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Message from the President - Fall 2022

Fellow Members and Officials -

As I write this message during Sports Officials Appreciation week it seems most appropriate to express gratitude and thanks to all of our members who makes high school competition possible by providing our services. We do this for a lot of reasons to include the camaraderie of working with our fellow members, making some extra money, getting exercise, etc. The biggest reasons we do this though is for the love of the game and our desire to give back to the game and community based on the positive impact sports has made in our lives. It is not easy to be a Ref, Umpire, or Official and it takes a special person to do what we do.

Speaking of gratitude, it was an incredible honor to welcome the inaugural inductees to the MCOA Hall of Fame. They are Bob Walton, Mike Pressman, Fred Reese, Dave McGuiness, and the late Jim Thompson. The Hall of Fame dinner was a great event and can be viewed on our website. As a member of the MCOA, we ask that you consider and nominate someone you feel is deserving for this special honor. The criteria and nomination form are also on the website. I wanted to thank Charlie Westerfield for his leadership and volunteerism in making the event that was held at the Cocoa Elks Club a tremendous success

2022-2023 is already off to a great start with our volleyball and football seasons rounding out their regular seasons and starting playoffs. Much thanks to our commissioners, Roy Holbeck (Football) and volleyball (Peter Catania) for their leadership and support of our members.

The winter sports of Soccer, Basketball, and Wrestling are all actively preparing for the beginning of their seasons which start in November under the leadership of Moncef Hadiji (soccer), Calvin Wright (basketball), and C.W. Bailey (Wrestling).

Joining me as General Officers this year are Greg England, Vice-President; Mike Pressman (Treasurer), and Norm Chiger (secretary). In addition, Charlie Westerfield is Webmaster & Arbiter Administrator.

I also would like to invite anyone interested in being an Assistant Treasurer for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to contact your sports commissioner, myself, or any of the General Officers. Our Sports Commissioners will also be asking for anyone who may be interested in this role which will entail working with our Treasurer for over twenty years — Mike Pressman — to learn the ropes of this critical position

Please remember, we are here to serve you and welcome your input and feedback. Please feel free to call or email me anytime!

Yours in Sports,

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