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If you would like to be a member of the High School Football Coaches of America, you can join this organization by contacting the following:

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P.O. Box 647

Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

The cost of memberships is \$5.00 per year.

PLACEMENT UPDATE

Past MHSFCA President Dave Driscoll of Jackson Parkside High School is providing the following service for the membership of the Association.

If you are looking for a coaching position or your school is looking for a football coach, please contact Mr. Driscoll. He will try to keep the membership informed of current coaching positions.

If you have open dates on your football schedule or if you are looking for a pre-season scrimmage, you might also contact Coach Driscoll. His mailing address is Jackson Parkside High School, Jackson, Michigan 49203. This is a tremendous service for our members and we are most appreciative to him for his efforts on our behalf.

NEW DIRECTORS ELECTED

At the February meeting of the MHSFCA, the members voted on the directors for the odd regions. The results of the voting are on page 2, first column, of this issue. The new officers for the Association are also listed.

MHSFCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The Spring Meeting for the Board of Directors and Alternates will be Friday, March 25, 1977, at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School starting at 5:30 p.m.

Newsletter

The Newsletter is the official publication of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association with the expressed aim of keeping the membership informed.

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PRESIDENT MUHLENKAMP'S MESSAGE

As your new president I am honored and very privileged to serve this association. This office has been filled by some of Michigan's great coaches and they have created a tough act to follow, but with the help of the officers, directors, alternates, and all members I will do my best to keep the strong tradition alive.

We, as an association, are now starting our sixth year of existence. We have come a long way but yet have a lot of ground to cover. There are many items which our committees will be considering this year. The two items on the top of the priority list will be: 1) To assist the state in keeping and improving the play-offs, and 2) To continue to have the finest clinic for high school football coaches in the state. Also, our Rules, All-Star, Finance, Honorary, and Scholarship Committees will be very active working to better football in the state of Michigan.

Many times during the past year many of you have mentioned, "as a member what can I do?". First, at the regional level, offer your assistance to the regional director and secondly when the regional elections are held write to our Secretary-Treasurer and get your name on the ballot so you can help at the director's level.

At anytime, if you have an item which you want the Board of Directors to consider contact your regional director so he can present the item at the next meeting. The item will either be considered as New Business or be turned over to one of our committees. The Board of Directors will be meeting four times a year during the Clinic, at the basketball finals, in the summer, and in December.

SPECIAL THANKS

All members of the MHSFCA would like to thank the Ann Arbor Board of Education, Dr. Milo White, principal of Ann Arbor Pioneer High School and especially Mr. Chuck Ritter, head football coach at Pioneer, for their wonderful hospitality and the use of Pioneer High School for our annual football clinic. For the past year Coach Ritter prepared for the clinic and much of the success of the clinic was due to his efforts.



Dar Christianson shares some thoughts about his powerful Flint Southwestern Football Team with those attending the MHSFCA Clinic.

MHSFCA Honorary Membership

Any MHSFCA member can submit in writing a nomination for honorary membership in the MHSFCA by November 15, 1977, to the Honorary Membership Committee Chairman:

Al Fisher

Battle Creek Lakeview High School
300 S. 28th Street
Battle Creek, Michigan 49015

The following guides may be used in awarding honorary memberships:

1. Sports writers who have aggressively supported football over a period of years.
2. Coaches who have retired after 20 or more years as an active coach and who have performed some meritorious service for the association or the game.
3. Dedicated individuals who have contributed outstanding services to the development of football.

Those awarded Honorary Membership will receive a lifetime Honorary Membership and a Certificate of Recognition.

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

The coaches who attended the MHSFCA Football Clinic at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School were asked to fillout a questionnaire dealing with a possible All Star Football Game for the State of Michigan, Quarter Finals for the MHSAA Football Play-Offs, and possible rule changes. The following is the results of the questionnaire.

All Star Committee

1. Are you in favor of a Michigan High School All-Star Football Game?
Yes 156 (64%) No 87 (36%)
2. Would take an active part if asked to do so?
Yes 163 (69%) No 74 (31%)
3. Would you be willing to help sell tickets to members of your football team, athletic department, school members, and community?
Yes 173 (74%) No 61 (26%)

Play-Off Committee:

1. Would you like to see Quarter-Finals added to the present MHSAA Football Play-Offs?
Yes 213 (88%) No 30 (12%)

Rules Committee:

1. Should the number limitation (3) be removed from summer workouts?
Yes 167 (68%) No 77 (32%)
2. Are you in favor of using dummies and blocking shields during the week of conditioning?
Yes 210 (86%) No 36 (14%)
3. Are you in favor of developing more continuity on the MHSAA Football Committee; in alternate years several members be appointed to two-year instead of the present one year term.
Yes 206 (87%) No 30 (13%)

STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT HOLLAND

The annual MHSFCA football clinic has again been a success and a catalyst for launching the ideals and principles of our association for the coming year of 1977. Under the leadership of President-elect Ivan "Ike" Muhlenkamp, the officers and directors of our association will continue to work for the betterment and growth of football in Michigan.

In four years Michigan high school football, under the direction of MHSFCA, has advanced far beyond anyone's imagination. We have had two state high school football playoffs with the 1976 season being climaxed at the Pontiac Silverdome. It was truly a spectacular event for those who witnessed it and an experience unparalleled by those communities, schools, coaches, and players who participated in it. It was without a doubt a professional display of sportsmanship for all of us associated with this game of football.

The association's traditional election of "Coach of the Year" again produced four outstanding grid mentors and regional coaches from our four A, B, C, and D regions in 1976. Our honorary membership committee has continued to recognize the writers, announcers, superintendents, athletic directors, and coaches who helped promote and encourage football excellence in Michigan.

The 1976 rules committee has worked closely with the association membership and the state athletic association in promoting, instituting, and recommending new rule changes on a national and state level.

Within the state itself our association has worked cooperatively and professionally with the MHSAA, the representative council, the MHSCA, and all the other coaches associations in bettering the game of football in the State of Michigan. I am proud of our harmonious relationship with all of these groups in helping make interscholastic athletics a total part of our educational process for all of the young people who perform athletically in our state.

It has been an honor for me this past year to serve as president of the MHSFCA and become a continuing part of its growth and tradition in furthering football in Michigan.



The following received Class A Regional Coach of the Year Awards at the annual MHSFCA Football Clinic: (left to right) Al Quick (Midland Dow), Jim Ooley (Traverse City), Larry Harp (Muskegon), Dar Christianson (Flint Southwestern), Ralph Perriello (Ypsilanti), Don Blanchard (Kalamazoo Loy Norris), Jack Reardon (Livonia Stevenson), Jerry Lutri (Westland John Glenn), John Herrington (Farmington Harrison), Ron Ruzzin (East Detroit), Bob Radlinski (Sterling Heights), and Michael D'Angelo (St. Clair Shores).



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