

**Clarence Noe, CAA – Florida
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Conference Site: Orlando, FL
4th NIAAA President**

Dr. Noe was the first person to serve as President who was not a member of the organizing committee. He served as the first President from Section 3 and the State of Florida. With his experience as a district administrator from a large school system, three years on the NIAAA Membership Committee including one year as Vice Chairperson and two years as a Board of Director Member, he was familiar with the need to increase state memberships and the equalization of the standing committees in the eight sections. The two major goals of Dr. Noe during his tenure as President-elect and President involved procedures to increase state memberships and the equalization of the standing committees for the eight sections.

The goal of increasing NIAAA state memberships involved several of the officers and board members visiting states that did not have a state athletic association and/or some associations that were not members of the NIAAA. We had to convince many of the state groups of the importance of becoming eligible to join the NIAAA.

The second goal was to work on the equalization of the standing committee members in the eight geographical sections of the association. This was a problem, and still is, because of the great disparity of the numbers of NIAAA members between the various sections. Although progress was made in this endeavor, continual monitoring has been necessary by many of the succeeding presidents.

The increase of state memberships throughout the succeeding years is evident by the present total of NIAAA members. The continual effort to balance the number of members by section for the standing committees is an ongoing process, The goals established in 1983 have been continued and are evident in the present structure of the NIAAA.