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### Scott Lindgren of Wisconsin to Receive NIAAA Award of Excellence

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (November 20, 2012) — **Scott Lindgren**, CMAA, who retired last year after 41 years with the Kenosha (Wisconsin) Unified School District, is the 2012 recipient of the Thomas E. Frederick Award of Excellence presented by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA).

Lindgren will receive the NIAAA Award of Excellence December 18 in San Antonio, Texas, during banquet festivities at the 43<sup>rd</sup> annual National Athletic Directors Conference 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 Athletic Directors Conference in 1971 as well as the NIAAA in 1977.

As the coordinator for athletics, activities, health, recreation, physical education and senior citizens in the Kenosha Unified School District, Lindgren was responsible for a large population. In athletics, Lindgren was responsible for approximately 230 coaches in 10 schools for 24 years. He also was in charge of the district's physical education program for 12 years involving 59 instructors and 36 schools, as well as the Senior Citizens Center for 10 years. Prior to his administrative duties, Lindgren was dean of students for seven years and a physical education teacher for 10 years.

During his career in Kenosha, Lindgren also served as both a coach and official in addition to his work as an athletic administrator. He coached football for seven years, wrestling for two years and track for nine years, including seven at the Division III college level. Lindgren also officiated football for 28 years (13 in the NCAA), wrestling for 12 years (five with the NCAA) and track for 15 years.

Within the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA), Lindgren served as an instructor in NIAAA Leadership Training, and was the WADA's representative to NIAAA section meetings in 1998, 1999, 2003 and 2004. He has also been the co-chair of WADA's handbook publications, and a presider at WADA workshops. Lindgren was the WADA's president in 1995 and vice president in 1993. He has attended all WADA conferences since 1987 and was the WADA representative to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Board of Control in 1994.

From 2003 to 2010, Lindgren represented District VII on the WIAA Board of Control, serving as president in 2005. He also served on the WIAA Soccer and

Basketball Officials Selection Committee, and he hosted numerous WIAA events at Kenosha.

A lifetime member of the NIAAA, Lindgren was a member of the Board of Directors from 2000 to 2002. He also was a member of the Certification Committee for seven years, including two years as chair. He is also the author, national chair and instructor for Leadership Training Courses (LTC) 700 and 701. He also was an instructor at the state level for LTC 501 and LTC 503 for four years. Lindgren also served on the NIAAA Awards Committee and has attended every National Athletic Directors Conference since 1988. He also represented the NIAAA for a four-year term on the NFHS Hall of Fame Screening Committee.

Lindgren received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He has received many honors during his career, including the Andy Anderson Award for outstanding service to the WADA in 2002, the District VII Athletic Director of the Year Award from the WADA in 1998 and 2011, and the 2010-11 Wisconsin Athletic Director of the Year. Earlier this year, Lindgren was inducted into the Kenosha Public School Hall of Fame.

Lindgren's other NIAAA awards include the State Award of Merit in 1996 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2005.

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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 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.

### **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](http://www.nfhs.org).

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