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Collins Named Commish for San Francisco Section



Donald Collins

Donald Collins, a graduate of Yale Law School, has been named the commissioner of the CIF San Francisco Section. The San Francisco Section is one of the 10 sections that make up the CIF and consists of schools within the San Francisco Unified School District.

With an extensive background in government relations, law and management, Collins was an attorney and business consultant in San Francisco (1993 to 2001) prior to taking the commissioner post.

As an attorney, Collins developed legislative, public relations and media strategies for sports officials associations, high school leagues and other sponsors of amateur sports. Among his accomplishments, Collins drafted the text of California legislation making amateur sports officials independent contractors and testified on amendments to the Ted Stevens Olympic Sports Act, which modernized the U.S. Olympic Movement.

From 1997-98, Collins was an instructor/compliance assistant at Sonoma State University, where he taught legal writing and advised paralegal students. He also provided legal defense for student athletes alleged to have violated NCAA rules and helped established a minority advising program resulting in improved minority academic performance.

Collins served as a staff attorney/case management attorney for the United States Court of Appeals in San Francisco from 1989-93. He has contributed as an author to many publications including: "Winning the Sportsmanship Battle" (*Loan Newsnet*), and "Working With Teams and Leagues on Auxiliary Functions" (*Loan Newsnet*).

In Memoriam: Rants Touched Many Lives

As a principal, Dr. Hanford Rants had a unique way of dealing with troubled students. He took them under his wing, put them to work and turned them around. In essence, it was what Rants was all about. He believed in making a difference and then went out and made a difference.



Dr. Hanford Rants

Rants, a long-time principal at Gahr High School, died recently after a long battle with cancer. During a career in education that spanned 38 years, he touched the lives of many people and was highly regarded within the CIF family. He was a former president of the CIF Southern Section (1980-81) and served on the State CIF Federated Council from 1978-81.

Additionally, Rants worked as the foreign exchange program advisor for the State CIF and assisted for many years in the selection process for the highly recognized CIF Scholar-Athlete of the Year program. The City of Cerritos, along with the ABC School District, thought so highly of Rants that the group named a stadium built in Cerritos at Gahr High School "Hanford Rants Stadium."

Kiesel Next State Basketball Tournament Director



Dave Kiesel

A long-time educator, Dave Kiesel has been named the assistant tournament director for the CIF Northern Regional Basketball Championships and the CIF State Basketball Championships. He will assist Ray Bell, the current tournament director, in the management of both these events.

The following year, the tandem will switch roles as Kiesel will become the tournament director for NorCal and State Basketball and Bell will assist. Bell will retire following the 2003 state championships.

Kiesel has served as the commissioner of the Hayward Area Athletic League for the past nine years and has been the State CIF's officials assignor for NorCal and State Basketball the last three years.

A graduate of Stanford in 1963 with a B.A. in history, Kiesel spent two years in the Peace Corps and taught English to French speaking students (equivalent of junior high level) in Guinea, West Africa.

He returned to the United States in 1965 and spent a year teaching French in Crystal Lake Illinois before moving back to California. For 32 years, Kiesel was a history/social studies teacher in the Hayward Unified School District, including 24 years at Sunset High School and eight at Hayward High School.

In addition to teaching, Kiesel served as a high school basketball official for 25 years and also officiated at the women's division I collegiate level in the 1980's.

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