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Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Anchorage, Alaska February 16-17, 2015

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

➤ Added one additional Mixed 6 Volleyball Berth to Regions 1, 2 and 5. Region 1 will split the Kuskokwim Conference into a conference for the Lower Kuskokwim School District teams and another conference for the Kuspuk, Iditarod, and Yupiit School District schools. Regions 2 and 5 will each add a second berth to their existing conferences.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ Approved the recommendation from SMAC that ASAA should recommend the following to school districts:

- That school districts follow the Recommendations & Guidelines for Minimizing Head Impact Exposure and Concussion Risk in Football as developed by the NFHS and ASAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committees.
- That schools will attempt, when possible, to have qualified medical personnel on site for athletic contests.
- That all schools have an automated external defibrillator (AED) at each practice and competition.
- That coaches should be trained in the use of CPR/AED
- That all schools should write and rehearse an EAP for each venue used for practice or competition.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ Changed the 1A-2A-3A Individual and Relay Berths **for Small Schools Track & Field** to: the top finishers from the finals from Regions 2,3,5,6 plus the next 12 statewide best times or distances from finals will qualify for finals at the State Championship.

Region 1 will notify ASAA at least 30 days prior if there is an automatic qualifier. If so, then the next 11 statewide best times or distances will be invited to state.

(Carried – 6-2)

➤ Accepted Voznesenka request to move to from Region 2 to Region 3.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ Approved Tok's request to opt up 2A for volleyball and basketball. Tok will play basketball in the Interior Conference and will be in the Aurora Conference for volleyball.
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

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: None

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

Student Eligibility Hearing: None

Tabled Items:

- a. Transgender Policy Update until April
- b. 3A Basketball At-Large Berths until April
- c. Girls Wrestling until April

Discussion Items: The BOD discussed the following items:

- **Football Conferences-**Discussed the need to balance the Large School Football Conferences by moving either Chugiak or Chugiak and Bartlett to the Railbelt conference beginning the 2016-17 school year.
- **Football Game Limit-** Discussed that if the Large School Conferences were balanced, the concept of going to a nine game regular season with the top 2 schools from each conference earning a playoff berth. This would eliminate the quarterfinals. Also discussed allowing the higher seed to host the semi-final game.
- **Football Scheduling-** Discussed issues with current method of football scheduling. ASAA recommends creating a policy to allow each conference an individual to help develop the schedule **and** require teams to abide by the group's outcome. Also recommended creating a two-year schedule where schools would play the same schools for two years in a row alternating hosting.
- **State Tournament Bid Proposals Due this Year-** The following tournaments are up for bid beginning in 2016. Bids must be submitted by April 2, 2015. The Board will award bids at the April meeting for:
- XC Running
 - Tennis
 - 3A/4A Volleyball
 - 2A/Mixed Six Volleyball
 - 123A Wrestling

- **Out of Season Contact**- Discussed the concept of having “dead period” where coaches may not have any contact with players outside of “open facility”.
- **Homeschool Policy Issue**- Discussed the need to amend the policy to reflect the DEED not being able to do a “self-study” as a way for non-accredited home schools to become accredited.
- **Team Scoring/Berths State Wrestling**- Discussed the Region 1 proposal to only allow a team’s top 15 point scoring individuals to earn points for their team at the State Wrestling Tournaments.
- **Activities Committees**-Discussed the Executive Directors proposal to create a “coach or advisor” committee for each ASAA activity. The committee will make recommendations to the Board. The committees may also serve other functions such as reviewing supplemental rules, football scheduling and other issues.
- **ASAA Hockey Supplemental Rules**- Discussed if the current supplemental rules for hockey and need to **be reviewed** if current NFHS rules have made them overly punitive.
- **Review of Ejection Policy**- Discussed the need to review the school penalty in regard to what activities they offer. The Board directed the Executive Director to make recommendation for the April meeting.
- **Boarding School Transfer Bylaw Change**-Discussed the need to amend the Boarding School Transfer Bylaw in regard to recent changes to the Transfer Without Bona Fide Move of Parent Bylaw. **Two different proposals made:**
 1. Allow students to return to their “home” school from a boarding school and be immediately eligible. Students could do this one time.
 2. Students transferring from a boarding school would be ineligible for varsity level competition for the rest of the school year. Students attending a school without sub-varsity teams would be eligible to compete during the regular season but would be ineligible for conference tournament and state competitions.
- **Football Championship Venue**- Discussed a request by Soldotna High School to be allowed to bid on hosting the Medium/Small School Championship. Region 3 **has not** endorsed this proposal. There was also discussion on the need to review the use of the Anchorage Football Stadium as the site for the Large School Championship game.
- **Academic and Fine Arts Transfer, Participation Policies and Bylaws**- Discussed developing separate policies and bylaws for academic and student government.
- **Cooperative School Bylaw**- Discussed a request **from** Grace Christian and Lumen Christi High Schools to “co-op” for baseball. Currently school with enrollments of less than 451 may form co-op teams, only if they are in the same school district.
- **WPI**- Discussed how teams, **due to concerns about** the WPI impact, will often not schedule games against schools in another classification.
- **Waiver Forms**- Discussed revising the Bona Fide Change of Residence Form to require more “proof” that the former residence is no longer being occupied. Directed the ASAA Staff to revise other waiver forms to **allow** the “sending” school **the opportunity** to give input. Discussed determining if a transfer was “athletically motivated” as opposed to asking if “undue influence” was involved.

Items for April 26-28, 2015 - Regular Meeting
Fairbanks, Alaska – Hosted by Region 6

Tabled Items

Discussion Items

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2. Football Scheduling
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10. Academic and Fine Arts Transfer, Participation Policies and Bylaws-
11. Cooperative School Bylaw
12. Waiver Forms