

Maine State Basketball Council of Approved Basketball Officials CONSTITUTION

(Created May 1949, Revised March 1960, March 2004, October 2020)

Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Maine State Basketball Council of Approved Basketball Officials.

Article II - PURPOSE

Section 1. To magnify basketball as a great game for building character, sportsmanship, and citizenship through the correlation of ideas gathered from the experiences of the various Boards for uniformity in rule interpretations and mechanics.

Section 2. To be that group which may recommend to the individual Boards those plans, certain regulations, dates of meetings, ideas, etc., which is not only good for the betterment of basketball in the State of Maine but also for possible reasons of economy.

Section 3. To be that agency which recognizes any act or acts which contribute or deviate from good sportsmanship as we know it in our American way of life on the part of any official, coach, layman, school, organization, league or team where basketball is or may be played.

Section 4. To promote basketball as a game played for the educational purpose of developing good character and citizenship.

Section 5. To be that body which acts as a liaison group between all Maine IAABO Boards and the State Basketball Commission.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

The Maine Basketball Council shall consist of the following:

- A. up to FIVE members of each IAABO Board in the State of Maine;
- B. the State of Maine Basketball Coordinator of Officials (non-voting except to break a tie)
- C. the Secretary/Treasurer (non-voting unless needed to fill a vacancy in their parent board's five seat allocation).

Article IV - MEETINGS

Section 1. There will be one annual meeting to be held in March. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the officers of the Council or 60% of the member Boards. The Annual Meeting should precede the meeting of the Spring State Basketball Commission.

Section 2. The annual meeting shall be held in Bangor unless extenuating circumstances determine otherwise.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of proper members from 60% of the member Boards. Proper members to be defined as three of the eligible five allotted to each board.

Section 4. Each individual member present shall have one vote. A simple majority vote shall prevail on any and all motions and questions to be considered carried.

Section 5. All Council meetings shall be open to all Maine IAABO members.

Article V - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Council shall be:

- A. Chairperson - this office will automatically be assumed by the current State of Maine Coordinator of Officials
- B. Secretary / Treasurer

Section 2. The Chairperson shall preside over the meetings, shall appoint and select committees and use his/her discretion for a properly conducted meeting. Parliamentary procedure as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail in the matter of all business. This position must be held by a current or former Board Interpreter. The election/appointment of this position will occur in every third calendar year.

Section 3. The Secretary / Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting for a two year term. The Chair shall entertain and recognize all names offered by motion and second for this office. The newly elected individual, by simple majority vote of members present and voting, will take over duties upon completion of said meeting. The election for this position will occur in every odd calendar year.

Section 4. The Secretary/ Treasurer shall record minutes of all meetings, shall send a copy of these minutes to each member in attendance, shall issue any and all statements on behalf of the Council for purposes of publicity or news items, shall notify the Secretary of each IAABO Board of the time and place at least 3 weeks before any meeting. A tentative agenda of the Council meeting should accompany the notice. The Secretary/Treasurer shall communicate Council recommendations to appropriate bodies as directed. The Secretary/Treasurer shall sign all documents on behalf of the Council as directed.

Article VI - FINANCES AND DUES

Until such time a Council treasury is created, the Secretary/Treasurer shall present bills to be paid which may be in the hands of the members present or to be carried back to the individual Boards.

Article VII - AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL

The authority of the Council shall be with the qualifications and restrictions as listed below:

- A. To make/receive recommendations to/from the Maine Basketball Commission for their adoption of uniform working conditions for the IAABO Boards.
- B. To make/receive recommendations to/from all governing bodies (e.g., A.D.s, Coaches, Principals, and Superintendent Associations) associated with basketball in Maine.
- C. The Council may not adopt any actions in violation of the Constitution of the IAABO.
- D. The intent of the Council is to consider and settle jurisdictional and other issues between the various IAABO Boards of Officials. Jurisdictional problems or other issues not resolved by the Council will be referred to the Maine Basketball Commission as provided for in their Constitution.
- E. To select a candidate to present to the IAABO Nominating Committee for consideration to serve as the geographical representative for the state of Maine on the IAABO Executive Committee as provided for in the IAABO Constitution.
- F. To select a member to represent the Council at the MPA Basketball Committee meetings. This representative will be voted for at the Annual Meeting for a three year term beginning with the Annual Meeting of March 2004.
- G. All rulings of this Council shall be final and binding for all Maine IAABO Boards.
- H. Non-compliance of this Constitution and rulings by the Council may result in appropriate action on a case-by-case basis.

Article VIII - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those in attendance at the annual March meeting, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been mailed to all members at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.