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Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Anchorage, Alaska December 12-13, 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:

➤ Concussion Policy: Delayed final adoption until the February meeting because the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) had not had the opportunity to review it and consider some additional legal advice.

➤ Minutes: Approved minutes of the October 2-3 regular meeting, the October 3 hearing, and the November 8 special teleconference meeting. (Consensus)

➤ 2012-13 Calendar: Adopted the calendar for 2012-13.
(Passed - 8-0)

➤ Coaches Certification and Reporting of Coaches: After discussion, directed staff to send out a proposal to amend the bylaws to impose a penalty on schools for using non-certified coaches and for failing to report the names of coaches in timely manner. Action will be taken during the February board meeting. The proposed penalties are \$105 per coach for each offense (Passed – 8-0)

➤ Adoption of Conferences and Berths to State: Adopted conferences and berths to state in Mixed-Six volleyball. (Passed – 8-0)

Tabled until the February meeting the adoption of conferences and berths for 1A-2A-3A wrestling.

Placed Galena High School in the Aurora Conference in basketball and volleyball. (Passed – 5-2, Region 2 absent)

➤ Hall of Fame Selection Committee: Appointed an at-large member –Dale Sandahl – Kenai.
(Passed)

➤ Kodiak Island Borough School District Request: Approved a proposal from the District that would move its small schools from Region 1 into Region 2, beginning in 2012-13. The schools will also move from the Aleutian Chain Conference to the Peninsula Conference.

(Passed - Unanimous Consent)

➤ Cheerleading: Approved new categories for the state competition, beginning this season. There must be at least 4 teams in a division in order that a second place award be presented.

(Passed)

➤ State Swimming and Diving Bid: After discussion on the new pool in Juneau, agreed to ask for bids for the 2013-14 season. (Passed)

➤ All-State Art Competition: After a presentation and a discussion, approved an all digital, on-line format for this year's competition. Further details will be presented to the Board during the February meeting. (Passed – 8-0)

➤ Marketing Strategies: Approved a staff proposal to begin working with Home Team Marketing (HTM) to develop marketing strategies and media possibilities. (Passed – 8-0)

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 on girls hockey from Christy Hickel, Holly Rutke, Randall Sperry and Paul Brauneis.

Workshop Items No workshop was held during this meeting.

Tabled Items None

Discussion Items The BOD discussed the following items:

➤ Bylaws: Supported the Executive Director's reply to a letter from Representatives Cathy Munoz and Tammi Wilson, concerning private home school student participation in high school activities. Requested that staff develop a flow-chart that shows how the Enrollment Rule (Article 12, Section 2) applies to private home school and correspondence school students.

➤ Wrestling: Revisited a staff proposal which would revise the seeding process for state tournaments based on the following three options instead of the current seeding criteria-

1. seeding only the champion from each region or conference and drawing in all other qualifiers,
2. seeding only the champion from each region or conference but placing the runner-up on the opposite side of the bracket
3. random draw all qualifiers

Discussed a staff proposal to expand the state tournament one more day to include a team dual championship prior to the individual championships. A proposal for discussion might be forthcoming at the February board meeting.

Briefly discussed a Mt. Edgecumbe High School proposal to sanction separate girls wrestling at region and state events.

➤ Cheerleading: Revisited a proposal to establish a season for competitive cheer. Under the proposal, the seasons this year would have been –

Football – Sport Specific and Competitive – August 1 - October 22

Hockey – Sport Specific and Competitive – October 17 – February 11

Basketball – Sport Specific and Competitive – November 28 – March 17

Updated the board on plans for the state cheerleading championship with UCA as the organizer. This includes revising the categories and awards.

Updated the board on the new cheer activity called Stunt.

➤ Soccer: Revisited the possibility of classifying soccer. Following this discussion, the board decided that the existing proposal was not practical and that either a new proposal be brought forth or the issue be dropped.

➤ Volleyball: Discussed the Region 5 proposal to restructure the state 3A and 4A tournaments into a double elimination format. The board will take action to either approve or reject the proposal during the February meeting.

➤ Tennis: Discussed a number of items dealing with tennis, including regular season scrimmages and the seeding of the state tournament. Reviewed the policies that apply to tennis. Some problems that were presented are:

1. not enough cross-conference regular season competition (Regions 3 and 5 each have only one school participating),
2. not enough qualified officials,

3. state tournament seeding criteria,
4. state tournament qualifying criteria,
5. limited facility for state tournament,
6. state tournament not a culminating event for majority of students, and
7. outside influence on state tournament (ie: USTA traveling trophy).

Staff proposed that ASAA discontinue the state tournament. This will be a February discussion item.

➤ Hockey: Discussed a issue concerning the dual-participation rule and how it applies to House Team travel. This was prompted by requests to apply the rule only to boys hockey participants. This will be a February discussion item again.

➤ Television/Media Update: Heard a presentation on the future direction of the ASAA media presence. Held a teleconference discussion with the president of Home Team Marketing (HTM).

➤ Strategic Planning: Continued to discuss the details of the planning session scheduled for January 22-24 in Anchorage. Jerry Covey will be the facilitator.

➤ Reclassification Schedule: Discussed the possible adoption of a policy amendment under which the board would review enrollment numbers every three years to determine if reclassification should be undertaken. This will be a February action item.

➤ Title IX: Heard a staff presentation on recent Title IX developments in other states and possible implications for Alaska. The ED will contact DEED to learn the status of Title IX compliance monitoring in Alaska.

➤ LRG Update: Heard a staff update on licensing of official school products throughout the nation.

➤ All Sports Trophy: Briefly discussed a proposed new trophy for schools which win multiple championships. This will be a discussion item during the February board meeting.

➤ Spirit of Sport Award: Discussed this award, sponsored by the NFHS, which recognizes an act of outstanding sportsmanship in each state, section and in the nation. The board recommitted its support and asked that the application form be sent to each region, to have it posted on the website and to set deadlines.

➤ Track and Field Proposals: Reviewed a proposal from Region 3 which included-

1. for the state tournament
 - no scratch deadlines
 - scoring of 8 places
 - doubling of the score for relays
2. expanding the 1A-2A-3A state tournament to 16 qualifiers from the current 8

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

➤ Annual Audit: Received a presentation of ASAA's audit from Alex Beckman of Mikunda, Cottrell and Co.

➤ Eligibility Rule Violation Sanctions: Discussed a letter from Anchorage School District Superintendent Carol Comeau who is concerned about the severity of sanctions placed on schools for violations of eligibility rules. The board is considering an amendment to Article 3, Section 3 C, to specify that only fines can be waived based on the circumstances, not forfeitures. This will be a discussion item during the February board meeting.

➤ State Football Playoff Concerns: Region 4 has some concerns with the way the playoffs were conducted this year. More information will be forthcoming during the February meeting.

Student Hearing

1. None

Executive Session

1. Discussed legal matters and a confidential request from a Mt. Edgecumbe parent. Following the discussion, the board asked the President to send a letter to the parent upholding the rules.

Items for February Meeting – February 20-21, 2012 – Anchorage, Downtown Hilton Hotel

Tabled Items

1. None

Workshop

1.

Reports

1.

Discussion

1. Wrestling
 - a. State tournament seeding
 - b. State dual team championship
 - c. Girls wrestling
2. All-State Art Competition
3. Soccer – Classification Proposal
4. Competitive Cheerleading Season, State Competition
5. Television/Media Update
8. State Tournament Bid – Swimming and Diving

9. Tennis
10. Title IX Update
11. All-Sports Trophy
12. Spirit of Sport Award
13. Hockey-dual participation rule for girls
14. Home school eligibility flow-chart
15. Track and Field proposals – Region 3
16. Sanctions – violations of eligibility rules
- 17.

Action

1. Adoption of Conferences and Berths to State–1A-2A-3A Wrestling
2. Concussion Policy and Forms
3. Bylaw amendments - Penalties for Non-Compliance with Coaches Certification and Reporting Rule
4. State Volleyball Tournament – Double Elimination Adoption
5. Reclassification policy