

BCA Members;

We are quickly approaching the start of another new year. There are a lot of challenges ahead for us, but as baseball coaches, we always meet any challenge.

Our different committees have done an exceptional job for our organization. The Ranking Committee worked extremely hard in collaboration with *Baseball America* in ranking teams across this country. This is no easy task. The Woodlands High School was named as their National Champion. The All American and All District Committee did an excellent job in coming up with their selections. They named Billy Rowell (NJ) as its National Player of the Year. The Coach of the Year/Field of the Year Committee did a great job. They named Ballard High School (KY) as their Turface Field of the Year winner and named Ron Eastman (TX) as our National Coach of the Year.

We are starting our BCA Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame sponsored by Easton Sporting Goods. We hope to induct our first class of inductees at our 2007 Clinic in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. We will be replacing the Awards Luncheon with an Awards Dinner. We formed our Hall of Fame Committee to develop the criteria for induction, application form for applying, and voting process for being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

We had our annual clinic in December at the Millennium Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri. We had some superior speakers at this year's clinic. The weather in the Midwest became a great challenge for our coaches to get to St. Louis. Just proves that baseball coaches are a dedicated group of people. There were a lot of horror stories of what some coaches went through to get or not to get there. Those who were in attendance said in their evaluations forms that they really enjoyed themselves. Friday night we walked over to the Busch Stadium for a tour of the World Championship Cardinals' new playing field. It was cold, but a very nice tour. Throughout our visit the Millennium Hotel personnel were outstanding, making us feel very welcome and special.

As most of you have notice, our web site has been a big change in our communications. It is updated almost daily. We have our BCA Directory on it and it makes it easier for coaches to see if their current membership has been received. As we move forward, the website is going to be even more important to us in this organization. I hope some day to have most of our information and transactions on line. We must all take ownership in our organization. A newsletter and paper communications are great tools, but they don't reach everyone in our baseball world. Postage becomes very expensive and not cost effective.

If any of you want something on the website, just communicate with us and we will do our best to help get your information posted. Each district and state association has a link to communicate what's going on in each state. We are getting 2000-3000 hits a day on our site. These hits come from all over the world, not just the good old USA. Our men and women overseas are tuning in and looking at what we are doing.

Let's all work together to make this organization become stronger and more united. Let your friends know about our organization and let's get them involved.

Our 2007 National Clinic will be held in Oklahoma City, OK (Nov. 29-Dec. 2). Check our website for further details. Hope to see you there.

Have a great New Year and an outstanding 2007 baseball season.

Respectfully,

Ron Davini