

**Bob Lahey (Deceased) – Maine
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13th NIAAA President**

Bob Lahey was the first NIAAA President from the state of Maine.

During the tenure of Bob Lahey, the first priority he faced was the replacement of several Board Members and Committee Chairpersons. As stated by Bob, "With the trend toward early retirement and professional advancement among the leadership of the NIAAA, we have experienced many changes." Bob had to replace three Board Members and three Committee Chairpersons, a most difficult way to begin your term as President of the NIAAA. His leadership style was to roll up your sleeves and get to work. Bob appointed key individuals to these vacated Board and Committee positions.

The major effort of Bob as President of the NIAAA was to work with the National Federation and secure sponsorships of NIAAA programs. He was very successful in these endeavors with the "Fund Raising Guide", "Profile of Athletic Administration in the 90's" and the "Guide for College-bound Athletes" all being underwritten by corporate sponsors. His efforts saved the NIAAA over \$40,000 in printing costs.

Another accomplishment for Bob was that the "New Mentor Program and Guide for Expectations" was approved. This program, based upon collegial collaboration, will familiarize the new incoming Board Members and Standing Committee Chairpersons with their role in the association, the philosophy of the organization and a timeline of duties and responsibilities.

Another area of concern was the make-up of the Standing Committees. Under Bob's leadership, Standing Committee vacancies were assigned based upon sectional needs and recommendations. This insured that all sections had representation.

Bob left his legacy to the NIAAA in his work ethic. He was a true believer and supporter of the NIAAA and its programs, Bob was a membership President. He knew his constituents and worked for them. His spirit will be in the NIAAA forever.