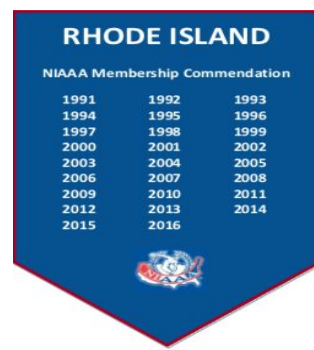




RIIAAA Newsletter

February 2017-April 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: There has been quite a bit of discussion in the *boys' and girls' soccer* sports committees over new overtime rules for the playoffs. The boys' committee is putting in place a "one 10-minute overtime period" and then a "golden goal, sudden-death format" in the second overtime. The girls' soccer committee is resisting the implementation of this format for their playoffs. The two committees are working together to come up with a solution.

The *football* sports committee held a meeting on April 13 to discuss the current alignment and proposals moving forward.

Winter: Winter sports committees wrapped up the administration of the winter seasons. Other than a few minor issues, the winter season ran relatively smoothly with weather becoming too big of an issue.

The *wrestling* sports committee reported that the States and New England championships, both held at the PCTA were very successful.

Spring: Spring sports committees are currently in the process administering the spring seasons.

Baseball has instituted a new "pitch-count" system this year. There have been a few, minor technological glitches on the RIIL website with the pitch count, but those have been rectified in a timely fashion.

The *softball* sports committee is currently meeting with officials over contract negotiations.

RIIL News

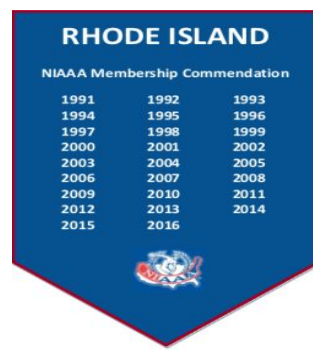
The *RIIL* offices will be relocating to a new building located at *875 Centerville Road in Warwick*. The office will be closed for two days in May when the move takes place.

The second training sessions for athletic directors for *rSchool Today* took place on the following dates: April 21 (LaSalle), April 25 (Mount St. Charles), April 26 (Bishop Hendricken). The training focused on features such as eligibility lists, transportation requests, entering coaches information, as well as a number of other features. There will be one final training session for athletic directors in May.



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The PCOA welcomed two new members, Gerald Habershaw from Pilgrim High School and Thomas Barbieri from Cranston West High School.

The RIIL will be hosting the 20th NFHS Summer Conference from June 28-July 2. Plans for conference attendees include a 5k road race, tours of Providence and Newport, and a golf tournament.

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The general meeting was held on March 29 at the MSSADA Conference in Hyannis, MA. Topics discussed at the meeting included individual awards, coaches' associations, and the Providence Journal all-state selection process.

The 2017 RIIAAA Awards Banquet was held on Monday, April 3 at the Crowne Plaza. The following awards were presented at the banquet:

George Nasuti 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:
JeanAngell-Scituate
KenHopkins-Cranston
Vincent Moses-Classical

At the banquet, several current athletic directors were recognized for their years of service:

35 Years
Bob Murray-Tiverton

20 Years and 10 Years as a
Leadership Training Instructor
& Certification
Robert Palazzo, Classical

15 Years
Joseph Fagnoli-Coventry

10 Years
Chuck Jones-Coventry

10 Years
Sarah McShane-Moses Brown

And
10 years
Mat Tek-North Smithfield

The annual fundraising golf tournament will be held on Friday, June 23 at Triggs Memorial Golf Course. Starting time is 9:00 am (shot-gun start). Please contact Chris Cobain at East Greenwich with any questions. Foursomes, raffle prizes, and tee-sponsorships are needed.

Upcoming Dates

June 19: End of the Year General Meeting (Oceanside by the Pier, 1 Beach Road, Narragansett). Please RSVP by June 14 to Beth Penkala at bethpenkala5@gmail.com

Membership Update

Membership forms for RIIAAA 2017-2018 will be available to membership at www.niaaa.org web portal. Click on "Member's Login/Become a Member".

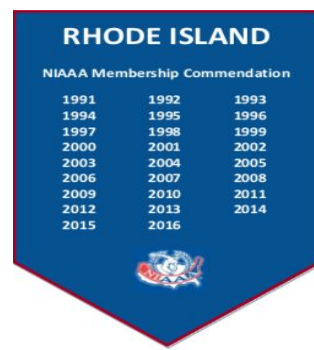
If it is your first time using the site, email for your username and "niaaa123" for password, click on "My Profile" and follow directions.

For those that have logged onto to web portal login before, login and click on groups; RIIAAA membership; in upper left corner click on group pages, a



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drop down will have info you need. An email will also be sent directly from the Executive Director.

Executive Board Meetings

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

Friday, May 19, 2017

Friday, June 9, 2017.