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Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Anchorage, Alaska February 15-16, 2016

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Action Items and Board Directives — The Board of Directors (BOD) took action and directed the ASAA staff as follows:

➤ **TAD Policy Revision** amended the TAD policy:

To reduce the suspension time period of the third offense to 6 months and the suspension time for a fourth or greater offense to a calendar year. This change will go into effect on July 1, 2016.

(Carried – 5-2)

➤ **School Membership Request:**

Accepted Eagle River Christian School's ASAA membership request. Eagle River Christian School was placed in the Interior 2A Conference for basketball beginning next year.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Code of Conduct:**

Removed the clause "where the school has failed to act reasonably in controlling the student, staff member, coach or community member," from the Article 7 Section 5.B Bylaw.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Basketball Officials**

Authorized ASAA to allow officials to work both the 1A/2A tournament and the 3A/4A tournament. Authorized ASAA to allow officials to be reimbursed for per diem in the amount of \$30 per day.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **State Tournament Date Changes for DDF and World Language**

Changed the dates for DDF to February 23-25 and for World Language to March 4-5, 2017.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Delta Junction/Tok High School Cooperative Hockey Team**

Extended the waiver to allow Delta Junction and Tok High Schools to form a cooperative school hockey team.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **State Tournament Awards:**

Took action to increase the All Tournament team for 1A basketball to 16.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Region 6 Waiver for Cheer teams to participate in Cheer Showcase Event**

Granted a one time waiver to Region 6 cheer squads to participate in the Cheer Showcase event being held in Fairbanks on April 2, 2016. In the future this event must take place during the cheer season.

(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: No members of the public spoke on agenda or non-agenda items during this designated time.

Executive Session: The board moved into executive session to discuss several items.

Workshops: Transgender Policy and TAD Policy

Hearings: None

Tabled Items:

None

Discussion Items: The BOD discussed the following items:

➤ **Transgender Policy** continued to discuss the draft policy. The draft has been sent out to schools and is being reviewed by the ASAA attorney. Discussed the inclusion of wording for districts that do not have “an objective” policy. The Board intends to adopt the policy during its April meeting.

➤ **Co-ed Soccer Supplemental Rules** Region 2 has a committee looking into several issues: the development of a penalty system in which multiple red/yellow cards accumulated over the season lead to game suspensions; and working with officials to consistently call penalties on rough play.

➤ **School Administration State Tournament Responsibilities** discussed the need for school it have an administrator or other faulty representative present at state championship events. The purpose is to

help with ejected players, crowd control, accompany injured athletes to the hospital, and assist with awards and other functions.

➤ **3A Volleyball Tournament Berth:** discussed alternating the current third place berth allocated to the Southcentral, conference between the Southcentral and Aurora conferences.

➤ **Online Handbook:** discussed advantages/disadvantages of moving to a digital online ASAA Handbook. The Board directed the ASAA Staff to move in that direction.

➤ **Use of High School Age Officials at State Tournaments:** Discussed issues with the use of high school age students as officials, scoreboard operators and game books state tournaments. Currently this is being done at times during Mixed 6 Volleyball, 2A Volleyball, Small School Wrestling and Large Schools Wrestling. It was noted the high school age officials are certified and do work “c-team” games during the regular season.

➤ **Cross Country Running Classifications:** discussed a proposal from Region 1 to expand the number of conferences in order to reduce travel cost and to also separate the 1A/2A runners into their own race at the State Championships.

➤ **STUNT Cheerleading:** heard an update from Region 4 on how they plan to phase in STUNT Cheer in order to comply with Title IX and to phase out Comp Cheer.

➤ **Hall of Fame Committee:** ASAA Staff informed the Board that Regions 2 and 4 need to find new HOF Committee members to represent their Region. Additionally, the Staff will be making a recommendation at the Spring ASAA Board meeting for the At-Large vacancy.

➤ **Wrestling Seeding Process:** discussed a recommendation for redoing the seeding process. It would include:

Coaches will continue to utilize Track Wrestling to enter regular season and conference results. After the conference tournaments and scratch deadline, ASAA will release the seeds as determined by Track Wrestling’s running the ASAA Seeding criteria. ASAA will post those results and the seeding report online by 8:00 PM Tuesday.

Coaches have until 8:00 AM Thursday to notify ASAA of issues with the brackets. A committee composed of knowledgeable wrestling people will then review all the brackets, and those that coaches have questioned. This committee will have the authority to re-seed the tournament, if it is determined information was not entered correctly on Track Wrestling. Those coaches failing to utilize Trackwrestling properly, will be issued a warning. If a “warned” coach makes the same mistake in future years, then the school is fined \$250.

➤ **Wrestling Weight Certifications** discussed the current weight certification system and a recommendation by the SMAC Committee to remove the sections which read:

“after certification, a wrestler may not weigh-in and wrestle at more than one weight class above the weight of certification without recertifying at a higher weight”

This led to a further discuss on possibly allowing wrestlers “re-certify” after the first 30 days of the season.

➤ **Request to change hockey calendar from Alaska State Hockey Association** discussed a request sent to ASAA to change the hockey season to the early fall. This request was not supported by any of the Board Representatives for several reasons. Primarily those reasons were: students are currently participating in other activities during the Fall and most Greatland teams use outdoor rinks.

- > **Executive Director Evaluation:** discussed the process of performing the Executive Director’s Evaluation.
- > **Other Cooperation School Programs** discussed a request from Nikiski High School to allow the formation of a coop “hockey” team by combining some of their interested students with Kenai. This could be done via a Board waiver or changing the enrollment numbers in the existing policy.
- > **Greatland Hockey** discussed the format of the Greatland Hockey Tournament. ASAA feels the tournament does meet the criteria for a championship, but is concerned about the cost to the schools and the declining number of schools participating.
- > **Unalaska Cross Country Conference Placement** discussed a request from Unalaska High School to move to Region 2 for cross country running.
- > **Article 12 Section 9.14.A Bylaw (Foreign Exchange)** directed the ASAA Staff to send out a bylaw revision to the membership to change the period of ineligibility for foreign exchange students who have been “directly” placed to a calendar year.
- > **2A Volleyball State Tournament Format:** discussed a request from Region 5 to change the format of the 2A volleyball tournament to the same double elimination format currently being used at the 3A/4A tournament.
- > **Nordic Ski State Tournament Location:** discussed the conditions of the trails at Kincaid and the cost associated with moving the race. Confirmed the race would be held at Kincaid
- > **Track Procedures pertaining to Alternates:** discussed the challenge of filling the “scratches” with participants from the “alternate” list. The ASAA Staff is having difficulty notifying schools about alternates because many schools have closed for the year.
- > **WPI Basketball:** Discussed looking into how the WPI is computed. The system was developed to seed the State Tournament and is now being used to also determine At-Large Berths.

Items for February 15-16, 2016 - Regular Meeting

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2. Coed Soccer Rules
3. School Admin Responsibilities
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