

RIAAA

Rhode Island Interscholastic Administrators Association

NEWSLETTER

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The RIAAA Executive Board would like thank its members for all of its dedication to athletics in the state of Rhode Island. Through your effort, student-athletes are able to attain higher goals and enrich their educational 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 office at Rhode Island College.

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.

- 1. The Athletic Director's Appreciation Breakfast is Wednesday December 3rd, 2008 at the Radisson in Warwick. Please respond to Elaine ASAP if you have not done so already.**
- 2. Bruce Ewart, Middle School liaison, attended the November Executive Board meeting to discuss issues surrounding middle school athletics. Bruce will obtain a current email list of all athletic directors. Elaine suggested once the schedules are complete they be mailed to the AD of each school. A suggestion was made to have all middle school Sport Directors' names and email addresses be placed on the middle school website. Schedules should be posted on line. The problem exists because there is no one to do all the work necessary for the website. Students from Charter Schools will be allowed to participate for their home school in the future.**
- 3. Cox Sports Awards- will be discussed at the breakfast. There are concerns about the voting system.**
- 4. The RIIL will conduct a mandatory clinic in January for baseball coaches and players to discuss new NFHS rule changes.**
- 5. Please return your nomination forms for our association Awards Banquet. The deadline is Dec 10th. The banquet will be Wednesday April 8th at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet.**
- 6. Discussions by the RIIL are underway for the next realignment. A timeline has been established for an announcement of the realignment for September 2009.**
- 7. Discussions are still ongoing about when and why the policy changed for returning monies to schools involved in the playoffs. Bob Murray will**

- research his files for information concerning past practices. Ted wants concrete information prior to having a discussion with the PCOA.
8. Tony Torregrossa will be setting up a meeting with the Future Directions Committee to continue discussions about JV scheduling.
 9. Todd Grimes will be meeting with the realignment committee.
 10. Jeff Maidment would like to see a link on our website for announcements of clinics sponsored by member schools.

***** For further information and/or suggestions
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