



*National Interscholastic Athletic  
Administrators Association*

*Section 1*  
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Dear Section 1 Colleagues:

I hope you all well as we begin to wind down the winter season and look not only toward spring sports but also to warmer weather. As I look out my window in New Hampshire, there is little to no snow left on the ground and my fields are starting to dry....until the storm comes through on Friday! I am certainly enjoying the longer days of daylight.

I have recently returned from Indianapolis and our February Board of Directors meetings. It was great to be together in person and get to know the new board members. Below are some updates from our 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 March 28 at our Section 1 meeting in Vermont and am excited that President Mike McGurk and Associate Executive Director Phil Rison will be joining us in Section 1.

Stay warm and safe. See you all soon.

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.

### **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 the end of January)

	<b>Current 2021-22 membership</b>	<b>GOAL for 2021-22</b>	<b>2020-21 Membership</b>	<b>Record</b>	<b>NFHS member schools</b>
Connecticut	227	262	238	248	189
Maine	145	159	154	154	148
Massachusetts	396	315	298	325	377
New Hampshire	128	129	122	122	89
New Jersey	298	420	407	446	435
New York	722	831	747	764	786
Rhode Island	97	109	91	97	55
Vermont	74	80	64	90	86
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,087</b>	<b>2,305</b>	<b>2,121</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 a list of spring 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, discussed, 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
  - NH, NJ, NM excluded by NIAAA.
  - By state agreement, CT and MA also removed themselves from consideration from Section 1.
  - At the Section meeting in March 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 in Orlando

- **Section 1 rep from NJ** replacing Lisa Gingras

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/>

## **Section 1 News and Information**

### **Section 1 Meeting**

The spring 2022 Section 1 Meeting will take place on Monday, March 28, beginning at 8:30 am at the Doubletree Burlington Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington, VT. Be on the lookout for more detailed information regarding registration and the rest of the Vermont state conference if you wish to attend.

Future Section meeting rotation

- 2023 Rhode Island
- 2024 Connecticut
- 2025 Massachusetts
- 2026 New York

After that it is ME, NJ, NH, VT

### **Scholarship Information**

Please submit your state male and female scholarship winners to me by March 15<sup>th</sup> for discussion and selection of Section winners just before or after our Section meeting in March.

[Click here](#) for the most up-to-date rubric.

### **State Conferences**

Connecticut March 24-25, 2022 LTC March 23 Rocky Hill

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

Massachusetts/Rhode Island- March 28- April 1, 2022 Sheraton Hyannis

New Hampshire- May 15-17, 2022 North Conway

New Jersey- March 15-18, 2022 Golden Nugget, Atlantic City NJ

New York- March 14-18, 2022 Saratoga

Vermont- March 27-29, 2022 Doubletree Hilton, South Burlington, VT

### **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

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](#)

**Items to send to me prior to the Section meeting in March:**

- At-large candidate information. A letter of intent/endorsement from the state association is sufficient at this time. More formal nomination documents are due to the NIAAA office by July 1 after we select our candidate as a section. Maine, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont are eligible to submit a nomination for interview and selection in March.
- Frank Kovaleski nominations
  - Currently in the pool (nominees remain in pool for 3 years from initial nomination)
    - Joe Canzanella (CT)
    - Todd Livingston (ME)
    - Bill Bruno (NJ)
    - Scott Sugar (NY)
- State Scholarship winners
- If possible, New Jersey will have in attendance their selection for Section 1 rep

