

NATIONAL BASKETBALL COMMITTEE

March 9, 1940

Mr. Floyd Rowe
Board of Education
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rowe:

Yesterday I had a conference with St. John. As a result, I have a slightly different slant relative to the matter of officers for the National Basketball Committee. When I wrote you I had a notion that the collegiate group would probably insist on choosing one of their number for chairman. For that reason I suggested that if it met with the wishes of the group that you and I continue in our present offices and that one of the collegiate representatives be made chairman. St. John is of the opinion that enough of the collegiate representatives will be open-minded in this matter to warrant proposing you as chairman. I am in hearty accord with this proposal, if there is a reasonable chance of securing the support of some of the college men. With this in mind, I am suggesting as a plan of procedure that you open the meeting on Saturday morning and immediately appoint a Nominating Committee. Probably a good committee would be Olsen, Maguire and Hickox. At any rate, I suggest you give this slate a little consideration. It seems to me that a good line-up would be yourself as Chairman, Allen or St. Clair as Vice-Chairman, Schwarts as Treasurer and, if it meets with the approval of the group, I might continue as secretary. Tower would be continued as editor.

You will note that I have suggested a new member as treasurer in case you are moved up to the chairmanship. I do not know Schwarts but St. John is of the opinion that he would be a good man for this and there would be the advantage of being fairly certain that he will be on the committee for a period of at least four years. St. John is planning to confer with Olsen and I have asked him to write Crocker since he has worked with him for many years. It is my understanding that Crocker will not be present but he will send his assistant to represent him at the meeting.

Let me have a line from you relative to your reaction to these proposals.

Yours truly

(Signed)

H. V. PORTER

Secretary

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