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Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting Anchorage, Alaska December 13-14, 2010

Note: This synopsis is available on the ASAA web site at www.asaa.org. More information on agenda items may be obtained from an ASAA Board member (listed on web site) or from the ASAA office (907) 563-3723.

Action Items The Board of Directors (BOD) took the following actions:

- Minutes: Approved minutes of the September 9 special teleconference hearing, the October 3-4, regular meeting, the October 4 teleconference hearing, and the November 1 Special Teleconference Meeting. (Consensus)
- Bylaw Amendment – Licensing Sports Officials with Sexual Abuse Records: Adopted an amendment to Article 6, Section 9 F., Standards for Officials: **(amendment in bold)**

“While officiating ASAA sanctioned contests, officials shall conduct themselves in accordance with standards of good sportsmanship, professional competence, fairness and integrity, including but not limited to the standards set forth in the National Federation Officials’ Code of Ethics.

1. *Decertifying or Denying Certification* – the Executive Director may decertify or deny certification to a contest official for gross or repetitive violations of these standards. Requests to decertify or to deny certification must be filed in writing to the Association. Only requests from member schools, districts, regional associations or officials’ associations will be considered. **(add) The Executive Director may, on his own initiative or on written request, decertify or deny certification to a contest official who is a registered sex offender or child kidnapper under the statutes and regulations of the State of Alaska.**

The amendment went into effect immediately upon adoption. (Unanimous Consent)

- Bylaw Amendment: Adopted amendments to the bylaws of the Alaska High School Hall of Fame concerning the lapse of time that must follow a nominee’s retirement prior to being eligible for nomination.

The amendment went into effect immediately upon adoption. (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Fall Coed Soccer: Approved a request from Delta Jct. High School to be placed in the Borealis Conference, effective immediately (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Angoon High School Waiver Request: Upheld the decision of the Executive Director to deny a waiver of the enrollment rule for 8th grade student participation. The board will consider an amendment to provide an alternative counting method based on the enrollment per gender. (Unanimous Consent)

➤ Shishmaref High School Waiver Request: Upheld the decision of the Executive Director to deny a waiver of the enrollment rule in the case of a potential cooperative agreement between Shishmaref and Wales Schools. The previous year's enrollment must be used in all circumstances not involving a request for 8th grade participation. (Unanimous Consent)

➤ 4A Basketball – At-Large Berths: Approved the following formula for determining berths to the state tournament for girls and boys, beginning in 2011-12.

Cook Inlet Conference – 2 automatic berths

Northern Lights Conference – 2 automatic berths

Mid Alaska Conference – 1 automatic berth

Southeast Conference – 1 automatic berth

Other - 2 berths determined by selecting the two teams with the highest WPI from the remaining non-qualifying teams (Carried 6-2)

➤ 2011-12 Season Calendar: Adopted the season calendar for 2012-13 with the following significant changes – Cross-Country Running, Football and Tennis will begin on week 5, August 1, 4A Wrestling season will run from October 31 – February 3-4, Basketball Cheerleading will begin on week 22, November 28. Rifle will also have two seasons – Fall – September 12 – December 10, and Winter – October 31 – February 11. Also, the board is considering the adoption of a season for Competitive Cheer. The entire calendar will be available at www.asaa.org. (Carried – 6-2)

➤ Classification Changes: Adopted revisions to the classification numbers which will go into effect in 2012-13, as follows:

Baseball	One Classification
Basketball	1A - 5-60
	2A - 61-150
	3A - 151-500
	4A - 501 and larger
Football	Small – 400 and smaller
	Medium – 401-800
	Large – 801 and larger
Hockey	2A/3A – 500 and smaller
	4A – 501 and larger

Soccer	Fall Coed – 1A/2A/3A Spring – One Classification
Softball	Small – 800 and smaller Large – 801 and larger
Swimming/Diving	One Classification
Volleyball	Mixed Six – 5-60 2A – 5-150 3A – 151-500 4A – 501 and larger
Wrestling	1A/2A/3A – 500 and smaller 4A – 501 and larger

(Carried – 7-1)

- Election of President and Vice-President: Reelected Terry Martin – Ninilchick, as President, and Billy Strickland – Bethel, as Vice-President. (Unanimous Consent)
- Membership Application: Approved an application for membership from Daniels Home School in Unalakleet. (Carried 8-0)
- Policy Definitions: Adopted definitions as follows: (Carried 8-0)

“Prospective Player” – A Prospective Player is any student enrolled in a specific coach’s school, or any student who will be enrolled in that school during the next school year.

“Camps”- there are two types of “Camps” - team camps and commercial camps.

Team Camps/Clinics may be held before, during or after the established high school season. Out-of-season attendance may not be mandated. A camp is considered a “team camp” if any of the following criteria are met:

1. students, as a team, are housed and/or fed at the school.
2. students, as a team, are housed and/or fed away from the school.
3. students, as a team, are taken on outings

Commercial camps – Students may voluntarily attend commercial camps during the summer months upon approval of their parents. Attendance may not be mandated. Service clubs, school organizations or schools may pay fees for participation according to their own school/district policies.

“Conditioning” – Conditioning is defined as a session where students work on physical fitness and conditioning by use of weights, running, and /or exercise. Conditioning does not allow for the use of individualized and specialized sports equipment or apparatus, including but not limited to: balls, bats, protective equipment, blocking dummies, batting cages, charging sleds, and other implements related to specific ASAA activities. Participation in conditioning must be optional.

“Summer Travel Teams” – Summer Travel Teams may be put together by a coach for competition during the summer, either in or out of the state. Although the team is not affiliated with a member school, it may include students from one or more member schools. For restrictions see (Article 12, Section 5, Recruiting/Undue Influence, B.)

“Out-of-Season” – Out-of-Season is any time other than during the established high school season in a particular sport.

“Practice” – Practice is a regularly scheduled team physical activity designed for the preparation of athletes for the ensuing sports season and conducted under the supervision of the school coach. A “practice” is further defined as any attempt by the coach of a school team (paid or volunteer) to teach any phase of a game or activity to his or her squad, or have the squad or part of the squad engage in drills under the supervision of that coach, or from directions provided by that coach. Under this definition, “school team” also applies to students and coaches of “individual sports.”

“Coach” – A Coach is an adult hired or approved by the school (either paid or volunteer) to conduct the usual duties of a coach under the guidelines established by ASAA and the school/district.

➤ Media Policy: Adopted the following policy for state championship events, effective immediately – (Carried 8-0)

ASAA Media Policy

November 2010

ASAA acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of bonafide media representatives as they cover and report on ASAA sponsored events. ASAA appreciates the interest generated by media coverage and the publicity given to the achievements of our member schools and students.

Reputable news-gathering organizations will understand the need for ASAA to have certain policies and procedures for media personnel attending and covering ASAA State Championship Events. One such need is to protect the exclusive arrangement with our “official state tournament photographer.”

Individuals or organizations whose main purpose is to market photos on the internet or to schools or individuals are not considered to be representatives of “reputable news gathering organizations” and will not be issued state tournament Media Passes.

Failure to comply with ASAA policies and procedures will result in the media outlet having its credential privileges suspended by ASAA.

The following sections are intended to make it easier for legitimate media outlets to cover State Championship Events.

Media Passes

ASAA’s Media Pass is intended to provide access to state championship events only, not to regular season and/or regional/conference play. Requests for contests other than the State Championship events should be directed to the

appropriate member school representatives. Any questions or requests for clarification should be brought directly to the attention of ASAA's Associate Director.

ASAA will issue Media Passes (credentials) to bonafide media representatives for the sole purpose of providing facility access in conjunction with this event. Because of their natures, some championships will have designated Media Areas and others will not.

Print, Radio, Television and Internet/Webcast Media

To receive a Media Pass (credential), a member of the Print, Radio, Television and Internet/Webcast Media must register for the specific State Championship he or she plans to cover by **Tuesday** of the State Tournament week and show a legitimate photo credential from the outlet he or she represents. (**EXCEPTION:** Requests for March Madness Alaska State Basketball Tournament Media Passes must be made by **Tuesday** of the week **PRIOR** to the tournament). Any Media Pass not picked up at the ASAA office by **Wednesday** of a tournament week will be available at the tournament site from an ASAA staff member.

If a bonafide member of the media does not have a legitimate photo credential from the outlet he or she represents, the individual must provide a letter on company letterhead, signed by the editor or person in charge of the organization the individual represents. Any unauthorized use of the Pass subjects the bearer to removal from the facility.

The Media Pass allows the Bearer a limited, non-exclusive and non-transferable license to cover that particular ASAA Championship Event for news purposes only, provided that such coverage does not create confusion that the Bearer or the entity he or she represents, is sponsored, endorsed by, associated or affiliated with the ASAA or any of the member schools.

Reports The BOD heard the following reports:

- Board Members
- State Tournaments
- Finance Committee
- Student Government
- Officials/Coaches/WPI
- Marketing
- Play for Keeps, Win for Life
- Executive Director

Public Comments Heard numerous comments on the proposed amendments to the Classification System.

Workshop Items The BOD discussed the following items in workshop:

1. Reclassification - Reviewed the proposed classification numbers for basketball and all other sports and revisited the following time frame for implementation of classification changes:

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| Nov. 1, 2010 - | ASAA released classification proposal for basketball based on new numbers |
| Dec. 14, 2010 - | board will adopt classification changes in all sports and activities |
| Feb. 19, 2011 - | deadline for schools to "opt up" on a sport by sport basis by |

	notifying ASAA in writing
Feb. 22, 2011 -	board will approve requests to “opt up” and develop conferences
Apr. 19, 2011 -	board will approve changes to conferences and berths to state tournaments to begin in 2012-13
July/Aug. 2012 -	classification changes will go into effect

Three scenarios for a potential 16 team 1A state basketball tournament were presented as part of the classification proposal.

Tabled Items: There were no tabled items from the previous meeting.

Discussion Items The BOD discussed the following items:

➤ **State Tournament Bids:** Reviewed and discussed potential concerns affiliated with the upcoming bid process for state tournaments whose sites expire after this year. They are:

- Tennis
- 4A Wrestling
- Nordic Skiing
- Track and Field
- Softball
- Baseball

The board also authorized a study of alternative sites for the 2011 football championships due to the poor condition of Anchorage Football Stadium.

➤ **Bylaws:** Discussed the variations in the Transfer Rule as applied to member, non-member alternative and member state-wide correspondence programs. A chart will be prepared for discussion during the February meeting.

Discussed a proposal from Region 4 to extend the period of ineligibility for a transfer student from 90 to 180 days. This will also be a discussion item during the February meeting.

Discussed the Practice Rule’s application in overlapping sports which will be discussed by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) during its January meeting. Discussed a proposed definition of “nationally recognized activity”. This will be sent out as a proposed bylaw amendment with possible action during the February meeting.

➤ **All-State Music Festival – On-Line Auditions:** Discussed a report from Cam Bohman, ASAA music coordinator, on various options to implement on-line auditions for the band, orchestra and choirs. Adopting such a program would require the development of software or the use of an existing service. Discussion followed on how to cover the cost of this service. The board directed that each participating school be invoiced \$100 as a one-time fee for implementation based on the 2010 participation records.

- “All-Star Game” Policy: Revisited a discussion on all-star games begun during the October board meeting. The board determined that ASAA should not take a position or develop a policy since these are non-school related activities.
- State Cross-Country Running Substitution Policy: Discussed a coaches’ proposal to extend the deadline for substitutions and change the way that alternates are selected. This will be a discussion item during the February board meeting and a potential action item during the April meeting.
- Student Internet Access Policy: Heard a proposal from Cordova High School to amend ASAA’s parent permission form to include permission for traveling students to access the internet through the home school’s internet connection. ASAA would be willing to post a list of cooperating school districts. This will be further discussed during the February board meeting with possible action.
- Strategic Planning: Continued discussion on the development of a new strategic plan. Weighed the pro’s and con’s of utilizing an outside facilitator and when to schedule the session. The board will consider a 2-3 day planning session in January 2012.
- Statewide Football Schedule: Heard a presentation by Norm Bouchard, statewide football schedule coordinator, on how the schedule is developed and on efforts to fill all open dates for teams throughout the state. ASAA has not been directly involved in this in the past. After discussion, the board recommended that;
 1. the schedule be finalized by the time of the statewide scheduling meeting,
 2. that the committee consider developing a two year schedule,
 3. that a “drop-dead” date be established after which the schedule becomes official and non-played games become forfeits, and
 4. that the committee determine which schools are willing and which are not willing to pay for travel for non-conference games prior to the development of the schedule.
- Cheerleading: Discussed sideline sport-specific cheerleading and competitive cheerleading and how they are placed on the Association’s season calendar. The board will hear a proposal during the February meeting which may include setting a season for “comp” cheerleading.
- Website Content/Update: Heard a presentation on staff efforts to manage content on the Association’s five websites and on goals for 2010-12 which include redesign and development, social media, email marketing, mobile solutions and a discussion forum. This may include expanding the webmaster’s current part-time contractor status to full-time employee status.
- Statewide Scheduling Meeting: Discussed the implementation of the meeting since ASAA assumed a planning and administrative role a few years ago. The board decided that the meeting date should be included in the annual Statewide Season Calendar.
- Metlakatla Report: Heard a report on recent developments that resulted from a complaint of

unsportsmanlike conduct by students, staff and fans of Metlakatla High School during the 2009-10 basketball season. Region 5 had placed the school on Probation which was later vacated when it was determined that the Region did not have the authority to take that action. ASAA intervened and placed the school on a Warning Status for the 2010-11 school year.

➤ Seeding of State Wrestling Tournaments: Discussed the process used to seed the two state wrestling tournaments and heard a staff report on how it worked this year. The board discussed the potential of revising the process to seed only the regional/conference champions into the state tournament. There will be further discussion during the February board meeting.

➤ 2A Basketball State Tournament Berths: Heard a proposal from Region 1 to rename its 2A basketball berths in the state tournament. The Region currently has three berths, designated as Great Northwest 1 and 2, and Yukon/Kuskokwim 1. It wants to seed the three teams and place them in the existing rotation. The 2A state tournament representation is as follows:

- Region 1 – Great Northwest - 2 berths
 Yukon/Kuskokwim – 1 berth
- Region 2 – Peninsula – 2 berths
 Central Interior – 1 berth
- Region 5 - Southeast – 2 berth

The first round matchups are based on a three year rotation with proposed changes in **bold**.

2010-11

~~Great Northwest 1~~ (**Region 1-#1**) vs Southeast 2
Peninsula 1 vs. ~~Yukon/Kuskokwim 1~~ (**Region 1-#2**)
Central Interior 1 vs. ~~Great Northwest 2~~ (**Region 1-#3**)
Southeast 1 vs. Peninsula 2

2011-12

Central Interior 1 vs. Peninsula 2
~~Great Northwest 1~~ (**Region 1-#1**) vs. Southeast 2
Southeast 1 vs. ~~Yukon/Kuskokwim 1~~ (**Region 1-#2**)
Peninsula 1 vs. ~~Great Northwest 2~~ (**Region 1-#3**)

2012-13

Peninsula 1 vs. Southeast 2
~~Great Northwest 1~~ (**Region 1-#1**) vs. Peninsula 2
Southeast 1 vs. ~~Great Northwest 2~~ (**Region 1-#3**)
Central Interior 1 vs. ~~Yukon/Kuskokwim 1~~ (**Region 1-#2**)

➤ Volleyball Jamboree: Heard a proposal from Region 4 to amend the policy to permit students to participate in jamborees after five days of practice, instead of ten as currently stated. This will be a discussion item during the February board meeting.

Student Hearing

None

Items for February Meeting – February 21-22, 2011 – Embassy Suites Hotel, Anchorage

Workshop

1. Classification
- 2.

Reports

- 1.

Discussion

1. Cheerleading as a Sport
2. State Cross-Country Running Substitution Policy
3. 1A State Basketball Tournament 16 Team Format
4. Competitive Cheerleading
5. Transfer Rule
 - a. Students in Alternative Programs
 - b. Extending the 90 day Period of Ineligibility
6. Student Internet Access Permission
7. State Wrestling Tournament Seeding Procedure
8. State Tournament Berth Review – Individual Sports
9. 2011-12 Budget Preview
10. All-State Music- On-line Auditions
- 11.
- 12.

Action

1. Approval of Requests to “Opt Up”
2. Adoption of Conferences
3. State Tournament Bids
4. Bylaw Amendment
 - a. Article 5, Section 7 - Practice rule