



Two New Members Join Committee; Two Rotate Off



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Two new members have joined the NFHS Officials' Quarterly Publications Committee, while two others have rotated off.

The two new members are **Don Collins** of San Francisco, California, and **Brad Hadley** of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Rotating off the committee after several years of exemplary service are **Tim Carr** of Salt Lake City, Utah, and **John Sowell** of Roseburg, Oregon.

Collins, who is an attorney and a former law school instructor, is the commissioner of athletics for the San Francisco Section of the California Interscholastic Federation. He has held that position since December 2001.

Collins has taught legal writing at the Hofstra (New York) University Law School, as well as the paralegal program at Sonoma State (California) University while assisting in its athletic department compliance office. He also served a five-year term as a staff attorney at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco. Collins has had more than 40 articles published on sports administration, sports officiating, legal issues affecting sports officials, and sportsmanship. He also has worked with teams of officials and attorneys on sports officials' independent contractor legislation, legislation criminalizing batteries committed upon sports officials, and on the 1997 amendments to the Olympic Sports Act.

Hadley, who earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Idaho, is a counselor at Taylorville Junior High School in the Idaho Falls (Idaho) School District. His wife Kristin teaches science and is the head track and gymnastics coach at Eagle Rock Junior High School.

Hadley has officiated high school softball 16 years, including seven state tournaments and six state title games; baseball for 12 years, including four state tournaments and one state title game; basketball for 14 years, including six state tournaments and three state title games on the girls side and five state tournaments and two state title games on the boys side; and football for three years. Within Idaho District VI, he was basketball rules interpreter for 17 years and softball rules interpreter for six years, has been an ASA umpire for 17 years and an American Legion umpire for eight years.

Carr, who has worked in high school athletics as a school administrator, coach and official, is a professor of education at Westminster (Utah) College. Carr was Utah's representative

to the NFHS Officials Association, and served as the NFHS Officials Association representative to the NFHS Citizenship Committee until spring 2003.

Carr has been a registered official in Utah for the past 35 years, officiated basketball from 1972 to 1986 and has worked as a football official from 1975 to 1978 and since 1986. He has officiated more than 70 football playoff games, including 12 state championships. In addition, he officiated 25 basketball playoff games and was evaluator of basketball officials in Utah from 1986 to 1993. Carr has been a leader locally with the Salt Lake City Football Officials Association since 1974, serving 10 years on its board of directors.

Carr does volunteer work for the Boys and Girls Club of Salt Lake City, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Utah, the Hispanic Leadership Foundation, and the United Way of the Greater Salt Lake Area. He is actively involved in developing initiatives to protect underserved people.

At the 2008 NFHS Summer Meeting, Carr received an NFHS Citation and was inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame.

Sowell works as a reporter covering county government and politics for The News-Review in Roseburg, Oregon. He has officiated high school sports since 1980, currently serves as president of the local softball umpires association and as secretary of the basketball officials association, and is past president of the football officials association.

He previously worked for *The Tri-City Herald* in Kennewick, Washington, and the *Seaside Signal* in Seaside, Oregon; and worked a previous stint at *The News-Review*. Sowell has received several awards from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, won the Oregon Special Olympics state media award, and won first place in spot news in the 1998 SPJ Pacific Northwest Excellence in Journalism competition.

Sowell has officiated football for 21 years, softball for 20 years and basketball for 13 years. He previously umpired baseball for 20 years. **OQ**

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