



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, Inc.

Section 1

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Section I Newsletter: February, 2015 Edition

Greetings from the Board of Directors

Colleagues,

I am truly honored to have the opportunity to serve each and every one of you on the NIAAA Board of Directors as your section representative. One of my major goals during my three-year term is to represent the interests of the members of our section and the student-athletes and coaches whom we serve with integrity, honesty, and a passion for the role that interscholastic athletics plays in the development of young people. I look forward to meeting many of you as I travel around the section during the next three years. Please feel free to communicate your ideas and vision for our association. As your sounding board and your voice in our national organization, I am excited about the opportunity to work hard on your behalf.

The NIAAA is approaching 9000 members on a national scale and does work that directly impacts the lives of young people. We are part of a great profession filled with great people dedicated to service leadership. I welcome the opportunity to meet many of you during this journey and assist you in achieving your personal and professional goals.

Gary Stevens, CMAA
Thornton Academy
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NIAAA Board of Directors – Section 1 Representative

2015 Section 1 News

Section Meeting

The 2015 spring Section 1 Meeting will be held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island.

NIAAA Student-Athlete Scholarship Program

State scholarship winners for the NIAAA Scholar-Athlete Program should be submitted to Section 1 Board representative Gary Stevens by Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Copies of all essays with ranking sheets will be distributed to state liaisons within seven days. Completed ranking sheets are due back to Gary Stevens by Friday, May 1. We will review the results of this process at the Section 1 meeting on May 13 and report our section winners to the NIAAA by the May 15 due date.

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Section 1 Website

The Section 1 website can be accessed at www.section1niaaa.org. In addition to a complete history of the NIAAA's largest section, the website includes links to all member state association websites, state conference information, the National Emergency Network, and the annual Summer Institute on Cape Cod.

Section 1 Summer Institute

The Section I Summer Institute will take place from June 28 through July 2 at the Ocean's Edge Resort in Brewster, Massachusetts. Peter Shambo and Steve Young of New York are the organizers of this annual professional development event that takes place on beautiful Cape Cod. Fourteen different NIAAA Leadership Training Courses will be offered and taught by both regional and national instructors. Other highlights include a Lobster Cruise, a golf outing, a bocce tournament, and a reception for attendees. The organizers of the program have also secured a conference rate of only \$190.00 per night for the first sixty individuals who book their lodging. For registration information about conference events and lodging, please go to the Section 1 website (www.section1niaaa.org).

Important 2015 Dates for Section 1 Members

May 13, 2015 2015 Section 1 Meeting: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, Rhode Island

State Conferences:

Connecticut	March 25-27, 2015	Sheraton, Rocky Hill
Maine	March 31-April 3, 2015	Samoset Resort, Rockport
Massachusetts	March 24-27, 2015	Hyannis
New Hampshire	May 20-22, 2015	Red Jacket Inn, North Conway
New Jersey	March 22-26, 2015	Golden Nugget, Atlantic City
New York	March 18-20, 2015	Hilton, Saratoga Springs
Vermont	March 30-31, 2015	Sheraton, Burlington

NIAAA News

A. NIAAA Fourth Strategic Plan:

At our Section I Meeting on May 13 in Warwick, Rhode Island, members of the NIAAA Board of Directors will be reviewing the Fourth Strategic Plan with our Section 1 Members. The Strategic Plan has a vision to “Cultivate Education-Based Athletics” and a Tag Line of “Showing the Way”. I will facilitate a discussion on the recommendations of the Strategic Plan at this time and provide all state representatives with an opportunity to provide feedback. Your input will be a vital part of the process of approving our Fourth Strategic Plan. NIAAA staff and board members in attendance will be taking your comments, concerns, and feedback back to the NIAAA Board of Directors for further discussion at its July meeting. Section 1 Members who were on the Fourth Strategic Planning Committees were Dominic Frassinelli (Connecticut), Kenneth Mullen (New Jersey), Jeffrey Ramich (Maine), and Steve Young (New York). Thank you for your service on the NIAAA Fourth Strategic Planning Committee.

B. Secretary Election - December, 2015:

The election for NIAAA Secretary will be held in December of 2015. Contact the NIAAA for applications. All materials must be in prior to July 1, 2015. This is a six-year commitment, starting July 1, 2016 and ending in December of 2021.

C. Future Board Positions:

This is the schedule for future Board positions.

Board Members taking office December 16, 2015 in Orlando, Florida

1. Section 2 – Matt Shomper, CMAA, Tipp City, OH * replacing Karl Heimbach
 2. Section 5 – Todd Olson, CMAA, Fargo, ND * replacing Lane Green
 3. Section 8 – Scott Nordi, CAA, Lakewood, WA * replacing Mark Horak
 4. Region B at-large * replacing Mark Armstrong
- Section 4 – Deborah VanKuiken, CMAA, Linden MI or
Section 5 -

D. Accreditation Process:

Review by the Visiting Team from the NCA for the NIAAA’s Accreditation Process will occur at the National Conference for Directors of Athletics being held in December of 2015 at the World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida.

E. 2015 Board Goals:

The NIAAA Board of Directors adopted the following goals at its February, 2015 meetings at the association’s office in Indianapolis.

New Initiatives:

- 1) Adopt, communicate and initiate the implementation of the Fourth Strategic Plan.
- 2) Enhance and promote the expansion of relationships with key educational and governmental partners.
- 3) Educate the membership on the use of current technologies as a tool for conducting NIAAA business.
- 4) Evaluate and continue to monitor the Grant and Outreach Programs for possible expansion.

Ongoing Initiatives:

- 1) Promote the value of NIAAA membership, including the benefits of dual membership.
- 2) Enhance efforts to promote two-way connection with the membership.
- 3) Utilize the NIAAA advocate to inform, develop and enhance collaborative relationships with other professional organizations.
- 4) Continue to support and promote the work of the NIAAA Professional Development Academy.

F. Important Dates to Remember:

- Section I Meeting, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Warwick, RI – Wednesday, May 13, 2015
- NEDC Summer Conference in Williamsburg, VA – August 2-5
- 2015 National AD Conference in Orlando, FL—December 12-15
- 2016 National AD Conference in Nashville, TN—December 10-13
- 2017 National AD Conference in Phoenix, AZ—December 9-12
- 2018 National AD Conference in San Antonio, TX – December 15-18
- 2019 National AD Conference in National Harbor, Maryland – December 14-17
- 2020 National AD Conference in Tampa, Florida – December 12-15

G. Other NIAAA Information:

* Check out the 2014 Scholarship Award Essays on the NIAAA website (www.niaaa.org) along with the winners' pictures. Just a reminder to states that you can download a certificate of recognition for all applicants. A reminder that each state orders the plaques for your scholarship winners from: Larry King at Awards Unlimited. His email address is: larryking@awardsunlimited.com

* The NIAAA encourages ALL states to apply for the various Endowment programs.

*The NIAAA remains in strong financial health as we begin 2015. The NIAAA Endowment reached the \$1,000,000.00 and continues to grow. Thank you for all of those who have participated in giving to the NIAAA Endowment Fund.

*The NIAAA is exploring the distribution of *IAA Magazine* in a digital format in the future. Given that our association consists of several generations of readers, many of whom are “digital natives”, an electronically distributed format may be preferable. The NIAAA Board of Directors will continue a dialogue on this subject and engage the membership in those conversations. However, for the interim, all members will continue to receive *IAA Magazine* in a hard copy edition.

*Dual membership continues to be a focal point for all states. Statistics show that states that have gone to dual membership actually see an increase in state membership.

***Membership for the NIAAA is up for 2014-2015. The new Membership Profile is outstanding. You have the opportunity to put YOUR PROFILE on the NIAAA Web-site. Go to niaaa.org and set up your own profile on the NIAAA portal. This is a new and exciting way to expand the benefits you receive from the NIAAA.**

*A reminder to all States to continue to promote applications for NIAAA Committee appointments. If you want to be a committee member, please fill out the committee application form found on the NIAAA website and send it back to the NIAAA. The forms are good for three years.

H. NIAAA Thomas E. Frederick Award and Hall of Fame Inductees

The Thomas E. Frederick Award Winner and the Hall of Fame Inductees were announced at the NIAAA Board of Directors Meeting in February:

2015 Thomas E. Frederick Award Richard Kemper (VA)

2015 Hall of Fame Inductees: Frank Kovalski (IN), A.T. Sam Rasmussen (IN), David Morgan (VA), Joni Pabst (AZ), Maurice “Bud” Campbell (UT), Ron Balazs (FL), E. David Nelson (VA), James Simmons (LA), Joseph Tonelli (CT), Carol Satterwhite (MD), Ronald Park (NE), and Robert Whitehouse (NE).

Professional Development

The Professional Development Leadership Team met with Telspan to examine the possibility of administering an electronic CAA exam. Telspan is a current provider for the NIAAA and has the capability of providing the service with varied amounts of amenities. It is important to note that the opinion of the membership is not necessarily in favor of online testing. However, as technology drives more and more of our everyday lives, it behooves this organization to move in a more efficient and “green” direction. Therefore, The Professional Development Leadership Team is asking the NIAAA Board of Directors to approve the mandatory use of an electronic exam that is administered by a Certified Test Administrator. Although this is not a complete transition to a true online test, it does address the concern of security and meets our goal of efficiency and paper free. These actions will initiate the “first steps” to an online environment. We hope to pilot a practice CAA exam in September 2015 and announce the change to the membership in December 2015 with total integration in December 2016.

Leadership Training Institute

The length of LTI Courses will be examined. Some courses will continue to run for four hours. However, there will be consideration to change the length of some courses to three hours. The Future courses may include a Drug and Alcohol class and a Nutrition Class.

New Courses

- LTC 610 (Technology Innovations) - pilot in July
- LTC 631 (Athletic Emergency Management) - pilot in July
- LTC 715 (Maintaining Appropriate Professional Boundaries) - pilot in September
- LTC 640 (Urban Athletic Director) - pilot in September
- LTC 633 (Adaptive Sports) – need additional background information

Courses To Be Reviewed

- LTC 501, 502 and new 503
 - Committee is revamping entire concept and will emerge with an entirely new 3 course program (exciting) topic areas will be different
 - Delivery December 2016
- LTC 511
 - Will have a component that will address the needs of administrators who operate in MAC, plus additional teaching tips
 - Manual will be updated as well as Excel worksheets
 - Delivery December 2015
- LTC 504, 506, 508 legal issues
 - Begin updates in July 2015
 - Develop new LTC 510 by reallocating materials from LTC 504, 506 and 508 into a new 510 with additional legal issues for all 4 legal courses
 - Pilot LTC 510 outline in September of 2015 with a full course pilot in July in July 2016/September 2016, delivery December 2016
- LTC 707 Assessment of programs and personnel
 - Begin update in July 2015
 - Will add a component on selection, direction and evaluation of athletic personnel
 - Improving diversity on staff
 - Evaluation of non-coaching athletic personnel
 - Delivery December 2016

- LTC 630-631 Contest Management & Emergency Management
 - LTC 630 PowerPoint and manual to be update in 2015 and identify chair, co-chairs/teaching staff
 - Pilot July 2015, Delivery in December 2015
 - LTC 631, development of Manual and PowerPoint, identify chair and co-chair/teaching staff
 - Delivery December 2015
- LTC 619 - teaching staff is currently working on revision
 - Delivery date TBA
- LTC 611 - teaching staff is currently working on revision
 - Delivery date TBA

Social Media

If you haven't already noticed, the NIAAA has opened a Face book page. Updates from the NIAAA are available on Face book & Twitter. Follow the NIAAA.

I hope to see you all at the Section 1 Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island

**Gary Stevens, CMAA
Section 1 Representative – NIAAA Board of Directors**