



# Montana High School Association

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**TO: MONTANA NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TV**  
**FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**RE: MONTANA OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES FOR 2010**

**\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\***

Mark Beckman, Executive Director of the Montana High School Association, recently announced that **Irvin Heitz of Whitefish, Alan Lear of Corvallis, and David Zieske of Plentywood** will be inducted into the Montana Officials Association Hall of Fame for 2010. The MOA Hall of Fame is located at the MetraPark in Billings.

Irv Heitz's officiating career spanned twenty-nine years. He was ranked as a master or top-rated volleyball official for twenty-three. Heitz was selected to officiate over forty post season volleyball contests, including fifteen state tournaments. He also officiated boys' and girls' basketball at the master level for twenty-six years and is credited with more than twenty divisional and district tournaments. In addition, Irv was a football official for four of his twenty-nine years.

Heitz was president of the Flathead Volleyball Pool for six years where he also served as an assignor, study club leader and evaluator for that pool. In addition, Irv was the assignor for the Flathead Basketball Pool for ten years and a member of their evaluation committee.

Irv Heitz represented Region 1 as an MOA Regional Director for ten years and he was honored as the NFOA Volleyball Official of the Year in 1992, and again in 2004.

Dave Zieske officiated twenty-five years as both a boys' and girls' basketball official, twenty-three of which he was rated at master. Zieske worked in excess of eighty post season basketball contests including district, divisional and more than twenty state tournaments. He also officiated football for seventeen years, thirteen as a master, and is credited with multiple post season assignments including state championship contests.

Zieske was the Northeastern Officials' Association president for twenty years. He also served as the Region 8 MOA Regional Director for six years and was chosen as an NFOA Basketball Official of the year in both 1987 and 2000.

Alan Lear officiated basketball, both boys' and girls', for twenty-five years, twenty-two as a master official. Lear was assigned over ninety post season tournaments which included more than twenty at the state level.

Lear was a member of the assignment committees for both the Hamilton Basketball Officials' Pool and the Missoula Basketball Officials' Pool. Alan Lear has been an advocate and mentor for basketball officials in Western Montana throughout his MOA career.