

Date: September 18, 2017

To: All Northwest Umpires and customers

From: Northwest Umpires Board of Directors

Subject: Organization and Personnel Announcements

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*For immediate release:*

On September 18, 2017 George Drouches and Nick Schultheis retired as board members of Northwest Umpires.

For the past 16 years, George Drouches has been President/CEO of Northwest Umpires. He has led by example and has been a true leader and mentor within our organization, within the region, and at a national level.

Nick Schultheis has been a valuable member of the board also for 16 years. His business acumen, level headedness and ability to work toward agreement has been critical in the growth and success of NW.

Our board has known about this impending change for approximately nine months. We have spent considerable time looking at all aspects of our leadership model and the roles of each board member. We feel confident that the people in the areas listed below are well positioned to lead the organization into its next phase.

Reorganization plans have been discussed and the following structure will be implemented in regards to the Northwest Umpires Board of Directors:

Chad Eischens will assume the role of President

Ken Sargent will assume the roles of Vice President, Operations, and High School Liaison

John Priestler will assume the role of College Division Chair

Brandon Jackson will retain the roles of Technology, Development/Clinics, and Grievance Liaison

Ed Bova will retain the roles of Mentor Liaison and Umpire Representative

Adam Berg will retain the roles of Developmental and Fall Ball

Mike Monita will assume the roles of Membership and Rating Committee

Mike Sticha will assume the role of Amateur Liaison

Andre Lanoue will remain a Board Member At-Large

Jeff Schmit will retain the roles of Assignor and CFO. Jeff is a non-voting member.

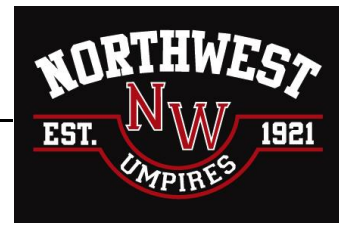
Larry Gallagher will remain a Board Member Emeritus and Legion Liaison. Larry is a non-voting member.

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The Northwest Umpires College Committee will have the following structure implemented:

John Priester will assume the NCAA DIII and Junior College Liaison role along with College Division Chair

Andre Lanoue will retain the NCAA DII Liaison role

Chad Eischens will assume the NCAA DI Liaison and US Bank Liaison roles along with NW President

Adam Berg will retain the Fall Ball and Training & Education roles

Terry Helget will retain the Recruitment and Training & Education roles

George Drouches will be a consultant

Shawn Vellek will be a consultant

Northwest Umpires also greatly values its leaders that do not currently hold Board and/or College Committee positions. Our mentors have played an important role in the past and will continue to play an important role with additional responsibilities.

The Northwest Umpires Board of Directors feel we are very well positioned to continue our successes in 2018 and well into the future.

Sincerely,

**Northwest Association of Umpires, Ltd. Board of Directors**

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