

RIIAAA
Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

NEWSLETTER

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The RIIAAA Executive Board would like to thank its members for all its dedication to athletics in the state of Rhode Island. Through your effort, student-athletes are able to attain higher goals and enrich their lives through sport.

We would also like to make you aware of our efforts to find better avenues to communicate with you. Our duty is to represent you and your needs to the best of our ability. Should you have an issue or idea that you feel our membership needs to be aware of please contact one of us. You are also encouraged to attend any Executive Board meeting to voice a concern or just see what we do once a month at the RIIL at RIC.

The following important information, which has come out of discussions from our recent meeting, is to help keep you aware of current issues or concerns in Rhode Island athletics.

1. Two new appointments to the PCOA: Scot Barr, Principal of Classical will be Co-Chair Director of Boy's Basketball and Jeannine Nota-Masse, Principal of East Greenwich will serve as Director of Girl's Soccer.
2. RIIL: Monsignor Newbold Grants were awarded to 14 schools to promote Leadership, Sportsmanship and Character initiatives.
3. The Sport Committee will do assignment of all playoff officials.
4. Jim Caron from Ponaganset will be awarded the Spirit of Sport Award at the RIIL Hall of Fame dinner.
5. Geographic Conference Alignment was not accepted by the PCOA, but they will continue to entertain any new proposals pertaining to geographical alignment.
6. The idea of revenue sharing of playoff gate receipts was receptive among the Principals.
7. The league will begin the next realignment process this spring with meetings of Sport Directors. A timeline has been designed by the RIIL for a rollout in Aug of 2010.
8. The Awards Committee has sent out the nominations, votes need to be in by Feb 11th.
9. Ray Dwyer has been nominated for the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award for non- members.
10. JV schedules and issues still being discussed. A mission statement for JV Athletics will be developed.
11. Elaine will be contacting Bruce Ewart about the Middle School athletic schedules.

For further information and or suggestions;
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