

Dr. Mike Blackburn, CMAA

**1st NIAAA Associate Executive Director; 2nd NIAAA Executive Director
2005 – 2016 2016 - present**

Mike Blackburn has served as associate executive director of the NIAAA since 2005 after a 28-year career as the director of athletic/assistant principal at Northwestern High School in Indiana.

In his role with the NIAAA national office he has helped raise membership by 4,500, and as of 1/2016, is approaching 10,000. He has also been instrumental in the NIAAA process of receiving North Central Association CASI accreditation, development and implementation of the NIAAA Hall of Fame, institution of the Student/Essay Scholarship Program, and the continual expansion of the Professional Development Academy including the Leadership Training Institute and Certification Program. Blackburn also serves as publisher of the *Interscholastic Athletic Administration* (IAA) magazine that has doubled in size during his time on staff. He was a co-editor of the book, *NIAAA's Guide to Interscholastic Athletic Administration*, has been involved in the growth of both the Professional Development Outreach Program and the NIAAA presence with international schools.

Mike earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana State University and was a teacher and coach at two Indiana High Schools prior to becoming director of athletics at Northwestern School Corporation. He later earned his master's degree from St. Francis (Indiana) College and his Ph.D. from Indiana State.

Dr. Blackburn was president of the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA) and served on its Board of Directors for 14 years including 9 years as secretary. From 1996 until his move to the NIAAA office, he was state liaison to the NIAAA.

For the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), he served on the IHSAA Board of Directors and Executive Committee for 2 terms and was vice president and vice chair, respectively.

At the national level, he has been involved extensively with the NIAAA. He was a member of the Publications Committee for 12 years and served as both vice chair and co-chair. He has prepared more than 200 articles and editorials published in the **IAA** magazine. Mike was a member of the inaugural NIAAA Strategic Plan Committee in 2000, and served a term on the National Conference Advisory Committee.

Among his many awards, Blackburn received the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award in 2000, the NFHS Citation in 1998, the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 1997 and the NIAAA Award of Merit in 2011. In 2010, Mike was selected to the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) Presidential Hall of Fame. He was IIAAA Athletic Director of the Year and NCSSAD Midwest Athletic Director of the Year in 1997; and selected as IAEOP Administrator of the Year.

In July 2016 Dr. Blackburn will become the NIAAA's second Executive Director.