Approve May 20, 2026 Executive Board Meeting

Roll Call: 5:31 PM. Present: Gantz, Holwig, DelBiondo, Hannah, Turns, Condran, Kern, Wilsbach, Gilloway, Voithoffer, Finger, Monismith, Lumpkin. Absent: DelBiondo Excused

Approval of April Minutes: Motion by Turns, seconded by Holwig. Minutes approved by voice vote.

1. Banquet Final Preparations

- This was the last meeting before the banquet; the group reviewed all final tasks to ensure a successful event.
- Roll call was conducted, noting several absences and coverage plans for absent members.
- The banquet date, time, venue, and logistics (reservations, table setup, contracts) were reviewed.
- Payment and registration processes were clarified. Attendees must prepay; volunteers will staff registration tables.
- Assignments for specific banquet roles (MC, chaplain, photographer, table registration, etc.) were confirmed. The group discussed who will handle the invocation and pledge if the usual person is absent due to surgery.
- Banquet program: Ads, sponsorship, and the process to solicit and collect ads were discussed in detail, with the need for clearer sponsor/mentor protocols and expectations for inductees to help with ad referrals.
- The group agreed to develop a one-sheet protocol/checklist for sponsors and inductees outlining responsibilities, including ad referrals.
- Recognition of scholarship winners and past inductees at the banquet was added to the agenda.
- Program booklet logistics, pick-up, extra copies, and use of sample/filler ads were discussed. The ad deadline was extended to the end of the month.

*****Decisions: *****

- Executive board will reduce nominees to 15 for selection, finalized by vote. Change Bylaws (10.7.1) to read: **The Executive Board shall determine the number of nominees to be placed on the general membership ballot. (First Reading)**
- Protocol/checklist for sponsor/inductee responsibilities to be drafted before next meeting.
- Scholarship winners and past inductees will be acknowledged at the banquet.
- Ads deadline extended to the 31st.

*****Action Plans:*****

- Distribute final banquet particulars and checklist to all involved.
- Volunteers assigned for registration, table setup, and program distribution.
- Protocol document to be drafted and shared.
- Ensure all inductees and sponsors are contacted and provided with expectations.

2. Membership and Communications Updates

- Current active members: 275; 186 have email addresses, 89 do not.
- State dues are $2/member, payable by September 30. Possible increase to $3 discussed.
- Banquet cost per chapter is $150; this supports the host chapter.
- Ongoing effort to clean up member lists (removing deceased or inactive members).
- Initiative to increase use of email for communications and reduce costs associated with mailings; recognizes need to still provide mailings for older or non-computer-using members.

- Efforts to collect more email addresses and update records continue.

Decisions:

- Continue dual approach for communications: email where possible, mail for others.

Action Plans:

- Keep updating member contact information.
- Send out email tests and payment system tests as website upgrades are implemented.

3. Website & Technology Improvements

- Website nearing completion: will include meeting dates, officers, Decisions: *, banquet details, online payments (Stripe), nomination forms, bylaws, scholarship info, and more.
- Ability for members to pay online for dues and banquet, with real-time notifications to treasurer and organizers.
- Webmaster will handle mass communications (email blasts); discussion about process and privacy.

Decisions:

- Continue with webmaster-managed email blasts for efficiency.
- Move forward with Stripe integration for payments.

Action Plans:

- Announce and share the new website URL when ready.
- Begin using website for communications, payments, and document storage.

4. Selection & Nomination Process

- Discussion about fairness and clarity in Hall of Fame selection criteria: age, years of coaching, playing vs. coaching accomplishments.
- Emphasis on the importance of nominations: many deserving individuals miss out simply because they were not nominated.
- New website will allow public nomination submissions, increasing inclusivity.
- Discussion about the need to recognize more diverse sports and participants, not just major sports.

Decisions:

- Tighten and clarify selection criteria, documenting rationale in inductee bios.
- Encourage broader nominations.

Action Plans:

- Publish and communicate updated selection criteria and nomination process.
- Promote online nomination form once website goes live.

5. Financial & Administrative Reports

- Treasurer's report: No new update; reminder about banquet payment.
- Discussion about membership dues, life members, and chapter finances.
- Noted that the chapter currently has strong finances.

***Decisions/Actions: ***

- Continue monitoring membership dues collection and life member status.

6. Inclusivity, Growth, and Future Planning

- Discussion about reaching out to more minorities, women, and younger members. The state is emphasizing inclusivity to sustain and grow the organization.
- Idea raised to honor a boy and a girl student-athlete from each school at the banquet (as other chapters do); concerns about logistics and cost, but left for future consideration.
- Need to develop strategies for increasing active membership and engaging scholarship recipients.

Action Plans:

- Discuss and possibly implement new recognitions for student-athletes in the future.
- Continue outreach efforts for inclusivity and recruitment.

7. General/Other Topics

- Acknowledged press coverage and the importance of promoting the chapter's work.
- Emphasis on teamwork, appreciation for volunteers, and the need for clear communication.
- Final words of thanks and recognition for outgoing and current leaders.

Respectfully Submitted
Owen Hannah, Secretary