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## Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Craig, Alaska April 24-26, 2016

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**Action Items and Board Directives** — The Board of Directors (BOD) took action and Directed the ASAA staff as follows:

➤ **Gender Determination:** Revised the Article 7 Bylaw Section 1 A and B as follows:

Section 1 - Compliance with Title IX

A. The Association will comply with the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Alaska (add) **statue Chapter 18.80**, and all amendments there to.

No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise be discriminated against in any activities regulated by the Association.

B. Separate Teams, (add) Gender Determination and Contact Sports: Separate teams for each sex are permissible in contact sports or where selection for teams is based on competitive skill. (Add) **The Association will rely on a gender determination made by the student's member school where the determination is based upon prior written and objective criteria adopted by the school; ASAA will not make separate gender identity determinations. However, once a member school determines a student may participate in an interscholastic activity, which does not match the gender assigned at birth, the determination shall remain in effect for the duration of the student's high school eligibility. A student attending a member school which does not have a prior written objective policy used to determine gender identity may only participate based upon the gender assigned at birth.** Contact sports include wrestling, ice hockey, football, basketball, and any other sport "the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact."

(Carried – Unanimously)

➤ **3A Volleyball Tournament Berth:** Motioned to alternate a third place berth in 3A volleyball between the Aurora and South-central conferences to begin in 2016. The Aurora Conference would have the third place berth on even years and the South-central would have the third place berth on the odd years.

(Motion died for lack of a second)

Board Directed the ASAA Staff to develop a new conferencing system to reassign teams into more

balanced conferences.

➤ **Online Handbook and Tournament Programs:** Directed the ASAA Staff to proceed with the development of an online handbook and tournament programs to replace the existing “hardcopy” system. For the 2016-17 school year, schools may order “hardcopies” of the Bylaws and Policies or the ASAA Forms for \$10 each. There will be a free downloadable PDF available in late July.

➤ **Use of High School Age Officials at State Tournaments:** Discussed issues with the use of high school age students as officials, scoreboard operators and game books at state tournaments. The ASAA Staff was directed to attempt to find qualified adults willing to work the tournament, but high school age officials may be used if they are the best officials available. Directed the staff to train officials on the use of scoreboards and other such equipment, the officials may not have experience using.

➤ **Cross Country Running Classifications:** Motioned to divide the existing three Region 1 cross county running conferences into 11 smaller conferences with a total of 63 “at-large” berths. Each conference would have a set number of “at large” berths. Schools running in single school races would establish a qualifying time as well. Conferences, which will be named later, are as follows:

<u>Conference/District</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Schools</u>	<u>Berths</u>
North Slope	Barrow	8	7
Northwest Arctic	Kotzebue	11	7
Bering Strait	Unalakleet	15	3
Nome	Nome	1	6
Lower Yukon/Chevak/St. Marys	Lower Yukon	12	10
Kuspuk/Iditarod/Yupiit	Kuskokwim	11	3
Lower Kuskokwim	Bethel	23	10
Southwest/Dillingham	Dillingham	5	5
Lake & Peninsula/Bristol Bay	King Salmon	12	3
Aleutians East	King Cove	4	3
Unalaska	Dutch Harbor	1	6
Totals		103	63

(Motion Carried: 7-1)

➤ **Cross Country Running Awards:** Motioned to recognize the top three finishing 1A boys and girls, 2A boys and girls and 3A boys and girls at the State Cross Country awards.

(Carried – Unanimously)

➤ **Wrestling Seeding Process:** Motioned to use the following process to seed the State Wrestling Tournaments.

Coaches will continue to utilize Track Wrestling to enter regular season and conference results. After the conference tournaments and scratch deadline, ASAA will release the seeds as determined by Track Wrestling's running the ASAA Seeding criteria. ASAA will post those results and the seeding report online by 8:00 PM Tuesday.

Coaches have until 8:00 AM Thursday to notify ASAA of issues with the seeds. A committee composed of knowledgeable wrestling people will then review all the seeds, and those that coaches have questioned. This committee will have the authority to re-seed the tournament; if it is determined information was not entered correctly on Track Wrestling. Those coaches failing to utilize Trackwrestling properly will be issued a warning. If a "warned" coach makes the same mistake in future years, then the school is fined \$250.

(Carried – Unanimously)

➤ **Wrestling Weight Certifications** Motioned to revise the Wrestling Weight Certification policy to read:

### **WRESTLING WEIGHT CERTIFICATION**

All wrestlers weight certification must be completed and filed with ASAA prior to your first competition. A wrestler must have the lowest weight class in which he/she may wrestle determined within 60 calendar days prior to the first team competition of the season. Certification at a lower weight during the season is prohibited. After **(add) the first 30 days of the season (delete) certification**, a wrestler may not weigh in and wrestle at more than one weight class above the weight of certification without recertifying at a higher weight. Certification should be done before practice begins by a physician, physician assistant, or advanced nurse practitioner.

(Carried – Unanimously)

➤ **Other Cooperation School Programs** Motioned to allow Juneau-Douglas High School and Thunder Mountain High School to form cooperative teams, for the 2016-17 school year, in the sports/activities of:

DDF (Thunder Mountain)  
Wrestling (Thunder Mountain)  
Dance (Juneau Douglas)  
Tennis (Juneau Douglas)

(Carried – Unanimously)

Directed the ASAA Staff to contact Nikiski High to request a letter from them asking to form a cooperative team in the sport of hockey if they wished to do so. The Board Directed the ASAA Staff to inform Nikiski, the request would more likely be passed if Kenai were in favor of the forming of the team as well.

The Board will continue to look at the Other Cooperative School Program Bylaw as a way to increase student participation during the 2016-17 school year.

➤ **Greatland Hockey** Directed the ASAA Staff to coordinate with the three Regions involved in Greatland Hockey as to the need to revise the conference bylaws. This revision would also look at the current format of the State Tournament and possibly combining the existing conference tournament with the Greatland State Championship. The plan should be submitted to the Board for consideration during the October 2016 Board Meeting.

> **Article 12 Section 9.14.A Bylaw (Foreign Exchange)** Directed the ASAA Staff to send out a bylaw revision to the membership to change the period of ineligibility for foreign exchange students who have been “directly” placed to a calendar year.

> **2A Volleyball State Tournament Format:** Motioned to change the format of the 2A volleyball tournament to the same double elimination format currently being used at the 3A/4A tournament.

(Carried – Unanimously)

> **Gold Lifetime Passes:** Motioned to accept the nominations from the six Regions of individuals to receive an ASAA Gold Lifetime Pass.

(Carried – Unanimously)

> **April 2017 Spring Board Location:** Motioned to conduct the April 23-25 ASAA Board of Director’s Meeting in Homer.

(Carried – Unanimously)

> **Out of Season Contact Policy:** Directed the ASAA Staff to reconvene the Out of Season Contact Committee. The Regions will confirm with ASAA their committee appointments. Region 4 ASAA Board member, Kirsten Johnson, will chair the committee.

> **2016-17 Association Goals:** Motioned to adopt the following ASAA Goals for the 2016-17 school year:

1. To develop more cost effective ways for the member schools to participate
2. To increase the statewide awareness of the importance of educational based activities
3. To develop a Strategic Marketing Plan
4. To increase use of digital formats to reduce cost and provide better service
5. To continue to monitor the Association’s finances.

(Carried – Unanimously)

> **Small School Wrestling Conference Split:** Motioned to split the current small school’s Great Alaska Conference into two conferences, with each new conference receiving two berths. Unalaska will be placed the conference in which Bethel wrestles. The conferences will be named later.

(Carried – Unanimously)

> **Togiak Reclassification:** Motioned to reclassify Togiak High School as a 1A school beginning with the 2016-17 school year. Togiak will be placed in the Aleutians East Conference for basketball and the Southwest conference for Mixed 6 volleyball.

(Carried – Unanimously)

> **Hall of Fame:** Motioned to approve the ASAA Hall of Fame Bylaw revision and to confirm the appointments of the Hall of Fame Selection committee as recommended by the Hall of Fall Selection Committee

(Carried – Unanimously)



➤ **Classification Committee:** Motioned to approve the creation of a committee to review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Committee will be chaired by Region 5 Board Member, Andrew Friske and will consider the appropriate classification for private schools in addition to reviewing the classifications based on enrollment numbers. Regional appointments to the committee will be made during the May 2016 Board Meeting.

(Carried – Unanimously)

➤ **Supplemental Hockey Rules:** Directed the ASAA Staff to form a committee to review the current supplemental hockey rules. The committee will be made up of the ASAA Associate Director in charge of hockey, the ASAA Hockey Rules Interrupter, current hockey officials and member so the Hockey Coaches Committee. This committee will make recommendations for the ASAA Board to consider at its October 2016 meeting.

➤ **Lumen Christi Baseball and Tennis Conference Placement:** Motioned to place Lumen Christi into the current Region 3 baseball and tennis conferences

(Carried – Unanimously)

➤ **Wrestling Medical Forfeits:** Motioned to exclude “medical forfeits” as an option during wrestling tournaments.

(Carried – Unanimously)

Officials will be directed to only determine if the wrestler is “an injury default” or a “forfeit” at which point, the NFHS Wrestling Rule book will be followed.

**Article 8 Sections 1 and 2 Bylaws (Amateurism)** Directed the ASAA Staff to send out a bylaw revision to the membership to change the aggregate value of awards, merchandise or prize a student may receive from \$250 to \$1000.

**Reports:** The BOD 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
- Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC)
- Executive Director

**Public Comments:** Heard from Kotzebue’s Kenny Gallahorn regarding concerns with the format of the State Basketball Tournament. Heard from Nikiski’s Amy Stock in regards to the benefits of allowing Nikiski and Kenai form a cooperative hockey team.

**Executive Session:** none

**Workshops:** None

**Hearings:** None

**Tabled Items:** None

**Discussion Items:** The BOD discussed the following items:

- > **March Madness Alaska:** Discussed issues related to the session format, parking and court configuration during the State Basketball Tournaments.
- > **2016-17 ASAA and AASG Operating Budget:** reviewed a draft of the 2016-17 operating budgets for both ASAA and AASG.
- > **AASG Resolution 13:** discussed resolution approved at the Spring AASG Conference. The resolution dealt with the level of “proof” schools should be required to have in order to assign a TAD violation for incidents happening off campus. The Board felt like the investigative process is best left to the member schools who’s policies already ensure student’s due process.
- > **Article 5, Sec 1 and Sec. 6D— Penalties and Out of Season Contact Penalty:** discussed the need to review the penalties for school, players and coaches who violate ASAA policies as well as ASAA bylaws. Additionally, the penalty for violation of the out of season contact policy should be reviewed.
- > **Girls Wrestling:** Discussed continuing the current 8 weight classes for girls wrestling next season. Additionally discussed state seeding process, state brackets (double or single) and number of berths. ASAA Staff, working with the Wrestling Coaches Committee, will present a plan for the October Board Meeting.
- > **All State Art:** Discussed the amount of entries allowed by each teacher does not factor in the size of the schools involved. After meeting with the Art Teachers Committee, the ASAA Staff will make a recommendation during the October Board Meeting.
- > **Solo and Ensemble** Discussed the need to limit the amount of entries to the State Solo and Ensemble event. The number of participants is making it nearly impossible to coordinate the event in two days.
- > **WPI:** Discussed how the “third place” games at conference tournaments impact the final WPI. These games aren’t normally necessary (unless one of the top two teams is later deemed ineligible) and can give a the team playing a “bump” in their WPI. Should only games towards earning an automatic berth be counted? Also discussed having the WPI sent out one more time during the year. Early February, Mid February and end of the regular season. ASAA Staff will look into feasibility of being able to do so, as other State Tournaments are going on during the month of February.

**Items for May, 28 Teleconference Meeting**

1. 2015-16 Budget Revisions
2. 2016-17 ASAA and AASG Operating Budget
3. All State Art Participant Entries
4. Bylaw Revisions:
  - a. Article 8 Sections 1 and 2 Bylaws (Amateurism)
  - b. Article 12 Section 9.14.A Bylaw (Foreign Exchange)