



National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Section 1 January Newsletter

January 7, 2021

Dear Section 1 Colleagues:

Happy New Year! I hope you and your families are all healthy and enjoyed the holiday season.

I would like to start by introducing myself as the new Section 1 Representative to the NIAAA Board of Directors. I am in my eighth year as the Athletic Director for the Nashua (NH) School District after a nineteen-year career as a teacher of Mathematics. I am a former multi-sport high school student-athlete and high school varsity softball and volleyball coach. I am also the Treasurer and Membership Chair of the NHADA. I am truly humbled and honored to have been selected by the leadership of New Hampshire and Section 1 to serve as your representative for the next three years. I would also like to thank Jim Davis for his service to Section 1 the past three years.

I have known for several years that Section 1 is a model for other NIAAA sections and this year's membership commendations once again are an example of that. Well done to all eight states. Let's continue to recruit new members within our states. Section 1 achieved the best percentage of members possible with 99%.

- 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 (129%), New Hampshire (134%), Rhode Island (158%)
- Increased membership by at least 10%: New York, Rhode Island
- Record membership: New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island

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 2020:

- Todd Livingston, CMAA from Maine – Bruce D Whitehead Distinguished Service Award
- David Suiter, CMAA from New Jersey – Bruce D Whitehead Distinguished Service Award
- Susan Robbins, CMAA from Maine – NFHS Citation

I look forward to working with all of you over the next several years. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do to help you and your state.

Sincerely,

Lisa Gingras, CMAA – New Hampshire

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NIAAA News and Information

NADC 2020

This year's NADC was like no other. I hope you were all able to take advantage of the professional development opportunities provided in the virtual platform. Though we all missed the in-person networking and professional socializing, the learning was as valuable.

New Members of the Board of Directors

- Lisa Gingras, CMAA Section 1 from NH
- Mike Mossbrucker, CMAA Section 4 from IN
- Charlie Walsh, CAA Section 7 from NV
- Rebecca Moran, CMAA Region C At-Large from IL
- Lauren Otero, CMAA Secretary-Elect from FL

Strategic Planning

The 4th Strategic Plan action items have been fulfilled.

The 5th Strategic Plan has been developed and dissemination to the membership is forthcoming. The plan includes 35 recommendations in the areas of Finance, Operations, and Programs.

Future Board Positions

December 2021

- Lisa Corprew, CAA Section 2 from VA
- Kevin Simmerman, CMAA Section 5 from NB
- Tol Gropp, CMAA Section 8 from ID
- TBD Region D At-large from Sections 5 & 8 (AK, ID, NB excluded)

December 2022

- Section 3 from GA
- Section 6 from NM
- **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.
- Region B At-Large from Sections 2 & 7 (VA, WV, NV excluded)
- NEDC Liaison

December 2023

- **Section 1 rep from NJ**

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

Accreditation

During the virtual NADC, Cognia conducted an Accreditation visit. Report forthcoming.

Membership

Current goal of the NIAAA is to reach 15, 000 members.

Professional Development & Certification

Currently 55 courses available.

Spring webinar schedule is up. Fifteen courses to be offered: 501, 502, 504, 506, 508, 608, 621, 625, 628, 700, 701, 706, 709, 719, 799.

New courses set for 2021 are “Partnering with Parents” and “Ethical Decision Making”.

New courses for 2022 are “Diversity” and “Coping with Tragic Events”.

The new International Certification became available in 2020.

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

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Section 1 Meeting

The spring 2020 Section 1 Meeting is currently scheduled to take place on April 5-6, 2021 at the Wentworth By the Sea in Newcastle, NH. We will be in touch soon to discuss whether or not we will be able to meet in-person or need to move to a virtual platform.

Future Section meeting rotation

- 2022 Vermont
- 2023 Rhode Island
- 2024 Connecticut

Scholarship Information

Please submit your state male and female scholarship winners to me by March 20th for discussion and selection of Section winners at the April meeting.

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 – 4th 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.](#)

