

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**  
P.O. Box 1217, Pierre, SD 57501

**2015 OFFICIAL RUNOFF ELECTION BALLOT**

**EAST RIVER AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE**

**TERM: JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2020**

**East River At-Large Representative**—Representative to be filled by an athletic/activities director. An assistant or vice principal/athletic or activities director who devotes time to athletics/activities would be eligible for the seats open to athletic/activities directors; athletic/activities directors who teach would be eligible for those seats open to athletic/activities directors. The east river At-Large Board of Directors member must be elected from the east river region. The Missouri River shall be the dividing line between the east and west regions. In the event that the boundaries of a school district are located on both sides of the Missouri River, the physical location of the high school shall determine whether said school district is east river or west river. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a five year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and unable to run for reelection.

The deadline for the return of this ballot is **Monday, July 6, 2015**.

***VOTE FOR ONE***

- Moe Ruesink, Sioux Valley High School
- Mike Schmidt, Wilmot High School

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Name of Member School

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Date

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Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

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Signature (School Board President)

**Unless there are TWO signatures, this ballot will be unacceptable and declared void.**

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## **Moe Ruesink – Sioux Valley**

I was born and raised in Castlewood, SD and graduated from Castlewood High School in 1993.

Throughout my middle school and high school years, I participated in both fine arts and athletics. I was privileged to be selected two years for All-State Chorus along with participating and lettering in football, basketball and track. It was during this time period, that I knew my future would include the education field and extra-curricular activities. I believed I had a calling to help students in the future with accomplishing their goals as they earn their high school education.

Following high school, I attended SDSU with a football scholarship and pursued the education field. My educational experience includes earning my undergraduate degree from SDSU in 1998 in HPER as well as earning my Master's Degree in Education Administration at SDSU in 2003. Most recently, I earned my Education Specialist Degree at USF in 2014.

For the past sixteen years, I have been actively involved in development of young students. I have taught courses in K-12 physical education and MS/HS social sciences along with being a head coach in football, basketball and golf. My passion for activities, leadership, and dedication to student athletes has also led to being athletic director for the past ten years. In the past, I have spent time in the Sully Buttes, Estelline and Hamlin School Districts. Currently, I am serving in my seventh year as the Activities Director and Dean of Students at Sioux Valley School District in Volga, SD where I oversee all of the middle school and high school athletics and fine arts.

My wife, Michelle, and I have been married fourteen years and live in Volga, SD. We are blessed with three sons; Hayden (11), Hudson (9) and Holdyn (6). I would be honored to represent and make decisions in the best interest of the students and all school districts-no matter their size-of South Dakota. In regards to listening and understanding concerns, there is no one better. With my experience, passion and knowledge of the big picture for fine arts and athletics, I feel I am the best choice as your East River At-Large Representative.

## **Mike Schmidt - Wilmot**

My name is Mike Schmidt and I am currently the K-8 Principal and Athletic Director at the Wilmot School in Wilmot, South Dakota. I graduated from West Central High School in 1994, where I was fortunate enough to be part of some very successful extra-curricular programs. Because of the influence of many of the teachers and coaches I had in school, I decided to pursue education as my career. I earned my B.S. in education from Dakota State in 1999, and my Masters' in Educational Administration from SDSU in 2007. I began my teaching career in Hitchcock, SD in the fall of 1999, and taught middle school language arts and physical education and coached basketball. I then took a teaching position in Wilmot, where I have taught a variety of classes and subjects and have coached football, basketball, and track and field at all levels. I have been the athletic director for 5 years. As athletic director, I was the District 1B volleyball chairman in 2014, and have been the Region 1B track and field chairman since 2014.

I believe that co- and extra-curricular activities are an integral part of education in our schools. It is vitally important to support these programs in schools of all sizes. If elected, I will listen to your concerns and opinions and be a voice for all schools. Thank you for your consideration.

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**SMALL SCHOOL GROUP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**TERM: JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2020**

**Small School Group Board of Education**—Representative to be filled by a school board member. The Small School Group Board of Education member may be nominated from any SDHSAA member school with a 2012-2013 ADM from 458.989 to 7.000. The small school group includes those schools from Spearfish High School with a 2012-2013 ADM of 458.989 to School for the Blind/VI with a 2012-2013 ADM of 7.000. **Any member school may nominate a person for this position and all member schools have the opportunity to vote.** The person elected will serve a five year term on the SDHSAA Board of Directors and unable to run for reelection.

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***VOTE FOR ONE***

- David Planteen, Langford Area School District
- Bryan Skinner, West Central School District

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Name of Member School

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Date

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Signature (Superintendent or Principal)

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Signature (School Board President)

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## **David Planteen**

I desire a position on the Board of Directors for the SDHSAA because I wish to be involved in the decision making process at the state level. I feel that some of my life experiences would allow me to listen to all positions of a topic and with all involved to implement them into policy that is good for all patrons. I am a lifelong resident of SD and have maintained an active involvement in high school activities since my own high school career as a player. Since that time I have been a coach, fan, high school basketball and football official, as well as enjoyed watching my own children participate in a variety of activities.

My educational experience includes earning my high school diploma from Langford High School, as well as, a Bachelor of Science degree from SDSU. My wife Gwen, of 25 years, and I reside near Langford. Our children, Rachel (21) and Drew (18) both graduated from Langford Area and are currently attending state universities working toward their undergraduate degrees. I am currently employed by First State Bank of Claremont and own and operate the family farm. I serve as President of the Langford Area School Board of Education, which I have been a member of for 11 years. I am an active high school basketball referee and football official serving for 28 and 23 years respectfully.

I believe that having served high school athletics from all angles makes me a unique fit to consider policy and rules for the SDHSAA. I would work hard for all of the member schools to find solutions that fit all of the needs of the state. My life experiences, along with my drive and love for education, would be a good fit to the board. I respectfully ask you to consider placing your vote for me for the SDHSAA Small School Group Board Member.

## **Bryan Skinner**

My name is Bryan Skinner and I would appreciate your vote for the SDHSAA Board of Directors. I am a native of Armour, South Dakota. I was born and raised there and am a 1985 graduate of Armour High School. I attended the University of South Dakota for undergraduate and University of Nebraska-Lincoln for graduate school majoring in athletic administration.

In 1992 I was hired as the Assistant Director of Recreational Services at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas. My duties there included hiring and training officials, setting up leagues and tournaments for over 300 basketball teams, 200 flag football teams, 200 volleyball teams and numerous other sports. I also taught officiating to college students for Football, Basketball and Baseball.

My family has resided in Hartford since 1996. My wife Theresa taught in the West Central School District for 18 years. This last year she accepted a teaching and advisory position at the University of South Dakota in the Education department. I have one daughter Maty, who is a sophomore at South Dakota State University. I also have two sons, Daniel a junior and Jaxon a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at West Central.

I am currently employed as Operations Manager for M.G. Oil. I oversee offices in Sioux Falls, Brookings, Beresford and Mitchell. I have been employed there for 19 years.

I have been a certified official for high school sports for many years. I officiated high school football for 22 years and high school basketball for 18 years. I also umpired all levels of baseball for 25 years. I served as the League Director for the Minn/Dak youth baseball league from 2007 to 2014. I have coached many teams in youth baseball, football and basketball leagues. I am currently on West Central Baseball Association board of directors. I have served on West Central School Board for 3 years and was recently elected for another 3 year term. I was enlisted in the South Dakota Army National Guard from 1985 to 1992.

Growing up in a small community I was able to participate in many extracurricular activities. I developed a great appreciation of the importance of these activities in my life and of all the students who take the opportunity to get involved. I have been in a leadership position in numerous athletic leagues my entire adult life. I believe I have the experience, the knowledge and the understanding to be an effective board member for the SDHSAA. I would appreciate your support.