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Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings February 13-14, 2017

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM.

Procedural — Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Region 1 - Ed Lester-Present
Region 2 - Steve Klaich-Present
Region 3 - Dale Ewart-Present
Region 4 - Kersten Johnson-Struempfer-Present
Region 5 - Andrew Friske-Present
Region 6 - Steve Zanazzo-Present
AASB - Angela Washington-Present
AASA - Dave Herbert - Absent
AASG - Jode Sparks-Present

Procedural — Quorum established

Introduction of Guest — none

Seating of New Board Members — Jode Sparks, new AASG member



Ordering and Approval of the Agenda and Consent Items –

ED added: Item 8r - Audit Report

Reg. 5 added: Item 8q - Soccer Classification

Reg. 3 added to Item 8h - Endowment Fees

Reg. 4 - added to Item 8i - State Softball venue location proposal

Motioned “to approve the consent items and agenda with additions to New Business”

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by AASB

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

a. Monday - February 13 (1:00 p.m.)

The following attended the BOD meeting to make a presentation:

- Brad Peterson, Director — Anchorage Sports Association reported asked the BOD to reconsider a bid proposal to host the Softball State Tournament for the 2017 state championship tournament and consideration to expand the tournament to a 3-day tournament.
- Joe White, South Anchorage High School softball coach, spoke in support of the consideration to allow Anchorage to host the state tournament alternating years between Anchorage and Fairbanks.

b. Tuesday - February 14 (1:00 p.m.)

No Public Comment

Reports – The Board of Directors 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
- Executive Director



Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - 1). December 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- 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 and directed the ASAA Staff as follows:

➤ **Other Cooperative School Programs:** took action to approve the proposed changes to the other cooperative schools programs bylaws (Article 7 Section 11).

C. Other Cooperative School Programs: All member schools whose enrollments are less than **(delete) 451 (add) 500** students in grades 9-12 that are unable to participate in the Cooperative School Program under Sections B. or C., may participate in the Cooperative School Program in a team sport with another member school whose enrollment is also less than **(delete) 451 (add) 500** when timely application is approved by the Executive Director. The purpose of this rule is to provide adequate numbers of participants to make a team for competition in the smaller high schools in Alaska, not to enable the formation of “All Star” teams. Applications will be considered under the following provisions:

1. Schools may form cooperative teams only in the sports of football, tennis, volleyball, hockey, basketball, softball, baseball and soccer. Schools may not cooperate for the individual sports of cross- country running, swim & dive, wrestling, Nordic ski, and track & field.
2. All but one of the schools requesting to coop do not have sufficient numbers of players interested in forming a team.
3. All schools involved in a cooperative school agreement must be members of the same school district. Administrators of involved schools and the superintendent must approve this agreement.

(ADD) EXCEPTION: The Executive Director also may approve cooperative school programs for single site school districts.

4. When the combined enrollments of all schools involved exceeds their classification



cutoff levels, the cooperative team shall compete in the next higher classification for state tournament qualifying purposes.

(ADD) EXCEPTION: If the combined enrollments in grades 9 through 12 causes the cooperative team to qualify for a higher classification, the schools requesting permission for a cooperative team may petition the Board of Directors for an exception to this provision. Factors that may be considered by the Board of Directors when evaluating a petition for an exception may include, but are not limited to, number of participants from each school, how much the combined ADM exceeds the classification cutoff point, and geographic considerations.

5. No students may be cut or displaced by the additional students from the cooperative school(s).
6. Cooperative agreements must be in effect for a minimum of an entire season and may be renewed on an annual basis.
7. Deadlines for applications: Fall Sports, Winter Sports, Spring Sports – first official day of practice in that specific sport season according to the ASAA calendar. Football – the December board of directors meeting.
8. The Executive Director may approve this application if the above conditions are met.

D. The Board of Directors may also approve cooperative school programs for member schools who do not otherwise qualify under this sections. Request will only be considered at regular Board of Directors meetings. Schools are encouraged to consult with the Executive Director as to how to best submit request.

(delete) ~~D.~~ (add) E. Joint Participation Program for 1A and 2A Schools: If a member school classified as 1A or 2A is unable to field a team and is also unable to participate in a cooperative program with another 1A or 2A member school, it may petition the Executive Director for permission for its students to participate on another 1A or 2A member school's team in the same geographical area. In this section, team has the same definition as stated in Section B. above. The schools' enrollments will not be combined in determining the team's classification under the Joint Participation.

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



➤ **Student Managers:** took action to approve the proposed changes to the student eligibility bylaws (Article 12 Introduction and Section 2.E). to clarify the need for student managers to meet ASAA eligibility requirements.

ARTICLE 12 - ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLED AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The member schools of the Association have adopted through their elected representatives an essential interrelated group of minimum eligibility requirements which establish the threshold for participation for all students **(ADD), including managers,** within the interscholastic program and which work together to define and preserve the fundamental nature of the program.

Unless expressly limited, the following rules are intended to be minimum requirements for student eligibility to participate in all sanctioned interscholastic activities and do not preclude a school, a school district, or a regional association from imposing additional rules that are reasonable, prudent and not in conflict with those of the Association.

Article 12 Section 2.E

E. Use of Junior High - Middle School Students:

1. High schools of 70 or fewer students may use 7th and 8th grade students as cheerleaders for home high school games upon approval of the principal or superintendent of the school. They may not be used at games during district, regional or state tournaments. **(ADD) Additionally all member schools may use 7th and 8th grade students, zoned for their school, as managers upon the approval of the principal or superintendent of the school.”**

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 2
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Baseball Pitch Count** took action to adopt the proposed baseball pitch count policy to go into effect for the 2017 baseball season:

“Early Season Pitch Count (March 1 to April 22)

Number of Pitches	Days of Required Rest
1 - 25	0
26 - 45	1
46 - 65	2
66 - 85	3
86 - 100	4



Late Season Pitch Count (April 23 Thru Remainder of Season)

Number of Pitches	Days of Required Rest
1 - 30	0
31 - 55	1
56 - 80	2
81 - 105	3
106 - 120	4

Days of Required Rest indicates the number of FULL calendar days rest required before the pitcher can competitively pitch again. The official Scorekeeper will track the number of pitches thrown. If no official Scorekeeper is available, the two Head Coaches (or their designee) will agree upon the number of pitches thrown per pitcher at the end of each half inning. If agreement is not reached, the home team is responsible to determine the number thrown. The Pitch Count is the same number for all levels of High School competition.

If an Alaskan team is traveling out of State, the Alaska Pitch Count is still in effect.”

Motioned by Region 2, seconded by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

> **Unfilled Wrestling Berths:** took action to change the policy in regards to unfilled wrestling berths (from the shared conferences systems used in the past) to:

“in the event a conference cannot fill its allocated berth(s), the berth(s) will be filled by the highest ranked wrestler as determined by the Trackwrestling state seeding criteria. Wrestlers must have competed in the conference tournament to be selected.

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 3
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

> **Pre-participation Physicals:** took action approve the recommendation to increase the time period in which a medical examination is valid from 12 to 18 months (Article 11 Section 1).

“ARTICLE 11 - PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, PARENTS’ CONSENT

Section 1 - Medical Examination

A student-athlete may not be permitted to participate in a practice session or in any athletic event (including rifle and cheer) until there is on file, with the superintendent or principal, a statement, signed by a practicing physician, advanced nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, or a military



medical examiner, and the student’s parents or legal guardians, certifying that he or she has submitted to a history and physical examination within the prior ~~(delete) 12~~ **(add) 18 months**. The statement must certify that, in the opinion of the examiner, the student is physically fit to participate in strenuous physical activities.”

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

> **Sports Medicine Recommendations** took action to recommend the following policies to ASAA member schools:

- Schools follow the “return to play” protocol for any student with a suspected concussion regardless to how the concussion happened. Example: Student is in a car wreck during the sport’s season.
- Schools should adopt the “Anyone Can Save A Life” or comparable program.

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 2
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- NFHS online course “Heat Illness Prevention” be taken by cross country, football and tennis coaches **(add) baseball, softball, track & field, soccer and co-ed soccer.**

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

> **Concussion Management** took action approve the recommendation to update the concussion management bylaw (Article 11 Section 4)

Article 11 Section 4 - Concussion Management

~~(Delete) To help member schools and districts meet their responsibilities under House Bill 15 and Senate Bill 119, ASAA has developed a Recommended Concussion Policy that includes awareness/educational components for student athletes, coaches and parents, standards for medical providers, and return to play/return to cognition protocols, as well as other related links. The policy and other related information may be found at: <http://asaa.org/resources/sports-medicine/>~~ **(ADD) Schools and districts have a responsibility under House Bill 15 and Senate Bill 119 to develop a Concussion Policy. It must include awareness and education for student athletes, coaches and parents, and return to play and cognition protocols. Recommended policies can be found within the Sports Medicine section and forms can be found within the handbook section of ASAA’s website.**

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 3
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



> **State Softball Tournament Format** took action to change the format of the State Softball Tournament to a three day event, with day one being “pool play” use to then seed a double elimination tournament. This will begin with the 2017 State Tournament.

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 4
(Motioned carried 5-2)
(Y-Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5, AASB)
(N-Region 2 and Region 6)

> **Suspension of Agenda** motioned to suspend the agenda in order to deal with tabled items.

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 2
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

> **Moved Tabled Items to Old Business** motioned to move the tabled items (dates for Mix 6/2A Volleyball and Greatland Hockey State tournaments to Old Business items (s) and (t).

Motioned by Region 2, seconded by Region 5
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

> **Mixed 6/2A Volleyball State Tournament dates** took action to change the dates of the Mix 6/2A Volleyball State Championships to begin the Mix 6/2A Volleyball season on September 6, with the state tournament being held on November 30-December 2, 2017

Motioned by Region 2, seconded by Region 5
(Motion Carried – 6-1)
(Y-Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 5, Region 6, AASB and AASG)
(N-Region 4)

> **Greatland Hockey State Tournament dates** took action to change the dates of the Greatland State Championships to February 1-3, 2018.

Motioned by Region 2, seconded by Region 1
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

> **Spring 2018 ASAA Meeting Location** took action to conduct the spring 2018 ASAA Board of Directors meeting in Kotzebue, Alaska.

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 3
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



- **Hall of Fame Bylaws** took action to approve the Hall of Fame bylaws revisions.

ARTICLE 4 - SELECTION COMMITTEE

Section 1

Candidates to be inducted into the Alaska High School Hall of Fame will be selected by a Selection Committee. The Committee shall be composed of five Standing Members and eight Appointed Members. There shall be sensitivity to the gender balance of the committee as well as representation of the different ~~(delete) eras~~ **(add) areas** of athletics and activities.

Section 4

A quorum of the committee is 50 percent of the seated members at that time. Once a quorum is established, a candidate must receive a 75 percent affirmative vote of the Selection Committee. In the case where more than the maximum number of individuals receive the required 75 percent, the Selection Committee will rank order those nominees to make a final determination. **(add) In order to vote** committee members ~~(delete) may~~ **(add) must** attend the meeting physically or ~~(delete) and cast votes via~~ ~~(delete) teleconferencing~~ **(add) telecommunications**. Proxy votes from absent Selection Committee members will not be allowed. **(add) Members not in attendance may give input, but not vote**. Regions may send an alternate representative by contacting the ASAA Executive Director in advance

ARTICLE 6 - INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Executive Director shall make the announcement of those selected for induction into the Alaska High School Hall of Fame in a special release to the news media and the school community.

All inductees will be presented at a ceremony. The Hall of Fame induction activities will include a reception, public recognition and a formal ceremony

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A plaque will be given to each new individual inductee and a commemorative plaque will be permanently displayed in the Alaska High School Hall of Fame at the ASAA office.



Candidates selected for induction into the Alaska High School Hall of Fame will be announced at the conclusion of the selection process.

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

➤ **Hall of Fame Selection Committee** took action confirm the following members to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

Region 3-Chris Perk
Region 5-Troy Thane
At Large-Walt Armstrong

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

➤ **Draft Audit** advised BDO to proceed with the final report with the understanding that FY2015 would be reported as “unaudited” due to the change in now including AASG into the ASAA accounts.

➤ **Endowment Fee** took action to change the endowment fee for all game to \$100 per game beginning with the 2017-2018 school year.

Motioned by Region 3, seconded by Region 5
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **State Softball Tournament Location** motioned to reopen bid for the 2018, 2019, 2020 State Softball Tournament.

Motioned by Region 4
(Motion failed for lack of a second)

➤ **Motioned to Adjourn the meeting at 2:50 pm Tuesday February 14, 2017:**

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

Discussion Items – The BOD discussed the following items:

➤ **3A Volleyball Conferences:** after reviewing several different options to reconfigure the conferences for 3A volleyball, the Board felt none solved the issue without adding significant additional expenses to the involved schools. Region 5 proposed having a committee award an



“at-large” berth by comparing the second place Southeast conference team with the third place team from the Western, Southcentral and Aurora conferences. (The berth would come out of the Southcentral conference.) The committee would use criteria such as head-to-head matches, records against other 3A schools.

Region 3 supported the concept if there were to be two “at-large” berths, with both the Western conference and the Southcentral conference giving up a berth. ASAA Staff noted a new rotational bracket would be needed and that teams would need to report scores in order for the committee to make a selection. The Board was asked to discuss this issue at their upcoming regional meeting with possible action being taken during the February ASAA Board meeting.

- > **Roster Limits:** discussed expanding the roster limits for football to either 55 or 60. Region 4 will bring a proposal to the February Board of Director’s meeting for discussion with possible action in April.
- > **State Baseball Bracket:** discussed the lack of interest in adopting a double elimination tournament for State Baseball. This issue will be removed from the discussion items.
- > **Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Recommendations:**
 - directed the ASAA Staff to send out to the member schools the proposed bylaw amendment that would require coaches to take the NFHS Sudden Cardiac Arrest course
 - discussed requiring students and parents to sign a SCA information sheet (similar to the concussion information sheet currently required)
- > **Football Scheduling:** discussed how the existing policy is still unsatisfactory to both ASAA and member schools. Reviewed a proposal to change the existing policy to:

J. FOOTBALL SCHEDULING PROCESS

Schools **assigned to a conference must adhere to the following** scheduling process. Schools will be considered to have broken a contract for each game not played. The following is the process.

1. Schools off the “road system” must **provide 22 airline or ferry tickets** to teams traveling to play. **Travel by ferry may not exceed _____ hours under normal circumstances.**
2. Schools scheduled to play non-road system teams, must play those games if financial assistance is met.
3. Each conference will select a commissioner with the authority to schedule games for



the members of the conference. The commissioner will work with the schools in the conference to develop a conference schedule. This conference schedule must be completed by November 15th.

4. After having completed the conference schedule, commissioners will attempt to complete their school's schedules with games from within the same classification. This should be completed by December 15th.

5. The six conference commissioners will then meet to complete the entire schedule for all classifications. This meeting will be held in mid-January at a site selected by ASAA. The purposes of this meeting will be to ensure all teams have completed schedules.

6. Once the schedule is completed, the commissioners will vote that it is finalized. In the event of a tie vote, the ASAA Executive Director will vote to break the tie.

7. Once the vote is finalized, it will be considered a contract violation to not abide by the schedule, with the penalty having to pay the cost for the affected school to secure a game from an out of state opponent.

> **Tennis Berths:** discussed adding a 9th berth to the State Tennis Tournament, with the new berth being assigned to Region 3.

> **Practice Definition** discussed the addition of a definition of the word "practice" into the Article 7 Section 7 bylaw.

Section 7 - Practice

A. All players must have ten (10) separate days of physical practice in the same sport activity prior to the 1st day of competition. **(ADD) For purposes of this bylaw, a "practice is defined as a regularly scheduled team physical activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the sports season and conducted under the supervision of a certified school coach during the season established by the Board of Directors. In order to qualify as a practice the student must participate in at least an hour of physical activity.**

> **Individual Sports Berths:** discussed the current allocation of berths. The current allotments seem to be working with the exception for tennis and wrestling. This topic will be discussed again in April.

> **Soccer Classifications:** discussed the current single soccer classification system and the possibility of going to two classifications.

> **Wrestling Activities Committee Recommendations:** discussed the following recommendation from the committee:



Proposed Changes to the Seeding of the State Tournament

- A committee shall look at the data provided by Trackwrestling to make sure errors have not occurred. The committee should be composed over individuals nominated by the State Wrestling Coaches Association. The ASAA Board of Directors will chose the committee from said list. It was recommended about 3-5.
- Track seeding criteria should include previous criteria and:
 - Strength of schedule.
 - Win % against seedable wrestlers
 - Returning state placers as seeding criteria
 - Forfeits counting or not counting as a loss on record for win-loss %

State Tournament Improvements

1. Automatically moving seeds up and redraw bracket if a seeded wrestler does not make weight etc.
2. Automatic Pin points for wrestling own teammate in state tournament.
3. Filling empty state bids with next highest ranked wrestler regardless of conference using the Trackwrestling criteria.

Weigh-in Procedure Change

- Allowing wrestlers to weigh singlets
No consensus on allowing a with ½ pound allowance for the singlet.

Alternate Uniform Authorized (fight shorts with compression shirt)

- Discussed and favored allowing alternative uniforms

Girls State Tournament

- Most of the discussion was about berths and criteria for qualifying for the state meeting about creating/combining conferences for girls with the automatic berth going to the champion and runner up.



- Need to use bracket similar to the boys tournament

> **Volleyball Activities Committee Recommendations:** discussed the following recommendation from the committee:

1. reviewed recommendations for reformat of JV and C-team matches
2. certification of officials, using Varsity team member to officiate at C-team matches
3. suggestions to change Awards for Skills presented at the State Tournament.
4. The committee also suggested starting the season one week earlier with the state tournament held the weekend before Thanksgiving.
5. The committee also presented concerns and the things they liked with the State Tournament held at the Alaska Airlines Center. The ED reported that he will meet with UAA to review their proposal for next year to determine the best venue, with consideration to move the tournament to West Anchorage High School.

Executive Session – None

Workshops – None

Hearings – None

Tabled Items – None

Items for April 23-25, 2017 - Regular Meeting

- 3A Volleyball Berths
- Out of Season Contact Review
- Penalties for Out of Season Violations
- Supplemental Hockey Rules Committee
- Roster Limits
- 3A Basketball Berths
- SMAC Recommendations
- Practice Definition
- Football Scheduling Issues
- Individual Sports Berths
- Wrestling Activities Committee Recommendations
- Volleyball Activities Committee Recommendations