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Welcome, Sharon!

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce the appointment of Sharon Komornik as the Office Manager.

Sharon assumed her duties on July 20th and has enthusiastically immersed herself in the operation of the Association. She brings a strong professional approach to her job as well as a genuine fondness for people and athletics.

• If you have not already met Sharon, be sure to introduce yourself the next time you have a chance.

Getting involved

Athletic participation in Maryland public high schools grew by 3.5% during the 2004–2005 school year, exceeding 100,000 for the first time.

Actual figures for each sport can be seen below.

SPORT	NUMBER OF BOY PARTICIPANTS	NUMBER OF GIRL PARTICIPANTS
Badminton	181	519
Baseball	5,453	10
Basketball	5,348	4,678
Cross Country	2,982	2,142
Field Hockey		4,097
Football	14,025	8
Golf	1,401	223
Gymnastics	31	82
Indoor Track	4,203	3,579
Lacrosse	4,918	4,432
Soccer	5,861	5,151
Softball		4,885
Swimming & Diving	1,104	1,834
Tennis	2,436	2,480
Track & Field	5,569	4,618
Volleyball	511	3,962
Wrestling	4,309	70
TOTAL	58,311	42,770

TOTAL COMBINED 101,081

Retiring a Gem

Mary Lucas, MPSSAA Coordinator of Information and Publications, has announced her retirement effective at the end of the current school year. She will step down after 18 years with the MPSSAA. Prior to this position, Mary worked in the Prince George's County Public Schools, where she served 31 years as a teacher and coach at Bladensburg High School.

In 1988, Mary assumed the duties of the newly created position of Coordinator of Information and Publications. She has been the only person to serve in that role. Her attention to detail, work ethic, outstanding work product, and good-hearted respect for others has provided untold benefits to the student athletes of Maryland.

It is always difficult to follow a legend. Nevertheless, a job description and application information will be available in early February.

Not so fast

The proposed bylaw to restructure the out-of-state travel guidelines will be put to a vote by the State Board of Education on October 25th.

Schools are strongly cautioned not to assume final passage and *should not* make any out-of-state travel commitments beyond the current 300-mile limit until the vote is taken. Member schools will be alerted via e-mail should the Board approve the proposal.

The new proposal calls for:

- Travel restricted to USA
- No loss of instructional time
- Travel meets all guidelines of local school system policy.

In name only

Only the name has changed. The Best Western Maryland Inn has changed ownership, undergone major renovations, and has now re-opened as the Holiday Inn Laurel West.



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SUMMER 1988

MPSSAA Adds New Staff Members

Mary Lucas

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce that Mary Lucas has accepted the position of MPSSAA Coordinator of Information and Publications. Her major responsibilities will be to produce and distribute all MPSSAA printed materials as well as coordination of all media contacts with the Association.

Mary brings a vast amount of experience to this newly created position. For the past 31 years, she has taught physical education at Bladensburg High School in Prince George's County. She has also coached for many years, served as Department Chairperson and served on MPSSAA tournament committees. Several summers ago, Mary worked on reformulating the tournament bulletins format so they could be printed in a single booklet. Additionally, she has maintained the state track and field records and in recent years has produced a variety of athletic publications.

The MPSSAA is fortunate to be able to hire someone with Mary's background and expertise. She will be a valuable asset.

George McKelvie

The Association is happy to announce that George McKelvie has accepted the position of MPSSAA Coordinator of Officials. Among his major responsibilities will be coordinating the recruitment, training, testing, registration and rating of all athletic officials working contests at MPSSAA members schools.

George has spent the last 31 years as a professional educator in Baltimore County. He has served as teacher, department chairman, vice principal, and for the past 8 years principal of Golden Ring Middle School. During that time, George has also been an outstanding wrestling official. He has held the office of President of the MWOA and currently serves as their rules interpreter and college commissioner. George has officiated the MPSSAA State finals on several occasions, most recently the 1988 tournament. His outstanding organizational skills combined with his officiating experience should stand him in good stead as he undertakes this new position.

Paybacks

At the May 5 meeting of the MPSSAA Board of Control, a new comprehensive reimbursement policy was adopted. The new plan, to be implemented beginning next school year, calls for reimbursement to be paid in every sport in which an official State tournament is conducted. This added reimbursement will mean an additional 30 to 40 thousand dollars that will be distributed annually to member schools.

A special review committee made the recommendation to the Board of Control after careful study. This latest increase marks the 3rd straight year the Association has increased the distribution of funds. Two years ago travel mileage and meal allotment as well as workers and officials fees were increased by 25 to 33%. This past year district subsidies were substantially increased.

The new formula calls for:

1. Minimum travel reimbursement for mileage be raised

from \$50 to \$75. All other criteria for those sports in which reimbursement is currently being paid would remain the same.

2. For the sports of cross country, golf, indoor track, tennis, and track and field, schools would be given an allotment for participation based on the distance from tournament site. The allotment schedule is as follows:

<u>Round trip distance to Site of Finals</u>			
0-50 Miles	51-150	151-225	Over 225
\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100

3. Schools hosting a State tournament final will be given an award of \$300. This award would be made by separate check to the School Athletic Department.

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MARYLAND PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

SPRING 1988

MPSSAA Creates Two New Staff Positions

Applications Due April 15

Coordinator Of Officials

The MPSSAA is currently accepting applications for the position of Coordinator of Officials. This will be a half-time position with responsibility for the coordination of recruitment, training, testing, registrations, and rating of all athletic officials working contests at MPSSAA member schools.

The basic duties and responsibilities will include the registration of officials; coordinating the selection and notification of officials working playoff games; establishing an evaluation and rating system; establishing a statewide officials organization; as well as coordinating rule book sales.

The half-time salary will range from \$15,030 to \$19,824 based on experience and qualifications.

Position announcements have been sent to each school. Applications can be obtained from the MPSSAA, (301) 333-2300. The deadline for applications is April 15, 1988.

That's Class

The Leonardtown Raiders and the Crossland Cavaliers are the 1988 recipients of the sportsmanship awards given at the State basketball tournaments. Leonardtown won the Mildred H. Murray Sportsmanship Award given at the girls' tournament, and Crossland received the Jack Willard award given at the boys' tournament.

A selection committee evaluated coaches, players, cheerleaders, and fans from each of the participating schools in the basketball finals.

Each school received a handsome trophy which recognized the school and community efforts towards good sportsmanship. Congratulations to the Raiders and Cavaliers on receiving these most prestigious awards.

Coordinator Of Information & Publications

The MPSSAA is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting applications for the half-time position of Coordinator of Information and Publications. This newly created position will have responsibility for the production and distribution of all MPSSAA printed materials as well as coordination of all media contacts with the MPSSAA.

The major duties and responsibilities of this position will include preparation and distribution of MPSSAA printed materials to include the handbook, bulletins, Playoff Magazine, Scout, and other publications; to establish channels for regular press releases; to establish procedures for press credentials at tournaments, and to coordinate television and radio contracts for tournament play.

The half-time salary will range from \$15,030 to \$19,824 based on experience and qualifications. Position announcements have recently been sent to each school.

The deadline for applications is April 15, 1988. Applications can be obtained from the MPSSAA (301) 333-2300.

August 15th

The proposed MPSSAA bylaw changes are now scheduled to be brought before the State Board of Education for adoption on June 29, 1988. The Board has indicated that in the interest of fairness, implementation of the new regulations will begin with the start of the new athletic year, **August 15, 1988.**

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