

HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA
INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
SOUTHERN SECTION



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26th historical “tidbit.”

GROWTH AND STRUCTURE OF THE CIFSS OFFICE STAFF

The CIFSS was founded on March 29, 1913, at a meeting held at Los Angeles High School. The CIFSS was then known as Southern California Interscholastic Athletic Council (SCIAC). The name was changed to the CIFSS on September 26, 1914. Some demographics of the CIFSS in 1913:

- There were five leagues... Los Angeles City League, Los Angeles County League, Suburban League, Citrus Belt League and Orange League.
- There were 24 schools in these original leagues (1913).
- In 1914, the CIFSS expanded to six leagues... City League, Central League, Valley League, Bay League, Citrus Belt League and Orange League.
- On May 16, 1918, the CIFSS established nine leagues, two of which had two sections in a league... Bay League, Central League, Citrus League (two sections), City League, Northern League, Orange League, San Fernando League, Southern League (two sections), and Valley League.
- There were approximately 68 schools in the 1918 CIFSS membership.
- On May 16, 1925, the CIFSS Council reorganized into 17 leagues and free lance schools.
- There were 112 member schools and 4 free lance schools in the 1925 CIFSS membership.
- The major sports in 1914, were track, American football, basketball, and baseball. Swimming, soccer, water polo and tennis were minor sports and schools that had teams participated.

The CIFSS was run by principals and an elected secretary/treasurer who was also a principal or vice principal.. There was no office and all “paper work” was done at the local high schools by the elected officers. In 1914, one of the first administrative tasks was to appoint managers of the various varsity

sports sanctioned by the CIFSS. These included Seth Van Patten, track; Harry Moore, football; Art Badenoch, baseball, R. E. Squire, basketball; Fred Johnson, aquatics; ands Walter Hall, tennis. Also, in 1914, a committee was appointed to certify eligibility of all players. In 1916, a referee was appointed to consider the reinstatement of students. Clerical work was taken care by Los Angeles and Pasadena High Schools who appointed financial and recording secretaries to take care of clerical work. 5% of all net proceeds from the playoff games went to the CIFSS Council in 1914. In 1920, Mr. Green, Principal of Inglewood High School, was elected the permanent secretary of the CIFSS. Rules and regulations were decided at Council meetings.

In the December 22, 1927, CIFSS Council minutes, can be seen the difficulties faced by George G. Green, the Secretary:

5. The troubles of the Secretary were then taken up

The Secretary being a teacher, Vice-Principal, or Principal, he has never had time to properly keep the minutes or files. A fund of valuable information has been lost because the past secretaries did not have proper time to keep the records. For example: I find that the last Rugby football championship game was in 1913-14 between Pomona and Manual Arts. State championship between Pomona and Palo Alto. The names of the Manual Arts players are in the Secretary's book, but no list from Pomona. I feel the list should be there.

At the present time the Secretary has the following duties to perform:

- a. Write and send out minutes.
- b. Have printed and send out Book of Rules, "Four Point Lists," Pink Sheets for A and B Lists.

We sent out in September 130 pounds of mail.

- c. Receive and file "Four Point Lists" from all schools who expect to have "B," "C," or "D" teams in semi-finals.

- d. Receive and file duplicate "Pink Sheets" for all teams of any class which enters semi-finals.

- e. Check Four Point Record of all "class" teams in semi-finals.

- f. Answer many, MANY letters on all kinds of questions.

- g. Answer telephone calls at all times of day or night.

In conclusion, the work of the managers and the work of the secretary has grown to such an extent that a man should be employed to give half or full time to this work. He should be a man who can understand the Executives' point of view, the Coaches' point of view, the Teachers' point of view, the Students' point of view. He should be able to meet Boards of Trustees and Chambers of Commerce. He should influence the press, the athletic clubs, and the universities, in reference to the exploiting of the High School undergraduate.

In 1928, the CIFSS Council voted to pay for a Secretary (\$1,500) and to establish a CIFSS office. Seth Van Patten becomes the first Secretary (changed to Commissioner of Athletics in May, 1929) and opens the office at Central Junior High School with office hours of 1 to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9 to 12:00 p.m. Van Patten was paid one half of his regular salary as an administrator and to cover his expenses, each school was assessed five cents per pupil per average daily attendance.

The Executive Committee of the CIFSS was formed in 1929 and became the chief administrative body and the Commissioner was to serve as secretary. The Council became a legislative body only.

After the separation of the Los Angeles City Section, the CIFSS had 113 schools and 18 leagues in 1936. In 1937, Van Patten was employed full time and his office was open for the full day. The budget in 1937 was \$4,500. Mr. Patten's salary was \$2,400. World War II caused the CIFSS to meet less and even have the Executive Committee have telephonic communications to conserve tires and gasoline. Van Patten even took a salary reduction. There were 150 CIFSS schools and 20 leagues in 1942.

The first full time secretary, Mrs. Virginia Smith, was appointed in 1946. William Russell was appointed to take over for Seth Van Patten when he retired and was allowed to work with Seth from February, 1950 to June, 1950. He officially took over on July 1, 1950. The dues in 1950 were 4 cents per average daily attendance and the salary of the Commissioner was \$6,000. It was also decided that receipts from the playoff games be divided $\frac{1}{4}$ to each competing school and $\frac{1}{2}$ have to the CIFSS. In 1953, there were 200 member schools and 27 leagues.

When Bill Russell was Commissioner he had two secretaries to help him. When Ken Fagans took over as Commissioner in 1954, he realized the need to grow and moved to new offices in 1959. In 1965, ground was broken for a new office in Cerritos on the campus of Gahr High School. During Fagan's tenure, CIFSS grew from 218 schools to 458 schools during his 21 year stewardship, despite losing 48 schools to the new San Diego Section in 1960. Sports increased from 11 to 20 for boys and girls.



SHARON STARKWEATHER
Staff Assistant



- Ken Fagans, Commissioner. October, 1963, Don Anderson joins the staff as Director of Publicity and Public Relations...moves to USC in September of 1967.
- Ken Fagans, Commissioner. September 1967, Jim Wolcutt becomes Director Public Information replacing Anderson.
- Ken Fagans, Commissioner. September 1969, Lou Joseph becomes the first Administrative Assistant in CIFSS history.
- Ken Fagans, Commissioner. October, 1969, Bob Hopper handles Public Information as a publicist...six months later it does not work out. Lou Joseph, Administrative Assistant.
- Ken Fagans, Commissioner. Lou Joseph, Administrative Assistant. In September, 1970, Mike Peck becomes Director of Public Information.
- Ken Fagans, Commissioner. October, 1970, Tom Morgan replaces Lou Joseph as Administrative Assistant. Mike Peck, Publicist.
- Ken Fagans, Commissioner. December, 1972, Tom Byrnes replaces Tom Morgan as Administrative Assistant. Morgan moves to Southern California Golf Association. Mike Peck, Director of Public Information.
- Phyllis Blatz, newly created post of CIF-SS Administrative Assistant for Girls Athletics....1974. Chairman of Chaffey High School Girl's Physical Education Department.



- 1973 Kendall Webb becomes Administrative Assistant under Kenny Fagans.
- 1974 Margaret Davis becomes Administrative Assistant under Kenny Fagans...first time there is three Administrative Assistants (Byrnes, Webb and Davis).
- 1975 Tom Byrnes becomes Commissioner.
- 1975 Ray Plutko becomes Administrative Assistant assuming Byrnes's old duties. Shirley Frazier becomes bookkeeper and becomes Director of Budget & Finance in 1990.
- 1976 Dean Crowley becomes Administrative Assistant replacing Kendall Webb who moves to San Diego to become the Commissioner in the San Diego Section.
- 1980 Ray Plutko becomes new Commissioner as Tom Byrnes assumes duties as the new State CIF Commissioner.
- 1980 Bill Clark becomes Administrative Assistant and assumes Plutko's duties.
- 1981 Karen Hellyer becomes Administrative Assistant replacing Margaret Davis who moves to the Sate CIF as an Assistant Commissioner.
- 1981 Larry Zucker becomes Director of Sports Marketing/Advertising
- 1984 Scott Cathcart Director of Media and Public Relations
- 1986 Stan Thomas becomes the new Commissioner
- 1990 Chris Thomas becomes Director of Sports Marketing
- 1994 Dean Crowley becomes the new Commissioner...only two Administrative Assistants in the office for three years.
- 1994 Ed Zintel becomes Sports Information Director
- 1995 Art Munda becomes Sports Information Director
- 1997 Harold Cebrun becomes new Assistant Commissioner
- 1996 Danielle Reaves becomes Sports Marketing Coordinator
- 1998 Thom Simmons becomes Sports Information Coordinator
- 1999 James Staunton becomes the new Commissioner
- 2000 Paul Castillo becomes Assistant Commissioner replacing Cebrun
- 2000 John Costello becomes Sports Marketing Coordinator
- 2001 Rob Wigod becomes Assistant Commissioner replacing the retiring Bill Clark.

NAME	Notes		
VAN PATTEN, Seth F.	1929 to 6/50	PECK, Michael T.	9/70 to 6/73
RICHARDS-THOMAS, Dorothy	1929 to 1941	VANDER DUSSEN-WUNDERLY, Aletta K.	9/70 to 11/4/06
BEEBE, Inez	Jan 1941 - Oct 1941	MORGAN, Thomas A. Jr.	9/70 to 12/72
COMEAU, Virginia	Oct 1941 - ?	BYRNES, Thomas E.	1/73 to 6/30/80
SMITH, Virginia	1946-	SMITH, Ruth W.	3/73 to 4/73
THOMAS, Donald E.	1937 to 6/51	WEBB, Kendall J.	9/73 to 7/1/76
VAN PATTEN, Alyson	1949	MOORE, Sharon	10/73 to 1/74
JONES, Virginia R.	1949	ELIEFF, Deanne D.	11/73 to 6/74
RUSSELL, William Wilson	2/50 to 12/54	SCHULTZ, Judy	2/74 to 12/74
MORLEY, Myrtria	3/51 to 9/59	BEACH, Carolyn M.	3/74 to 4/74
JAY, Amy G.	9/51 to 6/53	DAVIS, Margaret	9/74 to 9/30/81
RUSSELL, Dorothy Poole	9/51 to 6/54	FRODSHAM, Sandra	9/74 to 7/1/75
BANK, Richard	4/52 to 4/52	LOWE, Dina L.	1/1/75 to 3/11/77
SELLWOOD, Mary	5/54 to 5/54	PLUTKO, Ray J.	1/25/75 to 7/26/86
FAGANS, Jay Kenneth	7/54 to 1/75	FRAZIER, Shirley J.	4/17/75 to 7/31/08
OLSEN, Marlin Eldon	9/54 to 9/55	GUTERRES, Rita M.	9/1/75 to 9/15/86
CARLSON, Russel Lee	9/55 to 6/56	KNABE, Julie D.	9/1/75 to 7/1/77
ROUNDY, Darol D.	1/57 to 6/78	CROWLEY, Dean O.	8/15/76 to 8/31/99
ISSENHUTH, Mary E.	9/56 to 1/57	JOHNSON, Jean M.	5/77 to 6/78
YOUNGVALL, Dorothy Erika	5/56 to 9/56	LARSEN, Kay K.	7/11/77 to 12/31/01
DARMSTAETTER, Jay E.	7/56 to 2/58	HELMS, Margaret M.	8/1/77 to 12/16/83
MORLEY, Viki	1/57 to 2/57	CONNELLY, Cathy A.	9/1/78 to 6/1/79
WISEMAN, Xenia H.	3/57 to 7/57	EBLE, Jolene M.	10/9/78 to 1/31/94
BELL, Virginia E.	8/58 to 6/69	SOELTER, Jennie L.	9/1/79 to 1/31/83
ROUNDY, Madaline	7/58 to 7/58	CLARK, William R.	7/1/80 to 9/12/00
ROZKOSNA, Zlatka	9/59 to 12/59	KEMPPAINEN, Teri	10/27/80 to 6/18/81
BARRETT-LANGLEY, Carole	12/59 to 1/63	ZUCKER, Lawrence A.	3/1/81 to 4/14/89
WORTHINGTON, William James	9/59 to 6/60	HELLYER, Karen D.	10/1/81 to 6/30/07
WASHINGTON, Linda Lee Tarek	6/62 to 7/64	ULMER, Dottie J.	2/24/83 to 3/2/90
FARNUM, Margaret	10/63 to 7/64	CATHCART, Scott T.	1/18/84 to 6/30/93
ANDERSEN, Donald H.	8/63 to 7/67	THOMAS, Stan R.	7/1/86 to 10/13/93
REISER, Patricia T.	3/64 to 4/65	LEWIS, Virginia G.	8/4/86 to 3/3/99
MOORE, Marjorie E.	9/64 to 9/69	ALVAREZ-AGUILAR, Paula Marie	12/1/86 to 6/30/88
ROSS, Barbara	5/65 to 5/65	KEUNING, Julie B.	7/1/87 to 3/31/89
KOK, Shirley Mae	9/65 to 6/66	SHUTE, Kris A.	7/1/87 to 12/3/93
BALZER-VANDER DUSSEN, Mary E.	7/65 to 7/68	MALONE, Kelly A.	9/15/87 to 3/15/88
FAGENS, Thomas A.	6/65 to 6/65	SATO-WILL, Elizabeth S.	7/1/88 to 12/31/93
BOLHUIS, Alice	9/66 to 6/67	TRUONG, Diana (Phuong)	2/1/88 to 11/30/88
WOLCOTT, James A.	8/67 to 6/69	STARKWEATHER-HODGE, Sharon J. *	4/5/89 to Present
WILD, Royce	9/67 to 5/78	THOMAS, Christopher S.	5/8/89 to 12/8/95
HENRY, Deion L.	9/68 to 4/30/77	THOMAN, Susan Denise	5/1/90 to 2/4/94
JOSEPH, Louis S.	8/69 to 8/70	FRAZIER, Rhonda	4/1/92 to 9/14/93
CARR, Hazel	9/69 to 6/70	RENS, Greta C. *	1/24/94 to Present
LAWRENCE, Joyce E.	10/69 to 9/73	ZINTEL, Edward	1/28/94 to 4/28/95
		CURFMAN, Sharon P.	2/8/94 to 11/11/97
		MUNDA, Arturo V.	4/24/95 to 10/24/97
		REAVES-HOLLER, Danielle M.	11/22/95 to 12/31/99

GUILLORY-SIMMONS, Deborah J.	7/15/96 to 6/30/06
CEBRUN, Harold L.	7/1/97 to 12/31/99
SIMMONS, Thomas R. *	11/10/97 to Present
FOPMA, Anita L. *	11/17/97 to Present
WADE, Kris Talitha L.	11/6/97 to 6/30/98
WADE, Kris Aja D.	11/1/98 to 6/30/01
STANLEY, Jacqueline M.	5/5/99 to 7/25/03
STAUNTON, James T.	9/1/99 to 7/31/11
LOZANO, Claudia L.	11/5/99 to 12/31/99
CASTILLO, Paul A.	2/9/00 to 6/30/08
COSTELLO, John J. *	3/7/00 to Present
WIGOD, Robert L. *	9/1/00 to Present
ROMAN, Rudy	4/11/00 to 6/30/01
KNUPFER, Jason	12/15/00 to 2/28/01
CHHER, Jay	6/27/01 to 11/15/01
FOPMA, Jennifer	
CHIAPPETTA-SCHMIDT, Patricia A.	11/1/01 to 12/31/12
CLIFTON, Ray	11/15/01 to 6/30/06
FOPMA, Brandon	2/2/08 to 8/31/03
BARGEN, Leslie	8/5/03 to 6/30/06
WILLEMANN, Kimberly *	11/12/06 to Present
MILLER, Susan M. *	7/10/06 to Present
BOMGAARS, Brenda *	1/31/06 to Present
PALLE, Kristine*	7/1/07 to Present
RAFTERY, Scott R.	7/9/07 to 2/23/13
PANTUSO-MOUCHERON, Jacklyn M. *	8/27/08 to Present
MILLER, Lauren	2/5/08 to 2/28/08
CARTY, Mitchell B. *	5/13/08 to Present
WULF, Rainer H. *	6/18/08 to Present
MARTINEZ, Glenn A.*	8/1/11 to Present
SMITH, Heather E.*	12/3/12 to Present
STUART, Brandi M.*	7/17/13 to Present