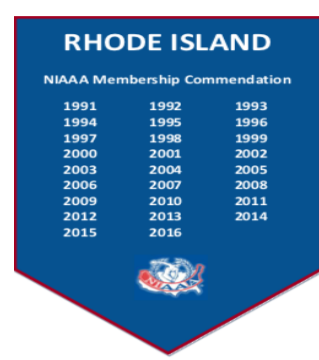




RIIAAA Newsletter

November 2016-January 2017



Greetings from the RIIAAA Executive Board

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 can 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 meetings, is to help keep you aware of current issues or concerns in Rhode Island athletics

Sports Committee News

Fall: The fall sports committees will be finalizing schedules. These schedules will be release

on the new RIIL website (*rSchool Today*)

Winter: The winter sports committees are in the process of administering the winter seasons and preparing for the playoffs.

Spring: Spring sports committees finished up the realignment process in November. Realignment were approved at the November 14 PCOA meeting. Schedules have been completed and released to the schools.

There was much discussion about the realignment of girls' lacrosse, but the RIIAAA executive board voted to approve the recommendation of the of the lacrosse sports committee. The vote was 14-0 with 2 abstentions.

RIIL News

Coaching certificates will no longer be issued the Rhode Island Department of Education. Athletic Directors will now be responsible for verifying to the RIIL office that members of their coaching staff are properly certified with the necessary NFHS certificates.

The RIIL will begin the process of negotiating officials' fees for the 2017-2018 season. Members of the sports committees will be invited to sit in on these negotiations.

The RIIL will be closing on the building that will serve as its new location in the coming weeks. The hope is to have the building ready by the end of the spring for the moving process to begin.

The league began its initial training sessions for using *rSchool Today* on January 24, 25, and 26. The training focused on setting up each schools' "landing page" and scheduling using the new website. The next round of training will take place sometime in March.



rSchool Today training at North Kingstown High School

The Spring Coaches Interpretation meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11 at Johnston High School. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am.

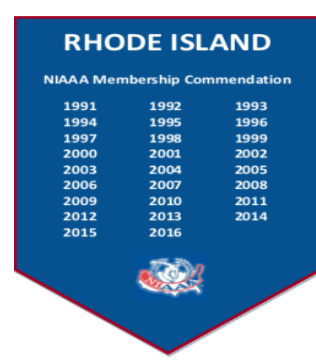
In the coming weeks, the RIIL will be announcing the details of the "Spring Student Conference".

The "Battle of the Fans", Round 2 will take place in February. Videos (no more than 3 minutes) of school fan bases



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should be emailed to INFO@riil.org by February 20.

The league sent out a survey on to get information on the number of mobile AED's that schools have and how they are issued to teams.

RIIAAA News

The RIIAAA held its Holiday Appreciation Breakfast at The Raddison on Thursday, December 1. The breakfast was followed by a General Membership meeting.

The issue of the RIIL's transfer rule was brought up at the RIIAAA Executive Board Meeting on January 20. Currently a "non-change-of address" transfer must sit out 1/2 of the varsity league season and all non-league games during that period if they participated on the varsity team in a sport at his/her previous school. The discussion focused around the possibility of allowing these transfers to participate in non-league contests that fall during the period that they are ineligible to play league contests. After much discussion, it was determined to leave the rule as it is now.

The RIIAAA awards committee met in January and released its ballot for the awards that will be given out at the RIIAAA Awards Banquet held on Monday, April 3. Voting for

these awards took place in January. Congratulations to the following award winners:

School of the Year: Portsmouth High School

Administrator of the Year: Steve Chrabaszcz-Toll Gate (awarded posthumously)

Sr. Charlene Tedeschi: Keith Lawton-State track and cross-country official

Media Award: Brendan McGair-Pawtucket Times & Woonsocket Call

NIAAA Award of Merit: Mike Shiels-Chariho

Male Coach of the Year: Ryan Cafferty-Classical

Female Coach of the Year: Kerri Ferreira-Mt. Hope

Athletic Director of the Year: Chris Cobain-East Greenwich

Hall of Fame Inductees: Jean Angell-Scituate, Ken Hopkins-Cranston, Vincent Moses-Classical

At the banquet, several current athletic directors will also be recognized for their years of service:

Bob Murray-Tiverton (35 Years)

Robert Palazzo-Classical (20 Years) (10 Years as a Leadership Training Instructor & Certification)

Joseph Fagnoli-Coventry (15 Years)

Chuck Jones-Coventry (10 Years)

Sarah McShane-Moses Brown (10 Years)

Mat Tek-North Smithfield (10 Years)

Advertisements for the banquet program can still be purchased. The deadline for purchasing an advertisement is Saturday, February 18.

Upcoming Dates

March 17: Athletic Directors Meeting (RIIL Office)

March 28-March 31: MSSADA Conference (Resort & Conference Center at Hyannis)

March 29: RIIAAA General Meeting (MSSADA Conference)

April 3: RIIAAA Awards Banquet (Crowne Plaza)

Membership Update

-NO outstanding memberships

Executive Board

The RIIAAA executive board will be meeting on the following dates. Please contact an executive board member with any issues that you would like discussed.

Friday, March 17, 2017

Thursday, April 13, 2017