

**Gerald (Gerry) R. Durgin, CMAA - Maine**  
**2007**  
**Conference Site: Nashville, TN**  
**28<sup>th</sup> NIAAA President**

Gerald (Gerry) R. Durgin, CMAA, was a successful At - Large Candidate from Region A at the San Antonio National Conference in 2002 was the third NIAAA President from Maine.

Gerry has served a number of roles with the NIAAA. He became a member of the Publications Committee in 1992. He served as Vice - Chair and later as the Chair of the committee. He has written many articles that appeared in the IAA. He became a member of the national Leadership Training faculty in 1998. He has served as Maine's State LT Coordinator. During his tenure he has presented at five national conferences. He chaired the sub-committee that recommended Woodley Farrar as the NIAAA investment advisors and administrators. He also chaired the NIAAA Office Management & Personnel Committee writing the first contracts for Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Blackburn.

Gerry's term as president was to stay the course of the NIAAA and maintain the positive attitude about the organization. During the organization's life, 2007 witnessed the greatest operating budget in its history (\$1.4 million and growing). The most significant financial impact was the relocation of the national office to 9100 Keystone Crossing in Indianapolis. This was a much anticipated but anxious move. The Endowment exceeded the \$500,00.00 mark. Monies from the interest on the Endowment were used for Professional Outreach ( Professional development in rural and urban areas).

New initiatives were highlighted at the National Conference in Nashville. The very first National Student Scholarships were presented at the First General Session. The initial Frank Kovaleski Professional Development Award was presented at the Awards Luncheon. (Dr. John Olson). Dual memberships brought the total NIAAA membership to just over 6800 members. The NIAAA Goals asked for a continuance of the "grassroots" approach to its members and sections. This had much to do with establishing "integrity". Work began on the NIAAA Hall of Fame. Mr. Durgin's tenure included the hiring of Walter Sargent the NIAAA Marketing Director and Dr. Scott Smith the new LT Curriculum Coordinator. The Hazing DVD was made available to the membership. The IAA magazine was solely printed by the NIAAA.

Leadership Training is now thirty courses with at least two in development. During 2007, the NIAAA made a strategic alliance with NASPE and developed a procedure to assess the quality of an athletic program. (EXEMPLARY INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS RECOGNITION PROGRAM) This adheres to NIAAA Goals and the Second Strategic Plan as we seek professional educational alliances. Levels of recognition include Meritorious (Bronze), Distinguished (Silver) and Exemplary (Gold). The LT courses continue to drive the national conference (1498 registrations). In 2007 there were 6,719 LT course completions. Other revenue sources are being considered with universities and LT materials.