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Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Sitka, Alaska April 17-18, 2011

Note: This synopsis is available on the ASAA web site at www.asaa.org. More information on agenda items may be obtained from an ASAA Board member (listed on web site) or from the ASAA office (907) 563-3723.

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

- Minutes: Approved minutes of the February 21-22, regular meeting and the March 1 Special Teleconference Meeting. (Consensus)
- Bylaw Amendment – Practice Rule: Adopted an amendment to Article 7, Section 5 B. , which states: (**amendment in bold**) (Passed - unanimous consent).

A. “All players must have ten (10) separate days of physical practice in the same sport activity prior to the first day of competition.

B. When a student is participating in a recognized high school sport activity or is participating in a *nationally recognized activity* in the same sport which overlaps the beginning of another recognized sport season, the Executive Director may waive up to five (5) practices. (**Delete**) ~~Students may not have practices waived for entering the sport activities of football, gymnastics, hockey, wrestling, (ASAA does grant an exception to this rule to Alaska high school wrestlers who have been playing football when the 5-day waiver is requested) or cheerleading due to safety considerations and to the nature of these sports.~~

For purposes of this section, a “*nationally recognized activity*” is a non-school athletic competition and/or practice, in the same sport, conducted under the auspices of a national sports governing body as part of an Olympic Development Program. This activity will usually be conducted outside of the state of Alaska.

➤ Bylaw Amendment – Transfer/Residency Rule: Rejected an amendment to Article 12, Section 9, 3., which states:) (Failed – 4-4).

“A student who transfers without a bona fide change of residence of parents or guardians, is ineligible for interscholastic competition for ~~(delete) ninety school days (new) one hundred and eighty (180) school days~~, including state approved in-service days, from the date of first attendance in the new school. Students who live with coaches are ineligible (see Section 5, C). Summer school attendance will not be considered in determining the date of first attendance for the purposes of this section. Practices before classes begin in the fall do not count as part of the ninety school days.”

➤ Bylaw Amendment - Enrollment Rule: Adopted an amendment to Article 12, Section 2. which states: (Passed - unanimous consent).

“Notwithstanding any provisions or restrictions of the Association’s Bylaws, Policies or past practices, the Board of Directors has determined that under certain conditions, students enrolled in the 8th grade in a member school district, may be granted eligibility to participate as members of a high school basketball, volleyball or mixed-six volleyball team when an annual request is submitted in writing to ASAA by the district superintendent. This request must verify that the high school described above is a member school and that there were twenty (20) or fewer students, **(add) or ten (10) or fewer students per gender** enrolled in grades 9-12 during the previous school year’s October student count as reported to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED). If the current school year’s October count is lower than the previous year’s, it may substitute as the official count for purposes of this section.”

➤ State Tournament Bid Proposals: Approved in concept, a process to formalize the solicitation and awarding of state tournament bids.

After reviewing the submitted proposals, took the following actions:

4A Wrestling – Awarded a 3 year bid (2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14) to Bartlett High School in Anchorage. (Unanimous Consent)

Track and Field – Awarded a 3 year bid, with the current year being year 1, to go through the 2012-13 tournament, to Lathrop High School in Fairbanks, contingent upon satisfactory medical coverage. (Unanimous Consent)

Baseball - Sitka High School withdrew its bid to host the 2014 tournament.

Awarded a 3 year bid (2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14) to Anchorage which will host the tournament at Mulcahey Field. (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Conference Placements/Berths to State Beginning in 2012-13: Adopted the conferences and state tournament berths in the following sports: (passed – Unanimous Consent)

- Baseball
- 4A Basketball
- 3A Basketball
- 2A Basketball
- 1A Basketball (16 teams)
- 4A Cross-Country Running
- 1A, 2A, 3A Cross-Country Running
- Large School Football
- Medium School Football
- Small School Football
- 4A Hockey
- 2A-3A Hockey
- Nordic Skiing
- Rifle (Fall and Wint
- Fall Coed Soccer
- Spring Soccer
- Large School Softball
- Small School Softball
- Swimming and Diving
- 4A Track and Field
- 1A, 2A, 3A Track and Field
- 4A Volleyball
- 3A Volleyball
- 2A Volleyball
- Mixed-Six Volleyball (postponed until October 2011 board meeting)
- 4A Wrestling
- 1A, 2A, 3A Wrestling (postponed until October 2011 board meeting)

NOTE: The complete listing of classification numbers, conferences and berths to state is available at www.asaa.org, under Announcements on the home page.
Approved (Unanimous Consent).

➤ 2011-12 ASAA Goals: Delayed adoptions of next year's goals until the the May special teleconference meeting.

➤ Gold Lifetime Pass: Awarded Gold Lifetime Passes based on the following regional recommendations – (Passed - unanimous consent).

- Region 1 - Bill Jack (Anchorage)
- Region 2 - Marylee Kauffman (Galena)
- Region 3 - Roger Nellis (Wasilla)
- Region 4 – Marva Luhrs (Anchorage)
- Region 5 – Mike Hirai (Sitka)
- Region 6 – Joe Tremarello (Fairbanks)

➤ 2011-12 Calendar Amendments: Adopted amendments to the 2011-12 Calendar of Events. (Passed - Unanimous Consent)

➤ Election of President and Vice-President: Elected the following officers whose terms will run through the December 2011 board meeting – (Passed - Unanimous Consent)

President – Billy Strickland, Dean of Students – Bethel Regional HS – Region 1 Rep.
Vice-President – Michael Graham, Principal – East Anchorage High School

➤ 2011-12 Board Meeting Dates and Locations: Approved the following: (Passed - Unanimous Consent)

Fall - October 2-3, 2011 – Anchorage – TBD
Early Winter – December 12-13, 2011 – Anchorage
Late Winter – February 20-21, 2012 – Anchorage
Spring – April 22-23, 2012 - Bethel

➤ 1A Basketball State Tournament Format: Adopted a 16 team format for the 1A state basketball tournament beginning in 2012-13. (Passed - Unanimous Consent)

➤ Football Playoff Format: Adopted the proposal to have 3 classifications and separate playoffs beginning in 2011-12. Small Schools (325 and smaller) and Medium Schools (326-800) will hold separate semi-finals and championship games, and large schools (801 and larger) will continue the status quo with quarter-finals, semi-finals and a championship game. (Passed - Unanimous Consent)

The Medium Schools also agreed for 2011-12 only, that if the school hosting the semi-final game is required to pay airfare for the visiting team, the host gets to keep the entire gate, if not, the gate will be evenly split between the teams after expenses are covered. The number one seed in the Southeast Conference will provide up to 20 tickets to the visiting Northern Lights Conference team or no more than 2/3 of up to a total of 30 tickets. (Passed - Unanimous Consent)

➤ 3A Basketball WPI: Failed to agree that the WPI (Winning Percentage Index) would be used to seed the 3A state tournament in 2011-12. As a result, ASAA will not record the game scores as it has for the past few years. (Failed – 2-6)

➤ Endowment Games: Expanded the sports in which Endowment Games can be played to include – (Passed - Unanimous Consent)

Hockey (2 per team)
Soccer (2 per team)
Baseball (2 per team)
Softball (2 per team)

Along with:

Volleyball (2 per team)
Basketball (2 per team)

➤ Eligibility of Cheerleaders: Reconfirmed that cheerleaders, both sideline and competitive, are required to meet all eligibility requirements, including the transfer rule. Cheerleader's eligibility must be reported on-line prior to the first game or competition. (Passed - Unanimous Consent)

➤ Wrestling – State Tournament Seeding: Amended the wording on Seeding Criteria 5, b. as follows, effective in 2011-12: (Passed - Unanimous Consent)

b. (Delete) ~~Record against common opponents involving first matches wrestled. (i.e a wrestler with a 2-1 match record is not necessarily worse than one with a 1-0 record as both wrestlers being compared won their first match against the common opponent).~~

(New) Common opponent criteria will be determined by the highest winning percentages versus common opponents.

Reports The BOD heard the following reports:

- Board Members
- State Tournaments
- Finance Committee
- Student Government
- Officials/Coaches/WPI
- Marketing
- Play for Keeps, Win for Life
- Sports Medicine Advisory (SMAC)
- Executive Director

Public Comments Heard comments by Sitka High School principal, PJ Ford-Slack, on Title IX inequities. Also heard comments by Lyle Sparrowgrove and Rose MacIntyre (community), Mike Vieira, Rich Krupa and Beau Hendrick (Sitka High School) Mike Kimber and Andrew Friske (Mt. Edgecumbe High School), Jeff Feldpausch and Dr. Elliot Bruhl (Sitka football), Sitka School District Superintendent, Steve Bradshaw, Andy Lee (school district) and Dr. Don Lehman (SMAC).

Workshop Items The BOD discussed the following items in workshop:

1. Reclassification/Conference Placement/Berths to State Tournaments – Reviewed all the work to date on reclassification of schools which will go into effect in 2012-13. Reviewed placement of schools in athletic conferences and proposed berths to the state tournaments.

Tabled Items: The board agreed to revisit the following items which had been tabled at the last meeting.

A. Policy - Basketball – 1A State Tournament 16 Team Format – Reviewed the 3 proposed formats:

1. 4 days (2 losses out),
2. 4 days (1 loss out), and
3. 3 days (1 loss out – championship side, 2 losses out – consolation side)

Agreed to take action under item 9 - 1.

B. Policy - Student Internet Access Policy - Revisited the policy after seeking input from school district technology staff members. Because there has been little feedback from school districts, this item was tabled again until more information is available on various school district permissions.

C. Policy - Football Playoffs – Agreed to discuss this under discussion item 8 – k.

Discussion Items The BOD discussed the following items:

- Bylaws: Discussed a letter from Representatives Cathy Munoz and Tammi Wilson, concerning private home school student participation in high school activities. The Rep's. advocate for eligibility at the nearest public high school for private home school students enrolled in 2 courses at that school. The BOD did not support the proposal and asked the ED to write a letter in response.
- House Bill 15: Discussed the status of the bill on Concussion Management. Approved the formation of a Concussion Task Force to recommend implementation plans and timelines.
- 2011-12 Operating and Grant Budgets: Reviewed the drafts of the two budgets. The BOD will adopt the budgets during a special teleconference meeting in May.
- Code of Conduct – Reviewed and discussed the Parent's/Spectator's Code of Conduct adopted the by Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District.
- Volleyball: Discussed the Region 5 proposal to restructure the state tournaments into a double elimination format. The board postponed further discussion or action until the October meeting.
- Soccer: Reviewed a revised Region 6 proposal to classify soccer. Asked staff to develop 2 options for small schools with enrollments of 5-500 and 5-800 for consideration during the October board meeting.

Student Hearing

1. None was held.

Items for October Meeting –October 2-3, 2011 – Anchorage, TBD

Tabled Items

1. Student Internet Access Permission

Workshop

- 1.
- 2.

Reports

1. All-State Art Competition
2. Concussion Task Force
- 3.

Discussion

1. 2012-13 Calendar
2. Adoption of Conferences and Berths to State–Mixed-Six Volleyball and 1A-2A-3A Wrestling
3. Volleyball – Double Elimination State Tournament
4. Soccer – Classification Proposal
5. Employee Handbook
6. Strategic Plan Timeline
7. Competitive Cheerleading Season

Action

1. Adoption of Conferences and Berths to State–Mixed-Six Volleyball and 1A-2A-3A Wrestling
- 2.