

# Insights Into the NASO Board Room

When NASO's board of directors meets three times a year, there is plenty to accomplish. All of the board members are officiating leaders who travel great distances to combine their knowledge in reviewing, formulating, planning, participating and directing NASO to greater heights.

Each of the 11 members is committed to two-year terms but more importantly committed to the care of NASO and its 16,000-plus members. The April board meeting is in Dallas, the October meeting is in Racine, Wis., where NASO is headquartered, and the July meeting is at NASO's annual Sports Officiating Summit, which is in Minneapolis this year.

Members of the board include: Barry Mano, NASO president; Sandra Hunt, board chair and FIFA and U.S. Soccer instructor and assessor as well as Pac-10 coordinator of soccer officials; Rick Wulkow, board vice chair and

executive director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association; Tom Robinson, board secretary and assistant commissioner of the Colorado High School Activities Association; Steven Shaw, NCAA D-I football referee; Dale Kelley, coordinator of basketball officials for five D-I conferences; Kathy Strahm, NCAA coordinator of softball umpires and leader of the Softball Umpire Improvement Program; Jack Bissell, New Jersey retired judge who once worked high school and small college ice hockey; Bill Kennedy, NBA official; Patty Viverito, senior associate commissioner of the Missouri Valley Conference and commissioner of the Missouri Valley Football Conference; and Don Collins, executive director of the California Interscholastic Federation-San Francisco section and longtime basketball official and lawyer.

Bill Carollo, former NFL official, Big Ten coordinator of football officials, and

former board member, serves as treasurer. Ron Foxcroft, founder of Fox 40 International, former college basketball official and ex-board member serves as a special adviser. Carollo and Foxcroft are not allowed to vote. Bill Topp, Referee Enterprises and NASO vice president of publishing and management services, attends the meetings but is not allowed to vote.

Each meeting is conducted in a Roberts Rules format, including a review of the minutes from the last meeting and acceptance, a review and approval of the budget and discussion of various agenda items. A quorum is needed before the board can vote with a majority needed to pass an item.

Meetings last four to six hours with breaks. The board's sub-committees — executive, nominating, awards, strategic development, insurance, investment and audit — also meet within that timeframe. □

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