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Ed Alsene, director of publicity and sports information at Illinois Wesleyan University, has been elected to the College Sports Information Directors Association's Hall of Fame along with Jack Zane of Maryland and Dave Wohlheuter of Cornell University.

Nick Vista, the Michigan State sports information director who is chairman of the election process, announced results of the voting today in East Lansing, Mich. Current "Hall" members elected the new members, who will be inducted July 3 during the awards brunch at CoSIDA's annual convention in Nashville, Tenn.

The new members will increase the total to 89 since the Hall of Fame was organized in 1969. Only one present member, Warren Berg of Luther College in Iowa, is from a small, private institution such as Illinois Wesleyan. The membership includes former University of Illinois sports publicists Chuck Flynn and Mike Tobin.

Vista said the Hall of Fame was organized to honor CoSIDA members with at least 10 years in the profession and a record of distinguished service to the profession, their institutions and to the news media.

"Ed has done outstanding work for the Academic All-America committee," Vista said.

Alsene, as men's district co-ordinator for the GTE Academic All-America program since 1980, supervises the nomination and voting processes for the academic honor teams in District 5, which consists of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota and the Canadian provinces of Manitoba and Ontario.

Alsene joined the Illinois Wesleyan staff in August 1965. He was on The Pantagraph sports staff from 1942-1954, served on the sports desk of the Des Moines Register from 1954-1959 and was sports editor of the Illinois State Journal in Springfield from 1959 until he came to Wesleyan.

He is a graduate of Normal Community High School and Illinois State University.

He and his wife, Donna Rae, are the parents of four grown children: Judy Nelson and Ben Alsene, Bloomington; Mrs. Becky Riggins, Peoria, and Mrs. Debbie Lazarski, Palatine.