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Un-Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting April 28-29, 2024

More information may be obtained from an ASAA Board member (board@asaa.org) or from the ASAA office (907) 563-3723.

Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. April 28, 2024.

Roll Call:

- Region 1 – Patrick Callahan - Present
- Region 2 – Colin Stone (filling in for James Sickler) - Present
- Region 3 – Stacia Rustad - Present
- Region 4 – Tim Helvey - Present
- Region 5 – Jaime Cabral - Present
- Region 6 – Wayne Sawchuk - Present
- AASB – Dana Mock - Present
- AASA – Jim Holien – Present
- AASG – Rhianonn Dobbins – Present

Approval of the Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes from February 19-20, 2024 Meeting
- b. Waiver 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

Motion and second “to approve the consent items”
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Motion and second “to approve the agenda as amended”
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items – the ASAA Board heard public comments from Heath Martin, Wes Brockert and Wescott Bott.

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/Hockey-Rule-comments.pdf>

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

- Board Members
- Finance Committee
- Student Government
- State Tournaments
- Officials and Coaches
- Sponsorships/Marketing/Promotions
- Student Services
- Hall of Fame
- SMAC
- Executive Director



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Action Items – The Board of Directors acted as follows:

➤ **Change in 1A Basketball berths:** motion and second “to move one 1A basketball berth and 1A basketball girls’ berth from the Peninsula Conference to the Golden Heart Conference beginning with the 2024-25 season.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Waiver of the Hockey Dual Participation Rule:** motion and second “to suspend the Hockey Dual Participation Rule for the 2024-2025 school year.”

Motion passed (7-1)

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

➤ **FY24 Operating Budget Revision:** motion and second “to approve the revision to the FY24 ASAA Operating Budget as presented”.

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **FY25 Operating Budget:** motion and second “to approve the FY25 ASAA Operating Budget as presented”.

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Transfer Bylaw Change:** motion and second to “approve the changes to the Article 12 Section 9.C Transfer/Residency Rule as amended effective July 1, 2024.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/Revised-Article-12-Section-9.pdf>

➤ **Flag Football Championship Site:** motion and second “to award Wasilla High School the host site for the 2024, 2025, 2026 Flag Football State Championships”.

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Flag Football Championship bracket and rotation:** motion and second “to approve the Flag Football bracket and seeding rotation, but not the game times, as present”.

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2025 Location and date for the ASAA Board’s Spring Meeting:** motion and second “to hold the 2025 ASAA Spring Board meeting in Cordova on May 4-6. 2025”.

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Changes to Juneau-Douglas Conference Placements:** motion and second “to allow Juneau-Douglas to remain in their current DII hockey conference while moving them into the single DI soccer conference and in the DI Railbelt softball conference for the 2024-2025 school year.”

➤ **Hutchison, Effie Kokrine, Monroe Catholic and Student Wrestler Development Program agreement with the Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District:** motion and second “to allow students attending Hutchison, Effie Kokrine, Monroe Catholic and the Student Wrestler Development Program high schools to participate, in activities not offered by their own school, with the Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District school for which their home is zoned. This agreement expires at the end of the 2027 school year.”

Motion passed (7-1)

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

➤ **Cook Inlet Academy agreement with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District:** motion and second “to allow students attending Cook Inlet Academy to participate, in activities not offered by their own school, with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District school for which their home is zoned. This agreement expires at the end of the 2027 school year.”

Motion passed (7-1)

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



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➤ **Mountain City Christian Academy, Birchwood Christian School, Grace Christian High School, Holy Rosary and Lumen Christi High School agreement with the Anchorage School District:**

motion and second “to approve the MOA agreements between Mountain City Christian Academy, Birchwood Christian School, Grace Christian High School, Holy Rosary and Lumen Christi High School and the Anchorage School District. This agreement expires at the end of the 2027 school year.”

Motion passed (7-1)

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

Note: these agreements allow the high school students attending Mountain City Christian Academy, Birchwood Christian School, Grace Christian High School, Holy Rosary and Lumen Christi High School to participate, in activities not currently offered by their own school, with the Anchorage School District school for which their home is zoned.

➤ **Colony/Palmer Co-op for Flag Football:** motion and second “to allow Colony and Palmer high schools to co-op for the activity of flag football for the 2024-2025 school year.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Wrestling At-Large Selection Criteria:** motion and second “to eliminate “winning percentage” from the criteria for ranking the at-large selections.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: Coaches will still be asked to submit rationale as to why their student is deserving of the bid and the committee will continue to make the final selections.

➤ **DIII Cross Country Team Scoring:** motion and second “to score the top 3 out of a possible 7 runners towards the team championship in the DIII Cross Country races.”

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



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➤ **Article 3 Section 3.C Bylaw Revision:** motion and second “to adopt the changes to the Article 3 Section 3.C bylaw as presented”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: The bylaw now reads:

C. Self-Reporting: A member school shall report its own violation for any infraction of the Bylaws or policies. Some degree of leniency, including waiver of minimum mandatory financial and other penalties, may be made in self-reporting cases since the majority of such infractions may not otherwise come to light. Game or contest forfeitures as stated in Article 12, Section 1, shall not be waived in cases of self-reporting unless, the school was given incorrect information from the student, parent(s) or guardian. In these instances, the Association may waive the game or contest forfeitures.

➤ **Statewide Passes:** motion and second “to adopt the changes to the ASAA Pass Policy as presented”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: the policy now reads:

“ASAA offers an Association pass to schools to purchase for \$50 each. These passes will allow the bearer entrance into any regular season event, regional or district event, and any and all state tournaments for the year. The pass will be available for all certified coaches, athletic/activities directors, school board members, and school administrators. ASAA will personalize each pass as they are ordered by the school and that person will need to show ID when using the pass. In addition, ASAA provides passes to its sponsors which must be honored at all ASAA sanctioned activities.”

➤ **Mix-6 Volleyball Rule:** motion and second “to eliminate from the Supplemental Rules for Mix Six Volleyball the requirement that there must be at least one male on the court to begin a match.”

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



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➤ **Alaska High School Hall of Fame Bylaw Revision:** motion and second “to approve the revisions to the Alaska High School Hall of Fame bylaws as presented.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **ASAA Gold Lifetime Pass:** motion and second “to approve the nominations made by each Board member of the person(s) to receive an ASAA Gold Lifetime pass.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: The individuals will be listed once notified of this award.

➤ **ASAA Weapons and Inspection Policy:** motion and second “to approve the ASAA Weapons and Inspection policy as presented.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **DDF event:** motion and second “to add Improvised Duet Acting as an event during the DDF State event.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Nordic Ski State Tournament site:** motion and second “to host the Nordic Ski State Champions event as follows:

2025...Mat-Su/Government Peak
2026...Fairbanks/Birch Hill
2027...Anchorage/Kincaid Park”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **DI and DII Softball State Tournament site:** motion and second “to host the DI and DII State Softball Championships as follows:

2025...Anchorage
2026...Fairbanks
2027...Anchorage”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Solo & Ensemble location:** motion and second “to host the State Solo & Ensemble Event at UAA/Bettye Davis East Anchorage High School for the 2025, 2026 and 2027 events.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Classification Committee:** motion and second “to form a classification Committee made up of members from each Region to review and make possible recommendations for how each activity should be classified.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Board Directives and Discussions: The Board of Directors had discussion and gave direction as follows:

➤ **TAD Policy Review:** discussed the educational courses ASAA is investigating for replacing the existing educational components.

➤ **Sanctioning of Powerlifting:** discussed finalizing the rules, divisions and events during the October ASAA Board meeting.

➤ **DI Soccer Conference Name and Bylaws:** discussed the need for the new DI Soccer conference to submit their conference bylaws.

➤ **Statewide Air Quality Policy:** discussed the proposed system for allowing schools to cancel outdoor events when within 48 hours of the event the forecasted AQI was in excess of 151. The ASAA staff is researching the AQI system in which to use.

➤ **2025 DDF/World Language Event Dates:** discussed the need to possibly change the dates of the 2025 DDF and/or World Language events due to a change with the ASD Inservice dates.

Hearings –

- none



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Recognition - awarded outgoing Dana Mock for his outstanding leadership and dedication to the students of Alaska while serving as the Alaska Association of School Boards Representative on the ASAA Board of Directors from 2020 to 2024. Dana also served as the Board President from 2022-2024.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion and second to Adjourn
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Upcoming Board Meetings and Workshops

- October 8, 2024 – Board Workshop
- October 9-10, 2024 – Board Meeting
- December 4-5, 2024 – Board Meeting
- February 19-2025, – Board Meeting
- May 4-6, 2025 – Board Meeting