



*National Interscholastic Athletic  
Administrators Association*

*Section 1*  
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Dear Section 1 Colleagues:

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and getting to enjoy time with friends and family. I am sorry I missed you at the Summer Institute at the Cape this year. I know it was a great learning opportunity as always.

I am sure most of you are aware by now about the hiring of two Assistant Directors, but I wanted to be sure to congratulate Damian Frassinelli, CMAA from Stafford Springs, CT on being elevated to President-Elect at the July Board of Directors meetings. With Becky Moran being hired as one of the Assistant Directors (Rich Barton is the other), Damian was next in line to serve as President-Elect and President of the NIAAA for 2023. Damian will be the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the NIAAA, the 9<sup>th</sup> to serve in that role from Section 1, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> to serve as President from Connecticut. Please be sure to congratulate Damian as we all know he will represent Connecticut and Section 1 well as he serves as President of the NIAAA.

Attached please find information from the Board meetings as well as other Section 1 information and deadlines.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing all of you in Nashville in December!

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

NIAAA membership surpassed 13,000 members for the first time ever finishing the year with 13,521 members. This is an incredible feat after the decline in 2020 due to the pandemic. There are 19,499 high schools registered with the NFHS. With 13,521 members, we are looking at only needing 5,978 to reach 100% membership as a national association.

\*\* Be sure that members verify that addresses and contact information is accurate in the NIAAA member portal.

Interesting historical data of NIAAA membership

- Before 1977 952 members
- 1989-90 reached 5000 members
- 2005-06 reached 6000 members (15 years to gain 1000 members)
- 2015-16 reached 10,000 members (steady growth for 10 years)
- 2021-22 13,251 members
- New membership records set in 14 of the 17 years since 2005-06

New dual states – Four new states joined the ranks of dual state membership in 2022: Illinois, Kentucky, West Virginia, and New Mexico. Colorado is expected to become dual state next.

Below is information for Section 1. Once again all 8 states will receive membership commendations with three states reaching record membership numbers. Though unconfirmed, it also appears that Section 1 has become the first section to ever reach 100% membership as a section.

Great job everyone! Keep it up!

	Final 21-22 membership	Record?	70% commendation?	10% growth commendation?	Met the 21-22 membership challenge
Connecticut	240 – 131%		YES		
Maine	147 – 97%		YES		
Massachusetts	394 - 105%	RECORD	YES	YES	YES
New Hampshire	145 – 163%	RECORD	YES	YES	YES
New Jersey	404 – 93%		YES		
New York	725 – 92%		YES		
Rhode Island	102 – 196%*	RECORD	YES	YES	YES
Vermont	78 – 91%		YES	YES	YES
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2235 – 103%</b>				

\*official docs said 196% but I believe it is 179%

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

December 2022 in Nashville – 5 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.

There will be two elections in Nashville – Region A and Region B At-Large positions

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

Next Region A At-Large election will be in December 2025.

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

2022 Initiative is Make-A-Wish foundation

### **USCAH Partnership**

The US Council for Athletes' Health has partnered with the NIAAA to offer free courses for members.

[Click here](#) for more information

### **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.

### **Professional Development & Certification**

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

New LTC courses launching in Nashville

- LTC 638 Creating Awareness of Diverse Groups within Athletic Programs
- LTC 704 Recruit/Hire, Mentor, and Retain Coaches

New LTC course development – potential roll out Orlando 2023

- LTC 718 Responding to Tragic Events
- LTC 601 Athletic Department Handbooks
- LTC 603 Identifying, Establishing, Maintaining an Athletic Program K-12
- LTC 717 Identifying the Need for and Effecting Change in Athletic Administration

2021 certifications awarded: RAA 258, RMSAA 12, RIAAA, 18, CAA 244, CIAA 18, CMAA 75

There is a new cohort for those pursuing QPA. The cohort will walk members through the process.

All 500 level LTC classes with the exception of 503, are now offered online. LTC 503, 700, and 701 will be offered online in the near future. At that point all courses required for certification would be offered online.

State Coordinators' Summit is September 10-12, 2022.

### 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.

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

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

### Professional 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.

Section 1 states and next availability – 3 of our are eligible right now and 2 more are eligible in 2023.

Connecticut	2024	New Jersey	2023
Maine	2022	New York	2022
Massachusetts	2023	Rhode Island	2024
New Hampshire	2025	Vermont	2022

[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](#).

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, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Endowment, Hall of Fame, Membership, Mentoring, National Initiative and Assistance Network, Professional Development, Publications, Resolutions, Retired, and Sports Facilities.

### Awards

Several awards and Hall of Fame inductees were determined. [Click here](#) for the Award Hierarchy document.

## **National Conference**

Registration is currently open for NADC 2022 in Nashville

### Upcoming conferences

December 9-13, 2022	Nashville, Tennessee
December 15-19, 2023	Orlando, Florida
December 13-17, 2024	Austin, Texas
December 12-16, 2025	Tampa, Florida

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

## **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**

Please contact Nellie Crocker with details for contact info and deadline for your scholarships for 2022-23.

### **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.

