

South Central Massachusetts IAABO Board #208

TO: Fellow Board Members
FROM: Ron Martel, President
RE: Fall Meeting Schedule
DATE: October, 2011

With the Red Sox season thankfully behind us and the Patriots moving through the first third of their fall schedule in fine fashion, it must mean that the 2011/2012 High School Basketball season is quickly approaching. The 2011 – 2012 meeting schedule is now posted on our website. Our first meeting will be held on ***November 6, 2011 at 6:30PM in the Hopedale High School, Draper Gymnasium.*** I am looking forward to seeing each of you in attendance. Our first meeting will update you on some of the events and activities your Executive Board has been developing for this season to include introducing new training techniques recently acquired at the annual IAABO Fall Interpreters meeting held in mid-September and special guest interpreters that will join us at our December 11th and January 29th meetings. In addition our State Board will be offering four (4) regional Interpretation/Floor Clinics that will count as your formal Interpretation meeting. They will be held on the following dates:

November 4, 2011	Tufts University (Cohen Hall)	7:00PM
November 14, 2011	Westborough High School	7:00PM
November 16, 2011	Holyoke High School	7:00PM
November 21, 2100	Oak Ridge School (Sandwich)	7:00PM

The following **Chairs will reprise their Committee Assignments** for the 2011/2012 season: ***Robert Lavelle, Chair, Audit and Budget; Rich Vitali, Chair, Awards; Dale Hava, Chair, Banquet; Brian Burke, Chair, Constitution; Rich Villani, Chair, Ethics; Larry Machione, Chair, Education and Training; Robert “Babe” Grady, Chair, Nominations.*** Committee Chairs may be contacting you to serve on their committees. Please seriously consider their request as your expertise will be greatly appreciated by your executive committee and our membership. Again, please accept my sincere thanks for your willingness to contribute to our association and give back to the game of Basketball.

On a more personal note, I would like thank each of you who devote your time and energy to volunteering for the various tournaments (particularly Special Olympics) that our Board is called upon to assist. Board #208 is not short on dedication and commitment

to our youth and the game of basketball. It is a privilege to be associated with such a dedicated group of individuals.

I want to again personally thank Brian Burke for maintaining our website. Brian continues to refine our IAABO Board 208 web site which provides informational updates. We will continue to use this site as our major form of communication with Board members throughout the season. If you haven't gone to our site I encourage you to become familiar with its content. The web site address is www.iaabo208.org. Please check it regularly.

And last, please remember (particularly for our newer officials) to begin contacting commissioners/assignors for the leagues in which you wish to officiate for the coming season. It is also critical that you to begin your physical and mental conditioning if you haven't done so throughout the off season. The rigors of Basketball officiating today mandate that we be prepared to accept the challenges presented both on and off the court. This is nothing more or less than what coaches and athletes have a right to expect.

I will look forward to seeing all of you on ***Sunday, November 6th for*** our first meeting at the ***Draper Gymnasium!*** Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.