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## **Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting December 6, 2021**

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**Call to Order** — the meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. December 6, 2021

### **Roll Call:**

Region 1 – Patrick Callahan-Present  
Region 2 - James Sickler-Present  
Region 3 - Dale Ewart-Present  
Region 4 - Megan Hatswell-Present  
Region 5 - Troy Thain-Present  
Region 6 - Dan Klein-Present  
AASB - Dana Mock-Absent  
AASA – Jim Holien –Present  
AASG – Harrison Little-Present

### **Approval of the Consent Items –**

- a. Approval of Minutes from the October 11, 2021 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 “to approve the consent items with the changes noted to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade eligibility report”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

### **Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–**

Motion “to approve the agenda as amended”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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## **Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –**

- No public comments were made.

## **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 took action as follows:

➤ **Order of March Madness Basketball Events:** motion and second “to have the State Cheer and 3A/4A Basketball tournament the earlier of the two March Madness weekends.”

Motion failed (6-1)

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

➤ **2022-2023 ASAA State Championship Event Calendar:** motion and second “to adopt the 2022-2023 ASAA Calendar of Events as shown except with changes to show the Last Contest Regular Season/Conference Championships date for Cross Country to be October 1, 2022 and the First Practice Dates for the activities of Track & Field, Soccer, Baseball and Softball as March 6, 2023.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

**Note:** The adopted 2022-2023 ASAA Calendar of Events can be found here:

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-23-ASAA-Calendar-of-Events.pdf>

➤ **Strategic Planning:** motion and second “to approve as presented the composition and proposed budget of the Strategic Planning Committee.”

Motion passed (6-1)

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

➤ **State Champion Locations for Tennis, 3A/4A Volleyball and Wrestling:**

- Motion and second “to approve the bid for the 2022, 2023, 2024 State Tennis at the Alaska Club, East and to direct the ASAA Staff to negotiate with the University of Alaska, Anchorage to use the Alaska Airlines Center for hosting both 3A/4A Volleyball and the DI, DII and Girls Wrestling Tournaments.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **State Champion Locations for Mix-6/2A Volleyball:**

- Motion and second “to approve the bid from Palmer High School to host the 2022, 2023 and 2024 Mix-6/2A State Volleyball Tournaments”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **State Champion Locations for State Cross Country Running:**

- Motion and second “to accept the Bartlett High School bid for 2022 and 2024 and to accept the Palmer High School bid for 2023, 2025 for the activity of cross country.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Reporting Scores:** motion and second “require the activities of baseball, football and softball to report their schedules and scores as currently required for all other team sports.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Track & Field Team Qualifiers:** motion and second “to allow a school that advances a qualifying relay team into the State Meet to name up to six athletes for the State relay team that **do not** have to be the same athletes as listed in the qualifying meet. However, if an athlete has qualified for four individual events, they must be scratched from at least one of these events by 8:00 a.m. the Tuesday prior to the State Event, prior to being added to the State relay team. Under no circumstances can an athlete compete in over four events.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Article 8 Section 1 Amateurism Bylaw:** motion and second “to amend the Article 8 Section 1 bylaw as presented.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: The amended bylaw now reads:

*ARTICLE 8 - AMATEURISM Section 1 - Amateur Athletes*

*A. A student-athlete who represents a member school in an interscholastic sport shall be an amateur in that sport. An amateur athlete is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the physical, mental, social and pleasure benefits derived therefrom. This rule may be waived for students participating as members of official United States Olympic Teams.*

*B. A student-athlete forfeits amateur status and eligibility in a sport sanctioned by the Association by:*

*1. entering into a competition for which the student-athlete is either paid to participate or is competing to win monetary compensation (allowable travel, meals and lodging expenses may be accepted); or*

*2. receiving any award, merchandise or prize whose aggregate value exceeds \$1000 for a specific event or tournament, unless such award has been approved by the school’s principal for an event or tournament sanctioned by the school or Association (this section does not apply to awards given by the Association); or*

*3. capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value in exchange for endorsements, participation in commercials, advertisements or the like **in affiliation with the student’s school team, school, ASAA Region or ASAA** (scholarships paid directly to institutions of higher learning are specifically exempted). **This provision is not intended to restrict the right of any student to participate in a commercial endorsement provided there is no school team, school, ASAA Region or ASAA affiliation.; or***

*4. signing a professional playing contract in that sport.*



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➤ **Article 8 Section 1 Amateurism Bylaw:** motion and second “to amend the Article 8 Section 1 bylaw as presented.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Nordic Ski Adaptive Skiers:** 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, 2021, 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.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **ASAA State Event Pre-Competition Covid Testing Policy:** motion and second “to amend the ASAA State Event Pre-Competition Covid Testing Policy as presented.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: The amended bylaw now reads (with changes to prior policy emphasized):

#### *ASAA PRE-COMPETITION COVID TESTING POLICY*

*Unless exempted below, all participants for indoor events must obtain pre-competition testing. Participants need a negative test result to be cleared to attend competition. There are three methods for meeting this requirement.*

*Participants includes all rostered student participants (included but not limited to athletes, managers, musicians, etc.), coaches, trainers, and officials.*

##### *1. Molecular Test:*

*The testing requirement may be satisfied by taking a molecular test for COVID-19 within 72 hours prior to competition. Participants need to receive a negative test prior to competing.*

- If Molecular test results have not come in by the day of competition, a same day negative antigen test result may be used instead, with the prior approval of the ASAA Executive Director.*



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*Question: Does a negative molecular test clear the athlete for competition for the following 5 days from the date of the test. For example: does a test taken on Tuesday, allow the student to participate without re- testing on Friday and Saturday?*

*We encourage molecular test samples to be collected within 48 hours of competition but in order to accommodate logistical challenges the molecular test samples may be collected up to 72 hours before competition. Therefore, a negative test result from a test sample collected on Tuesdays allows an athlete to compete on Thursday, Friday and Saturday without another test.*

## *2. Twice Weekly Antigen or Molecular Testing:*

*Alternatively, the testing requirement may be satisfied through routine twice-weekly antigen or molecular testing prior to competition. To satisfy the “twice-weekly” requirement, tests must be taken on two non- consecutive days within each week, ideally separated by at least 72 hours. A minimum of two tests on this schedule are required prior to first competition.*

- As long as participants have obtained negative results from all routine testing over the preceding two weeks, participants are cleared for competition.*
- If a participant misses an antigen test, a molecular test within 72 hours prior to competition may substitute.*
- **Positive antigen test results MAY be confirmed with molecular tests due to lower reliability of antigen tests. If a positive antigen test is followed by a negative molecular test and the participant has no symptoms, the participant is permitted to compete.***

*Question: How many days after the test may a student participate without having to re-test?*

*Answer: If an athlete continues to receive negative test results from twice-weekly antigen or molecular test, with test samples collected on non-consecutive days, that athlete may compete as often as they like once two weeks of testing with negative test results has been completed. If an athlete misses the weekly testing, a molecular test may be substituted following the same guidance provided in item 1 above.*

## *3. Once Weekly Antigen:*

*The testing requirement may alternatively be satisfied by routine once-weekly antigen IF the antigen testing is conducted not more than 24 hours prior to each event and with a minimum of two weekly antigen tests required prior to first competition. If a participant is participating in multiple games within a 24-hour period, an antigen test result within*



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*the proper window for the first game satisfies the testing requirement for the rest of the 24- hour period.*

- ***Positive antigen test results MAY be confirmed with molecular tests due to lower reliability of antigen tests. If a positive antigen test is followed by a negative molecular test and the participant has no symptoms, the participant is permitted to compete.***

*Question: This participant would be required to re-test every 24 hours to continue to participate. Is that correct? For example, if I test Wednesday, I'm good for Thursday's competitions, but would then need to test Thursday for Friday' s and Friday for Saturdays.*

*Answer: Once weekly antigen testing is envisioned for athletes who compete just one day a week. The sample may be collected the day before competition and then the athlete may compete in as many games, matches, races, etc. as they like the next day. The goal is for competition to take place no more than 48 hours after the test is conducted. Since rapid antigen test may be complete the day before or the day of competition, if the test is completed at the beginning of the first day of competition, a negative test result would clear the athlete to compete during the next 24 hours. However, if the test is completed the day before competition, then a second test would be needed for the second day of competition. Athletes completing more than once a week should consider twice-weekly antigen testing.*

#### *Other Considerations*

- *Positive Test Results:*

*Question: If a participant test positive, are all close contacts eliminated or only the one participant?*

*Answer: Only the participant testing positive is required to quarantine.*

- *Fully vaccinated participants are not exempt from pre-competition testing.*
- *Exemption for Previously Diagnosed Person:*

*If a person has had a diagnosed case of COVID-19 within the last 90 days, they are exempt from pre- competition testing provided:*





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- *The athlete provides proof of a previously positive result of a molecular based test for SARS- CoV2 within 90 days of participating.*
- *The athlete is currently asymptomatic.*
- *The athlete has completed the isolation period as specified in the CDC guidelines.*

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*Participating Schools will be required to submit verification that all their participants are in compliance of this policy. This verification must be from the school's administration.*

➤ **SMAC Committee Assignments:** motion and second “appoint Stacia Rustad, Region 3 ASAA Representative to Chair the SMAC and have Region 4 provide an activities administrator to the committee.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: Region 4 appointed Jim Bell, Service High School Activities Principal to this position.

➤ **Lathrop/West Valley Hockey Co-op:** motion and second “to allow Lathrop and West Valley to co-op for the activity of hockey for the 2021-2022 season.”

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- (N) Region 1
- (Y) AASG (advisory)



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➤ **DII Hockey State Berths and Conference Placement:** motion and second “to adopt the following for DII Hockey berths and conference

2022 Season:

Aurora (2 berths)  
Delta Junction  
Monroe Catholic  
North Pole  
Tri-Valley

Railbelt (4 berths)  
Homer  
Houston  
Juneau-Douglas  
Kenai  
Kodiak  
Palmer  
Soldotna

At-Large (2 berths)

2023 and beyond

Aurora (3)  
Delta Junction  
Monroe Catholic  
Tri-Valley  
North Pole  
Houston

Railbelt (3)  
Homer  
Soldotna  
Kenai  
Kodiak  
Juneau-Douglas  
Palmer

At-Large (2 berths)”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **2022 3A/4A Conference Tournament Dates:** motion and second “to change the end date of the regular season/conference tournament dates for 3A/4A State Basketball to March 19, 2022.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

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

➤ **State Berth Analysis of Team Sports Berths** discussed the policy and directed the ASAA staff to utilize the Activities Committee to provide input on how state berths should be allotted to the various conferences. Currently the only recommendation is from the Volleyball Committee. It has recommended a berth be removed from the Northern Lights Conference and used to create an at-large berth using the selection process currently being used to fill the 3A at-large berth.

➤ **Review of Lumen Christi/ASD MOA:** directed the staff to set up a meeting regarding the Lumen Christi/ASD MOA with members of these districts, Region 2 and Region 4. A report will be given during the February Board meeting.

➤ **Master Eligibility Compliance:** discussed the difficulty ASAA has in ensuring compliance with the requirement that all schools list all students on the Master Eligibility list and not just those competing in state events. The ASAA staff will present policy recommendations at a future Board meeting.

➤ **MileSplit to Replace Athletic.net:** discussed the possible change to Milesplit to replace Athletic.net. The Board shared concerns regarding the loss of historical data if a change was made. Additional concerns were made regarding the impacts of recruiting if colleges were not able to access information. ASAA is hoping to see some of this spring’s regular season events use Milesplit to conduct track & field competitions.

➤ **Constitutional Amendments:** discussed amending the ASAA Constitution to list the current Regions rather than the current vague statement. Regions were asked to make sure their own bylaws included a definition of how they define themselves.

➤ **Article 4 Bylaw:** discussed amending the Article 4 Appeals Bylaw to require a fee for being granted an expedited hearing. Also, additional verbiage may be adopted as to how individuals or schools should proceed to change the actions of the Board of Directors.



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➤ **Board Self-Assessment Document:** reviewed and discussed developing a Board Self-Assessment Document. This document would be sent out as a survey each spring and the Board would then review the responses in the spring of each year.

➤ **Grace Christian/ASD and Birchwood/ASD MOA's** discussed the proposed MOA agreements between the Anchorage School District and both Grace Christian and Birchwood Christian High School. These proposals are similar to the current agreements between Lumen Christi and the Anchorage School District. The proposal would allow students attending Grace or Birchwood to participate, in activities not offered by their school, for the ASD school for which their house is zoned.

➤ **Academic Award Procedures:** discussed using an incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade student's spring grade point average to compute a team's GPA for the ASAA Academic Awards.

**Hearings – none**

**Upcoming Agenda Items** —the below items may be on the agenda for the next meeting. Other items may be added at a later date.

- State Berth Analysis of Team Sports Berths
- Strategic Planning
- Review of Lumen Christi/ASD MOA
- Master Eligibility Compliance
- MileSplit to Replace Athletic.net
- Executive Director's Evaluation Procedure
- Hockey Dual Participation Policy
- Constitutional Amendments
- Article 4 Bylaw Amendments
- ASAA Board Self-Evaluation Documents
- Grace/ASD MOA
- Birchwood/ASD MOA
- Redington Baseball Conference Placement



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## **Awards/Recognitions/Presentations –**

Megan Hatswell was presented a plaque recognizing her outstanding leadership and dedication to the students of Alaska while serving as the Region 4 Representative on the ASAA Board of Directors.

Dale Ewart was presented a plaque recognizing his outstanding leadership and dedication to the students of Alaska while serving as the Region 3 Representative on the ASAA Board of Directors. Mr. Ewart was also presented with a gavel recognizing his service as Board President.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion and second to Adjourn  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

## **Upcoming Board Meetings**

- February 21-22, 2022 in Anchorage
- April 25-26, 2022 in Haines