

# Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting February 25-26, 2007

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

Minutes: Approved minutes of the November 28-29, 2006 regular meeting. (Consensus)

Election of Vice-President: Elected Matt Clark – Region 2 as vice-president. Mr. Clark will replace Doug Rhodes – Region 5, who resigned his position following the November meeting. Carried (7-0)

Classification Policy: Approved revisions to the policy which specifies how schools are classified when they are experiencing increasing or decreasing enrollments. Complete wording of the policy will be sent out to schools at a later date. (Carried 8-0)

Classification – Step One and Step Two Schools: The BOD voted to combine the enrollments of the Galena Interior Learning Academy and Sidney Huntington High School (Galena) when determining the classification of the schools. Because the combined enrollment of the schools in October 2006 was 146 students, Galena High School is placed on Step One for 2006-07. (Carried 8-0)

Cross Country Running State Tournament Allocation: Approved a request from Region 3 to be granted an additional berth in the 4A state cross-country running championships. (Carried 8-0)

Board Resolution: Approved a resolution honoring long time Kenai Peninsula coach, AD, school board member and community supporter, Cliff Massey. (Carried 8-0)

AASG Fall Conference: Learned that Wasilla High School, the fall 2007 conference site, will not be able to host on the approved dates due to a conflict with teacher inservice. A proposal to change the dates to those which the school has requested, was voted down. (Failed 2-6).

Process of Adoption of the Proposed Controlled Substance, Alcohol and Tobacco Policy: Moved to proceed once the final wording of the policy is determined and to implement without a phasing in period. (Carried 8-0)

**Reports** The BOD heard the following reports:

- Board Members
- State Tournament
- 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 which are still actively coaching our school teams. The NFHS is developing and piloting a new coaching education curriculum that is more educationally based than the current ASEP program that we use. Tim Flannery and Dr. Darren Treasure of the NFHS Coaches Ed. Program gave an overview of the new coursework to the BOD. The new program is primarily internet based and can be provided to coaches for a substantial savings over the current program. The BOD will make its decision as to adoption during the April meeting in Fairbanks.

Proposal to Ban Performance Enhancing Supplements: After discussing whether to include rules on the use and distribution of muscle-building supplements, similar to a bill adopted by the State of California, the BOD decided not to address this issue at this time.

Executive Session: The BOD met in executive session to conduct a performance evaluation of the executive director, who is completing his 14<sup>th</sup> year with ASAA.

**Discussion Items** The BOD discussed the following items:

2007-08 Draft Budget: Referred the draft budget to the Finance Committee.

School Classification Policy: Reviewed a proposed change to the policy which addresses the enrollments of schools which are near the classification cutoff and have ineligible 5<sup>th</sup> year seniors enrolled. The BOD will be seeking input on a proposal which would authorize school superintendents to request that ineligible 5<sup>th</sup> year seniors not be counted in a school's enrollment for classification purposes, if by doing so, the school would be moved into a higher classification. This policy will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

School Enrollment Status: Discussed the enrollment of member schools according to the DEED October 2006 report. Schools whose enrollment exceeded or fell below the classification cutoff for the first time in 2006-07 were placed on Step One. Schools whose enrollments exceeded or fell below the cutoff for the second consecutive year, were placed on Step Two and must move to the higher or lower classification for at least two years beginning in 2007-08. Step Two schools who have dropped below the classification cutoff may opt up to a higher classification for two years beginning in 2007-08. The Association will notify the affected schools.

Filling State Tournament Berths Policy: Reviewed a proposed policy that specifies how state tournament berths will be filled if a team is unable to attend the tournament. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

State Tournament Berth Allocation Policy: Reviewed a policy under which the BOD will review allocations of state tournament berths for individual sports on each even year, and for team sports on each odd year. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

Swimming and Diving Policy: Reviewed proposed policy revisions to further clarify how swimmers in individual events at regional competitions qualify for the state tournament. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

State Tournament Site Policy: Reviewed a proposed policy on state tournament bids which specifies that the BOD may hold selected state tournaments in rural Alaska communities on an occasional basis. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

Bylaw on the Possession, Distribution and Use of Controlled Substances, Alcohol and Tobacco: Reviewed a proposed policy which will be mandatory for all member schools and member school districts who sponsor interscholastic competition. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

Bylaw Revision on Applications for Membership: Reviewed proposed wording which specifies that schools applying for membership must do so by September 15 of a school year. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

Bylaw Revision on Clarification of Eligibility Rules for Students Enrolled in Statewide Member Correspondence Programs: Reviewed proposed revisions which clarify eligibility rules for students in statewide member correspondence programs. Also reviewed a proposed policy that clarifies how students in these programs may compete at the local, regional/conference and state tournament levels in individual sports. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

Bylaw Clarification on 18 Week Sit-Out Period: Reviewed proposed wording which clarifies when the 18 week sit-out period begins for a transferring student. This proposal also clarifies that summer school does not count towards the sit-out period. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

Bylaw Revision Which Clarifies the Eligibility of Students in Student Government and All-State Art Competition: Reviewed a proposal which clarifies that students participating in student government and art at the state levels, must meet ASAA eligibility standards. These students must be included on a Master Eligibility List sent to ASAA prior to the event. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

Bylaw Revision for Failure to Submit Master Eligibility Lists: Reviewed a staff proposal to

impose penalties on schools which do not submit these required lists in a timely manner. There is currently no penalty and there are many violations. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

Board Member Terms: Reviewed bylaws on board member terms and discussed terms of current members.

Policy on Gold Lifetime Passes: Discussed a revision under which each of the six ASAA regions will solicit and propose nominations for the award. This will be sent out for comment before adoption at the April meeting.

Gender Equity Self-Audit Tool: Reviewed a self-audit document that schools and/or districts may utilize when monitoring their compliance under Title IX. This will be placed on [www.asaa.org](http://www.asaa.org).

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

Athletes: 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 Wiltrot – West Anchorage

Advisor: Karen Grussendorf – Sitka High School

Contributor: Dave Brann - Homer

Proposal for State Tennis Tournament: Reviewed a proposal to sponsor a state tennis tournament in October 2007. This will be discussed at the regional level prior to any board action.

Proposal to Create a Small School State Championship in Track and Field: Reviewed a staff proposal to create a 1A-2A-3A state track and field championship meet which would run concurrently with the 4A state meet. This will be discussed at the regional level prior to any board action.

Proposal to Restructure the 3A-West Volleyball Season: Tabled any action on a proposal to restructure the 3A conferences into one season. This would also have an affect on the remaining 2A conferences. The BOD will revisit this issue during its next meeting.

Eight-Player Football: Revisted a staff proposal to encourage small schools who have limited numbers of players to consider sponsoring 8 player football in 2007. A number of schools have expressed at least some interest in this. If so, ASAA would sponsor a clinic for any interested coaches and officials. Based on an inadequate response to date, no action will be taken at this time. This will continue to be a discussion item if new information comes forth.

In-Service Proposal for New AD's: Discussed a staff proposal to develop and present an in-service meeting for new AD's early in the 2007-08 school year. Region 1 does not support a stand-alone meeting due to travel costs and suggested that time could be made during a regional meeting to work with AD's in attendance. The BOD asked to see a proposed agenda and to discuss the concept at the next meeting.

Baseball Bats: Revisited the issue of the use of metal bats in baseball. Since the NFHS has not chosen to limit the use of metal bats, and since anecdotal evidence verifying an increase risk of injuries to pitchers is not available, the BOD decided to take no action at this time.

Adding Dance and Drill to State Cheerleading Competition: Heard a report that at least 4 regions have school sponsored dance/drill teams which may support the addition of dance/drill to the state cheerleading competition as part of March Madness Alaska. Lavonne Norman reported that since ASAA's recent affiliation with PacWest, the Association can access trained judges. The BOD asked staff to develop a proposal for discussion at its meeting in April.

Cordova Reconferencing Request: Reviewed a request from Cordova High School to be placed in the following conferences:

- basketball and volleyball-Southcentral Conference
- wrestling-Kachemak Conference

The board will discuss this further during its April meeting.

NFHS Summer Leadership Conference: Reviewed details of an upcoming summer student leadership conference sponsored by the NFHS. ASAA will work closely with the leadership of AASG to select and chaperone students who wish to attend this event.

Proposal to Revise Gymnastics Season: The BOD was notified that there is some interest in revising the dates of the gymnastics season. Region 6 will bring forth a written proposal at the next meeting.

Incident Involving Sitka and Mt. Edgecumbe High Schools: Reviewed a situation which occurred during the past football season in which one or more students from Mt. Edgecumbe

High School were encouraged and permitted to play on the Sitka High School football team. The BOD determined that since the schools are classified as 3A and 4A, they violated the Cooperative School Rule. Sitka also violated the Student Eligibility Rule. The executive director was instructed to enforce the existing bylaws.

Contract Violation Complaint: Colony High School complained that Wasilla High School had intentionally violated the contract rule in wrestling. Since Wasilla High School is currently on probation for previous violations, the school will be fined and the school principal is requested to speak to the BOD at its meeting in April.

Extension of Basketball Regular Season: Took no action on a request from Eielson High School to extend the regular basketball season so that the conference tournament could be played at a later date.

Hockey Conference Request: Reviewed a request from Juneau-Douglas High School to be placed in the Mid Alaska hockey conference. After discussion at the conference and regional levels, this will have further discussion at the next meeting in April.

## **STUDENT HEARING**

None

## **Items for April Meeting:**

### **Workshop**

1. TBD

### **Action**

1. School Classification
2. 2007-08 - Budget Adoption
3. Policy – Filling State Tournament Berths
4. Policy – State Tournament Berth Allocations
5. Policy Revision – State Swimming and Diving Qualification
6. Awarding of State Tournament Bids
7. Bylaw Revision – Policy on Controlled Substances, Alcohol and Tobacco
8. Bylaw Revision – Deadline for Membership
9. Bylaw Revision - Eligibility of Students in Statewide Member Correspondence Programs
10. Bylaw Clarification – 18 Week Sit Out Period
11. Bylaw Revision – Eligibility of Students in AASG and All-State Art Competition
12. Bylaw Revision – Failure to Submit Master Eligibility Lists
13. Selection of Gold Lifetime Pass Recipients
14. Bylaw Revision – Alaska High School Hall of Fame
15. Proposal – To Adopt a State Tennis Championship
16. Proposal to Classify Track and Field
17. Adoption of NFHS Coaches Education Program

18. 2007-08 Board Goals
19. 2007-08 Meeting Dates and Locations

**Discussion**

1. Volleyball Realignment
2. Inservice for New AD's
3. Adding Dance/Drill to State Cheerleading Competition
4. Cordova High School Reconferencing Request
5. NFHS Summer Student Leadership Conference
6. Region 6 Proposal to Change Gymnastics Season
7. Juneau-Douglas High School Hockey Request

**Next Scheduled Meeting:**

April 29-30, 2007 at the Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District Office in Fairbanks