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President Nance heard two college coaches ask: “When you are good at one thing, what are the chances that you want to be good in another”. The message was simple; Nance was telling the Board that they were certainly good at one thing, but in order to grow, and in search of continued improvement, they must look for the next “thing” to improve themselves.

Under Nance’s leadership the NIAAA had the answer for continuous improvement. LTI courses were developed on pertinent topics for our profession, and updated with the latest best practices. The 3rd Strategic Plan was to guide the Board for the next 5 years on a solid plan of growth. And achieving national accreditation was to be an assessment recognizing the NIAAA as an educational leader.

As Darryl concluded his final ‘IAA’ editorial as President, he found it hard to find the words to express what he had experienced and gained. The opportunity to be President of the NIAAA had been extremely rewarding, and as is often the case, it was primarily about the relationships developed. Bruce Whitehead, Mike Blackburn, Patty Conrad, Cheryl Van Paris and the Board of Directors continued to be outstanding representatives for the NIAAA. Nance thanked each for their leadership, commitment and dedication to athletic administration.

With ‘his’ National Conference on the horizon in 2010 coming to a close, President Nance reflected on his year as President with tremendous pride in the NIAAA. He indicated that the association had become better in multiple areas. And that as leaders, the NIAAA continues to pursue the highest levels of professionalism and leadership in scholastic athletics.