

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. Welcome new Executive Board Member Tom Marcello (Ponagansett).
2. Resignations from the Executive Board were received from Jean Angell and Kathy Luther. The RIIAAA Executive Board on behalf of the entire RIIAAA expresses its gratitude to both for their commitment to RIIAAA.
3. A banner from the RIIAAA welcoming teams to Championships held in Rhode Island is in the making. The banner will be displayed at Championship events whenever possible at no cost to the RIIAAA.
4. Beth Penkala (Mt Hope) will take over the Corresponding Secretarial duties with the resignation of Jean Angell. The Constitution By-Laws needs to be modified to accommodate one person handling both Recording and Corresponding Secretary duties.
5. Jeff Maidment (Moses Brown) presented the Executive Board with a breakdown of schools by region, North, South, East, West, and Central. Each group is slated to have three regional meetings. These meetings will be pre-season fall, winter, and spring. Tony Torregrossa will pilot the first regional meeting with the Northern schools. All regions will meet prior to the spring season 2011-2012.
6. The Principals' Committee on Athletics requested three (3) names as representative to the PCOA. The President, President Elect, and Vice President's names will be those that are presented every two years to the RIIL.
7. Allen Huestis (NIAAA liaison) suggested a letter be written to the PCOA c/o Tom Mezzanotte, Executive Director of RIIL referencing the most recent concerns - officials' contracted to be paid for games that have been cancelled or postponed even though it was done in a timely manner. It is the request of the RIIAAA Executive Board that the Co-Directors of a sport along with the Executive Director of RIIL be represented at all future Officials' Contract Negotiations.
8. The PCOA will no longer meet monthly. They will meet August, November, January, March, and June.
9. The Superintendents' Association will have a voting seat on the PCOA. They also must submit three (3) names for consideration annually for a PCOA seat.
10. Mt Hope, Lincoln, Mt St Charles, and Portsmouth were all penalized for an eligibility rule violation.
11. LaSalle Academy will be the host school for the Unified Volleyball Playoffs.
12. Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track welcomes Narragansett HS.
13. Lincoln High School has added Girls' Ice Hockey to their programs.
14. Look for new rules in Summer Camps and modified rules on Soccer at www.riil.org
15. Congratulations to George Finn (Barrington) for being selected to the NFHS Section I Boys' Lacrosse Committee.

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