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Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings December 4-5, 2017

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM.

Procedural — Pledge of Allegiance

Seating of New Board Members — Clarence Daniel, Alaska Association of School Boards

Roll Call:

Region 1 - Ed Lester-Present
Region 2 - Steve Klaich-Present
Region 3 - Dale Ewart-Present
Region 4 -Megan Hatswell-Present
Region 5 - Andrew Friske-Present
Region 6 - Steve Zanazzo-Present
AASB – Clarence Daniel -Present
AASA - Dave Herbert –Present
AASG - Jode Sparks-Present

Procedural —

Quorum established

Introduction of Guest — none



Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Region 1 added: Item 8i – State Cross Country Running Format
ASAA added: Item 8j – FY19 ASAA Calendar of Events
Region 2 added: Item 8k – Denali Conference Wrestling
Region 2 added: Item 8l – Tok “opt-up” Request
Region 4 added: Item 8M – Alaska Student’s returning from Foreign Exchange Programs

Motioned “to approve the agenda with additions to New Business”

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 5

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Approval of the Consent Items –

Motioned “to approve the consent items”

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 2

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

a. Monday – October 2 (1:00 p.m.)

- none

Monday – October 3 (10:00 a.m.)

- Ducan Shackelford addressed the Board on the football classification issue. He favored the three classification system and urged the Board to involve the football coaches into the decision making process.

Reports – The Board of Directors heard the following reports:

- Board Members
- Finance Committee
- Student Government
- Sponsorships/Marketing/Promotions
- Play for Keeps, Win for Life/Hall of Fame
- Executive Director

Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes of October and November 2017 Board meetings
- b. Wavier Report
- c. Out-of-State Travel



- d. Contest Ejection Report
- e. Financial Report
- f. Cooperative Schools Report
- g. Endowment Report
- h. Eighth Grade Student Eligibility Request Report

Action Items and Board Directives – The Board of Directors took action as follows:

➤ **Classification Committee:** directed ASAA to have the Classification Committee meet again on January 22, 2018. The following was to be communicated to the Committee Members;

Football:

The Board has no problems with allowing teams to “play down” if the Committee deems it most appropriate. However, we also must know which schools would be wanting to “opt-up” once divisions are established, so be prepared to contact other schools in your region to get that answer. It is the Board’s understanding the Football Coaches Association will be meeting in early January to develop a classification system, they believe could work. The Board was clear to communicate to the group, the coaches’ opinion is valuable, but only the ASAA Board will make the final determination. Still the Board believes this could be a great resource for the Committee to review. Additionally, we need to find out if more schools are looking to co-op. Ketchikan has made it known they are committed to playing football. The Board also wants the Committee to present the playoff structure for each division. Depending on the number of schools in each division, there may need to be quarterfinal games for the smaller schools as well. Finally, the Board wants ASAA to poll the principals and superintendents of the football schools on their preferences on the attached football proposals and any new proposals the Committee may develop prior to ASAA Board adoption.

Mixed-6 Volleyball:

From the ASAA Board of Directors: The Board would like to have the Committee work on decreasing the number of berths in the Mix-6 Tournament from 12 to 8. The assumption was the three conferences with 2 berths would drop to one. However, either conferences would have to combine or have the conference champs play each other to reduce the number to 8.



Basketball and Girls Volleyball

From the ASAA Board of Directors: There was no support for 5 divisions. The Board would like to have the Committee focus on the 3A/4A divisions with no changes in the 1A classification and minimal in the 2A. The Board agreed the “no WPI” due to cost issue, but would need to know what system would be recommended for choosing “at-large” berths if the WPI were to be replaced. Also, the Board felt like an option of placing 3 berths in the now 8-team Southcentral 3A conference should be presented. There was also interest in splitting the Southcentral conference (as done in BB Option 2) to create 5 conferences and 3 at-large berths. Finally, the Southeast has indicated that Juneau, Thunder Mt. and Ketchikan would not opt-up in volleyball.

The ASAA Board of Directors will then review these proposals during a teleconference meeting and/or their February 18-19 Board meeting.

> **Soccer Seeding** motioned to adopt the following as the process for seeding the State Soccer Tournaments:

“Teams will be seeded into the tournament by a committee made up of knowledgeable soccer individuals. The following criteria will be used:

1. Winner of each tournament
2. Head to Head Record
3. Overall record against teams in the same division
4. Record against other qualifying teams
5. Record against common opponents. “

Motioned by Region 3, seconded by Region 4
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

> **Soccer Sportsmanship** motioned to adopt the following as a supplemental rule for the sport of soccer.

“Officials will submit to ASAA within 24 hours a report of all cards issued, and the information will be sent to the involved schools”

Motioned by AASB, seconded by Region 3
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



➤ **Reconsideration of the Out of Season Policy “Dead Period:** motioned to reconsider the below the policy:

“With the exception of the ASAA Dead weeks (see below), the “out of season” coaching rule is suspended from May 20 through July 31st. This means a coach of a team sport can coach his/her players anytime, anywhere, during this period. During this time period the coach or other personnel representing the school is prohibited from requiring any athlete to participate as a condition of selection for the in-season team.

DEAD WEEKS. All ASAA member schools will observe an annual mandatory two-week athletic dead period running the week prior to July 4th and the week of July 4th. During this time coaches (paid or volunteers), with the exception of non-athletic fund-raising activities, shall be prohibited from engaging in any type of activity involving student athletes whether it be practice, training, weight lifting, competition, or travel. Further, school athletic facilities will be closed to student athletes during this period. Schools that have the only facilities in the community may allow the community to use the school facilities during the dead period as long as no school teams are playing and no school coaches are coaching the teams. The activities of baseball and softball are exempt from the required “dead weeks”.

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



➤ **Out of Season Policy “Dead Period:** motioned to revise the Out of Season Contact Policy to read:

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Motioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 4
(4-4 motion failed)

(Y-Region 1, Region 3, Region 4, ASA)
(Advisory Y-AASG)
(N-Region 2, Region 5, Region 6, AASB)

➤ **Softball and Baseball Jamboree Policy:** motioned to change the Baseball/Softball Jamboree policy to read as follows:

A. Baseball/Softball - shall include three (3) or more teams. A team is limited to six (6) innings total with no more than three (3) innings against any other team. A team may only play in one (1) jamboree each season. A jamboree does not count as a game against the 22-game limit.

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



➤ **ASAA Goals and Objectives, Mission and Vision Statement:** motioned to adopt the following as the goals, objective, mission statement and vision statement:

Goals and Objectives:

1. Be deliberate in communicating with all stakeholders

- Improve communication within the staff
- Ensure that consistent information is going out to stakeholders
- Develop system to ensure that all stakeholders are giving input
- Identify who our 'customers' are

2. Develop a long-range financial plan in order to assist schools in offsetting the costs of activities

- Set up a system for stable revenue vs student focused revenue - Increase the Grant Writing department with a goal of
\$125,000
- Grow Corporate Sponsorships yearly starting with a goal of \$500,000 for 2017-18
- Establish fundraising activities

3. Provide staff and board of directors with ongoing professional development opportunities

- Each staff member will have access to one professional development opportunity yearly
- Annually at one of the BODs meetings the board will partake in professional development

Mission Statement: Strengthen student wellness, academic and social development by advocating equitable participation and fostering healthy competition for ALL Alaska students. #winforlife

Vision Statement: To ensure ALL students have the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities to develop positive life skills. #winforlife

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 1
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



- **Reclassification Opt-Up Request:** motioned to allow Tok to “opt-up” from 1A to 2A for the activities of basketball and volleyball and to remain in the Interior basketball and Aurora volleyball conferences.

Motioned by Region 2, seconded by Region 3
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **FY19 ASAA Activities Calendar:** motioned to adopt the revised FY19 ASAA Activities Calendar.

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by ASA
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Hall of Fame Committee:** motioned to appoint Ron Brown (Anchorage) as the Region 4 Representative to the Hall of Fame Committee.

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by ASA
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the following items:

- **Football Scheduling:** discussed having the “off the road system” schools offer a flat amount as opposed to a certain number of tickets to schools schedule to play “off the road system.” Also discussed keeping the system as a set amount of tickets, with the traveling schools having to meet a ticketing deadline and becoming responsible for any fee associated with name changes or date changes.
- **Hockey Reclassification:** discussed changing the enrollment number for Division II hockey (formerly known as Greatland) from 500 to 850.
- **SMAC Composition:** discussed with the retirement of Dr. Lehmann from the Committee, Region 5 will need to recommend a replacement.
- **Arbiter Athlete** discussed the presentation made by Arbiter Athlete for an online registration process to take the place of the current system. Directed the ASAA Staff to send out additional information regarding the benefits and cost to the districts of adopting the system.
- **Baseball Pitch count** directed the staff to develop supplemental baseball rules “mercy rules” for games in which one team leads by 25 points regardless of innings played.



- **Track and Field Recommendations** discussed recommendations to require Athletic.net for conference meets and new method of dealing with alternates and scratches.
- **State Spirit Competition Format** discussed changing the State Cheer Competition to a “game-day” format. Directed the ASAA Staff to develop a proposal along with a budget for the event.
- **State Basketball Tournament Site** reviewed bids from the Carlson Center (Fairbanks), the Sullivan Arena and Alaska Airlines Center (Anchorage) to host the State Basketball Tournament for the next five years. Directed the ASAA Staff to gather additional information regarding the bids.
- **Official’s Conflict of Interest Policy** discussed issue of having officials with an apparent conflict of interest officiate games at state tournament. Examples of “conflicts of interest” would be: parent of competitor, employee of school, relative of coach. Directed the ASAA Staff to develop such a policy.
- **Unified Sports** discussed with members of Special Olympics, Alaska the need to further develop eligibility rules for Unified Sports now that they are established school programs. Additionally the Board wishes to encourage all ASAA member schools to consider creating “Partner Clubs”.
- **AASG Resolutions:** discussed two resolutions regarding ASAA activities passes at the most recent AASG Conference. The first resolution dealt with allowing 8th grade student from schools currently not eligible to participate to do so. This would be accomplished by amending the ASAA Article 12 Section 2.E.4 bylaw. The second resolution ask ASAA to “establish an ASAA-sanctioned statewide interscholastic band and orchestra competition.” ASAA Board members will discuss these resolutions at upcoming Regional meetings.
- **Coaches Code of Ethics:** discussed revising the current Coaches Code of Ethics to make it more “user friendly” and to include language regarding Emergency Action Plans and anti-hazing. Directed the ASAA Staff to develop such document.
- **State Cross Country Format:** discussed changing the format of the State Cross Country Race to separate the 1A and 2A size schools from the 3A size schools. This would involve running an additional two races, but would not increase the amount of students participating. Directed the ASAA Staff to provide information on the cost and what the schedule would look like.
- **Denali Wrestling Conference:** discussed the need to ensure both Region 2 and Region 6 schools were adequately notified when changes are made to the Denali Wrestling Conference.



> **Alaska Students involved in Foreign Exchange Programs:** discussed allowing students involved in accredited foreign exchange programs to have a fifth year of eligibility provided they meet all other eligibility criteria. Additionally, the students would lose eligibility upon turning 19 years of age. Region 4 will provide a proposal to the other Board members once the concept is fully developed.

Executive Sessions –

Monday –

Region 1 moved, Region 5 seconded to go into Executive Session
(Carried Unanimous Consent)

Monday –

Region 5 moved, Region 1 seconded to go out of Executive Session
(Carried Unanimous Consent)

Tuesday –

Region 1 moved, Region 4 seconded to go into Executive Session,
(Carried Unanimous Consent)

Tuesday –

Region 1 moved, Region 2 seconded to go out of Executive Session
(Carried Unanimous Consent)

Workshops – None

Hearings – None

Tabled Items – None



Topics for February 18-19, 2017 Board Meeting:

- Classifications
- Football Scheduling
- Hockey Reclassification
- SMAC Composition
- Arbiter Athlete
- Baseball Pitch count
- Track and Field Recommendations
- State Spirit Competition Format
- State Basketball Tournament Site
- Official's Conflict of Interest
- Unified Sports
- AASG Resolutions
- Coaches Code of Ethics
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- Alaska Students involved in Foreign Exchange Programs