

Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting

April 29-30, 2007

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

Recognition of Outgoing Member: The Board recognized and thanked outgoing Region 6 board representative, Mike Hubbard of West Valley High School, for his faithful service to the students of Alaska.

Minutes: Approved minutes of the February 25-26, 2007 regular meeting. (Consensus)

State Tournament Bid Policy: Adopted a new policy on state tournament bids. This policy includes factors that the Board will consider in selecting bids, rationale for multi-year bids, timeframe for the bidding process, and the potential and rationale for holding certain tournaments in rural Alaska on an occasional basis. (Carried 7-0)

Future State Tournament Sites: Accepted the following bids for future state tournaments:

- Hockey – Wasilla High School - 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (Carried 7-0)
- Track and Field – Lathrop High School (Fairbanks) – 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10
(Carried 7-0)
- Soccer – Eagle River High School – 2007-08, 2008-09
Juneau-Douglas High School – 2009-10 (Carried 6-1)

Coaches Education Program: Adopted the coaches education program developed by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). This newly developed program more closely supports the philosophy of educational athletics than does the ASEP program that has been used for the past few years. The new program which includes 3 parts – Coaching Principles, First Aid and the Alaska Component, will be delivered in either an on-line format or in a face-to-face, on-line blended format. The on-line course will be priced at \$100 (*compared to the current course price of \$225*). The price for the blended format has not been determined to date. We plan to be fully operational on the new program by August 1, 2007. Any coach needing to earn certification is advised to delay action until that time. Any coaches currently enrolled in the ASEP courses may complete that program. An important note – coaches previously certified under the Alaska program are not required to recertify under the new program. (Carried 7-0)

Classification Policy: Approved revisions to the policy which specify that if a school's enrollment, as verified by the superintendent by February 15, causes the school to move to a

higher classification because of enrolled, ineligible 5th year seniors, the school may request that the Board of Directors not count those students in the school's enrollment for classification purposes. This policy's effective date has been retroactively adopted as the October 2006 OASIS enrollment report. (Carried 7-0)

School Classifications: Approved the following action on school classification and conference placement, effective in 2007-08:

- Savoonga High School – 2A classification – Northwest Conference
- Stebbins High School – 2A classification – Northwest Conference
- Kalskag High School – 2A classification – Central Interior Conference
- Scammon Bay High School – 2A classification - Northwest Conference
- Kotlik High School – 2A classification – Northwest Conference
- New Stuyahok High School – 2A classification – Peninsula Conference
- Minto High School – 1A classification – Golden Heart Conference
- Chevak High School – 2A classification – Northwest Conference
- Haines High School – 3A classification – Southeast Conference
- Metlakatla High School – 3A classification – Southeast Conference
- Nikolaevsk High School – 2A classification – Peninsula, Katchemak and Borealis Conferences

Schools placed on Step One for 2006-07 are:

- 1A
- Nelson Island – 59 (+)
 - Emmonak – 81 (+)
 - Mt. Village – 63 (+)
 - Buckland – 59 (+)
 - Noatak – 57 (+)
 - St. Mary's – 60 (+)
 - Togiak – 68 (+)
 - Shishmaref – 62 (+)
 - Kipnuk – 62 (+)

- 2A
- Anderson – 18 (-)
 - Angoon – 40 (-)
 - Gustavus – 13 (-)
 - Hydaburg – 26 (-)
 - Kake – 47 (-)
 - Skagway – 35 (-)
 - Seldovia – 32 (-)
 - Thorne Bay – 35 (-)

- 3A
- Hooper Bay – 68 (-)

If schools on Step One either exceed or drop below the cutoff enrollment during the succeeding school year, they will be placed on Step Two and must move to a higher or lower classification

in the following year. (Carried 7-0)

2007-08 Budgets: Adopted the 2007-08 ASAA budget with anticipated income and expense of \$1,560, 824. Adopted the 2007-08 AASG budget with anticipated income and expense of \$118, 575. (Carried 7-0)

Controlled Substance, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy: Adopted the revisions to Article 8 which set expectations, procedures, and consequences for violation. The policy implementation date has been postponed until the 2008-09 school year to permit piloting the program in willing schools during the 2007-08 school year. Before the 2008 implementation date, the educational component will be developed and tested. It is the Board's intention that it will be an integral part of the program. (Carried 6-2)

Deadline For Membership Application: Adopted a bylaw revision that specifies that applications for membership from non-member schools must be received in the ASAA office prior to the Fall Board of Directors meeting if that school wished to engage in athletic competition during that respective school year. (Carried 7-0)

Eligibility of Students in Statewide Member Correspondence Programs: Approved a bylaw revision that clarifies which sports and activities statewide member correspondence programs may offer to their students. This also clarifies that the correspondence programs are classified according to their enrollments but that they are not assigned to regions or conferences for competition. It also clarifies that these students may represent only their respective correspondence programs and not another member school in competition. This also clarifies the procedure under which these students may compete at the local and regional levels and how they may qualify for state level competition (Carried 7-0)

Clarification of 18 Week Sit Out Period: Clarified the 18 week period of ineligibility following a transfer without a bona fide change of residence. The new wording specifies that the 18 weeks starts on the date of first attendance in the new school. It was also clarified that summer school attendance does not count toward the 18 week period. (Carried 7-0)

Eligibility of Students in All-State Art Competition and AASG State Conferences: Adopted a revision to Article 12, Section 10, that adds All-State Art Competition and State Student Government Conferences to the list of activities requiring the submittal of Master Eligibility Lists. (Carried 6-1)

Penalty for Failure to Submit Master Eligibility Lists Prior to First Season Contest: Adopted a revision to Article 12, Section 10, that specifies penalties for failing to submit a Master Eligibility List prior to the first season contest. They are:

- *First Offense During a School Year* – Warning and the superintendent will be notified
- *Second Offense During a School Year* - \$50 fine and superintendent will be notified
- *Third Offense During a School Year* - \$100 fine and superintendent will be notified

(Carried 7-0)

Alaska High School Hall of Fame Bylaws: Adopted revisions to the Hall of Fame bylaws. (Carried 7-0)

Filling State Tournament Berths Policy: Adopted a new policy that clarifies a member school's obligation to fill a state tournament berth when qualified; and specifies how open berths will be filled. (Carried 7-0)

State Tournament Berth Allocations Policy: Adopted a new policy under which the Board allocates state tournament berths on a fair and equitable basis using current information on participation numbers, past state tournament results and anticipated future trends. Under this policy the Board will review all individual sports on each even-year and all team sports on each odd-year. Based on this review, the Board may adjust future state tournament berths at its December meeting when it has determined that an unfair condition exists. (Carried 7-0)

State Swimming and Diving Qualification Policy: Adopted a policy recommended by coaches that clarifies how students qualify to the state tournament, considering the facility differences existing in the various regions throughout the state. (Carried 7-0)

Gold Lifetime Pass Policy: Adopted revisions to the current policy that specify that each region will solicit and recommend its recipient to the Board. (Carried 7-0)

Gold Lifetime Pass Recipients: Selected the following for Gold Lifetime Passes:

- Region 1 – Bob Morris
- Region 2 – John Lindeman
- Region 4 – Joanne Starzec
- Region 5 – George Houston
- Region 6 – Dale Kephart

(Carried 7-0)

State Tennis Tournament: Approved the first state tennis tournament which will be held on October 12-13, 2007 at the Alaska Clubs North and East in Anchorage. Sixteen teams from Regions 3, 4, 5 and 6 will compete. (Carried 7-0)

Classification of State Track and Field: Approved a proposal to classify state track and field into two classifications – 1A/2A/3A and 4A, beginning in 2007-08. Both state tournaments will be held concurrently at the same site over a two day period. 1A/2A/3A will have 8 qualifiers per event and 4A will have 16 qualifiers per event. (Carried 6-1)

Board Goals for 2007-08: Adopted the following goals for 2007-08:

1. Continue to implement and monitor the Association's marketing plan.
2. Continue to implement the Strategic Plan for 2006-08.
3. Implement the procedure for rotation of certain state tournaments to rural Alaska on an occasional basis.
4. Continue to seek opportunities to showcase the cultural diversity of Alaska.
5. Seek ways to promote expansion of the Association's citizenship/sportsmanship efforts with parents, students, officials and other groups.
6. Continue to develop the educational component of the Controlled Substance, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy and test its application through pilot projects with selected member schools prior to the August 2008 implementation.
7. Implement the new Coaches Education Program. (Carried 7-0)

New School Membership: Approved the membership application from Effie Kokrine Charter School in Fairbanks, beginning in 2007-08. The school has 66 students and will be placed in 2A, Central Interior Conference in basketball. (Carried 7-0)

2007-08 Meeting Dates and Locations: Adopted the following meeting dates and locations:

- September 30, 2007-October 1 – Anchorage – Millennium Hotel
- November 30-December 1, 2007 - Anchorage – Millennium Hotel
- February 24-25, 2008 – Anchorage – Millennium Hotel
- April 27-28, 2008 – Petersburg, TBA (Carried 7-0)

Reconferencing Request: Denied a request from Cordova High School to change conferences in basketball, volleyball and wrestling due to concerns about increased travel costs to the schools in the new conferences. (Failed 2-5)

Juneau-Douglas High School Hockey Request: Approved a request from Juneau-Douglas High School to be placed in the Mid-Alaska hockey conference. There are no other school hockey programs in Southeast Alaska and schools in the Mid-Alaska Conference approved of the request. (Carried 7-0)

Mixed-Six Volleyball Berths: Upon request of Region 5, removed its berth to the mixed-six state volleyball conference and gave an additional berth to the Yukon River Conference. (Carried 7-0)

Reports The BOD heard the following reports:

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

Workshop Items

Coaches Education Program: ASAA adopted the current coaches education course work in February 1999. Under this program, over 2500 Alaskan high school coaches have been certified, many of whom are still actively coaching our students. The NFHS is developing and piloting a new coaching education curriculum that is more educationally based than the current ASEP program that is in use. The new program is primarily internet based and can be provided to coaches for a substantial savings over the current program.

Review of Proposed Bylaw and Policy Revisions: The Board reviewed the many proposed policy and bylaw revisions prior to taking action during the regular meeting.

Executive Session: The BOD met in executive session to discuss the Executive Director's future staffing proposal.

Discussion Items The BOD discussed the following items:

Executive Session: Discussed some concerns with Wasilla High School principal Dwight Probasco as a follow-up to a previous agenda item.

Review of State Tournament Bid Proposals: Reviewed bid proposals for hockey and soccer.

Clarification – Coaches Education Requirement: After discussion, confirmed that all coaches who directly supervise students are subject to the certification requirement. This includes coaches of outsourced school teams.

Wrestling Coaches Proposals: Heard a presentation by Norm Davis, president of the state wrestling coaches association, who made the following two proposals:

1. Due to the overlap between football and wrestling, there is not enough time for football-playing wrestlers to get to their minimum wrestling weight under the current rules which prohibit weighing in more than one weight class above minimum weight without recertifying at a higher weight. This request will provide a 35 day grace period from the beginning of the season before that part of the weigh-in rule goes into effect.
2. The coaches propose to give the state tournament seeding committee the option of seeding the top seven or eight wrestlers, instead of six, because the top six finishers earn team points and there are frequently ties in the seeding for sixth place.

The Board will discuss these proposals during the Fall meeting.

Alaska High School Hall of Fame: Heard details of the April 15 induction ceremony for the Class of 2007 which includes:

Athetes: Carl Blackhurst – Haines High School
Gary Beller – West Anchorage High School
Brit Jacobsen Green – Chugiak High School
Emily Ransom Golick – Seward High School
Johance Humphrey – Chugiak High School
Ron Pollock – West Anchorage High School
Sarah Olerud Swinton – Haines High School

Coaches: Joe Floyd – Kodiak High School
Don Hather – Hoonah, Tok and Skagway High Schools
Buck Nystrom – Eielson and North Pole High Schools
Dick Thompson – Service High School
Larry Whitmore – Bartlett High School
Bill Wiltrout – West Anchorage and Homer High Schools

Advisor: Karen Grussendorf – Sitka High School

Contributor: Dave Brann - Homer

Proposal to Restructure the 3A-West Volleyball Season: Discussed a proposal to restructure the 3A conferences into one season beginning in 2008-09. This would also have an affect on the remaining 1A/2A conferences which would have to be revised. The BOD will revisit the proposal during its Fall meeting.

Eight-Player Football: Heard about the teleconference of small schools who are considering the sponsorship of 8 player football in 2007. Ten schools, six from the North Slope and four from Southcentral Alaska, expressed at least some interest in this although it is unknown how many will follow through. ASAA will help fund a coaching clinic if there is sufficient interest.

In-Service Proposal for New AD's: Discussed a staff proposal and syllabus to present an in-service meeting for new and/or inexperienced AD's in late August. Based on Board endorsement of the project, staff will move ahead with planning.

Adding Dance and Drill to State Cheerleading Competition: Discussed a staff proposal to add dance/drill to the state cheerleading championship and asked for regional input for the Fall meeting.

Agenda Items: Discussed procedure on how items are brought forth on the Board agenda.

Region 5 - 1A/2A Basketball Season Proposal: Reviewed a Region 5 proposal which would move the 1A/2A basketball season to a early January start date with a mid-April ending date. This will be discussed at the Fall meeting.

Berths to the 4A State Basketball Tournament: Reviewed a proposal from Region 5 which would

revise the way that 4A basketball teams qualify to the state tournament. Under the proposal, one team each would qualify from the Southeast and Mid Alaska conferences, and two each from the Cook Inlet and Northern Lights conferences. The remaining two teams would be selected from among all 4A teams according to the WPI. This will be a discussion item during the Fall meeting.

Small School Softball State Tournament Berth Allocation: Heard a proposal from Region 5 which would reallocate berths based on the number of participating teams per conference. The Board is seeking regional input and will revisit the proposal at the Fall meeting.

Drama Debate Forensics (DDF) State Tournament Rotation: Discussed a proposal from Region 5 that would permit a rural school to submit a bid to host the state DDF tournament after the current cycle is completed at UAA. After regional discussion, the Board will revisit this during the Fall meeting.

1A/2A/3A Cross Country Running Berths: Discussed a request from Region 6 to add a second team as a qualifier for the state meet. After regional discussion, this will be an agenda item during the Fall meeting.

Greatland and Northern Lights Football: Learned of a future proposal to restructure the two small school football conference playoffs.

STUDENT HEARING

None

Items for Fall Meeting:

Workshop

1. TBD

Action

Discussion

1. Volleyball Realignment
2. All-State Music Festival Finances
3. Adding Dance/Drill to State Cheerleading Competition
4. Wrestling Proposals
5. 1A/2A Basketball Season Proposal
6. 4A Basketball State Tournament Berth Allocation
7. Small School Softball State Tournament Berth Allocation
8. Rotation of State DDF Tournament
9. Region 6 Cross-Country Running Proposal
10. Small School Football Proposal
11. 2008-09 Draft Calendar

Next Scheduled Meeting:

September 20-October 1, 2007 – Anchorage – Millennium Hotel