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**Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting  
December 7, 2020  
Place: ZOOM Conference call**

More information may be obtained from an ASAA Board member (listed on web site) or from the ASAA office (907) 563-3723.

**Call to Order** — the meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. December 7, 2020

**Procedural** — Quorum Established

**Seating of New Board Members** — Dana Mock, AASB

**Roll Call:**

Region 1 - Ed Lester-Present  
Region 2 - James Sickler-Present  
Region 3 - Dale Ewart-Present  
Region 4 - Holly Zumbro (filling in for Megan Hatswell)-Present  
Region 5 - Troy Thain-Present  
Region 6 - Dan Klein-Present  
AASB - Dana Mock  
AASA - Dave Herbert –Present  
AASG - Abigail Jensen-Present

**Approval of the Consent Items –**

Motion “to approve the consent items”  
Motion by Region 1, second by Region 6  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

**Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–**

Motion “to approve the agenda as presented”  
Motion by Region 1, second by Region 5  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

**Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items – none**



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**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

**Consent Items** –

- a. Approval of Minutes from the following Board Meetings:
  - i. October 12-13, 2020
  - ii. November 9, 2020
- 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:

➤ **Executive Session:** motion “to go into Executive Session to discuss legal and financial matters:

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 6  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Article 19 – Bylaw Suspension:** motion “to adopt the following bylaw:

Article 19 – Bylaw Suspension

Section 1 – Suspension

In the event of declared Federal or State Emergencies or similar life-threatening occurrences, these Bylaws may be suspended for a defined period of time based on the emergency which period of time will be decided by the Executive Director. The suspension of Bylaws shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors or, where circumstances require, the suspension of Bylaws shall be ratified by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors.”

Motion by Region 5, second by Region 4  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Football Classifications:** motion “to accept three divisions for the activity of football with the division and conference assignment to be tabled to the January 2021 meeting”

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 1  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Nelson Island High School:** motion “to grant a geographic exemption to allow Nelson Island High School to remain at 1A basketball and mix-6 volleyball”

Motion by Region 1, second by Region AASA  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Unified Sports:** motion “to approve the changes to the Article 10 Sections 1 and 2, and the Article 12 Sections 2, 3, 6 and 7 bylaws as presented in Item 8.C.1 and Item 8.C.2”

Motion by AASB, second by Region 5  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **DI Soccer Seeding :** motion “to adopt the DII seeding system for DI soccer”

Motion by Region 6, second by Region 5

(6-2 motion passed)

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

N- (Region 4, AASA)

Y-(AASG (advisory)

➤ **DI Hockey Berths :** motion “ to table the discussion on the berths for the DI Hockey State Tournament until the February 2021 Board of Directors Meeting.”

Motion by Region 6, second by Region 2  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Adaptive Sports:** motion “to direct the Executive Director to form a committee made up of adaptive sports experts from the larger school district, cross country and Nordic ski coaches and other outside agencies to develop the policies and procedure for cross country and Nordic ski. This committee is to report back to the Board during the February 2021 Board of Directors meeting.”

Motion by Region 5, second by Region 4  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Baseball Seeding :** motion “to adopt the preset rotation as shown in Item 8g 2.1 Option #4 for both DI and DII Baseball.”

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 5  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Hate Speech and Harassment Policy:** motion “to table the discussion until the February 2021 Board of Directors Meeting. The Executive Director is to clarify the policy would be in effect for both regular season and post-season events. It should also include language to expand the policy to include others (such as coaches and spectators).”

Motion by Region AASA, second by Region 2  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **DDF State Event Date:** motion “to change the State Tournament dates for DDF to February 11-13, 2021.”

Motion by Region 4, second by AASA  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **All-State Art Submission Date:** motion “to change the submission dates for All-State Art to March 29 to April 3, 2021.”

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 4  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Wrestling Season Change:** motion “ to change the beginning practice date for Wrestling to March 15, 2021 with the State Event to be held May 21-22, 2021.”

Motion by AASA, second by Region 5  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **World Language State Event Date:** motion “ to table the event date for the State World Language Competition until the January 2021 Board of Directors meeting.”

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 2  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Out of Season Policy:** motion “ to give the Executive Director the authority to grant up to 2 additional hours of out of season contact time to schools not able to play more than 8 games during the regular season.”

Motion by Region 5, second by Region 1

Motion rescinded by later action, no vote taken



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➤ **Out of Season Policy:** motion “ to rescind the above motion and direct the Executive Director to further develop the suggested policy for discussion and possible action during the January Board of Directors meeting.”

Motion by Region 1, second by AASA  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Dual Participation Policy:** motion “to adopt the following Dual Participation policy:

While participating in any ASAA activity, all participants must notify their “school of eligibility” if they are also involved in a non-school program **in an activity offered by ASAA**. Participants failing to do so will be ruled as ineligible for a period of time not to exceed one month. The Executive Director will make the determination on the length of ineligibility.”

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 2  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **5A Basketball Classification Committee:** motion “form a committee made up of a member from each Region to determine if they would recommend changing the current 3A/4A basketball system into a 3A/4A/5A system. If so, how it would be organized (berths, conferences, finances, etc. venue and proposed schedule of championships). To report back to the Board during the January 2021 meeting.”

Motion by Region 1, Second by Region 2  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Esports Games :** motion “approve FIFA and Madden to the esport games offered by ASAA for State Championships.”

Motion by Region 4, Second by Region 5  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Changes to 1A Basketball Conference:** motion “to place Selawik into the Northwest Arctic conference for 1A basketball and Mix-6 volleyball, to place Bristol Bay into the Aleutian Chain Conference for 1A basketball and to place Scammon Bay into the Yukon Delta Conference for 1A basketball and Mix-6 volleyball.”

Motion by Region 1, Second by Region 6  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **2A/3A/4A Basketball Conferences and Berths:** motion “to table until the January 2021 Board of Directors meeting the make-up of the conferences and berths for 2A, 3A and 4A basketball.”

Motion by Region 5, second by Region 2  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **SMAC COVID-19 Recommendations:** motion “by January 1, 2021 parents will be required to sign a form acknowledging they have received a COVID-19 Risk sheet. Additionally, it will be recommended students who are either presumed positive or positive of having contracted COVID-19 should be cleared by their medical provider and do a return to play protocol prior to returning to activities.

Motion by Region 2, second by Region 5  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2021-2022 Activities Calendar:** directed the Executive Director to work with the existing Calendar Committee to develop an alternate schedule for the next school year if modifications are still required due to the impacts of COVID-19 upon the normal seasons.

➤ **Suspension of the Article 7 Section 7 Practice Bylaw:** motion “to for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year to suspend the Article 7 Section 7 bylaw and to replace it as follows:

*A. All players must have **seven (7)** separate days of physical practice in the same sport activity prior to the 1st day of competition. For the purpose 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 practice the student must participate in at least an hour of physical activity*

*B. When a student is participating in an ASAA sport that overlaps the beginning of another ASAA sport, up to **two (2)** practices may be waived. In addition, when a student is participating in a nationally recognized activity (or the Arctic Winter Games) that overlaps the beginning of an ASAA sport season, the Executive Director may waive up to **two (2)** practices. For purposes of this section, a “nationally recognized activity” is a non-school athletic competition and/or practice, in a sanctioned ASAA sport, conducted under the auspices of a national sports governing body as part of an Olympic Development Program. This activity will usually be conducted outside of the state of Alaska.*

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 4  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **At-Large Berth and Seeding:** motion “ For the spring of 2021 use a random draw to determine the At-large berths, but only if the bracket needs to be filled, with consideration for the larger conferences.

For the team sport brackets: Use the last five years of state results to rank the conference champion for seeding purposes, then cross bracket any second place team from the same conference, with a random draw used to finalize the bracket

Motion by Region 4, second by AASA  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Wrestling At-Large Berths and Seeding:** motion “for wrestling a committee will choose at-large berths and seed the tournament using the existing state seeding criteria to the extent possible.”

Motion by Region 1,  
(Motion failed for lack of a second)

➤ **Wrestling At-Large Berths and Seeding:** motion “to table the wrestling at-large and seeding topic until the January 2021 Board of Directors meeting.”

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

➤ **State Tournament COVID Modifications :** after reviewing a proposal from the ASAA Staff on how future state events might operate motioned “ to table the proposed recommendations until the January 2021 Board of Directors meeting

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 1  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **State Tennis Tournament Format:** motion “to table changing of the State Tennis Tournament to a double elimination bracket to the February 2021 Board of Directors meeting.”

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





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➤ **ACS/Grace Christian Nordic Ski Co-op Request:** motion “approve the request to allow ACS and Grace Christian to form a co-op team for the activity of Nordic Ski.”

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

➤ **Eagle River High School/Eagle River Christian Nordic Ski Co-op Request:** motion “to allow a one-year co-op agreement between Eagle River High School and Eagle River Christian for the activity of Nordic Ski.”

Motion by Region 4, seconded by ASAA  
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

## Hearings -- None

## Tabled Items –

- Football Classification Change (January 2021)
- World Language Event Date (January 2021)
- 5A Basketball Classification (January 2021)
- 2A/3A/4A Basketball Conferences and Berths (January 2021)
- Wrestling At-Large Berths and Seeding (January 2021)
- State Tournament COVID Modifications (January 2021)
- Hate Speech and Harassment Policy (February 2021)
- DI Hockey Berth (February 2021)
- Adaptive Sports (February 2021)
- State Tennis Tournament Format (February 2021)

## Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – Ed Lester

Region 1 ASAA Representative Ed Lester completed his third term on the ASAA Board of Directors. While serving on the ASAA Board of Directors, Ed also served as the Board President from 2018 until 2020. ASAA presented Ed with a plaque recognizing his outstanding leadership and dedication to the students of Alaska.

## Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 4  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)