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1979- 1981 (Two Year Term)
Conference Sites: Atlanta, GA – '80; Las Vegas, NV – '81
2nd NIAAA President**

It seems like just yesterday that, as a member of the Planning Committee we were meeting in Elgin in preparation for the presentation in San Diego of our plan to organize a national organization of athletic administrators. The year that followed preparing for the first election of officers in Omaha was certainly an eventful one.

As the second president, at that time a two-year term, we were still in the planning stages. We had just adopted our name and selected a logo (which I had the honor of doing along with Robert Erffmeyer of Milwaukee. Needless to say, all remain the same today.

Our committee structure was now pretty much in place. Look at these names and see if it doesn't bring back memories of people who were so active in our organization

- Awards - Bob Whitehouse - Nebraska
- Elections and Credentials - Steve Oracko - Illinois
- Membership - Otis Sennett - New York
- Member Services - Herb Quade - Michigan
- Professional Development - Frank Kovalski - Indiana
- Publication - Tom Ecker - Iowa
- Ways and Means - Dick Hill - Minnesota

During my tenure as president (1981) we accepted our first two corporate sponsors:

- 1) Daktronics - Frank Kurtenback, and,
- 2) Clell Wade Publications - Clell Wade.

Also, in 1982, the job description for the NIAAA State Liaison was developed as a means of communication between organization (state) members and the NIAAA Board of Directors. This is something we considered VITAL!

In the first four years we grew from twenty-four state charter members to forty-four, with the NIAAA assisting in the formation of the last twenty state Athletic Director Associations.

For the first time a *National Directory of State Athletic Directors Associations* and a new *Speaker Reference Book* were sent as an NIAAA organizational membership benefit to all state associations.