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Changes Announced on NFHS Administrative Staff

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (August 12, 2013) — Two changes have been announced on the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) administrative staff.

John Gillis, an administrator in the publications and communications department for the past 24 years, has been named associate director of development, and **Chris Boone**, who has served in the publications and communications department in a variety of capacities for 13 years, has been selected assistant director of publications and communications.

Gillis, who joined the NFHS staff in 1989, was editor of several publications during his years in the department, including the *National High School Sports Record Book*, *Court and Field Diagram Guide* and *NFHS Officials' Quarterly*. Most recently, he has been the administrator of the National High School Spirit of Sport Award.

As a part of his new duties in the area of development, Gillis will be working with the NFHS Network – the new all-digital network recently started by the NFHS and PlayOn! Sports to expand coverage of high school sports and other activity programs. In his first two years with the NFHS, Gillis administered the National High School Game of the Week, which was a joint venture between the NFHS and SportsChannel America.

Gillis earned his bachelor's degree in mass communication in 1977 from the University of South Dakota (USD) and his master's in mass communication in 1985 from USD.

Boone officially joined the NFHS staff in August 2001 after serving as an intern in the publications and communications department for a year. He was an editorial assistant for three

years and a graphic arts designer/technician for eight years before his promotion last year to content manager for the NFHS Web site.

Boone was responsible for prepress work on the majority of NFHS rules publications for eight years. He also has been assistant editor of the *National High School Sports Record Book*, managing editor of the *Interscholastic Athletic Administration (IAA)* magazine and coordinator of the NFHS internship program.

For the past year, Boone has been responsible for creating, developing and managing content for the NFHS Web site and will continue to handle those tasks in his new position. He also will retain his role as staff liaison for golf.

Among his duties as assistant director of publications and communications, Boone will serve as editor of the *National High School Sports Record Book*, editor of the NFHS online publication for officials and assistant editor of *High School Today*. He also will continue his duties as managing editor of the *IAA* magazine.

Boone graduated from Butler University in Indianapolis in 2000 with a bachelor's in public and corporate communications.

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.6 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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