

Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting

April 27-28, 2008

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Action Items The Board of Directors (BOD) took the following action:

Minutes: Approved minutes of the February 24-25, 2008 regular meeting, and the April 11 and April 22, 2008 special teleconference hearings. (Consensus)

State Tournament Bids: The board awarded the bid for the 2008 1A-3A State Wrestling Tournament to Bartlett High School in Anchorage. Anchorage Christian School will provide tournament personnel. (Carried – Unanimous Consent).

Classification: The board approved requests from Anderson, Thorne Bay, Hydaburg, Gustavus, Klukwan, Angoon, Kake and Skagway High Schools to opt up to 2A for 2008-09 and 2009-10. The schools were on Step Two to go to 1A. (Carried – Unanimous Consent).

The board approved a request from Nelson Island School – Toksook Bay, to forgive 8 ineligible 5th year seniors that would have caused the school to be placed on 1A Step Two. The school is removed from Steps and will remain at the 1A level. (Carried – Unanimous Consent).

After discussion, the board determined that forgiveness for ineligible 5th year seniors may be requested at either Step One or Step Two. Therefore, the board approved a retroactive request from Saint Mary's High School for forgiveness for ineligible 5th year seniors and displaced Hooper Bay students enrolled during the 2006-07 school year. As a result, Saint Mary's High School is placed on 1A Step One in 2007-08. (Carried – Unanimous Consent).

The board approved a request for forgiveness from Mt. Edgecumbe High School to be removed from Step One due to enrolled ineligible 5th year seniors. The school is removed from Steps and will remain at 3A. (Carried – Unanimous Consent).

2A Basketball Conference Formation: The board approved splitting the Northwest Conference into two - 2A basketball conferences beginning in 2008-09, due to the large number of teams involved. The new conference will be called the Yukon-Kuskokwim Conference. Staff will develop a proposal for berth allocations to be adopted during the October meeting. (Carried – Unanimous Consent).

Thunder Mountain High School: The board approved a request from the Juneau School District that the new Thunder Mountain High School, which is slated to open in 2008-09, be considered a non-member alternative, magnet school, for its first year only, as it is anticipated that the student body will be limited in size. Under this scenario, the school's students would only be able to participate at Juneau-Douglas High School. (Carried – Unanimous Consent).

Final Policy Adoption - Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substance (TAD): Approved the policy's final revisions. (Carried – 7-0) The board will review the policy annually during its spring meeting.

Policy - State Tournament Code of Conduct: The board determined that the Code of Conduct for all state championships is in affect from the beginning of the coaches meeting or from the beginning of the activity, to the conclusion of the event or awards ceremony. (Changes are in **bold** and go into effect in 2008-09).

Football - Because the football playoffs extend over multiple weeks and there is no coaches meeting prior to the games, the board adopted the following wording:

“Students participating in the state football playoffs are subject to the “Code of Conduct”

- 1. during each day in which their school's team competes in the playoffs, through the conclusion of the game if the team is eliminated, or**
- 2. during each full day in which their school's team competes and advances in the playoffs, and**
- 3. during each day in which their school's team competes in the championship game, through the completion of the game and awards ceremony.”**

(Carried – Unanimous Consent).

Violations Discovered after the Fact – The board adopted the following revision:

“Schools shall report all violations of the “Code of Conduct” to the Association in a timely manner. Schools which report violations which were discovered “after the fact” will be shown leniency, including forgiveness of the Forfeiture Rule. Such schools should hold their students to the same behavior standards during the state tournament series as they do at school.”
(Carried – Unanimous Consent).

Policy Revision – Hockey Dual Participation: The board adopted the following revisions to the Hockey Supplementary Rules, effective in 2008-09. (Changes are in **bold**).

Rule 12

“A student who dual participates in violation of the Non-School Participation Rule (see Item E) is considered ineligible for the remainder of the season, and the school is subject to penalty under Article 12, Section 1 **if the school or a member of its coaching staff knowingly permitted the student to play in a high school game after violating the Dual Participation Rule.**”

“The prohibition on competing on a non-school team will be lifted during Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations **as they are determined by schools and districts.**” (Carried – Unanimous Consent).

Policy Revision – Rifle Rules: The board decided against adoption of a State Dept. of Health recommendation that the Association require all small-bore rifle team members undergo pre and post season blood-lead tests each year. The board recommends that the Dept. contact the affected districts directly because it is unclear that the concern applies to all districts.

Small School Football Playoff Structure: The board adopted a proposal from the small football playing schools to extend the playoffs to three weekends, and to cross-bracket the conferences beginning with the quarter-final games. (Carried – Unanimous Consent).

Gold Lifetime Pass Recipients: The board approved the regional nominations for the Gold Lifetime Pass.

- Region 1 – Bob Harcharek
- Region 2 – Bernie Clark
- Region 3 – Dan Gensel
- Region 4 – Dave Kolesky
- Region 5 – Jack Eddy
- Region 6 – Sam McCormick

(Carried – Unanimous Consent).

Adopted Bylaw Revisions: The board adopted the following revisions to the bylaws, effective May 28, 2008. Changes are in **bold**.

1. Article 12, Section 9, 3, Transfer Without a Bona Fide Move of Parents, as revised:

“A student who transfers without a bona fide change of residence of parents or guardians, is ineligible for interscholastic competition for **ninety school days, including state approved in-service days**, from the date of first attendance in the new school...” (Carried – Unanimous Consent).

2. Article 8, Section 1, B, Amateurism Rule, as revised:

“A student-athlete forfeits amateur status in a sport sanctioned by the Association by:

1. **entering into a competition for which the student-athlete is either paid to participate or is competing to win monetary compensation** (allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses may be accepted).
2. receiving any award, merchandize or prize whose aggregate value exceeds \$250 **for a specific event or tournament, unless such award has been approved** by the school’s principal **for an event or tournament sanctioned by the school or Association** (this section does not apply to awards given by the Association): **or**
3. capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value **in exchange for endorsements, participation in commercials, advertisements or the like** (scholarships paid directly to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted); **or**
4. signing a professional contract in that sport.”
(Carried – Unanimous Consent).

3. Article 12, Section 9, Transfer Rule, 17 (proposed) – The board voted to deny a request by the Alaska Association of Student Governments (AASG), that students participating in state AASG conferences not be subject to the Transfer Rule.
(Failed – 3-4).

Proposed Bylaw Revisions: The board will seek input on the following revisions prior to any possible action during the October meeting.

1. Article 12, Section 5, Recruiting/Undue Influence – The board discussed a proposed bylaw revision dealing with students who play on a travel team or other out-of-school team coached by another school’s coach, then subsequently transfer to that coach’s school. (Proposed revisions in **bold**).

“A. Undue influence is defined as the attempt to secure attendance of a student for athletic reasons. Any verbal or written recruiting contact initiated by a representative of a school will be considered as exerting undue influence. If the contact is initiated by an individual who is not a representative of a school, that individual’s name shall be recorded and a warning issued. If a further violation is reported relative to this individual, he/she will be considered to be a representative of the school, and the school may be subject to the prescribed penalties. **A student who participates as a member of an out-of-school team coached by another school’s coach, and who subsequently transfers to that coach’s school, is ineligible in that sport for one full season at the receiving school.**”

2. Article 12, Section 2, Enrollment Rule – The board discussed a proposed bylaw revision dealing with the eligibility of graduated students (Proposed revisions in **bold**).

“A. To be eligible during a school semester for participation in interscholastic activities,

1. a student must:

f. not be a graduated senior, with the exception that the eligibility of a senior graduating at the end of a regular school year, shall extend through the conclusion of any current school sport season in which he or she is participating.”

3. Article 10, Qualification of Coaches – The board discussed a proposed bylaw revision which would require schools to report their coaches to the Association each year.

“Section 4, Reporting of Coaches. The principal or designee of each member school or district shall annually report the names of all coaches and their positions, in the manner requested by the Association, within two weeks of the beginning of their respective seasons.”

Fairbanks School District Request: The board approved a request for a one-time waiver of the Transfer Rule for all borough wide students transferring from other correspondence programs into the district’s new homeschool/correspondence program during 2008-09.
(Carried – Unanimous Consent).

State Tournament Officials Policy Revision: Following extensive discussion, the board moved to table adoption until the October meeting.

2008-09 Board Goals: The board adopted the following goals for 2008-09.

1. Begin full statewide implementation of the Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substances policy and program.
2. Continue to seek ways to promote expansion of the Association’s citizenship/sportsmanship efforts with parents, students, officials and other groups.
3. Continue to seek opportunities to showcase the cultural diversity of Alaska.
4. Continue to implement the Strategic Plan for 2005-08.
5. Continue to develop and monitor the Association’s marketing plan.
6. Continue to implement the procedure for rotation of certain state tournaments to rural Alaska on an occasional basis.

(Carried – Unanimous Consent).

Millennium Hotel Contract: The board accepted a contract proposal from the Millennium Hotel in Anchorage to extend the sponsorship arrangement for two additional years, 2008-09 and 2009-10. Under this arrangement, affordable school rates are guaranteed from September 16-May 14 and the board will hold its meetings and other Association meetings at the hotel.
(Carried – Unanimous Consent).

2008-09 Meeting Schedule and Locations: The board adopted the following meeting dates and locations for 2008-09.

October 5-6, 2008 (Sunday-Monday) – Millennium Hotel - Anchorage
December 14-15, 2008 (Sunday-Monday) – Millennium Hotel – Anchorage
February 22-23, 2009 (Sunday-Monday) – Millennium Hotel – Anchorage
April 26-27, 2009 (Sunday-Monday) – TBD – Nome
(Carried – Unanimous Consent).

2008-09 Budget Adoption: The board tabled action on adoption until a follow-up teleconference meeting later in May.

Executive Director's Contract: The board extended the ED's contract through 2011. He received a 2% salary increase for 2008-09.

Reports The BOD heard the following reports:

- Board Members
- State Tournament
- Finance Committee
- Student Government
- Officials/Coaches
- Marketing
- Executive Director

Workshop Items

Policy Development: The Board conducted a work session on the educational component of the Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substances Policy with project coordinator, Teresa Johnson and staff. The updated policy which goes into effect in 2008-09, will be sent out to districts in early May.

Executive Session: The Board reviewed the Executive Director's contract and discussed a proposed salary schedule for staff members.

Discussion Items The BOD discussed the following items:

State Tournament Bid Processes: The current five year bid for the state basketball tournaments goes through 2009. Discussed the process of soliciting future bids for the state basketball tournaments, beginning in 2010. Reviewed bid criteria for the future.

Discussed a offer from East Anchorage High School to be the host site for the 2010 and 2011 state Drama, Debate and Forensics Tournament.

ImPACT Concussion Testing Program: Reviewed a proposal from Dr. Heather Macomber and Kelley Baker of Providence Behavioral Health on the ImPACT concussion management program that was presented at a previous meeting. It involves testing an athlete prior to competition to establish a baseline through a computerized neurocognitive assessment tool. This test provides an objective measure of memory, reaction time, attention span, and other factors to help a clinician diagnose a future concussion and decide when the patient has recovered sufficiently to return to competition. It is unclear how this program might be implemented in high schools in Alaska.

NFHS Student Leadership Conference: Heard an update on the NFHS Student Leadership Conference which will be held in Indianapolis in mid-July. ASAA has selected 3 boys and 3 girls to represent Alaska at no charge except for the expenses for a male and female supervisor. Final arrangements are being made.

Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substances Policy Concerns: Heard concerns on the policy from Steve Bradshaw, Superintendent of the Sitka Borough School District. Mr. Bradshaw's position is that the Association should leave the determination of this policy to the local districts and not implement a statewide policy.

1A, 2A, 3A Volleyball Conferences in 2009-10: Reviewed proposed conferences which will go into effect with the combining of the 3A-West teams with the other 3A teams statewide.

Conferences in 2008-09: Reviewed anticipated conference changes caused by school reclassification.

Conference/Regional Tournament Sites for 2008-09: Related approved conference/regional tournament sites for 2008-09.

Classification: Discussed a request from the small schools on Kodiak Island to leave Region 1 and join Region 2 due to financial concerns. Region 1 will follow-up on this.

Discussed a proposal from Region 5 that would classify soccer into two divisions, similar to football.

Homer Hockey Request: Heard a proposal from hockey supporters in the Homer community to let students from the three small Russian village schools nearby, play on the Homer High School team. After much discussion, the board recommended that the request be taken to the school district administration for clarification.

STUDENT HEARING

No hearing was held.

Items for October Meeting

Workshop

1. Continue development of the State Tournament Officials Policy
2. Tour of the Dome

Action

1. 2A Basketball State Tournament Berths
2. DDF Site Agreement
3. Bylaw Adoptions
 - a. Recruiting/Undue Influence Proposal
 - b. Enrollment Rule for Graduated Seniors
 - c. Reporting of Coaches
- 4.
- 5.

Discussion

1. Draft 2009-2010 Calendar
2. State Basketball Tournament
- 3.
- 4.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

October 5-6, 2008 – Millennium Hotel - Anchorage