

Larry Arason

Athletic Director

1966-1978

Larry Arason served as the athletic director at Santa Ana High School, Santa Ana Valley High School and the District Office from 1960-1994. He worked specifically as the athletic director at Santa Ana High from 1966-1978. He also served as Youth Sports Coordinator for the Santa Ana Elks for more than 30 years, organizing and sponsoring many athletic events for the students of SAUSD.

He served as the Lane Crew Chief for Track and Field at the XXIIIrd Olympiad in Los Angeles in 1984, and he acted as starter for the Los Angeles Times Indoor Track Meet for 21 years and three times started the NCAA Track Finals.

Arason served as a track and field official at the high school and college levels and was responsible, in part, for the writing of the constitution in football, basketball, baseball, and track as past president of the Orange County Official's Association. In 1990 Arason received the Outstanding Service Award in recognition of his service to the National Federation of high school track and field.

Arason is a two-time California Coaches Association Athletic Director of the Year, and served as President of that association from 1976-1978. In 1985 he was awarded the National Federation's Citation for outstanding athletic administration. He was also an integral leader in the Orange County Athletic Director's Association, serving as treasurer from 1971-1994, and participating in awards ceremonies through May of this year. Sadly, Larry passed away this past summer. He will be dearly missed