

MINUTES OF 2008 GCC ANNUAL MEETING

Date: December 8, 2008, 7:00 PM

Location: Green/White Clubhouse, Des Plaines, IL

Meeting Called to Order by President Steve Lough at 7:00 PM, Lough declaring a quorum with approximately 60 members being present.

Acknowledgment of Officials Assigned to Post Season

Lough acknowledged the numerous officials who were assigned to post season work. Approximately 50 GCC officials were assigned to NCAA, NCCAA, and NAIA post season tournaments as well as to the IHSA State Finals.

Acknowledgment of NISOA National Referee Program Candidates

Lough announced that George Ghawi, Khalaf Al-Latayfeh, Ninos Alexander and Nasko Ivanov are GCC's new National Candidates

Tentative Dates for 2008 Clinics

Lough announced that the tentative dates for the 2008 GCC clinics are: March date and time tbd, June 8 location tbd, and August 1 location tbd. Fitness tests to be conducted on 6/8 and 8/1.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Egeberg prepared a report for the members to review.

Assignors Reports

Ed Braun made his assignors report for 2008. Ed stressed the importance of updating availability after receiving DI assignments and prior to the time he makes local assignments.

Acknowledgment of Dr. Ray Bernabei

The membership honored the memory of Dr. Ray with a moment of silence.

Dick Giebner Award

Lough announced the creation of the Dick Giebner award created in honor of the instrumental founder of GCC and mentor of many GCC officials; shared the selection criteria; and urged the membership to contact the Board with suggestions or nominations

Acknowledgment of Outgoing GCC President Steve Lough

Vice –President Elie Ghawi shared some of Lough's accomplishments as President for the past 4 years and service on the Board since 1997. Ghawi then announced that Lough was awarded by vote of the GCC Board the honor of being a life member. Ghawi then presented Lough with a plaque commemorating his contributions to the Chapter and to NISOA. Lough then addressed the membership with some reflections on his time in office and thanked everyone for their support.

Elections

Nominating Chairperson Eli Ghawi announced that the following 2 year term Board positions were up for election:
President, Treasurer, and 2 at large positions.

Ghawi announced that current incumbent Larry Higgs would not be seeking re-election to one of the at-large positions and thanked Larry for the time he served with the Board.

Ghawi announced that only 2 persons had sought the open officer positions, John-Erik Anderson for President and incumbent Jim Egeberg for Treasurer.

Ghawi then opened the meeting for additional nominations for the position of President. There being none forthcoming a motion to close nominations was made by Joe Bean and seconded by Todd Abraham. Motion approved. Bean then moved for an approval of Anderson as President by acclamation which was seconded by Mike Montani. Motion approved.

Ghawi then opened the meeting for additional nominations for the position of Treasurer. There being none forthcoming a motion to close nominations was made by Bean and seconded by Abraham. Motion approved. Bean then moved for an approval of Egeberg as Treasurer by acclamation which was seconded by Montani. Motion approved.

Ghawi announced the names of the persons who had indicated their desire to be considered for election to one of the 2 open at-large positions:
Alex Gyurko, Mario Candia, Chris Koloffon, Joe Bean, and Carl Fisher.

Ghawi then opened the meeting for additional nominations for the 2 open at large positions. There being none forthcoming a motion to close nominations was made by Mike Oliver and seconded by Dave Rubini. Motion approved. Ghawi then announced that the vote ballots would be collected and tabulated by the following persons: Greg Cole, Elie Ghawi and Jamie Richter.

After a tabulation of the votes, Ghawi announced that Chris Koloffon and Carl Fisher had received the most votes and were thereby elected to fill the two 2-year at-large Board positions. A motion to destroy ballots was made by Egeberg and seconded by Oliver. Motion approved.

New Business

None

Motion to Adjourn made by Oliver seconded by many. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Gregory Cole, Secretary