

## ***NEWSLETTER***

*March 2012*

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 2012-2014 slant of officers for RIIAAA was presented:
  - a. Past President – Mike Traficante, Cranston Schools
  - b. President – Jeff Maidment, Moses Brown School
  - c. President Elect – Jamey Vetelino, Westerly High School
  - d. Recording Secretary – Paul Amaral, East Provident High School
  - e. Corresponding Secretary – Ted Quigley, LaSalle Academy
  - f. Executive Board Member –George Finn, Barrington High School
2. Three names from the RIIAAA Executive Board will be presented to the Principals Committee on Athletics for 2012-2013 in order: President Jeff Maidment, President Elect Jamey Vetelino, and Past President Mike Traficante.
3. Congratulations to NIAAA Scholarship Winners from Rhode Island: Siohban Kelly, LaSalle Academy and Dan Kilcoyne, Chariho High School
4. There is a move to create a Middle School Athletic Administrator certification.
5. The next NIAAA conference is December 14-18, 2012 in San Antonio, TX
6. STUNT a new cheer sport is in the making. It is suggested that STUNT would be a spring season.
7. NIAAA is considering hiring a lobbyist at the legislator's level.
8. Mark your calendar for the RIIAAA annual golf tournament. June 26, 2012 at Richmond CC.
9. The last general meeting in June will be held at Joe's Italian Kitchen, Cranston on June 20, 2012.
10. New RIDE Coach Certification started January 1, 2012.
11. RIIL playoff tickets will increase by \$1 for 2012-2013.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Beth Penkala (Mt.Hope) at

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