



ALASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

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Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Anchorage, Alaska October 2-3, 2011

Note: This synopsis is available on the ASAA web site at www.asaa.org. More information on agenda items may be obtained from an ASAA Board member (listed on web site) or from the ASAA office (907) 563-3723.

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

- Concussion Policy: Delayed final adoption until the December meeting because the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee had not had the opportunity to review it.
- Minutes: Approved minutes of the April 17-18, regular meeting and the May 17 special teleconference meeting, and the August 19, teleconference hearing and meeting. (Consensus)
- Member School Application: Approved the following schools into the membership –
 - Holy Family Academy** –Private Homeschool - Anchorage – 1A – Region 2
 - Holy Rosary Academy** –Private - Anchorage – 1A – Region 2
 - Alpha Omega Publications – Switched on Schoolhouse** – Private Homeschool – Kotzebue – 1A – Region 1 (Passed)
- Coaches Certification: After discussion, directed staff to develop a Penalty Schedule to be imposed on schools for using non-certified coaches. This will be taken up during the December board meeting. (Passed - Unanimous Consent)
- State Tournament Officials: State tournament have been receiving transportation, a room, per diem and game fees for working state tournaments. ASAA has been increasingly unable to find a hotel willing to provide complimentary or reduced fee hotel rooms for officials. The board agreed that in cases where these rooms are not available, officials will be given an additional \$50 per diem and asked to secure their own hotel rooms. (Passed - Unanimous Consent)
- Hall of Fame Selection Committee: Appointed two new members – Jenny Benson – Region 6 (Fairbanks) , and Monte Bunn – Region 5 (Wrangell). (Passed)
- 2011-12 Calendar Amendments: Adopted amendments to the 2011-12 Calendar of Events.

(Passed - Unanimous Consent)

➤ 1A State Basketball Tournament: Adopted a 16 team format for the 1A state basketball tournament beginning in 2012-13. 4 playing days (Sat-Wed) – 2 losses out
(Passed – 8-0)

- Friday - 1A teams have practice
- Saturday - first round games (girls and boys) played on two floors (16 games)
 - Saturday's winners (girls and boys) advance into Championship Tournament at Sullivan Arena on Monday along with 2A teams where a traditional 8 team tournament will be played out
 - Saturday's losers (girls and boys) advance into 8 team Consolation Tournament at another site on Monday where a 8 team tournament will be played out
- Sunday - skills contests for 1A and 2A teams

Consolation Tournament - Detail

- Monday -
 - Saturday's losers (girls and boys) play in 8 team Consolation Tournament at combined site (8 games)
 - Monday's losers out of tournament
- Tuesday -
 - Monday's winners (girls and boys) advance into Consolation Semi-Finals at combined site (4 games)
 - Tuesday's losers out of tournament
- Wednesday –
 - Tuesday's winners (girls and boys) play for Consolation Championship on Sullivan Arena vacant court during other Championship games

➤ Small Schools State Track and Field Meet: After discussion on how to handle ties in “at-large” qualifiers, determined that all “at-large” qualifiers will compete in a preliminary event.
(Passed)

Reports The BOD heard the following reports:

- Board Members
- State Tournaments
- Finance Committee
- Student Government
- Officials/Coaches/WPI
- Marketing
- Play for Keeps, Win for Life
- Sports Medicine Advisory (SMAC)
- Executive Director

Public Comments Heard comments by Chugiak High School principal, Sam Spinella, Coach Duncan Shackelford, Kody Trombley, student and booster club president, Drema Fitzhugh, Teresa Oldenkamp, Glen Trombley, Ted Carlson, R. Scott Bridges and Katie Puterbay, on the football appeal. Also heard comments by Les Matz and Myrna Clark on All-State Art. Heard comments from ASAA music coordinator, Cam Bohman.

Workshop Items No workshop was held during this meeting.

Tabled Items: The board agreed to survey schools as to whether they will permit visiting students to access the internet at through their schools. ASAA will post of list of schools agreeing to visting student access.

Discussion Items The BOD discussed the following items:

➤ **Bylaws:** Postponed discussion on the Executive Director's reply to a letter from Representatives Cathy Munoz and Tammi Wilson, concerning private home school student participation in high school activities. The Rep's. advocated for eligibility at the nearest public high school for private home school students enrolled in 2 courses at that school

➤ **Wrestling:** Discussed a staff proposal which would revise the seeding process for state tournaments – seeding only the top two qualifiers from each region or conference. Currently the top 6 wrestlers are seeded based on data supplied by coaches. Because the submission of accurate data is not consistent, it takes the seeding committee hours to do their job. This will be a discussion item during the December board meeting.

Discussed a staff proposal to expand the state tournament to include a team dual championship.

Discussed the proposed conferences in 1A-2A-3A wrestling which will go into effect in 2012-13. This will be a December action item.

Discussed a staff proposal to sanction girls wrestling as a separate sport, including a state tournament. Mt. Edgecumbe High School also presented a proposal that is more specific. This

will be taken to the regions for input.

➤ Cheerleading: Revised a proposal to establish a season for competitive cheer. Under the proposal this year, the seasons would have been –

Football – Sport Specific and Competitive – July 26 - October 16

Hockey – Sport Specific and Competitive – October 18 – February 12

Basketball – Sport Specific and Competitive – November 1 – March 19

Updated the board on plans for the state cheerleading championship.

Updated the board on the new cheer activity called Stunting.

These items will be discussed during the December meeting.

➤ All-State Art Competition: Discussed the problems that occurred with last year's competition. Heard a proposal from Anchorage School District teachers to convert the competition to a digital format. Staff proposed to meet with these teachers to develop a proposal for the December board meeting.

➤ Volleyball: Discussed the revised conferences in Mixed-Six Volleyball which will go into effect in 2012-13. Region 5 has started a conference. This will be a December action item.

Discussed the Region 5 proposal to restructure the state 3A and 4A tournaments into a double elimination format. The board postponed further discussion or action until the December meeting.

➤ Soccer: Postponed discussion on a revised Region 6 proposal to classify soccer. Asked staff to develop 2 options for small schools with enrollments of 5-500 and 5-800 for consideration during the December board meeting.

➤ 2012-13 Calendar: Discussed the first draft of the 2012-13 calendar. This will be a December action item.

➤ Strategic Planning: Continued to discuss potential dates for a planning session in January using an outside facilitator.

➤ Concussion Management Policy and Forms: Discussed the draft documents adopted in August on a temporary basis. Agreed to postpone final adoption until the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has had the opportunity to review the material and make recommendations. Discussed the recommended gradual return to play protocol. This will be an action item during the December board meeting.

➤ Television/Media Update: Heard a staff update on this year's television/webstream plans for state tournaments. This will be a discussion item during the December board meeting.

- State Tournament Bids: Postponed discussion on a potential bid from Juneau to host the state swimming and diving championships.
- Title IX: Postponed discussion on recent Title IX developments in other states and possible implications for Alaska. This will be a discussion item during the December board meeting.
- LRG Update: Postponed discussion on licensing of official school products. This will be a discussion item during the December board meeting.
- All Sports Trophy: Briefly discussed a proposed new trophy for schools which win multiple championships. This will be a discussion item during the December board meeting.
- Sponsoring Hotel: Heard a staff presentation on the difficulty of securing an agreement with a hotel for sports officials.
- Spirit of Sport Award: Discussed this award, sponsored by the NFHS, which recognizes an act of outstanding sportsmanship in each state, section and in the nation. The board recommitted its support and asked that the application form be sent to each region, to have it posted on the website and to set deadlines. This will be a discussion item during the December board meeting.
- Kodiak Island Borough School District Small Schools: Discussed the regional placement of these schools which have been Region 1 members for many years. An informal request to move to Region 2 has been a topic of discussion. This may be an action item during the December board meeting.
- Reclassification Schedule: Proposed the establishment of a rotating reclassification schedule in conjunction with the schedule of berth and conference analysis for individual and team sports. This will be a discussion item during the December board meeting.

Student Hearing

1. Heard an appeal of the Executive Director's decision concerning Chugiak High School's forfeiture of football games for using an ineligible student.

Executive Session

1. Discussed legal and personnel issues

Items for December Meeting – December 12-13, 2011 – Anchorage, Downtown Hilton Hotel

Tabled Items

1. Student Internet Access Permission

Workshop

- 1.
- 2.

Reports

Discussion

1. Home School Students - Response to a Letter from Representatives Cathy Munoz and Tammi Wilson
2. All-State Art Competition
3. Volleyball – Double Elimination State Tournament
4. Soccer – Classification Proposal
5. Employee Handbook
6. Competitive Cheerleading Season, State Competition
7. Television/Media Update
8. State Tournament Bid – Swimming and Diving
9. Title IX
10. LRG Update
11. All-Sports Trophy
12. Spirit of Sport Award
13. Reclassification Schedule

Action

1. Adoption of Conferences and Berths to State–Mixed-Six Volleyball and 1A-2A-3A Wrestling
2. 2012-13 Calendar Adoption
3. Strategic Plan Timeline
4. Concussion Policy and Forms
5. Penalties for Non-Compliance with Coaches Certification Rule
6. Kodiak Island Borough School District Request