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San Antonio to Host National Athletic Directors Conference

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (December 12, 2012) — More than 1,500 high school athletic directors will be attending the 43rd annual National Athletic Directors Conference Saturday through Tuesday at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

The largest gathering of high school athletic directors in the country is co-sponsored by the Indianapolis-based National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

The conference officially gets underway at 5:30 p.m. Saturday with the Opening General Session. Judge Glenda Hatchett, a respected television judge, author and parent advocate, will be the keynote speaker.

Some of the key topics to be discussed at the 42 scheduled workshops include concussion management, multi-sport participation, use of social media, hazing, energy drinks, booster clubs, legal issues, values of education-based activity programs, preseason meetings, dealing with tragedy in a school and preparing for a Title IX audit.

Greg Dale, Ph.D., a sport psychologist from Duke University, will deliver the Closing General Session speech at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

Awards will be presented to 30 athletic directors during the four-day conference. Eight administrators will receive NFHS Citations at 12 p.m. Monday during the conference luncheon. Awards will be presented by Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director.

Athletic directors who will be presented NFHS Citations are **Andy Chiles**, CMAA, Orlando, Florida; **Carol Chory**, CMAA, Virginia Beach, Virginia; **Tim Graham**, CMAA, Tumwater, Washington; **Dennis Kiah**, CAA, Brewer, Maine; **Larry Moglestad**, CAA, Boone, Iowa; **Michael Purdy**, CAA, Bellevue, Nebraska; **Cindy**

Riley, CAA, Tucson, Arizona; and **Diane Shuck**, CMAA, Colorado Springs, Colorado. NIAAA awards will be presented by Bruce Whitehead, NIAAA executive director.

The NIAAA will present Distinguished Service Awards to nine athletic directors during the conference banquet at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Athletic administrators receiving awards are **Jim Brown**, CAA, Fishers, Indiana; **Ted D'Alessio**, CMAA, Short Hills, New Jersey; **Michael Hart**, CAA, Wilmington, Delaware; **Cliff Hill**, CAA, Gillette, Wyoming; **Karen Higel**, CAA, Denver, Colorado; **Tommy Marshall**, CMAA, Atlanta, Georgia; **Bob Reznicek**, CMAA, La Vista, Nebraska; **Susan Robbins**, CMAA, Yarmouth, Maine, and **Kendra Tomsic**, CAA, Midvale, Utah.

Other award winners to be honored at the banquet include **Fred Smith**, CMAA, director of athletics, Buchanan (Michigan) Community Schools, NIAAA Frank Kovalski Professional Development Award; **Scott Lindgren**, CMAA, retired coordinator of athletics, Kenosha (Wisconsin) Unified School District, NIAAA Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence; and **Dennis Fries**, CMAA, retired district athletic director, West Irondequoit (New York) School District, NIAAA Award of Merit.

Highlighting the awards ceremony at the banquet will be the induction of 10 athletic directors into the NIAAA Hall of Fame. This year's honorees include **Jeff Dietze**, CMAA, Virginia; **Gerry Durgin**, CMAA, Maine; **Robert Hopek**, CMAA, New Jersey; **Bill Mayo**, Arkansas, **Marquis Ross**, CMAA, Idaho; **Ken Shultz**, CMAA, Illinois; **Wayne Taylor** (deceased), Florida; **Thomas Hallstrom**, Nebraska; **Virgil Sasso** (deceased), New Jersey; and **Otis Sennett**, New York.

Many of the athletic directors in attendance will be involved in NIAAA Leadership Training Institute classes. A total of 37 sessions of Leadership Training classes will be held providing numerous professional development opportunities.

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for

competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 17 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.6 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

About the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)

The NIAAA is the largest national organization for high school athletic administrators with more than 8,500 individual members. The NIAAA consists of athletic director organizations in the 50 states plus the District of Columbia and provides an efficient system for exchange of ideas between the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and state athletic administrators organizations as well as individual athletic administrators. The NIAAA, located in Indianapolis, Indiana, strives to preserve the educational nature of interscholastic athletics and the place of these programs in the curricula of schools. The NIAAA is a full and equal partner with the NFHS. For more information, visit the NIAAA Web site at www.niaaa.org.

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