



*National Interscholastic Athletic  
Administrators Association*

*Section 1*

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*April 2021 Newsletter*

April 21, 2021

Dear Section 1 Colleagues:

Thank you to all of you that were able to attend our Section 1 meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Gary Stevens (ME) for recording our minutes and submitting them in such a timely fashion. I certainly look forward to holding our next section meeting in person in Denver. Those of you at the meeting, did anyone count how many times Phil mentioned “we’re going to Denver”? 😊

Attached are updates from the Section meeting as well as the Board of Directors April meeting. Please share with your state association membership. A separate document is also attached with the Section 1 minutes.

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.

Sincerely,

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## **NIAAA News and Information**

### **Board Theme**

Remember to **EMBRACE** each new day and new challenge.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan**

The newest Strategic Plan contains 35 items addressing Programs, Operations, and Finance. Thank you to Section 1 members who participated in the development of this new plan: Diane Callis (CT), Dr. Jim Wright (NY), Programs Chair Trish Witkin (CT), and Sean Dowling (NJ).

To review the 5<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan, [click here](#).

Items being targeted in 2021

- 1 – Customized items from the online store.
- 9 – Explore and enhance existing and new relationships with partners and sponsors.
- 10 – Allow members to opt out of a printed/mailed IAA.
- 14 – Explore the development of an NIAAA mobile app for providing member services and info.
- 30 – Investigate the adoption of streaming select NADC workshops.
- 34 – International recruitment of and enhanced engagement for under-represented groups.
- 35 – Explore guidelines and implementation of NIAAA recognition for new AD (1-4) and middle school.

Item already fulfilled

- 19 – Explore the addition of a copywriter position. Justin Chapman has been hired.

### **Accreditation**

The Accreditation report included scores on 30 items in three capacities: Leadership, Learning, and Resource. Overall the NIAAA scored very high. Plans moving forward include:

- Reviewing and sharing the finding with stakeholders.
- Developing plans to address the areas of improvement identified by the Review Team.
- Using the findings and data to guide and strengthen the NIAAA's continuous improvement efforts.
- Celebrating the successes noted in the report.
- Continuing the improvement journey.

### **Membership**

Section 1 membership continues to be strong. Currently Section 1 has 2118 members. We are only 47 members away from having 100% members as a section. This would be a first for the NIAAA. Official membership numbers for this year close on June 30, 2021.

As an organization, there are about 2820 memberships that will expire prior to June 30. Please be sure to monitor your state memberships and get renewals for memberships expiring. More detailed state-by-state information will be coming out shortly.

## **Professional Development & Certification**

2021 may see the 8000<sup>th</sup> CAA

New Courses coming for Denver in 2021

- 716 – Partner with Parents to Build a Positive Team Culture in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- 712 – Ethical Decision-Making in the Athletic Environment

New Courses coming for Nashville in 2022

- 713 – Coping with Tragic Events within the Athletic Department
- 629 – Implementing Diversity Practices into the Athletic Program Operations

Webinar Schedules Summer 2021 All Classes will be 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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| 502 – Monday July 26    | 630 – Tuesday July 27   |
| 503 – Tuesday July 20   | 633 – Monday July 12    |
| 510 – Wednesday July 21 | 700 – Wednesday July 14 |
| 611 – Thursday July 8   | 710A – Tuesday July 13  |
| 617 – Monday July 19    | 714 – Wednesday July 7  |
| 626 – Thursday July 8   | 715 - Wednesday Aug 4   |

## **Professional Outreach Program**

The primary purpose of the Endowment Fund is to provide opportunities for leadership development in areas of the country that otherwise would not be able to afford it. Each year, applications are submitted from state associations that wish to use the funds for Outreach programs or grants. The NIAAA Outreach Program provides LTC 501, 502 and 503 in addition to one year of membership for each participant and the opportunity for one of every ten participants to receive a scholarship to attend the National Athletic Directors Conference.

[Click here for the OUTREACH application.](#)

## **Grant Program**

In addition to the Outreach Program, the NIAAA Endowment Fund offers a Grant Program to state associations that are requesting assistance for national faculty instructors for specific courses or conference presenters. The funds may be used to cover travel, lodging, or stipends for instructors and/or keynote speakers. Each state that applies is eligible to receive up to \$1,000 and may apply for the grant once every three years

[Click here for the GRANT application.](#)

## **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.

Updates from each committee can be viewed in the section meeting notes.

### **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

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### **Section 1 Meeting**

Please see the Section 1 Meeting Minutes.

The spring 2022 Section 1 meeting will take place between March 27 and 29 at the Double Tree by Hilton in South Burlington, VT. After Vermont are Rhode Island and Connecticut.

### **Scholarship Information**

Congratulations to these state scholarship winners.

CT	Mackenzie Gardner	West Haven High School
	John Steglitz	Tourtellotte Memorial High School
ME	Molly Booth	Orono High School
	Donovan Kurt	Nokomis Regional High School
MA	Grace Brogioli	Wareham High School
	Benjamin Westphal	Algonquin Regional High School
NH	Elizabeth Guillotte	Franklin High School
	Hadyn Russell	Newmarket Junior/Senior High School
NJ	Frank Rocco Jr	Mount Olive High School
	Olivia Colavito	Matawan Regional High School
NY	Sarah Stevens	Ellenville High School
	Scott Weitman	Yorktown High School
RI	Spencer Shiels	Chariho Regional High School
	Kenneth Rix Jr	Pilgrim High School
VT	Abigail Sweet	Bellows Free Academy Fairfax
	Jarrett Sweet	Bellows Free Academy Fairfax

Thank you to our Section 1 State Liaisons for scoring and submitting their rankings for the Section winners. Congratulations to **Sarah Stevens** and **Scott Weitman**, both from NY, who will advance to the selection process for the national winners.

Please be sure to order plaques for your state winners.

Contact is: Awards Unlimited, 800-950-3553 or 402-474-0815. The NIAAA will be invoiced.

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There is also a fillable certificate template available on the NIAAA website for states to print a copy in order to recognize each student in their state who completes an application.

To access the certificate:

Main menu of the website, go to AWARDS from the menu bar and select STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP. Select ADMINISTRATORS button. In the first paragraph, click the Certificate of Recognition link. Open the certificate, type the winner's name and state, then print out on a color printer.

### **Frank Kovalski Professional Development Award**

Congratulations to **Bill Bruno**, CMAA from New Jersey on his selection as this year's Section 1 nominee.

### **Section 1 Institute**

Steve Young updated us at the Section 1 meeting that the Summer Institute at the Ocean Edge Resort **WILL TAKE PLACE** from June 27 to July 1.

There are 15 LTI courses scheduled as well as a CAA review class and the CAA Exam will be administered.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for the 2021 Section 1 Summer Institute.

### **Awards and Deadlines**

Hall of Fame – state nominations are 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 a Section 1 candidate will be chosen.
  - Credentials & endorsements due to NIAAA office by July 1, 2022.

December 2023

- **Section 1 rep from NJ**

Future rotation for Section 1 representative after NJ is NY, RI, VT.

