

Hello NHFOA Members

For the past 30 years of my life (since the age of 18) I have been officiating. First basketball, then dek hockey, then women's college basketball, and now football. This has all run concurrent with operating a small business out of Salem, NH – WJ Smallwood Landscaping where beyond the normal landscaping duties we also renovate baseball and softball fields, build multi-sport athletic courts, and install ice rinks (both natural and refrigerated). Athletics are a big part of my life. Officiating is a big passion in my life.

Over the 30 years of officiating I have served as President of the Eastern Massachusetts Basketball Officials Association, I have volunteered countless hours at camps helping younger officials develop the skills to move on to the next level, I have mentored officials and most recently have facilitated an organized, concise medium for disseminating our football meetings online.

As a father of two young boys (6 & 8) and being a happily married small business owner I know how important convenience is to membership in order to help maintain the balance between our passion (officiating football) and our priorities (family & work). I also believe, to attract younger (and more) officials, we as an organization need to change with the times and embrace technology whenever possible. I appreciate the opportunity President Sevigny afforded me in putting me in charge of the Technology Committee so I could start our organization down this path.

If elected to the Council, it is my intention to further push for more convenience utilizing The Hub for meetings, quizzes, tests and video review. Now, I do understand that in person meetings are important as well and do not intend to do away with them all, rather add the convenience of the options to meet in person or online.

Some of my goals as a councilor are:

1. Continue online meetings with in-person opportunities as well
2. Utilizing technology, expand video review/video education
3. Streamlining testing, bringing the testing to the NHFOA Hub where we can take control of our tests back from the NHIAA
4. Work to recruit and retain officials
5. Build a strong mentor program
6. Build upon evaluation opportunities with retired officials looking to remain active with football
7. Address compensation for officials with NHIAA

If these goals are aligned with yours, I ask that you vote for me for council.

Respectfully,

Bill Smallwood