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Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings February 24-25, 2020

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<http://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/BOD-February-2020-Meeting.pdf>

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM February 24, 2020

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 –

Motion “to approve the consent items”
Motion by Region 2, seconded by Region 6
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

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



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Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –Monday – (10:30 a.m.)

Public comments may be found at the following link:

<http://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/BOD-February-2020-Comments.pdf>

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

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:

- **Basketball Classifications:** motion “ to continue with the development of a basketball classification system that would use other objective criteria to determine school classification for the schools located in urban areas.”

Motion by Region 5, seconded by Region 4
(7-1 motion passed)

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

- **DII Baseball Classifications:** motion “to place teams in the DII Baseball conferences as follows:

Southcentral Conference comprises of Region 3 schools, Mid-Alaska Conference comprised of Region 6 schools and Southeast Conference comprised of Region 5 schools”

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

- **DII Baseball State Berths and Tournament:** motion “to assigned berths and to host an eight team 11 game state tournament for DII baseball as follows:

Southcentral Conference 3 berths, Mid-Alaska Conference 2 berths and three At-Large Berths. The At-Large berths will be determined by a committee made up of Rodney Perdue (Region 6), Kenny Wooster (Region 3) and Chad Bentz (Region 5) along with two ASAA Staff members.”

Motion by Region 5, seconded by Region 4
(7-1 motion passed)

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



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- **Audit Report:** motion “to approve the FY2019 Audit report as presented by BDO, Inc.”

Motion by AASB, seconded by AASA
(8-0 motion passed)

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

- **Class of 2020 Alaska High School Hall of Fame:** motion “to approve the recommendations of the Alaska High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee for the Class of 2020.”

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

- **Hall of Fame Selection Committee :** motion “to approve Jeff Ambrosier as the Region 2 Representative, Mike Graham as the Region 4 Representative, Steve Zanazzo as the Region 6 Representative, Cathy Rhodes as an At-Large Representative and Jeff Erickson as an At-Large Representative to the Alaska High School Hall of Fame Selection Committee.”

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

- **Nine-Man Football :** motion “to allow schools by mutual consent to play 9-man football in the games scheduled by the Football Scheduling Committee. Without mutual consent, the game shall be played as an eleven man game.”

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

- **West Valley/Hutchison Esports Co-Op:** motion “to allow West Valley and Hutchison High Schools to co-op for the activity of Esports for the Spring 2020 season.”

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



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➤ **DI Baseball State Berths:** motion to assigned berths as follows for DI Baseball:

“Cook Inlet (3)
Southcentral/Mid Alaska (2)
Southeast (2)
At-Large (1)

With the At-Large being determined by the Board appointed committee of Rodney Perdue (Region 6), Kenny Wooster (Region 4) and Chad Bentz (Region 5) along with two ASAA Staff members.”

Motion by Region 3, seconded by Region 3
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Mix-6 Volleyball Rules Revision:** motion “ change the Mix 6 Supplemental Rule 3.A.1 to read as follows:

3. ASAA Supplemental Rules for Mix Six Volleyball

a. Mix Six volleyball is intended to be played with three males and three females on the court at all times. The serving order and positions on the court at service shall be female and male alternating or vice-versa.

1. Up to two female players are allowed to replace male players on the court.”

Motion by Region 2, seconded by AASA
(7-1 motion passed)

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



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➤ **Kodiak Hockey Conference Placement:** motion

“ to place Kodiak High School into the DII Hockey Railbelt Conference. Kodiak High will provide \$3000 for varsity only and \$4000 for JV and varsity for conference teams traveling to Kodiak from Anchorage.”

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

➤ **Anchorage School District /Lumen Christi Co-op Agreement:** motion to

“approve an agreement between the Anchorage School District and Lumen Christi High School to allow the students of Lumen Christi High School, an ASAA member private school located in the Municipality of Anchorage, to participate in Anchorage School District high school sports not offered at Lumen Christi, at the ASD school for which the student’s home is zoned.

Guidelines:

1. Lumen Christi High School students may only participate in Lumen team sports, if offered at Lumen i.e. coed soccer, girls volleyball, and boys and girls basketball.
2. Lumen Christi High School students can participate in ASD high school sports not offered at Lumen Christi, but only at the ASD school for which the student’s home is zoned.
3. Lumen Christi High School students participating in ASD high school sports must be enrolled full-time at Lumen Christi during the entire school year.
4. Lumen Christi High School students must meet all ASAA and ASD eligibility requirements, with emphasis on the requirements listed in the ASD High School Handbook and ASD High School Activities Handbook.
5. Lumen Christi High School students are still eligible to participate in other Lumen Christi extracurricular activities i.e. drama, debate, yearbook, student government, etc.

ASD High School Sports Covered by this Agreement:

Flag Football, Football, Gymnastics, Swim and Dive, Tennis, Wrestling, Nordic Ski, Ice Hockey (Boys and Girls), Baseball and Softball



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This agreement is effective immediately and is to be reviewed annually by Regions 2, Region 4 and ASAA to determine if it should be allowed to continue.”

Motion by AASA, seconded by AASA
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Board Directives – The Board of Directors gave directives as follows:

- **Unified Sports:** directed the ASAA Staff to send out bylaw revisions as related to the development of eligibility rules for Unified Sports. Once the revisions are finalized, they will be sent out to the member schools.
- **Establishing School of Eligibility Rules and Procedures:** directed the ASAA Staff to send two possible bylaw revisions dealing with the establishment of “school of eligibility” for students attending alternative education programs.”

The proposed bylaw revisions may be found here:
Proposed Bylaw Amendments Article 12 Section 2.A

<http://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/Bylaw-Change-Bylaw-Article-12-Section-2-A.pdf>

Proposed Bylaw Amendments Article 12 Section 2.B

<http://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/Bylaw-Change-Bylaw-Article-12-Section-2-B.pdf>

- **Changing Schools During a Sports Season Bylaw:** directed the ASAA Staff to send out a possible bylaw revision dealing with the “Changing Schools During a Sports Season” bylaw

The proposed bylaw revision may be found here:
Proposed Bylaw Amendments Article 12 Section 9.C.17

<http://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/Bylaw-Change-Bylaw-Article-12-Section-9-C-17.pdf>



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Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the following items:

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

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

The Board hopes to take action on this policy change in April.

- **Football Classifications:** discussed the recommendations of the Football Classification Committee which can be seen at this link:

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

The Board determined to wait until the April meeting before taking action.

- **Certifying of Sports Field and other sports equipment:** discussed the need to inform schools regarding the need to test and document sports field and other sports related equipment to ensure both student safety and to lower liability to the school.

- **Basketball Classification:** The Board reviewed the recommendations of the basketball classification committee. The committee met on November 18 with the direction to design a better classification system for these activities. These recommendations can be found at the below link:

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

The ASAA Staff had been assigned the task of developing an objective system for how schools might be placed at a lower classification. The ASAA Staff presented the concept and received feedback from the ASAA Board. The ASAA Staff will send out to the Board another system prior to the April meeting based on feedback from the Board.

- **E-Sports:** Heard an update on Esports. The Fall season concluded with state championship in Rocket League and League of Legends. The Spring season is underway with games starting soon.



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- **DI State Soccer Seeding:** Discussed but did not take action on a Region 3 proposal to change the method for seeding the DI Soccer Season. Region 3's proposal was to have the head coaches of the schools involve seed the tournament by having each rank the teams.
- **Executive Directors Evaluation Process** review the evaluation document and discuss the timeline for completing the Executive Director's evaluation.
- **Purple Star Schools:** discuss the Executive Director involvement with the Purple Star Schools Recognition Program. The Purple Star Award of military-friendly schools recognizes schools that show a major commitment to students and families connected to our nation's military.
- **Tri-Valley Hockey Proposal:** discuss a proposal from Tri-Valley to create a third classification for the sport of hockey. Similar to the DI tournament a winner of the DIII tournament would win a berth to the DII tournament. This concept was deferred back to Region 2 and Region 3 to gage interest. ASAA Staff will also contact schools to gage interest.
- **Cold Weather Policy:** discussed the need to set a cold-weather policy but to make it clear a school district's policy would supersede in the event of a conflict. Also, that games could be canceled based on a forecast so as to save traveling teams cost when games are not likely.
- **DI State Hockey Berths:** discussed a proposal from Region 6 to change the berths for the DI Hockey Tournament to: CIC 4, Railbelt 2 and two at-large berths. The teams in the At-Large pool would be CIC #5 and #6, Railbelt #3 and the DII winner. The current criteria for selection would remain.

Region 4 asked for the berths to be changed to: CIC 5, Railbelt 2 and one at-large berth. With the teams in the At-Large pool being CIC #6, Railbelt #3 and the DII winner.



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- **NFHS Swim and Dive Rules Proposal:** heard an update from the ASAA Staff regarding a proposed rule change to the rule adopted by the ASAA Board during its December meeting. The proposed rule change reads:

Rule 3.3

ART. 1 . . . *It is recommended all swimmers and divers on the team wear suits of identical coloring and pattern.*

ART. 2 . . . *Suits shall be of one piece. A competitor shall not be permitted to participate wearing a suit that is not of decent appearance. Males suits shall not extend above the waist or below the top of the kneecap. Females suits shall not extend beyond the shoulders or below the top of the kneecap, nor cover the neck. PENALTIES: When an official discovers a competitor wearing illegal attire as described in Article 2, the official shall:*

1. *FOR SUITS THAT ARE NOT OF DECENT APPEARANCE: notify the state or district association of the offending team of the nature of the offense so that this will be corrected in the future. The state association will also assess the appropriate penalty.*
2. *FOR SUITS THAT ABOVE THE WAIST OR BELOW THE TOP OF THE KNEECAP: when observed prior to the start of the heat/dive, notify the coach of the competitor to make the suit legal before becoming eligible to compete. If the competitor cannot comply without delaying the start of the heat/dive, the competitor is disqualified from that event/dive and shall not be eligible for further competition until in a legal suit;*

By April the Board should know if the NFHS has made this or a similar change. Based on what the final NFHS verbiage is, the Board will take final action.



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Workshops – None

Hearings – The Board conducted three hearings during the meeting.

Tabled Items – None

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – None

Motion to Adjourn

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

Topics for April 2020 Board Meeting:

- Classification Changes
 - Football
 - Basketball
- Planet High School
- Unified Sports
- E-Sports
- Out of Season Contact Policy
- Swim & Dive Rules Modifications
- Bylaw Revision
 - Alternative Education Establishing and Changing Schools of Eligibility
 - Changing Schools During a Sports Season
- Cold Weather Policy
- FY2021 ASAA and AASG Budgets
- Executive Director's Evaluation and Contract
- Hockey
 - DI Berth
 - DIII proposal