

# I-AAA ADA



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It is a true honor to serve as the President of the DI-AAA ADA in 2022-23. This past year, I have had a tremendous experience working with the DI-AAA ADA and FCS ADA Executive Committees, and extend my thanks to Simon Gray (Niagara) and Nicki Moore (Colgate) for their incredible leadership during the lead-up to what will surely be the most fundamental change any of us have seen in college athletics. We also owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to NACDA's Jason Galaska, who serves as the ever steady behind-the-scenes leader that develops agendas, helps secure speakers, and is always available as a wonderful resource and advocate for our Association. And thank you to Bob Vecchione for his 10 years of outstanding leadership as the CEO of NACDA.

Our organization has consistently been on the front lines working to make our voices heard as the NCAA Division I Transformation Committee (TC) goes about their important job of modernizing college athletics. The Executive Committee has made it a priority to keep our members informed and up-to-date to every extent possible by regularly having members of the TC speak with our group, filling us in on the latest happenings and answering a myriad of questions about the process and potential outcomes. TC members have been generous with their time and transparent about the process. Their educational sessions have helped us understand the "why," particularly as it pertains to the legal issues that are the catalyst for the level of change that we will see by January 2023.

In addition, Nicki, Simon, Jason and several others spearheaded a "white paper" on behalf of FCS ADA and DI-AAA ADA that was sent to the TC. It shares the priorities that we believe are essential, as well as the items we believe hold Division I athletics together. I encourage everyone in our Association to read the white paper and communicate it to key stakeholders at your respective institutions. It emphasizes

our united desire that access to and participation in Division I Championships, representation in Division I governance and revenue distribution are three of the most important concepts to our organization.

We all know change is imminent in our enterprise, the extent of which we do not know at this time. But, what we do know is that our student-athletes and coaches continue to do so many wonderful things. Our universities are about the right things - graduating our student-athletes, ensuring they have tremendous experiences and competing at the highest level of college athletics. We all want these opportunities to continue, and it will be up to us to make our voices heard so that DI-AAA and FCS continue to have a place at the table in the months and years ahead.



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