



# *National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, Inc.*

## *Section 1*

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Section 1 Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2006

1:00pm-5:40 pm North Conway, New Hampshire

### Minutes

#### 1. Welcome

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:07 pm by Michael Lunney. He thanked all for attending and especially thanked Carol Dozibrin / Chris Bergeron from New Hampshire for hosting us.
2. All introduced themselves. Those in attendance were:  
Mike Blackburn (NIAAA), Michael Lunney (RI), Allen Huestis (RI), Jean Angell (RI), Marty Ryan (ME), Gerry Durgin (ME), Fred Balsamo (CT), Chip Dorwin (CT), Bob Hopek (NJ), Bob Rossi (NJ), Mike O'Day (VT), Walter Sargent (MA), Chris Bergeron (NH), Carol Dozibrin (NH), Alan Mallanda (NY), Dave Martens (NY), Dennis Fries (NY)
3. Mike Lunney had everyone update their contact information and an email will be sent to each attendee with the file attached.
4. Allen Huestis (RI) was appointed by Mike Lunney to take the minutes.

#### 2. Old Business

1. The minutes were accepted for the 2005 meeting in New Jersey. Allen Huestis made a motion and it was seconded by Walter Sargent. Motion passed.
2. Everyone took a few minutes to review the Orlando Section 1 minutes. There were no questions or corrections.
3. Mike Lunney informed everyone that the following minutes were also enclosed in their binders: Liaisons meeting, NIAAA Delegate Assembly, Annual Conference Meeting, Executive Directors Meeting, Chair/Vice Chair Meeting, NIAAA State Awards Chair Meeting, and the Summary of the State President/Executive Directors Breakfast Meeting.
4. We each updated the group on our individual State conferences for 06:
  1. NY - March 15-18 in Saratoga Springs, NY attended by 325 AD's.
  2. NH - May 24-26 at the Red Jacket Inn, 55 registered AD's.
  3. MA/RI - March 22-24 in Hyannis, MA attended by 313 from MA and 24 from RI.
  4. VT - April 3-4 in Burlington, VT attended by 47 AD's.
  5. NJ - March 25-28 at the Borgata Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ attended by 342 AD's.
  6. CT was attended by 181 AD's
  7. ME was at the Samoset Resort with 135 HS AD's and 25 MS AD's .

3. Review NIAAA Board of Directors and At-Large Rotation.
  1. VT will be the next State to rotate onto the Board in three years It was also discussed that Section 1 has an agreement (which Dave Martens produced) which could make one other State ineligible for putting up an At-Large candidate. We will have to look at this at our next section meeting to see if there are any conflicts.
  2. VT will host next Springs Section 1 meeting. It was discussed that we could maybe hold our Section 1 meeting during the Summer Institute next year or someplace central instead of having it at a conference each year. After much discussion, it was decided that we will wait until the December Conference to decide where to hold the meeting. If there are no action items from the NIAAA, it was agreed that the Summer Institute would be a much more convenient place to hold the meeting. If there are action items, Vermont will host the meeting on April 2 at 1:00pm at the Burlington Sheraton.
  3. CT – March 22-23, Rocky Hill Marriott, Rocky Hill, CT.  
 ME – April 3-7, Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME  
 MA/RI – March 20-23 Four Points by Sheraton, Hyannis, MA  
 NH – March 23-25 Red Jacket Inn, North Conway, NH  
 NJ – March 26-29 at the Borgata Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ  
 NY – March 14-17 at the Saratoga Hotel, Saratoga Springs, NY  
 VT – April 2-3 at the Burlington Sheraton, Burlington, VT  
 We need to have the hosting states make sure there are no conflicts with dates.
- D/E We looked at the Past Board Members, Region A at-large reps and Past Presidents lists in our booklet.
- F. Congratulations were extended to Gerry Durgin for being elected as the next NIAAA President.
4. New Business
  - A. NIAAA Presentation
    1. Section 1 has 6 out of 8 states offering dual membership. This is the largest percentage of any Section. Contrary to belief, those states just instituting dual membership have added members and not lost them.
    2. Web casting was offered last year but the results were disappointing. There will be no Spring web casting courses offered as these were not well received. In the future, no classes will be held unless there are enough people to make the class worthwhile. They should be offered Oct/Nov 06 and then we will decide from there how and when to go on.
    3. The on-line survey didn't produce a very good response. We are in the process of having a marketing survey done of the NIAAA to see what the organization is worth and what we can do with it. The results of the survey will be used by our committees and board to plan our future endeavors.
    4. The NIAAA is committed to keeping a strong partnership with the NFHS. Both sides have met many times and we will most likely be staying in our offices for the immediate future. We are gradually taking over the IAA magazine and by 07 we will be totally controlling IAA. The NFHS will still be printing it with us paying a fee for that service. We also are gaining more control of the Conference and will be having much more input in the future. Everyone is striving to make this transition as "Seamless" as possible and that seems to be what is happening.

5. NIAAA will be sponsoring an Urban Outreach Program this summer in Indianapolis. This will be paid for from the Endowment fund. The NIAAA will be offering free LTC classes and three scholarships to the Conference. This program will cost approximately \$5,000 this year. We will be looking at reaching out to Memphis next year with 28 schools and there are other cities who are interested in joining this program.
  6. AIQ is working on getting states to sign up with them. They will be doing many trial sites this summer in New England and hope to be off and running next fall. Four states in Section 1 have already signed up and AIQ is looking to get all of Section 1 involved. Maine has declined to sign the contract at this time.
  7. We discussed the Medic Alert program. There was not a positive response to moving forward with the program. The cost of the program, coupled with the management procedures that would need to be done did not seem to be outweighed by the benefits provided.
  8. We felt that student athletes should have more of an involvement at our national conference but we really don't have any concrete ideas as to how they should be included.
  9. All NIAAA job descriptions have been updated. Our salaries needed to be brought more in line with what other professionals are paid. This has been done and we now will be paying our leaders a much more competitive salary reflective of their duties. All the job descriptions and salaries will be put in the POP manual and it was suggested that they also be placed on-line.
  10. T-Mobile is sponsoring a national tournament for boys and girls basketball teams. This will be held during the Christmas vacation in Seattle. There will be the top 4 boys and 4 girl's teams as rated in USA Today. They have committed \$3,000,000 to NF for this tournament. All expenses for the teams will be paid for. 10% will go to the NFHS, the rest will go to the states for leadership programs.
  11. We can run a "What it means to be a Student Athlete" essay contest and present this at the conference. MA runs a "Sportsmanship" essay contest each year and this has worked out well for them.
  12. We discussed the new NFHS uniform changes. This could cost some schools a lot of money, if they are now using Gold uniforms instead of white. Dave Martens brought up a concern about the process that is followed by the NFHS before these decisions are made. Dave would like to see more input from the people on the front line.
- B This year's Board Goals were reviewed. An update was given on the current status of our Strategic Plan. We discussed the Secretary position and brought up a concern regarding the Secretary being a voting member of the Board. The concern was raised to address how that position will impact states that already have someone serving on the board. It was assumed that once a Secretary has been appointed, his/her state would not be eligible to have a board member considered to be recommended. A clarification was asked for.

- C. We felt that there is now opportunity for the NIAAA and committee to recognize people for working on committees. We don't want to make more awards because this could dilute those we now give. This is something that could use further study by the awards committee.

We felt that the medic alert program was something that could be worthwhile but we shouldn't become involved in it at this time. It was again brought up that the Board should get up front money from any sponsorship and take less on the back end. We have gotten burned too many times by sponsorships where we didn't receive nearly what we should or could have gotten.

- D.
1. We discussed the leadership training coordinators meeting this Sept in Indy.
  2. We discussed the new legal course that has been developed and the numbering system for all the legal courses. This new course will be taught in Anaheim this December.
  3. We felt that the new numbering system could get confusing for members. Maybe an R or A could be used to differentiate old course numbers and their new numbering designation.
  4. Discussions were had on our Summer Institute and how all our states should strive to send people to the Cape. All who have attended this institute were extremely pleased with how it has worked.
  5. Web casting may or may not happen, depending on the number of people who sign up. We don't want to run courses just for the sake of having them but we want to have enough people registered to make it viable.

#### E. Committee Reports

1. Bob Rossi reported that there were a lot of quality candidates for all awards this year. There were 43 states represented at the awards chair meeting in Orlando
2. Certification is working on combining all PDF forms into one form.
3. Bob Hopek said that they are working on having the host state provide voting machines for the election each year.
4. The changeover from NF to NIAAA for the IAA Magazine was discussed. It was stated that the goal is to have no one notice that a changeover has occurred.
5. No report for Retired members
6. Allen reported that the Endowment has reached its' goal of \$500,000 and some of the money <\$5,000 will be used for this summer's Urban Outreach Program. Allen also asked all of our Section 1 states to consider either being hole sponsors ( 3 are already) or just to make a donation to the Endowment. We would like us to be the first section to have 100% participation. Maybe we can lead the way in this endeavor. Allen also said that there may potentially be problems in getting money from Clear Defense as was previously promised.
7. There was no discussion about the Hall of Fame

8. NEN was discussed by Dave Martens. He wants to keep Joe Tonelli on even though Joe is retiring this year. Also we felt that our gifts should be confined to members and not money donated to organizations. A lot of good has already been done by Dave and his committee and they are still looking at helping out in any ways they can. \$25,000 has already been distributed to members in need in the hurricane ravaged area.
  9. There was no discussion of Sports Turf
- F. We discussed future conferences and were told by Mike Blackburn that 2010 and 2015 are already signed for Orlando.

#### 5. Miscellaneous Section Business

- A. Brochures were passed out by Dennis and a discussion again arose about us all trying to get as many people as possible from our states to the Institute.
- B. Dennis Fries was asked by Mike Lunney to stay on as Treasurer for Section 1. A motion was made (Walter Sargent) and seconded (Allen Huestis) to keep delegate dues at \$200 for 2006-07. Mike Lunney needs to check with Katie Quigley to secure a hospitality room for Section 1 in Anaheim. RI will host the hospitality room this year.
- C. The entire section would like to personally thank Bruce Whitehead and Mike Blackburn for the fantastic job they are doing. We all feel that things are running as smoothly as they ever have. It is nice to get immediate responses to our problems, questions and needs!

#### 6. Around the table

Everyone thanked Carol and New Hampshire for their great hospitality and great gifts.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted:  
Mike Lunney