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Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Fairbanks, Alaska April 26-27, 2015

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

➤ **Football Scheduling:** Adopted the ASAA Staff recommendations concerning football scheduling:

Schools have the choice of either scheduling their own games or participating in the following **cooperative scheduling process**. If choosing to participate in the cooperative scheduling process, schools will be considered to have broken a contract for each game not played. The following is the cooperative scheduling process:

- School must indicate to ASAA in writing their intent to participate in the cooperative scheduling process by December 1 of the current school year in order to be scheduled for the following two (2) years.
- Schedules will be the same for two years with the exception that sites will rotate. For example: Team A plays Team B at Team A's home. The following year Team A will again play Team B, but at Team B's home. If the Scheduling Committee determines this is not feasible due to weather or other factors, this rule will not be applied.
- Schools, off the "road system", must announce the minimal financial assistance they will provide to teams traveling to play.
- Schools scheduled to play non-road system teams, must play those games if the financial assistance is met.
- ASAA will develop with a Master Schedule for those teams participating in the collective scheduling process. This schedule will be reviewed and may be changed by a committee made up of a representative from each football conference. The Region that has the most schools in the conference will choose the representative.

Once the Committee has approved the schedule, it will be considered final.

➤ **Out of Season Contact:** Adopted the Out of Season Contact Committee's recommendations to allow more contact during summer months but to restrict it more during the school year. (see ASAA.org for more detail)

(Carried – 6-2)

➤ **State Tournament Bids:** Selected the following venues for the following State Tournaments:

- Cross Country Running—Bartlett High School 2016-2018
- Tennis—Alaska Club East 2016-2018
- 3A/4A Volleyball—Alaska Airlines Arena 2015
- Swim & Dive—2016 Juneau, 2017-18 Bartlett
- WRESTLING: ASAA will work with these two schools to develop a schedule to combine the finals
 - 1A,2A, 3A and Girls Wrestling—Bartlett 2015
 - 4A Wrestling--- Chugiak 2015

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Cooperative Schools Bylaws:** Failed to approve a motion to remove the requirement of schools, with enrollments of less than 451, to be in the same school district in order to form cooperative teams.

(Failed 6-2)

➤ **Ejection Policy:** Revised the Ejection Policy to remove the requirement of the school's principal having to make a school report in person to the Board of Directors. Also adopted a new scale for schools based on the activities in which they participate:

- 5 for schools **not** participating in boy's football or hockey
- 10 for schools participating in boy's football or hockey
- 15 for schools participating in boy's football and hockey

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Change to the Boarding School Transfer Bylaw: Revised the bylaw to read:**

“Students who transfer to a boarding school at the beginning of a school year, or from a boarding school at the end of a school year, will be eligible for inter-scholastic participation at the new school as soon as properly certified. Students who transfer to or from a boarding school during the school year shall be ineligible for Varsity, State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic participation the remainder of the school year. Students who live with coaches are ineligible (see Section 5, C). At schools with no sub-varsity teams, the student could ask for a waiver to participate on the varsity teams during the regular season, but would not be able to participate at either conference or state tournaments.

Boarding school students must meet all other eligibility rules required of other students in Alaska. “

(Carried – 5-3)

➤ **Academic, Fine Arts and Student Government Transfer Rules:** Directed the Executive Director to send out, for comment, a proposed bylaw change to remove the Transfer Rules for the following activities: Student Government, All-State Music Festival, World Language, All-State Art and Solo & Ensemble

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **3A Basketball At-Large Berth:** Created one at-large bid for 3A Basketball. The Conference berths will now be: Aurora 2, Southeast 1, **South-Central 2** and Western 2. The one At-Large will be given to the highest WPI ranked school not earning an automatic berth. Seeding for the State Tournament will be determined by the WPI.

(Carried 7-1)

➤ **Girls Wrestling:** Adopted the ASAA Staff recommendation to combine Small and Large Schools girls' wrestling into a Single Classification. The State Tournament will be held at the Small School's site. Team trophies will not be awarded. Berths will be given to the nine conference champions and up to the next three wrestlers as determined by an ASAA Selection Committee. There will be eight weight classes which will be determined by the May Meeting.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **WPI Reporting Policy:** Adopted the following to be added to the basketball policies:

All Schools are required to:

- Submit their varsity level basketball team schedules to ASAA by either entering them on ASAA.365.com or by sending them directly to ASAA via either email or fax. This must be done by the first day of practice.
- Enter all scores from the previous week, by Monday 7:00 PM, for each week of the regular season.
- Enter all scores from the conference tournament by Sunday, 8:00AM.

School failing to meet these mandates will be given a warning of the first offense, fined \$200 for the second offense, and then fined \$200 plus a deduction of .01 points from their final WPI for further violations.

(Carried – 7-1)

➤ **Bylaws Affected by Elimination of HSGQE:** Directed the Executive Director to send out, for comment, proposed bylaw changes to remove wording the requirement of the HSGQE from several bylaws.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Academic Awards:** Adopted the ASAA Staff recommendations concerning the State Academic Award:

In sports in which a minimum number of participants is required to compete, for the State Team Championship, the number of participants required to win the Academic Award will be the minimal number required to start the contest/game/meet.

- For sports with no minimal number of participants needed to compete for the State Team Championship, the number of participants to compete for the Academic Award will be five (5).
- For Academic Contest the number of participants shall be 10.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **USA Football:** After hearing a report from a Region 6 Board Member, who attended the USA Football presentation and seeing a presentation by the USA Football representative, the Board of Directors took action to endorse USA Football.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Gold Lifetime Pass Recipients:** Approved nominations from Regions for Gold Lifetime Passes:

- Region 1—Billy Strickland (Bethel)
- Region 2---Dean and Karen Overbey (Nenana)
- Region 3---Cliff Draper (Seward)
- Region 4---Craig Walker (Anchorage)
- Region 5---Gary Matthews (Haines) and Monte Bunes (Wrangell)
- Region 6---John Tobin (Fairbanks)

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2016 Spring ASAA Board Meeting Location:** moved to hold the 2016 Spring ASAA Board meeting within Region 5 at a location to be determined by the Fall 2016 Board meeting.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Contact Limits at Summer Football Camps:** took action to add the following language to Item #6 of the Recommendations and Guidelines for Minimizing Head Impact Exposure and Concussion Risk in Football. *The Football Camp Recommendations would be:*

- All campers can participate in up to 60 individual contact/thud instances per day.
- Camps will not have contact more than two consecutive days and will not exceed three contact days per week.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **State Softball Dates:** Effective this year, took action to reduce the State Softball Tournament to a two-day event provided it is held at a venue with four fields.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Football Practice Contact Restrictions:** Took action to approve the recommendations of the ASAA SMAC regarding Guidelines for Minimizing Head Impact Exposure and Concussion Risk in Football, with the exception of: “school are allowed to have contact on no more than two consecutive days, however in no cases should a contact practice and a game be played the same day.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Team Scoring at State Wrestling Tournaments:** Failed to approve a motion to change the method of scoring team points at the State Wrestling Tournaments.

(Failed 4-4)

➤ **Football Championship Venue:** Approved opening up the Medium/Small Football Championship Venue to bids starting with the 2016 Championships.

(Carried – 6-2)

Reports:

The BOD heard the following reports:

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

Public Comments: The Board heard from several Alaska high school coaches who are concerned with the increased safety risk to players if not allowed to have contact in at least two consecutive days of practice. Additionally the Board heard from a basketball coach concerned

with the suggested 1:1 coach to player ratio allowed for individual instruction in the proposed Out-of-Season Contact policy.

Executive Session: The board moved into executive session to discuss financial and personnel matters.

Student Eligibility Hearing: None

Tabled Items:

- Transgender Policy Update until December 2015
- Basketball State Tournament Dates until October 2015

Discussion Items: The BOD discussed the following items:

➤ **2015-16 Operating Budgets-**Discussed the 2015-16 ASAA and AASG Operating Budgets

➤ **Football Conferences-** Discussed the movement of Chugiak and/or Bartlett to the Railbelt Conference. It was noted that in the past the ASAA Board has only moved schools due to enrollment changes or requested from the school. The Executive Director will work with the schools and Anchorage School District to gauge interest and solicit a letter of request if appropriate.

➤ **Homeschool Policy Issue-** Discussed the need to amend the policy to reflect the DEED does not have the ability to do a “self-study” as a way for non-accredited home schools to become accredited.

➤ **Activities Committees-**Discussed the Executive Directors recommendation that ASAA Activities committees be formed as below:

- One Committee Representative per Region: Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Track & Field, Volleyball, Coed Volleyball, Wrestling, Cheer, Nordic Skiing, Tennis, Music, Debate, World Language, Art
- One Committee Representative per Conference: Baseball, Football, Hockey, Softball, and Swim/Dive

The Region with the most schools in the conference will determine the representative for the Activities Committee.

➤ **Waiver Forms-** The Bona Fide Change of Residence Form will be changed to require more “proof” that the former residence is no longer being occupied. The Transfer Waiver form will adopt a format similar to the existing Boarding School Transfer form. The process of submitting waivers will be changed to where the “receiving school” will submit all documentation to ASAA. ASAA will then forward the packet to the “sending” school for review and comment.

➤ **Mixed 6/2A Volleyball Dates-** Discussed a Region 5 proposal to move to extend the Mixed 6/2A Volleyball season for one additional week.

➤ **State Basketball Tournament Dates-** Discussed a Region 5 proposal to schedule the 3A/4A State Basketball Tournament for the weekend of March 16-18, 2017; and the 1A/2A State Tournaments for the weekend of March 22-25, 2017. Tabled until October.

Items for May 28, 2015 - Teleconference Meeting

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Old Business

- Homeschool Policy
- Academic, Fine Arts and Student Government Transfer Rules
- Bylaws affected by elimination of HSGQE:
- Girls Wrestling
- 2015-16 ASAA and AASG Operating Budgets