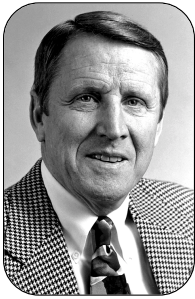




MIAA Staff



Ralph McFillen, Commissioner

Ralph McFillen assumed the position of commissioner for the MIAA on July 1, 1997, after working with the conference since February in the transition to succeed Ken B. Jones, who retired after 16 years as the first full-time leader of the conference.

In his tenure, McFillen has established the conference's first office, led the way in getting MIAA football games televised throughout the area, and totally revamped the conference's academic awards program. He's also spearheaded the move of the MIAA Postseason Basketball Tournaments to Kansas City, beginning in 2003.

McFillen served as commissioner of two other NCAA conferences. From 1987 to 1995, he led the Metro Conference, a Division I conference. While at the Metro, he served as tournament director of NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Regionals in 1989 and '91, and assisted in securing the 2002 NCAA Final Four for the city of Atlanta. He was a member of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee.

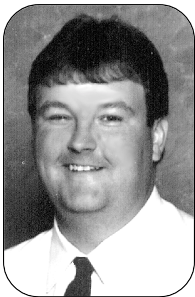
McFillen also held the commissioner's post for the Division II Gulf South Conference from 1984-87. He secured radio contracts for GSC football games, and helped to bring NCAA Division II championship events in baseball and football to locations within the conference.

He was an assistant director of championships at the NCAA from 1972-84, administering and coordinating numerous championship events and serving as a liaison to several national committees. Prior to this, he was a high school teacher and coach in Tehachapi, Calif., Hugoton, Kan., and Raytown, Mo.

McFillen received his bachelor's degree in history and physical education at Kansas State University in 1964, and earned a master's degree in education from KSU in 1967.

While at K-State, McFillen earned three letters in football and two in track and field. He earned second-team All-Big Eight honors in 1963 after leading the conference in receptions, and played for the North squad in the Senior Bowl All-Star Game following that season.

He and his wife, Pat, reside in Overland Park, Kan., and are the parents of two daughters, Kim and Jennifer. Ralph and Pat also have five grandchildren.



Matt Newbery, Assistant to the Commissioner for Media Relations

Matt Newbery begins his 13th year with the conference. He coordinates the league's media relations and statistics, and handles the designing and editing of the association's publications. Newbery also aids in the administration of MIAA championship events.

Over the past 12 years, he has overseen the growth of the conference's sports information operation, including the implementation of a desktop

publishing system and advanced information dissemination with a presence on the world wide web at the www.themiaa.com.

A total of six MIAA publications, the latest being the 2005-06 Winter Media Guide, have earned "Best in the Nation" status from the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), and he's earned 14 other citations for excellence with publications produced for the conference.

Newbery came to the MIAA after four years as assistant sports information and marketing director at Pittsburg State University. He was placed in charge of coordinating publications for Pittsburg State's sports information operation in January 1992. The department earned seven awards from CoSIDA for its work, including "Best in the Nation" for the 1992 Football Game Program and the 1994 Track & Field Media Guide.

Newbery also aided in the promotion in PSU's two Harlon Hill Award winners (Division II Football Player of the Year) in 1991 and 1992.

As a volunteer assistant softball coach at PSU in 1993, he helped the Gorillas softball squad to its first NCAA Division II regional berth.

Newbery was assistant sports editor at the Pittsburg *Morning Sun* from 1988-89, after three years as a sports writer. He also worked at several Pittsburg-area radio stations from 1982-87.

Newbery graduated from PSU in 1990 with a bachelor of arts degree in communication. He's a member of CoSIDA and is a regional coordinator of the Gene Upshaw Award for Division II Football Lineman of the Year. He also served as chairman of CoSIDA's Publications Contest Committee for five years.



Natasha Oakes, Assistant to the Commissioner for Compliance/Senior Woman Administrator

Natasha Oakes became the MIAA's third full-time staff member on July 1, 2005, after beginning as an intern for the conference office the previous year.

She is responsible for coordinating rules compliance and eligibility within the MIAA, monitoring rules compliance issues and coordinate conference rules education. Oakes also directs the National Letter of Intent program and coordinates the NCAA

Coaches Recruiting Test program within the MIAA as well.

She also serves as primary liaison for the MIAA's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). During her internship, Oakes coordinated two leadership seminars within the conference, a program which continues under her guidance.

A May 2004 graduate of Emporia State University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration, Oakes helped the Hornet athletics department in event marketing and fund-raising, and assisted in administrative duties within the track program as well.

As a member of the ESU SAAC, Oakes served as the advertising chairperson in 2003, during which time she developed and distributed an athletics department newsletter. She also assisted in the promotion of ESU's efforts to celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day and coordinated National STUDENT-Athlete Day from 2002 to 2004. Oakes also was active with the Black Women's Network at ESU, serving as the group's vice president.

On the track, Oakes was a national qualifier for the 2004 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships in the long jump and as a member of the 400-meter and 1600-meter relay teams. She placed ninth in the long jump at the national meet.

In 2005, she served as a volunteer assistant coach for jumpers at Johnson County (Kan.) Community College.

A native of Topeka, Kan., Oakes graduated from Highland Park High School in 1999 – where she competed in track and field, volleyball and basketball.



Bill Lowe, Director of Football Officials

Bill Lowe joined the MIAA staff in the fall of 1990 as Director of MIAA Football Officials, bringing an impressive background of officiating to the position.

He was a football and basketball official in the MIAA for more than 18 years, and also was active in officiating at the NCAA Division I level.

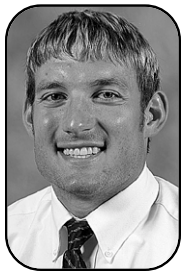
Lowe was a football and basketball official in the Missouri Valley Conference for eight years, and worked an additional five years in basketball for the Big Eight Conference.

He also put in eight years as a basketball official in the Mid-Continent Conference, and worked NIT Basketball Tournaments in four seasons.

Lowe served five years as supervisor of basketball officials for NAIA District 16, and spent seven years as interpreter of basketball rules for the Missouri High School Activities Association.

Lowe was the vice president of Dugan-Lowe Oil Co. in St. Joseph, Mo., for more than 30 years. He and his wife Lida have two children, a daughter –Ritchey Ann, and a son –William.

Ken B. Jones Award – MIAA Student-Athlete of the Year



Men's Winner
Josh Lamberson • Senior
Northwest Missouri State University
Football • Wilber, Neb.
4.00 cumulative GPA as a
corporate recreation major

2005-06 Athletic Accomplishments: 2005 Harlon Hill nominee... 2005 Second Team All-MIAA selection at quarterback 2005 Daktronics Second Team All-Southwest Region... 2005

Football Gazette All-America Third-Team Offense Ranked 18th in the nation in passing efficiency (150.5) and 30th in total offense (249.9) as a senior... Set single-season school record in passing yards (3,766) and completions (324)... His 33-of-49 effort for 326 yards in the National Championship set a game-record for completions, which also tied a school record he was named the National Championship MVP... Tied NCAA-II record for 12 games in a season over 200 yards passing... Has six career games of 300-plus passing yards, including 311 against Washburn in the 2005 playoffs... Hit for his fourth career four-TD contest versus Washburn... Earned Homecoming MVP (Don Black Award) honors for his record-setting effort against Central Missouri (Oct. 22).

2005-06 Academic Accomplishments: 2005 CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® of the Year in the College Division... 2005 First-team CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America®... Semifinalist for the Draddy Trophy (Academic "Heisman")... Graduated Summa Cum Laude (Perfect GPA) MIAA Presidential Scholar (4.0 GPA).

2005-06 Campus/Community Service: Blue Key National Honor Fraternity President Cardinal Key National Honor Fraternity Vice President Omicron Delta Kappa Student Representative National Collegian Scholars Student Advisory Committee Outstanding Achievement for Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges Football Coach for 3rd-5th graders Quarterback Academy Instructor Mortar Board Phi Eta Sigma Leadership Society Student Representative for British-American Study Community Service Volunteer Reading is Leading Participant Peer Mentor Big Brother/Big Sister Program D.A.R.E Model Community Cleanup Volunteer Education in America Speaker Sunday School Teacher Elementary School Volunteer Homecoming King.

Career Athletic, Academic and Service Accomplishments: Team captain for two years Homecoming King in 2005-06 Named Team Offensive MVP as a senior 2001 Kermie Schneider Award (Outstanding Northwest Freshman Football Player) 2005 Harlon Hill nominee... 2004 and 2005 Second Team All-MIAA selection 2005 Daktronics Second Team All-Southwest Region... 2005 Football Gazette All-America Third-Team Offense Two-time CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® MIAA Presidential Scholar (4.0 GPA) all four seasons... Fourth on the MIAA career charts (all games) in passing yards (8,064) and sixth in total offense (8,064), ninth in total offense (regular season games) with 6,777 and 10th in passing yards with 6,000.



Women's Winner
Kristin Anderson • Senior
Central Missouri State University
Indoor Track & Field • Richfield, Ohio
3.97 cumulative GPA as a marketing major

2005-06 Athletic Accomplishments: Anderson won the national championship in the 5,000-meter run at the 2006 NCAA-II Indoor Championships... She was the overall high-point individual at the 2006 MIAA Indoor Championships, winning the mile run, the 3,000-meter and 5,000-meter run.

2005-06 Academic Accomplishments: Kristin was a nominee for Academic All-America honors, and was on the Academic All-MIAA squad... She received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

2005-06 Campus/Community Service: She volunteered with "The Breakers," a spring mission sponsored by the Christian Campus House that built a house in Atlanta, Ga.... She volunteers with the youth choir at First Baptist Church, where she also serves as a volunteer counselor at Camp Wilderness... Anderson is an active member of the Baptist Student Union, she also participates in the CMSU Literacy Team a program that reads to and then donates books to area elementary schools... She was a nominee for the Charno Award at CMSU for outstanding senior and was named the CMSU Co-Female Athlete of the Year.

Career Athletic, Academic and Service Accomplishments: Kristin was the high-point individual at the 2004 MIAA Outdoor Championships with 30 points, as she won the 3,000, the 5,000, and the 3,000-meter steeplechase... She has twice finished second at the NCAA-II Outdoor Championships in the steeplechase (2003 and 2004), twice won the MIAA Cross Country title (2003 and 2004), and has earned All-MIAA honors in cross country and track & field 25 times... Kristin earned All-America honors in cross country by placing 15th at the national championships... She was second in the South Central Regional, and won the MIAA cross country title she was the high-point individual at both the 2005 MIAA Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships indoors, she won the 3,000 and the 5,000, and was second in the mile (28 team points) outdoors, she won the 3,000, the 10,000, and the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and was second in the 5,000 (38 team points) she also earned All-America honors during the indoor season by placing fifth in the 5,000 she led CMSU to a sweep of the MIAA titles last year, as the Jennies won the Cross Country, Indoor, and outdoor team titles, the first time a school has accomplished that feat since 2000... She has qualified for the NCAA-II Outdoor Championships in the 3,000, the 3,000-meter steeplechase, and the 5,000... Anderson won the national championship in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (10:32.92) at the 2005 NCAA-II Outdoor Championships... She has been Academic All-MIAA three times and has been selected CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America® twice, being named to the first team in 2004-05 and received third-team honors in 2003-04 and has been a member of the Dean's List every semester at CMSU.

This was the 13th year that the top student-athletes have been honored in the MIAA. The winners are chosen by a panel representing each of the MIAA-member institutions, as well as the conference office. The group includes directors of athletics, senior woman administrators, faculty representatives, and sports information directors.

The panel judged the nominees on their athletic and academic accomplishments, along with any campus/community service during the 2005-06 year as well as their career. Eight men and nine women were nominated, all completing at least their junior season of eligibility and holding a minimum GPA of 3.00 as of April 1, 2006.

The awards are named for the MIAA's first full-time commissioner (pictured top right), who retired in 1997 after 16 years of service to the conference, and passed away in May 2004 at age 74.

MIAA Ken B. Jones Student-Athlete of the Year Award Winners

	Men	Women
1993-94	Michael Obertop, SBU, Tennis	Becky Wilson, UMR, CC/Track & Field
1994-95	Bob Poisal, CMSU, Baseball	Shally Lundien, MSSU, Softball
1995-96	Michael Dritelein, WU, Football	Jenny Pracht, PSU, Basketball
1996-97	Aaron Christensen, CMSU, Baseball	Deandra Doubrava, ESU, VB/T&F*
1997-98	Brian Moorman, PSU, Football/T&F*†	Nikki Olberding, WU, Basketball
1998-99	Brian Moorman, PSU, Football/T&F	Julie Cobb, CMSU, Softball & Deandra Doubrava, ESU, Track & Field
1999-2000	Jason Reinberg, TSU, Basketball	Leslie Dudley, PSU, Basketball
2000-01	Matt Meyr, MSSU, Baseball & Clint Steiner, CMSU, Football	Emily Bloss, ESU, Basketball
2001-02	Tucker Woolsey, NWMSU, Track & Field	Jeanette Mott, PSU, CC/Track & Field
2002-03	Mark Eori, SBU, Tennis*	Sarah Wuertz, ESU, Track & Field
2003-04	Tyler Paul, ESU, Football	Kate Hamera, UMR, CC/Track & Field
2004-05	Clint Prange, NWMSU, Track & Field	Sara Murray, TSU, Soccer
2005-06	Josh Lamberson, NWMSU, Football	Kristin Anderson, CMSU, Indoor T&F

*=won as a junior †=unanimous selection



MIAA Member Information

Central Missouri State University

Location: Warrensburg, Mo. 64093
Founded: 1871
Enrollment: 11,000
Colors: Cardinal & Black
Nicknames: Mules (men)/Jennies (women)
President: Dr. Aaron Podolefsky
Faculty Athletics Representative:
 Paul Engelmann
Director of Athletics: Jerry Hughes
Associate Directors:
 Kathy Anderson, Shawn Jones
Athletics Phone: (660) 543-4250
Head Athletic Trainer: Brian Curless
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AMR Office Fax: (660) 543-8034
Web Site: www.cmsu.edu/athletic



McCutcheon

Emporia State University

Location: Emporia, Kan. 66801
Founded: 1863
Enrollment: 6,258
Colors: Old Gold & Black
Nickname: Hornets/Lady Hornets
Interim President: Dr. John Schwenn
Faculty Athletics Representative: John Rich
Director of Athletics: Kent Weiser
Associate Director: Carmen Leeds
Assistant Directors: Shane Shively, Don Weast
Athletics Phone: (620) 341-5354
Men's Athletic Trainer: John Baxter
Women's Athletic Trainer: Leslie Kenney
Asst. AD (Media Relations): Don Weast (weastdon@emporia.edu)
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AMR Office Fax: (620) 341-5808
Web Site: www.emporia.edu/athletics



Weast

Fort Hays State University

Location: Hays, Kan. 67601
Founded: 1902
Enrollment: 9,000
Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Tigers
President: Dr. Edward H. Hammond
Faculty Athletics Representative: Glen McNeil
Director of Athletics: Curtis Hammeke
Associate Director: Mark Pahls
Senior Woman Administrator: Carolyn Bird
Athletics Phone: (785) 628-4050
Head Athletic Trainer: Brian Razak
Associate Athletic Trainer: Brady Ternes
Sports Information Director: Ryan Prickett (rpricket@fhsu.edu)
Office Phone: (785) 628-5903 • **Home:** (785) 635-0434
Assistant SID: Trent Smith
Office Phone: (785) 628-5800
SID Office Fax: (785) 628-4383
Web Site: www.fhsuathletics.com



Prickett

Missouri Southern State University

Location: Joplin, Mo. 64801
Founded: 1937
Enrollment: 5,740
Colors: Green & Gold
Nickname: Lions
President: Dr. Julio Leon
Faculty Athletics Representative: Virginia Laas
Director of Athletics: Sallie Beard
Assistant Director: Robert Corn
Athletics Phone: (417) 625-9317
Head Athletic Trainer: Darin Moore
Sports Information Director: TBA
Office Phone: (417) 625-9359
SID Office Fax: (417) 625-9397
Web Site: www.mssu.edu/athletics/

Missouri Western State University

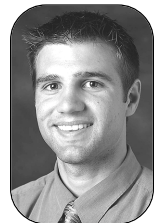
Location: St. Joseph, Mo. 64507
Founded: 1969
Enrollment: 5,167
Colors: Black & Gold
Nickname: Griffons
President: Dr. James Scanlon
Faculty Athletics Representative: Brenda Blessing
Director of Athletics: Mark Linder
Assistant Director: Patsy Smith
Athletics Phone: (816) 271-4481
Head Athletic Trainer: Myron Unzicker
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Office Phone: (816) 271-4257 • **Home:** (816) 232-8582
SID Office Fax: (816) 271-4544
Web Site: www.gogriffons.com



King

Northwest Missouri State University

Location: Maryville, Mo. 64468
Founded: 1905
Enrollment: 6,200
Colors: Green & White
Nickname: Bearcats
President: Dr. Dean Hubbard
Faculty Athletics Representative: Robert Dewhirst
Director of Athletics: Robert Boerigter
Assistant Directors: Mark Clements, Sue Reinders
Athletics Phone: (660) 562-1713
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Web Site: www.northwestbearcats.com



Waller

MIAA Member Information



Pittsburg State University

Location: Pittsburg, Kan. 66762
Founded: 1903
Enrollment: 6,751
Colors: Crimson & Gold
Nickname: Gorillas
President: Dr. Tom Bryant
Faculty Athletics Representative: Catherine Hooley
Director of Athletics: Chuck Broyles
Associate Director: Tommy Riggs
Assistant Directors: Steve Bever, Russ Jewett
Senior Woman Administrator: Natalie Cullen
Athletics Phone: (620) 235-4389
Head Athletic Trainer: Phil Carr
Sports Information Director: Dan Wilkes (dwilkes@pittstate.edu)
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Assistant SID: Tina Lancaster (tlancast@pittstate.edu)
Office Phone: (620) 235-4137
SID Office Fax: (620) 235-4149
Web Site: www.pittstategorillas.com



Wilkes

Southwest Baptist University

Location: Bolivar, Mo. 65613
Founded: 1878
Enrollment: 3,400
Colors: Purple & White
Nicknames: Bearcats/Lady Bearcats
President: Dr. C. Pat Taylor
Faculty Athletics Representative: Kevin Schriver
Director of Athletics: Brent Good
Asst. Directors: Joanne Vaughan, Nate Davis
Athletics Phone: (417) 328-1787
Head Athletic Trainer: Mike Wolhoy
Sports Information Director: TBA
Office Phone: (417) 328-1799
SID Office Fax: (417) 328-1745
Web Site: www.sbuniv.edu/athletics/

Truman State University

Location: Kirksville, Mo. 63501
Founded: 1867
Enrollment: 6,000
Colors: Purple & White
Nickname: Bulldogs
President: Dr. Barbara B. Dixon
Faculty Athletics Representative: Jeff Gall
Director of Athletics: Jerry Wollmering
Assistant Directors: B.J. Pumroy, Kevin White
Senior Woman Administrator: TBA
Athletics Phone: (660) 785-4235
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Web Site: gobulldogs.truman.edu



White

Washburn University

Location: Topeka, Kan. 66621
Founded: 1865
Enrollment: 7,002
Colors: Yale Blue & White
Nicknames: Ichabods/Lady Blues
President: Dr. Jerry Farley
Faculty Athletics Representative: Larry Blumberg
Director of Athletics: Loren Ferré
Associate Director: Kerry Dickerson
Assistant Director: Janet Degginger
Athletics Phone: (785) 670-1134
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Sports Information Director:
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Cassell

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FHSU: Dial 9, then 1 and the number for a toll-free call.
MSSU: Dial 8, then 1 and the number for a toll-free call.
MWSU: Dial 9 for a local call. Dial 8 and the number for a toll-free call.
NWMSU: Dial 9 then the number for a toll-free call.
PSU: Dial 8, then 1 and the number for a toll-free call.
SBU: Dial 9, then 1 and the number for a toll-free call.
TSU: Dial 9 for a local call. Dial 8 then the number for a toll-free call.
WU: Dial 9, then 1 and the number for a toll-free call.

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