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Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings February 18-19, 2018

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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 — None

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-Absent

Procedural —

Quorum established

Introduction of Guest — none



Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Motion to move “Basketball Classifications” from tabled items to the agenda
Motedioned by AASB, seconded by Region 2
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Motioned to approve the agenda
Motedioned by AASB, seconded by Region 2
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Approval of the Consent Items –

Motioned “to approve the consent items”
Motedioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 4
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

Sunday – February 18 (11:00 a.m.)

An ASD student addressed the Board on the proposed bylaw change to allow student’s returning from academic exchange programs to have an additional two semesters of eligibility.

Monday – February 19 (10:00 a.m.)

Jack Heesch-spoke in favor of the State Softball Tournament site rotate between Anchorage and Fairbanks, believes it will work well for ASAA State Softball Tournament.

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 December 2017 and January 2018 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:

➤ **Hockey Classification:** motioned “to raise the enrollment number for Division II Hockey to 850 and to assign team to the following conferences:

Aurora (3 berths)	Railbelt (3 berths)
Tri-Valley	Homer
Delta Junction	Juneau Douglas
Hutchison	Kenai
Monroe Catholic	Soldotna
North Pole	Houston
Glennallen/Kenny Lake	Palmer

Two at-large berths, with the system to be determined at the April meeting.

Juneau-Douglas will provide \$4500 for varsity only and \$5500 for JV & Varsity for conference teams traveling to Juneau from Anchorage”

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 3
(6-1 motion passed)
(Y-Region 1, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5, AASA)
(N-Region 2)
(Absent – AASB)



➤ **Division II Hockey State Tournament Site:** took action “to send out a RFP soliciting a site for the 2019 Division II Hockey Tournament.”

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

➤ **WPI system for selecting at-large berths and seeding 3A/4A basketball tournament:** motioned to:

“Eliminate the WPI system for selecting the at-large teams and seeding the 3A/4A basketball tournaments. The system is to be replaced by utilizing a selection and seeding criteria to be determined during the April ASAA Board of Directors meeting”

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 3
(5-3 motion passed)
(Y-Region 1, Region 2 Region 3, Region 4, AASA)
(N-Region 5, Region 6, AASB)

➤ **Houston High School Football Conference:** motioned to “moved Houston High School into the Peninsula Conference for Division III football.”

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

➤ **Arbiter Athlete** motioned “to adopt Arbiter Athlete to replace the current electronic eligibility system and to charge member school districts the following fee:

over 10,000 students	\$12,500
2,000 to 9,999 students	\$9400
750 to 1999 students	\$4375
400 to 749 students	\$2500
100 to 399 students	\$950
20 to 99 students	\$350
1 to 19 students	\$125

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



➤ **Track and Field Season:** motioned “to end the Track and Field State Championship one week earlier beginning May 17-18, 2019”

Motioned by Region 2
(motion died for lack of a second)

➤ **Track and Field Reporting and Alternate Procedures:** motioned “to adopt the following track and field policies

- a. Require all conference meets to utilize Athletic.net with each division having its own file.
- b. ASAA will post the top 16 qualifiers and up to three alternates on the Sunday evening (or as soon as possible) prior to the State Event.
- c. Coaches must accept or decline these entries by 4:00 PM the following Tuesday. (Coaches of Alternates should check after 6:00 PM Tuesday, to see if their athlete is now a participant.)
- d. If there is a declared scratch at the Coach’s Meeting, ASAA will invite the next available alternate that is already qualified into the meet in another event.”

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

➤ **March Madness Basketball Venue:** motioned “to accept the RFP proposal from the Alaska Airlines Center for the five years beginning March 2019”

Motioned by ASA, seconded by Region 4
(6-2 motion passed)

(Y-Region 1, Region 2 Region 4, Region 5, AASA, AASB)
(N-Region 3, Region 6,)

➤ **State Championship Officials Policy:** motioned to revise part A of the State Championship Officials Policy to read.

“9. State Championship Officials

A. It is imperative that ASAA State championship events are officiated by experienced certified and highly competent individuals. **It is also impetrative to avoid utilizing any official with an apparent conflict of interest. This could include but not be limited to: employee of school, parent of competitor, relative of coach, former player of coach, alumni of school. This could result in an official being re-assigned to a different game or being substituted with another official.**



It is also the intent of ASAA that each Region/Conference should have the opportunity for representation by an Official from their respective geographical region at state tournaments. However, when qualified and/or competent officials cannot be obtained from one region or conference, those positions will be filled from other regions of the state.

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

- **Coaches Code of Ethics:** motioned to approve the revision of the Coaches Code of Ethics.

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

- **State Cross Country Running Championship Format:** motion “to beginning in 2019 to reclassify Cross Country Running into three divisions.

Division I more than 500 students
Division II 151 to 500 students
Division III under 150 students”

Motioned by Region I, seconded by AASA
(5-3 motion passed)

(Y-Region 1, Region 2 Region 6, AASA, AASB)
(N-Region 3, Region 4, Region 5)

- **State Softball Location:** motion “to accept a six year rotation for the State Softball Tournament between Fairbanks and Anchorage jointly made by the Anchorage Sports Association and the Interiors Girls’ Softball Association. The rotation will be:

2018 Fairbanks
2019 Anchorage
2020 Fairbanks
2021 Anchorage
2022 Fairbanks
2023 Anchorage

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



➤ **Mid-Alaska/Denali Girls Wrestling Tournament location:** motioned “to change the location of the Mid-Alaska/Denali Girls Wrestling Tournament to the site of the Denali Boys Wrestling Tournament.”

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

➤ **Sideline Limits for Cheer Squads during the State Basketball Tournament:** motioned “limit the number of students able to cheer from the sideline to 12 at any one time. Schools may rotate students on to the sideline.”

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

Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the following items:

➤ **Basketball and Girls Volleyball** discussed the need to continue looking at revising the current classification system for both basketball and volleyball.

➤ **Division I Hockey Berths:** discussed how best to assign the berths for DI and DII hockey. The original proposal incorporated the DII Champion into the DI tournament. If that is not the case, then should the berth be assigned to a conference or should an “at-large” system be developed. Also discussed if the DII Champion could choose not to attend. Another discussion involved having the DII Champion being placed into the “at-large pool” along with the non-qualifying DI teams.

➤ **Mixed-6 Volleyball:** discussed allowing Region 1 the opportunity to discuss the ability to either combine existing conference or have two conferences play each other with the winner going to the State Tournament, in order to decrease 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 in order to make this happen.

➤ **WPI system for selecting at-large berths and seeding 3A/4A basketball tournament:** discussed having the ASAA Staff develop a system for both selecting at-large berths and seeding the 3A/4A basketball tournaments. This system would operate similar to how Trackwrestling assigned points. Common criteria such as head to head, common opponents, record against teams having earned berths, etc. would be used. Also discussed which teams should be included in the “at-large pool”.



- **Football Scheduling:** discussed revising the policy to:

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. **The five schools off the “road system” must provide the following amount of round trip airline tickets from Anchorage to teams scheduled to play them:**

Barrow: 22 tickets

Juneau Schools Co-op Teams: 36 tickets (JV and Varsity)

Ketchikan: 22 tickets

Kodiak: 22 tickets

2. Schools scheduled to play non-road system teams, must play those games if financial assistance is met.

3. Each School District (Anchorage, Mat-Su, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Kodiak, Fairbanks, Monroe Catholic, North Slope and Valdez) may select a commissioner with the authority to schedule games for the members their district. The commissioners will 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. **The cost to attend the meeting will be the responsibility of the commissioner’s school district.**

4. 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.

5. 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.

Additional language will need to address issues such as:

Out of state travel, requesting byes, and having to travel JV teams at the Division I level.

- **SMAC Composition:** discussed with the retirement of Dr. Lehmann and Dr. Keller from the Committee, Region 5 and Region 6 will need to recommend a replacement by the April Board Meeting.



- **Baseball Policy** discussed developing the following concept into policy:

At any time during a HS baseball game if a team goes up by 15 or more runs the game goes into a "rollover" mode. The team ahead is then declared the winner. In the "rollover mode", the team that is down 15 runs will pitch to no more than 9 hitters per inning. If the losing team doesn't get 3 outs within those 9 hitters the inning would stop and you would roll the inning over and the team that was hitting would be done, even though they don't have 3 outs and they would take the field to play defense.

This method would allow the game to continue without causing the losing team to use up their pitching staff's pitch count. Games would then end after 4.5 or 5 innings.

- **State Spirit Competition Format** discussed changing the State Cheer Competition to a "game-day" format.

- **Unified Sports** discussed 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. After discussion at the various Regional meetings the Board determined they did not support the resolutions.

- **Alaska Students involved in Foreign Exchange Programs:** discussed changing the Article 12 Section 3 bylaw to the following:

Section 3 - Maximum Participation

A. No student **(add), with the exception of those enrolled in year-long academic exchange programs (see section C)**, enrolled in a four (4) year high school program, including a four-year alternative education program, may participate in more than four (4) seasons in any specific interscholastic activity. No student enrolled in a three (3) year high school program, including a three-year alternative education program, may participate in more than three (3) seasons in any specific interscholastic activity. Participation in any interscholastic contest during a season shall be considered as one (1) season of participation in that activity.

B. No student will have more than eight (8) consecutive semesters of eligibility. "Consecutive semesters" include all semesters, including semesters in which the student is not enrolled in any school or is enrolled in another school, after the student's initial enrollment in 9th grade, including enrollment in 9th grade in an alternative education program.



- Students first entering 9th grade will have eight (8) consecutive semesters of eligibility.
- Students first entering 10th grade will have six (6) consecutive semesters of eligibility remaining.
- Students first entering 11th grade will have four (4) consecutive semesters of eligibility remaining.
- Students first entering 12th grade will have two (2) consecutive semesters of eligibility remaining.

(add) C. Student who have participated in a year-long academic exchange program will be awarded an additional two (2) consecutive semesters, (up to 10 consecutive semesters for students entering 9th-grade) if they meet the following criteria:

- 1. The student participated in an approved, and accredited, exchange program.**
- 2. The student did not participate on any organized sporting program or team during the duration of the exchange program.**
 - a. Practice is defined to include on the team’s roster for competitive play or as practice only**
 - b. Statement of non-participation required from exchange program school of attendance and student’s host family.**
 - c. Failure to disclose participation in and organized sporting program forfeits all rights to a fifth-year exemption.**
- 3. Student does not turn 19 years of age within the sport’s season of participation.**

➤ **Future State Tournament Location Bids:** discussed the following:

The following tournaments being “up for bid”. Bids are due to ASAA by April 1, 2018 and will be awarded during the April 2018 Board Meeting

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Years</u>
Cross Country Running	2019-2021
DII and DIII Football	2019-2021
Tennis	2019-2021
2A/Mix Six Volleyball	2019-2021
DI and DII Wrestling	2019-2021
DII Hockey	2019



The following tournaments open up for bid on April 22, 2018. Bids are due to ASAA by November 1, 2018 and will be awarded during the December 2018 Board Meeting

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Years</u>
DI Hockey	2020-2022
DII Hockey	2020-2022
DDF	2020-2022
World Language	2020-2022
DI and DII Track & Field	2020-2022
DI and DII Soccer	2020-2022

- > **Girls Hockey:** discussed a request by Region 4 to no longer sanction girls hockey.
- > **Daily Participation Limits:** discussed changing the daily participation limits for basketball and hockey and creating limits for soccer.
- > **Sanctioning of E-sports:** discussed the concept of sanctioning e-sports as a high school activity.
- > **Girls Wrestling:** discussed the modification and/or expansion of weight classes for Girls Wrestling
- > **Football Playoff Policies:** discussed that with the higher seed now hosting both the quarter finals and semi-finals in Division I football there would be a need to develop policies to deal with issues such as: passes, gate split, ticket prices, official selection, webcasting, awards and programs.
- > **Amazing Grace Academy:** discussed allowing Amazing Grace Academy to become a member school. Directed the ASAA Staff to meet with the school’s administration to make sure they knew the rules of membership and how it may impact some of their existing students.

Executive Sessions –

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



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

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

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

Workshops – None

Hearings – Three

Tabled Items – None

Motion to Ajourn

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



Topics for April 22-23, 2018 Board Meeting:

- Classifications
- Mix-6 Volleyball
- Football Scheduling
- Hockey Berths
- SMAC Composition
- Girls Wrestling
- Arbiter Athlete
- Baseball Pitch count
- State Spirit Competition Format
- Unified Sports
- E-Sports
- Alaska Students involved in Foreign Exchange Programs
- Football Playoff Policies
- Amazing Grace Academy Membership Request