

NATIONAL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

Section Meeting Minutes

Section: I

Recorder: Sean Dowling

Saturday, December 12, 2020 – 4:20 – 5:35 pm
NADC – Virtual Section Meeting

Number of delegates in attendance: __104

Total number in attendance (including Delegates): _25__

- **State Executive Directors introduced their Board members**
 - **Fred Balsomo – CT**
 - **Fran Whitten – MA**
 - **Gerry Durgin – ME**
 - **Carol Dozibrin – NH**
 - **Bob Hopek – NJ**
 - **Dennis Fries – NY**
 - **Geri Witalec-Krupa – VT**
 - **Beth Penkala – RI**

Approval of Spring, 2020 Minutes:

Mot: Carol Dozibrin

2nd: Allan Mallanda

Unanimously Approved – no abstention

Recognition of Award Winners from the Section;

Bill Bruno – Frank Kovaleski Award

Joa Catenelli – Jim Teff Achievement Award

Todd Livingston ME DSA

David Suiter NJ DSA

Susan Robbins NFHS Citation

Sectional Representation Review:

Lisa Gingras – New Section I Director

Review of At-Large Process for the 2021 national conference.

- **2021 Election Sections 5 & 8**
- **2022 Region A – This is our Section 2023-25**
 - **Need to start selection process**
- **2022 Region B**
- **Region C – Section 3 & 4**

National Initiative & Assistances Network: (provided by section representative to this committee: insert comments as deemed appropriate)

NIAAA On-Going Business:

A. Professional Development Academy

1. Cohort:

- **Mentoring Cohort is new**
- **Professional Development academy is looking to expand cohort offerings**

2. Leadership Training Institute:

- **LTI revisions reviewed**
- **New LTI courses were mentioned**

3. CIAA:

New to the NIAAA is Certified International Athletic Administrator

B. NIAAA Sponsors:

- **Thank our Sponsors**
- **New sponsor – US Marine Corps**

C. Strategic Plan:

- **Trish Witkin was thanked for her efforts as a leader of the NIAAA Strategic Plan**

Committee Updates: (Representative to speak)

Review of Mentoring Program

- **Pete Cofren & Geri Witalec-Krupa**

Elisha De Jesus – Diversity Equity and Inclusion Ad Hoc committee (DEI Committee)

- **Reviewed new Ad hoc committee**

Coaches Ed Committee – Ted D'Alessio

- **Promotes NFHS Coaches Program**

Fran Whitten – Tunnel to Towers extended for another year

- **Want to promote in our schools**
- **Student-athletes involvement**
- **Grass Roots movement – Get SA the opportunity to understand their why**

HOF – Elizabeth Penkala

- **Biggest class ever**
- **Need more Section I nominees**

Resolutions Committee – Dr. Jim Wright

- **Diversity & Equality resolution**
- **Energy Drinks resolution**

Certifications - Peter Shambo –

- **Lisa Gingrich 1000th CMAA**

Summer Institute

- **June 26 – July 3, 2021 – Good Lord willing**
- **Fully refundable**

D. Royalties provided to State Association - addendum page

- **Royalties come from online courses and webinars taken by people in your states**

E. Upcoming Key Nomination Deadline Dates:

Scholarship Essays reminder –

HOF – 2 categories

- **AD for 10 years**
- **Pre 1977**
- **Post 1977**
- **Applications due by July 13**

Frank Kovaleski – Please submit nominees

DSA nominations to NIAAA by April 1st

F. Membership Accomplishments Recognition:

- **Each State received a NIAAA commendation for membership at State Presidents Breakfast**
- **Jim Davis commended all**

G. Other Sectional Business

Committee Applications

- Available on NIAAA website

Review Plans for 2021 Spring/Summer Section Meeting

Recommendations to the Board of Directors

- None

Questions to be addressed at Delegate Assembly

- Must be brought to Jim Davis

Section Endowment Contribution

Other Section items

Gary Stevens – Treasurer

- Report was shared with group
- Section 1 assess each State \$200 for each delegate
- Question on States submitting Dues
- Motion to accept the Treasurers Report
 - Mot Fran Whitten –
 - 2nd Todd Livingston
 - Unanimously Approved

Discussion of Dues

Fred Balsalmo – Due to Pandemic he recommends either return check, apply to next year or reduce 2021 dues

Allan Mallanda – Supports Fred – Sites healthy Section I budget

Gary Stevens – Upcoming expense \$1300 to NIAAA Board candidate

Mot: Denis Fries - Suspend Dues for 2021

2nd – Gerry Durgin

Motion carries - Unanimously

State Conferences and Locations

Spring Conferences – All Monitoring due to Covid

- Section Mtg April 5 & 6 – Still pending – mtg after holidays to schedule what is best
- Penalty if we cancel

NH – Virtual –week before Memorial day

CT – March – In person

Considering moving conference back

MA/RI – 4th week in March

ME – Virtual – April 6, 7, 8

NJ – March 15 – Planning in-person

NY – Feb 22-26 - Virtual

VT – March 28-30 – Prepared for both Virtual & in-person, looks like virtual

Fran Whitten – Dr. Wright sent national Survey for State conference information: virtual platforms, vendors, etc

Fred Balsalmo – Recognized Jim Davis for his service to Section I
“Section I shined because of your leadership”

Jim Davis – “Section I is Family”

H. State Door Prize Drawing

Section Door Prize Drawing

Closing

- Thank you to Jim Davis for serving on the Board.

Anything for the good of the order!