

Dear Fellow NHFOA Members:

I am interested in becoming a council member of the NHFOA, and running for that position this fall. I joined the NHFOA in 1996 and became a patched official in the fall of 1997. During those 21 years I have had the pleasure of meeting some great people, and dedicated officials.

I am a life member of IAABO board 32, and served board 117 as a member at large on their executive board for a couple of terms. I am a member of the NHBUA, and served as their supervisor of umpires for over 10 years, and I am also a member of the NHSUA, and currently serve as their rules interpreter.

It was a pleasure to serve in a leadership role for these other sports officiating groups. I have a pretty good handle on how executive boards work, and most importantly the relationship between the boards and the NHIAA. Being busy on other boards kept me from making the commitment to serving the NHFOA, but those other sports are starting to wind down for me now. I feel it is time to start to give back to this great organization. Not to say the other officiating boards I have served are not great organizations, but there is something about the NHFOA that just puts it one step ahead of the rest.

I come from the KISS method of officiating.

KISS is an acronym for "Keep it simple, stupid" as a design principle noted by the U.S. Navy in 1960. The **KISS** principle states that most systems work best if they are kept simple rather than made complicated; therefore simplicity should be a key goal in design, and that unnecessary complexity should be avoided.

If there are changes that can be made to make it easier for all both on and off the field. Why not institute those changes? Work hard, do your job on and off the field, learn the rules, and most of all have fun. The rest if you KISS usually takes care of itself.

I hope that you consider me when it comes time to vote for a council member position. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

Respectfully

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