

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. Congratulations to Jean Angell (Scituate-retired) for being recognized by Words Unlimited as the “Ambey Smith Achievement Award” Recipient for 2011.
2. The RIIAAA Executive Members will receive allotted monies for expenses after attending the NIAAAA Conference rather than being issued monies prior to attending the conference which had been past practice.
3. The RIIAAA Golf Tournament will be held at the Richmond CC for 2011.
4. Mike Lunney (Portsmouth) will be recognized with a gift certificate for his long standing contribution to the RIIAAA executive board. Best Wishes to Mike in his position to the RIIL.
5. Get Well wishes go out to Kathy Luther (CF) for her upcoming operation.
6. The RIIAAA State Conference will be held March 22-24, Cape Cod, MA for 2011.
7. Greg Kortick (WW) and Richard Lawrence (MSC) will be presenting a workshop at the March 2011 RIIAAA State Conference, Cape Cod.
8. RIIAAA membership is 100% complete for 2010-2011.

9. The RIIAAA has convened at committee to review and offer revision to realignment for fall 2011. Monthly meetings are scheduled at Moses Brown School. The next open meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2011 at 2pm.
10. RIIAAA membership will soon be polled as to their school's JV/Freshmen Officials' stipends. Please respond as the RIIAAA feels the need to align the state to officials' fees.
11. Three goals of the RIIAAA for 2010-2011 were cited by Mike Traficante (Cranston): Align JV Officials' Fees for all sports statewide; Create a more balanced Realignment Structure for all sports statewide; and to create a sensible start to the fall, winter, and spring sports seasons. The stress being on the winter season starting the Monday after Thanksgiving as in the past.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Beth Penkala (Mt.Hope) at penkalab@bw.k12.ri.us



