

March 6, 1939

To Members,
National Basketball Committee:

I have the vote on the time and place for the annual meeting but it would take a Philadelphia lawyer to interpret it because the preferences are so widely scattered. On the basis of returns I would probably be justified in concluding that the meeting should be held in Chicago on March 29th and 30th. However, while there is a clear plurality with reference to time, there is some uncertainty with reference to place. I do not care to risk my reputation, if any, by attempting to interpret the voting. As a matter of fact, I held up final announcement to give one member a chance to cast a belated vote. As it turned out, this vote only made further complications. The only solution I can see now is to request a vote by telegram. Otherwise there will not be time for proper planning by those who are considering attendance at the meeting of the National Coaches Association.

Here are the pertinent facts: The coaches have finally decided on the dates of 25, 26 and 27 and the finals of the national play-off will be on Monday night, March 27th. These events are to be held in Chicago. At the risk of criticism I am expressing the opinion that if the meeting is held during March, it should be in Chicago. If it is held in May, it should probably be in New York, if I can properly interpret the desires of the various voters on the first ballot. I might explain at great length the factors which may influence the work of the Editorial Committee but I assume that these factors are fairly well known to all members of the committee and that, after considering all of these, you will vote as you see fit.

To avoid further complications, I am submitting only two possibilities for this second ballot. You should immediately wire your preference for one of two possibilities, i.e.,

March 28th and 29th in Chicago, or
May 1st and 2nd in New York.

Do not delay. If I do not receive a wire from you by Saturday, March 11th, I shall assume that you do not care to vote and a plurality for either choice will decide the issue.

If it will help your feelings any, you can cuss the secretary for shifting dates.

Yours truly,

N. U. Porter

Secretary

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