

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF APPROVED BASKETBALL OFFICIALS

2023-2024

LEADERSHIP AND RECOGNITION DIRECTORY



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Fairfield County Board No. 9
is honored to dedicate the
2023-2024 STATE LEADERSHIP
AND RECOGNITION DIRECTORY to
JOSEPH LIBERATORE



A Lifetime Dedicated to Officiating and Leadership

Joe Liberatore's journey in basketball officiating began in 1972 when he joined the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO). His career has been remarkable, marked by a steadfast commitment to excellence, integrity, and a true passion for the game.

Throughout his illustrious career, Joe established himself as a true pillar of the officiating community. With unwavering dedication and an astute understanding of the sport, he became a respected figure in the officiating world. Joe's contributions extended far beyond the court, as he worked tirelessly to uphold the values of fairness and sportsmanship that basketball represents. One of the hallmarks of Joe's career was his involvement in championship games across several prominent leagues. He officiated in the MBIAC, FCIAC, WCC, and Fairchester leagues, consistently demonstrating his mastery of the rules and ability to manage high-pressure situations. For 25 years, he lent his expertise to the state tournament, overseeing games at all levels, including the prestigious state championships.

Joe's influence extended beyond local and state boundaries. He ventured into the NBA development and USBL leagues, showcasing his skills at the professional level. His adaptability and consistent performance earned him recognition and respect even in the highest echelons of basketball.

A true leader in his field, Joe Liberatore was president of IAABO Board 9 from 1999 to 2001. He guided the organization steadily during his tenure, fostering collaboration and growth among fellow officials. His ability to lead by example and insightful decision-making left an indelible mark on the board and the broader officiating community.

Joe's commitment to IAABO was further underscored by his role as a state board delegate, where he represented the interests of his fellow officials and worked to shape the organization's direction. His dedication did not go unnoticed, as he was honored with An IAABO Foundation chair and a 50-year membership award, reflecting his enduring impact on the association.

Beyond his active officiating duties, Joe played a significant role as an observer for 15 years for Board 9. His keen eye for detail and ability to provide constructive feedback contributed to continuously improving officiating standards.

Outside of the basketball arena, Joe found solace in his family life. He shares over 50 years of marriage with his beloved wife, Marilyn, and raised two children, Kelly and Kevin. His family further expanded to include his son-in-law, Jarrod, to whom his daughter Kelly is married, along with his daughter-in-law, Adriana, who is married to his son Kevin. As a proud father-in-law and grandfather, Joe cherishes the moments he spends with his grandchildren. Time with family adds immeasurable joy to his life.

Joe Liberatore's legacy is excellence, dedication, leadership, and treasured family connections. His influence on basketball officiating is immeasurable, and his contributions continue to resonate within the officiating community. At the same time, his devotion to family underscores the importance of maintaining a solid support network and finding joy beyond the court.

Sadly, Joe passed away on September 1, 2023. Before Joe's passing, Peter Carroll presented him with the annual State Directory Dedication plaque, which brought a smile to Joe's lips. Joe, we all will miss you.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



On behalf of Connecticut State Board #5, welcome to the 2023-2024 season. I am beyond humbled to serve as your President for this upcoming year, and I give you my word that I will do everything I can to build upon the incredible leadership this organization has had in the past. I, like the rest of you, am looking forward to a healthy, productive, and collaborative season.

First, I want you to know that an Ad-Hoc committee from the State Board met late in the spring to review the CIAC state tournament selection process for officials. I would like to thank Matt Greene, Peter Palermino, Christian Sarantopolous, and Ray Vanacore for volunteering their time and collective intellect to negotiate a few changes with the CIAC. I am very proud of the collective work we put in to ensure that the changes were inclusive of all the local boards and their specific nuances in regards to this process. Please contact your local Board Secretary for a copy of the revised policy.

Next, I'd like to congratulate and thank Board 8 for the incredible work they did putting on the Luzzi Memorial Golf Tournament this past June. The course was in beautiful condition, the raffle prizes, auction items, hospitality, and camaraderie were top notch, and we were given a spectacular day to get out and play. Special thanks to Co-Chairs Matt Greene and Mike Thomas for all of their hard work that led to an incredibly well-organized and thoroughly enjoyable event.

In the coming year, we will begin our work incorporating the shot clock and continue our work to attract and retain new members. As it pertains to the shot clock, please be communicative with the rest of the boards with regard to any pitfalls or successes you come across. With regard to recruiting, any and all new officials are invaluable, but it is especially important for IAABO to recruit and retain younger officials. I attended the State-Wide Officials meeting at CIAC in June, and all of the attendees were presented with a great deal of valuable information. Specific to basketball, we learned that the average age of an official is 54. Now, don't get me wrong, as I believe 54 is the new 40. That being said, we need to lower that average age if we want to keep IAABO flourishing into the future. On a positive note, there was a fantastic presentation done by Ryan Wodarski (Board 10) regarding the recruitment of younger officials. Ryan put his actuarial expertise into a presentation entitled "Graduating Athlete Conversion." Without getting too much into the nuts and bolts, he created a system that is proactive in recruitment, and data-driven in following up and retention of these recruits. It's both fascinating and innovative, and I encourage you to reach out to him to see if this is something that you could tailor to your local board.

In closing, I would like to thank you all for the myriad of contributions you make to the game of basketball. It can be a thankless undertaking at times, and very few who don't wear stripes truly comprehend the amount of sacrifice and commitment it takes. The game of basketball has four key components: Players, Coaches, Spectators, and Officials. I hope that the first three groups will continue to grow their appreciation for us, as we are allies and not adversaries. I wish you and your families a healthy year that is completely devoid of inadvertent whistles and triple overtimes.

Christopher A. Bunel
State Board President

STATE INTERPRETER MESSAGE

Welcome to the 2023-2024 basketball season!



It is an honor, a pleasure, as well as a humbling experience to serve as State Interpreter. Hopefully our experiences with Covid-19 are in the rearview mirror and we can get back to some sense of normalcy. With the advent of the shot clock, new designated throw-in spots, and the new free throw rules that eliminate the one-and-one, we will need to be more focused than ever this season. Clock awareness should be the number one skill on everyone's list for improvement

Connecticut IAABO officials should use correct rule-based language when communicating with coaches in the following areas: traveling, hand checking, arm bars, obtaining legal guarding position and screening. When CT officials are consistent with their rule-based language, coaches and players will have a better understanding of the rules.

CT officials are expected to have a clear, thorough understanding and consistent application of NFHS basketball rules and IAABO mechanics. NFHS rules place "restrictions" upon players in order to create a balance of fair play between offense and defense, without unduly limiting the "freedom of movement" of players or teams.

CT officials make rulings when a player or team gains an advantage not intended by the rules through illegal acts or is placed at a disadvantage through illegal acts by an opponent. The acts that officials need to rule on include, but are not limited to, deterring players from committing acts which, if ignored, might lead to undue roughness, even though they do not affect play near the ball.

CT officials are expected to provide reasonable safety and protection for all players in the administration of every contest. Understanding the intent and purpose of the rules allows uniformity for CT officials to intelligently apply the rules in each play situation, including plays away from the ball.

CT officials permit players and teams to decide the outcome of every contest through the execution of fair play and an atmosphere of good sporting behavior. Players decide the outcome of contests by their legal and/or illegal actions.

CT officials are "Guardians of the Game", who function as unbiased participants in their adjudication of NFHS rules.

My usual reminders:

**Always have a good Pregame. Trust your partner. Don't be a ball watcher.
Work your PCA searching for competitive matchups. Work every game like it's a championship game because... Most games are being streamed live now and you never know who's watching or posting to YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, or X (Twitter).**

**On behalf of the CT IAABO Interpreters,
Charley Harbach, Connecticut State Rules Interpreter**

STATE BOARD LEADERSHIP 2023– 2024

Chris Bunel (Bd 7) – President

Peter Palermino (Bd 6) – Secretary/Treasurer

Charley Harbach (Bd 7) – Interpreter

John Inesta (Bd 9) – 1st Vice President

Matt Greene (Bd 8) – 2nd Vice President

Christian Sarantopoulos (Bd 35) – 3rd Vice President

Troy Welborn (6) – 4th Vice President

Steve Wodarski (10) – 5th Vice President

HONORARY MEMBERS

Peter Carroll (Bd 9) – Honorary IAABO Past President, 2007-08

Joe Gintoli (Bd 9) – Honorary IAABO Past President, 2017-18

Hank Luzzi (Bd 10) – Past Secretary Treasurer for State Board 5 & New Haven Board 10)

LOCAL BOARD ASSIGNING COMMISSIONERS 2023-2024

Board No. 6 – Central Board

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Board No. 9 Fairfield Board

Peter Carroll
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Board No. 10 – New Haven Board

John “Buddy” Chernovetz
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POLICY STATEMENT

Solicitation of Games

Any Connecticut IAABO member, who solicits games from athletic directors, coaches, and other school representatives, and friends, associates of Assignment Commissioners by writing or word of mouth, is in violation of the rules of the State Board and the Local Board in which he/she resides.

Suspension, Expulsion & Appeal

If, after an investigation by the Local Board, a member is found guilty of lowering the standards of the Local Board, such member may be suspended or expelled by the Local Board for not more than one (1) year.

Members are allowed to appeal to the Local Board to challenge a Local Board decision and subsequently to the State Board, if such Local Board decision is not overturned.

Varsity Games Per Day

Unless granted prior approval by his/her Assignment Commissioner, a Connecticut IAABO official shall work no more than one (1) varsity assignment per day.

DEDICATIONS

AWARDS

HONORARY MEMBERS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Past State Directory Dedication Recipients

2004-2005 (Bd 9)

Donald "Red" Lomme

2005-2006 (Bd 6)

Gerald T. "Gerry" McGrath

2006-2007 (Bd 7)

Thomas "Tom" Murray

2007-2008 (Bd 9)

Peter "Pete" Carroll

2008-2009 (Bd 6)

Board #6 Past Presidents

2009-2010 (Bd 8)

All past and present members of Board #8

2010 -2011 (Bd 10)

Rudolph "Rudy" Canelli – Pasquale "Babe" Amendola

Anthony "Tony" Barbaro – John "Buddy" Chernovetz

2011 – 2012 (Bd 7)

Paul Bourdeau & Cy Theobald

2012 – 2013 (Bd 8)

Howard Dickerman Sr. – Dick Walker

Hank Daniels – J. Roger Marian

Roger LaFrancois Sr. – Gerald Smith - Jack Barclay

2013 – 2014 (Bd 9)

The Sandy Hook Elementary School

"Students and Educators"

2014-2015 (Bd 6)

Frank & Sheila Beneski

2015-2016 (Bd 10)

The New Haven Tap-Off Club

2016-2017 (Bd 7)

William O'Donnell

2017-2018 (Bd 9)

Joe Gintoli

2018-19 (Bd 8)

Matt Boland and Josh Tiven

2019-2020 (Bd 6)

Sandy Hoffman

2020-2021 (Bd 10)

Hank Luzzi

2021-2022 (Bd 35)

John Krot, Debra Spinelli, Jan Volland

2022-2023 (Bd 7)

Bob Ferrarotti, Hy Ruwet

JAMES COOGAN AWARD



The James Coogan award was presented annually by the State IAABO Board from 1970 thru 2005 to a Connecticut IAABO member selected by their respective Board. James Coogan was an invaluable member of the New Haven County IAABO Board 10 for several years, exhibiting excellent leadership skills. He was a leader in the Connecticut basketball officiating community and revered by fellow Board 10 members. James Coogan also served as the IAABO, Inc. President in 1946-47. Besides being an accomplished official, his achievements off the court included service as the Director of the New Haven Parks and Recreation. He was also a recipient of the prestigious Connecticut Gold Key Award.

PAST RECIPIENTS

70-71 CARL NASTRI, NEW HAVEN BOARD	88-89 GEORGE DROPO, EASTERN BOARD
71-72 GEORGE GANEM, LITCHFIELD BOARD	89-90 PAUL BOURDEAU, LITCHFIELD BOARD
72-73 CONNIE DONAHUE, CENTRAL BOARD	90-91 JOSEPH CAVANAUGH, NEW HAVEN BOARD
73-74 CLAYTON MCGRAN, FAIRFIELD BOARD	91-92 GERALD MCGRATH, CENTRAL BOARD
74-75 DONALD LOMME, FAIRFIELD BOARD	92-93 EDWIN BALLA, FAIRFIELD BOARD
75-76 RICHARD WALKER, EASTERN BOARD	93-94 CARL PIGNONE, EASTERN BOARD
76-77 NATHAN WINNICK, NEW HAVEN BOARD	94-95 RUSS HANSEN, LITCHFIELD BOARD
77-78 JACK LOCKERY, FAIRFIELD BOARD	95-96 SKIP GRIFFIN, CENTRAL BOARD
78-79 WALTER AKERLEY, CENTRAL BOARD	96-97 PASQUALE AMENDOLA, NEW HAVEN BOARD
79-80 PAUL FRANCIS, CENTRAL BOARD	97-98 PETER CARROLL, FAIRFIELD BOARD
80-81 BEN ZAJAC, NEW HAVEN BOARD	98-99 EDWARD FERRIGNO, EASTERN BOARD
81-82 EDWARD BONELLO, FAIRFIELD BOARD	99-00 WILLIAM O'DONNELL, LITCHFIELD BOARD
82-83 LESTER PINGREE, EASTERN BOARD	00-01 JOHN MCDONNELL, CENTRAL BOARD
83-84 JOHN MARENS, LITCHFIELD BOARD	00-01 ANTHONY SCALISE, CENTRAL BOARD
84-85 DANIEL PANDISCIA, CENTRAL BOARD	01-02 JOSEPH FARINA, NEW HAVEN BOARD
85-86 CARL NUZZO, NEW HAVEN BOARD	02-03 STEVE DONAHUE, FAIRFIELD BOARD
86-87 THOMAS MONAHAN, STATE BOARD	03-04 DAVE BOLAND, EASTERN BOARD
87-88 JOHN HAGAN, FAIRFIELD BOARD	04-05 NORM FEITELSON, NEW HAVEN BOARD

DONALD “RED” LOMME AWARD



AWARD CRITERIA

The Donald “Red” Lomme award is presented annually by the Connecticut State IAABO Board to a Connecticut IAABO member selected by one of the six (6) local IAABO Boards. Award recipient shall be selected on a rotating basis by the local Board whose member is currently holding the position as State Board President. The award is presented at the State Board annual business meeting. Donald “Red” Lomme was one of the most respected individuals of the Fairfield County IAABO Board #9. He was a leader in the Connecticut and national basketball officiating communities for nearly 65 years. Besides being an accomplished on-court official, his achievements off the court included service as Secretary/Treasurer, Rules Interpreter and President of both the Fairfield County and State IAABO Board. Don was a true ambassador of basketball. He was selected to travel overseas to promote the game of basketball as well as basketball officiating by IAABO, Inc. many times. In 1968 Don was elected to the highest office an amateur basketball official can hold - President of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO). Don passed away in 2004.

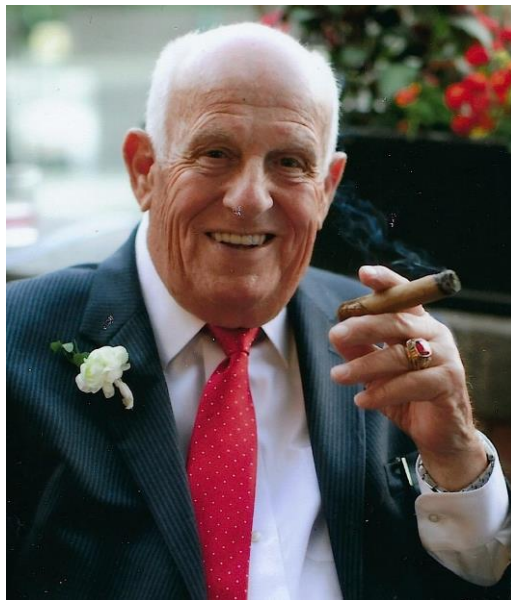
AWARD CRITERIA – The Donald “Red” Lomme Award recipient:

- Has participated in a variety of local IAABO Board activities.
- Has maintained a continuous “member in good standing” status within the respective local Board.
- Has attained and maintained a high officiating skill level and knowledge of the rules.
- Exhibits the qualities of selfless service and is willing to take on any job needed.
- Exhibits exceptional leadership qualities both in local, state and/or national officiating organizations.
- Has contributed to the training and education of fellow officials.
- Strives to help members of all experience levels to better themselves as members and basketball officials.
- Always has time for everyone, even the first-year member or members who only officiate middle school and freshman games!

DONALD "RED" LOMME AWARD RECIPIENTS

05-06 ED LYNCHCENTRAL BOARD #6
06-07 BOB FERRAROTTILITCHFIELD BOARD #7
07-08 JOE GINTOLIFAIRFIELD BOARD #9
08-09 BOB BERNIER EASTERN BOARD #8
09-10 HY RUWETLITCHFIELD BOARD #7
10-11 JIM HEALY CENTRAL BOARD #6
11-12 TOM RAUCCI NEW HAVEN BOARD #10
12-13 LOUIS FILIPPETTIFAIRFIELD BOARD #9
13-14 JACK BARCLAY EASTERN BOARD #8
14-15 TED ZALOSKILITCHFIELD BOARD #7
15-16 SANDERS HOFFMAN CENTRAL BOARD #6
16-17 DR. DAN DAVIS NEW HAVEN BOARD #10
17-18 DAVID RAILAFAIRFIELD BOARD #9
18-19 DAVID SOUSA EASTERN BOARD #8
19-20 DEAN DEANGELIS..... CENTRAL BOARD #6
20-21 PETER GERARDI.....NORTHEAST BOARD #35
21-22 KEN DEVOE..... NEW HAVEN BOARD #10
22-23 CHARLEY HARBACHLITCHFIELD BOARD #7

HANK LUZZI MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



This annual Connecticut State Board golf tournament was named in Hank Luzzi's honor in 2021 in recognition of the high standards of excellence that Hank exemplified throughout his career on and off the court. Hank officiated at the highest levels of high school and college basketball and did so in a way that earned him the respect of coaches, players and fellow officials. After retiring from officiating, Hank dedicated himself to making our profession and our members the best they could be – at the local, state and national levels. Hank served with distinction for decades as Secretary/Treasurer of Board 10 and 30 years as Secretary/Treasurer of CT State Board 5. Additionally, Hank was named an Honorary Lifetime CT State Board Member and an IAABO Lifetime Member – the highest honor IAABO bestows on any individual. In addition, Hank was designated as the 2020-2021 IAABO Honorary Executive Director in recognition of his many years of service to the CT State Board and to Board 10. Hank Luzzi passed away on June 9, 2020, but his legacy of officiating excellence lives on.

The Hank Luzzi Memorial Golf Tournament is part of his legacy. The tournament purpose is to generate funds for the State Board in anticipation of hosting a future IAABO conference and also support local Boards. The tournament host rotates every year among the six (6) CT IAABO Boards.

PETER “PETE” CARROLL SERVICE AWARD



The Peter “Pete” Carroll Service Award is presented annually by IAABO Connecticut State Board 5 to the outgoing State Board President at the Board’s annual business meeting. The leadership of the State Board created this annual service award in October 2021 to honor Pete’s contributions to basketball officiating at the local, state and national levels.

Pete Carroll has been a leader in IAABO for over 46 years. He is one of only three individuals who has served as President of a local board (Board 9), a state board (Connecticut State Board 5) and IAABO International.

Pete has been the Board 9 Assignment Commissioner since 1986 and has provided guidance and opportunities for the advancement of officials from Board 9 as well as from the entire state of Connecticut

Pete is currently President of the IAABO Charitable & Education Foundation.

Pete was an outstanding official and worked numerous league and state championships. He has played a major role in the success of local, state and national IAABO initiatives and charitable efforts, including the annual Officials vs. Cancer campaign, leading Board 9 to raise one of the highest donation totals in the nation.

It is in recognition of all of Pete’s accomplishments that the State Board proudly presents the Peter “Pete” Carroll Service Award.

PAST RECIPIENTS

Sandy Hoffman, Board 6, 2021-22

John ‘Buddy’ Chernovetz, Board 10, 2022-23

PETER PALERMINO ANNUAL REFEREE CAMP



The Connecticut State IAABO Board recognized the service and contributions of IAABO Board #6 member Peter Palermino at the local, state and national levels and named its Annual Referee Camp after Peter in July 2002.

Peter Palermino has been an active leader in IAABO for 40 years. He has served as President and Rules Interpreter of Board 6 and the Connecticut State Board. He is currently serving as Secretary/Treasurer of Board 6 and State Board 5 and Executive Committee Member for IAABO International as representative for the State of Connecticut.

Peter started the State Board Annual Referee Camp in 2012.

He was an outstanding high school official and worked numerous high school league and state championships. Peter was also a college official and worked at the Division I, II and III levels.

Peter worked several IAABO Inc. Summer Referee Schools as an observer and clinician and has presented numerous presentations at the IAABO Fall Seminar for IAABO interpreters.

It is in recognition of all of Peter's accomplishments and service to local, state and national IAABO members that the State Board named the camp the Peter Palermino Annual Referee Camp.

PRIOR STATE BOARD INTERPRETERS

The Connecticut State Board Rules Interpreter shall be elected by the State Directors at the Annual meeting and their term shall be three (3) years. The State Board Rules Interpreter shall attend the annual IAABO Fall seminar for Rules Interpreters. The Rules Interpreter shall convene the District/Area Board Rules Interpreters following the IAABO Fall seminar in the interest of uniform interpretations throughout the state.

The following are the Connecticut State Board Interpreters up to and including the 2023-24 season:

1951 - 1972	James Coogan (10)
1972 - 1980	Gene Sturgeon (6)
1980 - 1984	Tony Barbaro (10)
1984 - 1998	Ed Ferrigno (8)
1998 - 2002	John McDonnell (6)
2002 - 2005	Bill O'Donnell (7)
2005 - 2016	Jeffrey Smith (10)
2016 - 2019	Peter Palermino (6)
2019 to present	Charlie Harbach (7)

STATE BOARD HONORARY MEMBERS

Criteria for State Board Honorary Membership

A District/Area Board member who has honorably distinguished oneself in the following criteria:

- Shall have been President of the CT State Board
- Shall have been a District/Area Board Member for a minimum of fifteen (15) years
- Shall be recommended in writing for honorary membership by his/her respective District/Area Board
- Shall have contributed to the game of basketball over and above the responsibilities of officiating

Central Board 6

Felix Babel
James Brown
Skip Griffin
Max Heller
Alden Hewett
Sandy Hoffman
Tony Lopes
Edward Lynch
John Malin
Gerry McGrath
John McDonnell
James McHugh
Peter Palermino
Joe Santerson
Anthony Scalise
Guy Settino
George Windish

Litchfield Board 7

Paul Bourdeau
Robert Ferrarotti
George J Ganem
Charles Harbach
Randy Hobbs
William O'Donnell
Charles Pentino
Hy Ruwet
Mark Scozzafava
Tony Turina

Eastern Board 8

Norman Abel
Merrion Ballard
Jack Barclay
Dave Boland
Mike Chiappone
Howard Dickerman
Larry Drew
George Dropo
Edward Ferrigno
Harold Goldberg
Thomas Griffin
Rau Houle
Roger LaFrancois, Sr.
Roger Marien
Tony Nocito
William O'Brien
Carl Pignone
Lester Pingree
John Rockholzz
Robert Roskholz
George Tyler

Northeast Board 35

Bob Bernier
Peter Gerardi

Fairfield Board 9

Joseph Andrews
Peter Carroll
Leonard Crone
Joseph Gintoli
Stuart Greenberg
Mark Karagus
Don Lomme
Jack Lockery
Anthony Martinelli
Fred Rodia
Alan Thomas
Bill Vasaturo
Al Vazquez

New Haven Board 10

john "Buddy" Chernovetz
Joe Farina
Norman Feitelson
Francis J Fitzgerald
Henry "Hank" Luzzi
John Marens
Rich McInnis
Henry Roche
Mike Scanlon
Walter Shambron
Craig Stockel
Ray Vanacore

LOCAL BOARD HONORARY MEMBERS

Central Board 6

Jack Abbruzzese
 David Anderson
 Charles Adamick, Jr.
 Anthony Badalato
 Bob Bafuma
 Ed Batagowski
 Frank & Sheila Beneski
 John Benjamin
 Armand Bonola
 James Brown
 Bob Buttram
 Tom Crawford
 Dean DeAngelis
 Chris Flynn
 John Fontana
 Paul "Frosty" Francis, Jr.
 Skip Griffin
 Bob Gunning
 Gordon Guy
 James Healy
 Sandy Hoffman
 Tom Juknis
 Tom Kelly
 Shawn Lawton
 Ted Lombardo
 Anthony "Tony" Lopes
 Ed Lynch
 Tom Malin
 Rich Marietta
 Dan Marsh
 Pat Mazarella
 John McDonnell
 Gerald T. McGrath
 Sy Menchel
 William Moore
 Bob Norris
 Robert O'Dea
 Donald Paris
 Peter Palermino
 Joe Petrone
 Dan Pinto
 Andy Savo
 Tony Scalise
 Bill Stewart
 Eugene Sturgeon
 Rich Tuller
 Tim Vincent
 Curt Vincente
 George Windish
 John Zadnik
 Walter Zalaski

Litchfield Board 7

Paul Bourdeau
 Ralph Bradley
 Charlie Brown
 Whitey Duglenski
 George Ganem
 Al Gautieri
 Raymond Gotti
 George Grinvasky
 Russ Hansen
 John Hayes
 James Hogan
 James Holian
 Delmar Knox
 John Marens
 Edward Mariano
 Joseph Maro
 William O'Donnell
 Robert Palmer
 John Pierce
 Fran Pollack
 Charles Ross
 Jack Scanlon
 Joseph Silano
 John Slocum
 George Szigeti
 Cy Theobald
 Alan Thomas
 Walley Utke
 Ted Zaloski
Eastern Board 8
 Norman Abel
 Jack Barclay
 Robert Barclay
 Bob Bernier
 Dave Boland
 Matt Boland
 Mike Chiappone
 Howie Dickerman
 Larry Drew
 George Dropo
 Edward Ferrigno
 Bill Fortin
 Harold Goldberg
 Thomas Griffin
 Max Heller
 Ken LaFrancois
 Roger LaFrancois, Sr.
 J. Roger Marien.
 Richard "Dish" Marien
 Kenny Miller
 Tony Nocito
 William O'Brien

Lester Pingree

John H. Rockholz
 Robert Rockholz
 Josh Tiven
 Tim Tolokan
 George Tyler
 Richard Walker
 Larry Yering
Fairfield Board 9
 Joseph Andrews
 Edwin Balla
 Robert Balla
 Joseph Bennett
 Edward Bonello
 Jack Bowden
 Peter Carroll
 Bill Coffey
 Leonard Crone
 Steve Donahue
 William Donlin
 Charles Doran
 Walt Dunn
 Sid Englander
 Lou Filippetti
 Leonard Frate
 Richard Giansello
 Joseph Gintoli
 Stuart Greenberg
 John Hagan
 Phil Ianazzo
 Joseph Kerpchar
 William Krause
 Nick Koules
 John Laureno
 Gary Liberatore
 Joe Liberatore
 Donald Lomme
 Jack Lyddy
 Jerry McDougall Sr
 Joe Miller
 Bob Murphy
 John Peters
 Charles Petrino
 Louis Plummer
 Fred Rodia
 Peter Romano
 Daniel Santarella
 Sandy Sulzycki
 Carmine Vaccaro
 John Valmis
 George Vincent
 Ron Wallisa
 Don Warzocha
 Nick Zeoli

New Haven Board 10

Jack Ahearn
 Anthony Barbaro
 Paul Barone
 Elsie Bosley
 Herbert Bowman
 George Braun
 Vin Carbone
 Jim Carey
 Bill Casson
 Paul Catino
 Joe Cavanaugh
 Joe Chandler Jr.
 Frank Crisafi
 James Davin
 Paul Davis
 Jim Dillon
 Pat Elia
 Peter Eyler
 Norman Feitelson
 Francis Fitzgerald
 Richard Florentine
 Lee Franzman
 Rita Gedansky
 Ed Generali
 John Gilmore
 Ed Goldstone
 Bill Gonillo
 George Grande
 Alan Greenburg
 David Grossman
 Stuart Grove
 Howie Gurra
 John J'Anthony
 Bill Johnson
 Peter Klarides
 "Red" Kleinberg
 George Klivak
 Dave Labriola
 Art Leary
 James Lee
 Dave Maloney
 Len Maragolis
 Louis Marena
 Rich Marrassi
 Joe McAlpine Sr
 Roger McMahan
 Tom McQueeney
 Bill Murphy
 Tom Murray
 Steve Narracci
 Ray Neccio
 Ray Neccio
 Mike Papale
 Metro Pawchyk
 Al Pelosi
 Charles Philips
 George Piazza
 Elaine Piazza
 Jim Potter
 Rick Raffone
 John Reardon
 Frank Redente
 Jim Reynolds
 Don Rogers
 Al Sabetta
 Judy Samaha
 Ralph Santopietro
 Bob Saulsbury
 Ralph Schlottman
 Joe Sedlock
 Jim Senich
 Jeffrey Smith
 MeriAnn Stevens
 John Sullivan
 Marty Sweeney
 Al Vestro
 Allie Vestro
 Frank Vieira
 Sam Volo
 Edward White
 Jim Wolf
 Gordon Woods
 Ben Zajack

CIAC MERIT AWARD FOR OFFICIALS AND CHAMPIONSHIP DEDICATION

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) annually recognizes basketball officials with a CIAC Merit Award at the annual CIAC Championship Dedication Ceremony. This activity was begun in 1995 by the CIAC Boys Basketball Committee and in 1999 by the CIAC Girls Basketball Committee.

Also, in March, 2023, the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC), dedicated the High School Basketball State Championships to Peter Carroll, basketball official and 47-year member of IAABO Board #9 in Fairfield County. This was the first time the CIAC dedicated its state championship to a basketball official. Peter currently serves as the Board #9 Assignment Commissioner and President of the IAABO Charitable Foundation.

The following are the Merit Award recipients:

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| 1995 Ed Ferrigno (6), Jim Potter (10) | 2014 Dean DeAngelis (6), Art Hamm (7) |
| 1996 Frosty Francis (6) | 2015 Buddy Chernovetz (10), Steve Donahue (9) |
| 1997 Don Lomme (9) | 2016 Peter Gerardi (35), Hy Ruwet (7) |
| 1998 Tony Vitolo | 2017 Gary Liberatore (9), Peter Palermino (6) |
| 1999 Babe Amendola (10), Bonnie Maskery | 2018 Mark Scozzafava (7), Bill Vasaturo (9) |
| 2000 Norm Fietelson (10), Jim Healy (6) | 2019 Tony Gigliotti (8), Ted Lombardo (6) |
| 2001 Ed Batogowski (6), Dave Boland (8), Dale Ives | 2020 Dedication Ceremony Postponed |
| 2002 Cyndie Adamski , Nick Koules (9), John
McDonnell (6) | 2021 Dedication Ceremony Postponed |
| 2003 Bob Balla, John Fontana (6), Lucille Vasallo | 2022 Jeffrey Smith (10), Ahmed Yaseen (35) |
| 2004 Dick Giansello, Gerry McGrath (6) | 2023 Craig Zysk (9), Terry Musselman (7) |
| 2005 Hank Luzzi (10), John McKenna, Judy Samaha | |
| 2006 Ray Kasperek (9), Bill O'Donnell (7), Walt Zalaski
(6) | |
| 2007 Peter Carroll (9), Gene Sturgeon (6) | |
| 2008 Cheryl Kraft (8), Ed Mariano, Tom Raucci (10) | |
| 2009 Roger Gautreau (9), Russ Hansen, Tony Scalise
(6) | |
| 2010 Cindy Birdsey, Bob Ferrarotti (7) | |
| 2011 Dave Grossman (10), Joseph Gintoli (9) | |
| 2012 Ed Lynch (6), Diane Zaleski (9) | |
| 2013 Bob Bernier (8/35), Lou Filippetti (9) | |

COACHES ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Connecticut Coaches Association annually recognizes basketball officials with the Official of the Year Award at their annual banquet. Following are the recipients;

2006 Peter Palermino – Bd 6
2010 Vin Hirschbeck – Bd. 9
2011 Bob Ferrarotti – Bd. 7
2012 Roberto Marquez – Bd. 8
2013 Bill Murphy - Bd. 10
2014 Dave Moore – Bd. 6
2015 Craig Zysk – Bd. 9
2016 Charley Harbach – Bd. 7
2017 Tony Nocito – Bd 8
2018 Dave Scasino – Bd. 10
2019 Andy Savo – Bd 6
2020 No selection
2021 No selection
2022 Tom Sportini – Bd. 9
2023 Dave Cruz – Bd. 8

CONNECTCUT IAABO, INC.

HISTORY OF CHARTERED BOARDS IN CONNECTICUT

Prior to 1921, officials in Connecticut registered directly through the National Office and there was little interest in whether an official was approved or not. There were no chartered boards in the 1920-21 Guide. However, the following men were listed from CT:

Adrian Brown, Richard Dillon, George Hayes – Hartford; Peter Carney – New Haven;
Leonard Nixon – Simsbury; Ernest Cummings – Washington; F. Danaher – Waterbury; Fred Porter -
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John Kelleher and Leonard Nixon coordinated a meeting of officials on February 6, 1921 at the Hotel Garde in Hartford. A charter was eventually granted in the name of Central Connecticut District Board on July 15, 1921 with territories of Hartford County and the following cities – Middletown, Meriden, Wallingford, Rockville and Winsted. Richard Dillon was the President.

After the formation of the Central Connecticut Board, interest grew rapidly all over Connecticut. On May 15, 1923, a charter was issued to Fairfield County District Board with their first president Alexander Levery from Bridgeport. On April 30, 1925, New Haven County received a charter with their first President Peter Carney. The Eastern District Board charter was not completed until the spring of 1929.

There became constant bickering among the three district areas and the need for a state board became evident. Application was made to the National Committee for permission to organize a state board and in 1926, this organization took form. On April 13, 1926, Dr John Brown – Chairman of the Officials Committee representing the National Rules Committee, wrote the representatives of the various districts and called a meeting at Hotel Taft in New Haven on April 29, 1926 for the purpose of organizing a state board. The meeting resulted in a constitution and election of State Board offices as follows:

President – R.A. Leckie – Fairfield District
1st Vice President – L.R. Nixon – Central CT Board
2nd Vice President – C.E Woodman – Eastern District
Secretary-Treasurer – J.E. Coogan – New Haven District

The district Boards evolved further as follows:

Central Connecticut District – Hartford, Litchfield and Middlesex counties.
A Litchfield County local board was formed under the jurisdiction of the Central CT District Board.
Fairfield County District – Fairfield County
New Haven County District – New Haven County
Eastern Connecticut District – New London, Windham and Tolland counties

Source – Don Lomme files.

IAABO, INC. PRESIDENTS, CONNECTICUT

2017-18	79 TH PRESIDENT	JOSEPH GINTOLI	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
2007-08	69 TH PRESIDENT	PETER CARROLL	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
1994-95	56 TH PRESIDENT	GERALD MCGRATH	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES BOARD #6
1976-77	38 TH PRESIDENT	RICHARD WALKER	NEW LONDON COUNTY BOARD 8
1968-69	30 TH PRESIDENT	DONALD LOMME	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
1958-59	20 TH PRESIDENT	THOMAS CARRIGAN	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES BOARD #6
1946-47	8 TH PRESIDENT	JAMES COOGAN	NEW HAVEN COUNTY BOARD #10

HONORARY IAABO, INC. PRESIDENTS

1995-96	DON LOMME	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
2013-14	PETER CARROLL	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9

IAABO, INC. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

1979-1996	PAUL 'FROSTY' FRANCIS	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES BOARD #6
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HONORARY IAABO, INC. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

1996-98, 1999-2000, 2002-2004	PAUL 'FROSTY' FRANCIS	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES BOARD #6
2011-12	PETER CARROLL	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
2020-21	HANK LUZZI	NEW HAVEN COUNTY BOARD #10
2021-22	JOSEPH GINTOLI	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9

IAABO, INC. HANDBOOK DEDICATIONS

1976	DONALD LOMME	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
1997	PAUL 'FROSTY' FRANCIS	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES BOARD #6
1998	DOROTHY 'DOT' GREEN	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES BOARD #6
2009	PETER CARROLL	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
2011	LOU FILIPPETTI	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
2021	JOSEPH GINTOLI	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9

IAABO INC. LIFE & HONORARY MEMBERS

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

1. Be a registered member of IAABO for minimum 30 years.
2. Minimum age at 55 years by December 31 of the application year.
3. Promote and contributed to the growth, purpose, and ideals of IAABO and the welfare of the game of basketball in an outstanding way through service to their local area, district, state and national boards

CT IAABO LIFE MEMBERS

JACK BARCLAY.....	NEW LONDON COUNTY BOARD #8
BOB BERNIER	NEW LONDON COUNTY BOARD #8
ED BONELLO	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
THOMAS CARRIGAN	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD #6
PETER CARROLL	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
JAMES COOGAN	NEW HAVEN COUNTY BOARD #10
ED FERRIGNO.....	NEW LONDON COUNTY BOARD #8
LOU FILIPPETTI.....	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
FROSTY FRANCIS.....	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD #6
GEORGE GANEM.....	LITCHFIELD COUNTY BOARD #7
PETER GERARDI.....	NORTHEAST BOARD #35
FRED GHIRADINI	NEW HAVEN COUNTY BOARD #10
JOE GINTOLI	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
DON LOMME	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
HANK LUZZI.....	NEW HAVEN COUNTY BOARD #10
JOHN MCDONNELL.....	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD #6
GERRY MCGRATH	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD #6
JOHN O'BRIEN	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD #6
WILLIAM O'DONNELL	LITCHFIELD COUNTY BOARD #7
LESTER PINGREE	NEW LONDON COUNTY BOARD #8
EUGENE STURGEON	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD #6
RICHARD WALKER.....	NEW LONDON COUNTY BOARD #8

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

Granted to an individual who has never been an IAABO Member or has been an IAABO member with less than 25 years but has made definite contribution to the game of basketball.

CT IAABO HONORARY MEMBERS

STEVE HUMPHREY	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD #6
WALTER 'DOC' HURLEY	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD #6
THOMAS MONAHAN	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTY BOARD #6

IAABO CHARITABLE & EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

\$1,000 CHAIRS

An IAABO Foundation “Chair” is a \$1,000 tax-deductible donation made in an individual’s name and presented to the IAABO Charitable & Education Foundation. Individuals who receive a Foundation “Chair” are recognized for their contributions to officiating. A Foundation “Chair” is recognized with an award presented at the IAABO Inc. General Assembly Annual Meeting.

CT MEMBERS

JACK BARCLAY.....	NEW LONDON COUNTY BOARD #8
BOB BERNIER	NEW LONDON COUNTY BOARD #8
PETER CARROLL	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
WILLIAM CASHMAN.....	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES BOARD #6
GLEN COLELLO.....	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
DEAN & DENNIS DEANGELIS.....	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES BOARD #6
STEVE DONAHUE.....	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
SHAUN DONOVAN.....	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
ED FERRIGNO	NEW LONDON COUNTY BOARD #8
LOU FILIPPETTI	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
PAUL ‘FROSTY’ FRANCIS	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES BOARD #6
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JOE GINTOLI	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
STUART GREENBERG	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
SANDY HOFFMAN.....	HARTFORD/MIDDLESEX COUNTIES BOARD #6
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DON LOMME	FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD #9
HANK LUZZI	NEW HAVEN COUNTY BOARD #10
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CONNECTICUT 50 YEAR IAABO MEMBERS

CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

A Connecticut Board member who has attained 50 years as a paid IAABO dues member.

Central Board 6

Al Boggini
Joseph Camposeo
Dean DeAngelis
Harold Devanney
Paul "Frosty" Francis
Tony Lopes
John McDonnell
Ted Plamondon
Robert Norris
Robert O'Dea
Al Roman
John Zadnik

Fairfield Board 9

Leonard Crone Sr.
Walt Dunn
Lou Filippetti
Roger Gautrau
Michael Hanna
Mark Karagus
Joe Liberatore
Don Lomme
Joseph Miller
Carmine Vaccaro

New Haven Board 10

John Anquillare
John "Buddy" Chernovetz
Jim Casagrande
Fred Ghiridini
Henry "Hank" Luzzi
Thomas Raucci
Harry Robinson

Litchfield Board 7

Elmer Deschaine
Bob Ferrarotti
Hy Ruwet

Eastern Board 8

Dave Boland
Edward Ferrigno
Richard Marien
Joseph Marzala
Carl Pignone
Lester Pingree

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