



## TWO ELECTED TO HOOP HISTORIANS



MEET THE NEWEST HOOP HISTORIANS:  
Larry Holley (left) and Doug Erickson

At its Annual Business meeting conducted online via Zoom, the Hoop Historians added two new members. **Larry Holley** was chosen as an active member and **Doug Erickson** was selected as an Honorary Member. Holley has 51 years of coaching experience, the last 40 as head coach at his alma mater at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri. Holley's teams won 918 games, captured 11 conference titles and played in four NAIA Final Fours. Erickson is currently the Director of Basketball Administration at UCLA, a position he has held for 29 years. Doug is responsible for all operations in the basketball program and serves as liaison between the coaching staff and athletic administration. Erickson also serves as co-director of the UCLA Basketball Camps. Full biographies on these two new Hoop Historians can be found on the Hoop Historians website at: [www.hoophistorians.com/members-home.htm](http://www.hoophistorians.com/members-home.htm).

## HOOP HISTORIANS BY THE NUMBERS:

60 Active Members  
11 Honorary Members  
9 Memorial Members

## A STREAK THAT WOULD MAKE JOE DIMAGGIO PROUD



THE STREAK IS ALIVE: Hoop Historians Joe Spagnolo, Al Sack and Brian Burmeister made it to Indianapolis for this year's Final Four

Going into this year's NCAA Tournament, the prospectus wasn't very good that any of the Hoop Historians would attend this year's Final Four. But thanks to #11 seed UCLA making it to The Big Dance, a trio of Hoop Historians were on their way to Indianapolis. **Brian Burmeister**, **Al Sack** and **Joe Spagnolo** attended the NCAA semifinals, keeping alive a streak that at least one member of the current Hoop Historians has attended the Final Four every year the event was contested since 1967. They were three of the 8,131 people in attendance practicing socially distance protocols.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

**Ted Reineking** and **Al Sack** were re-elected to two-year terms of the Board of Directors of the Hoop Historians and **John Mayberry** was re-elected to a one-year term. They join incumbents **Dennis Mishko** and **Tom Tallarito** on the Executive Board. Reineking was chosen by the Board to serve as its Chairman. The election was held online for the first time in group history, during the Annual Business Meeting.

## INAUGURAL HOOP HYSTERIA CONTEST A HIT



The first-ever Hoop Historians Hoop Hysteria Contest is in the books. A total of 44 Hoop Historians and Friends of the

Hoop Historians chose their National Champion, Final Four teams and their top five conferences during this year's NCAA Tournament. **Steve Traktman** (above) was the winner, correctly identifying Baylor as champion and picking three of the teams to make it to the Final Four. Traktman won a \$25 gift card and an autographed copy of Hoop Historian **Rick Schabowski's** book: *From Coin Flip to Championship*. Others who finished in the top ten include: Steve Newhouse, Frank Wilson, Joe Dote, Joe Makowski, Sam Lima, Brian Burmeister, Dave Fray, Joe Spagnolo and Don MacKay.

## WATCH THE HOOP HISTORIANS MEMORIAL VIDEO TRIBUTE

At the Annual Business Meeting conducted online, the first showing of the Hoop Historians Memorial Video Tribute took place. Nine former members of the Hoop Historians were remembered in



the short video. You can now view the presentation on the Hoop Historians YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmr7XGeJHaw>. The nine Hoop Historian Memorial Members include **Cal Dilworth**, **Joe Flaherty**, **Bill Jauss**, **Surl Kim**, **Daniel Marinkovich**, **Jimmy Rogers**, **John Tierney**, **Dick Triptow** and **Bruce Ziemer**.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON  
A GREAT CAREER**



Hoop Historian **Joe Makowski** is a study of longevity. He was the official statistician for DePaul University for 37-1/2 years and has recently completed a 42-year run as a Dentist in Chicago. On March 31, Doctor Makowski concluded a long and storied professional career. Congratulations Joe!

**DID YOU MISS OUT ON YOUR  
FINAL FOUR T-SHIRTS?**



Because of the limited number of people attending the Final Four this year, most would think that souvenir t-shirts were in short supply. Well, you can still be a part of this year's March Madness experience, as Hoop Historian Honorary Member **Mike Rossman** still has his officially licensed shirts available through the Pittsburgh Souvenir company. For more information contact Mike at: [pittsburghsouvenir@gmail.com](mailto:pittsburghsouvenir@gmail.com)

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**WOOF WOOF:** Billy T Haynes met a new friend outside Lucas Oil Stadium



**FOLLOW THE LEADER:** Looks like Al Sack found that hidden back entrance



**KEEPING THIS STREAK ALIVE:** This year Joe and Marty Makowski weren't at the Final Four, but that didn't stop them from taking their annual Hoop Historians floppy hat picture



**SHOWING HIS TRUE COLORS:** Tommy Tallarito relaxes in Hawaii sporting his Big East face mask



**ANOTHER STREAK:** Dave DeGrace attended his 51<sup>st</sup> straight Milwaukee Brewers home opener



**GOOD GUYS WEAR BLACK:** Who are these masked men?



**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME:** Al & Nancy Sack are masking up