

Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting October 1-2, 2006

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

Minutes: Approved minutes of the April 30-May 1, 2006 regular meeting, and minutes of the August 9, August 21, August 24 and September 6 Special Teleconference meetings. (Consensus)

Cross-Country Running Season Extension: Approved requests from West Valley High School, Kodiak High School, Anchorage Christian School, and Anchorage School District schools to extend the season for the purpose of out-of-state competition. (Carried 8-0) A late request by Juneau-Douglas High School was approved 5-1.

School Reclassification: Denied a request from Chevak School to be reclassified from 3A to 2A for the current school year. The school claimed that the ASAA Handbook policy wording on reclassification misled them into thinking they would be a 2A school this year. The current policy update was left out of the handbook and the school made decisions based on what was written.

(Defeated 2-6)

The board placed Chevak on Step One in 2005-06. If the school's enrollment falls below 100 again during the current school year, the school will be reclassified as 2A for two years beginning in 2007-08.

Application for Membership: Approved application of membership from Eagle River Christian School and placed the school in Region 2, 2A; conferences - basketball-Central Interior Conference, volleyball-Borealis Conference, and fall coed soccer-Borealis Conference. Carried (8-0)

Approved application of membership from the Seefeldt Home School in Fairbanks. The school was placed in Region 2. At this time the only activity will be music. Carried (8-0)

2006-07 Budget Revisions: Revised the ASAA budget for 2006-07 to reflect staff changes and less grant income. Adopted changes to the AASG budget. Carried (8-0)

State Soccer Tournament Format: Approved a proposal to extend the 2007 state tournament from 3 to 4 days based on the unavailability of more than one safe, state tournament quality field in

Anchorage at the time. Carried (8-0)

Softball: Approved a request from Kenny Lake School to be placed in the Mid Alaska Softball Conference beginning with the current school year. Carried (7-1)

Reallocated state tournament berths in the small school conferences. Beginning this year, the Northern Lights Conference will receive 2 berths, the Southeast Conference will receive 1 berth, and the Mid Alaska Conference will receive 3 berths. (The Southeast Conference which previously had 2 berths, was unable to fill the second berth for the 2006 state tournament.) Carried (8-0)

Cheerleading: Approved a one-time request from Region 4 to extend the football cheerleading season until October 26 so that the students may participate in the Region 4 cheer competition. Carried (8-0)

Reports The BOD heard the following reports:

- Board Members
- State Tournaments
- Student Government
- Officials Advisory Committee
- Marketing
- Executive Director

Discussion Items The BOD discussed the following items:

School Enrollment Status: Discussed the enrollment of member schools according to the DEED October 2005 report. Schools whose enrollment exceeded or fell below the classification cutoff in 2005-06 were placed on Step One. If those schools exceed or fall below the cutoff again in 2006-07, they will be placed on Step Two and must move to the higher or lower classification for at least two years beginning in 2008-09. Schools who drop below the classification cutoff may opt up to a higher classification for two years beginning in 2008-09. The Association will notify the affected schools.

Football Mercy Rule: Reviewed a staff report on the implementation of the football mercy rule. The complete report will be available at www.asaa.org, football page.

Basketball: Took no action on a proposal from Region 4 to revise the maximum number of games that can be played during a season. The current limit is 22 games or 19 and a tournament

of 3 or more games. The region proposed 22 games or 20 and two tournaments of three or more games.

Officials Pay: Discussed responses to the question of whether ASAA should set statewide officiating fees. This proposal was opposed by the Officials Advisory Committee. The board decided to take no action.

Out-of-Season Contact Between Coaches and Players: Discussed the upcoming teleconference meeting of the out-of-season contact committee. A report will be made to the board in December. Committee members are:

- Region 1 - Pat Callahan - Nome (new)
Bruce Lee - Sand Point
- Region 2 - Dean Overbey - Nenana
John Buchanan - Galena
- Region 3 - Norm Bouchard - Houston
Mike Looney - Colony
- Region 4 - Rick Stone - Bartlett

- Region 5 - Lou Pondolfino - Service
Doug Nausid - Ketchikan
Eric Williams - Hoonah
- Region 6 - Kelly Growden - Eielson
Walt Armstrong - North Pole

High School Hall of Fame: Heard a staff status report on the developing plans for the Class of 2007.

Interscholastic Cultural Celebration Program: Discussed the future implementation of the program considering that adequate grant funding has not been secured, and that the staff member who would have coordinated the program has accepted another position.

Soccer: Discussed the rough play and potential for head injuries in the sport. The staff will emphasize this with officials and coaches.

Spring Board Meeting Site: The board may have to change the location of its spring meeting which is scheduled to be held in Talkeetna, due to facility availability.

2007-08 Draft Calendar: Reviewed the first draft of the 2007-08 calendar. Discussed requests to adjust the calendar to accommodate religious holidays. The first draft will be available on line at www.asaa.org.

Volleyball: Reviewed and discussed the current state of 3A volleyball where 19 school teams play in the 3A season and 9 schools play in the 1A, 2A, 3A-West season, including the state 1A, 2A, 3A-West tournament. There is support from at least some of the Region 1 3A-West schools to join the other 3A schools during their season. The placement of volleyball season was also

discussed.

Conference Commissioners: Discussed concerns from staff that many of the 66 conferences have not named commissioners or contact persons. ASAA receives many questions on conference issues that we can't answer and frequently don't know a contact person to which a referral can be made. The board agreed that each conference should name a commissioner or contact person and notify ASAA by November 15.

Nordic Skiing: Discussed the tradition in Nordic skiing where boys ski longer distances than girls. Board members saw no problem in maintaining the status quo.

Filling Vacant Berths in State Team Tournaments: Directed staff to propose a policy to be used when qualifying teams are unable or unwilling to compete at their respective state tournaments.

State Tournament Site Bids: Agreed to ask for extensions of the sites for 1A and 2A basketball for two additional years to coincide with the 5 year 3A and 4A bid.

Discussed the current 3 year bid cycle for All-State Music.

Sanctioning of New Sports: After discussion, asked staff to develop a policy and form to be used when submitting requests for sanctioning.

Fair Labor Standards Act: Discussed the implications that the Fair Labor Standards Act might have on the way schools deal with classified, non-exempt employees who also accept extra duty positions. Districts are advised to consult with legal council on this matter.

Track and Field: Reviewed a staff proposal to develop conferences in track and field. Region 2 plans to submit another proposal. This will be a December discussion item.

Eligibility of Students in Statewide Member Correspondence Programs: Met with Steve Musser, IDEA and Andrea Berg, Raven Correspondence, to discuss the status of student eligibility requirements as they apply to students in these programs. It was agreed that these students are subject to ASAA transfer rules just like students in other member schools.

The board also discussed the process by which these correspondence students may participate in individual athletics and how they might qualify for state championships in individual sports.

Baseball Bats: Received a concern from Region 6 about the inherent risk to the pitcher when using metal bats. The region presented two position papers on the subject. This will be discussed at the regional meetings and will be a December board discussion item.

STUDENT HEARING

None

Items for December Meeting:

Workshop

1. Action Plan Committee Work

Action

1. 2007-08 Calendar
2. Election of Officers
3. Seating of New Board Members

Discussion

1. Out-of-Season Contact Committee
2. Softball - Small Schools Conferences and State Tournament Berth Allocation Policy
3. How ASAA Rules Apply to AASG
4. Classification Policy
5. Tennis
6. Interscholastic Cultural Celebration Program
7. Volleyball - Conferences, Seasons, Classification
8. Spring Board Meeting Site
9. All-State Music Bid
10. Policy for Filling State Tournament Berths
11. State Tournament Bids
12. Track and Field Conferences
13. Sanctioning Sports Policy
14. State Tournament Berth Allocation Policy
15. Statewide Member Correspondence Student Eligibility

Next Scheduled Meeting:

December 1-2, 2006 at the Millennium Hotel in Anchorage