



COLLEGE FOOTBALL OFFICIATING, LLC

2017 CFO NATIONAL INSTANT REPLAY CLINIC

More than two hundred fifty instant replay officials, communicators and conference coordinators attended the eighth annual CFO National Instant Replay Clinic, held in Chicago on May 5-6, 2017. This represents about a ten per cent increase in attendance over last year, reflecting the fact that over time more conferences are adding instant replay for their games.

We were pleased that several members of our television partners participated, including Bryan Griese, Joe Tessatore, Tom Luginbill and John Vassallo of ESPN, and Mike Pereira of Fox Sports.

This year's clinic was organized under the leadership of Jim Blackwood, CFO National Director of Instant Replay and Bill Carollo, (B1G and MAC) who chairs the CFO Instant Replay Committee.

Dr. Jon Steinbrecher, commissioner of the Mid-American Conference and chair of the CFO Board of Managers, challenged the group in his opening remarks, which focused on the increasingly critical role of instant replay in our game. Dean Blandino (NFL) was the lead presenter with Blackwood in sessions that addressed such topics as Line to Gain, Pass/Fumble, Indisputable Video Evidence, and Catch/No Catch. The meeting included a video test that the attendees took as a group. Instant replay leaders from several conferences also made presentations: Jim Daopoulos (AAC), Tom Fiedler (B1G), Tom Herbert (B1G), Ted Jackson (ACC), Ben Oldham (SEC), Bill Richardson (PAC-12), Vern Sell (B1G), and David Warden (Big 12).

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