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Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings December 9-10, 2019

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM December 9, 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-Present
Region 5 – Troy Thain-Present
Region 6 – Dan Klein-Present
AASB – Clarence Daniel-Present
AASA – Dave Herbert-Present
AASG – Abigail Jensen-Present

Procedural —

Quorum established

Approval of the Consent Items —

Motioned “to approve the consent items with the new FY19 Profit & Loss Statement”
Motioned by Region 2, seconded by Region 3
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Motioned “to approve the agenda with the additions”
Motioned by Region 3, seconded by Region 5
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

Monday – (2:00 p.m.)

- Heard comments from Ketchikan High School Baseball Coach, Andy Berntson. Mr. Berntson felt the basketball season is too long and that it negatively impacts the spring sports. Additionally, with the Region 5 basketball tournament taking the better part of a week, many of his players are not able to attend the first several weeks of the season. He would like the Board to change these dates.
- Lumen Christi parent, Kara Moriarty spoke to the Board regarding Lumen Christi and Anchorage School District MOA to allow students attending LC to participate for the ASD school for which they are zoned in sports not offered by LC. Pending approval of this by the Board, she would like to see the co-op agreement between LC and Dimond High School be approved.

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

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations –

None



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Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes of October 2019 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



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Action Items and Board Directives – The Board of Directors took action as follows:

- **Football Classifications:** motioned “ to postpone the decision to change the current classifications for football until the February Board of Directors meeting.”

Motioned by Region 2, seconded by Region 4
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

- **Basketball Classifications:** motioned “ to postpone the decision to change the current classifications for basketball until the February Board of Directors meeting.”

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

The Board of Directors also directed the ASAA Staff to develop the systems for how schools could appeal their classification to the Board. This system should use objective criteria.

- **Football Playoff policies:** motioned “to change the football playoff policies for the quarter and semi-finals to the following:

QUARTER & SEMI FINALS PROCEDURES

1. Gate Prices & Event Passes: During all rounds of the playoffs, schools will utilize the ASAA gate prices. Passes issued by regions/conferences will not be honored.
2. ASAA will issue participant passes to teams in the semi-finals and assess a participation fee.
3. Roster size limits are in effect beginning with the quarter-finals.
4. ASAA program will include teams in the semi-finals.
5. Host schools have the broadcast rights **and choose whether the game will be held on Friday night or Saturday.**
6. Host schools are responsible for selecting and all expenses related to officials. ASAA official conflict of interest policy is in effect.
7. Assistance for travel is the same as the regular season.
8. 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: officials pay and travel expenses, cost of ticket takers, security, custodians, and travel allowance given to visiting teams.
9. **The Host School will determine if pep bands are allowed. In the event, pep bands are allowed, each school must be allowed to bring an equal number of students. The host school will determine an appropriate rotation for the bands playing.”**



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

- **Football Championship Game Awards:** motioned “to replace the All-Tournament team with the following:

ASAA will select six outstanding performers from the Championship games to be given an award (i.e. Outstanding Offensive Performance, Outstanding Defensive Performance, Outstanding Offensive Lineman, Outstanding Defensive Lineman, Outstanding Defensive Back, Outstanding Offensive Skill Position)”

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 2
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Baseball Classifications:** motioned to change baseball to a two classification system, using the same enrollment number as softball, beginning in the spring of 2020.

Motioned by Region 6, seconded by Region 3
(5-3 motion failed)

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

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Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 2
(7-1 motion passed)

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

- **Baseball Conferences:** motioned “ to create three DII conferences with the Region 6 schools being in one conference, the Region 3 schools being in one conference and the Region 5 school being in one conference.”

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

- **Baseball Conferences:** motioned “ to create two DII conferences with the Region 6 schools being in one conference, the Region 3 schools being in one conference.”



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Motioned by Region 3,
(Motion died for lack of a second)

- **Baseball Conferences:** motioned “ to create three DI conferences with the Region 6 and Region 3 schools being in one conference, the Region 4 schools being in one conference and the Region 5 schools being in one conference”

Motioned by Region 3, seconded by Region 4,
(7-1 motion passed)

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

- **Baseball Conferences:** motioned “ to postpone the decision on state berths and how teams will be placed into DII conferences until the February Board of Directors meeting.”

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

- **Out of Season Contact Policy:** motioned “ to postpone the decision changing the Out of Season Contact policy until the February Board of Directors meeting.”

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

- **2020-2021 Activities Calendar Basketball:** motioned “to change the state tournament dates for 3A/4A basketball to March 17-20, 2021 and the state tournament dates for 1A-2A basketball to March 24-27, 2021”

Motioned by Region 6, seconded by Region 3
(5-3 motion failed)

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

- **2020-2021 Activities Calendar Cross Country Running:** motioned “to change the last contest date (regular season/conference tournaments) for cross country running until October 3, 2020”

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



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- **2020-2021 Activities Calendar Spring Sports:** motioned “to change the first contest date for Spring Sports to March 19, 2021”

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 2
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **2020-2021 Activities Calendar:** motioned to approve the remaining 2020-2021 Activities dates as presented”

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

- **2019-2020 ASAA Annual Goals:** motioned to set the following goals for the 2019-2020 School Year

1. Increase Student Participation by 15%
2. Decrease TAD violations by 8%
3. Decrease incidents for poor sportsmanship by players and coaches (ejections, bench technical fouls, and yellow cards) by 10%.”

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

- **Bylaw revision Article 11 Section 1:** motioned “ to amend the Article 11 Section 1 bylaw to read as follows:

Section 1 - Medical Examination

A student-athlete may not be permitted to participate in a practice session or in any athletic event (including rifle and cheer) until there is on file, with the superintendent or principal, a statement, signed by a practicing physician, advanced nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant, doctor of chiropractic, **certified community health aide** or a military medical examiner, and the student’s parents or legal guardians, certifying that he or she has submitted to a history and physical examination within the prior 18 months. The statement must certify that, in the opinion of the examiner, the student is physically fit to participate in strenuous physical activities. “

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

- **Bylaw revision Article 6 Section 8:** motioned “ to amend the Article 6 Section 8 bylaw to read as follows:



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ASAA Article 6 Section 8 - Playing Rules

A. All sports will follow National Federation of State High School Association rules with the following exceptions:

1. Bowling - Modified USBC
2. Flag Football - Modified NIRSA Rules
3. Nordic Ski - FIS Rules with ASAA modifications
4. Rifle - Modified CMP Rules
5. Coed Soccer - NFHS rules with ASAA modifications
6. Tennis - USTA with ASAA modifications
7. Mix Six Volleyball - NFHS rules with ASAA modifications
8. Wrestling - NFHS rules with ASAA modifications
9. **Swim & Dive - NFHS rules with ASAA modifications**
10. ASAA has adopted supplementary rules for baseball, hockey and softball

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

- **NFHS Swim & Dive Rule Modification:** motioned “to modify NFHS Swim & Dive Rule 3.3 Article 2 to read:

Rule 3.3

ART. 2 . . . Suits shall be of one piece.”

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

- **State Berths 3A Basketball:** motioned “ to beginning with the 2020-2021 School year to eliminate the 3A at-large berth and award a third berth to the Southcentral conference”

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

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

- **State Berths 4A Volleyball:** motioned “to beginning with the 2020-2021 School year to take away a berth from the 4A Northern Lights conference and create an at-large berth”

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 5,
(4-4 motion failed)



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

- **State Tournament Site Swim & Dive:** motioned “to award the Swim & Dive State Championships bids as follows:

2020 Juneau School District, 2021 and 2022 Anchorage School District”

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

- **State Tournament Site All State Music:** motioned “to award the All State Music bid as follows:

2020-2022 Anchorage School District”

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

- **State Tournament Site Baseball:** motioned “to award the State Baseball bids as follows:

2021-2023 Division I Baseball- Anchorage American Legion*
2021-2023 Division II Baseball- Palmer High School **

* American Legion may choose to help host the tournament in Sitka once during this three year period
** Palmer may work with the Fairbanks School District to host the event in Fairbanks once during this three year period.”

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

- **Medical Policy:** motioned “to amend the interpretation in the ASAA Medical policy to read as follows:

As interpreted by ASAA, “Trained” means that the provider

1. Has completed the online CDC Concussion Course for Clinicians in the last two years
AND

2. At least one of the following;

a. completed 2 hours of **CE or CME** in Sports Concussion Management in the last 2 years



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- b. completed a 1 year Sports Medicine Fellowship
- c. has a Certificate of Added Qualifications in Sports Medicine
- d. Residency in Neurology or Neurosurgery

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

- **Mix-6 Volleyball Rules Revision:** motioned “ to postpone the decision to change the volleyball rules modification for Mix-6 volleyball until the February meeting.”

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

- **2020 Nordic Ski State Championship Dates:** motioned “ to change the date of the 2020 Nordic Ski State Championships to February 20-22, 2020.”

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

- **Dimond High School/Lumen Christi Baseball Co-op:** motioned “ to allow Dimond High School and Lumen Christi High School to co-op for the sport of baseball during the 2020 season.”

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

- **Anchorage School District/Lumen Christi MOA:** motioned “to postpone the decision of approving the MOA between the Anchorage School District and Lumen Christi High School until the February meeting.”

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

- **Palmer High School Softball Classification:** motioned “ to change the classification of Palmer High School to DII for the sport of softball beginning with the 2020 season.”

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



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Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the following items:

- **Classification:** The Board reviewed the recommendations of the basketball and football classification committees. These committees met on November 18 with the direction to design a better classification system for these activities. Rather than basing classification strictly on enrollment, the committees choose to look at other factors, such as:

Multiplier for non-boundaries school, Success or Competitive Factors, Affluence factors, Access to students (Urban/Rural) and Geographic Location

Both committees recommended that any changes not take place until the 2021-2022 school year, which would align it with the current classification change system. Position statement from these committees may be found at the following links:

Football Committee:

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/Reclassification-FB-2019-Summary.pdf>

Basketball Committee

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/Basketball-Classification-Committee-Report.pdf>

- **Unified Sports:** ASAA has received with Special Olympics Alaska a Federal grant. The grant will help partially cover the cost of an ASAA employee tasked with:

- formalizing the ASAA eligibility bylaws for Unified Sports
- helping to increase the number of schools participating in Unified Track & Field by providing financial assistance to hire a Unified Track Coach and support state travel cost.
- developing the playing rules and promoting Unified 3 on 3 basketball
- determining other potential Unified sports

- **E-Sports:** Heard an update regarding concerns with esports. Some of the concerns were:

Time of contest and the types of games being play



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- **Out of Season Contact Policy:** The Board discussed the Out of Season Policy Committee recommendations. These recommendations can be found at the following link:

Out of Season Policy Proposed Changes

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/Out-of-Season-Policy-Proposed-Changes.pdf>

- **Baseball Classifications:** The Board is still trying to determine how to allocate berths. Depending on the placement of Petersburg, both the DII and DI berths are impacted. The ASAA Staff will work with Region 5 and American Legion to present options to the Board during the February meeting.

Workshops – The Board held a workshop on December 9, 2019. The topic was Roberts Rule of Order.

Hearings – The Board conducted three hearings during the meeting on December 9, 2019

Tabled Items – None

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – None

Motion to Adjourn

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

Topics for February 2020 Board Meeting:

- Classification
 - Football
 - Basketball
- Planet High School
- Unified Sports
- E-Sports
- Baseball Classifications
- Out of Season Contact Policy
- Swim & Dive Rules Modifications
- 2018-2019 ASAA Audit