**MIAAA Board of Directors Meeting – May 16, 2022**

***MPA Report – Mike Bisson***

* Pitch count software will be kept
* All championships will take place on the same day
* June 1 – Heal Points will be tabulated for baseball and softball
* MileSplit will be used for seeding for state championship track meets
* Lacrosse – Friday night and Saturday at Fitzpatrick Stadium
* Tennis – Singles tournament will take place at Bates College in Lewiston
  + APEX is a back-up
* Tennis Heal Points will be finalized on May 26 – all matches must be played by May 25
* COVID-19 has impacted some activities – one waiver request has already been granted to cancel one game
* Football scheduling – IMC approved one game against New Hampshire schools for the Crabtree standings
* Officials Fees Committee – meets at 10:00am on May 16 with counterproposal for each officiating group – there will be a significant increase for schools over the long term
* In the fall, there will be no selection of officials – process will be for “Do Not Want” only
* NFHS has talked about various levels of coaches certification – “Protecting Student Athletes from Abuse” would give Maine coaches Level I – there may be a move to require it over the next year or two
* May 17 – Classification Committee meeting
  + Examining “apply down” strategy used in football as possible for other sports
  + Looking at eight-person soccer
  + Looking at an additional classification for soccer

***MATA Report – John Ryan***

* Long year, but good year in that activities are back
* A few schools have had athletic trainers leave for various reasons – MATA has worked with Marshwood and Freeport for per diem coverage
* Bangor area/Northern Light has had 3-4 positions open since last summer
* People are leaving the profession of athletic training for a number of reasons
* MATA is interested in meeting with Korey Stringer Institute
* John feels that work/life balance, salaries, and the interest in hiring people with masters degrees has influenced this trend – applicant pool has been reduced as a result

***Mentoring Report – Joe Schwartzman***

* NIAAA meeting a few weeks ago
* LTC 502 – in September
* Applied to the NIAAA to be on the Mentoring Committee
* Hoping that next year will be a lot smoother
* Gerry Durgin is interested in having the template of the overall plan available in September

***League Reports***

* Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference
  + Jon Christopher will step down at Skowhegan – no announcement yet
  + Simon Elias will take over at Nokomis for Mark Babin
  + Jim Leonard is leaving MCI – no announcement yet
  + General sentiment is that there is excitement that Mountain Valley Conference may open up their schedules in some sports
* Penobscot Valley Conference
  + Larry Gray – retired at George Stevens Academy
  + Joe Gallant – stepping down as his position has changed to AP/AD
  + Meetings continue to be on Zoom
* Downeast Athletic Conference
  + Randy Morrison – retired at Calais
  + Meeting on Thursday
  + In-person all-star banquet on May 26
* East-West Conference
  + No report
* Mountain Valley Conference
  + No report
* Aroostook League
  + Lynn Wetmore – stepping down at Madawaska
  + Todd Albert – stepping down at Calais Middle School and his position will be assumed by Evan Graves
  + Wayne Quint – stepping down at Hodgdon – replaced by Seth Dorr
  + Scott Pelletier – stepping down at Wisdom
* Southwestern Maine Activities Association
  + Gordon Salls is retiring at Sanford
* Western Maine Conference
  + Sarah Holmes will be the athletic director at Yarmouth
  + Pat Moody will not be the athletic director at Wells in 2022-2023

Mark White provided a report on a new initiative between NIAAA and National Council for Athletes Health – short webinars and videos.

This will provide an opportunity for contact hours within your school district.

***President’s Report – David Utterback***

* States needed to step in to help on hospitality suite
* Collected data on stipend amounts for Executive Directors in the country – hoping to have Maine’s stipend in the top four of Section 1
* Maine is one of three states that has met all NIAAA benchmarks

***Executive Director’s Report – Gerry Durgin***

* Evaluations of the directors should be taking place – allows for accountability
* New Hampshire – lost spring conference site at Red Jacket – will be at Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel
* Balance in NIAAA Portal of $65,549.40 includes Section 1 – currently at $52,685.53 – very healthy shape
* Gerry shared the list of corporate sponsorships
* Need to finish MIAAA Sponsorship Guide as a future project
* Spring Conference was a huge success
  + Thank you to John Rogers for the photography, including vendors at their tables – feedback from the vendors was overwhelmingly positive
  + Numbers down in Leadership Training, but overall people were positive
  + Workshops went extremely well except for a middle school workshop that had no attendees
  + Spouse breakfast went well – eight attendees
  + Title IX presentation was well-received
  + Awards presentation and banquet went well
  + Matt Richards and Shawn Moody presentation was well-received
* MIAAA had a table at the MPA Spring Conference – Gerry got to see what the viewpoint of a vendor is
* August 5 – MIAAA Golf Tournament
* Mark White – chairperson for the Third Strategic Plan
* Currently there are no vacancies on the MIAAA Board of Directors
* Next year’s MIAAA Spring Conference will be on April 4-7, 2023