

**Duane Kramer, CMAA - Iowa**

**1997**

**Conference Site: Nashville, TN**

**18<sup>th</sup> NIAAA President**

Duane Kramer, CMAA, Director of Athletics for the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Community School District began his presidential duties at the December 1996, Orlando Conference. Kramer represents Section IV and is only the second Iowan to serve on the NIAAA Board of Directors and the first NIAAA President from Iowa.

President Kramer's 1997 NIAAA goals included:

The promotion of the Leadership Team (NIAAA Officers) and their role in all NIAAA business...

Seek an increase in NIAAA membership by utilizing NIAAA Board of Directors, Section leaders, NIAAA State Liaisons, and state athletic director association presidents... NIAAA membership did increase approximately 7% over the previous year's membership.

Continue development and promotion of the Leadership Training Program In order to respond to the ever-increasing demands on athletic administrators and to enhance the growth of newly appointed athletic administrators, the Leadership Training Program was developed. Since the inception of LTP, Jim Teff has served as the General Chair, The original LTP Committee included: NIAAA Past Presidents John Youngblood and Clarence Noe, Dr. John Olson - Wisconsin, Alvis Johnson - Kentucky, former NFHS President, and Ruth Meredith - Texas. LTP subcommittee members developing curriculum for specific topic areas included: Dr. John Olson, Tim Flannery, Jim Watkins, Alan Mallanda and Fred Balsamo. AT the 1997 NFHS National Conference of High School Directors of Athletics held in Nashville, four Leadership Training Programs were offered. This included:

Fundamental Principles of Athletic Administration (501)

Athletic Administration (502)

Legal Issues and Strategies in Athletics (504)

Mentoring (505)

Over 200 conference attendees participated in the above LTP in Nashville

Assist the National Federation in the completion of the Risk Management videos for presentation at the Nashville conference...

The first risk management videotape targeted at student athletes and their parents was made available, with three additional tapes scheduled for completion in 1998.

Communicate with state athletic/activity associations by sending synopsis of NIAAA Board of Directors and Committee business...

Report quarterly to the National Federation Board of Directors on NIAAA activities...

Pilot a meeting of state athletic director association presidents at the National Federation Conference of High School Directors of Athletics in Nashville...

Other items of note from 1997:

Approval to spend \$1,000 per year for increase in liability insurance coverage for those members successfully completing Leadership Training Courses 501 and 504...

- Approved an agreement between USA, Inc., NFHS and the NIAAA to market corporate sponsorships on behalf of the NIAAA. The NIAAA will receive a three-year commitment to provide \$13,000 per year from the NFHS...
- The NIAAA endorsed the ASEP sport director series as a supplement resource for athletic administrators. The NIAAA will receive a three percent royalty from the total sales of the series. The NIAAA will have direct input into the use of its logo on the ASEP products and promotional literature...
- The dedication and loyalty of all NIAAA Board and Committee Members was noted. The organization is successful because of the true professionalism of the high school athletic administrator...