

Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Committee
February 1, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Meeting held via Zoom

Minutes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

Attendance:

The following committee members were present: Jim Clark, AK Johnson, Michael Johnson, Jim Lewis, Tracey Roberson, Wayne Sanders, Danielle Thorne, Bob Trout, Mark Wiedemer, Jim Worden, Mark Eisenhour, and Jacinta Greene.

Absent: John O'Connor

Others: Kamilah Lawson, Annika Eelkema, Susan Neilson, and Jerry File.

Committee Leadership Elections:

Nomination of Committee Chair: Danielle Thorne nominated AK Johnson to serve as Chair of the AHOF Advisory Committee. Tracey Roberson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to elect AK Johnson as Chair.

Nomination of Vice Chair: Tracey Roberson moved to nominate Danielle Thorne as Vice Chair of the committee. AK Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to elect Danielle Thorne as Vice Chair of the committee.

The committee is still looking for a Secretary to record minutes.

Discussion of Selection Process:

Chair Johnson thanked the committee members for their continued service on the committee and their dedication to the Athletic Hall of Fame. He confirmed that at the last meeting the committee selected the slate of nominations for the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. (This selection was intended for the 2020-2021 school year, but the process was delayed due to the COVID-19 shut down and suspension of advisory committee meetings.) This slate of nominations will appear at the February 18, 2021 School Board Meeting for information and for approval at the March 4, 2021 School Board Meeting. There is no scheduled induction ceremony at this time.

Mr. Johnson noted that voting and selection of inductees by the committee should remain confidential until posted publicly for a School Board Meeting. He indicated that he was receiving calls regarding selections that had not yet been released publicly.

The committee began discussing the process for selecting nominees for induction during the 2021-2022 school year. The intention is to develop a reliable and fair process to use going forward. Chair Johnson presented a proposal regarding a process for selecting the next slate of nominees. Vice Chair Danielle Thorne presented a document noting how other Athletic Hall of Fames run their selection processes. The committee discussed both documents and gave feedback. The proposed selection process will

return at the March 1 meeting with any feedback incorporated. Committee members are asked to email Chair Johnson any suggested changes to the process by February 10th.

There was a discussion about edits to the nomination form in order to allow nominators to highlight any athlete's accomplishments by allowing them to choose from a drop-down menu any significant athletic achievements such as All-State, All-Met, All-District, etc. and/or where information on this athlete may be found. This new form will help committee members to better evaluate and compare candidates. Applications without enough information will be returned to the nominator to provide additional pertinent information.

The committee reviewed the meeting and selection process timeline for the remaining meetings:

March 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- Finalize the process for selection
- Review changes to the Nomination Form

April 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- Applications for the 2021-2022 selection provided for review
- Begin subcommittees review of applications by subgroup for discussion at the May 3rd meeting

May 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- Review top selections by subgroup
- First Vote to narrow selections

May 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

- Final vote on AHOF Inductees by the committee for presentation to the School Board at the June 3, 2021 Meeting and School Board vote on June 17, 2021.

June 7, 2021 and July Meetings (date TBD)

- Preparation and planning for induction ceremonies
- Review Bylaws to reflect changes made to selection process

On a motion by Tracey Roberson and seconded by Wayne Sanders, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.