History of MIAA

Matt Newbery

is in his ninth year as the Director of Sports Information for the MIAA. 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.

He was an assistant in the sports information office at Pittsburg State University where he graduated in 1990 with a bachelor’s degree in communication.

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MIAA Members

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Northwest Missouri State University
Missouri Western State College

Central Missouri State University

University of Missouri-Rolla

Pittsburg State University (Kan.)

Emporia State University (Kan.)

Washburn University (Kan.)

Southwest Baptist University

Missouri Southern State College

2001-02 Institutional Representatives
John Rich, President, Emporia State University
Mark Mullin, Vice President, University of Missouri-Rolla
Kevin Schriver, Secretary/Treasurer, Southwest Baptist University

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Ralph McFillen was appointed commissioner of the MIAA in January of 1997 and began his full-time position upon the retirement of the MIAA’s first commissioner, Ken B. Jones in June of that year.

McFillen served as commissioner of the Division I Metro Conference from 1987-95 and commissioner of the Division II Gulf South Conference from 1984-87. McFillen also served as an assistant director of championships at the NCAA from 1972-84. He received a bachelor’s degree in history and physical education at Kansas State University in 1964 and earned a master’s degree in education in 1967.

MIAA Timeline

The league was first organized in 1912 with 14 member institutions which included Cape Girardeau State Teachers, Kirksville State Teachers, Maryville State Teachers, Springfield State Teachers, Warrensburg State Teachers, Central College, Central Wesleyan, Culver-Stockton, Drury, Missouri Valley, Missouri Wesleyan, Tarkio, Westminster and William Jewell.

In 1924, the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) reorganized to include only the five regional state colleges; Central Missouri, Truman, Northwest Missouri, Southeast Missouri and Southwest Missouri.

The University of Missouri-Rolla joined the conference in 1935 expanding membership to six.

In 1957, the MIAA aligned itself with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) College Division.

Lincoln University became the seventh institution to gain membership in the league in 1970.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis entered the MIAA in 1980, but left the league in 1996.

Southwest Missouri State University left in 1981 to pursue membership in NCAA Division I.

In 1982, the league, for the first time in its history, began sponsoring championships for women’s athletics.

Southwest Baptist University gained membership to the conference in 1986 boosting membership to eight schools.

A major expansion of the league took place in 1989 as Missouri Southern State College, Missouri Western State College, Pittsburg State (Kan.) University and Washburn (Kan.) University joined.

In 1991, Southeast Missouri State University left to pursue NCAA Division I status and Emporia State (Kan.) University became the 12th member of the MIAA.

In 1992, the league changed it’s name to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association to better reflect its membership.

In 1997, Ken B. Jones retired after serving since 1981 as the MIAA’s first full-time commissioner.

Lincoln would leave the MIAA after the 1998-99 season.
First Team

Name, School, Position, Yr., Hometown

Britany Hargis, MSSC, P, 5-6, Sr., Broken Arrow, Okla.
Jennifer Hulsopple, TSU P, 5-11, Jr., Peculiar, Mo.
Kristi Bredbenner, TSU, C, 5-6, Sr., O'Fallon, Mo.
Stacie Carpenter, WU, 1B, 5-8, Sr., Clay Center, Kan.
Lisa Roe, MSSC, 2B, 5-5, So., Lenexa, Kan.
Erin Turner, MSSC, SS, 5-7, Jr., Harrisonville, Mo.
Jill Gregory, SBU, 3B, 5-6, So., Ozark, Mo.
Hailey Stanley, MSSC, UT, 5-5, Jr., Webb City, Mo.
Kelly Carter, NWMSU OF, 5-4, So., Excelsior Springs, Mo.
Kristen Cheney, WU, OF, 5-7, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
Desireé Price, CMSU OF, 5-8, Fr., Olathe, Kan.
Noelle Casas, CMSU, DP, 5-4, Jr., Lee's Summit, Mo.

Honorable Mention

Elisha Bonnot, MSSC P, 5-8, Sr., Loose Creek, Mo.
Gwen Giffin, CMSU, P, 5-8, Sr., Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada
Janis McKay, SBU, P, 5-3, Jr., Waterdown, Conn.
Stephanie Miller, ESU, P, 5-5, So., Derby, Kan.
Breanna Wonderly, TSU, P, 5-5, Fr., Conception, Mo.
Paula Baker, MSSC, C, 5-10, Jr., Claremore, Okla.
Julie Blaufuss, WU, C, 5-10, So., Lenexa, Kan.
Nicole Starn, NWMSU, 1B, 5-9, Sr., Independence, Mo.
Sarah Patterson, SBU, 1B, 5-7, Sr., Raytown, Mo.
Sissy Fletcher, PSU, 2B, 5-3, So., DeSoto, Kan.
Rachel Helser, UMR, 2B, 5-5, Jr., Belfair, Wash.
Elizabeth Economon, TSU SS, 5-3, Fr., St. Louis, Mo.
Kassie Long, CMSU, SS, 5-8, Fr., Carrollton, Mo.
Alison Potter, ESU SS, 5-0, Jr., Topeka, Kan.
Missy Kane, TSU 3B, 5-7, Sr., Wildwood, Mo.
Amy Scott, WU, OF, 5-4, Sr., Topeka, Kan.
Shannon Stoughton, ESU OF, 5-11, Fr., Parker, Kan.

Most Valuable Player

Britany Hargis, P, MSSC

Freshman Of The Year

Elizabeth Economon, SS, TSU

Coach Of The Year

Ron Faubion, MSSC

Past MIAA Champions

1982 CMSU 1983 TRUMAN
1984 NWMS 1985 TRUMAN
1986 TRUMAN 1987 CMSU
1988 CMSU 1989 UMSL
1990 MSSC 1991 SEMS
1992 MSSC 1993 MSSC
1994 CMSU 1995 CMSU
1996 ESU 1997 CMSU
1998 MSSC 1999 NWMS
2000 TRUMAN 2001 MSSC
Past Truman All-MIAA

**First Team**
Tammie Reed, Third Base (1982, ’83 ’84)
Christy Johnson, Outfield (1982, ’83)
Carol McFee, Outfield (1982, ’83)
Maggie Egofske, Outfield (1984, ’85)
Tami Billerbeck, Utility Player (1984, ’85, ’86- MVP, ’87)
Trish Kongable, Pitcher (1985, ’86)
Johnna Fields, Second Base (1986)
Liz Chavez, Outfield (1986)
Pat Hernandez, Catcher (1987)
Deb Weno, Utility Player (1987, ’88)
Andrea Bambrough, Second Base (1988, ’89)
Joann Ruddy, Outfield (1988)
Sherry Thompson, Outfield (1988)
Trisha Horn, Designated Player (1988)
Jen Hulsopple, Pitcher (1999 & Freshman of the Year, 2000, 2001)
Kristi Bredbenner, Catcher (2000 & MVP, 2001)

**Second Team**
Trish Kongable, Pitcher (1983, ’84)
Hilda Haring, Shortstop (1983)
Sandra Sorenson, Designated Player (1984)
Deb Weno, Pitcher (1985, ’86)
Tammie Reed, Third Base (1985)
Jeanette Cleven, Shortstop (1985, ’87)
Liz Chavez, Outfield (1985)
Andrea Bambrough, Second Base (1987)
Cindy Smith, Outfield (1987)
Keitha Pickrell, Pitcher (1988)
Robin Houseman, Catcher (1989)
Sherry Thompson, Outfield (1989)
Vicki Dennington, Catcher (1990)
Anne Moe, First Base (1993)
Kristen Floyd, Utility Player (1993)
Megan Sullivan, Shortstop (1997, ’00)
Danni Peterson, Catcher (1997)
Stephanie Schlegel, First Base (1998, ’99)
Jen Wright, Designated Player (1998)
Christine Schamber, Outfield (2000)
Stephanie Cepicky, Right Field (2001)

**Honorable Mention**
Jody Ryan, Utility Player (1983, ’84)
Jennifer Wagner, Pitcher (1983)
Joni Williams, First Base (1983)
Pat Hernandez, Catcher (1984, ’85, ’86)
Jeanette Cleven, Shortstop (1984, ’86)
Johnna Fields, Second Base (1985)
Joann Ruddy, Outfield (1987)
Trisha Horn, Shortstop (1990)
Anne Moe, First Base (1990, ’91)
Brenda Reiling, Outfield (1991)
Kristen Roberts, Third Base (1994, ’96)
Dawn Schumann, Outfield (1994, ’95)
Chris Jones, Designated Player (1994)
Carin Hunt, First Base (1995)
Mary Williamson, Outfield (1995)
Patty Horn, Designated Player (1995)
Gail Knaebel, Outfield (1999)
Jen Wright, Outfield, Designated Player (1999, ’00)
Brittni Buford, Pitcher (2000)
Stephanie Schlegel, First Base (2000)
Missy Kane, Third Base (2000 & 2001)
Michelle Rackers, Outfield (2000)
Elizabeth Economon, Shortstop (2001 & Freshman of the Year)
Katy Mueller, Center Field (2001)
Breanna Wonderly, Pitcher (2001)