

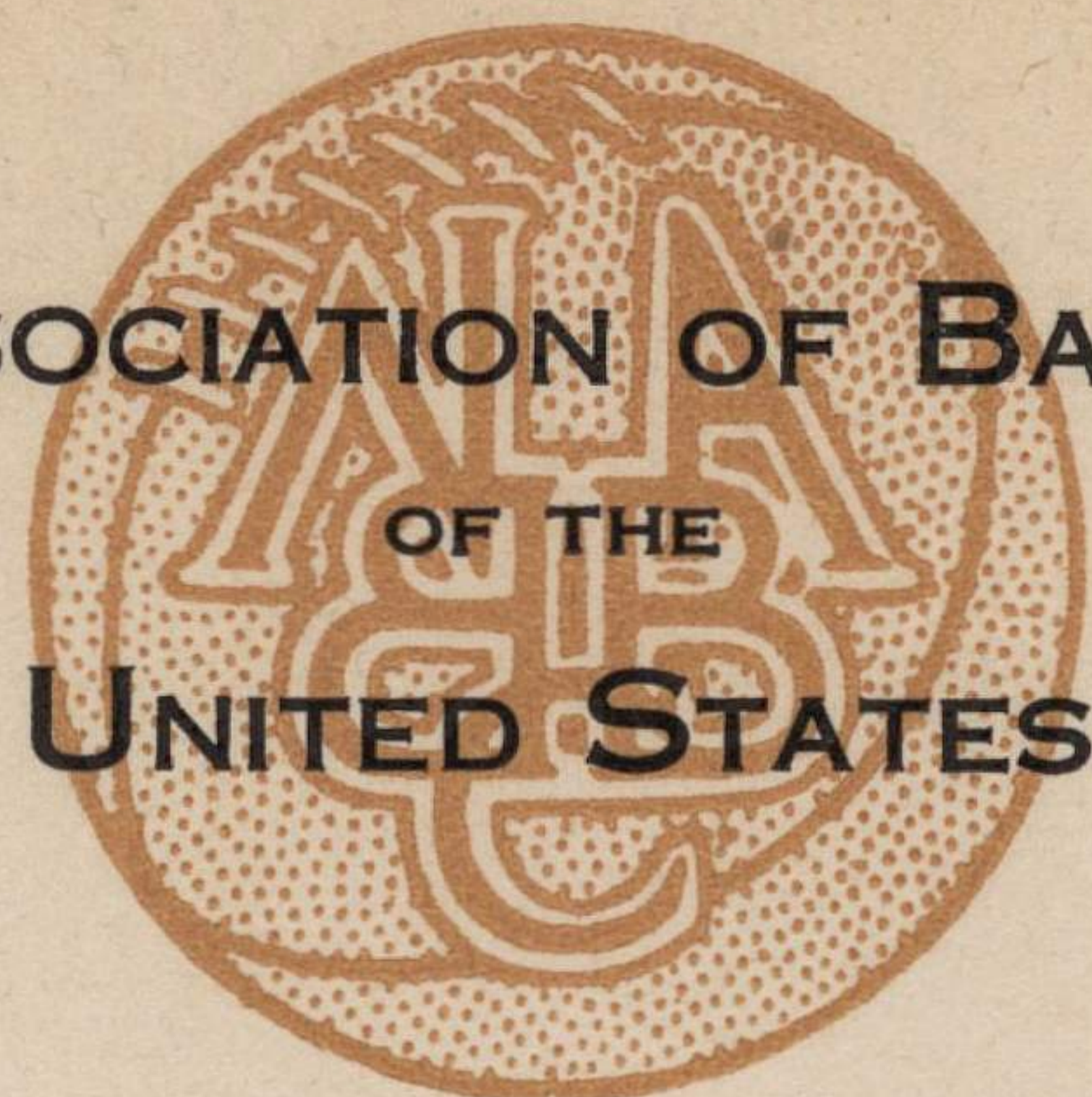
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February 5, 1940

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
c/o The University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Dr. Allen:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your recent communication.

I would like to take up the two questions which you present to me in their order, and although I am not in a position at this time to give you a definite answer to the first question, I want to assure you that I shall do everything within my power to follow the suggestion you have made with reference to this question. I heartily agree with you that the National Association of Basketball Coaches should do something to assist in the liquidation of the indebtedness for the promotion of the N.C.A.A. tournament of last year. I have talked with Mr. Olsen about suggesting to our board that we take one dollar from our treasury for each active member who attends the convention or charge off from our treasury one dollar for each ticket given to coaches that attend the final play-off game. I think possibly the first suggestion would be better as that would insure us of more money.

I intend to put both of the above propositions up to our board at once. Do you think I should attempt to get a vote by mail from them before our annual meeting which will be held in Kansas City on Thursday evening, March 28, at 6:30 o'clock? If I were to get an early answer, this would probably assist the N.C.A.A. Tournament Committee to make more definite plans. What do you think?

In answer to your second question, I certainly agree with you that Mr. Liston and Company should not use the name of Naismith on the trophy which is to be awarded at their so-called "Intercollegiate Championship Tournament." This is in no way a national championship to me. As far as my knowledge permits I have not known of a really outstanding team in the country that has attended any of their tournaments. I hope that something can be done through the Naismith family to withdraw their permission