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From: Randy Schaub, Minnesota State Baseball Director

Subject: 2025 Winter Update

Coaches and Managers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Many have already begun the process of registering for the 2025 season. To assist you, please refer to the Minnesota Legion Baseball website at [minnesotalegionbaseball.com](http://minnesotalegionbaseball.com) for detailed instructions or to contact any member of the Board. Please note that Marshall Dalziel is now responsible for overseeing the registration process. Should you encounter any issues or have any concerns, we are happy to assist you.

Recently, many of you received correspondence from the former Legion All-Stars group. To clarify an important point, all members of the Minnesota American Legion Baseball Board serve at the discretion of the commanders of Minnesota's ten districts. Additionally, the three vice-directors are appointed or reappointed by the State Commander and serve three-year terms. To be eligible for a vice-director position, an individual must be a member of the Legion family, meaning they must either be a veteran and a member of the American Legion or a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

Furthermore, Jim Peck serves as the Board's Adjutant, a position that continues until his retirement or passing.

Minnesota leads the nation in the number of registered teams, and we have experienced consistent growth over the past 30 years. Much of this expansion is due to the successful addition of Division II Junior and Senior programs, a model that more states are now adopting. Unfortunately, while Minnesota continues to grow, many states have seen a decline in Legion teams. This decline is often attributed to the increasing popularity of club teams, which some players and families choose in hopes of enhancing collegiate opportunities. While this is a personal decision, I believe there are multiple factors contributing to the loss of Legion teams.

The Minnesota American Legion Baseball Board has prioritized expanding opportunities for youth to participate under the American Legion banner.

While not every board member fully supports this approach, the majority do. Whether this is the correct course of action is, of course, a matter of opinion—just as determining which state has the best program in the country depends on the criteria used for evaluation.

If you would like to learn more about our individual qualifications as Board members, please do not hesitate to ask. I would be happy to share my experience—though I may risk boring you with my résumé!

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for March, during which we will continue preparations for the upcoming tournaments. While we have much work ahead, we value your input and encourage you to share your thoughts and opinions. However, please understand that while your perspectives will be given due consideration, this does not guarantee every request will be granted. As Director, I do not have unilateral decision-making power; instead, we operate by building a strong consensus before implementing policy or procedural changes. This approach ensures a democratic and balanced governance structure—one that I firmly believe is in the best interest of our program.

Finally, I want to emphasize the critical role that managers and coaches play in the success of Minnesota American Legion Baseball. Your dedication and efforts are the backbone of our program, and I encourage you to complete your team's registration as soon as possible. This will facilitate a smoother process for everyone involved—especially for Marshall Dalziel, who is working diligently to manage this effort. I fully understand the challenges of navigating registration requirements, having been in your position many times myself.

Thank you for your continued commitment to American Legion Baseball. Your dedication to this program ensures that countless young athletes have the opportunity to participate in and benefit from this outstanding tradition.

Sincerely,  
Randy