

interests are more intelligent and absolutely a unit in feeling that the best interests of basketball can only be served by carrying on in a perfectly and satisfactory, harmonious agreement and arrangement for basketball as a game.

That is just a declaration of principle or belief, if you please, which has brought about such a satisfactory report as the Executive Committee is ready to submit to you members of the Joint Basketball Rules Committee. I think that Dr. Brown will for the Executive Committee make the report.

Dr. John Brown Jr :

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen : It is with an unusual pleasure that I present this report as the unanimous report of the Executive Committee. The basis of representation of the various constituent members in the proposed enlargement of the Joint Basketball Committee has been given a great deal of thought by these constituent groups, and also by each of the members of the Executive Committee in personal conferences and in committee as a whole.

We propose for your action, endorsement of the following basis for committee membership, beginning with the adoption of the report at the meeting today. The National Collegiate Athletic Association to have ten members; the Amateur Athletic Union to have ten; the Young Men's Christian Association, ten; the National High School Federation, two; the officials' organizations, two; the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association, two; making a total membership of thirty-six.

The fundamental reason for the proposal to increase the representation of the original charter constituent members in the National Joint Committee from six to ten is the feeling, particularly on the part of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, that all of their eight districts in the country should be represented on the Joint Rules Committee. The Chairman of their committee is a member-at-large, and Mr. Tower, our efficient editor and interpreter, is also a member-at-large.

We also believe in the principle of equal representation for the three original organizations; therefore, we are proposing that the N.C.A.A., the A.A.U. and the Y.M.C.A. have ten each. We recognize that this may be a little bit unwieldy, but we believe that the interests of the broader representation of the field to the Committee, and the broader representation of the work of the Committee to the field, is sufficient to compensate for that. If, as time goes forward, the National Collegiate Athletic Association should select their chairman of their basketball committee from one of the members representing the eight districts, or if our editor or interpreter should be elected through one of the regular channels, it is conceivable that a representation of these three original constituent members might be reduced to eight or nine.

We are recommending the invitation to the National High School Federation to become a member, believing that the high school constituency and interest and participation in this game is sufficient