



ALASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

4048 Laurel Street Suite 203 Anchorage, AK 99508 • PHONE: 907-563-3723 • FAX: 907-561-0720

Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Bethel, Alaska April 22-23, 2012

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:

- Concussion Policy/Forms: Adopted the final recommended policy components and forms for school districts as spelled out in House Bill 15 and Senate Bill 119, and recommended by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC). (Passed 8-0)
- Minutes: Approved minutes of the February 20-21 regular meeting and the February 27 special teleconference meeting. (Consensus)
- 2012-13 Calendar: Adopted one amendment and defeated another amendment to the calendar for 2012-13.

Defeated – Change the Competitive Cheer dates to July 30 – March 16 (one season).
(Failed 3-4)

Adopted – Date and location of 2013 AASG Spring Conference – April 11-13, 2013 –
Tri-Valley High School – Healy (Passed 8-0)

The amended 2012-13 calendar is posted at-

<http://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012-13-Calendar-2-27-12.pdf>

➤ Gold Lifetime Passes: Awarded Gold Lifetime Passes to the following individuals for outstanding service to the students of Alaska-

Region 1 - Harry Ferguson – Chevak
Region 2 - Matt Clark – Talkeetna
Region 3 - Allan Howard – Soldotna
Region 4 - Don Winchester – Anchorage

- Region 5 - Bill Chalmers – Juneau
- Region 6 - Ted DeLeon – Fairbanks (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Basketball – 1A State Tournament Format: Approved the proposed 16 team format/schedule presented by staff for the 2012-13 tournament. (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Wrestling State Tournament Seeding Process: – Approved the following revision to the state tournament seeding process beginning in 2012-13: (Passed 4-3)

“Only the champion from each region/conference will be seeded but the region/conference runner-up will be placed on the opposite side of the bracket”

The board also directed that:

- ASAA adopt a mandatory on-line Match Record/Win-Loss Form which must be submitted for all seedable wrestlers. It will be the coach’s responsibility to submit the form and to ensure its accuracy.

- That seeding and random draw results be posted on the ASAA website prior to the tournament in lieu of meeting with coaches to announce results. Once posted, the results will be final.

➤ Wrestling Weight Classes: Approved the addition of a 15th weight class of 98# to the existing classes which are: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220, and 285, beginning in 2012-13. (Passed 6-1)

➤ Volleyball: Approved the proposed double elimination format for the state 3A/4A tournament in 2012-13. (Unanimous Consent)

Approved a request from Aniak High School to clarify that the school will be in the Mixed-Six Kuskokwim Conference beginning in 2012-13. (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Reclassification: Moved the following schools to Step One for 2011-12 due to **increasing enrollments**:

- 1A – Kotlik – 66 students in 2011-12
- Nelson Island (Tooksok Bay) – 75 students in 2011-12
- Mt. Village (Ignatius Beans) – 69 students in 2011-12

(These schools will have the opportunity to request forgiveness for ineligible 5th year seniors).

A report will be given during the September board meeting.

Moved the following schools to Step One for 2011-12 due to **decreasing enrollments**:

2A – Tok – 48 students in 2011-12
Unalakleet (Frank A. Degnan) – 41 students in 2011-12
Savoonga (Hogarth Kingeekuk) – 59 students in 2011-12
Bristol Bay – 54 students in 2011-12

3A - Petersburg – 150 students in 2011-12

4A - Juneau Douglas – 728 students in 2011-12
(effects only Football and Softball)

(Unanimous Consent)

➤ Hockey Dual Participation Rule: Following a great deal of testimony and discussion, tabled a proposed amendment to the supplemental rules which would have restricted “house team” travel.
(Unanimous Consent)

Failed to rewrite Supplemental Rule 3 dealing with game suspensions following a major penalty in the 3rd period. The board will take this up during the special teleconference meeting on May 22nd.

➤ Play for Keeps TAD Policy: Considered but failed to move a proposal from Region 5 to amend the TAD policy as follows:

1. Change the penalties involved with the 3rd offense tobacco violation.
2. Require that the Acknowledgement Form be signed only once per year.

(Died for lack of Motion)

➤ State Tennis Tournament: After a lengthy discussion on the state tournament format, seeding, qualifying process and venue, the board approved the ad hoc tennis committee’s recommendations with a slight revision and one amendment. This will be posted at www.asaa.org on the Tennis Pages within the next two weeks. (Passed 6-1)

➤ Strategic Plan for 2012-17: Adopted the recently developed Strategic Plan and timelines.
(Unanimous Consent)

(The complete document will be distributed and will be posted at www.asaa.org).

➤ 2012-13 Meeting Dates and Locations: Adopted the following board meeting dates/locations for 2012-13.

Fall - Sept. 30-Oct. 1 – University Lake Spring Hill Suites – Anchorage
Early Winter – Dec. 10-11 - University Lake Spring Hill Suites – Anchorage

Late Winter – Feb. 18-19, 2013 - University Lake Spring Hill Suites – Anchorage
Spring – Apr. 21-22, 2013 – Cordova (Unanimous Consent)

➤ 2012-13 Board Goals: The board goals for 2012-13 will be adopted during the Special Teleconference meeting on May 22.

➤ Football: Learned that Vosnesenka School, Razdolna School and Kachemak Selo School will start an 11 man cooperative football team in 2012-13. The team will enter the Greatland Conference beginning in 2013-14. (Unanimous Consent)

Extended through 2012-13, the financial travel arrangements concerning the sharing of costs and airplane tickets for the Medium and Small Schools semi-final games as spelled out in Handbook football section. (Unanimous Consent)

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
- Technology
- Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)
- Executive Director

Public Comments Heard comments on the hockey dual participation rule from Christi Hickel, Joe Newhouse, Darrell Thompson, Kim Griffith, David McCarrey, Stacy Griffith, Anna Culley, Randall Speery, and Karen Bernsenak. Heard comments on wrestling from Stanley Steffensen. Heard comments on foreign exchange student eligibility from Brandon Goggia and Paul Kupferschmid.

Workshop Items The board reviewed the final draft of the Strategic Plan for 2012-17 and the timelines for implementation.

Tabled Items None

Discussion Items The BOD discussed the following items:

➤ State Tournament Bids: Discussed the process by which state tournament bids will be announced, reviewed and awarded in the future. A number of tournament bids will be sought for the 2013-14 school year and beyond. Bid information will be posted at www.asaa.org.

Discussed the possibility of awarding a one year bid to the community of Juneau to host the Swimming and Diving State Championship in the future.

Both of these items will have further discussion during the September board meeting.

➤ State Wrestling Team Duals Tournament Proposal - Based on input from the regional meetings, the board decided there is no interest in pursuing this proposal.

➤ Wrestling Weight Classes – Reviewed responses to the wrestling survey sent to 4A schools and discussed adding an additional 98# weight class to the existing weights beginning in 2012-13. Regions 1/5 moved to have this moved to Action Item.

➤ Letter from Kenai Central High School – Discussed regional responses to this request to let the smaller 4A schools wrestle during the fall season with the 1A, 2A,3A schools. There was no interest in doing this from other regions.

➤ Cheerleading: Discussed the new competitive cheer activity called STUNT that is in its beginning stages in other parts of the country. (There was a demonstration at the state cheerleading championships in March). The board agreed to an implementation schedule for Alaska which includes building public awareness (a video will be placed on the ASAA website), identifying and training a limited number of coaches as members of a STUNT committee, recruiting and identifying 1-3 cities or schools to begin implementation of STUNT on a trial basis, organizing training camps, training officials, and developing on-line competition opportunities, eventually leading to a state championship.

Discussed a Region 4 proposal to amend the 2012-13 Competitive Cheer season.

➤ Hockey: Revisited the issue concerning a proposed amendment to the dual-participation rule and how it applies to House Teams which travel for competition. This was prompted by requests to apply the rule only to boys hockey participants. Staff previously proposed the following amendment to the Hockey Supplemental rules:

“ASAA prohibits students, who are members of a high school team, from competing as members of a non-school “comp” or “junior hockey team” beginning with the first day of high school practice until a school has completed its season. The prohibition on competing on a non-school team will be lifted during Thanksgiving and Christmas vacation dates as they are determined by the schools and districts. **(ADD) Students may participate as members of a “house team” at any time during the high school season, but will be permitted to travel to compete with the “house team” only during the Thanksgiving and Christmas vacation windows as they are specified above.**

Although this rule does not restrict practice on a non-school team during the high school season, no student may participate in a high school game on a day in which he/she has participated in a “comp” practice. (See item 12 of supplemental rules regarding penalty).”

After hearing much testimony, the board tabled this item until the Sept. board meeting.

Discussed a conflict between NFHS and ASAA supplemental rules as they apply to game suspensions. This will be taken up again during the Special Teleconference Meeting on May 22nd.

➤ State Tournament Berth Allocations: Discussed a staff report that reviewed current allocations for team sports, including recent changes in 1A Basketball and Football. It was determined that no further adjustments would be made in 2012-13.

➤ School Classification: Reviewed the placement of schools based on their enrollments in 2010-11 and 2011-12 under the Classification Policy. Decided that any enrollment changes that might have placed schools on Step One during the 2010-11 school year, would be forgiven since reclassification was underway. Action on classification will be found under Item 9 h.

➤ Fundraising Report: Heard an update on efforts to raise funds through the state capital budget which contains grants for the Play for Keeps -TAD program and the Alaska High School Hall of Fame. Don Winchester, longtime ASAA supporter, has been helping the board on this request.

➤ Penalties for Violations of Student Eligibility Rules: Discussed the recurring question of whether using an ineligible player should always result in a game forfeiture. Under Bylaw Article 3, Section 3. C., when a school self-reports a violation, some forgiveness may be granted to the mandatory penalties. While there was no concensus, the board did agree to clarify this question during the September board meeting.

➤ 8th Grade Student Participation: Heard a proposal from Region 1 to expand the school enrollment limitations under Article 12, Section 2. D, Use of Junior High-Middle School Students. The Region proposes raising the limit from 20 to 30 high school students and from 10 to 15 students per gender. This will be a discussion item during the September board meeting.

➤ Cooperative Rule: Heard a proposal from Region 1 to amend the Cooperative Rule, Article 7, Section 9, Girls and Boys Joint Participation and Cooperative School Program, which would place further restrictions on schools whose students play on another school's team. This will be a discussion item during the September board meeting.

➤ ASAA Cup: Continued discussion on this potential new award program which would recognize the most successful interscholastic activity programs in each classification throughout the state. Staff has been fleshing out the original idea brought forth by Region 1. This will be a discussion/possible action item during the September board meeting.

➤ Student Participation Statistics: Heard a staff presentation on the preliminary 2011-12 school year statewide participation numbers.

➤ Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: Learned that the induction ceremony for the Class of 2012 of the Alaska High School Hall of Fame will be held on August 5, beginning at 5:00 p.m., in the Howard Rock Ballroom at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel.

➤ Legislation Affecting Student Concussions and Eligibility: Heard a report from the Executive Director on the progress of concussion legislation to correct an oversight in House Bill 15, passed in 2011. Also, learned that the concussion and home school eligibility bill, House Bill 369, has been rolled into Senate Bill 119 on athletic trainers. Staff and the board will continue to monitor the bill as it reaches the Governor's desk. The bill includes additional language which extends interscholastic eligibility to certain home school students beginning in 2013-14. The bill may be referenced at:

http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill_text.asp?hsid=SB0119E&session=27

➤ 2012-13 Draft Operating Budget: Reviewed the first draft of the 2012-13 Operating Budget, which along with the Grant Budget, will be adopted during a special teleconference meeting on May 22.

➤ State Diving Championship Qualification: Heard a proposal from Region 4 to change the existing state tournament diving qualifying process:

“The top two (2) finishers from each conference qualifying meet finals plus the next eight best scores will qualify for a total of 16 divers.”

Proposed:

“The top four (4) divers from each region will go to the state meet. If the region does not have four divers, the rest will be chosen based on the next highest scores until sixteen (16) are selected.”

This will be a discussion item during the September board meeting.

➤ Article 12, Section 5 and Section 9. A. 14: Discussed this issue which concerns the eligibility of foreign exchange students whose hosts are members of a school's coaching staff. Currently those students are ineligible for interscholastic athletics. Some are requesting a rule change to allow eligibility for those students. This will be a discussion item during the September board meeting.

➤ 3A Basketball State Tournament Bracket: Discussed the need to change the bracket rotation beginning in 2012-13 because of the way the reclassification has effected the number of schools in the conferences.

Student Hearing

None

Executive Session

None

Action Items for May 22nd Special Teleconference Meeting –

1. 2012-13 Operating Budget Adoption
2. 2012-13 Grant Budget Adoption
3. NFHS/ASAA Supplemental Hockey Suspension Rule
4. Adoption of 21012-13 Board Goals

Items for September Meeting – Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 2012 – University Lake Spring Hill Suites – Anchorage

Tabled Items

1. Hockey Supplemental Dual Participation Rule

Workshop

1. Strategic Planning
2. Home School Legislation

Reports

- 1.

Discussion

1. Classification – Step One Forgiveness
2. Article 3, Section 3. C., Penalties for Violation of Student Eligibility Rules, Self-Reporting
3. Article 12, Section 2. D., Use of 8th Grade Students
4. State Tournament Bids/Sites
 - a. Swimming and Diving
 - b. 1A Basketball
 - c. Others
5. Basketball – 1A State Tournament Seeding Rotation
6. ASAA Cup
7. Article 7, Section 9, Cooperative School Programs
8. State Diving Qualifications-Region 4 Proposal
9. Article 12, Section 5, Recruiting/Undue Influence, and Section 9., A. 14, Foreign Student Transfer Rule
10. STUNT Implementation Plan
11. 2013-14 Draft Calendar

Action

1. Hockey – Supplemental Dual Participation Rule
2. 2012-13 Calendar Amendments