked at a Navel Special Warfare command as the active duty department head within the Human Performance Department. Jeff oversaw product development, product assessment, program assessment, and operator delegate within Special Operations Command (SOCOM) for Human Performance. Jeff has been a credentialed strength coach for 18 years working with athletes of all ages in amateur and professional athletics. Nichols holds certifications from the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and Tactical Strength and Conditioning Facilitator (TSAC-F) both with distinction. On behalf of the IHSBCA, we would like to honor and congratulate Jeffery Nichols with our 2017 Harold "Pinky" Primrose Award.

District Media Award Winners:

West District:	Kevin White	World Herald - Omaha
Central District:	Ross Thede	Times Republic - Marshalltown
East District:	Matt Ray	KWAY Radio - Waverly

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- **Hybrid Construction:**
Hot Metal™ Alloy barrel +
Black Onyx Carbon™

GHOST

(-3, -10)

- **Power Rings:**
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- **Lightweight swing weight:**
Unbelievable balance +
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(-3, -5)

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Barton, Denny - Urbandale (C)
Bates, "Doc" - Ottumwa (U)*
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Frese, Jeff - Norway (U)
Gabel, Rick - Charles City (C)
Galetich, William - Madrid (P)*
Gebhart, Jim - Saydel Des Moines (C)
Goodman, Connie - Fort Dodge (C)*
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Hamilton, Milo - Fairfield (Ct)
Hand, Bill - Hampton (C)
Hannon, Gene - Bedford (C)*
Hansen, Pete - Orange City (U)
Hanson, Steve - Marshalltown (C)
Happel, Jim - Atkins (P)
Happel, Mel - Victor (U)
Harms, Cal - Sumner (U)
Harty, Dave - IHSAA, Boone (Ct)(U)*
Hatcher, Chris - Council Bluffs (P)
Heald, Terry - Marion (C)*
Heiderscheit, Pat - Lansing (P)
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Mauro, Don - WDM Dowling (C)
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McElliott, James - Ryan (U)*
McFarland, Joe - Norwalk (C)
McGaffin, Andy - Spencer (C)
McNeill, Ed - Fort Dodge (C)*
McNertney, Gerald - Ames (P)
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Meister, Eugene - Algona Garrigan (C)*
Menke, Denis - Bancroft (P)
Merritt, Ed - Pleasant Valley (C)
Meyer, Vince - Bancroft (C)*
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Milledge, Larry - Chariton (C)
Miller, "Hap" - Indianola (C)*
Miller, Don - Dubuque (C)
Miller, Robert - Rock Valley (C)
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Six are selected to enter the IHSBCA Hall of Fame

This year, the IHSBCA Hall of Fame Class of 2018 will induct three coaches, two players, and one umpire. This year's inductee's are: Marty Kurth (Coach) from LeMars, Jim Struve (Coach) from Vinton, Emory Stewart (Coach) from Oskaloosa, Tom Owen (Player) from North Polk, Wes Obermueller (Player) from Vinton, and John Bartolo (Umpire) from Algona. The Hall of Fame class of 2018 will be inducted during the IHSBCA Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 20, 2018, in Cedar Rapids. They will join the 271 previously inducted Hall of Fame members.

Marty Kurth (Coach) – Over 500 wins, 30 plus years as a head baseball coach, and all while at Gehlen Catholic High School. During that time frame, his teams made 6 trips to the state tournament; winning 2 state titles with one runner-up finish. His teams also won 6 district titles and 2 conference titles. Marty played his high school baseball at Remsen St. Mary's High School, playing 2nd base for the varsity for 3 years. He played his college ball at Westmar University in LeMars, where he played 2nd base for 3 years and was a two time MVP. Marty started his high school coaching career at Gehlen Catholic in 1987. Marty also coached girl's basketball at Gehlen. He took the girls team to state for the first time in school history in 2012. Marty was instrumental in building the softball and baseball complex at Gehlen. Marty and a few local community members took an old dump site and transformed it into the current ball fields. Marty later installed a sprinkler system and seeded the dirt infield. Several years later, they added lights so they could play night games. Marty also organized youth clinics and lessons for younger players in the community. Marty was also active with the Catholic Youth organization for many years. He was named Coach of the Year in the CYO organization 5 times. Marty has been an active member of the coaches association for over 30 years. Serving 15 years as the NW District Chairman, serving on many committees and on the Board of Directors. Marty was selected as the District Coach of the Year 4 times and State Coach of the Year twice.

Jim Struve (Coach) - Jim began his high school coaching career at Vinton High School in 1987 as an assistant coach. He moved to the head coaching position in 1992, where he has been leading the baseball program for the past 26 years. Jim played his high school baseball at Vinton High School, where he played multiple positions while also pitching and catching. His high school coach was Hall of Famer Steve Hanson. He was a three year varsity starter. Jim's high school teams earned four trips to the state tournament, winning it all in 1998. Jim has 4 conference titles and 6 district titles during his tenure. Jim has also been very active with the youth programs in his community, hosting camps for the little leagues and youth coaches. Jim has also

been active speaking at various camps and clinics in neighboring school districts. Jim is proud of the fact that 3 of his former players have went on to coach college baseball and 4 others are coaching at the high school level. He also has had 3 players play in the minor leagues, and one player making it to the big leagues. Jim is a 32 year member of the coaches association. He has served on many committees, served on the Board of Directors, has coached in the All-Star Series, is a member of the 500 win club, and was named 3A Coach of the Year in 1998.

Emory Stewart (Coach) – Emory played his high school baseball at North Mahaska High School. He pitched, played 1st base and caught for four years upon graduation in 1969. He went on to play college baseball at William Penn College where he played outfield, 1st base and caught. He was the team captain his senior season. Emory left William Penn holding a few baseball records. His RBI record stood the longest. Emory played semi-pro baseball for the Newton A's. He had some interest from a handful of professional teams, but chose to go to college and play baseball. Emory began his baseball coaching career at Lynnville-Sully in 1977 where he spent 7 years. He moved on to Oskaloosa in 1991 and coached baseball there for 15 years. He returned to coaching in 2013 and helped at Pella Christian for a few years. During his coaching career, Emory won over 400 games, earned two trips to the state tournament and won a state title while at Lynnville-Sully. Emory has been involved running little league and Babe Ruth clinics and camps over the years. He still today runs a pitching clinic for grades 5th through 12th. Emory has also been a very successful high school football coach, winning a state football title in 1986. He was named 1A Football Coach of the Year in 1986 and was named the Midwest Football Coach of the Year in 1987. He is also a member of the Football Coaches Hall of Fame. Emory is also very active with FCA and has spoken at the state FCA Convention many times. Emory has been a long time active association member. He has served on the Board of Directors, served on various committees, and has been the head coach in one and assistant coach in three All-Star Series.

Wes Obermueller (Player) – Wes played his high school baseball at Vinton High School for Hall of Fame inductee Jim Struve. Wes finished his high school career with first team all-state honors, 7-1-2 pitching record, an ERA of 0.55 and had a batting average of .388. He was a varsity starter for 3 years, playing multiple positions, while making All-Conference and All-District honors his junior and senior year. Wes still holds five pitching records at Vinton. Wes went on and played one year at Kirkwood Community

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College in Cedar Rapids where he earned 2nd team All-American honors. He also played point guard on the basketball team while at Kirkwood. After one year at Kirkwood, Wes moved onto the University of Iowa where he pitched 3 seasons for the Hawkeyes. Next for Wes came professional baseball. He was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in the 2nd round in 1999. He pitched his first big league game in 2002 for the Royals. He was traded to the Milwaukee Brewers in 2003 where he continued to impress. He became the #5 starter out of spring training for the Brewers in 2004, and was moved to the bullpen in 2005. Wes played for the Samsung Lions over in Japan in 2006. He came back to the United States in 2007 and pitched for the Florida Marlins out of the bullpen. Wes finished his professional career in 2008 while in Korea with a rotator cuff injury. Wes has been inducted into the Vinton-Shellsburg Athletic Hall of Fame, the Waterloo Bucks and Wausau Woodchucks Northwoods League Hall of Fame. He was also honored by the Parks and Recreation Department naming the town baseball complex "Wes Obermueller Field" in Vinton. His high school coach said that Wes was a "once in a lifetime athlete" for him to coach at Vinton. He was definitely the best player, but he always put his team first before his individual accomplishments. His Kirkwood College baseball coach said that Wes was the best all-around athlete to come and play baseball at Kirkwood. Wes now works for Johnson and Johnson.

Tom Owen (Player) - Tom is a 1991 graduate of North Polk High School. He played 5 years at the varsity level. He played outfield and shortstop as an 8th grader and then added pitching his 9th through 12th grade years. His 1989 and 1991 teams made the state tournament. He earned first team All-State honors and played in the All-Star Series his senior season. He ended his high school season hitting .538, which is a state record, and his career batting average of .432 is also a state record. He also holds the career state record for most RBI's at 143. Tom played in the Raccoon River Conference. At that time, North Polk was the only 2A size school in the conference, the other five schools were 3A size schools. Tom was a 3-time All-Conference selection and a 2-time All-District selection. After high school, Tom went on to play his college baseball at the University of Northern Iowa. Tom led the Panthers during the 1995 campaign in batting average (.394), home runs (10), RBI (53), hits (76), doubles (23), and triples (6). That led the MVC, the only UNI player to ever accomplish that. Tom earned 2nd Team All-Conference Missouri Valley his senior season. During his college playing days, Tom played AAU

baseball, where his J-Hawks team won the national title in 1992. After graduating from UNI, Tom signed as a Free Agent with the Florida Marlins. He played in 28 games in the Gulf Coast Rookie League his first season in 1995. In his 1996 season, he played at Brevard County and appeared in 49 games. After two seasons of professional baseball, Tom retired and returned to Iowa. He started playing fast pitch softball and was selected to the USA Team. In 2003, the USA Team won the silver medal in the Pan Am games held in the Dominican Republic. Tom also played on the 2004 USA Team that played in the World Championships in New Zealand. Tom now resides with his wife and 3 children just outside Elkhart, Iowa.

John Bartolo (Umpire) – John is a long time umpire from the community of Algona. He has been officiating for over 38 years. John has been umpiring baseball for 22 years. John umpires in northwest Iowa where he covers 3 different baseball conferences. Those include the North Central, the Lakes, and the Twin Lakes Conference. John has umpired in 85 IHSAA District tournaments, 44 sub-state tournament games, 16 state tournaments and 5 championships games. John has been an active 28 year member of the association, umpiring in many of our annual August All-Star Series. John has been selected and honored 7 times as the Northwest District Umpire of the Year. He has been named the State Umpire of the Year twice, in 2004 and 2011. He was named the Newcomer Umpire of the Year in 1989. John graduated from Swea City High School in 1978. He was a four year letter winner in football, track, and baseball. He played one year of basketball. The next three years he boxed golden gloves for the Fairmont Boxing Club. After high school graduation, John's high school football coach talked him into officiating. He has not stopped ever since that conversation. John also spent some time coaching basketball and baseball with former Hall of Famer Gene Meister. John is a member of the IHSAA Officials Hall of Fame. John and his wife Sheila, have four children and 12 grandchildren.



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Class 1A District Coach of the Year Nominations

Central District

Dan Kopriva – North Tama

Coach Kopriva led his team to a 25-4 record. He has been a member of the association for 19 years and is a 300 win club member. Dan coached in the 2017 All-Star Series. He is assisted by Jacob Wrage.

Lance Thompson – West Fork

Coach Thompson led his team to a 20-4 record. He is a member of the 200 win club and has been a member of the IHSBCA for 14 years. His assistant is Ryan Smit.

Greer Milledge – Colfax-Mingo

Coach Milledge led his team to a 16-5 record. He has been coaching for 2 years and an association member for 1 year. His assistant is Brian Warrick.

Northeast District

Travis Griffith – North Linn

Coach Griffith led his team to a 37-2 record and a conference championship. His team made it to the state tournament this past summer. He is a member of the 200 win club. His assistant is Jonny Williams.

Alex Bohl – Mason City Newman

Coach Bohl led Newman to a 35-3 record, and another State Championship. Alex is a 100 win club member. He has been a member of the association for 8 years. His assistant coach is Jim Kruckenberg.

Devin Schwiesow – St. Ansgar

Coach Schwiesow led his team to a 24-6 record and a conference championship. He is a member of the 300 win club and has been a member of the association for 15 years. He is the co-chair of the Junior Showcase. He is assisted by Bryan Mayer.

Southwest District

Duncan Patterson – St. Albert

Coach Patterson led his team to a 23-12 record. This is his first year as head coach. He has been a member of the association for 3 years. He is assisted by Bobby Reisz.

Jon Fitzpatrick – Martensdale, St. Mary's

Coach Fitzpatrick led his team to a 35-4 record, a conference championship and a trip to the state tournament. He is a member of the 100 win club and an 9 year member of the association. His assistant is Joe Catron.

Dan Daugherty – CAM-Anita

Coach Daugherty led his team to a 22-8 record and a trip to the state tournament. He is a 11 year member of the association. His assistant is Steve Pelzer.

Southeast District

Seth Milledge – Highland

Coach Milledge led his team to a season record of 20-4. His team won the SEISC Conference title. He has been a member of the association for 4 years. He is assisted by Ryan Ronan.

Brad Helmerson – New London

Coach Helmerson led his team to a 18-4 record. He has been an IHSBCA member for 9 years. He is assisted by Mark Chiri.

Colin Meyer – Durant

Coach Meyer led his team to a season record of 19-7. He is a member of the 100 win club. He is assisted by Cody Wille.

Northwest District

Gordy Johnson – Akron-Westfield

Coach Johnson led his team to a 32-3 season record, a conference title and a trip to the state tournament, losing in the semi-finals to Martensdale St. Mary's.

Dean Harpenau/Jim Wesselmann – Remsen St. Mary's

Both coaches led their team to a 28-8 record, a conference title and a trip to the state tournament. Dean is a member of the 200 win club while Jim is a member of the 500 win club. Both have been members for over 25 years.

Brian Engleman – West Sioux

Coach Engleman led his team to a 22-6 season record. West Sioux won the War Eagle Conference. He has been coaching for 8 years and a member of the IHSBCA for 6 years.

Class 2A District Coach of the Year Nominations

Central District

Mike Kennedy – Van Meter

Coach Kennedy led his team to a 27-4 season record, conference title and a trip to the state tournament. He has been a member of the association for 4 years and a member of the 100 win club. He is assisted by Zach Prouty.

Jerod Brown – West Marshall

Coach Brown led his team to a 27-6 season record and a conference title. Coach Brown has been a member of the association for 10 years. His assistant coach is Erik Eckhardt.

Jeff Jerome – Forest City

Coach Jerome led his team to a 24-3 season record and a conference title. Jeff is a member of the 100 win club and has been a member for 11 years. Jeff is assisted by Justin Uhlenhopp.

Northeast District

Fred Martin – Beckman Catholic

Coach Martin led his team to a 32-11 season record and a 2A State Championship. He is assisted by Tom Jenk, Jr.

Cory McDonald – New Hampton

Coach McDonald led his team to a third Northeast Iowa Conference title, with a 32-3 overall season record. Coach McDonald has been a member of the association for 21 years. He is a member of the 200 win club. He is assisted by Nick Hemann.

Dustin Rewerts – Denver

Coach Rewerts led his team to a season record of 18-15 and a trip to the state tournament. He has been a member of the association for 3 years. He is assisted by Sam Broome.

Northwest District

Koury Kramer – West Lyon

Coach Kramer led his team to a season record of 23-4 and a conference title. Member of the 100 win club and 10 year member. He is assisted by Brent Ripperda.

Cale Kramer – Hinton

Coach Kramer finished the season with a 18-9 record and a conference title. He is a member of the Clinic Evaluation Committee. He has been a member of the association for 11 years. He is assisted by Randy Roeheich.

Lee Evans – Estherville-Lincoln Central

Coach Evans led his team to a season record of 20-6 and a trip to the state tournament. His assistant is Matt Gruhlke.

Southwest District

Bob Mantell – Treynor

Coach Mantell led his team to a season record of 32-5, a conference title, and a trip to the state tournament. He is a 12 year member, serves on the board. His assistant is Nolan Mantell.

Rod Unger – Missouri Valley

Coach Unger finished the season with a 16-14 record. He has been a member for 42 years and is a member of the 400 win club. He retired after last season. He is assisted by Josh York.

Randy Snyder – Carroll Kuemper

Coach Snyder led his team to a 17-12 season record and a runner-up finish at the state tournament. He is assisted by Andrew Klenk.

Southeast District

Ryan Hodges – Centerville

Coach Hodges led his team to a season record of 24-11 and a trip to the state tournament. He has been a member for 8 years. His assistant is Tony Endress and Hunter Cowats.

Jeff Pacha – IC Regina

Coach Pacha led his team to a 28-8 season record and a trip to the state tournament. Jeff has been a member of the association for 3 years. His assistant is Steve Pacha.

Jake Souhrada – Wilton

Coach Souhrada led his team to a 24-6 season record and a RVC Conference title. Jake has coached in 5 all-star series, served on the Board of Directors, and is a past president. He is a member of the 500 win club. He is assisted by Ed Sawvell.

Class 3A District Coach of the Year Nominations

Central District

Brad Hamilton – Bondurant-Farrar

Coach Hamilton took his team to the Class 3A State Tournament with a 21-16 overall record. Brad is a member of the 300 win club. He is assisted by Ken Burgess.

Clint Gingerich – Oskaloosa

Coach Gingerich led his team to a 25-13 record and a trip to the state tournament. He has been a member of the IHSBCA for 6 years. He is assisted by Bill Almond.

JR Gebhart - Saydel

Coach Gebhart led his team to a season record of 28-7, a conference title, and a trip to the state tournament. He has been a member for 23 years and is a member of the 300 win club. He is assisted by Steve Gebhart.

Northeast District

Steve Fish – Marion

Coach Fish led his team to a 29-10 season record and a trip to the state tournament. He has been a member of the IHSBCA for 30 plus years and has over 600 wins. His assistant coach is Tom Hauck.

Kory Tuescher – Wahlert Catholic

Coach Tuescher led his team to a record of 23-15 and a trip to the state tournament. Kory has been a member for 13 years. He is the member of the 100 win club. He is assisted by Andrew Reese.

Jim Struve – Vinton-Shellsburg

Coach Struve led his team to a 33-5 season record and a conference title. He is a 30 year member of the association with over 600 wins. He is assisted by Brenden Drahn.

Southeast District

Billy Argo – Davenport Assumption

Coach Argo led his team to a season record of 38-5, a conference title, and a trip to the State Tournament. He is a 500 win club member and has been a member for 17 years. He is assisted by Greg Thissen and Chris Dillie.

Brent Broeker – Mt. Pleasant

Coach Broeker led his team to a 21-14 record and a conference title. He has been a member of the association for 12 years and is in the 100 win club. He is assisted by Todd Huck.

Shane Sikkema – Central DeWitt

Coach Sikkema led his team to a season record of 25-16. He is a member of the 100 win club. He has been a member of the association for 13 years. He is assisted by Terry Matzen.

Northwest District

Matt Nelson – Sergeant Bluff-Luton

Coach Nelson led his team to a 28-8 season record and a MRAC conference championship. Matt has been a member for 10 years. His assistant are Corey Loffswold and Wes Onken.

Trent Eckstaine - LeMars

Coach Eckstaine led his team to a 19-13 season record and a conference title. Trent has been a member of the association for 25 years and is co-chair of the Jr. Showcase. His assistant coach is Troy Caswell.

Andy Osborne – Bishop Heelan

Coach Osborne led his team to a 28-12 season record and a trip to the state tournament. He has coached in the All-Star Series and is a 300 win club member. He is a 13 year member of the association. Brian is assisted by Ben Taylor and Joe Rozmiarek.

Southwest District

Steve Daeges – Harlan

Coach Daeges finished the season with a 36-3 record, a conference title, and a runner-up finish at the state tournament. Steve is a member of the 500 win club. He has been a member for 24 years and is a member of the HOF. He is assisted by Joe Heese.

Blake Heitmeier – Carlisle

Coach Heitmeier had a season record of 27-9 and a conference title. He has been a member of the association for 3 years.

Jason Book – ADM

Coach Book finished the season with an 18-13 record. He has been a member for over 10 years. Jason has helped with the Jr. Showcase and served on various committees.

Class 4A District Coach of the Year Nominations

Central District (South)

Mark Roering – WDM Dowling

Coach Roering led his team to a 32-8 record and a CIML Iowa Conference Championship and a trip to the state tournament with a runner-up finish. Mark has been a member of the association for 3 years. Mark is assisted by Darrell Einertson.

Scott Belger – SE Polk

Coach Belger led his team to a 27-14 season record. He has been a member with the association for 22 years and a member of the 500 win club. Coach Belger works with the ratings, hosts the Junior Showcase and the all-district meeting. He is assisted by Dave Hartman.

Casey Aldridge - Indianola

Coach Aldridge led his team to a 31-8 season record and a conference title. Casey has been a member of the association for 15 years and the 200 win club.

Central District (North)

Dave Dirx – Waukee

Coach Dirx led his team to a trip to the State Tournament. His team finished the season with a 27-13 record. Dave has been a member for the past 19 years. Dave hosted the 2017 All-Star Series. He is a member of the 400 win club. Dave is assisted by Ben Twigg and Cale Weaver.

Michael Barta – Johnston

Coach Barta led his team to a season record of 37-3 and his second state championship. His team won the CIML Iowa Division title. He has been a member of the association for 10 years. He is a member of the 100 win club. He is assisted by Quinn O'Brien.

Troy Rood – Mason City

Coach Rood finished the season with a 26-18 record and a trip to the state tournament. He has been a member of the association for 22 years and the 300 win club. He is assisted by Dan Mason.

West District

Lee Toole – Lewis Central

Coach Toole led his team to a 26-8 season record and a second place finish in the Hawkeye Ten Conference behind Harlan. Lee has been a member for 36 years, has served on a variety of committees, chairs his summer district meeting, and has coached in and hosted the all-star series many times. He is assisted by Steve Koester and Billy Sanders.

Southeast District

Jay Fitzgerald – Bettendorf

Coach Fitzgerald led his team to a season record of 20-16. He has been a member of the association for 22 years. He is also member of the 400 win club. Jay is the SE District Chairman. He is assisted by Bill Thomas.

Kevin Cunningham – Clinton

Coach Cunningham led his team to a season record of 18-13. Kevin has been a member of the association for 10 years and a member of the 100 win club. He is assisted by Brandon Fleetwood.

Blake Hanna – North Scott

Coach Hanna led his team to a 23-15 season record. He has been a 18 year member of the association and a 200 win club member. He is assisted by Brad Ward.

Northeast District

Brian Mitchell – Iowa City High

Coach Mitchell led his team to a 29-13 record and a conference title. He is an 8 year member of the association. He is a member of the 100 win club. He is assisted by Bart Sueppel.

Charlie Stumpff – Iowa City West

Coach Stumpff led his team to another state tournament. They finished the season with a 32-9 record and a Mississippi Valley conference championship. Charlie is a new member of the 700 win club, has coached for 36 years and a member for 36 years. He is a past president of the association and is very active with the operations of the association.

Casey Bryant – Western Dubuque

Coach Bryant led his team to a season record of 32-6 and a WAMAC Conference title. Casey has been a member of the association for the past 19 years and is a member of the 400 win club. He is assisted by Paul Goodman.

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Assistant Coach of the Year Nominations

West District

Steve Koester – Lewis Central

Steve has been an assistant for Coach Lee Toole for 17 years, 21 years overall. He has been the head 9th grade coach for the past 5 years. Steve organizes practices, has coached 1st base during varsity games, and worked with the pitching staff for a number of years. Steve also works many hours maintaining the baseball field. He has been a member of the association for 20 years. Steve retired from baseball after this summer's season.

Brad Blum – Underwood

Brad has been an assistant for Coach Andy VanFossan for the past 5 years. Brad also has varsity experience. He coaches the infield and works with hitting. Brad has been a member of the association for 5 years. Brad is a very dedicated coach, always there to provide extra drill work.

Nolan Mantell – Treynor

Nolan has been involved with the Treynor baseball program for 3 years as a coach. Nolan played for his dad (Bob) at Treynor. He works with outfield, base running, stats, and is the head JV Coach. Nolan works hard and always brings a fresh perspective to the program. His strength is preparing younger players for the next level.

Central District

Quinn O'Brien – Johnston

Quinn has been an assistant for Coach Michael Barta for the past 5 years. He is involved with varsity catching, scouting, defense, spray charts, and stats. Quinn has been a member of the association for 5 years. Johnston was #1 in defense this past summer due to Quinn's efforts.

Chris Kollbaum – North Polk

Chris has been an assistant for Dave Middleton for the past 7 years. Chris is the head 9th grade coach and assistant JV coach. He works primarily with infield and hitting. Chris has been a member of the association for over 13 years. He is a very popular and respected coach by all players.

Steve Gebhart – Saydel

Steve has been an assistant for Coach JR Gebhart for 10 years. Steve works with infield and calls pitches during the varsity games. Steve has been a member of the association for 10 years. Much of the program success and work ethic is because of the hard work and dedication that Steve brings to the program every day.

Northeast District

Jonny Williams – North Linn

Jonny has been an assistant for Coach Travis Griffith for 4 years. He records the pitching charts, works with the pitchers and catchers, and calls the pitches during varsity games. Jonny has been a member of the association for 4 years. Jonny is involved in many aspects of the program, but primarily directs the pitching staff.

Jared Pirkl – Waverly-Shell Rock

Jared has been an assistant for Coach Casey Klunder for the past 5 years. He works with the pitchers and catchers and develops the scouting reports at the varsity level. Jared has been a member of the association for 15 years.

Bryan Mayer – St. Ansgar

Bryan has been an assistant for Coach Devin Schwiesow for 15 years. He works with the catchers, calls pitches on varsity, and is the head JV coach. He also spends countless hours maintaining the baseball field. Bryan has been a member of the association for 15 years.

Southeast District

Ryan Ronan – Highland

Ryan has been an assistant for Coach Seth Milledge for 2 years now, 6 years overall. Ryan works with hitters, is in charge of fundraising, and field maintenance. He volunteers all his time. Ryan is a tremendous leader, motivator, and a great teacher of the game. He is well respected.

Todd Linderbaum – Solon

Todd has been an assistant for Coach Keith McSweeney for the past 5 years. He is responsible for hitting and coaches 1st base. He is also head coach for the sophomore team. Todd teaches the programs hitting philosophy and throws many hours of BP. Todd brings a positive attitude with him to the ballpark every day.

Steve Pacha – Iowa City Regina

Steve has been an assistant for Coach Jeff Pacha for 3 years. He is the varsity 1st base and pitching coach. He throws BP, prepares the pitching mound, and works the arm strength and development plus injury prevention program. Steve has been a member of the association for 3 years.



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College Coaches of the Year Nominations

2 Year College Coaches:

Justin Meyer (Iowa Central CC) – was promoted to take over the head coaching duties for the 2017 season. Meyer has spent ten seasons as an assistant coach at Iowa Central after playing for the Tritons in 2001 and 2002. Meyer serves as the pitching coach and coordinates all aspects of the pitching staff. He is part of a select few who have both played and coached in the NJCAA II World Series. Meyer led the Tritons to back-to-back World Series appearances during his playing days and recorded 4th place finishes both seasons. After his sophomore season, he was named a Second Team All-Region player as a pitcher. Following his playing days at Iowa Central, Meyer went on to finish his playing career at NCAA Division I Georgia State. Justin and his wife Amanda reside in Fort Dodge and have two daughters, Mia (3) and Cora (1).

Cam Walker (Indian Hills CC) - the 2017 baseball season marked a quarter of a century for Cam Walker as the head coach at Indian Hills. Walker eclipsed the 900-win mark in 2016 and will enter the 2018 campaign with 946 career wins. Walker led the Falcons to a 41-20 record in '17, the most wins for an IHCC team since the 2006 squad won 48. The Falcons picked up the 900th victory of Walker's storied career with a late-season win against Marshalltown in '16. He enters the '18 campaign with a record of 946-502 for a .653 winning percentage. Walker's teams have won at least 35 games in 14 of the last 18 seasons and his 1998 squad won a school-record 51 games. Under his direction, Indian Hills has won as many as 50 games twice and topped the 40-win mark six times. When you add in his two years as a Falcons player and four more seasons as an assistant coach, Walker, the longest-tenured coach in program history, has spent over three decades involved with IHCC baseball. The veteran coach was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 2012, becoming the third Indian Hills coach in the HOF, joining Pat Daugherty, whom Walker played for at IHCC, and Rick Mathews, under whom he coached and later succeeded.

Marc Rardin (Iowa Western CC) - begins his 16th season as the head baseball coach at Iowa Western Community College. While leading the tradition-rich Reiver baseball program, Coach Rardin's teams have re-written the record books in every facet of the program. In addition, the Reivers have made NJCAA Division I baseball history by being the first Northern District team to win the World Series in 2010 in Grand Junction, Colo., and then repeating that historic act again in 2012 and 2014. Along with winning the national title, the 2010 Reiver baseball team also led the country in hitting with a .398 team batting average. The team also proved to be champions in the classroom, earning NJCAA Spring Male Scholar Team of the Year honors. The 2011 team nearly duplicated the 2010, 2012 and 2014 championship feats by finishing just one game away from landing in the championship game. Rardin's young 2011 squad, with 21 freshmen on the roster, came home with a third-place finish at the national tournament. In 15 seasons at Iowa Western, Rardin's Reivers have participated in 10 Junior College World Series tournaments, brought home three national championships, and won 12 Regional titles and 10 Northern District titles. In the past 15 years, no other Division I junior college baseball program has won more games and more post season championships (regionals, districts, JUCO World Series) than Iowa Western for total of 25 post season titles combined. His teams have averaged more than 48 wins per season and his overall record is 709-204 (an amazing .776 winning percentage) during his 15-years. In that same period, the Reivers also have accumulated 335 wins to only 53 losses in regular season conference and conference tournament play. This is a record-setting .863 winning percentage in conference play.

4 Year College Coaches:

Rick Heller (Iowa) - has turned the University of Iowa baseball program into a perennial Big Ten Conference and NCAA contender in his first four seasons as the Hawkeyes' head coach. Heller has injected new life into the Iowa program, leading the Hawkeyes to the best four-year stretch in program history, winning 140 games, advancing to two NCAA Regionals, and claiming the first Big Ten Tournament title in program history. It was Iowa's first conference title since winning the regular season crown in 1990. Under Heller's watch, Iowa has advanced to the postseason in four consecutive years for the first time in program history, he has coached five All-Americans and at least one first-team All-Big Ten selection each season, and Iowa has had 15 Major League Baseball Draft picks in four seasons -- the most in a four-year stretch all-time. Heller has also given the Hawkeyes an international flavor, taking the team to the Dominican Republic in 2016 and Taipei, Taiwan, as the United States representative at the 2017 World University Games. Heller led USA to a silver medal, as the team became the first American squad to medal in University history. The Eldon, Iowa, native became the 20th head coach in program history in 2013 -- his fourth stop as a collegiate head coach. He has enjoyed stints at Iowa (2014-present), Indiana State (2009-13), Northern Iowa (1999-2009), and Upper Iowa (1987-99), leading all four schools to NCAA postseason play. He is one of nine coaches all-time and one of five active coaches to lead three different Division I programs to NCAA Regional play.

Dan Spain (Clarke College) - joined the collegiate head coaching ranks when he was named the interim head baseball coach mid-season in 2012. The interim tag was later removed following that season and he was officially named as the Clarke University Head Baseball Coach. Spain guided his 2016 squad to a memorable 38 wins, once again breaking the school record for wins for the third time in four seasons. The Crusaders finished 38-17 overall and qualified for the program's first ever appearance in the NAIA National Tournament Opening Round, following a runner-up finish in the A.I.I. Championships. Led by a pitching staff which ended the season with a 3.21 era, the 2016 squad was able to outscore opponents by 247 runs and broke nearly all standard statistics at Clarke University in a season. The Crusaders were one of the top teams in the nation in earned run average, runs scored, slugging percentage, stolen bases and fielding percentage. They also led the A.I.I. conference in home runs, triples and fielding percentage.

Joel Holst (Wartburg College) - enters his 23rd season as Wartburg's head coach. He has guided the Knights to a remarkable 12-straight Iowa Conference regular season championships, beginning with his second year at the helm and continuing through 2008. The Knights have celebrated 29 total championships on the field during Holst's 20+ year tenure. (16 regular season IAC championships, 11 IAC tournament championships and 2 NCAA regional championships) He has guided the Knights into the NCAA Division III National Tournament 14 times, and most recently in 2017. His 2000 baseball team won the school's first Regional Championship and went on to compete in the NCAA Division III College World Series to finish the season ranked sixth in the nation. The 2005 team also won a Regional Championship and finished fourth in the College World Series with a final national ranking of fifth. Holst has also been named the Iowa Conference Coach of the Year 11 times and was named the Four-year College Coach of the Year by the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association six times. He was named Central Region Collegiate Coach of the Year in 2000 and 2005 by the ABCA. He has posted an overall career record at Wartburg of 674-319-4.

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2018 Clinic Fees:

Membership..... \$30 _____

(must be member to attend - membership years runs Sept. 1, 2017 thru Aug. 31, 2018)

Clinic registration for weekend..... \$85 _____

(includes FCA Breakfast, Sat. Lunch, Awards Banquet)

Clinic registration for one day..... \$45 _____

Awards Banquet ticket..... \$30 _____

High School student attending clinic..... \$30 _____

Late registration/at-door fee..... \$10 _____

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Fall Meeting Minutes
Sheraton Hotel – West Des Moines
November 5, 2017 – 1:30 pm

President Tony Adams called the meeting to order at 1:42 pm.

Officers and Directors present:

Casey Klunder, Steve Fish, Paul Keitel, Matt Nelson, Ryan Berg, Jim Molitor, Dave Dirx, Chris Miller, Phil Katz, Jay Ryan, Gary Paulsen, Roger Hoel, Mark Hey, Jay Ryan, Jon Heydon, Bob Mantell, Steve Shantz, Tony Adams, Rick Admire, Dave Middleton, Mike Botts, Steve Hanson, Lee Toole, John Waddle, Dave Rock, Dennis Barton, Tom Souhrada, Dan Pomeroy, Charlie Stumpff, Ryan Stensland, Ethan Miller, Jon Fitzpatrick

Minutes from last meeting were read:

Motion to approve by John Waddle. Second, Roger Hoel. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Lee Toole:

Motion to accept by Tom Souhrada. Second, Paul Kietel. Motion carried.

President's Report: Tony Adams:

Thanked Lee and the staff for all their hard work and dedication for the All-Star series. Recommended that Jay Ryan work to clean up the Rubic for the All-Academic Team, as not all schools are on the same grading scale, and communicate the rubic to coaches for clarification. Motion to accept by Gary Paulsen. Second, Dan Pomeroy. Motion carried.

Executive Secretary Report: Lee Toole:

Reviewed expenses for future All-Star series and clinics. May need to increase fees for both in order to cover expenses as costs increase. Clinic will be held in Cedar Rapids the next two years. Currently negotiating future clinics in Des Moines. Lee and Charlie Stumpff are working with Iowa City for this year's All-Star series. Reminded everyone that rings are now available for purchase for HOF members and Umpire of the Year. Lee is working on awards for original members for the 50th Anniversary. Dave Rock and Lee are working on memorabilia for the silent auction. Proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. Radios were purchased for the Junior Showcase. Restocked certificates. Umpire shirts and printer purchased for All-Star series. Two sponsors dropped -- National Sports Products and Musco Lighting. Currently looking for new sponsors. 50th Anniversary Clinic will be held January 19th and 20th. Lee and committee are working on decorations and speakers. Recommendation for awards were discussed. Motion to accept by Paul Kietel. Second, Ryan Stensland. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Hall of Fame Committee: Roger Hoel

HOF Class of 2018 includes: Four coaches, two players, and one umpire.
Motion to accept by Gary Paulsen. Second, Dave Dirx. Motion carried.

Awards Committee: Ryan Stensland

Discussed revamping awards. Discussing a social media award. Ask for clarification on the Years Award. Does years equal number of years coaching or number of years as a member?

All-District: Jon Fitzpatrick

Positive Feedback on redistricting

All-Star Committee: Charlie Stumpff

Host hotel – Marriott, Iowa City

Host field – University of Iowa

Everything is shaping up.

Umpire Committee: Mike Botts

Clinic speakers lined up. Expecting a big turn out.

Lanny Peterson Award: Rick Admire

Last year we had four exceptional candidates. The winner was Matt Antle.

State Rating Poll Committee: Mark Hey

Will be proving a Google form for input around the state.

Membership Committee: Devin Schwiesow

No report

Clinic Survey, Mini Clinic Committee: Ethan Miller

The Clinic Evaluation Committee has continued to follow the steps from past years in using the Clinic Evaluation form to compile the list of speakers for the Friday Mini-Clinics at the annual convention. We have welcomed a few new members to the committee, and this is a great opportunity for new coaches to establish relationships with those in the Association. Each new member and returning member knows that our priority is to set up the Friday evening Mini-Clinics and to find ways to enhance, promote, and grow the IHSBCA clinic amongst the high school and collegiate coaches in Iowa. At this point in time, we are on-point with where we have been in the past in lining up speakers for the Friday Mini-Clinics. We set a goal to have all speakers lined up by Thanksgiving, which would eliminate the stress on our group and the speakers. We have 5 of the 6 Mini-Clinic spots filled and are awaiting confirmation from the final speaker for Friday, January 19, 2018.

Mini-Clinic speakers will be:

Steve Eddie, Head Coach for Buena Vista University

Seth Thompson, Head Coach for Clear Lake HS

John Waddle, Head coach for Coon Rapids-Byard HS

Justin Meyer, Head Coach for Iowa Central Community College

State Championship Panel -- All Head Coaches will be in attendance

Our committee is going to continue with the electronic evaluations for quicker feedback. We have had a 3-year discussion on creating an IHSBCA YouTube page that will have the mini-clinics uploaded after the clinic for viewing, and it is time to make a move. There will be some technology funds needed for microphones so that the audio aligns with the presenter, but we feel that this is the next step to move our clinic forward.

IHSAA Advisory Committee: Mark Hey

Reviewed several recommendations. Discussion with the state regarding pitch count and new seeding procedures.

Junior Showcase: Devin Schwiesow

On July 30, 2017, at Southeast Polk High School, we had another successful Jr. Showcase. We had 149 players participating, with 6 not showing up for various reasons, including 26 sophomores and 122 juniors. 54 college coaches/scouts were registered.

The tentative date for next year is July 29, 2018 at Southeast Polk High School.

Suggestions from college coaches:

Have numbers printed on the backs of players shirts. Do 1B need to throw across the diamond?

Suggestions from Jr Showcase staff:

Color code on-field data sheets for faster and easier data entry.

Make data sheets single purpose: only one recording column. (All 60s or All P velo)

Need 5 walkie-talkies. Try to add one new one each year.

Consider buying a radar gun for the association.

Need 6 coaches to efficiently do swing exit velocities / 3 per tunnel.

Have players partner up in individual defense so balls can be fed more rapidly.

--Player 1 catches and throws / Player 2 steps in while #1 returns to starting point.

--Should be effective method at any infield/outfield position.

If 60-yard dash runners are NOT called back, they immediately go to the hitting tunnel.

Investigate making ID numbers larger for better visibility.

Put workers' names on garments and set aside prior to the event for easier pickup.

Communication/PR History: Steve Hanson

Jeremy Langner set up a Facebook page in September. Tweets were sent out on Twitter at the All Star series.

At the 50th Anniversary event there will be a 35-minute video of pictures and four display boards: History of the Association, All Star, Hall of Fame, and Clinics/Awards.

Motion to accept by Tom Souhrada. Second, Steve Shanz. Motion carried.

In addition, Lee reported that we received 10 or more thank you letters from All Star series parents.

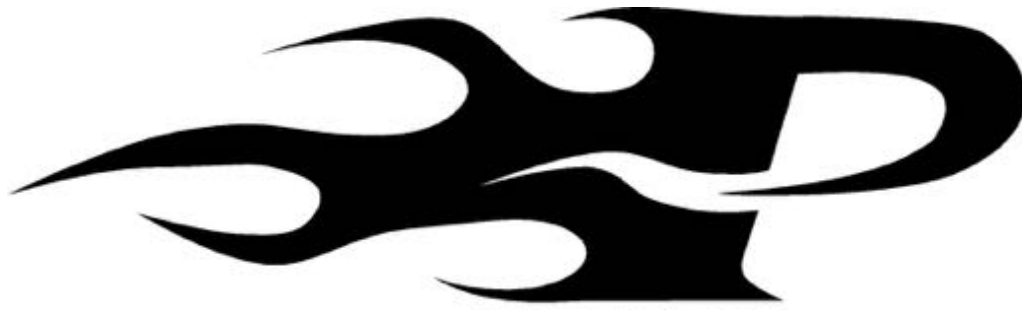
Next meeting will be held January 18, 2018 at the Marriott Hotel, Cedar Rapids.

Steering Committee: 6:30 pm

Board Meeting: 8:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn made by Ethan Miller. Seconded by Jim Moliter. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Mike Botts



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