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Message from the President – Fall 2023

It is hard to believe that our Fall seasons are already winding down. Before too much time passes, there are a few things I wanted to share with you regarding the Association.

- **New Sports Commissioners:** We have 3 new sports commissioners for the 2023-2024 year: Duane Summers (Football), Dan Lawrence (Baseball) and Xavier Ferguson (Boys Lacrosse). Please join me and congratulating Duane, Dan, and Xavier to these roles. Their leadership and willingness to take on these positions in service to our members is very much appreciated. It is also important to thank Roy Holbeck, Ed Dufrene, and Kerry Ottaviani who preceded them as commissioners in these sports. Special mention and gratitude are extended to Roy Holbeck and Ed Dufrene for their tremendous contributions leading their sports for many years – but also to their dedication to the MCOA as a whole. Their contributions will have a long-lasting positive impact to the Association.
- **New Contract Agreement:** On June 27, 2023, we reached agreement with the Brevard Public Schools on a new 3-year contract that includes an option for 2 additional years. This was a long and at times very difficult process, but I am happy to report we were able to finally put to rest the issues of things such as crew size and fee reductions. Perhaps the biggest win for all who support Athletics in Brevard was the decision for the District to entirely fund Official's expenses. This was a historic leap forward that will allow individual schools to retain a much larger percentage of their revenue to reinvest in their programs. Challenges remain (such as schedules-invoices-payments) for continued process improvement, but rest assured we have an excellent working relationship with BPS and we are all committed to making things continuously better. There is not enough space here to get into the details so, please feel free to give me a call if you have questions or would like additional information.
- **New Hall of Fame Inductees:** in August , we held our 2nd MCOA Hall of Fame Ceremony to honor our new Hall of Fame Inductees: C.W. Bailey, Barbara Burgess, Bill Bancroft, Larry Makela, Sr. Jack Stallings, and Sr. Jack Stallings, Jr. It was an outstanding event and a privilege to honor these true Hall of Famers. Long-time Principal and Cape Coast Conference Commissioner, Gary Shiffrin, was our guest speaker and the Master of Ceremonies was Alan Zlotorzynki of Brevard Sports Network. The ceremony can be viewed here:

<https://www.mcoa.org/about/hof-ceremony-2023.php>

Yours In Sports,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve' in a cursive, stylized font.

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