**Message from the Executive Director,**

**Welcome to a new school year,  2022-2023 will see many changes in the RI Interscholastic Athletic Administrators' Association.**

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. The RIIAAA By-Laws have been revised - Kudos to Keith Cory, CAA/RMSS/CIAA, Johnston High School for chairing this committee.

2. Keith Cory, CAA/RMSAA/CIAA takes over as RIIAAA President, Karen Massaro, CAA/RMSAA is now Past President.

3. There are two Executive Board Vacancies that will be voted on at the ADs workshop.  Four people have submitted interest in the two seats so be prepared to vote.

4. RIIAAA 40 Yr. member Robert Murray, Tiverton HS retires to enjoy his evenings and weekends.  Chuck Grant replaces Bob as Athletic Director at Tiverton Schools.

5. Michael Shiels, CAA Chariho HS is promoted to a Dean of Students' Position.  His Assistant James Provencher retires from the AD spot leaving Chariho with a vacancy in the Athletic Administration position. Justin Cahoone replaces Mike Shiels at the High School.

6. Dan Cabral and Jay Monteiro replace Nick Shattuck and Robert Traverse as Asst. ADs in East Providence.

7. Kara Akey replaces Charles Toste at St. Patrick Academy.

8. Bobby Palazzo, CMAA has been selected by the NFHS Awards Committee to receive the NFHS Citation at the NADC Luncheon on Monday, December 12, 2022 in Nashville, TN. Bobby also is the Section 1 At Large A candidate for an NIAAA Board seat.  He must present himself at the NADC Conference Opening Session. We would like as many ADs as possible to attend  the conference at least for Saturday-Monday, December 10-12, 2022.

9. May 8, 2023 RIIAAA hosts the Section 1 meeting at the Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI

Besides the NIAAA Membership Benefits, RIIAAA is a dual membership state that promotes:

* The NIAAA code of ethics.

•All the rights of the RIIAAA organization

•Scholarship opportunities for Leadership Training Course work.

•Scholarship reimbursement opportunities for the National Athletic Directors’ Conference.

•Section 1 scholarship reimbursement opportunity for NADC first time attendees.

•Eligibility for  RIIAAA registration reimbursement.

•Awards Banquet attendance.

•Years of Service Award recognition at the conclusion of every five years of service beginning at 5 years complete.

•General membership dinner at MSSADA conference, March, Hyannis, MA

•Student Scholar Essay Scholarship opportunities.

RIIAAA Executive Board meets Friday, August 12, 2022 at the RIIL Office

RIIAAA membership meets Friday, August 19, 2022 at RI College, Gaige Hall, 8am check in with meeting to start around 8:30 am