

Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

NEWSLETTER

April 2013

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. The RIIAAA Executive Board accepts with regret the resignation of Deborah Bush as long standing board member. There are a number of nominations of current Athletic Directors to fill this vacancy. A replacement will be chosen in accordance with RIIAAA By-Laws.
2. The RIIAAA Executive Board welcomes back Ted Quigley (LaSalle Academy) after a one year leave. At the same time we thank Gary Mazzie (Johnston) for serving as a voting member this past year 2012-2013.
3. Kudos to Elaine Botelho and the RIIAAA Awards Committee for the organization and presentation of this year's banquet.
4. Congratulations to this year's NIAAA Scholarship Essay Recipients Erin Kane (LaSalle Academy) and Andrew Murray (Tiverton). Their essays have been presented to the NIAAA Section 1 Scholarship Committee for further review.
5. The RIIAAA Executive Board and its membership welcome Sam Panice as the new webmaster of RIIAAA, RI Interscholastic Injury Fund and National Executive Directors Council.
6. RIIAAA welcomes and the Southeastern Massachusetts Football Officials Association along with the Director James Ashley. Member schools will use the Arbiter to locate

official assignments and contact Jim directly on any official concerns for the fall football season. Details will go out to schools soon.

7. John Blaess, Portsmouth HS, is now the Golf Sport Director.
8. Athletic Directors serving as either Director or Co-Director of a sport committee are reminded to send meeting report(s) to Bob Palazzo Robert.Palazzo@ppsd.org as soon as possible. In order for Jeff Maidment and Mike Traficante to best serve you at Principals' Committee on Athletics meetings, Bob would need to pass on sport committee resolutions in advance of the PCOA meetings.
9. RIIAAA membership renewal forms for 2013-2014 will be out to member schools soon. It was approved to increase the dues by \$5 to offset an anticipated increase in the March State Conference for 2014.
10. Jamey Vetelino (Westerly) and Jeff Maidment are looking for help with this year's RIIAAA golf tournament. School Athletic Directors can assist by soliciting tee sponsors from local vendors, boosters & parent groups, and any other charitable resource. Gift certificates, prizes, and other donations are also welcome. Forms for both participation and tee sponsorship will be sent to member schools soon.
11. Sports committees that are scheduled to meet:
 - a. Baseball – May TBD
 - b. Competition Cheer – May 1st
 - c. Girls' Soccer – May 15th
12. RIIAAA is gearing up to host the NIAAA Section 1 meeting as early as May 2014.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Beth Penkala at:
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