

Our membership drive has slowed down to almost a halt. We now have 124 members. The new members will be listed. Again, I urge each of you to try and sell the organization to one baseball coach who is not a member.

The clinic organization is rolling along. We have added a speaker on pitching. Ray Petrzela, former Notre Dame baseball player and Cleveland Indian organization ballplayer, will talk on developing a pitcher.

The honorary list of coaches in the association now includes Otto Vogel - State Univ. of Iowa, Ron Whitford - Univ. of Northern Iowa, and Bernie Saggau - Iowa High School Athletic Association of Boone. If any of you know of a coach who should be included in this status, write and send along a record of achievements, experience, where coached, etc. A committee of coaches will meet and pick men for nomination to this honorary status.

Now is the time for you baseball coaches to start thinking about your senior ballplayers and what schools they are planning to attend. A good time to meet the college coaches would be at our clinic February 28 and March 1. We will try to get a large turnout from the college coaching ranks to attend. This will be an ideal time to get to know our college coaches and talk to them about our seniors.

The coaches association is planning to have an All District Team. We would have five All-District teams. These all-district teams would then be presented to the IDPA and Register for all-state selections. No one could vote on the all-district team unless he is a member of the Coaches' Association. A committee of coaches from each district would meet to select the all-district team from the ballots of their district. This committee would be picked by the President of the Association. After the picks have been made, the committee would work with the press and radio in their district to get the all-district team selection in the papers and on the air waves.

The Coaches Association is also planning to give a Coach of the Year award. Each district would elect a candidate for the District Coach of the Year. One of the districts' candidates would then be chosen coach of the year. This would be given at our annual clinic in early February or March.

If you have any other ideas for the Association to work on feel free to write them up to us we will put them in the letter and the board will discuss them in full.

The January newsletter will have a complete program for our clinic. We will give you the dates for the speakers and the topic each will discuss. Make your plans now to attend the clinic. We need a good turnout for it. Get a number of coaches in our area and come together. Make a good weekend for baseball.