

**Name** Randy McCallon

**Topic** NFHS Summer Meeting Attendance

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**Sessions Attended**

1. 1st General Session (Opening Ceremony), 2. 2nd General Session (Business Meeting), 3. 3rd General Session (The Platform of Interscholastic Athletics in Growing Courageous Leaders), 4. 1st Workshop Session (CIAC Athletic Admin. and Media Platform), 5. 4th General Session (The New Normal: New Tech, New Talk, and The New Workforce), 6. (Nomination Process for Hall of Fame), 7. 2nd Workshop Session (Artificial Intelligence for State Associations), 8. 3rd Workshop Session (Board Members Roundtable), 9. Summer Meeting Luncheon, 10. 5th General Session (Eric Boles, CEO and Founder of the Game Changers, Inc.) 11. 4th Workshop Session (Official Shortage and Recruiting), 12. 5th Workshop Session (NIL Panel), 13. (Legal/Sports/Medicine Workshop), 14. (NFHS Hall of Fame Banquet)

**Takeaways to help Board and Staff**

1. Honored Autistic Student Merik Dismang, who had cancer and is free from Cancer as of April, 2024, with the Spirit of Sport Award, Honored Student Anders Lovstuen with the Heart of the Arts Award-4.0GPA/36 ACT and heavy extracurricular participation 2. NFHS Business Meeting included 4 priorities from President of Board Tom Keating A) Service for membership B) Wellness and Risk minimization C) Technology D) NFHS Network 3. Sean McDonough, ESPN Broadcaster moderated a panel of three and addressed Dealing with Failure--50% of people that play are gonna lose, being able to framing/forming a way to show people how failure has led to success 4. Partnerships and finding a way to continually tell your story 5. Howard Tullman (futurist) says "the rate of change will never be slower than it is today," "train your people where they can leave, but treat them well enough they don't want to leave", "the name of the game is to win not be right all the time," "Federer won 80% of 1526 singles matches but only 54% of all the points", Steve Jobs says are "we doing what is right for today?", "Attention is the new currency", "Today's miracle is tomorrow's so what." 6. HOF nominations (6 categories) are needed for officials, Performing Arts, and the other category -media and sports medicine. Start date Sept. 1 with deadline Nov. 15 for Class of 2025. 7. Categories of AI-narrow "weak" AI, general "strong" AI, Skynet "super" AI-we are in the initial stage and only scratching the surface. We are no where near super AI. What you put in and the parameters you set drive the narrow AI answers and developments. 8. Good board member round table with all states dealing with very similar issues but maybe in a different area or on a different topic. 9. Luncheon honored outgoing directors. 10. Eric Boles-"It's not about you, it's about what you leave behind", "Cancer is a word, not a sentence",

"Give people their flowers while they can see them", "Time is currency". 11. Various ideas were shared in order to recruit and retain officials including officials clinics, "Bench Bad Behavior Campaign", Officials Appreciation Week, Junior Officials program, posters in every HS, unruly fan card given to unruly fan, increased penalties did not reduce ejections, officials recruiting tent at events. 12. Commissioner Tackett served as 1 of 3 panel members and did a great job giving a history of NIL in KY and discussing the many facets of NIL. In Missouri violate the NIL policy and you are ineligible, in Georgia they turn in NIL deal to the school which has 7 days to report it to the GHSA. No reporting requirement in KY. All panelists agreed that so far at the high school level it has not been a prominent issue or problem. 13. Chad Collins, along with 5 other folks, discussed legal issues that have been determined but also looming issues that are of concern or may be a concern. Mr. Collins represented KY and the KHSAA very well with his remarks. It was pointed out that 32 states allow HS athletes to monetize their name, image, and likeness. MN '23, WV '22, and PA '22 enacted transfer laws. 14. The NFHS Hall of Fame Banquet concluded the conference. Joe Burrow's grandmother, Dot Ford Burrow, was an inductee. She once scored 82 of her teams 88 points in a basketball game. Takeo Spikes (FB), Joe Mauer(BB), and Tyrone Wheatley(FB) were other players inducted. Mauer struck out one time during his whole HS baseball career. Gary Rankin was a football coach inducted that stood out, coaching 42 seasons in TN with 484 career wins and 17 state championships on his resume'. Takeo Spikes spoke for the Class of 2024 and said "I preferred to run over them, but if I had to I could run around." Notable inductees included a swimming coach who has coached 59 years, a baseball coach who has coached 51 years at the same school and has won over 1000 games, and a women's volleyball coach with a 1088-173 record and 15 state titles.

### **General Commentary**

I really enjoyed the conference and tried to take in as many events as I could. Thanks to Dave Zuberer going with me on the Duck Boat ride where we saw where Samuel Adams, John Adams, and Ben Franklin were laid to rest. Since I went by myself, thanks for the Phillips', Zuberers, and Courtneys for, along with the staff for allowing me to keep company. The Brazillian steakhouse will always be a memory. Rest assured everyone across the USA is dealing with very similar problems, issues, and concerns. We are as ahead of those as much as anyone but the landscape will continue to change. Our rapport with legislators and forward thinking are real keys to ongoing success and proper management. We are well-positioned in these areas!