



## *National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association*

*Section 1*  
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*March Newsletter*

March 5, 2021

Dear Section 1 Colleagues:

I hope you are all well as we begin to look toward spring. Things here in New Hampshire are starting to warm up and the daylight hours are getting longer, we spring fever is certainly starting to hit.

Below are some updates from the NIAAA Board of Directors February meetings.

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. I look forward to meeting with you all on April 5 at our Section 1 meeting.

Sincerely,

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### **NIAAA News and Information**

#### **Board Theme**

President Lisa Langston identified her theme by using Jon Gordon's one-word idea: **EMBRACE**. Athletic Administrators nationally are challenged daily to lead through adversity, only when they embrace the challenge can they find solutions.

#### **Board Goals**

The 2021 Board of Directors adopted goals for the year that focus on supporting and celebrating Athletic Administrators. The Board goals include new and ongoing initiatives to support the 5<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan implementation and Accreditation recommendations as well as engaging new and underrepresented ADs.

#### **Accreditation**

The NIAAA received a preliminary report of the Accreditation visit from NADC2020. The NIAAA scored very well overall. The leadership team and the Board of Directors will review the full report thoroughly including any recommendations and next steps for our organization.

#### **Membership**

Mid-year membership numbers were presented. I believe Nellie sent these out to state liaisons this week also. We are currently at 12,600 members with a goal to reach 15,000. Section 1 membership is up with Massachusetts leading the way with 33 new members.

### **Professional Development & Certification**

We received word yesterday that we have reached 13,000 certifications.

Spring webinars are seeing great success with enrollment.

There are 4 new courses on the horizon with several courses on the review schedule.

### **Professional Outreach Program**

Each state is eligible for \$1,000 every three years for athletic administrators who have difficulty attending state or national professional development conferences. This year, there were only four state applications of these funds. Consider applying for these in the future.

### **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 10-14, 2021	Denver, Colorado
December 9-13, 2022	Nashville, Tennessee
December 15-19, 2023	Orlando, Florida
December 13-17, 2024	Austin, Texas
December 12-16, 2025	Tampa, Florida

## **Section 1 News and Information**

### **Section 1 Meeting**

A reminder that the spring 2020 Section 1 Meeting will take place virtually on Monday, April 5, 2021 at 4:00 pm. More information including an agenda will be forthcoming.

Future Section meeting rotation

- 2022 Vermont
- 2023 Rhode Island
- 2024 Connecticut

### **Scholarship Information**

If you have not done so already, **please submit your state male and female scholarship winners** to me by March 20<sup>th</sup> for discussion and selection of Section winners at the April meeting. Thank you to those who have already sent their state winners.

## State Conferences

Below is the information that was shared at the December Section meeting. **Please send me any updated information if different from listed.** If you are having a virtual conference this year and could fit me in your schedule, I would love to be able to introduce myself to the members in your state. My intention over the next three years is to be able to visit all eight of our states.

- Connecticut – March or possibly being moved later; in-person or virtual undecided.
- Maine – April 6, 7, 8; virtual conference.
- Massachusetts/Rhode Island – 4<sup>th</sup> week in March or later in spring; in-person or virtual undecided.
- New Jersey – March 15 or later; in-person or virtual undecided.
- New Hampshire – May; in-person or virtual undecided.
- New York – Feb 22-26; virtual conference.
- Vermont – March 28-30; in-person or virtual undecided.

## Section 1 Institute

Tentatively scheduled for June 26 – July 3, 2021 at Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA.

## Awards and Deadlines

Award of Merit – selected by Board of Directors

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.](#)

## Future Board Positions for Section 1

December 2022

- **Region A At-Large from Sections 1 & 6**
  - 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 Section 1 candidate chosen.
  - Credentials & endorsements due to NIAAA office by July 1, 2022.

December 2023

- **Section 1 rep from NJ**

After that for Section 1 rep is NY, RI, VT

