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Topic

NFHS Summer Meeting Attendance

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Sessions Attended

NIAAA Legal Issues Class
Opening Session
Second General Session
Effective Communication (with Board/Leg.)(Presenter)
Mental Health Workshop
Third General Session
Soccer Interp.
Fourth General Session
Effective Communication - Media
Sports Medicine
Legal Session (Presenter)
Hall of Fame
Assistant's Roundtable
Workshop (Guarding your Email)
NFHS Luncheon Awards

**Takeaways to help
Board and Staff**

This professional development opportunity continues to prove to be a unique opportunity to share ideas and gather information from other states across the country. This is a valuable experience for staff and board who attend and participate. Thank you for the opportunity.

General Commentary

I was asked to present in two sessions this year and I was humbled that the NFHS continues to have me present at this meeting. My first session was a workshop on how to maintain and develop relationships between the state associations and their respective state legislatures. An emphasis on having routine discussions and interaction was prioritized. The questions were thoughtful and reflected the fact that many states (not just Kentucky) have to carefully navigate legislative interaction in an effort to improve student opportunities in school based athletics.

I also presented on the current status of Title IX across the country in today's dynamic atmosphere. With recent federal executive changes, the waters remain "muddy" on a variety of issues. Other topics supplemented this presentation and were made by other state counsels.

Kentucky remains a leader nationally on so many issues. The willingness of this Board and the Organization to discuss and consider so many issues continues to position the state ahead of so many other states. This event also helps the state identify the "next" issue and need to evolve. Finally, this meeting confirms the dilemma that all states find themselves needing to always monitor and address the challenges of transfers and the resulting issues. While students continue to move more and more mobile, this issue continues to be a challenge for us all.