

COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

MILT HALSTEAD NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE 2014 DAVID M. PARRY AWARD

I am very pleased to announce that the Board of Managers of the CFO has approved the selection of **Milt Halstead** as the 2014 recipient of the annual **David M. Parry Award.** This award goes to the coordinator of football officials recommended by a selection committee based on nominations from officials, commissioners and coordinators. Recognized as the nation's outstanding coordinator for the year, the awardee exemplifies Dave Parry's integrity, dedication, character and commitment to football officiating.

Milt Halstead's distinguished career as a coordinator of football officials spans more than three decades. An outstanding official on the field for many years, Milt officiated in Ivy League Championship games, NCAA Division I-AA National Championship games and the NCAA College Bowl in London, England. He serves on the board of the National Football Foundation Mid-Atlantic Region. Milt is the only coordinator with training and assigning responsibility for officials within Divisions I, II and III as well as at the junior college level. He currently is the coordinator for the Northeast Conference, the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, the New Jersey Athletic Conference, and the Middle Atlantic Conference.

Many hundreds of officials have benefitted from Milt's guidance and mentorship over his career. He has seen many officials whom he has trained and encouraged go on to work at the highest levels of college football as well as the National Football League. It can truly be said that Milt Halstead has devoted his life to the craft of officiating college football. Those who wrote in support of his selection remarked on his tireless efforts in training, mentoring, evaluating, and guiding young football officials. He is often cited for his high standards, high expectations, and no-nonsense willingness to help officials improve and advance. Milt's capacity for friendship is legendary. One nominator describes him accurately as a "great guy with a big heart."

The Dave M. Parry Award will be presented formally in June 2014 in Newport, RI, where Milt and his wife Victoria will be the guests of the CFO at the coordinators' annual summer meeting.

My personal thanks to Bill Carollo and the search committee for the difficult task of making this recommendation from a large field of truly outstanding nominees from all divisions of college football.

Hearty congratulations to Milt Halstead!

Rogers Redding National Coordinator February 1, 2014