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Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Anchorage, Alaska September 30-October 1, 2012

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

➤ Hockey Dual Participation Rule: Voted hockey dual participation off the table to further discussion. Defeated a motion to apply the existing dual participation rule to only boys teams and girls playing on boys teams. (Failed 3-5)

Passed a motion to establish 2 windows, other than Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations, in which non-school girls teams could compete out of state without violating the dual participation rule. These will be decided by the Executive Director in the spring for the following school year. (Carried 6-2)

The board directed that for this year only, the Executive Director may decide on requests on a case-by-case basis.

➤ 2012-13 Calendar Amendments: Approved the adoption of May 6-7, 2013 (Mon-Tue) as the dates for state Solo and Ensemble Music Festival at UAA. (Consensus)

The amended 2012-13 calendar is posted at-

<http://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2012-13-Calendar-10-1-12.pdf>

➤ Minutes: Approved minutes of the April 22-23, 2012 regular meeting in Bethel and the May 22 special teleconference meeting. (Consensus)

➤ Applications for Membership: Approved membership applications from the following:

St. Michaels Academy – Anchorage (home school) - 1A – Region 2

Iditarod School District Yukon ESSS – 1A – Region 1

Iditarod School District Kuskokwim ESSS – 1 – Region 1 (Unanimous Consent)

➤ AASG Budget: Approved the 2012-13 AASG operating budget. (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Mixed-Six Volleyball: Approved a request from the Arctic Conference to split its 2 state tournament berths as follows: On even numbered years, the NWABSD will send the #1 seed and the NSBSD will send the #2 seed to the state tournament. During even numbered years, the NWABSD will send the #2 seed and the NSBSD will send the #1 seed. (Unanimous Consent)

Approved a Region 2 request to place all of the Region’s mixed-six teams into the Southwest Conference. (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Tennis Officials: Adopted revised qualifications for state tournament officials, as follows:

“One (1) certified USTA official chosen by the state tournament steering committee and others that the selected official requests with a minimum of two (2) officials and a maximum of four (4).” (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Basketball – Season Game Limit: Approved a request from Region 6 as follows:

“to increase the maximum number of games a team may play for the 2012-13 season only, from 22 or 19 and a tournament of 3 or more games, to 24 or 21 and a tournament of 3 or more games. The additional games must be played prior to March 9, 2013.”

(Passed 6-2)

Approved a request from the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education, as follows:

“to increase the number of basketball officials at the state 1A and 2A tournaments from 2 to 3 per game for only those games played at the Sullivan Arena, beginning in 2012-13.”

(Passed 7-1)

➤ 4A Wrestling Stats/State Tournament Seeding Process: – Approved the following revision to the 4A state tournament seeding process beginning in 2012-13:

“To implement the TrackWrestling stats/seeding program at the 4A level for 2012-13, and ASAA will reimburse each 4A school the \$50 fee for the first year. The ASAA seeding committee will seed the tournament for this year and the seeding results will be compared with those of the TrackWrestling program.” (There was no change in the seeding criteria. The seeding committee will seed only seedable regional champions and will place regional runners up in the opposite side of the bracket).

(Passed 7-1)

“The board also encouraged 1A/2A/3A schools to try the TrackWrestling program but it will not be used for seeding at the state level this season.”

➤ Track and Field: Determined that “at large” contestants in the high jump event at the state tournament would be selected from those regional competitors who cleared the starting height set by the state tournament games committee during the regional tournaments. Regional champions will be state tournament automatic qualifiers regardless of their winning height at the regional championships. (Unanimous Consent)

Approved prelim’s for runners in the 1A-2A-3A state tournament when there exists a tie for the final position within the “at large” qualifiers. Prelim’s will be held on Friday to advance 8 runners to the Saturday finals. (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Diving: Defeated a Region 4 proposal to change the qualification for the state tournament.

Current:

“The top two (2) finishers from each conference qualifying meet finals plus the next eight best scores will qualify for a total of sixteen (16) divers.”

Proposed:

“The top four (4) divers from each conference qualifying meet finals for a total of 16 divers. In the event that a region does not have four male or female divers, the next best statewide scores will qualify, for a total of sixteen (16) divers.”

(Failed 2-6)

Staff suggested that a solution for the future might be to use a video entry format. The board asked the staff to develop the concept for the December board meeting.

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
- Technology
- Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC), Concussions
- Executive Director

The board heard a presentation from Commissioner of Education, Mike Hanley, on the Governor's "Choose Respect" initiative and the "Coaching Boys Into Men" Program. ASAA has been consulting with the Governor's office in the implementation of this program to high school coaches. The next training for high school coaches is set for January 9, 2013. The Commissioner made the following requests of ASAA:

- post information on the program at www.asaa.org
- help to coordinate the training of coaches
- provide recognition at statewide events
- communicate with coaches

Public Comments Heard comments on the hockey dual participation rule from Christi Hickel.

Workshop Items The board reviewed proposed amendments to bylaws, policies and forms as they relate to SB 119, AS 14.30.365, which goes into effect on July 1, 2013.

Tabled Items Moved to open discussion on the hockey dual participation rule which had been tabled during the April meeting. (Passed)

Discussion Items The BOD discussed the following items:

➤ **State Tournament Bids**: Discussed the process by which potential state tournament bid sites will be awarded in the future. Bids are being sought in Cross-Country Running, Track and Field, Swimming and Diving (Juneau), 3A/4A Volleyball, Mixed-Six/2A Volleyball, 1A-2A-3A Wrestling, Hockey, Debate/Drama/Forensics, Soccer, and Baseball (Sitka). State tournament bid information is posted at <http://asaa.org/calendar/state-championship-bids/>.

Staff notified the board that the 1A state basketball tournament sites, in addition to the Sullivan Arena, will be West Anchorage High School and South Anchorage High School.

➤ **2013-14 Draft Calendar**: Discussed the proposed calendar for the 2013-14 school year. Because of the way the calendar is arranged, seasons will start and end one week later than in the past few years.

➤ **"ASAA Cup"**: After continued discussion on this potential new award, little support was shown so the initiative was dropped.

➤ **State Soccer Seeding Proposal**: Discussed a proposal from Region 4 that would change the way that state tournament seeding has been done for the past few years. Seeding under the proposal would be accomplished through a blind draw of all 8 teams. The board members will seek regional input prior to action during the December board meeting.

➤ Cheerleading: Staff provided an update on the new STUNT event. The board asked for continued updates as the year progresses.

➤ Basketball: Discussed the Region 6 proposal to add two games to this year's maximum due to the extra week added to the season. This was moved to an Action Item.

Discussed how the 1A state tournament would be seeded by rotation in future years.

Discussed a Northwest Arctic Borough School District (NWABSD) letter requesting 3 officials at the 1A and 2A state tournaments.

Reviewed a NWABSD complaint about the change of the state tournament dates in 2013.

Heard a request from Region 1 that all semi-final games played at the Sullivan Arena be played on the lengthwise floor.

➤ Football: Discussed the existing financial arrangements within the small and medium school playoff structure. A long term solution is needed. Board members will seek regional input prior to action during the December meeting.

“Games will be scheduled for October 5th & 6th, 2012 at the higher seed site. The Medium Schools also agreed for 2012-13 only, that if the school hosting the semi-final game is required to pay airfare for the visiting team, the host gets to keep the entire gate, if not, the gate will be evenly split between the teams after expenses are covered. The number one seed in the Southeast Conference will provide up to 20 tickets to the visiting Northern Lights Conference team or no more than 2/3 of up to a total of 30 tickets.”

➤ State Wrestling Tournament Seeding: Discussed the prior board decision to change the seeding process. Beginning this year, only seedable region champions will be seeded and regional runner's up will be drawn into the opposite side of the bracket. Region 6 and staff proposed that 4A schools use Track Wrestling to record student stats and seed the state 4A tournament for this year. The seeding committee will also seed the tournament to compare results. This was moved to an Action Item.

➤ Girls Hockey State Tournament Proposal: Discussed a Region 6 proposal to sponsor a state tournament in girls hockey, to be held during the existing state hockey tournament, beginning in 2013-14. The board asked staff to develop a schedule of games that combines both tournaments. This will be an agenda item for further discussion during the December board meeting.

➤ 1A-2A-3A State and Track Field Championships: Discussed a request from the Haines Borough School District to hold prelims and finals in the jumping and throwing events at the state meet, like is done at the 4A level (Note: 1A-2A-3A has 8 competitors per event while 4A has 16 per event). Staff expressed concern that this proposal would not be in line with the NFHS rule book. The board asked to see a revised meet schedule including both prelims and finals for the 1A-2A-3A schools. This will receive further discussion during the December board meeting.

- State Diving Tournament Qualifying Format: Discussed a Region 4 proposal to change the way divers qualify to the state tournament. This was moved to an Action Item.
- Reclassification Policy: Heard a staff concern that the reclassification policy which places schools on Step One and Step Two if their enrollments exceed the classification cutoff, or drop below the cutoff, is not working due to the late release of school enrollment data. Staff suggested a change away from an annual review of enrollments to a three year model in which a school's classification would remain unchanged. A more fully developed proposal will be presented during the December board meeting.
- 8th Grade Student Participation: Discussed a proposal from Region 1 to change the enrollment cutoff numbers which enable a school to use 8th grade students in certain sports. The proposal would change the current numbers from 20 or less high school students, or 10 or less girls or 10 or less boys, to 30 or less high school students, or 15 or less girls or 15 or less boys. This will be a discussion item during the December board meeting.
- Cooperative Rule: Region 1 dropped its request to amend the Cooperative Rule.
- Eligibility Rule Violation Sanctions: Due to time constraints, the board postponed further discussion until the December board meeting.
- Bylaw-Article 12, Sections 5 and 9, Recruiting Undue Influence, Foreign Exchange Students: Due to time constraints, the board postponed further discussion until the December board meeting.
- SB 119 – Bylaw and Policy Amendments: Discussed the proposed amendments to bylaws and policies which were recommended by ad hoc committees of superintendents and district level activities administrators, and ASAA staff in order to implement the mandates of SB 119, AS 14.30.365, beginning July 1, 2013. Any amendments will be adopted by the board during the December board meeting.
- Special Olympics-Unified Sports: Heard a presentation by Jim Balamaci, SOA president, Nicole Egan, vice-president, and Sarah Arts, sports director, seeking support for the expansion of the Unified Track and Field program into more member high schools. They would like to see more participation opportunities during the regular season and an opportunity for regional and state competition. There was also discussion concerning student eligibility, and the on-line Coaching Unified Sports course just launched by the NFHS. The board asked staff to work with SOA to assist the implementation during the current school year.
- Volleyball – Mixed-Six State Berths: Due to an increase in interest among Region 2 schools, the Region is requesting one berth of its own to the state tournament in future years. The discussion of conferences and berths into a possible expanded state tournament will be held during the December board meeting.

➤ Thank You to Bering Strait School District: The board asked staff to send a letter of thanks to the Bering Strait School District for its continued willingness to web stream games during the small school volleyball and basketball state tournaments.

Workshop

1. Strategic Plan
2. SMAC Recommendations

Student Hearing

None

Executive Session

None

Items for Next Meeting – December 10-11, 2012

Tabled Items

1. None

Discussion

1. Bylaw Article 2, Sections 5 and 9, Recruiting/Undue Influence
2. Bylaw Article 2, Section 3, C., Self-Reporting
 - a. Penalties for Violation of Eligibility Rules
3. Bylaw Article 12, Section 2, 8th Grade Student Participation
4. State Tournament Bids
5. Reclassification Policy
6. Wrestling
 - a. 4A State Tournament Seeding Update
7. Football
 - a. Reclassification – Juneau-Douglas and North Pole
 - b. Small/Medium School Playoffs Financial Agreement
8. State Diving – Video Entries Proposal
9. Girls Hockey
 - a. Dual Participation Update
 - b. State tournament Proposal
10. STUNT Update
11. Basketball State Tournaments
 - a. New Scoreboards
 - b. Semi-final Games
12. State Track and Field
 - a. 1A/2A/3A Request
13. Volleyball
 - a. Mixed-Six State Tournament Format

14. Long Range Financial Plan
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- 16.
- 17.
- 18.

Action

1. Bylaw and Policy Amendments under SB 119, AS 14.30.365
2. Adoption –
 - a. 2013-14 Calendar
 - b. 2014-16 Three Year Projected Calendar
3. Soccer
 - a. State Tournament Seeding Process
4. Football
 - a. Small/Medium School Playoffs Financial Agreement
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