



Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings October 2-3, 2017

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM.

Procedural — Pledge of Allegiance

Seating of New Board Members — Megan Hatswell, Region 4

Roll Call:

Region 1 - Ed Lester-Present

Region 2 - Steve Klaich-Present

Region 3 - Dale Ewart-Present

Region 4 – Derek Hagler, for Megan Hatswell. (Ms. Hatswell attended the meeting on Tuesday)

Region 5 - Andrew Friske-Present

Region 6 - Steve Zanazzo-Present

AASB –Angela Washington-Present

AASA - Dave Herbert –Present

AASG - Jode Sparks-Present

Procedural —

Quorum established

Election of Board Officers: motioned to elect Steve Zanazzo as Board President and Andrew Friske as Board Vice President for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Introduction of Guest — none



Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Region 6 added: Item 8k – Jamboree policy
Region 1 added: Item 8l – State Cross Country Running Format
Region 3 added: Item 8m – Football Sideline Cheer Season Dates
Region 6 added: Item 8n – North Pole Opt-up Request for Football
Region 3 added: Item 8o – Methods of ASAA payments
Executive Director added: Item 8p – Wrestling Weigh-in procedures

Motioned “to approve the agenda with additions to New Business”
Motioned by Region 2, seconded by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Approval of the Consent Items –

Motioned “to approve the consent items”
Motioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

a. Monday – October 2 (1:00 p.m.)

- none

Monday – October 3 (10:00 a.m.)

- Suzy Sanchez from USA Weightlifting addressed the Board on their hope to see the sport of weightlifting become a sanctioned high school activity in the state of Alaska. USA Weightlifting has recently partnered with the NFHS with a view of integrating the sport with more High School associations around the nation, and identifying talent for the Olympic Games.

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 April and May 2017 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:

➤ **Classification Committee:** in response to a proposal from Region 3 the Board took action to form a new classification committee to review the current classification system and to make recommendations on how to change it for the activities of basketball and volleyball. Among the factors the Board wants the committee to focus on are: cost, academic considerations and competitive divisions. The Board wants the committee to not feel restrained by any current system or tradition.

Committee Members:

Chair: Megan Hatswell (ASAA Board Member-Region 4)
Region 1 Craig McConnell and Jeff Erickson
Region 2 Steve Klatch and James Sickler
Region 3 Curt Schmidt, Dale Ewart and Jason Hofacker
Region 4 Tim Helvey and Luke Almon
Region 5 Bridget Weiss and Bob Marshall
Region 6 Dan Klien and Missy Poeshel
ASA Dave Herbert (ASA) Jon Conwell (Region 1), Eric Gebhart (Region 2)
Sean Dusek (Region 3), Jim Holien (Region 5) and Shaun Kraska (Region 6)

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



➤ **Article 11 Section 2 Bylaw Revision:** motioned to change the Article 11 Section 2 Bylaw to read as follows:

BYLAW ARTICLE 11 – PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, PARENTS’ CONSENT
Section 2 – Parental Permission

Prior to each year of interscholastic athletic participation, a student shall furnish a statement, signed by the student and the student’s parent (or other person with whom the student has resided for a period of time approved by the Association) which, in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) and regulations thereunder, authorizes release to the school in which the student is enrolled or in which the student is participating in interscholastic activities pursuant to the student’s alternative education program, of the student’s medical history and physical examination described herein, disclosure of which information may be made to administrators, the athletic director, *the athletic trainer* and the coaches of any activity in which the student is to participate. Submission of ASAA’s Authorization to Release Medical Information Relating to Student Health/Review Exam form will satisfy this requirement.

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

➤ **Wrestling Policies:** motioned to add the following to the Wrestling policies:

- 1) Mandate the use of Track-wrestling at Conference Meets
- 2) At-Large and Unfilled Berths will be based on data from Track-Wrestling with no corrections for coach’s error.
- 3) Strength of Schedule Points based on results from previous year’s state placers in
- 4) either classification

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



➤ **Soccer State Tournament Format, Conferences and Berths:** motioned to:

- 1) Create two conferences in Division 1 Soccer. The Cook Inlet Conference with Bartlett, Dimond, Chugiak, Eagle River, East, Service, South and West. The Railbelt Conference with Colony, Lathrop, Wasilla and West Valley.
- 2) The Cook Inlet will receive 4 berths and the Railbelt will receive 2 berths.
- 3) Create four conferences in Division II soccer. The Mid-Alaska Conference with Eielson, Hutchinson, Monroe and North Pole. The Northern Lights Conference with Grace, Houston, Kodiak, Palmer and Redington. The Peninsula with Homer, Kenai, Nikiski, Seward, Soldotna and Voznesenka. The Southeast with Juneau-Douglas, Ketchikan, Sitka and Thunder Mt.
- 4) The Mid-Alaska and Southeast conferences will each receive one berth. The Northern Lights and Peninsula will receive two berths.

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

➤ **Girls Wrestling:** motioned to:

- 1) create 8 conferences for girls wrestling by combining the existing Division I and Division II Southeast Conference tournaments, along with combining the Mid-Alaska Division I and Denali Division II wrestling tournaments (to be held in Fairbanks).
- 2) Assign each conference two berths.
- 3) The state tournament will utilize a 16-person bracket.
- 4) Unfilled berths will be filled using the same process as the boy's tournament.
- 5) If 6 of the 8 brackets have at least 12 wrestlers OR if the total number of girl wrestlers equals 100, then a team championship plaques will be awarded for first and second place.
- 6) At the conclusion of the 2019 wrestling tournament, if the number of girls wrestling does not warrant the awarding of team champions, then ASAA will no longer sanction girls wrestling as a separate sport.

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



- **Out of Season Policy “Dead Period:** motion to revise the policy to read:

“With the exception of the ASAA Dead weeks (see below), the “out of season” coaching rule is suspended from May 20 through July 31st. This means a coach of a team sport can coach his/her players anytime, anywhere, during this period. During this time period the coach or other personnel representing the school is prohibited from requiring any athlete to participate as a condition of selection for the in-season team.

DEAD WEEKS. All ASAA member schools will observe an annual mandatory two-week athletic dead period running the week prior to July 4th and the week of July 4th. During this time coaches (paid or volunteers), with the exception of non-athletic fund-raising activities, shall be prohibited from engaging in any type of activity involving student athletes whether it be practice, training, weight lifting, competition, or travel. Further, school athletic facilities will be closed to student athletes during this period. Schools that have the only facilities in the community may allow the community to use the school facilities during the dead period as long as no school teams are playing and no school coaches are coaching the teams. The activities of baseball and softball are exempt from the required “dead weeks”.

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 1

(Motioned carried 6-1)

(Y-Region 1, Region 2, Region 5, Region 6, ASA, AASB)

(Advisory Y-AASG)

(N-Region 3)

(Abstain-Region 4)

- **SMAC Committee:** motioned to revise the Sports Medicine advisory committee to include Jim Farrington as the “officials’ member, Staci Rustad as the “administration” member and Angela Washington as the Chair. Also set up a system to rotate off existing members and recruit new SMAC members.

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by AASB

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Reclassification Opt-Up Request:** motioned to allow the following schools to opt-up:

Unalakleet 1A to 2A for basketball

Bristol Bay 1A to 2A for basketball and volleyball

Tikigaq 1A to 2A for basketball

Kenai from Division II to Division I hockey

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by ASA

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



- > **Reclassification Request Chief Paul Memorial School (Kipnuk):** motioned to approve the school's request to be allowed to remain at 1A for the sports for basketball and volleyball.

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

- > **Reclassification Request Scammon Bay High School :** motioned to approve the school's request to be allowed to remain at 1A for the sports for basketball and volleyball.

Motioned by Region 1
(Motion failed for lack of a second)

- > **Basketball Coaching Box** motioned to approve a 28 feet coaching box as described in the NFHS rulebook.

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

- > **ASAA February Board Meeting Date** motioned to change the date of the ASAA February Board meeting to February 18-19.

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

- > **Mat-Su District Co-op Request** motioned to allow Redington-Houston-Su Valley to co-op for hockey and to allow Redington-Houston co-op for baseball and softball, without having to combine enrollments.

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

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



- **Jamboree policy** motioned to change the number of practices prior to conducting a hockey jamboree to eight (8) days.

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 2
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Football Sideline Cheer Season:** motioned to extend the football sideline cheer season to October 28, 2017.

Motioned by Region 3, seconded by Region 1
(Motioned carried 7-1)
(Y-Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 5, Region 6, ASA, AASB, AASG)
(N-Region 4)

- **North Pole Football “Opt-up” Request** motioned to allow North Pole High School to “opt-up” to Division I football beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

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

Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the following items:

- **Football Scheduling:** discussed having the “off the road system” schools offer a flat amount as opposed to a certain number of tickets to schools schedule to play “off the road system.” Also discussed how member schools asking to co-op or dropping football could impact the current football classification system.
- **Hockey Reclassification:** discussed changing the enrollment number for Division II hockey (formerly known as Greatland) from 500 to 850.
- **Music Copyright Issues:** discussed concerns regarding possible music copyright violations in how cheer squad prepare their music for events.
- **Soccer Seeding** discussed how to seed the new state tournament now that it involves only 6 teams in each division. The ASAA Staff was directed to bring forth suggestion for the December Board meeting.
- **Arbiter Athlete** discussed the presentation made by Arbiter Athlete for an online registration process to take the place of the current system. The Board like many of the features, but was



concerned about the cost to ASAA and/or member schools. The Board directed the ASAA Staff to provide more information on what those cost would be.

- > **Baseball Pitch count** discussed the need to possibly develop supplemental baseball rules for circumstances where teams have little choice but to stop playing.
- > **Soccer Sportsmanship** discussed the lack of sportsmanship in soccer and the possibility of adopting supplemental rules to address the issue.
- > **Schools failing to submit Master Eligibility list** discussed the problem with schools often failing to turn in master eligibility list prior to competing. Directed the ASAA to send out warning and/or fines to schools failing to do so.
- > **Track and Field Recommendations** discussed recommendations to require Athletic.net for conference meets and new method of dealing with alternates and scratches. Also discussed was the dropping of one of the state relay events.
- > **State Spirit Competition Format** discussed the current format of the State Cheer Competition. The ASAA Staff presented information on the “game-day” format. Also discussed developing a fall competition for football cheer squads.
- > **State Cross Country Running** discussed running a separate race in at State Cross Country for the 1A and 2A size schools
- > **Wrestling Weigh-ins procedures** discussed the method in which skin checks should be done since students are now allowed to weigh-in wearing uniforms. Officials should still check for skin issues, but it doesn’t have to be done while wrestlers are officially weighing in for the tournament.
- > **ASAA Method of Payments** discussed allowing schools to make payments to ASAA through electronic bank payments instead of cash. Due to the fee use when receiving payments via credit card, ASAA cannot accept payment in that manner. However, ASAA will work with schools districts to receive electronic bank transfers.

Executive Session –

None

Workshops – Strategic Planning October 1, 2017

Hearings – None



Tabled Items – None

Topics for December 4-5, 2017 Board Meeting:

- Football Scheduling
- Hockey Reclassification
- Soccer Seeding
- Arbiter Athlete
- Baseball Pitch count
- Soccer Sportsmanship
- Track and Field Recommendations
- State Spirit Competition Format
- State Cross Country Running