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Dan Baker

Dan has been an exemplary athletics director and has served well over a decade in the TAPPS 1A ranks. He has a working understanding of and an appreciation for TAPPS rules and protocols as well as experience with the needs and challenges smaller schools face.

He has served as district president in our basketball district for a number of years now, and it is clear that other coaches in our district appreciate his knowledge, experience, and leadership.

I'm confident he would make a great addition to the AEC.

Mark Delgado

I have been in a TAPPS school ever since I began coaching. I can see myself doing it my entire career if that is God's will. Being able to disciple our children and share the love of sports at the same time is amazing. I was fortunate enough to also be able to be a part of the AEC this past school year. This really helped me to see some aspects of my job in an entirely different point of view, and has helped me to change some of the ways I approach not only how I lead our students, but how I lead my coaching staff, and even help other coaches and AD's from other schools as well. This has opened up an entirely different outlook that helps me help a larger group of people and see different insights to situations. If selected as an AEC member for the next alignment period, I believe I can further this ability to help others and help TAPPS and the member schools as well. My previous year as an AEC member, combined with now looking more at the day to day operations of our school as an admin have really helped me to help myself and others in addition to what I was already doing as the AD alone.

Ronnie Raines

After 10 great years at Athens Christian Prep, I have taken the full time position as AD/HS Girls Basketball Head Coach along with teaching athletics and guidance classes at St Mary's-Longview.

Since being a part of TAPPS, I have been all in with the organization and how it has been a vital part of the growth at ACPA. It is my desire to serve all of TAPPS by being a part of the AEC or through volunteering at TAPPS events.

As for my experience, when I took on the roll of AD at ACPA our school offered only 4 opportunities for our junior high and high school students to compete in. We now compete in 10 sports with most in the developing stage through our junior high so we can build programs to compete in TAPPS.

As a HS girls basketball coach over the last 10 years, we have built the winningest program in team sports at ACPA. The ladies have won 5 district championships, made 9 playoff appearances with a Bi District title, 2 Area titles, a Regional title, and State Semi-Finalist in 2022. As a coach I won the district Coach of the Year 5 times.

I currently serve at the District 4 President and have done so for the last 4 years. I am a TABC regional rep for 1A schools in East Texas.

It would be a huge honor and privilege to serve TAPPS and it's student-athletes as a member of the AEC. I strive to do everything I do for the glory of God and for students to have the best HS sports experience as possible.

Thank you for this opportunity and I'm looking forward to a great year at St Mary's and in TAPPS.

Justin Saunders

Current President of District 3-1A Basketball & Volleyball

2022-23 Vice President of District 3-1A Basketball & Volleyball