

# Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

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**CLINIC SUCCESS:** The Seventh Annual Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association Clinic was a record setting clinic for the seventh straight year. Five hundred sixty three coaches, players, umpires, and fans attended the two-day clinic. This clinic has been growing over the past seven years. Here are the figures that will show the growth of the Clinic.

1969--160	1971--264	1973--450	1975--563
1970--195	1972--420	1974--465	1976--???

The clinic speakers did a outstanding job once again. The mini clinic sessions seem to be the highlight of the clinic. We will expand the mini clinics next year.

All sessions were taped. If you are interested in hearing any of the speakers, you may send \$2.75 and you will receive a cassette with the topic of your choice. The mini clinics were not taped. Send in your order now and you will get your cassette in the near future.

**BANQUET:** There were 500 at the Friday banquet and over 300 at the Saturday luncheon. This also is a record for the number served. The banquet and luncheon both doubled the amount from the previous year. At the banquet many coaches were honored for their services to Iowa High School Baseball. Any coach who coached more than 15 years received a plaque, plus the District Coach of Year Awards, Coach of the Year Award, All of Fame and College Coach of Year Awards. We also honored the coaches who have won over 200 games into the Win Club.

**HALL OF FAME:** The coaches' association inducted into its Hall of Fame five more outstanding baseball men. They were: Bob Bowers, Center Point; Wayne Heintz, Des Moines; Joe McDermott, Granger; Earl Proctor, Mount Pleasant; Marv Thelen, Remsen. Bob Brooks of K.C.R.G.-T.V. of Cedar Rapids gave the introductions. Each received a plaque.

A large number of past Hall of Fame members came back to the banquet and the clinic. The Hall of Famers had the opportunity to get together and discuss old times.

**1976 EIGHT ANNUAL CLINIC:** The dates for the eight Annual Clinic are set. They are March 12-13, 1976. It will be held in Cedar Rapids Washington High School once again. If you have any ideas for speakers and topics for next year's clinic, drop the Executive Secretary a line.

**DISTRICT COACHES OF THE YEAR:** Five District Coaches were honored. They were Dick Core, Dubuque Hempstead; Dick Wagner, Burlington; Don Mauro, Dowling West Des Moines; John Harris, Corning; Jim Walker, Granville Spalding.

Each coach was nominated last July on the All District Ballot. A candidate must be a member of the Coaches Association. He must have coached for a least two years, in his present school. He must be a promoter of High School baseball in his District. These are the qualifications to become the District Coach of the Year. Each coach received a certificate and trophy from Eby's Sporting Goods of Cedar Rapids.

**HELP FROM I.H.S.A.A.:** The Iowa High School Athletic Association helped on the expenses for the clinic instructional staff once again. A real thanks is due the I.H.S.A.A. for their help. We could not put on this type of clinic without their help.

**COACH OF THE YEAR TO DICK CORE:** Dick Core was elected Coach of the Year 1973-1974. Coach Core had an outstanding year in 1974 winning the Mississippi Valley Conference and the Summer State Championship. Coach Core received a certificate and a plaque.

**1975-75 OFFICERS:** The new officers were elected at the General Meeting held Friday March 14, the new officers are: President, Jim Jagim, Valley of West Des Moines, Vice-President, Dave Hoyt, Cedar Rapids Washington; Treasurer, Mick Mattiace, Cedar Rapids Prairie; Secretary, Jim Schulz, Bettendorf; Harold Primrose, Cedar Rapids Washington, Executive Secretary. The Executive Committee will be meeting throughout the year giving direction to the Coaches Association. Feel free to contact any officer.

**MID WEST LEAGUE WILL HONOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD:** Any team in the Mid West Class A Professional League will honor your membership card. We hope you take advantage of this. There are 7 minor league teams in the state of Iowa. This is one of the top five in the country for the number of minor league teams.

**THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS:** A big thanks to all our advertisers for coming to the clinic and displaying. This year we had in attendance, Curve Master, Hogan's of Fort Dodge; Eby's Sporting Goods, Cedar Rapids, Cedar Rapids Sporting Goods, Jim Wagner and Jym's Bag, True-Pitch Mounds, Altoona, and Extra Inning, Iowa City. We hope more will come next year. A thanks to Jim Wagner for the help in the clinic favor, and Phil Netolicky for the trophies to the All District Coaches. We need this type of support.

**SCOUTING INFORMATION:** A standard roster form is now being used by colleges and high schools, while a relatively small thing in the whole picture, the roster form will simplify the work of major league scouts in getting necessary data on all the players at every school they visit. Scouts will have all the info they need, without having to check with the coach or the player. The roster form under 12 headings, supplies the following information.

Uniform number, name, position, how he bats and throws, his height, weight, and class, birth date, home address, telephone number and school.

All coaches should have a master roster filled out to hand to each coach and scout.

**CALLING IN YOUR GAMES:** We would like to remind you coaches to send in to your local newspaper or the nearest newspaper plus the Des Moines Register the results of your baseball games. Call in your score to the radio and television stations in your local area. Promote baseball by helping the press and radio people. In the long run it will help your own program. Do you think the football and basketball programs would be successful without calling in their scores? You owe it to your ball players, and fans.

**LOOKING FOR GAMES:** Prairie High School is looking for more freshmen baseball games this season. Anyone interested should contact Mick Mattiace Prairie High School, Cedar Rapids.

EIGHT TEAM STATE MEET: The I.H.S.A.A. Board of Control has accepted the recommendation of the baseball Coaches Association recommendation to double the number of qualifying teams for the State Summer Baseball Tournament. In the past two years there were two classes of competition and four schools participated in the state meet in each class. Beginning this summer, eight schools will qualify in each class.

This state tournament this summer is slated for August 4-7 at a site to be determined. Both Class AA and Class A schools will be competing in the state meet at the same site.

In other action, the Board agreed that at the substate level, the paired teams would be alphabetized and the competing school listed last will act as host school.

RESPONSE TO PLAYERS PLAYING COLLEGE BALL: I want to thank the coaches to the great response they gave in sending in the names of players that are now out for baseball at any school or professional baseball. The response is so great it would take three or four pages to list all of them. I'm sorry I don't have room to print all the names in the news letter. However, I feel the message should be spread that a large number of Iowa boys are playing college and professional baseball. A great carry over sport!

CONTRIBUTOR OF YEAR AWARD TO SUPT. OF SCHOOLS WAYNE BURNS: The Coaches Association honored Supt. of Schools Wayne Burns, of Decorah, for his contribution to high school baseball and the coaches association. He has spent over 30 years as a player, coach, and leader of this sport.

CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVES: Would the conference representatives please send in your conference schedules to the executive secretary. This is needed in case a scout call's and asked for a team's schedule.

HONOR ROLL OF COACHES

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS	SCHOOL	COACH
TA-MA-JA CONFERENCE	L.D.F.	Terry Oswalt
SIOUXLAND CONFERENCE	Rock Valley High	Bob Miller
METRO SOPH. CHAMPS	Davenport West	Jim Foy
C.I.C. Conference	Urbandale	Jerry Kindhart
MAPLE VALLEY CONFERENCE	Maple Valley	Mike Minnihan
METRO OF OMAHA	Benson High	David Lewis

TOURNAMENTS: A number of tournaments will be taking place during the season. Listed below are a few of them that I have received.

Cedar Rapids Metro Tournament	May 28-30-31
Urbandale Invitational Tournament	June 5-6-7
7th Annual Graypup Soph Tournament	June 21 (Burlington)
7th Annual Grayhound Invt. Tourn.	July 12 (Burlington)

MINUTES OF MEETINGS ENCLOSED: Please read the minutes of the Board Meetings that took place March 13-14. If you have any suggestions please contact a board member or any officer.

# Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association

DICK WAGNER, President, Burlington  
JIM JAGIM, Vice President, Valley West Des Moines  
DAVE HOYT, Treasurer, Cedar Rapids Washington  
MICK MATTIACE, Secretary, Cedar Rapids Prairie

HAROLD "PINKY" PRIMROSE  
Executive Secretary  
4211 High Ridge Rd. S.E.  
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I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all of my fellow coaches who have contributed so much to the success of the Iowa High School Baseball Coaches Association during the past year. Without your help, my task wouldn't have been so easy and enjoyable. The dedication of those of you who have bettered our organization have ultimately bettered baseball in the State of Iowa.

During the past year, we have tried several new innovations. One was the starting of the state ratings poll in cooperation with the Des Moines Register which proved a big success in its initial year. A second innovation has been the beginning of a state baseball newspaper as a result of the enthusiasm and a sincere interest generated by one of our member coaches. On another note, we have had considerable communication with the Iowa High School Athletic Association which has graciously continued to help underwrite our clinic. We have reason to believe that some of the recommendations made by our Board of Directors will come to reality in the next few months ahead. The past year has seen the first year in which we had two All-State teams selected, and it appears as if the recent clinic shattered all attendance records, especially the banquet, which will be remembered by all who were in attendance.

Several items have been left unfinished but will be left in capable hands of the incoming officers led by president Jim Jagim, who along with the new Board of Directors will continue to make the IHSBCA the strongest and most active coaches association in the State of Iowa if not in the nation.

Thanks again to all of you who have helped to make the past year a memorable one in the annals of Iowa baseball.

Dick Wagner  
Outgoing President

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JIM SCHULZ, Secretary, Bettendorf      Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

April 1975

Dear Members,

Many coaches in Iowa recently were pleased that the Iowa High School Athletic Association approved and improved three areas of the tournament series that will benefit baseball. They are:

- \*Eight teams to the state tournament in each class.
- \*Medals for the players winning sectional, district, sub-state and state tournaments.
- \*A more uniform system of making up rain outs.

A big THANK YOU TO THE I.H.S.A.A.

The 1975-76 Baseball Season:

GOAL: Better communications; within your conference, district, and state. Don't forget your local newspapers and please phone in your scores to all interested media. Answer your correspondence from scouts, colleges and colleagues.

GOAL: Improved high school baseball in Iowa.

GOAL: 100% membership of Iowa college coaches to the I.H.S.B.C.A.. Get involved coaches.

GOAL: A great clinic in "76". Our 8th Annual.

GOAL: To get more input and involvement from the membership.

GOAL: Starting the state tournament series earlier in "76"

GOAL: To boost X-tra Inning into a position of importance as a baseball newspaper for Iowa High School Baseball.

GOAL: A sport coat for our Champion Coaches.

At the last board meeting of the I.H.S.B.C.A., I introduced as new business the possibility of purchasing a sport coat for the winning coach of the state tournaments. It is my feeling, as an association, it would be appropriate to award our Champion coaches this tribute to their excellence. If you think this is a worthy goal; let one of the officers or directors know your desires. This could develop into a very nice tradition.

GOAL: To improve our playing fields for the "76" season. Start this improvement now.

Good luck to everyone in your preparations for the coming season. May your year be even better than you anticipate.

One last reminder. If at any time you come up with a drill, some strategy or some provocative thought please feel free to send this to Pinky and we will pass it on to the membership by newsletter.

Sincerely yours in baseball,

Jim Jagim, President

## 1975-76 COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### ALL DISTRICT

Lowell Grunwald, Waterloo East - Chairman  
Marv Thelen, Remsen St. Mary's  
Dennis Olejniczak, Decorah  
Bill Sapp, Boone  
Ron 'fox' Clinton, Creston  
Rich Rambo, Fort Madison

### HALL OF FAME

Marv Thelen, Remsen St. Mary's - Chairman  
Bud Speraw, Sioux City North  
Al Sutton, Emmetsburg  
Greg Schmidt, Central Lyon  
Jim Walker, Granville Spalding  
Bill Rahm, Algona Garrigan  
Orval Madden, Alton Floyd Valley - Advisor

### CONSTITUTION

Al Seabrooke, Valley Elgin - Chairman  
Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson  
Terry Heald, Monona M-F-L  
Doug Albertson, Anamosa  
Jerry Shinn, Waterloo West  
Jim Van Scoyoc, Norway

### MEMBERSHIP

Mike Schiel, Indianola - Chairman  
Bob Leech, Centerville  
Dean Witmer, Perry  
Ken Bahrke, Sioux Center  
Mike Brinsko, Goldfield  
Dan McClannahan, Sherokee  
David McCulla, Center Point  
Jim Douglas, Corydon - Wayne  
Don Owen, Tama

### NOMINATION

Dick Wagner, Burlington - Chairman  
Bill Freese, Davenport Central  
Harold Primrose, Cedar Rapids Washington  
Vern Bredeson, Cedar Rapids Jefferson  
Jim Jagim, West Des Moines Valley

### ALL STATE COACH

Dick Core, Dubuque Hempstead - Chairman  
Terry Oswalt, LeGrand LDF  
John Zahn, Webster City  
Richard Arrington, Dubuque Senior  
Jim Hinkel, Carlisle  
Steve McGraw, Thornburg Tri-County  
Don Mauro, West Des Moines Dowling

### ALL STATE TEAM

Rick Mathews, Marshalltown - Chairman  
Jim Ellwanger, Fort Dodge St. Edmonds  
Bill Freese, Davenport Central  
Ray Randall, Iowa City West  
Tom Vincent, Council Bluffs T.J.  
Ron Clinton, Creston  
Dennis Olejniczak, Decorah  
Harold Primrose, C.R. Washington  
Bud Speraw, Sioux City North  
Al Sutton, Emmetsburg  
Clair Rierson, I.S.U.  
Duane Banks, S.U.I.

### CLINIC PROGRAM

Harold Primrose, C.R. Washington  
(Chairman will select his committee  
from the membership)

### ALL STATE RATING POLL

Jim Scholten, Mason City Newman  
Terry Heald, Monona MFL  
Vern Bredeson, C.R. Jefferson  
Byron Rhodes, Beamon-Conrad  
Bob Watson, Des Moines Hoover  
John Harris, Corning  
Lou Galetich, Carroll Kuemper  
Bill Austin, Columbus Junction  
Ron Welsch, Eddyville  
Rich Rambo, Fort Madison  
Marv Thelen, Remsen St. Mary's  
Al Sutton, Emmetsburg  
Jim Jagim, Valley WDM - Chairman

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MARCH 13, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by President Dick Wagner at Washington High School.

Members present were: Officers, President Dick Wagner, Burlington; Vice-President, Jim Jagim, Valley of West Des Moines; Treasurer, Dave Hoyt Cedar Rapids Washington; Secretary, Mick Mattiace, Cedar Rapids Prairie; Executive Secretary, Harold Primrose: Directors--South east, Jim Schulz, Bettendorf; Ray Randall, Iowa City West; Northeast--Al Seabrook, Clermont; Lowell Grunwald, Waterloo East, Dick Core, Dubuque Hempstead; Northwest--Marv Thelen, Remsen St. Mary's; Orville Madden, Floyd Valley; Central--Jim Ellwanger, St. Edmonds, Fort Dodge; Southwest District--Dean Witmer, Perry; Ron Clinton, Creston; Past Presidents, Bill Freese & Vern Bredeson; Dave Posegate, Central Guest: Dennis Olejniczak, Decorah; Dale Allensworth, Jefferson; Mike Kielkopf, West Branch, Al Sutton, Emmetsburg, Rick Arrington, Dubuque Senior; Rick Rambo, Fort Madison; Ray Burman, Burlington; Doug Albertson, Anamosa, Jerry Lake, LeMars; Mike Shiel, Indianola, Bill Sapp, Boone, Clint Kelley, Boone; Tom Madson, Marion; Richard Loskey, Creston;

President Dick Wagner, welcomed everyone to 1975 Board Meeting and 7th Annual Baseball Clinic.

The minutes of the last Board meeting and General meeting were approved as read by Secretary Mick Mattiace.

Financial Report: The financial report was passed out by Executive Secretary Harold Primrose, stating a balance of \$ 2,773.51 as of March 12, 1975. It was moved by Jim Schulz and seconded by Bill Freese to accept the financial report of the Ex. Sect.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Dick Wagner reported that at this time no further action has been taken on the Shrine All-Star Baseball Game.

- 2/ Appreciated the work that the chairman did in contacting the coaches on the various committees.
- 3/ A special thank you to Orville Madden, for the outstanding work he did on the Hall of Fame Committee. Also congratulation to Orville Madden, for being selected to the Iowa High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT: Pinky Primrose, reviewed the Clinic Personalities.

- 2/ All clinic speakers are scheduled to arrive for the program on time.
- 3/ Jay Hankins, Former K.C. Athletic player will be added to the program.
- 4/ Proposed an increase in Executive Secretary's expenses from a fee of \$ 360.00 to a fee of \$ 480.00 for 1975-76.
- 5/ Reported that figures for Income tax have to be made by March 31.
- 6/ Lower the price of late registration fee from \$5.00 to a fee of \$ 2.50.
- 7/ All-District Committee hold their meeting till Friday mornings General meeting.
- 8/ All State Committee also plan to have their meeting on Friday morning.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE REPORT: Orville Madden read the letter that was written to the members of the Hall of Fame Committee. The letter was submitted to the Secretary. Some of the major points of the letter were:

- a/ Procedure and tabulation of ballots of this years Hall of Fame enductee's
- b/ A badge is given to each Hall of Fame Member present at the Clinic. The badge was designed by Mr. Madden and ordered.
- c/ In February, Mr. Madden made up a letter inviting each Hall of Fame member plus those to be inducted on March 14, 1975 to the Hall of Fame meeting.

d/ Brief outline of the Guide lines to be followed in selecting Hall of Fame members.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: Jim Schulz recommended to have by laws included in the constitution specifically in the organization of conducting a meeting. The Constitution Committee decided to meet again Friday morning.

COMMUNICATION: Recommendation of looking into the Meadlist Industry taking over our baseball Association Clinic next year. Recommendation was tabled for later discussion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: a/ Expressed appreciation to I.H.S.A.A. for their financial support to our annual baseball clinic.

b/ Tournament sites, centrally located with arrangement to cover the field with a canvas.

NEW BUSINESS: a/ Chair election of hiring Pinky Primrose as Executive Secretary for 1975-76. It was moved by Jim Schulz, seconded by Bill Freese to offer Pinky Primrose the Executive Secretary job for another year. Carried.

b/ It was moved to accept the proposed 75-76 budget by the Executive Secretary. Ray Randall made this motion, seconded by Dave Hoyt, Carried.

c/ President Wagner called a voting by the district.

#### CALENDAR DATES OF ASSOCIATION:

a/ Board of Directors Meeting, March 11, 1976, 7:30 p.m.

b/ Baseball Clinic Dates, March 12, 13, 1976, Cedar Rapids Washington.

c/ July 19 or 20th 75 All District Meetings.

It was moved by Dean Witmer, Seconded by Lowell Grunwald to accept the proposed calendar. Carried.

BASEBALL NEWSPAPER: Mike Kielkopf, Editor of the baseballnews paper EXTRA INNINGS outlined the possibilites of publishing a baseball newspaper similar to the Predicment wrestling paper. The first edition would come out May 1st published twice a month. Subsribtion cost\$ 3.50 for single subscription and \$3.00 (per bundle 10 or more copies) Eight issues will be published.

Coaches have to take an active part in the paper, during the season coaches should send in 5 box scores, 1 feature article per school.

This is a tremendous opportunity to boast baseball in Iowa. Encourage bundle packs to your team.

ADJOURNMENT: Dick Core moved and Jim Ellwanger seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Carried. Adjournment at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Mick Mattiace, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MARCH 14, 1975 MORNING

Meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Dick Wagner. Minutes of the Board Meeting Thursday night were & approved. Executive Secretary read Minutes of last year's General Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: Pinky asked for help by coaches for evaluation of clinic. We need a strong meeting in July (District meeting)

a/ 393 membership as of today--down 50 from last year, at this time.

ALL DISTRICT REPORT: Lowell Grunwald gave previous 13 priorities for selecting All District Teams. A new format was suggested by the committee.

- 1/ Number of votes for nominated candidates
- 2/ Nomination of player by own coach
- 3/ Degree of difficulty of schedule.
- 4/ Any previous All-State recognition.
- 5/ Any previous All-District Recognition.
- 6/ Nomination from floor by nomination committee.
- 7/ Year in school by the player.
- 8/ Coach is member of Baseball Association.

Four other suggestions for District Chairman to follow.

- 1/ Majority vote of committee members present for each position chosen at All-District meeting.
- 2/ Use seasonal batting averages only--not conference average.
- 3/ All District Chairman contact coach of player nominated 5 times and ask why player was not nominated by own coach.
- 4/ Conference Representatives attend All District meeting.
- 5/ Each school get 1 vote at District meeting.

Discussion followed as to who is eligible to vote for All District. All coaches can vote for the preliminary vote. At the All District meeting only members of the Association may vote (1 vote per school)

ALL STATE COACHE COMMITTEE: Marv Thelen recommended that coaches that are nominated by the committee have a statement about themselves to help in the selection on the final vote.

HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE: Orval Madden made six recommendations: 1/ Place Fridays Hall of Fame meeting with time and room number in the program print up. 2/ Try to get all of the pictures of the Hall of Fame members and place on a board to be displayed at the clinic and at the Hall of Fame Meeting. 3/ In the giving of the plaques to those members who have not received them, give preference to those who attended the clinic last year. 4/ Try to get some of the outstanding people participating in the clinic to appear before the "Hall of Fame" meeting on Friday. 5/ Print the guidelines or rules complete in the new-letter. 6/ Chairman set time for meeting of his committee and have this included in the program.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Dick Core gave his report, 1/ Membership progressing each year. 2/ Clinic has been very successful 3/ District Rep. whor on memberships 4/ Include more high school coaches as speakers on clinic staff. 5/ Possibility of moving clinic to other parts of state.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Bill Freese recommended the report be approved. Bill Sapp moved and was seconded by Lowell Grunwald to accept report. Passed.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Bill Freese submitted the following names for nomination  
President: Jim Jagim; Vice President, Dave Hoyt; Treasurer, Mick Mattiace.  
Secretary: Jim Schulz & Dennis Olejniczak. Jim Schulz was elected.

NEW BUSINESS: Lowell Grunswald moved that his recommendations be adopted by  
association. Seconded by Marv Thelen. Motion carried.

Marv Thelen moved that each of the 3 District Coach of Year nominees in each  
of the 5 District furnish information and/or statistics about himself. This  
information accompany both the ballot for all District Coach and the ballot  
for the State Coach of the Year. Seconded By Dean Witmer Carried.

SUGGESTION OFOR GOOD OF ASSOCIATION: Discussion followed concerning the  
summer state tournament.

JIM JAGIM, PRESIDENT talked about some of his goals.

- 1/ Want to get more A coaches involved.
- 2/ Get new blood on committees.
- 3/ Follow many of Dic's recommendations.
- 4/ Looking for a good year.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 Noon.

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