



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, Inc.

Section 1
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Dear Section 1 Colleagues;

I trust that this newsletter will find our members in good health as we in the Northeast make our way through the Mid-Winter season and in hopes that spring may be arriving just a little earlier this year. It was great seeing everyone at the NADC in National Harbor, Maryland. A few noteworthy items to share, once again all of our State's within Section 1 were recognized with record membership, Section 1 had another National Scholar Athlete recipient, and on the National stage we recognized key members of our Section 1 family with several NIAAA & NFHS National Awards. Special thanks go out to great State of New Jersey and their Executive Director Bob Hopek for once again hosting the Section 1 hospitality suite at National Harbor. A good time was had by all that visited. Well Done, Well Done!!!

With all this great news does come some that is a bit hard to take, that being New England's Team being out of this weekend Super Bowl, sorry to our good friends from New York & New Jersey. I guess the bright side is that for the past two weekend there has been more time to do other things then just watch football. There is always next year!

It is that time now to get geared up for our Annual Section 1 Meeting. This year's meeting will be taking place at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino, in Atlantic City, New Jersey on Monday, March 16, 2020. All who will be attending should be in contact with Mr. David W Suiter, CMAA, DAANJ Assistant Executive Director/ Section 1 Liaison. Dave can be reached via email at david.suiter.cmaa@gmail.com or by phone or text at 856/275-6445.

The NIAAA Board of Directors will be holding their annual February Board meeting Feb 8-11, at the NIAAA National office in Indianapolis, look for additional info to come out after our meeting. Below please find info from the Board's meeting at the NADC in December.

**NIAAA Board of Directors
NADC Meetings
Dec 13-18, 2019
National Harbor, Maryland
Meeting Highlights**

The NIAAA Board of Directors met three times during the National Athletic Directors Conference in National Harbor, Maryland. The December meetings are always bittersweet as we say goodbye to Board Members who are completing their terms while welcoming new members to the Board.

The Board began our December meeting with a moment of reflection for our friend and colleague Bruce Brown from Ohio. The former NEDC Representative on the Board, Bruce has been dealing with some on-going health problems. Bruce's well-being continues to be on the minds of the both the Board and the Office staff as well as his many friends from across the country.

In-coming Board members and At-Large candidates were introduced by President Olson. Those include Karen Higel, CMAA (Incoming Section 6 Representative – Colorado), Jerly Fischtzuir, CAA (Incoming Section 3 Representative – Louisiana), Greg Smith, CMAA (Incoming NEDA Liaison – Wisconsin), Damian Frassinelli, CMAA (At-Large Regional A Candidate – Connecticut), Brad Criss, CMAA (At-Large Regional B Candidate – Maryland) and Jamie Sheets, CMAA (At-Large Regional B Candidate – Utah)*.

*As a result of the 2019 NADC election, Damian Frassinelli and Jamie Sheets joined the Board at the end of the 2019 Conference.

*As of the Friday December 13 Board Meeting, registration for the 2019 NADC stood at nearly 2,100, making it the 2nd largest conference in our Association's history.

*As we transition from the 4th to 5th Strategic Plan, only a few items remain unfinished.

A highlight of those items includes:

1. Recertification process
2. Mentoring Program
3. Evaluation of NIAAA office space

*123 Athletic Administrators were signed up for the Sports Facilities seminar at National Harbor. The seminar included 7 topic sessions. It was later reported by the committee that of the registered attendees, only 43 attended the presentation.

*Current (December 2019) membership of the NIAAA stands at an all-time high of 12,954.

*The initial NIAAA Leadership cohort concluded at National Harbor. Two new cohorts began during the December meeting.

*National Scholarship Winners were announced. The female winner was Natalya Blair from Rhode Island. The male scholarship winner was Max Friedman from Maryland.

*The following was approved as the slate of officers for the 2020:

President: Lanness Robinson, CMAA of Tampa Florida
President – Elect: Dr. Lisa Langston, CMAA of Fort Worth Texas
Secretary: Josh Scott, CMAA of Springfield Missouri
Past President: Todd Olson, CMAA of Fargo North Dakota

*48 Athletic Administrators attended the How to Get Involved Session at the National Conference and 300 attended the First Time Attendees session.

*In excess of 1300 LTI courses were taken at the NADC. The addition of the opportunity to take courses on Friday night was well received.

*The following Board members were recognized for their time on the Board and service to the Association. Leaving the Board at the conclusion of the 2019 Conference were Tara Robinson, CAA from Alabama, Johnny Johnson, CMAA from Arkansas and Bruce Brown, CMAA of Ohio. Their service to the Board is sincerely appreciated.

The Board will meet again in the Indianapolis Office in February 2020.

Sincerely,

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