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CAS Announces the 56th Annual Meeting!

Business Meeting Returns to Central Office with Shortened Format

We are pleased to announce that we will hold our 56th Annual Meeting on **Thursday, May 8th** at the CAS Central Office in Cheshire. *Please mark the date on your calendars!*

As many of you are aware, attendance at the annual meeting has steadily declined in recent years. Each year, we implement changes in the hopes of reversing this trend. Thus far, we have had little success. **This year, we are reducing the length of the program by two-and-a-half hours!** We have decided to simply run our business meeting from start to finish and then immediately present our Letters of Commendation and Citations. We will not be holding people for lunch. We hope to begin the meeting promptly at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn by 12:00 noon. We will of course be providing light food and beverages throughout the morning. We hope that this shortened format will result in a more streamlined event which will be easier to fit into your already very busy schedules.

56th ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 8, 2008

**CAS Central Office,
Cheshire**

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us on May 8th to review highlights of 2007-2008 and chart a course for 2008-2009!

In its second year operating under the new organizational structure, CAS-CIAC had a very active and successful school year. The CAS Board of Directors, under the industrious leadership of Old Saybrook Middle School Principal Michael Rafferty, has completed a rigorous two-year plan which has helped us grow in the areas of outreach, technology, public relations and educational leadership. Perhaps most exciting is our new partnership with the Connecticut State Department of Education. The CAS/CSDE Executive Coaching Initiative involves recruiting, training, supervising, and evaluating "executive coaches" who provide professional support to the leaders of Connecticut's low-performing schools.

In his fourth and final year as chair of the CIAC Board of Control, Morgan School Principal Bill Barney led the CIAC through a busy and productive year. The Exemplary Interscholastic High School Athletic Program Evaluation Model expanded and is now being implemented in more than ten schools/districts; the CIAC Officials' Association continued to achieve impressive membership gains, with over 4,000 officials representing thirteen sports; the CIAC Sportsmanship Committee hosted its first-ever sportsmanship conference involving over 600 participants; and the CIAC board adopted several important bylaw changes - including one concerning the eligibility of transgendered athletes - which will all be submitted to the membership for a vote on May 8th.

There are a number of important issues -- affecting both CAS and CIAC members -- which will come before you at the May meeting. Their resolution is very important to the future of CAS, to your school, and to you as its administrator.

Your presence at the annual meeting is vital -- we can't do it without you!

Additional information, including the proposed revisions to the CAS Constitution and CIAC By-Laws, will be available shortly.

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