



21st Annual PIAA Officials' Convention Update

Just a short note of update regarding the upcoming officials' convention being held at the Harrisburg Hilton on Friday and Saturday - August 7-8, 2015.

Keynote Speaker Announcement

PIAA is proud to announce the keynote speaker for this year's convention banquet will be **JoAn Scott**. JoAn is the Managing Director for the Division I men's basketball championship. Prior to her position with the NCAA, JoAn spent the previous 17 years with Nike, including her last four years as the director of governing body relations. She served as assistant to the executive director of USA Basketball from 1987-90, before becoming the organization's senior administrative assistant from 1990-92 and the director of basketball operations from 1992-96. She was an integral part of the USA Basketball administration that managed the original Dream Team at the 1992 Olympics, as well as the 1996 Olympic team.

JoAn is also scheduled to speak to convention attendees at the final general session on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 pm. She will provide comments that will draw from her experiences while working for the NCAA and Nike. We are pleased to have her share insights at this year's convention.

2015 Honoree Class Speaker Announcement

New to this year's banquet speaker's lineup will be that of one of the honorees. While many of our speakers speak of their experiences in athletics PIAA felt it most appropriate that have one of our own make remarks pertaining to their PIAA experiences on behalf of the honoree class of 2015.

Tom Brady, District 1 Male Officials' Representative has been chosen to represent this year's class and will speak at the convention culminating banquet Saturday night. Tom has had a long history of involvement with the PIAA and its officials and will share his thoughts on what PIAA has meant to him over the course of his PIAA career.

Train the Trainer Class Registration Announcement

Once again this year PIAA will sponsor a Train the Trainer class for PIAA interpreters. This two day training will be held at the Harrisburg Hilton and is geared toward training interpreters to hold more effective meetings. The training begins on Thursday and ends on Friday and encompasses a wide range of teaching techniques that interpreters can use during their chapter meetings. Please contact Cathy Good in the Officials department for more information, cgood@piaa.org

New Mobile Application Launched

Also new to this year's convention is the launch of a mobile application for convention attendees. Once registered, convention attendees will be able to use this mobile application to interact with other attendees and speakers as the convention is going on. This application will provide attendees an avenue to rate speakers and presentations through a series of surveys tied to each presentation. In addition, the 2015 honoree class is also listed on the application along with their picture, district of residence, and applicable sports officiated. Presentations that are provided prior to the convention will also be loaded on the application for attendees to view. It is the hope of PIAA that this additional service will assist officials in their education during the convention and afterward as they interact with other attendees.

Those not yet registered that want to view a listing of currently scheduled sessions can view the convention program under the convention tab at www.piaa.org. Once at that site; officials may also register for the convention online.

The Hilton Hotel has sold out of rooms already for the convention but the Crowne Plaza; merely one block away has agreed to offer rooms to those in need of overnight accommodations during the convention. Please call the Crowne Plaza at (717) 234-5021 and inform them that you are with the PIAA Officials' Convention.

Note-until this year female officials with 25 years' service and male officials with 35 years' service were recognized as honorees at the convention banquet. This is the first year that all officials with 30 years' service will be recognized at the banquet. Those female officials that were invited last year will continue to be invited until reaching the 30 year mark when only those officials with 30 years' service will be invited.

