

# The SNOA Newsletter

## [The Southern Nevada Officials Association](#)

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**SNOA Website Changes:** The SNOA website, [www.s-n-o-a.org](http://www.s-n-o-a.org), is getting a new look. Webmaster John Shepard has been working on it and it will debut around the first of the month. There will be some new features, including a permanent home for the Newsletter, and the Board is certain you will like it. So look for it in early September!

**Valley HS:** There was some uncertainty this summer about whether Valley HS would be available to us at all this school year because of the school's remodeling, but we are pleased to report it will be. Some of our usual classrooms won't be available for us, but the big auditorium will be, and Valley administrators made some other rooms available for us as well.

**Summer Camp:** SNOA officials honed their skills at two Association-sponsored camps this summer.

The Terry Tait Football Camp, was renamed this year in honor of the long-time SNOA football and basketball official who passed away earlier this year, and the SNOA Basketball Camp. Both camps were sold out this year for the first time. The football camp had numerous college officials and supervisors that took part in this year's camp. The highlight of the basketball camp was a special guest appearance by long time NBA referee Ron Garretson who spent two hours giving classroom instruction to our officials.

The Board of Control would like to thank the football and basketball boards for their hard work in putting these together. Camps like these do not organize and run by themselves.

**Fall Sports Elections:** Football and volleyball recently conducted elections for their respective boards.

Elected in football were:

Gary Reed- re-elected until 2012

Vince Counsel- elected until 2012

Dion Spenard- elected until 2011

And elected in volleyball was:

Helen McAnany- elected until 2012

Also, President Vince Kristosik appointed Greg Hair to fill the vacancy on the basketball board caused when John Shephard resigned to accept the assignor position. Greg Hair's term will end in 2011.

**Personnel File:** Long-time member Steve Nigro relocated back to New York recently. Steve officiated both basketball and softball and the board was looking forward to taking advantage of his financial expertise on the Finance Committee, but we wish him well in his new endeavors.

Also, longtime SNOA member Rod Poteete insists he has finally retired from the Nye County School District after many years of semi-glorious service. Poteete estimated that in his 35 years at Pahrump Valley HS he taught 7,000 students and 37,000 classes and traveled three-quarters of a million miles to and from his Las Vegas home to work. He also coached varsity baseball for 12 years.

**Speaking Of The Finance Committee:** The Board is actively seeking new members for the Finance Committee. Right now, Bob Singer is the only member, and he did a good job with a recent audit of the association, however the Board would like to see several members on this board and Bob would like some help, too.

Anybody with a financial background is encouraged to email us at [southernnevadaofficials@gmail.com](mailto:southernnevadaofficials@gmail.com).

**Hut, Hut Hike:** For the second straight year, the major division football champions of Nevada and Arizona opened the season playing each other. This past Saturday Centennial HS from Peoria, the defending Arizona 5A champion, defeated defending NIAA 4A state champion McQueen HS from Reno 51-20 in a game played at Mackay Stadium at the University of Nevada.

SNOA was honored to send two officials to the game, Kelly Gonzales and Greg Boykins. Last year Brophy Prep defeated Bishop Gorman 16-6, in a game played at University of Phoenix stadium, which hosted Super Bowl XLII.

**Correction:** Last month we reported that Scottie Yancey's Vice President's seat was not up for election at the annual banquet in November. We were wrong. Last year Scottie was elected to a one-year term, so his position, as well as those of Board Members at Large Bill Evans and Gaylon Kent, and 2nd Vice President Joel Ritchie, will be contested.

**Help Wanted:** If you have a tidbit/announcement/reminder for the newsletter, or if you have an article that might be of interest to your fellow officials, email it to us at [southernnevadaofficials@gmail.com](mailto:southernnevadaofficials@gmail.com).

**NIAA Courtesy Passes:** All SNOA officials are entitled to purchase courtesy cards from the NIAA. It's a pretty good deal. They cost \$35 and are good for admitting two, and are even transferable to a spouse, although I've given mine to my girlfriend at times and they never check. They are good for all NIAA events, from state tournaments on down, though they may not be honored at some events like holiday tournaments that are run by individual schools. See the NIAA site for more details.