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NEWS RELEASE

New NFHS Officers, Board Members Elected

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (July 17, 2008) — **Jim Tenopir**, executive director of the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA), is the new president of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) for 2008–09. Tenopir, the 49th president of the NFHS, began his one–year term July 7 following the NFHS Summer Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Ennis Proctor, executive director of the Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA), was elected by the NFHS Board of Directors to the position of president–elect for the upcoming year.

Tenopir began his career at Otis (Kansas) Bison High School and later moved to McCook (Nebraska) High School to teach and coach football. He was named athletic director at McCook, where he stayed for the next 10 years. After one year as general

manager of a radio station, Tenopir served as athletic director at Scottsbluff (Nebraska) High School before becoming the superintendent of Cambridge (Nebraska) High School in 1983. He remained at Cambridge until being named NSAA executive director in 2001.

Tenopir holds a bachelor's degree from Sterling (Kansas) College in mathematics, a master's from Idaho State University in athletic administration and a Ed.D. in administration, curriculum and instruction from the University of Nebraska.

Proctor got his start in education as a teacher and coach in Titusville (Florida) Public Schools in 1964. After three years at Titusville, Proctor moved back to Mississippi to serve as a coach, athletic director, assistant principal and principal at the high school level.

In 1991, Proctor was named executive director of the MHSAA. During his 17 years as executive director, Proctor has served as president of both the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and the South Jackson Rotary Club. At the national level, he has served on the NFHS Appeals Board, the NFHS Football Rules Committee and the NFHS Hall of Fame Screening Committee. He was chair of the Operations Subcommittee of the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee earlier this year.

Proctor received his bachelor's, master's and educational specialist degrees from Mississippi College, and a doctoral degree from Mississippi State University.

In addition, three new NFHS Board of Directors members were approved for four-year terms while one new board member was appointed to a one-year term following the retirement of a previous board member. All Board of Directors members were approved by the NFHS National Council.

Rick Wulkow, executive director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), Section 4; **Mike Colbrese**, executive director of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA), Section 8; and **Karen Leinaar**, Benzie County (Michigan) Central Schools athletic director, at-large, will begin their four-year terms this year.

Brad Cashman, executive director of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA), Section 2, will serve a one-year unexpired term during 2008-09.

Wulkow's background consists of being a teacher, coach and principal prior to joining the IHSAA in 1980. He was assistant executive director for 25 years and in 2005, Wulkow became the executive director. A basketball official for 28 years, Wulkow was a member of the NFHS Strategic Planning Committee and a former chairperson of the NFHS Basketball Rules Committee.

Wulkow received his bachelor's degree from Buena Vista (Iowa) College and his master's degree in school administration from the University of South Dakota.

Colbrese was a high school teacher for 11 years before becoming the assistant to the executive secretary of the Montana High School Association. Following a six-year stint as the commissioner of the Wyoming High School Activities Association, Colbrese was named executive director of the WIAA in 1993. Colbrese has chaired the NFHS Coaches Education; Track and Field Rules; Football Officials Manual; and Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Committees. He has also served on the NFHS Football and Basketball Rules Committees.

Colbrese earned his bachelor's degree in English from Eastern Montana College in 1971, received his master's in English from the University of Montana in 1980 and completed administrative coursework from Montana State University in 1987.

Leinaar has been an athletic director in Michigan for the past 23 years. Her first tenure was with Delton-Kellogg Schools before serving as the district athletic director for Gaylord Community Schools. For the past five years, Leinaar has been the athletic director for Benzie County Central Schools. An active member of both state and national athletic administration associations, Leinaar has chaired the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Awards Committee, served as president of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and been a registered official in six sports for 23 years.

Leinaar earned her bachelor's degree in physical education from Michigan State University in 1982 and her master's in athletic administration from Western Michigan University in 1994.

Cashman served more than 10 years at Northern High School in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, as a business education instructor, head football coach, assistant basketball coach and assistant track and field coach prior to joining the PIAA in 1980. He was the associate director before becoming the executive director in 1993. Cashman has been a member of the NFHS Football Rules Committee since 1982 and currently serves as that committee's chair. He was also a recipient of the National Federation Outstanding Service Award for his contributions to football.

Cashman, a college football All-America honorable mention, earned his bachelor's degree in business administration accounting in 1968 from the College of William and Mary.

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The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 18,500 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; produces publications for high school coaches, officials and athletic directors; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, spirit coaches, speech and debate coaches and music adjudicators; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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