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Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting December 5-6, 2022

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. December 5, 2022

Roll Call:

Region 1 – Patrick Callahan - Present
Region 2 - James Sickler - Present
Region 3 – Stacia Rustad - Present
Region 4 – Tim Helvey - Present
Region 5 – Jaime Cabral - Present
Region 6 – Steve Zanazzo - Present
AASB – Dana Mock - Present
AASA – Jim Holien – Present
AASG – Harrison Little - Present

Approval of the Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes from the October 10-11, 2022, 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

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

Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

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



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Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items – None

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:

➤ **ASAA Strategic Plan:** motion and second “adopt the Strategic Plan as developed by the Strategic Planning Committee with the proposed priority timeline presented by the Executive Director”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Adaptive Sports:** motion and second “to allow teams to bring up to four additional adaptive skiers to the State Nordic Ski Championship. School must notify ASAA by February 3, 2023, if they are bringing adaptive skier and indicate if they are Paralympic or Sit-Ski athletes. Awards will be given to the top two boys and top two girls in each category. Also, to allow for up to four adaptive athletes per school to attend the State Track & Field Championships. These adaptive athletes will compete in field events along with the DI and DII students. For the 800, 1600 and 3200 track events, the Association will conduct the heats using either combined lanes or adding additional heats.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Use of 8th grade students for sport activities:** motion and second “to amend the Article 12 Section 2.E.3 Bylaw as presented.”

Note: The amended bylaw will now read (changes emphasized):

Article 12 Section 2.E.3

8th Grade Student Participation Authority: Notwithstanding any provisions or restrictions of the Association’s Bylaws, Policies or past practices, the Board of Directors has determined that under certain conditions, students enrolled in the 8th grade in a member school district, may be granted eligibility to participate as members of a high school basketball, volleyball, soccer, mix six volleyball team, when an annual request is submitted in writing to ASAA by the district superintendent.

The conditions are that there were thirty (30) or fewer students, or fifteen (15) or fewer students per gender, enrolled in grades 9-12 during the previous school year’s October student count as reported to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) or that there were fifty (50) or fewer students, or twenty-five (25) or fewer students per gender, enrolled in grades 9-12 during the previous school year’s October student count as reported to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), and that the school is conducting two (2) or more team sports which seasons overlap for more than 6 (six) weeks. If the current school year’s



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October count is lower than the previous year's, it may substitute as the official count for purposes of this section.

For schools classified as 1A, 2A or mix-six, students enrolled in the 8th grade may be granted eligibility to participate as members of a high school basketball, volleyball, soccer, and/or mix six volleyball sub-varsity team, when an annual request is submitted in writing to ASAA by the district superintendent.

For schools with enrollments of 500 or less, students enrolled in the 8th grade may be granted eligibility to participate as members of a high school's Art, Drama, Debate & Forensics, Dance / Drill Teams, Esports, Honor Band, Choir, Orchestra, Solo & Ensemble, Student Government and World Language Declamation programs, when an annual request is submitted in writing to ASAA by the district superintendent. This request must verify that the high school described above is a member school and that there were five hundred (500) or fewer students, enrolled in grades 9-12 during the previous school year's October student count as reported to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED). If the current school year's October count is lower than the previous year's, it may substitute as the official count for the purposes of this section

Alternative education program students who participate in a member school's interscholastic activities program under AS 14.30.365 will be added to the school's October count to determine a school's eligibility to use 8th grade students, beginning in 2014-15.

Motion passed (7-1)

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

➤ **State Swim & Dive State Meet Sites:** motion and second "to accept the Swim & Dive bids submitted by the Juneau and Anchorage school districts. The meet will be held in Juneau in 2023 and in Anchorage during 2024 and 2025."

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **All- State Music Festival Site:** motion and second "to accept the All-State Music Festival bid submitted by the Anchorage School District to host the 2023, 2024 and 2025 events."

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **State DII Hockey Sites:** motion and second “to accept the DII State Hockey Tournament bid submitted jointly by Palmer and Soldotna High School. The tournament will be hosted by Soldotna High School in 2024 and 2025 and by Palmer High School in 2026 and 2027.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **State Cheer Competition Utilization of Mats:** motion and second “to compete on mats during the DII and DI State Basketball Sideline Cheer Competition.”

Motion passed (6-2)

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

➤ **DI State Cheer Stunts and Tumbling:** motion and second “to allow the DI cheer squads to perform the stunts and tumbling allowed by NFHS Spirit rules.”

Motion passed (6-2)

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

➤ **DII and DI State Cheer Awards:** motion and second “to award 10 All-Tournament Cheer Awards during the DII and DI State Basketball Sideline Cheer Competition and to no longer award All-Tournament Cheer Awards during the State Basketball Tournaments.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Boarding School Transfer Bylaw:** motion “to approve the revision to the Boarding School Transfer Bylaw as presented.”

Motion died for lack of a second



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➤ **Sanctioning of Badminton:** motion and second “to add badminton as an ASAA sanctioned activity. The playing rules shall be the Simplified Rules from the Badminton World Federation. Teams may compete in Boy’s Singles, Girl’s Singles, Boys’ Doubles, Girls’ Doubles and Mix Doubles. The 2023 season will run from March 6 to May 6, 2023.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **3A/4A Basketball Seeding and At-Large Selection Policy:** motion and second “to adopt the presented RPI formula for the selection of the 4A At-Large teams and for the seeding of both the 3A and 4A tournaments. In addition, a committee will be formed to finalize the seeds. The composition, authority, and scope of the committee will be finalized during the February 2023 Board meeting.”

Motion passed (7-1)

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

➤ **Bartlett/Bettye Davis East Anchorage Hockey Co-op:** motion and second “to allow Bartlett and Bettye Davis East Anchorage to co-op for the activity of hockey for the 2022-2023 season.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Chevak and Tikigaq High School Volleyball Classification:** motion and second “to beginning with the 2023-24 school year to reclassify both Chevak and Tikigaq High School to Mix-6 for the activity of volleyball. Chevak will be assigned to the Yukon River Conference, Tikigaq will be assigned to the North Slope Conference. The Board will review this decision annually.”

Motion passed (7-1)

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



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➤ **2023-2024 Activities Calendar:** motion and second “to adopt the Option #2 Activities Calendar as amended.”

Motion failed (2-6)

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

➤ **2023-2024 Activities Calendar:** motion and second “to adopt the Option #1 Activities Calendar as amended to include Badminton.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Baseball Pitch Count Violation:** motion and second “to include the following into the ASAA Pitch Count Policy: Note: Violations of this policy will be considered having played an ineligible student (See Article 12, Section 1).”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Baseball State Tournament Tiebreaker policy:** motion and second “to adopt a State Baseball Tiebreaker policy to read: For all consolation games played on the Saturday of the State Championships finals, if a game is tied at the end of regulation no further innings will be started, with no winner declared.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Soccer State Tournament Tiebreaker policy:** motion and second “to adopt a State Soccer Tiebreaker policy to read: First games and the winner’s side of the bracket will follow the NFHS adopted overtime procedures. The Consolation side of the bracket will follow the tie-breaker penalty kick procedure to determine a winner.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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- **Lake & Peninsula/Bristol Bay Cross Country Co-op:** motion and second “to repeal the Lake & Peninsula/Bristol Bay Cross Country Running Co-op”.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Football Conference Policy:** motion and second “to amend Football Policy E. to read:

All teams are assigned to conferences unless they wish not to be. (See Football Conferences). Teams not assigned to a conference are not eligible for the DI, DII or DIII playoffs. Conferences are responsible for setting their own bylaws and policies. A contact person must be selected to communicate conference information with ASAA. (i.e., State qualifiers, tournament results, final seeds)

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Football Conference Requests:** motion and second “to approve the requests from Ben Eielson High School, Monroe Catholic High School, Valdez High School, Nikiski High School and Seward High School to no longer be assigned to a football conference.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Football Conference Placement:** motion and second “to assign Kodiak High School to the DIII Mid-Alaska Conference”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **DII Football Conference:** motion and second “to combine all DII football teams into a single 8-team conference. The name of the conference will be approved by the Board during the February or April Board meeting.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Redington High School Softball Conference Placement:** motion and second “place Redington High School into the DII Northern Lights Conference for the activity of softball.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Spring 2023 AASG Conference Site:** motion and second “to approve a request by Skagway High School to host the 2023 Spring Conference. The Conference will be held on April 28-29, 2023.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2023 Arctic Winter Games Hockey Players:** motion and second “to allow high school hockey players to compete in the 2023 Arctic Winter games and not lose their high school eligibility.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

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

➤ **Constitutional Amendments:** discussed the current composition of the ASAA Board of Directors and the need to amend the ASAA Constitution to reflect the change in name of the Superintendent’s Association and to list the various regional association. As part of this amendment process the Board instructed the Executive Director to research ways other boards ensure the input of various stakeholders. The Board also discussed expanding the Board with either voting or non-voting members.

➤ **TAD Policy Review:** discussed report submitted by the TAD Policy Review Committee.

➤ **Spring 2023 Board Meeting:** discussed the plans regarding the Spring 2023 Board of Directors meeting being held in Valdez. Board members needing transportation from Anchorage to Valdez will work with the ASAA Staff to coordinate travel. The ferry will not be available for the times needed for travel.

➤ **Hooper Bay 2A Volleyball Conference Placement:** after reclassifying Chevak and Tikigaq High Schools to Mix-6 volleyball, the Board discussed the need to reassign Hooper Bay to another conference. ASAA will work with Hooper Bay High School along with Region I and Region II to present a proposal during the February Board Meeting.



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➤ **Upcoming State Tournament Bids:** discussed the following state tournament bids coming due by April 2023

- (1) Track & Field
- (2) Soccer
- (3) DI Baseball
- (4) DII Baseball

➤ **Baseball At-large Selection Committee:** The baseball policy states: “*At-Large Berths The Division II at-large berths will be determined by a committee made up of an individual from Region 3, 5 and 6 along with two ASAA staff members. The Division I at-large berth will be determined by a committee made up of an individual from the Cook Inlet, Railbelt and Southeast conferences along with two ASAA staff members.*” By the February meeting, these individuals need to be determined by their Regions or conferences.

➤ **Soccer Uniform Violations:** ASAA is dealing with multiple types of soccer uniform violations. These range from teams not wearing the correct color sock, illegal uniforms and teams not wearing the correct color uniforms (home teams wearing dark, visitors wearing white). The NFHS rulebook requires officials to report these issues to the state association. The Board directed the ASAA Staff to bring back suggested penalties for excessive violations.

➤ **World Language Categories:** discussed adding Indigenous Alaska Languages to the World Language Declamation Competition. The ASAA is working with the Alaska Native Heritage Center to coordinate judges during the event.

➤ **Denali Girls Wrestling Conference:** discussed the potential of splitting the Denali Girls Wrestling Conference into two conferences to mirror the conferences of the DI and DII Boys Wrestling conferences of the same schools.

➤ **State Berth Analysis of Individual Sports:** discussed how by policy this is the school year ASAA and the Board analysis the berths for individual sports. ASAA will work with the Wrestling Coaches Committee to get a recommendation for reassigning berths in Girls Wrestling. Region I may also request additional team berths for DIII Cross Country.

➤ **Volleyball At-Large Selection Criteria:** discussed how the current system is working. Based on the recommendation of the Volleyball Coaches Committee, no changes will be made for next year.

➤ **Out of Season and Open Facility Policies:** discussed rewriting the existing policies to provide more clarity and to include frequently asked questions.



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➤ **State Nordic Ski Race Distances:** discussed the need to change the distances for both the boys and girls so that both genders are racing the same distances. While no changes will be made for the 2023 race, the Board discussed the need to do so in future years. For the 2023 meet the races currently are:

- Day 1: Individual Classic Race (7.5k boys / 5k girls)
- Day 2: Mass Start Freestyle Race (7.5k girls / 10k boys)
- Day 3: Team Relays (4x3k girls / 4x5k boys)

Hearings –

- A Hearing was held on December 5, 2022

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – a plaque was presented to outgoing Board member, Harrison Little. Mr. Harrison has served as the AASG Representative since 2021.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion and second to Adjourn
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Upcoming Board Meetings and Workshops

- February 20-21, 2023, in Anchorage
- April 30, 2023 – Workshop in Valdez
- May 1-2, 2023 – Meeting in Valdez