

National Interscholastic
Athletic Administrators Association
Section 1

2008 NIAAA Spring Section Meeting Minutes
Mohegan Sun Hotel/Arena/Casino-Uncasville,CT
May 6, 2008 - 2pm-6:50 pm

1. Meeting was called to order by Mike Lunney at 2:07 pm. Mike welcomed everyone.

A. Introduction

(NIAAA) Mike Lunney, Mike Blackburn, Gerry Durgin, Sam Rasmussen
(CT) Fred Balsamo, Joe Tonelli, Chip Dorwin, Ray Deangelis
(MA) Walter Sargent, Dennis Baker, Jim Davis
(ME) Marty Ryan, Julie Greadwell, Gary Stevens
(NH) Carol Dozibrin
(NJ) Robert Hopek, Bob Rossi
(NY) Dave Martens, Denny Fries, Alan Mallanda, Wayne Bertrand
(RI) Allen Huestis, Jean Angell, Ted Quigley
(VT) Bob Hingston, Frank Pecora
(NCAA) Glenn Terry

B. Roll sheet was passed around and updated

11. Old Business

A. Minutes from Spring meeting (Middletown, RI) were approved (Tonelli/Ryan)

B. Minutes from:

Section meeting (Nashville)
Liaisons Meeting (Dec 2007)
NIAAA Delegate Assembly (Dec 2007)
Annual Conference Meeting (Dec 2007)
NIAAA Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs (Dec 2007)
Executive Directors Meeting (Dec 2007)
NIAAA State Awards Chair Meeting (Dec 2007)

It was noted that all were in the binder and all should review at their leisure.

C. Section 1 State conference dates were discussed

CT-3/25,26,27 Rocky Hill
ME-3/31,4/1,2,3-Samoset Resort
MA-3/17,18,19 Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis
RI- Same as MA
NH-5/20,21,22-Red Jacket, North Conway
NJ-3/16,17,18,19-Borgata Resort, Atlantic City
NY-3/18,19,20,21-Saratoga Hilton
VT-3/30,31-Burlington Sheraton

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- A. Frank Pecora from VT will be going onto the Board in December for Section 1
- B. Next Section 1 meeting will be in MA. Walt will notify all when and where it will be.
- C. It was noted that all past presidents, Region A at-large reps and past Section 1 Board members are listed in the binder (tab 3)

1V. New Business

- A. The Board's new and ongoing initiatives were communicated and discussed.
- B. Dave Martens presented a suggestive set of guidelines that we in Section 1 should look at when we are choosing our at-large candidate. After a discussion the procedure was passed Hopek/Sargent without any change.
- C. The NIAAA Section 1 Scholarship winners were
 - a. Andrew Esposito (CT) and Jenna Matisewski (RI).
- D. The Frank Kovaleski Section 1 candidate was Richie Lewis (MA)
 - 1. Discussed how long a candidate should stay in the pool and it was decided that it should be each state's decision as to which name will be brought forward for consideration.
 - 2. It was also suggested that the Board of Directors should look into "grandfathering" in a list of influential people who got the LTC program off the ground as Kovaleski Award winners. This would recognize these important people for their contributions in one year and clear the way for the grass roots people to be recognized.
 - 3. We voted (Sargent/Quigley) that all Section Kovaleski winners be awarded a plaque at the National Section 1 meeting. This should be done retroactively to last year. Section 1 will pay for the plaque.
- E. The new glass/trophy case laminate program was discussed. It is hoped that all will take advantage of this program. The Endowment will receive 25% of gross sales.
- F. If a state hasn't designated a coordinator yet, they should designate one to the NIAAA.
- G. The High School Accountability Act is something that we all need to keep an eye on. It is a scary bill that will impact all of us greatly. We should make sure that all our state reps are aware of this bill and how damaging it could be to our programs.
- H. We discussed New York's policy of designating a person to attend all state level Superintendent, Principal, School Committee Associations meetings. The person is there to answer questions and help keep the Athletic Directors' needs in the forefront. This person can also go to legislative meetings on bills that affect schools and athletic programs in particular.

We also need to sell our AD Association in order to keep funding sources we have and to help get new ones. The days of corporate America just giving us money is long gone. In order to get corporate money, we need to be able to show how the money they give us will help the corporations. We need to make sure it is a good company, has a good product and is run by honest leadership.

I. Glenn Terry (NCAA) did a presentation concerning the NCAA Eligibility Center. He told us that this has evolved from the old Clearing House but they are looking to be much more user friendly. They are there to make sure athletes are still amateurs, their academic classes are all in order with core courses taken, certify new high schools and designate core courses.

There are three things we can do to help. First, have athletes send in their transcripts after their junior year. Second have schools update their core courses each year and have the athletes send their final transcripts after graduation. It costs the athletes \$50.00 to register for this service. Jim Davis (MA) said he is using the Clearing House Calculator Program that helps athletes track their courses and assists them in registering with the Eligibility Center.

J.

1. Section 1 has been a leader in dual membership. Mike Blackburn gave us all the info about membership, what we get for our \$\$\$ and how many states are substantially increasing their NIAAA membership. It seems that when states do go to dual membership, NIAAA numbers are greatly increasing.

2. Some schools are balking at the application and the work to become an exemplary program because they feel they may look bad if they aren't able to come up high in all areas. They are afraid it might be used against them with reduction of local funding. The Risk management DVD is going well and has been well received. The Role of the Principal DVD doesn't really fit with the content. All agreed that it is very good.

3. The data base is up and running. We are getting about 90% of what we were looking for with it and expect to be able to utilize it to 100% soon. In the future it will be interactive with state associations. Some trial states will be using this in the near future before it is for all states.

4. The partnership with NFHS is going well. We should receive \$40-50,000 profit from the Nashville conference. In San Diego we will be at a 50/50 partnership for the conference. All is going well with our producing the IAA magazine. Many gave Mike congratulations on producing a very fine product. We look forward to it getting bigger and better!

5. The professional outreach program is working with rural, suburban and urban districts. We have just completed working with middle school AD's in Washington went well. We are planning on doing a program in Oregon for first and second year athletic directors. The application is on-line for any states who would like to apply for an outreach program.

6. The on-line ticket initiative is being done only in Wisconsin. Mike is going out to different groups to get their feedback on the Spring IAA magazine. He will continue to do this so we can improve our product. We are looking at creating our own case for high school athletics. We will be looking for how our athletes have higher GPA averages, less time in detention and have a better attendance record in schools.

7. Mike gave us some budget figures for this year. Our operating budget is \$1.2 million. Our income funds the budget. We will need to increase our budget as our organization grows. We are not using our sponsor money for everyday expenses. We have a very solid cash flow. We have transferred some of our money from checking into other funds so we can get a better return on the funds. If we need the money it is still available.

K. There is a committee application in our binder. We should go back to our states and get more of our membership in the committee pool. All of the committee reports are in the binder. Allen Huestis asked all the states to help the Endowment Golf Tournament by being a hole sponsor. They should bring this back to their executive committees and ask them for the \$250 hole sponsorship. The money can be sent directly to Mike or Bruce.

L. There was a good amount of discussion regarding feedback on increasing the number of delegates in state that have more than 200 members. The general feeling was that the Board should decide on what is representative of the entire country at the Delegate Assembly. If an additional delegate was added in states that have over 200 members it would not have a significant impact on the outcome of votes.

M. The time line for the third strategic plan was given. This should be finalized in 2010. The board is now getting committee members together for this plan.

N. Future conferences

1. San Diego Marriott, December 13-16, 2008
2. Dallas Gaylord Texan, December 12-15, 2009
3. Orlando 2010
4. Indianapolis 2011
5. 2012 ?
6. San Antonio 2013
7. 2015 Orlando

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- A. Denny passed out brochures and invited everyone to the summer institute. All the information is on the Section 1 web site. Walt talked about maybe changing the dates to late June because there is a new management team at the Ocean Edge and he may not be able to get the good rates. He also will explore having the Section 1 meeting at Ocean Edge in May 09. On a motion made by Walt and seconded by Fred we gave Denny the authority to check with NIAAA or to see about incorporating Section 1. Denny will make a decision on what is best for us. Motion (Marty/Dave) the dues were kept at \$200/delegate for next year. We also will work with NJ on the hospitality room. We will pay a portion to New Jersey not to exceed what we spent last year and they will run a Section 1/New Jersey joint hospitality room.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm