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Roland Inskeep to Receive NIAAA Award of Excellence

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (November 11, 2008) — Roland Inskeep, CMAA, former athletic administrator of Indianapolis (Indiana) North Central High School, is the 2008 recipient of the Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence presented by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

Inskeep will receive the NIAAA Award of Excellence December 15 in San Diego, California, during luncheon festivities at the 39th annual National Conference of High School Directors of Athletics conducted jointly by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and the NIAAA.

The Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence is a prestigious award presented each year to an NIAAA member whose loyalty to the association and contributions to the profession represent excellence in achievement.

The award is named after the late Thomas E. Frederick, who served as NFHS assistant and associate director for 22 years before his retirement in 1989. Frederick

was responsible for starting the National Conference of High School Directors of Athletics in 1971 as well as the NIAAA in 1977.

One of the top high school athletic administrators both in the Hoosier State and the nation, the now-retired **Inskeep** dedicated 25 years of his life as athletic director of North Central High School.

The 21-year NIAAA member was a national conference workshop speaker in 1992 and a workshop moderator in 1993. He also has contributed several articles to both *Interscholastic Athletic Administration* and the *NFHS News*, and has spoken at numerous conferences and gatherings.

Within his home state of Indiana, Inskeep has been a 41-year member of the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA), during which time he served 23 years on the IIAAA Board of Directors. He culminated his service with the association with two years as vice president and one year as president.

A five-year member of the IHSAA Girls Sports Advisory Committee, Inskeep served as host and meet director when North Central High School hosted 90 state championship tournaments in football, tennis, track and gymnastics. He also hosted 370 IHSAA sectional, regional and semi-state championships.

Inskeep's exemplary work in high school athletics brought him significant statewide recognition in 1991, when Indiana Governor Evan Bayh presented him with the "Sagamore of the Wabash," the highest civilian award conferred in the state.

In 1988, Inskeep earned his Certified Athletic Administrator designation as one of 100 athletic administrators who became charter members of the NIAAA certification program. Continuing in that trailblazing certification mode, Inskeep was a charter member of the Certified Master Athletic Administrator class in 2000. In 2001, Inskeep worked with IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis) to get LTC

courses to apply for credit toward a master's degree. Inskeep wrote the graduate credit curriculums, and in 2007, 23 LTC courses could be utilized for college credit.

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About the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA)

The NIAAA is the largest national organization for high school athletic administrators with more than 6,000 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.

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 fine arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and fine 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 18,500 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; produces publications for high school coaches, officials and athletic directors; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, spirit coaches, speech and debate coaches and music adjudicators; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS Web site at www.nfhs.org.

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