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## Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings April 23-25, 2017

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

**Procedural** — Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call:

- Region 1 - Ed Lester-Present
- Region 2 - Steve Klaich-Present
- Region 3 - Dale Ewart-Present
- Region 4 - Kersten Johnson-Struempfer-Present
- Region 5 - Andrew Friske-Present
- Region 6 - Steve Zanazzo-Present
- AASB – Pete Hoepfer (filling in for Angela Washington)-Present
- AASA - Dave Herbert – joined the meeting at 11:30 Sunday due to travel issues
- AASG - Jode Sparks-Present

**Procedural** — Quorum established

**Introduction of Guest** — none

**Seating of New Board Members** — none



## **Ordering and Approval of the Agenda and Consent Items –**

- ED added: Item 8m – Juneau Co-op Request
- Reg. 5 added: Item 8n – Basketball Start Date
- ED added to Item 8o – Gold Lifetime Passes

Motioned “to approve the consent items and agenda with additions to New Business”  
Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 1  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

## **Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –**

### **a. Sunday – April 23 (1:00 p.m.)**

#### **The following addressed the Board during public comment:**

- Sean Dusek, Superintendent of the Kenai Peninsula—Thanked the Board for coming to Homer for the Spring Meeting and for all they do to promote and support activities. Suggested to ASAA to increase it’s Social Media focus as a way to highlight student achievement. Also spoke to the Board about the need to make possible changes to help schools be able to afford to operate activities. Mr. Dusek expressed the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District’s desire to host state events, particularly Division II and III football.
- Chris Perk, Activities Director, Homer High School— Spoke to the Board about concerns with the lengths of some of the seasons. Additionally, the need to clarify the rules in wrestling as pertaining to forfeits.
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### **Tuesday – April 24 (1:00 p.m.)**

- No Public Comment

## **Reports –** The Board of Directors 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
- Executive Director



## Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes of February 2017 Board Meeting Minutes
- 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:

➤ **3A Volleyball Berths:** took action to change the 3A volleyball berths to as follows:

Automatic Berths: Aurora conference-2, Southcentral-2, Southeast-1 and Western-2.

The ASAA will decide the 8<sup>th</sup> qualifier from third place teams from the Aurora, Southcentral and Western and second place team from the Southeast. The criteria for the decision will be:

1. Head to Head matches
2. Head to Head sets
3. Common Opponents match record
4. Common Opponents set record
5. Matches won against other state 3A qualifiers
6. Overall match record percentage v. 3A schools

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 1  
(Motioned carried 6-2)

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



➤ **Out of Season Contact Policy:** took action to change the “Open Facility Policy” to the following:

A. Open Facility Policy

Individual Instruction (coaching) is acceptable on a three to one basis, i.e. three athletes per coach(es). This means that one or more coaches could instruct up to three athletes (in no cases can the instruction involve more than three athletes, i.e. two coaches working with six athletes) in the activities of:

basketball, bowling, cross country, gymnastics, hockey, Nordic ski, rifle, swim & dive, tennis, track & field, and volleyball

Individual Instruction (coaching) is acceptable on a 4 to one basis, i.e. four athletes per coach(es). This means that one or more coaches could instruct up to four athletes (in no cases can the instruction involve more than four athletes, i.e. two coaches working with eight athletes) in the activities of:

baseball, cheer, flag football, softball and wrestling

Individual Instruction (coaching) is acceptable on a seven to one basis, i.e. seven athletes per coach(es). This means that one or more coaches could instruct up to seven athletes (in no cases can the instruction involve more than seven athletes, i.e. two coaches working with fourteen athletes) in the activities of:

football and soccer

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



➤ **Article 7 Section 6 Bylaw Change** took action revise change the Article 7 Section 6. D Bylaw to read:

D. Penalty: The following penalties assume that a school is in good standing and has not been warned or is not under other penalty at the given time. A school under warning or other penalty status may be assessed additional penalties than those listed below, up to and including suspension from the Association.

Out-of-Season Practice/Play:

1. First Offense: School receives warning and the head coach receives a suspension of games equaling the number of days of the violation. If Association determines that the violation involved intentional conduct by a school representative, probation for one school year and the head coach receives a game suspension for three times the length of the infraction.

2. Second Offense: The head coach receives a suspension for one school year and the school will receive a fine of \$200 minimum.

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

➤ **Supplemental Hockey Rules:** took action revise the supplemental hockey rules to as follows:

Supplemental Rules

It is the intent of these supplements to the National Federation rules that suspensions will be served beginning with the next scheduled game at the level at which the violation occurred and that no suspended player or coach is permitted to return to play until the suspension has been served.

School administrators should address repeated violations of poor sportsmanship at the school level. Whenever a player appears before the school administration, the coach is expected to accompany him/ her.

1. The school of a team receiving a total of 15 penalties in any one game will receive the following penalty:

- First offense during season - \$250 fine
- Second offense during a season - \$500 fine
- Third offense during a season - \$1,500 fine



2. A player receiving a second game misconduct in a season will receive a one game suspension to be served at the next scheduled game. A school administrative review will be held.

A player receiving a third game misconduct in a season will receive a two game suspension and will be required to attend a review before the school administration where further disciplinary measures will be determined, before returning to play.

3. When a player is penalized with a game misconduct, game disqualification or any other suspension in the last contest of the season, the school is advised of the incident and asked to take appropriate disciplinary action.

4. ASAA provides a reporting form requiring game officials to report any major penalties, game misconduct, game disqualification or suspensions and the circumstances involved. At the end of the game, the game official is required to submit the completed form to ASAA within 24 hours. ASAA then will send the Official's report to the school(s) involved. Schools are required to submit a copy of the School Contest Ejection Form to the ASAA office within 24 hours.

5. Fighting in interscholastic activities is a serious offense. Since interscholastic activities are an extension of the school, schools should hold their students to the same behavior standards during interscholastic competition as they do at school.

6. A student who dual-participates in tryouts or practices for a competition team and a school team are in violation of the non-school participation rule and is considered ineligible for the remainder of the season. The school is subject to penalty under Article 12, Section 1, if the school or a member of its coaching staff knowingly permitted the student to play in a high school game after violating the dual participation rule.

#### ASAA Adopted Overtime Policy

All regular season games (non-tournament) shall adhere to NFHS Rulebook.

All games in Regional and State Tournament will be played as follows, with the exception of the State third and fourth place games at State, in which one overtime period will be played. This will be a sudden victory overtime.

- At the end of regulation, one 8-minute overtime period will be played.
- If still tied, the ice will be resurfaced and the teams will play two overtime periods of 8 minutes each with a 3-minute break between periods.
- If still tied, the ice will be resurfaced again and the teams will continue to play in this pattern until a winner is decided.
- The team scoring first goal is declared the winner.



- No shootouts are allowed in any Regional or State Tournament game.

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

> **Roster Limits:** took action revise the Article 7 Section 11.A bylaw Team Roster Size limits for State Championship to read:

### **Article 7 Section - Section 9 - Team Roster Size limits for State Championships**

A. In order to promote fairness and the “level playing field” concept, the Association has established maximum team roster size limits for players in uniform for the following state tournament championships:

- Baseball 18
- Basketball 12
- Cross-Country Running 7
- Nordic Ski 6
- Division I football (semi & final playoffs) 65
- Division II and III Football (semi & final playoffs) 48
- Hockey 20
- Soccer 22
- Softball 18
- Volleyball 12

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 3  
(Motioned carried 6-2)

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



➤ **State Championship Passes Policy** took action to adopt the following as the State Championship Pass Policy:

Each participating school will be issued passes for state championships.

A. Coaches:

To qualify for a Coach's pass, the coach must currently meet all criteria required by the Article 10 Section 1 bylaw and be listed on the school's sport specific master eligibility list. Additionally, the coach must have been part of the program all season. The bench/sideline numbers will not increase regardless of the number of passes issued. At all times, coaches must wear or have on their person, their pass while on the bench or sideline. If not, the school will be fined \$25 by ASAA championship staff.

B. Participant Passes: Passes for state championships participants are based on the submitted state qualifiers for competition. Participant passes will not exceed the amount of the sport/activity state roster limit. Managers will be considered individual participants. Basketball sideline cheer passes are based on the submitted varsity roster and will be considered individual participants. All participants must be listed on the school's master eligibility list. At all times, participants must wear or have on their person, their pass while on the bench or sideline unless in uniform. If not the school will be fined \$10 by ASAA championship staff.

C. Administration Pass: One pass will be provided for your school's administrator. There is no charge for this pass. The school administrator should check in at the event entrance or with an ASAA staff member upon arrival to receive their pass.

D. Extra Passes: Extra passes may be allowed for state championships. Schools may acquire extra passes for injured players, statistics, video or chaperones. Not all passes will allow bench access and the bench/sideline numbers will not increase regardless of extra passes issued. Review the sport specific policies and procedures for the bench size. When having to purchase extra passes, the teams can pay cash or ASAA can bill the school ONLY with approval from the athletic director/principal.

E. Adult Medical Passes: Schools medical team members must check in with ASAA staff or ASAA Medical Staff at the state championship site prior to competition to receive a medical pass.

All passes are non-transferable and will be confiscated if used fraudulently. Coach and Administration passes allow access into the State Championship Hospitality Room when available.





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

- > **3A Basketball Berths:** motioned to change the allotment of 3A Basketball Berths to: The four conference champions plus top four WPI not already qualified.

Motioned by Region 5  
(motion died for lack of a second)

- > **Sports Medicine Recommendations** took action to amend the Article 10 Section 1 Qualification of Athletic Coaches Bylaw to require training in Sudden Cardiac Arrest and to required schools to annually provide to the student/parent written information on the nature and risk of SCA.

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

- > **Article 7 Section 7 Definition of Practice** took action to amend the Article 7 Section 7.A Bylaw to read:

#### **Section 7 - Practice**

- A. All players must have ten (10) separate days of physical practice in the same sport activity prior to the 1st day of competition. **For purposes of this bylaw, a “practice is defined as a regularly scheduled team physical activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the sports season and conducted under the supervision of a certified school coach during the season established by the Board of Directors. In order to qualify as a practice the student must participate in at least an hour of physical activity.**

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by AASB  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

- > **Hall of Fame Committee** took action to appoint Patrick Callahan as the Region 1 Representative to the Hall of Fame Select Committee.

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

- > **Wrestling Seeding Committee** motioned to create a Wrestling Seeding Committee to review the seeding done by Trackwrestling. The committee has the authority to change the seeds if warranted. The ASAA will chose the committee from recommendation from the Wrestling Activities Committee.

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



> **Wrestling Seeding Criteria:** motioned to add the following to the wrestling seeding criteria:

1. Strength of Schedule
2. Winning Percentage against seedable wrestlers
3. Returning State Placer.

with the exact order of seeding criteria to be determined later.

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

> **Wrestling State Policy Additions:** motioned to adopt the following as wrestling policies:

1. To automatically move up seeds and redraw the bracket if a seeded wrestler does not make weight, etc, or if there are uneven “byes” in the bracket.
2. To automatically award “pin points” for wrestlers wrestling a teammate in the state tournament.

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

> **Wrestling Weigh-in Procedures:** motioned to require wrestlers to weigh-in an authorized uniform with undergarments with a half pound allowance.

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by Region 4  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

> **State Titling:** took action adopt the following as the ASAA State Titling Policy:

- When an activity has two classifications the titling shall be Division I and Division II.
- When the activity has three classification the titling shall be Division I, Division II and Division III.
- Basketball will be classified as 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A
- Volleyball will be classified as Mix Six, 2A, 3A and 4A
- Single Classification Activities will use the activity title.

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



➤ **Cordova Regional Placement** took action approve Cordova School District's request to move from Region 3 to Region 2.

Motioned by Region 2, seconded by AASA  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Soccer Classifications** took action split Soccer into a two classification activity with schools having an enrollments of 851 or higher playing at Division 1 and schools with enrollments of 850 or less playing at the Division II level. Berth for the conferences to be determined at a later date.

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

➤ **Baseball Pitch Count Policy:** took action to add the following to the ASAA pitch count rule:

- **Mandatory one day rest** (or more if the second day pitch count dictates) for any pitcher that pitches two consecutive days. A pitcher will rest one day even if they pitched less than 30 pitches during each of the previous two days.
- **Game Day Tracking System:** A game-day tracking system recorded by each school during the contest will be shared by each head coach prior to leaving the facility. **Schools are responsible** for keeping pitch count forms on file throughout the season for all pitchers used. These forms are NOT to be sent to the ASAA unless there is a suspended/protested game. (ASAA has posted on its website a recommended form for game day tracking).

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

➤ **Executive Director Contract:** took action to offer a revised three year contract to Billy Strickland beginning August 1, 2017 and ending July 31, 2020.

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by AASB  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Western Conference Cross Country:** took action create the Western Conference Cross Country Conference. The schools of Nome-Beltz, Kotzebue and Bethel Regional will compete in the race with the top team and top eight runners (not on the winning team) qualifying for the State Tournament. The LKSD conference berths will be contribute 5 berths, the NWABSD conference contribute 4 and Nome will contribute all 6 of their berths to the new conference.

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by AASA  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



- > **Bethel Swimming Conference Placement:** took action to place Bethel Regional High School in the Mid-Alaska Conference for the activity of Swim & Dive.

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

- > **Basketball first contest date:** took action change the first contest date for the activity of basketball to Wednesday, December 13, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year.

Motioned by Region 1, seconded by AASA  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

- > **Gold Life Time Passes:** motioned to accept the nomination from the five Regions for of the individuals to receive the ASAA Gold Lifetime Pass. Region 6 will make their nomination during the May teleconference.

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



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

> **Out of Season Policy “Dead Period:** Reviewed a proposal to change the existing policy to incorporate a “dead period” for weeks before and of 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Concerns were raised about the ability to still “fund raise” during this time period, impact on American Legion baseball, comp soccer and USA Wrestling events. The proposed policy is:

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) 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.

> **Review of ASAA bylaws and policies in current financial times:** discussed the need to review all ASAA policies and bylaws to determine if they are still the most appropriate systems in regards to school finances. This would include: classification, conferences, state qualifications, and other such topics.

> **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.”

> **Division II Wrestling Berths:** discussed a proposal to change the Wrestling berths to 2 per each conference with 4 at-large berths as determined by the use of the State Seeding Criteria. Region 5 and Region 3 felt the current system was best based on numbers of wrestlers attending their conference tournament, but could consider dropping 1 berth.

> **Girls Wrestling:** discussed the need to improve the tournament by going to assigned berths. Currently there are 10 conference as the activity only has one classification. The Staff believes the Southeast Tournament could easily combine, but would need to “merge” two more conferences in order to get to the desired number of 8. If that were achieved, then each conference would be awarded two berths. The staff will bring a proposal to the Board in October after consulting with the Wrestling Coaches Committee.

> **FY 18 Draft Budgets:** reviewed and discussed the draft budget proposals from AASA and AASG.

> **World Language Date:** discussed changing the dates of the World Language Declamation event due to a conflict with DDF and Nordic Ski.

> **Hockey Reclassification:** discussed changing the enrollment number for Division II hockey (formerly known as Greatland) from 500 to 850



➤ **Reclassification Notices:** discussed letters sent to the following schools regarding changes to their current classification. School have until September 15, 2017 to appeal the changes or to “opt up”.

Schools with increasing enrollments:

Davis-Ramoth 1A to 2A  
Chief Paul Memorial 1A to 2A  
Scammon Bay 1A to 2A  
Petersburg 2A to 3A

Schools with decreasing enrollments:

Frank Degnan 2A to 1A  
Bristol Bay 2A to 1A  
Tikigaq 2A to 1A  
Tok 2A to 1A  
Kenai 4A to 3A

➤ **Nordic Ski Relay Race Length:** discussed a request by the Nordic Ski Association to run both the boys and girls races over the same 5K course. Currently the girl’s race is a 3K. Feedback from several Regions was not supportive of this request.

➤ **Music Copyright Issues:** discussed concerns regarding possible music copyright violations in how cheer squad prepare their music for events.

➤ **School Co-op Request:** discussed the request from the Juneau School District to allow Juneau-Douglas High School to co-op with Thunder Mt. High School in the activities of DDF, Tennis and Wrestling. Also discusses Fairbanks Northstar Borough School Districts bringing a proposal to allow Effie and Hutchison to co-op with other member schools.



## **Executive Session –**

Motioned by Region 1, Seconded by Region 3 to go into Executive Session.

Motioned by Region 1, Seconded by Region 4 to go out of Executive Session

## **Workshops – None**

## **Hearings – None**

## **Tabled Items – None**

## **Items for May 8, 2017 - Teleconference Meeting**

- Draft Budget
- Region 6 Gold Lifetime pass
- Division II Wrestling Berths
- Division I and II Soccer Berths
- World Language Date
- Juneau Co-op Request
- Fairbanks Co-op Request