



Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings April 23-25, 2019

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM April 23, 2019.

Procedural — Pledge of Allegiance

Seating of New Board Members — none

Roll Call:

Region 1 - Ed Lester-Present
Region 2 - Steve Klaich-Present
Region 3 -Dale Ewart-Present
Region 4 – Megan Hatswell Absent
Region 5 – Troy Thain-Present
Region 6 – Steve Zanazzo (filling in for Dan Klein_-Present
AASB – Clarence Daniel) -Present
AASA - Dave Herbert -Present (absent on April 25)
AASG – Abigail Jensen-Present

Procedural —

Quorum established

Executive Session — motioned “to go into Executive Session for the purpose of doing the Executive Director’s evaluation.”

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9: 50 am, April 25, 2019



Introduction of Guests – Tony Jenson

Approval of the Consent Items –

Motioned “to approve the consent items”
Motioned by AASA, seconded by Region 3
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Motioned to approve the agenda with additions
Motioned by AASA, seconded by Region 3
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

Monday – (2:00 p.m.)

- Kodiak Student and Wrestler, Josh Nummer addressed the Board regarding the lack of wrestling tournaments held in Kodiak. He asked the Board to help Kodiak find solutions to ensure the Kodiak community had the chance to see their team participate at home each year.
- Kodiak Volleyball Coach Amy Willis addressed the Board and ASAA Staff to welcome them to Kodiak and to thank them for all they do to support Alaskan students
- Kodiak residents Kari Lorrington and Jeremy Williamson addressed the Board in support of Josh Nummer’s concerns and to share their frustration the lack of wrestling events in Kodiak.

Tuesday – (2:00 p.m.)

No public comment

Reports – The Board of Directors was provided with the following reports:

- Board Members



- Finance Committee
- Student Government
- Officials and Coaches
- Sponsorships/Marketing/Promotions
- Play for Keeps, Win for Life/Hall of Fame
- SMAC
- Executive Director

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations –

None

Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes of December 2018 Board meeting
- 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:

➤ **Tournament Bid Process:** motioned “to amend the State Championship Policies as follows:

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP POLICIES

1. Championship Site/Date

A. The Board of Directors determines all state championship sites and dates. Most of the state championships are held in Southcentral Alaska for logistical and financial reasons. Occasionally, the Board entertains bids to host certain state tournaments in other parts of the state, as it realizes the educational value which students may gain from experiencing visits to other parts of the state.

B. Regardless of the community size, championship sites must meet certain minimum criteria. Factors which are considered in awarding a tournament site include:

1. Transportation to and from the site that is dependable.



2. An excellent tournament facility that meets or exceeds tournament specifications including NFHS standards.
3. Adequate space for seating and parking for spectators.
4. A supportive group of volunteers willing to fill key roles in the management of the tournament.
5. Adequate communication infrastructure including internet access onsite.
6. Adequate facilities to house and feed expected participants, officials, ASAA staff, and fans.
7. An interested local fan base for that particular event.
8. Plans to encourage and promote the appreciation of other cultures.
9. Availability of medical services onsite and nearby throughout the tournament.
10. Willingness to work with ASAA Associate Directors to meet budget guidelines.

C. The Board of Directors has determined that, when feasible, state championship sites should be awarded on a 2-4 years basis, however longer contracts may be awarded due to facility requirements. The Board may also entertain a one year bid to host certain events. Sites interested in hosting a state tournament are encouraged to contact ASAA to discuss the feasibility prior to submitting a bid.

2. Soliciting Bids and Awarding Bids

ASAA will solicit bids for state championships by seeking proposals during the year that precedes the final year of a state championship site bid. Potential bidders will be given the bidding criteria and deadline for submittal of bids on the asaa.org website. When multiple bids are received, the Board may choose to set up a rotation among the bid sites.

Following the viewing of a bid(s) to host a state championship, the Board will direct the ASAA Executive Director to prepare a contract with the tentatively chosen host site. This contract will need to be finalized, signed and processed within 90 days. Unless there is a significant change in the bid, the Executive Director may then sign the contract of the chosen bidder. Failure to meet specifications within the signed document may result in a review and/or cancellation of the contract.”

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



➤ **State Tournament Location:** motioned “to accept the ASD/UAA DDF bid for the 2020-2022 tournaments.”

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 3
(4-4 motion failed)

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

➤ **State Tournament Location:** motioned “to adopt the following sites as the locations for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 state tournament for the activity of DDF:

2020 at Thunder Mt. High School (Juneau) and
2021 and 2022 at East Anchorage”

Motioned by AASA, seconded by Region 5
(5-3 motion passed)

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

➤ **ESSS and Affiliate School:** motioned to “add the following language to the Article 7 Section 11 bylaw:

F. ESSS Designation:

- All member schools classified as 1A are eligible to participate in the ESSS Designation system when timely application therefore is approved by the Executive Director.
- The purpose of this rule is to provide adequate numbers of participants to ensure and make possible competition in the smallest high schools in Alaska.
- It is not the intent of this rule for schools to be able to form “All Star” teams. Rather it is to help the smallest of member schools be able to consistently conduct activities.

- ESSS Designation schools are defined as the permanent union of two or more member schools who typically do not have the sufficient number of students to provide meaningful participation and elect to join a similar sized school.



- School choosing to take part in the ESSS Designation system must meet the conditions of Article 7 Section 11 B.

F. Affiliate Schools:

Students attending non-member schools within school districts that does have member schools may register with both a “school of eligibility” for sports and an “affiliate school” for the activities:

- All-State Art
- All-State Music Festival
- E-sports
- Solo & Ensemble Festival
- Student Government
- World Language

Motioned by Region 2, seconded by Region 3
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Football Playoff Policies:** motioned to “amend the football playoff policies sections as follows:

- Gate Prices and Event Passes: During all rounds of the playoffs, schools will utilize the ASAA gate prices for entry. Passes issued by the various Regions will not be honored.
- Revenue Split: Starting with the quarter-finals, after all allowable expenses are subtracted from the gross ticket sales, the schools will equally split any net profit. Net losses are the responsibility of the host school. Allowable expenses include: Official’s pay and travel expenses, cost for ticket takers, security and custodians, and travel allowance given to visiting teams

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 6
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Cross Country Running Berths:** motioned to “amend the berths for the activity of cross country running as follows:



DIVISION I

Region 3

(Top 3 Teams + Top 15 Runners not on Top 3 Teams)

Region 4

(Top 4 Teams + Top 15 Runners not on the Top 4 Teams)

Region 5

(Top Team + Top 12 Runners not on the Top Team)

Region 6

(Top 2 Teams + Top 10 Runners not on the Top 2 Teams)

DIVISION II

Region 1

(Top team from the Western Conference + next 8 finishers not on the top team)

(Barrow will qualify runners by participating in the DIII North Slope Conference)

Region 3

(Top 4 Teams + Top 15 Runners not on the Top 4 Teams)

Region 5

(Top Team + Top 10 Runners not on the Top 4 Teams)

Region 6

(Top 2 Teams + Top 15 Runners not on the Top Teams)

DIVISION III

Region 1



<u>Conference/District</u>	<u>Berths</u>
Aleutians East	3
Bering Straits	3
Greater Kuskokwim	3
Greater Yukon Delta	5
Lower Kuskokwim	5
North Slope	7
Northwest Arctic	3
Sockeye	3
Southwest	5
Unalaska	6

Region 2

(Top 2 Teams + Top 10 Runners not on the Top 2 Teams)

Region 5

(Top 3 Teams + Top 15 Runners not on the Top 3 Teams)

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

➤ **E-sport sanctioning request:** motioned “that contingent on there not being any “first-person shooter games” permitted to amend the Article 7 Sections 3 and 4 bylaws as follows:

Section 3 - Sanctioned Activities



Member schools may sponsor any activity which is listed under the following headings: Sports Confined to a Season, Activities Confined to a Season and Activities Without Seasons.

Section 4 - Seasons

Activities confined to a season

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Cheer
- Cross Country Running
- Flag Football
- Football
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Nordic Ski
- Rifle
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swim & Dive
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball (Girls & Mix Six)
- Wrestling

Activities confined to a season

- E-Sports

Activities without seasons

- Art
- Drama, Debate & Forensics
- Dance/Drill Team
- Honor Band, Choir, Orchestra
- Music Festivals
- Solo & Ensemble Music Festival
- Student Government
- World Language Declamation



Motioned by AASA, seconded by Region 6
(7-1 motion passed)

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

➤ **Requirements for Volunteer Coaches:** motioned “to require volunteer coaches to be have successfully completed the NFHSLearn Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Course with the past three years.”

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

➤ **Requirements for Volunteer Coaches and Activity Sponsors:** motioned “to amend the Article 10 Bylaw as follows:

ARTICLE 10 - QUALIFICATION OF ATHLETIC
COACHES/ADVISORS/VOLUNTEERS Section 1 - Qualification of Coaches

A. The Alaska Coaches Education Program is required for all high school level athletic coaches who have direct supervision of students. This may include head coaches and assistant coaches at all levels, as well as non-paid coaches and coaches of out-sourced programs. The Coach of any team representing a member school in interscholastic athletic competition must have successfully completed the Alaska Coaches Education Program.

B. The Program consists of Five Components

1. Fundamentals of Coaching: NFHS course.
2. Alaska State Component: (ASAA Policy and Procedures) Is included in the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course or can be taken independently.
3. First Aid Requirement: Maintain a current certification in First Aid. The NFHSLearn First Aid course is valid for three years from the completion of the course.
4. Concussion Awareness Training: The requirement to maintain current knowledge in concussion management is mandated by Alaska State Law. It is achieved only by successful completion of the current NFHSLearn Concussion Course. The course is valid for three years from the completion of the course.
5. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training: It is achieved only by successful completion of the current NFHSLearn Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course The course is valid for three years from the completion of the course.



NOTE: For information on specific requirements go to <http://asaa.org/coaches/coaches-education/>

C. School Request for Extension of Alaska Coaches Education Program: If requested by a school principal or superintendent, the Executive Director may grant to a coach, on a one-time only basis, an extension of the certification requirement for the remainder of that sport season on a case-by-case basis. The extension is good only until the completion of the current sport season and will not be granted without the successful completion of the NFHSLearn Concussion Course and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course.

D. Equivalency for the Alaska Coaches Education Program: Coaches who believe they have completed an equivalent certification program for Fundamentals of Coaching or First Aid may submit that program directly to ASAA for review in order to determine whether that alternate program may be substituted. When an alternate program is approved, the coach will still be required to successfully complete the Alaska State Component. Coaches previously certified under the American Sports Education Program do not need to recertify for Fundamentals of Coaching.

E. Administrative Responsibility: The principal or designee at each member school or district shall ensure that the requirements in Section 1, paragraph A, B and C are met for each coach.

Section 2 - Qualification of Advisors and Volunteers

A. A volunteer is an individual that works with a school's athletic team in the same manner as a coach but is never in direct supervision of students and is not compensated.

B. An Advisor is an individual that works in a school's activity program and has direct supervision of students

C. Complete the following courses

1. Concussion Awareness Training: It is achieved only by successful completion of the current NFHSLearn Concussion Course. The course is valid for three years from the completion of the course.
2. Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training: It is achieved only by successful completion of the current NFHSLearn Sudden Cardiac Arrest Course. The course is valid for three years from the completion of the course.

Section 3- Reporting of Coaches and Advisors

A. The principal or designee of each member school or district shall annually report the names of all head coaches and assistant coaches at all levels, non-paid coaches, and



coaches of out-sourced programs, advisors and volunteers. The individual and their position must be reported within two weeks of the beginning of their respective season using the School Activities Reporting System (SARS). The principal or designee must ensure that the individual has the certifications required under this article or have a current approved extension of the Coaches Certification rule.

B. Only coaches/advisor/volunteers meeting these requirements and listed on the SARS will be eligible for a Coaches Pass at any ASAA State Championship event.

Section 4 - 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.

1. Non-Compliance with Section 1: School receives a warning and a fine of \$105 per coach
2. Failure to report coaches as specified in Section 3: School receives a warning and a fine of \$105 per activity.”

Motioned by Region 6, seconded by Region 3
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Hockey Individual Non-School Participation Rule:** motioned “to amend the Hockey Individual Non-School Participation Rule as follows:

“INDIVIDUAL NON-SCHOOL PARTICIPATION

ASAA prohibits students, in grades 10-12 who are members of a high school team, from competing as a member of a non-school comp or junior hockey or out of state traveling house team beginning with the first game of that school until a school team has completed its season. The prohibition on competing on a non-school team will be lifted during Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations dates as they are determined by schools and districts, as well as on Sundays and Mondays through the 3rd Monday each January to coincide with Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Although this rule does not restrict practice on a non-school team during the high school season, no student may participate in a high school game on a day in which they have participated in a “comp” practice (see item 12 of supplemental rules regarding penalty).”

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

➤ **Hockey Mercy Rule:** motioned “to amend the Hockey Mercy Rule as follows:



Mercy Rule: Upon reaching a 10 or more-goal differential at any time during the game a running clock will be used. Once begun, the running clock will be stopped only for team, official, or injury timeouts.

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

➤ **2020 Spring ASAA Board Meeting Location and Dates:** motioned “to hold the Spring ASAA Board of Directors meeting in Haines on April 27-29, 2020.”

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

➤ **2020 3A/4A Conference Basketball Dates:** motioned “to extend the date to have completed the 3A and 4A basketball conferences to March 21. The “regular season” may not extend past March 7.”

Motioned by Region 3, seconded by Region 4
(5-2 motion passed)

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

➤ **2020 Spring Sports Dates:** motioned “to change the start date of all Spring Sports to the Monday after the conclusion of the regular season for basketball.”

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

➤ **Mix-6 Volleyball Double Elimination Bracket:** motioned “to adopt the double elimination bracket as presented for the Mix-6 Volleyball State Tournament.”

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

➤ **FY 2019 ASAA Operating Budget:** motioned “to adopt the revisions to the FY 2019 ASAA Operating Budget as presented.”



Motioned by AASA, seconded by AASB

(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

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

- **Use of Reserved to pay off existing mortgage:** motioned “to use reserve funds to pay off the existing mortgage on the ASAA office.”

Motioned by AASA, seconded by Region 5

(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

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

- **Lake & Peninsula/ Bristol Bay School District Cross Country Co-op request:** motioned “to allow the Lake & Peninsula School District schools to co-op with Bristol Bay High School for the sport of cross country.”

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 3

(5-2 motion failed)

(Y-Region 1, Region 5, AASG (advisory))

(N- Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 6)

(Absent-AASA)

- **Basketball Mercy Rule:** motioned “to amend the mercy rule for basketball to read:

ASAA Mercy Rule: Upon reaching a 40 or more-point differential, a running clock will be used. Once begun, the running clock will be stopped only for team, official, or injury time outs, and for technical fouls.”

Motioned by Region 3, seconded by AASA

(Carried – (Unanimous Consent)

- **Palmer High School/Amazing Grace Academy Soccer Co-op request:** motioned “to allow Palmer High School and the Amazing Grace Academy to co-op for the sport of soccer.”

Motioned by Region 3, seconded by Region 4

(Carried – (Unanimous Consent)

- **AASG Revenue Proposal:** motioned “to approve the plan developed by AASG that in case of an



expense that exceeds the set budget for AASSG or a conference, 1% of AASG’s reserves are to be dedicated as a last minute funding source, not to exceed 10% of the total budget costs of the specific event or conference. Upon the request of the event host or registrar, an emergency AASG Executive Board meeting will be called to order following the Constitutional guidelines to discuss the matter. A 2/3 majority vote of the Board will permit the extra funding for the request.”

Motioned by AASA, seconded by AASB
Carried – (Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Gold Lifetime Pass Nominations:** motioned “to approve the nominations for the Gold Lifetime Pass:

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| Region 1 | Jeff Erickson and Dan Sullivan |
| Region 2 | Wes Humbyrd |
| Region 3 | Scott Anderson |
| Region 4 | Mike Graham |
| Region 5 | Keith Perkins |
| Region 6 | Walt Armstrong |
| AASB | Patty Alsworth and Ray Collins |
| AASA | Jack Walsh and Robert Boyle |

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

Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the following items:

➤ **Classification and Conferences Alignments:** The Executive Director presented a rough draft of what a five-classification system could look like for the activity of basketball. Overall the Board felt this proposal potentially created more problems than it solved. The Board then discussed the whether the largest private schools were appropriately placed in 3A or should they



be reclassified as 4A. Region 3 presented a historical breakdown of the last 10 years, which showed that while the private schools in 3A only make up 15% of the teams, they have won over 50% of the championships.

The Board directed the ASAA Staff to do the following:

- Research ways to build a “competitive based” classification system
- Present proposals to reallocate the berths within the current conferences
- Present proposals to restructure the conferences/berths.

In order to make a change effective for the 2020-2021 school year, any change would need to be approved by the December 2020 Board meeting.

➤ **Arbiter Athlete:** Discussed the implementation of Arbiter Athlete. Students may begin registering for the 2019-2020 school year as of May 15, 2019. Users need to make sure to have the correct year chosen when entering information. ASAA will be having trainings for activity clerks and other high-end users the week of July 22. Anchorage School District will be trained on July 23, the Mat-Su Valley on July 24 and Fairbanks on July 25. The Kenai Peninsula may offer training as well, however, has not committed at this point.

➤ **Unified Sports** discussed the need to further develop eligibility rules for Unified Sports. These eligibility rules would apply to coaches, athletes and partners. ASAA is currently partnering with Special Olympics, Alaska to pursue grant funding to help offset some of the cost to both ASAA and member schools when participating in Unified Sports.

➤ **E-Sports:** directed the Executive Director to finalize a contract for coordinating E-Sports with Playvs.

➤ **Hockey Rules:** discussed a proposal to change the time periods of hockey from 15 to 17 minutes per period. The proposal was made by Region 4. The proposal was to allow this to be done by Regional or Conference choice, however the Board felt the State Tournament format would need to be addressed. Additionally, this could be done by division as opposed to by region/conference.

- **Time of Hockey Periods:** Per the 2018-19 NFHS Ice Hockey Rules page 53 Section 12 Art. 2 by state association adoption, games could consist of three periods of play, each consisting of 17 minutes. Therefore, Region 4 proposed the following language:

(add) Allow Regions/Conferences to play three periods, each consisting of 17 minutes.



The Region 4 Hockey coaches believe this could be done without additional cost or ice time needs.

- **Wrestling Rule:** discussed needing to add clarifying language on several areas of the wrestling policy. These would include but not be limited to: medical forfeits, how to set up tournaments in Trackwrestling, and development of criteria for being considered for an at-large berth. This language has been shared among the wrestling coaches via email. The Board will review this language for possible adoption during the May 2019 Board meeting.

- **Football Playoff Policies:** discussed ways to prevent a loss of revenue by changing the player pass policy. Also discussed the challenges of the current method for selecting the All-Tournament teams. Directed the ASAA Staff to work with Region 4 on workable solutions to both issues.

- **FY 2020 Operating Budgets for ASAA and AASG:** reviewed the draft operating budget for both AASA and AASG. The Board directed the Executive Director to make some changes to be presented at the May Teleconference.

- **Baseball Classifications:** discuss the presented two-classification system for the sport of baseball and which DII schools would request to opt-up. It was determined the 4A schools in Southeast would desire to play at the DI level, while the 3A school(s) in Southeast would choose to remain at the DII level. Based on that information, the Board directed the ASAA Staff to present new proposals including the make-up of conferences and berths.

- **Basketball Scrimmage Rules:** discussed a proposal from Region 5 to change the scrimmage rules for the sport of basketball which would state:
 - Teams may run a “scrimmage” of two (2) ten (10) minute halves, with or without a running clock. These two (2) ten (10) minute halves would count as 2 of the 6 allowed quarter players may play at different levels.

The ASAA Staff recommended that these types of scrimmages would need to count towards the school’s JV game limit and possibly limiting this change to 1A and 2A schools. The Staff also recommended keeping the existing scrimmage format as it is working for the larger schools.

- **Bylaws and Policy Review:** directed the ASAA Staff to develop an ongoing system of reviewing all ASAA bylaws and policies. The Staff is currently reviewing the following ones:
 - Excessive Game Allowed Penalties
 - Official’s Nomination and Selection
 - First Aid Requirement Course Equivalency



➤ **At-Large Selection and Seeding Policy for Basketball:** discussed the new policy for the selection and seeding for 3A/4A basketball. The Board was provided information showing how the outcome would have been this year using the former WPI system. The at-large selections would have been the same, but seeding would have changed to some degree. The Board will discuss this issue with their Region prior to the Board’s Fall 2019 meeting to determine if new policy should continue or if the former policy should be reinstated.

➤ **State Cross Country Dates:** discussed a proposal from Region 4 which states:

“The AK Cross Country running state championship will occur on the 1st Saturday in October unless that date is on or preceding October 4th, in which case the meet will occur on the 2nd Saturday of October.”

Currently the dates for the next several years are:

2019	September 28
2020	October 3
2021	October 2
2022	October 1

As this would not change the normal scheduling system until 2023, the Board will discuss this with their Region for consideration in the future.

➤ **1A/2A Basketball Start Dates:** discussed a proposal from Region 2 to consider changing the start dates for 1A/2A Basketball to early January, but then having the 1A/2A basketball tournament and the 3A/4A tournament exchange weekend for March Madness.

➤ **State Volleyball Roster Limits:** discussed a proposal from Region 4 to change the roster limits for the State Volleyball tournament from 12 to 14. This proposal is based on how the introduction of the libero position has allowed players to become more specialized as either front or back row players. As the “starting unit” now consist of 7 as opposed to 6, the Region 4 volleyball coaches feel this change would improve the game and allow for greater participation. The Board is asked to talk to their coaches/school so that action could be taken during the May Teleconference.



➤ **Alaska Association of Basketball Coaches Concerns/Suggestions:** at the request of Region 3, the AABC was allowed to present concerns to the Board. The presenters were: David Porter, AABC President, Jim Young, AABC Vice President and Jeannie Hebert-Traux, AABC Treasurer. Concerns/Suggestions discussed:

- Use of the duel courts at the Alaska Airlines Center during the 3A/4A Basketball Tournament.
 - AABC suggested going to a 4-day tournament and using the Aux gym on Wednesday for the 3A teams and the UAA main court for 4A. The 3A teams then would play on the main court on Thursday, while 4A took a day off. 4A would then resume on Friday, while 3A took an off day. Championship games would then finish up on Saturday as is done now.

The ASAA Staff had concerns that the Aux gym would be big enough for opening round games and suggested using West Anchorage High School for the opening rounds. There were also concerns expressed regarding the cost of traveling schools and their fans. Board members were asked to discuss this with their members for future discussion.

- Reclassification issues/Private-Public School Debate.
 - AABC did not support the development of a 5A classification system but did support looking at a competitive based classification system.
- Out of Season Contact Rules
 - AABC proposes to change the out of season contact policy to allow for an open period in the fall for teams to participate in a “fall league.” They also propose to “go back to allowing scholastic coaches to coach their teams in fall and spring leagues.”

The ASAA Staff expressed concerns about the inequality for the schools that are not able to feasibility participate in out of season leagues. It was also noted that the system AABC is proposing going “back to” was most likely a violation of the previous rules. Additionally, there are concerns about discouraging students from participating in multiple activities. The ASAA Staff did concur that the lack of out of season contact does lead to issues with students and their parents being misled by comp programs and the need to provide wholesome activities for students.

Workshops – none



Hearings – None

Tabled Items – None

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – None

Motion to Adjourn

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

Topics for May 13 Board Meeting), 2019 Board Meeting (via Teleconference:

- FY 2020 ASAA and AASG Operating Budget
- Volleyball Roster Limits

Topics for October 2019 Board Meeting:

- Classification
- Arbiter Athlete
- Unified Sports
- Executive Director's Evaluation
- E-Sports
- Football Playoff Policies
- Hockey Policies
- Wrestling Polices
- Baseball Classifications
- Basketball Scrimmage Rules
- Bylaw and Policies Review
- 3A/4A Basketball At-Large Selection and Seeding Procedure
- State Cross Country Meet Dates
- 1A/2A Basketball Start and Ending Dates
- 3A/4A State Basketball Tournament Format
- Out of Season Contact Policy

