

PRESIDENT – Todd Szalka (Trenton HS)
1st VP/MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – Mark Pendred (East Lansing HS)
2nd VP/HALL OF FAME CHAIR – Scott Evans (Richmond HS)
SECRETARY – Scott Salow (Homer HS)
TREASURER – Chris Andrews (Portage Northern HS)
ALL-STAR GAME CO-CHAIR – Dan Griesbaum (GP South HS)
ALL-STAR GAME CO-CHAIR – Dan Cimini (GP Liggett HS)
ASG PROGRAM CHAIR – Bob Walmsley (Clintondale HS)
CONFERENCE CHAIR – Corey Farnar (Woodhaven HS)



POLLS CHAIR – Dave Sidenbender (Niles Brandywine HS)
SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR – Frank Sumbera (retired)
SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR – Adam Wooldey (MH Lamphere HS)
SPONSORSHIP CHAIR – John Kostrzewa (Northville HS)
WEBSITE CHAIR – Chad Grundy (Marion HS)
AT-LARGE – Matt Cook (Grandville HS)
AT-LARGE – Matt Fournier (Livonia Franklin HS)
AT-LARGE – Lawrence Scheffer (Livonia Churchill HS)

7/2/2020

Dear MHSBCA Members,

I can't imagine the heartache and pain you went through with the cancellation of the 2020 season. It had to be even harder for you to watch the careers of your Seniors come to such an abrupt end. Many of you deployed alternative options of communication including Zoom calls, Twitter, and words of encouragement through text messages. No matter what your method of communication, you showed that baseball coaches around the State of Michigan are indeed special!

With the cancellation of the season, the MHSBCA Board decided to cancel the majority of the awards that we give out. We did, however; decide to honor Junior and Senior student-athletes who have maintained a 4.0 or higher throughout their high school careers with recognition on the Academic All-State Individual Teams. In addition, we will be awarding the Frank Sumbera Scholarship to four distinguished student-athletes.

After months of waiting and deliberation, we have also decided to cancel the 2020 MHSBCA East-West All-Star Game. This was a tough decision, but as July begins, there is too much uncertainty revolving around COVID-19 to safely play the game. With that said, we realize the honor of being named an East-West All-Star is of the highest regard, recognizing the career accomplishments of our players. Unanimously, the MHSBCA Board decided to pick both teams. Teams will be released sometime in the next week or two. Due to the nullification of the season, we felt the only fair criteria we could use in team determinations would be players who have committed to Division I schools and/or were 2019 MHSBCA 1st or 2nd Team All-State selections. Each of the players chosen had to be nominated by their coach and met either one or both of the aforementioned standards.

Many of you have had questions regarding the 2020-21 season. At this time, it is the MHSAA's stance that all three sports seasons will be played as normally scheduled. The MHSAA does have contingency plans ready should expected circumstances change. The MHSBCA does not support the moving of seasons for a multitude of reasons, including an increased risk of losing two seasons in a row.

Lastly, I would like to thank the MHSAA for working hand in hand with us as we have navigated through these times of uncertainty.

In Baseball,

T. Szalka

Todd Szalka
MHSBCA President
Head Baseball Coach, Trenton HS