

CHATTER FROM THE CHAIR
MONTH: July 2008
July 28, 2008

These notes are intended to provide useful information between NDSA Board meetings.

GOALS AND PLANS FOR FY 2008-09

Operational goals and plans for the year just begun have been completed and distributed to all NDSA Regional Directors. This includes the summary plan for the entire Board, and complementary plans prepared by each committee. Special thanks are due to all committee chairs and their members for the ambitious goals they have set for themselves and for NDSA as a whole.

FALL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

The preliminary agenda for the Fall Meeting, to be held September 7-9, has been distributed. A few details have yet to be finalized, but will be covered in the final agenda, to be distributed before the meeting. The Board will be staying at the Ivy Court and Suites (formerly Jamison), on the edge of campus. All scheduled Board meetings will be held in the hotel.

BUDGET AND EXPENSES

Discussions are ongoing between the Board and the NDAA staff regarding the final financial report for FY 2007-08, and the preparation of the budget for FY 2008-09. Format modifications are being developed, and will be presented at the Fall Board meeting. *Phil Roehrig* and *Mike Squyres* are spearheading this effort, with help from *Paul Scagliarini*. The Fall meeting agenda also includes a discussion, to be led by Phil, on the topic of "Revenue Generation" for NDSA.

NDSA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The NDSA God Country and Notre Dame Scholarship Fund, which was approved in concept at the Winter 2008 Board Meeting, is being firmed up in an agreement between NDSA and UND. *Frank Whitton* signed the agreement for NDSA, and it is now at UND for signature there. When adequate funding is available, these scholarships will be offered to qualified veterans and their families.

"BAT FOR THE CURE"

This is a prostate cancer awareness program which features information nights at minor league baseball parks all over the country. *Paul Scagliarini* has been shepherding this project as an element of the NDSA PACE initiative. All Regional Directors have been given a schedule of these events, and encouraged to pass these on to their clubs for

their support of this program by staffing a table on that specific night. Between 65 and 70 minor league clubs are participating in this effort.

BOARD VACANCIES

The Board has received and accepted the resignation of **Deborah (Debby) White**, Region 5 Director from the St. Louis area, due to conflicts with her professional and family life. Debby served two years on the Board. She will be missed. A candidate for her position has come forward, and the selection process is underway.

We remain in candidate-search mode for Region 6 Director, which position became available with **Phil Roehrig's** election as Vice Chair. All Directors and former Directors are encouraged to think of classmates or other ND friends who could qualify. Region 6 covers Illinois (except Cook County) and NW Indiana.

FOOTBALL PROGRAM

A brief information piece on NDSA will appear in the program for the San Diego State game. The Communications and PR Committee, under **Bob Drajem**, coordinated the preparation of the text.

Bill Kreps, NDSA Chair