



HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

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TWO NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO HOOP HISTORIANS



Mike Bailey and **Dennis Bracco** were elected as members of the Hoop Historians at the group's Annual Business Meeting earlier this month in Houston

Bailey is the Associate Executive Director of the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association and previously served as President of the group. As a head high school basketball coach, Bailey achieved over 600 victories, won 16 regional championships and three sectional titles.

Bracco, who was selected as an Honorary Member, spent 34 years as an accomplished high school and college basketball official. Dennis worked Division 1 ball for 28 years in Conference USA, the Mid-Continent, Horizon, Sun Belt, Ohio Valley and Big Ten Conferences. Dennis worked games in NIT and all three divisions of the NCAA Tournament.

THREE RE-ELECTED TO HOOP HISTORIANS BOARD

Al Sack and **Ted Reineking** were re-elected to two-year terms, and **Don MacKay** was re-elected to a one-year term at the Hoop Historians Annual Meeting. MacKay was named as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors.

HOOP HISTORIAN LARRY HOLLEY 1945-2022



We have learned of the passing of Hoop Historian **Larry Holley**. Holley had 51 years of experience as a basketball coach and had retired from William Jewell College in Missouri in 2019, where the basketball court is named after him in his honor. Holley's teams won 918 games, advanced to 14 national tournaments and played in four NAIA Final Fours. Holley, who joined the Hoop Historians in 2021, was a contributor on the group's monthly Zoom calls.

MEET THE NEW HOOP HISTORIANS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Name: Don MacKay
Residence: Hobe Sound, FL
Hoop Historians Since 2008
Board Member since 2022
Final Fours Attended: 21
Fast Fact: Don continues to actively hold the title of World's Oldest Batboy, as he annually performs the feat at Roger Dean Stadium.



HOOP HISTORIANS FINAL FOUR PHOTO GALLERY

Send your pictures to: hoophistorians@hotmail.com

Be sure to check out nearly 100 pictures from the Hoop Historians Final Four Weekend in Houston by clicking [HERE](#).

VERN VEGSO TAKES HOME HOOP HYSTERIA HONORS

Hoop Historian **Vern Vegso** was the winner of this year's Hoop Hysteria Contest. Vegso was only one of five people that selected (UConn) any of the Final Four Teams. Vern joins Steve Traktman and Joe Lyons as past winners of the competition. Joining Vegso in the top ten were: Sam Lima, Steve Colelli, Tim Smith, Dave Fray, Dick Clish, Don MacKay, Dorothy Kim, Martin Makowski and John Taylor.

2024 FINAL FOUR: BY THE TIME I GET TO PHOENIX



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