



PRESS RELEASE

## WBCA Announces the 2007–08 Board of Directors

ATLANTA, Ga. (July 11, 2007) -- The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) incoming President Sherri Coale announces recent appointments and the election results for the WBCA Board of Directors. Six new members have been added to make up the 28-member board of coaches and professionals.

Newly appointed members include: Tom Collen, University of Arkansas–Fayetteville (Male Coaches of Women's Basketball); and Carmen Dolfo, Western Washington University (Division II/Group II).

Newly elected members include: Sue Semrau, Florida State University (Division I/At Large); Charlene Thomas– Swinson, University of Tulsa (Black Coaches Administrators); and Charli Turner Thorne, Arizona State University (Division I/At Large). As previously released, Geno Auriemma will continue his stint on the Board of Directors as the newly elected Vice President, placing him on the Executive Committee. Joining Auriemma on the Executive Committee will be Terri Mitchell, Marquette University, who will assume duties as Treasurer.

"It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to positively affect the future of the sport of women's basketball with such an all-star cast of coaches. The leadership of past President Bruno and the Board have clearly positioned the WBCA to carry our sport into the future," Coale said. "The WBCA has grown stronger in the areas that support and sustain its vision while developing significant changes that influence how we conduct our business. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that we will face together."

Other members of the WBCA Board of Directors include: Sherri Coale, University of Oklahoma (President); Bonnie Henrickson, University of Kansas (Secretary); Doug Bruno, DePaul University (Past President); Pam Ruder, Southwestern University (Division III/At Large); Carolyn Campbell–McGovern, Ivy League Conference (CBI Chair); Cathy Inglese, Boston College (Division I/East); Cathy Parson, Howard University (Division I/Mideast); Joanne Boyle, University of California (Division I/West); Lisa Bluder, University of Iowa (Division I/Midwest); Gail Goestenkers, University of Texas (Division I/At Large); LaVonda Wagner, Oregon State University (Division I/At Large); Gie Parsons, Clarion University (Division II/Group I); Nan Carney–DeBord, Ohio Wesleyan University (Division III/At Large); Russ Davis, Vanguard University (NAIA); Michael Landers, Trinity Valley Community College (JC/CC); Kathy Richey–Walton, Southwest DeKalb High School (High School); Stephanie Gance, North Carolina State University (Assistant Coaches); Muffet McGraw, University of Notre Dame (NCAA Division I Legislative Chair); Sue Ramsey, Ashland University (NCAA Division II Legislative Chair); Karen Tessmer, Worcester State College (NCAA Division III

Legislative Chair); and Donna Orender, WNBA President (WNBA).

The WBCA Board of Directors develops policies, procedures and regulations for the operation of the organization. They also monitor the organization's financial health, programs and overall performance and provide the chief executive officer with the resources to meet the needs of those the organization serves.