

**Dave (Pink) Pinkowski, CAA**  
**Southgate Anderson HS**  
**Assistant Principal / Athletic Director**

### **Gratitude**

I would like to thank the MIAAA Executive Board in nominating me for the Recording Secretary position. I am humbled by this honor and would work diligently to serve and represent Michigan's athletic directors in the best way possible if it is the will of the membership.

### **Personal**

I fell in love with athletics before kindergarten. Every day was filled with our neighborhood buddies playing any and every sport, with a few modifications for player numbers, lack of equipment, or limited playing space. My father was a football, basketball, and baseball official, so I spent many afternoons and evenings in tow watching games if I didn't have my own practice to attend. I clearly remember being greeted and made to feel welcome by Jack Johnson when my dad introduced him to me as their crew's personal ballboy. Jack made me feel welcome back then, and he did the exact same thing when I joined the MIAAA over 20 years ago. Being associated with a group of educators who always put others first in everything and in all ways is amazing.

My wife of 29 years this July, Tracy, is a kindergarten teacher. My daughter Alexia is a rookie 1st-grade teacher. My son Tyler and daughter Brittia are both working on their nursing degrees. I also have a nine-month-old grandson, Griffin. They have been, and continue to be, incredibly supportive of me as an educator and have made it a tradition to join me almost every year in Traverse City for our annual conference. It's amazing how time flies in this work we do, but some of our fondest family memories have always been the conference trip. The pool, all of the awesome local restaurants, hospitality rooms, guitar hero, Jack's, useful and immediately applicable conference sessions, and camaraderie with peers who understand and relate to this career are all just a part of the longtime memories and fondness of the MIAAA and its membership.

If so honored, I will use my experience and passion for the MIAAA to serve the membership and help advance our association in its vision and mission in providing outstanding interscholastic athletic programs and experiences.

## **Professional**

- Southgate Community School District Teacher & Administrator - Fall 1991 - Present
- Assistant Principal / Athletic Director Southgate Anderson HS - 18 years
- Assistant Principal / Athletic Director Southgate Davidson MS - 1 year
- Assistant Principal / Athletic Director Southgate Gerisch MS - 2 years
- English Teacher, Football, Basketball, & Baseball Coach - Southgate Anderson HS - 7 years
- In-school Susp. Monitor, Basketball & Baseball Coach - Melvindale HS & Strong MS - 2 years
- NIAAA/MIAAA member
- Certified Athletic Administrator
- Region 12 Representative and Alt. Representative - Served in either capacity for most of my years in the MIAAA
- Convention speaker regarding various topics (Alternative funding, tryout cards, hosting competitive cheer events, event music, multiple sport athletes)
- Convention session presider - volunteer annually
- MIAAA Public Relations Committee
- MHSAA Multiple Tournament Sport Committee Member
- MASSP Member - 21 years
- Downriver League - Served as president, treasurer, and secretary
- City of Southgate Recreation Commission - 20 years
- Southgate Educational Foundation Committee Member

## **Education**

- ½ Ed. Specialist - Wayne State University
- Master's Art of Teaching - Wayne State University 1994 - Major - English, Minor - Speech
- Bachelor's of the Arts - Communication - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 1988