



*National Interscholastic Athletic  
Administrators Association*

*Section 1*  
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Dear Section 1 Colleagues:

It was so great to see so many of you in Vermont last week. For those of you that were not able to make it, sorry we missed you.

Thank you again to Geri, Tom, and David for all of your work and hospitality.

Highlights of the meeting are included here, but a lot of information was covered in the meeting so I have attached the meeting minutes for you. Thank you again to Trish Witkin for recording such great minutes for us.

Last week, we also had an online Board of Directors call which included additional information and the process for hiring the Assistant Executive Director. Hopefully, we will have more information about that in early May.

I hope spring is starting to arrive where you are and that you all remain healthy and safe until we see each other again.

Sincerely,

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## NIAAA News and Information



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

### **Board Goals**

The 2022 Board goals include items relative to mental health of the Athletic Administrator and student-athlete, supporting the new DEI committee's initiatives, promoting the new tax incentive for Athletic Administrators and coaches, promoting additional pay for Athletic Administrators that are CAA or CMAA certified, and provide virtual options for professional development. [Click here](#) for all the Board goals.

### **Membership**

Membership across the country is beginning to rebound with 12, 654 members currently. If there were one member per high school that is a member of the state association and NFHS there would be 19,358 members.

Mid-year membership numbers for Section 1 (as of March 23, 2022)

	<b>Current 2021-22 membership</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>NFHS member schools</b>
Connecticut	227	248	189
Maine	143	154	148
Massachusetts	393	325	377
New Hampshire	137	122	89
New Jersey	347	446	435
New York	708	764	786
Rhode Island	100	97	55
Vermont	73	90	86
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>2,165</b>

Goal is to reach 100% dual states.

### **Professional Development & Certification**

Webinars continue to be popular. [Click here](#) for summer and fall offerings.

PDA team is looking to translate some courses into Spanish for our International members. They are also looking to include cohort completion as credit-bearing on the CAA and CMAA data forms.

### **Professional Outreach Program**

Each state is eligible once every three years.

Section 1 states and next availability – 7 of our 8 states are eligible THIS YEAR.

Connecticut	2022	New Jersey	2022
Maine	2022	New York	2022
Massachusetts	2022	Rhode Island	2022
New Hampshire	2024	Vermont	2022

### **National Initiative Assistance Network (NIAN)**

2022 Initiative is Make-A-Wish foundation

### **NIAAA Points of Emphasis Brochure**

[Click here](#) for the brochure which highlights the NIAAA

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

All 35 items were reviewed, discuss, and progress noted. The only item which has not yet begun is selecting the 6<sup>th</sup> Strategic Plan committee. That will be done in 2023 for work to begin in 2024.

## Future Board Positions ([click here](#) for full document)

December 2022 in Nashville – 6 individuals will roll off the Board

- **Region A At-Large from Sections 1 & 6** replacing Damian Frassinelli  
Robert Palazzo from Rhode Island has been chosen as our Section 1 candidate for the Nashville election.

December 2023 in Orlando

- **Section 1 rep from NJ** replacing Lisa Gingras  
Sean Dowling has been selected by New Jersey.

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

## Committees and interest

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

New committee membership and POP language was adopted for the new standing DEI committee.

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 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

The Conference Advisory Committee met in January and plans are well underway for NADC22 in Nashville.

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

## Highlight video that was shared at the Section meeting

[Click here to view](#)

## Section 1 News and Information

### Section 1 Meeting

The spring 2023 Section 1 Meeting will take place on Monday, May 8 in Warwick, Rhode Island.

Future Section meeting rotation

- 2024 Connecticut
- 2025 Massachusetts
- 2026 New York

After that it is ME, NJ, NH, VT

### Scholarship Information

Section 1 state scholarship winners:

	Male	Female
<b>Connecticut</b>	Jacob Bernstein	Olivia Belfonti
<b>Maine</b>	Tom Horton	Savannah Tracy
<b>Massachusetts</b>	Matthew Hughes	Lucy Rogers
<b>New Hampshire</b>	Braeden Falzarano	Mia Francisco
<b>New Jersey</b>	James McCarren	Lauren Kobernick
<b>New York</b>	John Santowski	Cecelia Eklum
<b>Rhode Island</b>	Grant Wosencroft	Meghan Mancini
<b>Vermont</b>	Brady Geisler	Ivy Doran

Section 1 winners are John Santowski from New York and Olivia Belfonti from Connecticut

### State Conferences (still to be held)

Maine- April 6-8, 2022 Samoset Resort, Rockport ME

New Hampshire- May 25-27, 2022 North Conway

### Section 1 Institute

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

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](#)

