



NHSACA 1st President

Fred Garretson, Ohio

Convention: Cincinnati, OH 1966

FRED T. GARRETSON (1920-2014)

Fred T. Garretson was the first President of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association 1965-66. He was born in Handley, West Virginia, May 5, 1920. He attended Huntington HS where he was a Pole Vault State Champion. He joined the United States Army in 1940 and fought in the Battle of the Bulge for which he was awarded the Bronze Star. He married Virginia in 1942. They were married 63 years and had seven sons. He graduated from Miami University and taught bookkeeping and coached football, track, and swimming. Fred and Virginia loved to travel in their camper. They visited all 50 states and several foreign countries. Fred received the Dwight Keith Award in 1991. Fred passed away March 12, 2014.



NHSACA 2nd President

Carey McDonald, Florida

Convention: Miami, FL 1967

CAREY E. McDONALD (1925- 2020)

Carey McDonald was born in Waycross, Georgia on July 26, 1925. He attended Waresboro HS and graduated as salutatorian in 1942. He went to South Georgia Junior College where he lettered in basketball and was in the US Naval Reserve Program. After graduation he entered the US Navy which he left in 1946. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1947 and went to work at Callahan HS in Florida. He was AD and Basketball Coach for 10 seasons. He also met Martha and they were married and had 2 children. Carey went to Ocala HS in 1957 and retired from coaching in 1964. His Wildcats won the Basketball State Championship in 1958. He continued at Ocala HS as assistant and then principal, retiring in 1972. During that time, he also served as NHSACA President 1966-67. He then took on the Florida Athletic Coaches Association as Executive Director. He added the job as Executive Director of the NHSACA in 1973. In 1977 he gave up the Florida Coaches Association and continued with the National till 1988. Under his leadership the NHSACA flourished. Carey was known for his excellent memory and organizational skills. He attended 57 straight Final Four Tournaments and over 25 Masters tournaments. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1984. Carey received the award named for him, The Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2015. Carey McDonald passed away July 29, 2020.





NHSACA 3rd President
Alvin Duke, Oklahoma
Convention: Tulsa, OK 1968

ALVIN C. DUKE (1923-1988)

Alvin C. Duke was born in Ladonis, TX, November 3, 1923. He graduated from Vinita HS and attended the University of Arkansas where he received his B.S. in 1941 and his Master in 1951. He played one year for the Chicago Bears and served in the Navy Air Corp during WW II. He was also in the CIA for 2 years. During his coaching career he won 12 conference championships, 10 district and 3 state championships at Enid HS in Oklahoma. He served as President of the State Coaches as well as the National High School Coaches Association 1967-68. He was married to Jean and they had three children. He passed away in 1988.



NHSACA 4th President
Bill Rockwell, California
Convention: San Francisco, CA 1969

WILLIAM S. ROCKWELL (1913-1970)

Bill (Rock) Rockwell was born February 19, 1913. He went to St. Mary's College where he set the schools' all-time basketball scoring record which stood for 11 years. He coached at Oakland's Fremont HS from 1942-55. From there he went to Oakland City College. He was well-known as a coach that taught the fundamentals. In 1957 he helped start the California Coaches Association. He served as Executive Secretary and kept it going. The Bill Rockwell Award is the highest award given by the California Coaches Association for service. He served as President of the NHSACA in 1968-69. He had retired from coaching and took over as athletic director at Merritt College in Oakland shortly before his death. He fell to his death down a 400 ft. cliff while backpacking with a friend on May 29, 1970.



NHSACA 5th President
Paul Smarks, Michigan
Convention: Chicago, IL 1970

PAUL SMARKS (1903-1976)

Paul Smarks was born in 1903. He coached 32 years at Lapeer HS. In 1949 he moved to Warren Fitzgerald HS. He was the founder of the Michigan High School Coaches Association in 1953. He donated \$50,000 to start the MHSCA Hall of Fame at Central Michigan University. He served as NHSACA President in 1969-70. Paul passed away in 1979.





NHSACA 6th President

Pinky Babb, South Carolina

Convention: Atlanta, GA 1971

JULIUS WISTAR "PINKY" BABB JR. (1916-1983)

Pinky Babb was born December 6, 1916 in Princeton, South Carolina. He played college football at Furman University and was all state in 1936. He coached at Greenwood HS for 39 years and won 9 state championships. He won 346 games in his career. Pinky also coached baseball and won a state championship in 1966. He helped found the NHSACA and served as President in 1970-71. He was the NHSACA Football Coach of the Year in 1975.

He was inducted into the State Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1973 and the National in 1976. He was the 1981 Dwight Keith Award recipient. He was married to Elizabeth and they had a daughter and a son. He retired in 1982 and was in declining health before his death, November 26, 1983.



NHSACA 7th President

Tom McVay, Oklahoma

Convention: Pueblo, CO 1972

TOM McVAY (1920-2005)

Tom McVay was born December 7, 1920 in Wildsville, Louisiana. He graduated from Stuttgart HS as a four-sport letterman and All State Football player in 1939. He had a scholarship to the University of Arkansas but served in the military instead. He married Helen Boals in 1941. He enrolled in Southeastern Oklahoma State in Durant, OK in 1947 and was a three-sport letterman. He played semi-pro baseball. He started coaching at Antlers HS in 1949. He spent 2 years at Antlers, 6 years at Maysville (2 State Championships), and 1 year at Wetumka. He then moved to Beaver HS where he spent 15 years and won 3 State Football Championships. The football stadium at Beaver was named for him in 1996. Tom then went to Durant HS for 3 years and finished his career at Dickson HS in 1979. He joined the Oklahoma Coaches Association in 1951 and served as President 1967-68. He was President of the NHSACA 1971-72 and inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2001. He and Helen were married 59 years and had 6 children. He passed away March 30, 2005.





NHSACA 8th President
Bill Farthing, Wyoming
Convention: Jackson Hole, WY 1973

BILL FARTHING

Bill Farthing was born April 8th. He started coaching at Morton High School in 1958. He was an assistant coach in three sports. In 1960 he moved to Powell where he taught mathematics and was head track coach until 1976. During that time, he also spent some time as an assistant football coach, assistant basketball coach, and head football in 1974-75. He helped write the Wyoming Coaches Association constitution and started the WCA "Coach of the Year."

He served as Executive Secretary of the Wyoming Coaches Association from 1964-66. In 1966 he was named a Charter Member for the NHSACA. Bill served as President of the NHSACA 1972-73. Bill left the education field in 1976 to help his parents with their real estate business. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1995. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2011. Bill was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2015.



NHSACA 9th President
Tom Monahan, Connecticut
Convention: New Haven, CT 1974

THOMAS R. MONAHAN (1918-2003)

Thomas Monahan was born June 12, 1918 in Bristol, Connecticut. He went to Scarborough Prep in New York and played three sports there and then attended Columbia University where he played quarterback and halfback on the football team. Tom was drafted into the US Army Air Corps in September, 1941. When the war ended, he returned to Columbia and graduated. He got his master's degree from Columbia Teachers' College. He married Rose Fegan of Washington. They had 5 daughters. He returned to Bristol HS in 1948 to teach biology and coach basketball, baseball, and follow his father as AD in Bristol. Tom served as President of the NHSACA 1973-74. He received the first Dwight Keith Award in 1978. He retired in 1979. He received the Connecticut Sports Writers' Alliance Gold Key Award in 1984. Tom was a Charter Member for both the Connecticut and National Coaches Associations. He was inducted in the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1997. He passed away July 2, 2003.





NHSACA 10th President
Jimmy Bryan, Virginia
Convention: Orlando, FL 1975

JAMES BENTON "JIMMIE" BRYAN (1916-2005)

Jimmie Bryan was born April 4, 1916, in Staunton, Virginia. He graduated from Ohio University in 1941 and received a Master's in Administration in 1968. He also was given an honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters in 1986 from Lynchburg College. Jimmie and Neva were married for 65 years. They had a son and a daughter. Jimmie coached basketball at E.C. Glass High School for 27 years with a record of 478-94. He had four state championships and four 2nd

place finishes. Jimmie served as President of the NHSACA 1974-75. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1979. He was inducted in the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1996. He is known for saying "It is great to be alive in _____", wherever he happened to be. He served 3 terms as mayor and had the unofficial title of "Mr. Lynchburg". Jimmie passed away August 6, 2005.



NHSACA 11th President
Lloyd Gaskill, Colorado
Convention: Portland, OR 1976

LLOYD GASKILL (1912-1997)

Lloyd Gaskill was born June 8, 1912 in Flagler, Colorado. He graduated from Hugo High School in 1931 and from Colorado State Teachers College with a teaching degree in 1935. He began teaching and coaching in Limon and married his high school sweetheart Ethel Sherman. Lloyd taught business and coached football, basketball, and track till 1939. He and his wife operated Gaskill's Department Store in Holly and he went back and forth between the store and teaching several times. In 1959 he returned to teach and coach at Limon HS and stayed until he retired in 1977. Coach Gaskill had 8 unbeaten seasons and reached the state playoffs in 20 of his 29 years. Lloyd served as President of the NHSACA 1975-76. He was National Football Coach of the Year in 1981. Lloyd received the Dwight Keith Award in 1983. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the NHSACA in 1996. Lloyd passed away February 9, 1997.





NHSACA 12th President

Paul Briggs, California

Convention: Hampton, VA 1977

PAUL LEONARD BRIGGS (1920-2011)

Paul Briggs was born in Providence, Rhode Island April 18, 1920, and grew up in Grand Junction, Colorado. He lettered in wrestling and football and was chosen for the All-Star Football Team, graduating from Grand Junction HS in 1939. He attended Mesa Junior College and then played football for three years at the University of Colorado. Paul joined the Navy in 1943 and was stationed on the destroyer USS Daly. He earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Paul married Sally in May of 1946. They were married 63 years and had one daughter. Paul played for the Detroit Lions in 1948, but suffered a career-ending knee injury. Paul started coaching at Rocky Ford High School in Colorado in 1949. He was the head football coach at Bakersfield High School from 1953-85 with a record of 210-99-15. Paul was elected President of the California Coaches Association in 1964. Paul served as President of the NHSACA 1976-77. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1980. He left high school coaching and was the assistant at Orange Coast College from 1986 to 2005. Paul passed away February 14, 2011.



NHSACA 13th President

Bob Metcalf, Illinois

Convention: Tulsa, OK 1978

ROBERT LEO METCALF (1926-2020)

Robert Leo Metcalf was born in Elwood, Indiana, April 30, 1926. He attended Merrillville High School and entered the US Navy in 1944. Two years later he went to Valparaiso University where he set the scoring record in basketball. He married his high school sweetheart, Marjorie Reed, in 1947. They were married 70 years and had four daughters. Robert started his teaching career at Waterman HS. He was also at Glenbard West before going to University HS in Normal, IL in 1961. He received his doctorate from Indiana University in 1968. He retired in 1982. Robert was the Executive Director of the Illinois Coaches Association from 1974-82. He served as NHSACA President 1977-78. He was also awarded the Dwight Keith Award I 1999 and the Carey McDonald Citation in 1999. He is a member of the Illinois Golf and Basketball Halls of Fame as well as the NHSAA Hall of Fame. He made his first trip to China in 1980 as a basketball expert and made more than 10 trips to teach and coach basketball. Robert passed away April 16, 2020.





NHSACA 14th President

Bob Mosher, Florida

Convention: Orlando, FL 1979

ROBERT MOSER (1922-1999)

Robert (Bob) Moser was born in 1922. He coached at Winter Park High School for 33 years in track and field. He also coached football 16 years and was the AD for 18 years. He was named Track Coach of the Year in Florida 11 times. He served as President of the NHSACA 1978-79. He was the National Track Coach of the Year in 1982 and Athletic Director of the Year in 1985. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame and in 1989 won the Dwight Keith Award. Bob passed away February 13, 1999.



NHSACA 15th President

Max Hawk, South Dakota

Convention: Seattle, WA 1980

MAX HAWK (1933-2021)

Max Hawk was born March 19, 1933 in Wessington Springs, SD. He graduated from HS in 1951 and attended Northern State University, Aberdeen. He took out time to serve in the US Army during the Korean War and returned to the University to get his bachelor's and master's degrees. He married Jane Sheldon in 1956. He and Jane had 3 children. Max started teaching in Scotland, SD then went to Yankton in 1965 for the next 30 years.

He won 10 state football championships during that time. Max served as the Executive Director of the South Dakota Coaches Association for 40 years. He was NHSACA President 1979-80 and attended 50 consecutive conventions. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1985. He was National Football Coach of the Year in 1986. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1996. He also received the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 1997. Max passed away January 22, 2021.





NHSACA 16th President
Larry McHugh, Connecticut
Convention: Biloxi, MS 1981

LARRY McHUGH

Larry McHugh attended Notre Dame High School in West Haven, CN. He graduated from Southern Connecticut State College in 1962. He played football and was a member of the National All-American Academic Team. He played professionally for the New York Titans in 1961. Larry then began his teaching career at Dunham HS. He next coached at Xavier from 1963-83 with a record of 152-36-6. Larry was National Football Coach of the Year in 1973. He served as NHSACA President 1980-81. He was inducted into the CHSCA Hall of Fame in 1984 and in 1985 was given a Gold Key by the Connecticut Sports Writers Association. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1986. He was inducted into the NHSCA Hall of Fame in 1997. He received the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2018. He also served as the President of the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce for 40 years.



NHSACA 17th President
Joe Tunnell, Oklahoma
Convention: Indianapolis, IN 1982

JOSEPH TUNNELL (1937-2021)

Joe Tunnell was born September 18, 1937 in Chickasha, OK. He graduated from Rush Springs HS in 1955 and East Central University in 1959. He played football in high school and college. He earned his masters from ECU in 1963. He coached at Lindsey and Rush Springs for a total of 41 years with a record of 322-137-7. Joe served as NHSACA President 1981-82. He was the National Football Coach of the Year in 1991. He was inducted in the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1997. He retired from teaching in 2000, but continued serving the Oklahoma Coaches Association as Exhibits/Clinic Coordinator for the next 20 years. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2016. Joe passed away March 2, 2021.





NHSACA 18th President

Charlie Grisham, Georgia

Convention: Albuquerque, NM 1983

CHARLES GRISHAM (1931-1999)

Charlie Grisham was born February 1, 1931. He graduated from Blount County High School and played football at Jacksonville State University. He also received a masters' degree from Auburn University and West Georgia College in Carrollton. He started at Carrollton in 1956 as an assistant coach and became the head football coach and athletic director in 1958. He spent 28 years compiling a record of 261-70-13. He won 5 state titles during that time. He was

married to Yvonne. Charlie was inducted into the Georgia State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1974 and was National High School Football Coach of the Year in 1981. He served as President of the NHSACA 1982-83. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1998. Charlie passed away September 3, 1999.



NHSACA 19th President

Ed Kintz, Colorado

Convention: Lexington, KY 1984

EDWARD KINTZ

Edward Kintz was born in 1939. He graduated from Louisville HS in 1957 where he lettered in football, basketball, and track. He graduated from Colorado College in 1962 where he played football and was an All-Conference Quarterback in 1961. He started coaching at St. Mary's HS in Colorado Springs, then he was at Englewood for 3 years. He was at Mullen seven years, Pomona seven years and Bear Creek six years. He worked in arena football

then went back to high school at Golden for a few years. He made 9 play-off appearances during his career. Ed served as President of the NHSACA 1983-84. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1988. He was the Teacher/Coach of the year in Colorado in 1994. He served 13 years as the Colorado High School Coaches' Association Executive Secretary. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2008.





NHSACA 20th President
Bob James, Michigan
Convention: Denver, CO 1985

ROBERT JAMES

Bob James was the head football coach at Warren HS for 15 years and won 74% of his games. He was the athletic director at Warren for 32 years. He was Coach of the Year in Michigan in 1953. He was President of the Michigan High School Coaches Association and served as President of the NHSACA 1984-85. He was married to Agnes.



NHSACA 21st President
Gary Brines, Washington
Convention: Orlando, FL 1986

GARY HOWARD BRINES (1936-2013)

Gary Brines was born in Centralia, WA, July 7, 1936. He attended Washington State University for one year, then graduated from the University of Puget Sound in 1958 where he lettered in football and baseball. He married Miss Spencer and they had four children. He taught at Centralia and Toppenish HS before moving to Federal Way in 1965. He coached basketball and tennis and then became the athletic director, retiring in 1984. He served as President of the NHSACA 1986-86. He served as Executive Director of the NHSACA. Gary passed away June 30, 2013.



NHSACA 22nd President
Bob Wood, Michigan
Convention: New Orleans, LA 1987

ROBERT GORDON WOOD (1941-2019)

Bob Wood was born May 23, 1941. He graduated from Grosse Pointe University School in 1959 and earned a teaching degree from Elizabethtown College. He began his career at Harrisburg Academy in Pennsylvania. He then returned to his alma mater and spent 38 years at University Liggett School. His boys' and girls' teams won 39 state championships. Bob was the first tennis coach to be inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations Hall of Fame. He was the NHSACA Tennis Coach of the Year in 1981. He served as President of the NHSACA in 1986-87. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1993. Bob was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1997. The tennis center at University Liggett School was named for Bob in 2002. Bob also directed the Country Club of Detroit Day Clamp from 1969 to 2013. Bob married Sharon and they had four children. He is survived by his wife, Kathy. Bob Wood passed away February 16, 2019.





NHSACA 23rd President
Gelaine Orvik, North Dakota
Convention: Cromwell, CT 1988

GELAINE ORVIK

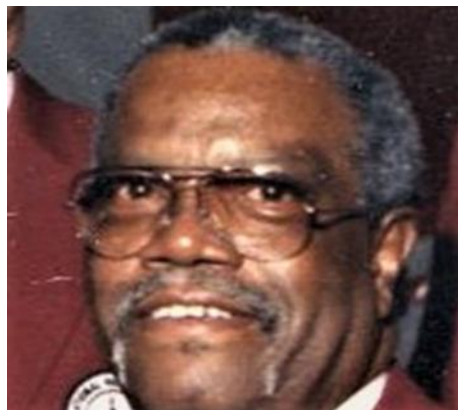
Gelaine Orvik was born March 13th. He was the head boys track coach at Fargo South High School for 30 years. He won six state championships and three more indoor championships. He was inducted into the North Dakota High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993 and in the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1997. He was National Track and Field Coach of the Year in 1995. Gelaine served as President of the NHSACA 1987-88. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1999. He served as the Executive Secretary for the North Dakota Coaches. He was also the NHSACA Executive Director. He received the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2016. Gelaine is married to Linda.



NHSACA 24th President
Frank Parks, Washington DC
Convention: Phoenix, AZ 1989

FRANK E. PARKS, JR. (1930-2013)

Frank Parks was born August 11, 1930. He was a teacher, coach and administrator at Spingarn High School. He was President of the NHSACA 1988-89. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1992. He was inducted in the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1997. He was married to Helen and they had two daughters and five sons. He passed away October 24, 2013.



NHSACA 25th President
Jerry Miller, South Dakota
Convention: Nashville, TN 1990

JERRY P. MILLER

Jerry Miller was born September 25th. He held many coaching positions, including 20 years at Lincoln High School where he became the winningest football coach in school history. He also coached wrestling and track & field. Jerry served as the President of the NHSACA 1989-90. He was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 1997. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1998. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2004. He was inducted into the Lincoln High School Hall of Fame in 2008.





NHSACA 26th President

John Hemmer, Florida

Convention: Bismarck, ND 1991

JOHN C. HEMMER

John C. Hemmer was born May 8, 1943. He attended St. Francis Prep High School and went on to the University of South Carolina, graduating in 1966. He received his masters from Eastern Kentucky University in 1967. He was a Captain in the Air Force, serving from 1967 to 1971. He taught at Oak Ridge High School, Orlando FL from 1972 to 2003. In his 29 years as head track coach, he won 5 state championships and had 33 individual High School All-Americans.

He also coached football for 20 years at Oak Ridge. In 1992 he was an assistant manager for the Olympic Team. John was President of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association 1990-91. He was Track and Field NHSACA Coach of the Year in 1993. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1998. John received the Dwight Keith Award in 2012. He married Sandra and they had two children and five grandchildren.



NHSACA 27th President

Kathy Holloway, Louisiana

Convention: Denver, CO 1992

KATHY HOLLOWAY

Kathy Holloway was born June 19, 1947. She attended Poland High School and they won the Class C State Basketball championship in 1965. Kathy graduated from Louisiana State University. She taught math and p.e. and coached girls' basketball at Tiogo. They finished second in the state in 1972 and 1974. She taught at Bolton and later assisted in basketball as the girls got to the state semifinals in 2003. Kathy was President of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association 1991-92. She was the first woman in this position as well as in Louisiana. She was inducted into the LHSAA Hall of Fame in 1998. She received the Dwight Keith Award in 2003 and was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2012. Kathy received the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2014. The Kathy Holloway Woman of Inspiration Award was started in her honor in 2021 and she was the first recipient. Kathy was married to Charles and they had one son, Stewart.





NHSACA 28th President
John Fontana, Connecticut
Convention: Miami, FL 1993

JOHN J FONTANA (1934-2019)

John Fontana was born December 4, 1934 in Meriden, CT. He graduated from Southington High School and played basketball and baseball at American International College. He graduated with a degree in economics. He taught history and then became a guidance counselor at Southington. He coached baseball for 41 years. He was the Executive Director of the Connecticut High School Coaches Association for 31 years. John was named National Baseball Coach of the Year in 1983. John served as President of the NHSACA in 1992-93. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1996 and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1999. He was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2007. He was married to Dorothy and they had five children. John passed away October 21, 2019.



NHSACA 29th President
Dick Katte, Colorado
Convention: Des Moines, IA 1994

RICHARD KATTE

Dick Katte was born June 12th. He received his Master's Degree from Indiana University and began teaching at Denver Christian High School. He served as the head basketball coach for 49 years with 7 state championships and a record of 873-233. He was President of the NHSACA in 1993-94. John was named National Athletic Director of the Year in 1995. He was the National Boys Basketball Coach of the Year in 1996. He went into the National Hall of Fame in 1998. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2000.





NHSACA 30th President
Don Prokes, Florida
Convention: Tucson, AZ 1995

DONALD R. PROKES

Don Prokes was born October 17th. He graduated from Clearwater High School. Don graduated from the University of Florida and is a die-hard Gator. As a swimming coach, Don had 15 Florida State Swim Championships and 13 Runner-ups. He had 43 District Swim Championships and 48 Conference Swim Championships. Don was the National Swimming Coach of the Year in 1990. Don served as the President of the NHSACA 1994-95. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 1997. He was inducted in the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2003. Don was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2011. He also served as the Executive Director of the NHSACA for eight years.



NHSACA 31st President
Joe Newton, Illinois
Convention: Cromwell, CT 1996

JOSEPH NEWTON (1929-2017)

Joe Newton was born April 13, 1929. Joe spent 57 years as the boys' cross-country coach at York High School in Elmhurst, Illinois. During that time, he won 28 state championships and 44 state trophies. He spent two years at Waterman HS before moving to York for the remainder of his career. He was the NHSACA National Cross-Country Coach of the Year in 1975. He was the first high school coach to serve as an assistant manager in charge of the marathon runners for the US team at the 1988 Olympics. Joe was the President of the NHSACA 1995-96. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1997. Joe passed away December 9, 2017.





NHSACA 32nd President
Wayne Carney, South Dakota
Convention: Sioux Falls, SD 1997

WAYNE W. CARNEY

Wayne Carney was born October 17th. He graduated from Pine Island High School in Minnesota in 1966 and from the University of South Dakota in 1970. He coached boys' basketball at Agar and at Hamlin for a total of 24 years, winning more than 300 games. He coached Hamlin to a state championship in 1983. He was also serving as the athletic director at each of the schools as well as the activities director at Sioux Falls Washington from 1994-2001.

Wayne was the executive director of the South Dakota High School Activities Association from 2001 to 2017. He was the NHSACA President 1996-97. He was inducted into the SDHSCA Hall of Fame in 1993 and into the National Hall of Fame in 2004. Wayne received the Dwight Keith Award in 2001 and the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2010. He is married to Carol and they have three children; Julie, Shari and Shad.



NHSACA 33rd President
Nick Zeoli, Connecticut
Convention: Washington, DC 1998

NICHOLAS ZEOLI (1923-2022)

Nick Zeoli was born July 1, 1923 in Saugatauk. He graduated from Staples High School and gave up a college scholarship to join the navy at the start of World War II. He served 4 years in the Pacific on the USS Boston. After the war he graduated from Arnold College and in 1952 married Jody and they had three children. Joe was hired at Wilton High School as and physical education teacher and football coach. Later, he became the athletic director. When he retired in

1994, the fieldhouse was named for him. Nick was named NHSACA Athletic Director of the year in 1987. Nick served as the President of the NHSACA 1997-98. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2000. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2002. Nick Zeoli passed away April 19, 2023.





NHSACA 34th President

Bo Whitelock, Arizona

Convention: San Diego, CA 1999

BO "BEAR" WHITELOCK (1952-2021)

Bo Whitelock was born December 15, 1952. He started teaching at Mesa Junior High in 1975. He taught at high schools in Lake Havasu, Ajo, Duncan, Window Rock and in Tempe. He became an administrator at Ajo High and served as athletic director and principal. He coached boys' basketball and won state championships at Window Rock and Ajo High. He cared about the hardships kids faced on the Navajo Nation. He really helped them and listened to them. Bo was president of the NHSACA 1998-99. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2005. He was awarded the Carey E McDonald Citation in 2015. Bo was married to Kim for 22 years. Bo Whitelock passed away December 21, 2021.



NHSACA 35th President

John McGinnis, Oklahoma

Convention: Lincoln, NE 2000

JOHN CLANTON MCGINNIS

John McGinnis was born September 10th. John served in Vietnam. He began teaching at Jenks High School in 1975 and stayed until 1994. Under his coaching, Jenks won 13 boys and girls state cross country titles. John was the principal at Memorial 2000-06. He was the president of the NHSACA 1999-2000. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2006. John was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2012.



NHSACA 36th President

Sara Kinney, Illinois

Convention: Fargo, ND 2001

SARA METCALF KINNEY

Sara Kinney was born August 22, 1953. She attended high school at University High in Normal, Illinois. She went on to get her BA in English and Physical Education at Illinois State University and later her Masters also. Sara taught English and PE at Chillicothe Junior High and coached basketball, volleyball, track & field and cheerleading. She coached basketball 37 years with a 631-392 record and a 4th place finish at state. She coached volleyball 19 years with a record of 642-146, with 5 runner ups and a state championship. Sara is in the Illinois Basketball Hall of Fame. She served as president of NHSACA 2000-01. She received the Dwight Keith Award in 2007 and the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2010. Sara was inducted in the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2021. She is married to David and they have two sons, Robert and Josh.





NHSACA 37th President

Jerry Wetzel, Iowa

Convention: Cromwell, CT 2002

JERRY WETZEL

Jerry Wetzel was born May 22nd. He graduated from Northwest Missouri State University and also received his Master's from Northwest. He coached at Bedford, Wayne and Indianola in Iowa. Jerry coached girls' basketball and track for 34 years. His basketball teams won 545 games. He coached many championship teams. He also umpired baseball and softball for more than 40 years. He served as the Executive Director of the Iowa Girls Coaches Association for 16 years. Jerry was National Girls Basketball Coach of the Year in 1995. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1996. Jerry served as the NHSACA President 2001-02. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2004 and the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2007. He is married to Beverly and they have a son Dave (Raylene) and two grandchildren.



NHSACA 38th President

Bruce Williams, Washington DC

Convention: Tulsa, OK 2003

MILTON BRUCE WILLIAMS

Bruce was born June 19th. He went to Edison High School in New Jersey. He graduated from Ohio Northern University in 1971. He taught and coached track and field at Spingarn Senior High School. He then moved to Woodson High School, Washington, DC in 1979. He also served as the Executive Director of the DC Coaches Association. Bruce was the NHSACA President 2002-03. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2004. Bruce was the National Boys Track and Field Coach of the Year in 2004. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2014.





NHSACA 39th President
John Hutchison, North Dakota
Convention: Las Vegas, NV 2004

JOHN HUTCHISON

John Hutchison was born May 1st. He attended high school at Hillsboro High School, ND. He went to Mayville State University and began teaching at Northwood HS in 1967. He served as the athletic director 42 years. He also coached boys' basketball for 29 years with two state appearances and a 4th place finish. He coached cross country for 20 years and was an assistant football coach 17 years. He coached track & field for 44 years. He was inducted into the

NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2002. John served as President of the NHSACA 2003-04. He was awarded the Carey E McDonald Citation in 2008. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2009. He was named National High School Athletic Director of the Year in 2012. John and Lonny have been married since 1968. They have one son, Dan (Adrienne) and two grandchildren. The gym floor at Northwood is named for the Hutchisons.



NHSACA 40th President
Gary Makowicki, Connecticut
Convention: Orlando, FL 2005

GARY W. MAKOWICKI

Gary Makowicki was born April 2nd. He received his BS from Central Connecticut State College in 1977 and his Masters from the University of Connecticut in 1983. He was at Norwich Free Academy from 1977 to 2005. He taught math and computer classes. He also coached girls track, basketball, and served as athletic director. His track teams won 10 state championships and in 2003 he was the NHSACA National Girls Track Coach of the Year. In 2015 he was

the National Athletic Director of the Year. Gary served as President of the NHSACA 2004-05. He was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2007. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2008. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2018. Gary also served as Interim Executive Secretary of the NHSACA.





NHSACA 41st President
Dave Oman, Nebraska
Convention: Branson, MO 2006

DAVID OMAN

Dave Oman was born June 2nd. He started coaching basketball at Table Rock, NE in 1969. Next, he went to Wilber-Clatonia, Norfolk, and then Grand Island. His total basketball coaching record is 483-369 with three state titles. He is the only coach outside of the Omaha and Lincoln areas to win a Class A State Championship. He was the NHSACA Basketball Coach of the Year in 2003. Dave served as President of the NHSACA 2005-06.



NHSACA 42nd President
Richard Tompkins, Michigan
Convention: Milwaukee, WI 2007

RICHARD DIEHL TOMPKINS (1946-2015)

Rich Tompkins was born April 20, 1946 in Shelby, MI. He graduated from Hart HS and then from Michigan State University with his BA. He taught at Fremont HS until 1997. His boys' cross country teams went 250-29-1, winning six state titles. His girls' cross country teams went 111-22. His boys track teams had 4 top ten finishes at the state meet. He also spent a few years teaching in China and was very active in his church. He served as President of the NHSACA 2006-07. Rich was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2003. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2010. He was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2016. He was the Executive Director of the Michigan High School Coaches Association. Rich and Carole were married in 1974. Rich Tompkins passed away July 21, 2015.



NHSACA 43rd President
Jim Brownfield, California
Convention: Colorado Springs, CO 2008

JAMES BROWNFIELD (1929-2014)

Jim Brownfield was born January 15, 1929 in Long Beach, CA. He graduated from Cal State LA in 1955. He coached in Southern California for more than 40 years. At Muir HS in Pasadena, his football teams won two Southern Championships and his track teams won two state titles. He also coached cross country, tennis and basketball. His girls track teams won 124 consecutive dual meets to set a state record. Jim was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 1998. He served as President of the NHSACA 2007-08. Jim had one daughter. He passed away March 3, 2014.





NHSACA 44th President

Harold Shephard, Iowa

Convention: Minneapolis, MN 2009

HAROLD SHEPHERD

Harold Shephard was born February 2nd. He coached at Elk Horn Kimballton, Jesup, and was an assistant coach at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. He went to Waterloo West and then Vinton Shellsburg where he spent the majority of his career. He went back to Waterloo West and finished with West Delaware, retiring in 2015. Harold coached 51 years with a record of 777-334 and two state championships. He also coached football, baseball, and boys' basketball. He was named National Girls Basketball Coach of the Year in 1997. Harold served as President of the NHSACA 2008-09. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002 and received the Dwight Keith Award in 2013. Harold is married to Kay and they have four daughters; Kim, Paige, Jessica and Libby.



NHSACA 45th President

Virg Polak, South Dakota

Convention: Sioux Falls, SD 2010

VIRGIL POLAK

Virg Polak was born June 26, 1954 in Redfield, South Dakota. He graduated from Tulare High School, SD in 1972. He received his BS from South Dakota State University in 1976. He spent two years at Summit High School before going to Watertown for the remainder of his career, teaching physical education and coaching football. He coached football 40 years with two runner-up and two state championship finishes. He also coached middle school track. He served as executive secretary of the South Dakota Football Coaches Association for 33 years. Virg served as President of the NHSACA 2009-10. He was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2012. He also was named National Boys Assistant Coach of the Year in 2012. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2013. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2018.





NHSACA 46th President

James Okler, Michigan

Convention: Grand Rapids, MI 2011

JAMES OKLER

Jim Okler was born March 28th. He graduated from New Boston Huron High School, received his associate degree in child development from Schoolcraft College, and a BS/BA in administration and management from the University of Phoenix. He began his 40-year coaching career in cross country and track at New Boston Huron. He went to Grosse Ile Township Schools for the next 26 years as athletic director. He is now the Executive Director of the Michigan High School Coaches Association. Jim served as President of the NHSACA 2010-11. He was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2016. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2017. He is married to Christine.



NHSACA 47th President

Dave Dougherty, North Dakota

Convention: Fargo, ND 2012

DAVID DOUGHERTY

Dave Dougherty was born on January 19th. He graduated from Minot High School, Minot State University with a B.S. degree and The College of St. Scholastica with a M.S. degree in Education. Dave began his teaching and coaching career at Kenmare High School where he stayed for one year. He moved to Beach High School where he was named head wrestling and Boys Track and Field Coach. He also was the assistant football coach. Two years later, Dave moved to Watford City High School where he spent the rest of his high school teaching and coaching career (28 years) coaching wrestling, boys' track and football. He was the head coach in wrestling and track for 22 of those years. Dave was elected president of the ND Class B wrestling coaches and served in that position for 15 years. He served on the NDHSAA State Wrestling Advisory Board for 20 years and the NDHSCA Executive Board for 6 years, including serving as president. In 2005, Dave was appointed the National Sport Chair for Wrestling by the NHSACA. Three years later he was elected the 3rd vice president and served on the executive committee for 5 years. In 2013, Dave was selected to be the NHSACA Executive Director, a position he continues to hold. Dave was selected the NHSACA National Wrestling Coach of the Year in 2005, and was inducted into the NHSACA National Hall of Fame in 2010. Dave was married to Danell for 42 years prior to her death in 2022. They have 4 children: Chris (Christine), Aaron (Kim), Nikki (Darin) and Seth and 6 grandsons.





NHSACA 48th President

Jerry Horton, Iowa

Convention: Des Moines, IA 2013

JERRY HORTON

Jerry Horton was born April 1st. He graduated from Clearfield High School as a 10-time letter winner. He earned his BA and Masters Degrees from Northwest Missouri State University. Jerry started track programs at Winfield Mt. Union, Mount Ayr and Ballard of Huxley before settling in at Pekin of Packwood for 29 years. During his 37 years he had teams that finished in the top 10 at state meets five times with one runner-up finish. He also coached girls' basketball for 27 years with a 66% winning record. He coached softball for 12 years winning 70% of the games. He was named National Girls Track and Field Coach in 2002. Jerry Horton was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2005. He was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2007. Jerry served as President of the NHSACA 2012-13. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2019. Jerry is married to Karen and they have two sons, Gary and Robert.



NHSACA 49th President

Renee Schultz, Wyoming

Convention: Jackson Hole, WY 2014

RENEE SCHULTZ

Renee was born November 29th. Renee coached for 35 years. She coached junior high volleyball (149-43), basketball (72-48), boys and girls track, and boys' and girls' tennis. She was also an assistant high school boys' and girls' tennis coach (228-14) at Campbell County for 18 years including twelve state championships. Renee was the first woman to serve as President of the Wyoming Coaches and she served as their Executive Director for 18 years. She was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2010. Renee served as President of the NHSACA 2013-14. She was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2018. She received the Dwight Keith Award in 2023. Renee is married to Bill.





NHSACA 50th President

Robbie Robinson, Arizona

Convention: Rochester, MN 2015

ROBBIE ROBINSON

Robbie Robinson was born July 24th. Robbie earned a BA at Gustavus Adolphus College, MN and a Master Degree from the University of Iowa. He taught and coached at Brownton, MN (1953-1960), Mora HS, MN 1960-66, Mayo HS, MN (1966-88), and Mountain View HS, AZ, (1988-2010). At Mountain View, he coached boys track with a winning percentage of 96.08. He had 5 runner-up and 4 state championship finishes. Robbie was National Boys Track & Field Coach of the Year in 2008. He served as President of the NHSACA 2014-15. He was awarded the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2021.



NHSACA 51st President

Randy Johnson, North Dakota

Convention: Louisville, KY 2016

RANDY JOHNSON

Randy Johnson was born June 10th. He graduated from North Shore-Makoti HS. He received a BS in Mathematics and Physical Education from Minot State University. Randy spent his entire 31 years of coaching and teaching at Hazen. He coached junior high boys' and girls' basketball and junior high track and field. He also was an assistant in girls' basketball (one state title), assistant boys' basketball, and assistant track & field (11 state titles). As head track & field coach he had 2 state titles and 3 runner-up finishes. He also served as head boys' basketball coach and athletic director. He had 5,092 multi-team victories in Boys Track & Field and 333 basketball victories. Randy Johnson served as NHSACA President 2015-16. He received the Dwight Keith Award in 2021. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame in 2021. He is currently the North Dakota High School Coaches Association Executive Director.





NHSACA 52nd President

Joseph Cliffe, Illinois

Convention: East Peoria, IL 2017

JOSEPH CLIFFE

Joe Cliffe was born August 11th. He graduated from DeKalb High School where he wrestled to 4th in state twice and was on the 1968 State Championship Team. He attended Northern Illinois University and was a two-time Greco Roman Champion. He was a member of the 1973 University World Team and placed 6th in Moscow. He began his coaching career at Georgetown and then Plano where he had 5 state champions. He went to Prairie Central in 1996 and had a 243-109-4 record and 3 state champs. He also coached at El Paso-Gridley till 2019(48-26). His overall dual meet record is 557-264-11. Joe served as the NHSACA President 2016-17. He served again in 2019 due to a resignation. Joe is married to Laurie and they have two daughters; Jennifer and Haley.



NHSACA 53rd President

Dave Dolan, South Dakota

Convention: Sioux Falls, SD 2018

DAVID DOLAN

Dave, a native of Beresford, graduated from South Dakota University. He taught at Robbinsdale Elementary 5 ½ years and South Middle School for 28 ½ years. He was the assistant track & field coach 20 years and the head coach 18 years with 2 girls state championships and 4 runner-up finishes. He also had 8 runner-up performance on the boy's side. Dave coached football for 32 years, basketball at the middle school for 12 years and 4 years at Central High School. He also officiated basketball for 35 years. Dave was the National Boys Assistant Coach of the Year in 2015. Dave served as the NHSACA President 2017-18. He was inducted into the NHSACA Hall of Fame and received the Carey E. McDonald Citation in 2022.





NHSACA 54th President
Joseph Cliffe, Illinois
Convention: Bismarck, ND 2019

JOSEPH CLIFFE

Joe Cliffe was born August 11th. He graduated from DeKalb High School where he wrestled to 4th in state twice and was on the 1968 State Championship Team. He attended Northern Illinois University and was a two-time Greco Roman Champion. He was a member of the 1973 University World Team and placed 6th in Moscow. He began his coaching career at Georgetown and then Plano where he had 5 state champions. He went to Prairie Central in 1996 and had a 243-109-4 record and 3 state champs. He also coached at El Paso-Gridley till 2019(48-26). His overall dual meet record is 557-264-11. Joe served as the NHSACA President 2016-17. He served again in 2018-2019 due to a resignation. Joe is married to Laurie and they have two daughters; Jennifer and Haley.



No Convention in 2020
COVID-19 Pandemic

NHSACA 55th President
Ted Schroeder, Wyoming
Convention: Lincoln, NE 2021

TED SCHROEDER

Ted Schroeder was born July 24th. He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado. He began teaching at Rock Springs High School in Rock Springs, WY, in 1974 and stayed for 37 years. He coached football for 16 years and served as the head track and field coach for boys and girls starting in 1977. His team finished in the top four at state 12 times and he had 60 state champs. Ted served as the NHSACA President 2019-2021. He served an extra year because of the pandemic. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2016. Ted is married to Renee and they have two son, Darin and Todd.





NHSACA 56th President
Justin Davie, Iowa
Convention: Altoona, IA 2022

JUSTIN DAVIE

Justin was born May 17th. He went to Grundy Center Community Schools. He began teaching at Wapsie Valley Community School District in 2003. He has coached cross country, boys' and girls' basketball, boys track & field and baseball. He served as President of the NHSACA 2021-22.



NHSACA 57th President
Rocky Ruhl, Nebraska
Convention: Lincoln, NE 2023

ROCKY RUHL

Rocky was born January 12th. He went to Exeter High School in Exeter, Nebraska. He coached at Wayne High School in Wayne, Nebraska for 34 years. He coached boys' basketball, boys' and girls' cross country, boys track and field, and girls' basketball. He won 3 state championships in cross country and had 4 individual champions. His basketball teams also were state qualifiers 6 times. In Nebraska, Rocky is a Past President for the Nebraska Coaches Association. He has also served as a Basketball Advisory Representative and NSAA District 3 President. He received the Ed Johnson Memorial Basketball Coaching Award and the Nebraska School Activities Association Distinguished Service Award. He was the Athletic Director Sports Chair and was also a finalist for Athletic Director of the Year. He served as President of the NHSACA 2022-23.





NHSACA 58th President
Tim Wallstrum, North Dakota
Convention: Bismarck, ND 2024

TIM WALLSTRUM

Tim was born October 16th. He graduated high school from Kenmare, North Dakota. Tim received his bachelor degrees in History, Geography and Social Science from the University of North Dakota. He then attended the North Dakota Highway Patrol Academy and was a highway patrolman for two years. Mr. Wallstrum was called back to his alma mater, Kenmare High School, to teach and coach. He has been working at Kenmare Public School for 36 years. During his time at Kenmare Tim has coached volleyball, girls' basketball, baseball and softball. He has been the Head Volleyball Coach since the sport was sanctioned in North Dakota. His teams have amassed over 1,000 victories and have made five state title appearances, winning two of them. Tim has served as the Volleyball All-Start Co-Chair and was on the North Dakota High School Coaches Association Executive Board for six years. He was the President during 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. Tim was the NHSACA President during 2023-2024.



NHSACA 59th President
Dan Mitchell, North Dakota
Convention: Rapid City, SD 2025

DAN MITCHELL

Dan Mitchell was raised in Wayne, Nebraska, where he graduated from high school in 1980. He attended Wayne State College and was conferred a BA degree in 1984 and a Master of Science in Education degree in 1989. Dan moved to Yankton, South Dakota, in 1985 and began his teaching and coaching career at Yankton High School. He retired from Yankton High School in 2019 and returned to his alma mater, Wayne State College, where he is currently teaching in the Center for Applied Technology department. Dan was the chair of his department from 2019 to 2023. He continued his coaching career volunteering as an assistant to the football team at Beresford High School in Beresford, South Dakota until 2025. During his tenure at Yankton High School, Dan was an assistant wrestling coach (1985-1994), head wrestling coach (1994-1995) and assistant football coach (1985-2018). The Yankton Buck wrestling teams qualified 39 wrestlers for State and won 4 Conference Titles, a South Dakota State Championship (1986) and a State Runner-up title. The Yankton Buck Football teams won 12 Eastern SD Conference titles, 10 Region Titles, 6 Class 11AA State Championships and 4 Class 11AA State Runner-Up titles. Dan trained with





the National Strength and Conditioning Association's Fly Solo Program for High Schools in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and brought that program to Yankton where he supervised the YHS weight room on and off seasons from 2007 to 2017. Dan served as President of the South Dakota High School Coaches Association and has been a member of the Association's Board of Directors and Foundation Advisory Board. He has served as the South Dakota Football Coaches Association President and member of the Association's Board of Directors. Dan has served as the South Dakota Representative and Advisory Board member for the National Strength and Conditioning Association and was the Association's first-ever South Dakota High School Professional of the Year in 2016. Dan also served numerous years as a member of various committees, Board of Directors and Region VI Director of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association. He served as the NHSACA President in 2024-2025.