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# NYSAAA President's Message



Delivered By Harold Fried, CAA

At the NYSAAA Annual Meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY  
March 20, 2009

My message today is three fold. First, I would like to acknowledge those individuals who have given to and continue to give to this organization and profession. Secondly, I hope to motivate those of you who are not yet as involved as you could be to get actively involved in the AAA. Lastly, I want to provide you with some information regarding next year's conference.

Let me begin by thanking President Wayne Bertrand for his dedication and commitment to his term. He gave of himself selflessly over this past year. Wayne joins the elite group of past presidents who have fulfilled their duties with excellence. And as I stand in the shadow of that brotherhood and the members of NYSAAA, I see an assembled group of talented and accomplished professionals. I am truly humbled by the opportunity to serve you. We are comprised of extremely capable individuals with a

history of outstanding service to not only this organization but also to the NIAAA and other affiliated organizations, such as the NYSPHSAA. Let me next recognize Dave Martens. He is one of the founding fathers. Don't confuse him with George Washington and those founding fathers. It's true he is older than George, but he was not at that meeting. Dave was one of the original eight athletic directors who formed this organization and was its first president. Dave is also the only two term president in the organizations history. As Dave likes to recall, each one of the original eight threw in \$10.00 dollars a piece and the organization was up and running. I know as I start to mention names I will inevitably leave someone out. So let me extend my apologies ahead of time for any omissions. We have truly dedicated leaders. Leaders, who spend many hours planning for the betterment of the organization, and who look for ways for it to better serve us. We have many leaders who go beyond the NYS affiliation and have made or are making significant contributions to the NIAAA and affiliated organizations such as the NYSPHSAA, and school districts as District Superintendents. Many of you, through your actions and words influenced me to get involved in the AAA. I would like to thank Dave, Denny, Alan, Roger, the executive boards past and present for all they do and will continue to do to ensure the overall health of our organization.

We must continue to develop ourselves and recruit outstanding professionals who focus on providing meaningful educational and athletic experiences for the students in our schools. There is no success without a successor. Look around the room for a moment. Look at the leaders who have served us for a long time. See how tired they look. There is no time like the present to get involved. I urge you to get involved as a committee member. Get involved as a chapter representative. Get involved as an assistant representative on any level. There are also opportunities to be involved on the national level. This is my public service plea to our newer members and veterans alike. If you have not as yet reached out beyond your local level, there is no time like the present to do so. Take the time to make yourself aware of all the different committees and opportunities there are to serve on, you are our future.

I would personally like to thank Alan and the Representative Board for this opportunity to serve the membership. Thanks to Mr. Jim Osborne, his office staff, and my colleagues in Chapter IX for the support they have given me since becoming an Athletic Administrator. I want to thank Bob Zifchock, who urged me get involved with the COA, as an assistant chapter rep; and Ken Gary who also enlisted me as an assistant chapter rep with the NYSAAA. I have enjoyed every minute of the journey to this point and sincerely thank everyone who has prompted, guided and assisted me along the way.

It will be the pleasure of Chapter IX to plan next year's conference workshops. Chapter IX had the honor of planning the Twenty-fifth anniversary conference, under Ken Gary's presidency, just two years ago. Our conference theme will be, "Foundations of Athletic Administration, Getting It Done, One Step at a Time." Workshops will focus on those things we do to get it done one day at a time – we provide leadership, promote sportsmanship, value scholarship, and spend lots of time building and repairing relationships. Planning is also how we get it done one step at a time by game scheduling, event staffing, bus scheduling, facilities usage, staff development, pre-season meetings, parent meetings, sports banquets, special recognitions, district level meetings, and our own league and section meetings. It is the day-to-day activity that puts us through our paces. A change in the weather, an unhappy parent, a miscue by a coach, an equipment or facility problem, or a Capital Project that has gone awry that gets our attention and forces us to momentarily abandon long range planning and reminds us our job is done one day at a time. Conference presenters will talk to effective leadership styles, provide information that will help you cope with or recover from reduced financial resources, how to provide meaningful staff development; how to build productive and cooperative relationships, and share programs that help promote sportsmanship and scholarship. Anyone wishing to present a workshop related to any of the planned conference topics or one you would like to add please see me.

In closing, I would like to thank my family for understanding and allowing me the nights and weekends away so that I could grow as a professional to be able to better serve my local chapter and the NYSAAA. I look forward to the challenges and opportunities we shall encounter this coming year.



## Future NFHS/NIAAA Conference Dates/Sites:

2009 – Dallas, TX (Dec. 12-15)  
2010 – Orlando, FL (Dec. 11-14)  
2011 – Indianapolis, IN (Dec. 9-13)  
2012 – San Antonio, TX (Dec. 14-18)

## Summer Institute:

The 6th Annual Athletic Administrator Leadership Training Summer Institute dates for next year have been moved earlier to the last week in June (June 28-July 1, 2009) at Brewster, MA (Cape Cod). Over these past 5 years, New York attendees have been in a majority at this quality program. The Ocean Edge Resort is a world class resort that normally gets \$450 + per night for condominium units during the summer months, but due to the earlier dates, the rates (for Condo units) are being kept extremely reasonable (\$180/night) for this time of year on the Cape. This professional development experience has become an event for the entire family to enjoy. Get more information, schedule of courses and registration forms at [www.section1.niaaa.org](http://www.section1.niaaa.org) All Leadership Training Courses are sanctioned through the NIAAA.



## Online Interactive Membership Services for Active & Inactive NIAAA Members:

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**IAA Magazine** is now circulated to over 24,000 individuals across the country. Articles are written by and for Athletic Administrators. It is considered one of the best professional resources available for athletic administrators and by itself, is worth the price of the membership dues. As a NYSAAA Member, you should be receiving your copy of IAA Magazine four times per year. If you are not getting your copy, please call the NIAAA Office (317-587-1450) or email [pconrad@niaaa.org](mailto:pconrad@niaaa.org)

## NCAA Academic Eligibility, Made Easy....at it's Core.

As athletic directors our responsibilities run far beyond the lines of our playing fields. One important area we provide guidance to our kids with is NCAA academic eligibility.

We all know that statistically a small percentage of our athletes will compete on the collegiate Division I or Division II level. However, we realize that our youths expectations far exceed those statistical averages. None the less, we must properly prepare our kids for the NCAA minimal eligibility standards when it comes to their core GPA.

Athletes, parents, and even many administrators often fail to truly understand (let alone calculate) a students core course GPA. In the academic world of recruiting, colleges are concerned about 16 core courses for Division I, 14 core courses for Division II (16 core for your incoming freshman), and a combination of core course gpa and SAT/ACT score significant enough to allow a student to be accepted into their institutions.

The NYSAAA is happy to make you aware a solution to the time consuming task of tracking and calculating a students core gpa. Endorsed by both the NIAAA, as well as the NHSACA, CoreCourseGPA.com provides an easy to use solution when it comes to tracking core courses, calculating core gpa along with the corresponding minimum SAT/ACT score, and providing students, parents, and administrators information pertaining to recruiting calendars, financial aid, and much more.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTEPAD

Alan Mallanda

**MEMBERSHIP YEAR:** A word about our membership year seems necessary, as there is some confusion amongst our membership as to the appropriate time to renew each year. The membership year begins on July 1st of each year and ends on June 30th of the next year, which coincides with our fiscal year, and more importantly the membership year for our national affiliate (NIAAA), which we provide in our dual membership program. This is important, because if you renew anytime later than July 1st each year, you may lose important benefits, especially from the NIAAA, such as life insurance, liability insurance or your magazine subscriptions. We have some members who wait until conference time to renew, and they lose almost a whole year of important benefits. So, with that in mind, we are making a sincere effort this year to educate our members to avoid lapses of insurance coverage and subscription services. We also are sending out our membership brochures earlier this year (beginning of June), so that our Chapter Reps will have them earlier and so that our members can renew before they leave for the summer. PLEASE BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE JUNE 30TH.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Wayne Bertrand, CAA, and his Conference Planning Team on putting forth another outstanding conference for our attendees. Wayne has had an outstanding year as President, and the conference reflected the quality and excellence that he and the conference planners wanted to give our members. Led by Bruce Potter and Chris Culnan, the entire team of conference planners, including Steve Boynton, Ed Dopp, Regan Johnson and Joan Libby did an outstanding job in providing us with another memorable conference.

**MORE CHANGES** are being planned for next year's conference. For one, we are changing the days of the conference from a Wednesday through Saturday format to a Tuesday through Friday format. On a trial basis, for this next year, we will open our conference on Tuesday afternoon, instead of Wednesday. We will conclude the conference on Friday morning instead of Saturday. Many of our attendees expressed an interest in being back home for the weekend, and many left before our major awards banquet on Friday. The drop off in attendance on Friday evening was a significant factor and affected the attendance at our most prestigious event, the Roy O'Neill Awards Banquet. So, we'll see if moving our schedule back one day helps to keep our attendance up for the banquet. Because of this change, we will be shuffling the schedule slightly to accommodate other events. Leadership training might be split between Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. The opening banquet may be incorporated into the expanded Exhibit Hall Festival that was so successful for both attendees and our exhibitors. It may be preceded by an opening General Session or a Workshop session. NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE DATES ARE: MARCH 16-19, 2010. Please, make note of the date change in your calendars.

**BEST WISHES** to Harold Fried, CAA in his year ahead as our new President. He is already busy with his conference planning team in getting the program together for next March. I'm sure we will have another outstanding program to offer our attendees. We also want to congratulate Cathy Phillips, Chapter 7 Representative for many years, and now our new Vice President. Cathy will become the first female President of our association and we believe that she will be an outstanding President. Also, elected to another two year term, is Roger Brown, CMAA, as Secretary. Roger, as Secretary, has the prime responsibility of communicating with our Chapter Reps, and has done a great job in this regard.

We are all looking towards another great year for the NYSAAA and wish everyone a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating summer. Enjoy your summer and don't forget the Section 1 Summer Institute on Cape Cod, if you want to take Leadership Training Courses and make it a family event.

*Alan Mallanda, CMAA*





# CHAPTER NEWS

## REPORTS FROM CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Submitted by Roger Brown, CMAA, Secretary

### Chapter 1 (Rich Beckley: John Jay High School in Katonah)

- ❑ A Professional Staff Development Survey was completed and reviewed by Athletic Directors at the winter meeting that was held on January 23 at Crystal Bay in Peekskill. The summary will be used as a guide for future Chapter 1 staff development initiatives. LTC 700 was offered for attendees to take at the winter meeting.
- ❑ A process was developed for reviewing the NIAAA Student-Athlete Scholar applications. One male and one female were identified and submitted to the NYSAAA with London Reyes, a senior student-athlete at Yonkers High School, selected as the male recipient representing New York State. His name has been submitted to Section I of the NIAAA in consideration for advancement to the next level.
- ❑ Chapter 1 is seeking corporate sponsorships for its organization that would help finance the development of a Chapter 1 web site to be used as a resource for its membership.
- ❑ Due to economic constraints, Section I approved reducing the maximum number of contests for all levels of teams effective with this spring of 2009. Also approved was a two-year extension of an agreement where conferences and leagues are aligned geographically rather than by enrollment. Section I is also continuing to develop new qualification criteria for entry into sectional tournaments as well as seeding procedures.
- ❑ Chapter 1 will host its spring meeting on April 21 and will feature the "Life of an Athlete" presentation.

### Chapter 2 (Scott Stuart: Queensbury High School)

- ❑ The membership of Section II has posed a challenge to overturn the decision by the NYSPHSAA to reduce the maximum number of contests in an effort to decrease costs for athletic programs across the state. The rationale for Section II's action is that members feel there should be more local control over such matters and the reduction of contests should be decided by the Section and the leagues. After much discussion at the last Section II meeting it was decided to conduct a vote to determine if Section II would override the decision by the NYSPHSAA and opt to play the previous maximum number of contests allowed. A ballot was sent to each Superintendent and 50 percent of the membership would have to vote yes in order for the measure to pass. The vote was defeated by a narrow margin so Section II will comply with the ruling on the reduction of games.
- ❑ Section II continues to scrutinize costs, particularly for travel and post-season venues. Costs for the rental of certain venues have increased significantly over the past few years and there is strong consideration to move some events back to school facilities. Travel arrangements are being monitored closely as Section II pays the cost for member schools that advance to intersectional competition.
- ❑ Sportsmanship is closely monitored and continues to be an issue. There were a few incidents during the winter season that raised concerns and were addressed to the satisfaction of the sportsmanship committee.

- ❑ A vote on whether to eliminate a boy's soccer team from participating in the Section II tournament if they acquired 20 or more yellow cards during the regular season was defeated by a small margin.
- ❑ The "Life of an Athlete" presentation will take place at the spring meeting on May 28.

### Chapter 3 (Chris Doroshenko for Bill Brown: Jamesville-DeWitt High School)

- ❑ Section III is reviewing and revising its constitution and by-laws.
- ❑ The negotiation process continues in seeking an agreement with officials.
- ❑ Section III is pursuing corporate sponsorship to help provide equity in hosting similar sectional tournaments for boys and girls basketball.
- ❑ All leagues in Section III are reviewing procedures to promote cost saving measures.
- ❑ Section III is confronted with an indoor track issue due to the closing of Manley Field House and a lack of adequate facilities that could host indoor track meets.
- ❑ Section III is considering decreasing the cost for meetings by conducting the meetings at member schools or at no-cost sites.

### Chapter 4 (John Goodson: Johnson City High School)

- ❑ The Section IV Football Foundation Coaches Clinic was held on March 7 at Johnson City High School. Nearly 60 coaches were in attendance. Each school's scholar-athletes were honored in addition to "Coach of the Year" (Mike Johnston-Corning West), "Contributor of the Year" (Tony Cleary-Johnson City), and "Man of the Year" (Archie McNelis-Elmira Heights).
- ❑ The Chapter 4 winter meeting was held on February 25. Topics included Mansfield University's Leadership Institute Program and the process for Selection/Classification and how that impacts playing time for the selectively classified student as well as playing time expectations for older students on the team.
- ❑ A website for Section IV ([www.sectionivathletics.com](http://www.sectionivathletics.com)) has been developed and is currently in operation.
- ❑ The Chapter IV spring meeting on May 13 will include the "Life of an Athlete" program, concussion management, and a presentation by SUNY Cortland's Youth Sports Institute.

### Chapter 5 (Peter Shambo, CAA: Penfield Central School)

- ❑ The winter meeting was held on Monday, February 9 at Bristol Mountain Ski Resort. There were more than 60 athletic directors in attendance. The meeting included reports from each committee representative.
- ❑ Associates with the SUNY Cortland Youth Sports Institute discussed their youth sports coaching certification program. Members of local youth recreation groups were invited to hear the presentation.
- ❑ Alan Mallanda (NYSAAA), Bob Stulmaker (NYSPHSAA), Ed Stores (Section V Executive Director), and David Green (Section V President) gave presentations. There is great concern with economic issues and how school budgets and high school athletic programs will be impacted.





## Chapter 6 (Brett Banker: Kenmore-Tonawanda Schools)

- ❑ Section VI will soon be advertising to fill a newly created full-time Executive Director position. The current office structure includes a part-time Executive Secretary, a full-time assistant Executive Secretary, a part-time Coordinator of Officials, a part-time Treasurer, and a part-time Clerk. The restructured office will consist of a full-time Executive Director, a full-time assistant Executive Director, a part-time Clerk, and a part-time Account Clerk. These positions will become employees of BOCES.
- ❑ Section VI was opposed to some recent actions taken by the NYSPHSAA specifically dealing with reducing the maximum number of contests.

## Chapter 7 (Cathy Phillips: Peru Central School)

- ❑ Section VII continues to work on reducing the number of contests for upcoming sports seasons.
- ❑ Football schedules are being developed as part of a merger with Section X.
- ❑ The spring meeting will include the "Life of an Athlete."
- ❑ Section VII has approved dividing the Executive Director's position into two positions: Executive Director and Executive Treasurer.
- ❑ A committee was formed and met with Superintendents to seek ways to promote the establishment of concussion management programs among Section VII schools.
- ❑ Congratulations to Cathy Phillips on her recent appointment to the NYSAAA Executive Committee as Vice-President!

## Chapter 8 (Denise Kiernan: Oceanside Union Free School District)

- ❑ Discussion of fiscal and budget concerns are ongoing throughout the chapter. Reducing the maximum number of contests was discussed and approved.
- ❑ John Underwood presented the "Life of an Athlete" workshop to athletic administrators and two student-athletes (male and female) from each school.
- ❑ The athletic council met with representatives from Section VIII and Section XI to discuss the placement of schools for baseball based on ability and enrollment.

## Chapter 9 (Bob Siracuse, CAA: Goshen Central School)

- ❑ Section IX, in conjunction with the NYSPHSAA, the OCIAA League, and the MHAL League, conducted a thorough review of expenditures for high school athletics. The outcomes of this review and the actions that are planned to save money hope to maintain the integrity of athletic programs whose objective is to promote the physical, moral, and intellectual growth of student-athletes.
- ❑ Measures to save money include: telephone and video conference calls will be utilized extensively to reduce travel costs for meetings at all levels; officials from the host sections will be used in all regional contests to reduce travel costs for officials; a moratorium on the expansion of all NYSPHSAA tournaments will be implemented; centralized sites for state tournaments will be used to reduce team travel; the maximum number of contests permitted in each sport will be reduced in accordance with NYSPHSAA recommendations; mandated attendance at most NYSPHSAA workshops will be suspended for the 2009-10 school year; plaques for runner-up teams in sectional competition will be eliminated for the next two years; support the recommendation of the NYSPHSAA to reduce the number of meetings held each year; reduce the spring track and field state qualifier meet from two days to one; reduce the number of sectional qualifiers (entries) for tennis and golf to reduce

transportation costs for school districts; and streamline the bid process to select transportation service for Section IX participants to NYSPHSAA events.

- ❑ The conservative estimate of the savings that will result from these measures for Section IX schools is more than \$200,000. This estimate does not include savings that each school will realize from a reduction in transportation, facility costs, and site personnel.

## Chapter 10 (Jerry Griffin for Eileen Kilcullen, CAA: Franklin Academy)

- ❑ Centralized testing for the Selection/Classification and Mixed Competition screening program for 7th and 8th grade and other students was completed for the spring season. Section X plans to use the centralized testing procedure during the 2009-10 school year. The Selection/Classification committee will review the process and make a few minor adjustments for next year. Only those students who have been cleared by their home school will be tested.
- ❑ Section X has had lengthy discussion on league alignment for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years. The reduction in the number of maximum contests approved by the NYSPHSAA will impact league structure in many sports. A final decision has not been made but discussion will continue over the next few months.
- ❑ Section X has recommended the following to reduce spending: shared transportation for athletes and coaches participating in NYSPHSAA competition; use the home site of the higher seeded team instead of neutral sites for all Section X play-off games except for the finals; eliminate the Section X over-all championship game in basketball; allow cheerleaders to cheer at home games only for football and basketball; reduce or eliminate the use of Section X passes for Principals, Superintendents, and Board of Education members; and reduce the number of contests for modified sports.
- ❑ Section X is in the final phases of completing negotiations with officials, hopefully, by September.

## Chapter 11 (Kevin O'Reilly, CAA: Brentwood High School)

- ❑ Major cuts, as recommended by the NYSPHSAA, were approved by the membership.
- ❑ Placement of schools with regard to geography has been discussed.
- ❑ The recently completed Section XI basketball tournaments for boys and girls were a huge success due to the cooperation of Farmingdale State College and St. Joseph's College. Both colleges offered Section XI numerous dates for the tournaments and allowed Section XI to utilize their facilities for the play-offs while Stony Brook University is under construction.

## CHSAA (Don Scarola: Chaminade High School)

- ❑ The first NYSCHSAA state championship bowling tournament was held in Buffalo March 6-8 where 20 student-athletes participated.
- ❑ Long-time Chaminade High school cross country and track coach, Bill Carriero, was inducted into the prestigious High School Armory Hall of Fame on February 24, 2009. He is the first Long Island coach to be inducted. Bill has coached at Chaminade since 1973. More than 150,000 athletes train and compete in the Armory track program each year. The Armory is the home for the National Track and field Hall of Fame.
- ❑ Soccer, basketball, and lacrosse teams will be utilizing the official's assigning web site ([www.assignbyweb.com](http://www.assignbyweb.com)). It has been a positive addition to the NYSCHSAA.



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# Chapter Awards Highlights 27th Annual Conference

## *The Dave Martens Annual Awards Luncheon:*

### JUDITH A. MARTENS SECRETARIAL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:

- Chapter 1 – Annelise Galgano, Byram Hills
- Chapter 2 – Margaret Giller, Cohoes
- Chapter 3 – Anne Marie DeVaul, Chittenango
- Chapter 4 – Becky Schramm, Vestal
- Chapter 5 – Felicia Barrett, Churchville-Chili
- Chapter 6 – Fran Kowalewski, Depew
- Chapter 7 – Andrea Bosworth, Saranac
- Chapter 8 – Carol Chiarizzi, East Meadow
- Chapter 9 – Kathleen Mironchik, New Paltz
- Chapter 10 – Lynne Cross, Salmon River
- Chapter 11 – Kit Weydig, Central Islip
- CHSAA – No Recipient



Chapter Award Winners

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS:

- Chapter 1 – Dr. Robert Maher, Superintendent, Greenburgh-North Castle
- Chapter 2 – Bill Wetherbee, Superintendent, South Glens Falls
- Chapter 3 – Dawn Field, PTO President, Onondaga CSD
- Chapter 4 – Louis Ferraro, Section IV & State Tournament Baseball Coordinator
- Chapter 5 – Ted Woods, North Rose, Retired Section V Executive Secretary
- Chapter 6 – Cynthia Bullis, Section VI Girls' Rep. to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee
- Chapter 7 – Robert Garrow, Section VII Ethics Chairperson
- Chapter 8 – Robert Baratta, Bay Shore, State Cross Country Coordinator
- Chapter 9 – Erick Hart, Ass't. Athletic Director, SUNY New Paltz
- Chapter 10 – No Recipient
- Chapter 11 – Louis Bonnanzio, Senior VP – National Football Foundation & College HOF
- CHSAA – No Recipient

### APPLE APPRECIATION AWARDS:

- Ben Nelson (4) – Executive Director
- Dr. Mira Martincich (8) – Conference Planner & Workshop Presenter

## *The Roy O'Neill Conference Awards Banquet:*

- Chapter 1 – John Ventura, Yonkers Public Schools
- Chapter 2 – Scott Stuart, Queensbury
- Chapter 3 – Robert Kowalich, Frontier League
- Chapter 4 – Teresa Palmer, Moravia (retired)
- Chapter 5 – Mike Giruzzi, CAA, Hilton
- Chapter 6 – David Thomas, Buffalo City Schools
- Chapter 7 – Brian Cross, Moriah
- Chapter 8 – Nancy Kalafus, Garden City
- Chapter 9 – Bill Musgrove, Family Foundation School
- Chapter 10 – Thomas Caruso, Potsdam
- Chapter 11 – Michael Huey, Mattituck
- CHSAA – No Recipient

### NIAAA STATE AWARD OF MERIT

- Robert Stulmaker, CAA, Saratoga Springs (retired) & NYSPHSAA Office Staff

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- Raymond Waldron, Saratoga Springs (retired)

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## Report of the NYSAAA Leadership Luncheon March 20, 2009 at Saratoga Springs, NY

### Goal

To learn about strategies that Athletic Administrators from across New York State are utilizing in dealing with the budget crisis that school districts are dealing with as it pertains to their athletic programs. Directors will walk away from this meeting with a laundry list of ideas of dealing with this budget crunch from the state, section, league and individual school perspective.

### Agenda

Mike Giruzzi, CAA, welcomed everyone and moved people to their tables. There was a cross representation from each Chapter at each table. No more than two people from each chapter were at any one table.

#### Introductions

- Opening welcome, President Elect-Harold Fried, CAA
- Mike Giruzzi, CAA, discussed the purpose of meeting and how it will function

#### Lunch

#### Round Table Discussion Questions

1. How has the impact of the budget crunch and the state cuts impacted how your section does business? What are some strategies that your section is utilizing to cope with those issues? (10 minutes)
2. How has the impact of the budget crunch and the state cuts impacted how your league does business? What are some strategies that your league is utilizing to cope with those issues? (10 minutes)
3. How has the impact of the budget crunch and the state cuts impacted your schools athletic program? What are some strategies that your school is utilizing to cope with those issues? (10 minutes)
4. Discuss the ramifications of the state wide cuts from the NYSPHAA. (5 minutes)

After the discussion period ended, each table reported out on the discussion at their table and findings.

Closure/ Next steps- documents were collected and collated and sent out to chapter representatives to share back with the directors in their respective chapters.

These reports and results may be found on the NYSAAA Website at [www.nysaaa.org](http://www.nysaaa.org) and are listed by Chapter



### **ROBERT STULMAKER, CAA receives NIAAA State Award of Merit**

Robert Stulmaker, CAA received the highest award given by the NYSAAA at the Annual Roy O'Neill Conference Awards Banquet in March. Bob has been a Past-President of NYSAAA as well as Awards Chair for many years. He is now retired from his position of Director of PE and Athletics at the Saratoga Springs City School District in Saratoga Springs, NY after serving there his entire career there. Bob continues to serve the state athletic programs and students as the Assistant Director of the New York Public High School Athletic Association. Robert has contributed many times at the state conferences as a workshop presenter. He has been a strong leader in the state association and continues to lead the way in his new position with NYSPHSAA. He continues to live in Clifton Park, NY with his wife, Benita Zahn, a TV anchor for WNYT Channel 13 News in the Albany area. Congratulations, Bob on a well deserved honor and achievement.

### **RAYMOND WALDRON receives OTIS SENNETT Award of Excellence**

Ray Waldron, a long time resident of Saratoga Springs, NY, and retired Athletic Administrator from Saratoga Springs City Schools was the recipient of the Otis Sennett Award of Excellence for his many contributions to the association over the years. Ray was one of the original supporters of forming the NYSAAA in 1981. He served the association in many ways, and was instrumental in bringing the conference to Saratoga Springs, NY for the first time in 1985. He was also known in Saratoga Springs as the great "Ambassador" for the city and led the way in building a quality athletic program for the school. Ray was joined at the conference by his wife, Carol, of many years. Congratulations to Ray Waldron, and thanks for all you've done for the NYSAAA over the years.

## IDEAS THAT WORK

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### PUBLIC RELATIONS

#### “Athletic Council”

(Francis Whitten III, Athletic Director, Algonquin Regional High School, Northborough, MA) - I started an Athletic Council which consists of students, similar to a Student Council. We have four subcommittees: school spirit, service, policy, Hall of Fame. The students are empowered by this program to suggest changes to be made in the areas indicated. Their suggestions have helped us enhance school spirit, increase school pride, and increase involvement in our athletic program.

#### “Using Digital Photography”

(Doug Duval, Athletic Director, Mundelein High School, Mundelein, Illinois) - With the purchase of a new digital camera, we have introduced a new way to promote our athletes at Mundelein High School. We promote “Athletes of the Week” each week by selecting a male or female athlete by committee to represent our school as the athlete of the week. We use the digital camera to take a head shot of the athlete as well as recording a small action clip of the athlete. In coordination with the technology department, we place the still picture and the action clip with information regarding the athlete on our Web site. We also highlight featured athletic events by using the camera to take pictures of our teams competing in special invitational competition or state tournament competition. We also take video clips. The discs are then forwarded to technology to be placed on our school Web site. The feature that I like best about digital camera photography is that it gives instant feedback for use still pictures and action clips that is compatible with other current technology used in our district.

#### “Fan of the Week”

(Dick Overton, CAA, Athletic Director, Midlothian High School, Midlothian, Virginia) - At Midlothian we have a “fan of the week.” It could be more than one person, a teacher or a student who attended games that week. As the athletic director, I am present at most of the games and it is easy for me to single out individuals who have come and been very supportive of our teams. If it is a student, I find them at lunch when their friends are around and present them with a Midlothian T-shirt. This really impresses the other students and it has become something worthwhile for them to achieve.

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