



## *National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association*

*Section 1*  
[section1niaaa.org](http://section1niaaa.org)

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Dear Section 1 Colleagues:

I hope you all enjoyed your holiday season with family and friends. It was great seeing so many of you in Denver last month. I cannot believe it has already been that long since we returned and the holidays are behind us.

Once again, Section 1 continues to lead the NIAAA with all 8 states receiving membership commendations. Well done to all eight state associations. Let's continue to recruit new members within our states. Section 1 achieved the best percentage of members possible with 98%.

- All states in Section 1 attained at least 70% membership commendation (Section with most states and highest percentage of states).
- All states in Section 1 are dual states.
- 100% States: Connecticut (126%), Maine (143%), New Hampshire (146%), Rhode Island (166%)
- Record membership: Maine at 143% and earning at least 10% growth

Special membership recognition goes to

- New York - state with the most members
- Rhode Island - state with the highest percentage of members
- Connecticut - 31 consecutive years of membership commendations.

Congratulations to the following Section 1 members for receiving NIAAA awards in 2021:

- Gary Stevens, CMAA from Maine – Thomas E Frederick Award of Excellence
- Tom Conte, CAA from Vermont – Bruce D Whitehead Distinguished Service Award
- Jim Davis, CAA from Massachusetts – NFHS Citation
- Robert Rossi, CMAA from New Jersey – NIAAA Hall of Fame

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to help you and your state.

Stay warm and safe. See you in Vermont soon.

Sincerely,

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## NIAAA News and Information

### **New Members of the Board of Directors**

- Lisa Corprew Section 2 from Virginia
- Steve Throne Section 5 from Nebraska
- Tol Gropp Section 8 from Idaho
- Tony Fisher Region C At-Large from Minnesota

### **2022 Board of Directors Officers**

- Past President Lisa Langston from Texas
- President Mike McGurk from Missouri
- President-Elect Becky Moran from Illinois
- Secretary Lauren Otero from Florida

**2022 President's Theme:** Value Others

### **Future Board Positions**

December 2022 in Nashville

- Section 3 from Georgia replacing Jeryl Fischziur
- Section 6 from New Mexico replacing Karen Higel
- **Region A At-Large from Sections 1 & 6** replacing Damian Frassinelli
  - NH, NJ, NM excluded by NIAAA.
  - By state agreement, CT and MA also removed themselves from consideration.
  - At the Section meeting in spring 2022, candidates from Maine, New York, Rhode Island, and/or Vermont will be interviewed and a Section 1 candidate chosen.
  - Credentials & endorsements due to NIAAA office by July 1, 2022.
- Region B At-Large from Sections 2 & 7 (VA, WV, NV excluded) replacing Jamie Sheetz
- NEDC Liaison replacing Greg Smith

December 2023 in Orlando

- **Section 1 rep from NJ** replacing Lisa Gingras
- Section 4 rep from Iowa replacing Mike Mossbrucker
- Section 7 rep from Utah replacing Xavier Antheaume
- Region C At-Large replacing Becky Moran

After that for Section 1 rep is NY, RI, VT, CT, ME, MA

### **Membership**

Current goal of the NIAAA is to reach 15,000 members. Goal for 2022-23 is to gain any lost members due to pandemic and increase membership by an additional 3%.

### **Professional Development & Certification**

Spring webinars are posted on NIAAA.org. There are 17 webinars being held this spring.

In 2021 the NIAAA awarded its 13,000<sup>th</sup> certification with CAA certifications surpassing 8,000.

### **Committees and interest**

Anyone interested in participating on one of the NIAAA committees, please complete the interest application which can be found [here](#).

Current committees include: Accreditation, Awards, Certification, Coaches Education, Conference Advisory, Credentials, Endowment, Hall of Fame, Membership, Mentoring, National Initiative and Assistance Network, Professional Development, Publications, Resolutions, Retired, Sports Facilities, and the Ad Hoc Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

### **National Conference Schedule**

December 9-13, 2022	Nashville, Tennessee
December 15-19, 2023	Orlando, Florida
December 13-17, 2024	Austin, Texas
December 12-16, 2025	Tampa, Florida

For more information about NADC visit <https://www.adconference.org/>

## **Section 1 News and Information**

### **Section 1 Meeting**

The spring 2022 Section 1 Meeting is currently scheduled to take place on Monday, March 28, beginning at 8:30am at the Doubletree Burlington Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington, VT. Be on the lookout for more detailed information regarding registration etc.

Future Section meeting rotation

- 2023 Rhode Island
- 2024 Connecticut
- 2025 Massachusetts
- 2026 New York

### **Scholarship Information**

Please submit your state male and female scholarship winners to me by March 15<sup>th</sup> for discussion and selection of Section winners just before or after our Section meeting in March.

### **Section 1 Institute**

Tentatively scheduled for June 26-29, 2022 at Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA.

### **Awards and Deadlines**

Award of Merit – selected by Board of Directors. Nominations can be submitted at any time.

Thomas E Frederick Award of Excellence – selected by Past Presidents

Frank Kovalesk Professional Development Award – nominations due to me at least one week prior to spring section meeting. [Click here for nomination form](#).

NFHS Citation – due to NIAAA office by April 1. [Click here for nomination form.](#)

Bruce D Whitehead Distinguished Service Award – due to NIAAA office by April 1. [Click here for nomination form.](#)

Hall of Fame – state nominations due to NIAAA office by July 1. [Click here for nomination form.](#)

State Award of Merit – nominations due to NIAAA office anytime throughout the year but by October 1 to be included in winter IAA publication. [Click here for nomination form](#)

**Items to send to me prior to the Section meeting in March:**

- At-large candidate information. A letter of intent/endorsement from the state association is sufficient at this time. More formal nomination documents are due to the NIAAA office by July 1 after we select our candidate as a section. Maine, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont are eligible to submit a nomination for interview and selection in March.
- Frank Kovaleski nominations
  - Currently in the pool (nominees remain in pool for 3 years from initial nomination)
    - Joe Canzanella (CT)
    - Todd Livingston (ME)
    - Bill Bruno (NJ)
    - Scott Sugar (NY)
- State Scholarship winners
- If possible, New Jersey will have in attendance their selection for Section 1 rep

