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Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting February 21-22, 2022

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. February 21, 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 - Troy Thain-Present
Region 6 – Todd Wegner (filling in for Dan Klein)-Present
AASB - Dana Mock-Present
AASA – Jim Holien –Present
AASG – Harrison Little-Present

Approval of the Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes from the December 6, 2021, and February 2, 2022, Board meetings
- 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 as amended”
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

- Public comments were made by:
 - Louis Imbriani
 - Melissa Barcelona
 - Frank Ostanik

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:

➤ **4A State Volleyball berths:** motion and second “to reduce the number of berths in the Northern Lights Conference to two and create an at-large berth, using the same process as currently being used by 3A volleyball.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Grace Christian/ASD and Birchwood/ASD MOA’s** motion and second “to adopt the proposed MOA agreements between the Anchorage School District and Grace Christian, and Birchwood Christian High School and the Anchorage School District.”

Motion failed (4-4)

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

➤ **Repeal of ASAA State Event Pre-Competition Covid Testing Policy:** motion and second “to repeal the ASAA Pre-Competition Covid Testing Policy effective immediately.”

Motion passed (6-2)

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

Note: School Districts are encouraged to continue COVID testing as part of their overall mitigation plan if deemed necessary.

➤ **Baseball Time Limit Policy:** motion and second “to allow teams in the same conference, when playing non-league standing games to use a two-hour time limit, with no innings beginning after 120 minutes from the first pitch.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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

➤ **Strategic Planning:** directed the Executive Director to ask up to six non-ASAA staff or ASAA Board members to the Strategic Planning Committee. These selections are to be made to create diversity among the committee. During the Spring Meeting the Board will vote on these selections and finalize which three Board members will also serve on the committee.

➤ **Master Eligibility Compliance:** directed the Executive Director to send out a bylaw revision regarding master eligibility.

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➤ **MileSplit to Replace Athletic.net:** discussed the possible change to Milesplit to replace Athletic.net. Reported MileSplit can import school's historical data if the change was made. Reported many colleges currently use MileSplit for recruiting purposes. 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. The Executive Director was directed to begin the process of doing an amendment.

➤ **Article 4 Bylaw:** directed the Executive Director to send out a bylaw revision 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.

➤ **Audit Report:** heard a report from BDO, Inc. giving ASAA a "clean audit".



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- **Hall of Fame Selection Committee:** discussed the need for Region 1 and Region 2 to appoint a new person to serve on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee. (Their current committee member has completed all their allowable terms.) Region 6 also needs to either re-appoint or select a new appointee. The ASAA Board of Directors will also need to appoint an At-Large Committee member during the Spring Board meeting.

- **2022 Spring Board Meeting:** discussed the process of travelling to Haines for the Spring 2022 Board of Director's meeting.

- **2023 Spring Board Meeting location:** discussed working with Valdez as the site for the April 2023 Board of Directors' meeting.

- **Use of 8th grade students for non-sport activities:** directed the Executive Director to send out a bylaw revision to allow schools with less than 500 students to use 8th grade students in the activities of: Art, Drama, Debate & Forensics, Dance / Drill Teams, Esports, Honor Band, Choir, Orchestra, Solo & Ensemble, World Language Declamation

- **Use of 8th grade students for sport activities:** discussed allowing smaller schools to use 8th grade students at the sub-varsity level.

- **Safeguarding Students:** discussed improving how ASAA could help schools train and track the educating of coaches and athletic administrators in several key areas, such as: mandatory reporting, legal liabilities, safeguarding students from abuse, etc. The ASAA Staff will report back to the Board in April some concepts on how to address these concer.

- **ASD/ACS MOA:** discussed the MOA agreement between ASD and Anchorage Christian School. ACS is encouraged to speak to this issue during the public comments section of the April Board of Directors' meeting.

- **Girls Weight Classes:** discussed the recommendation from the Wrestling Coaches' Committee to add two additional weight classes. Currently the weight classes are: 103, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 145, 160, 189, 235 (10 total). The proposed classes would be: 100, 107, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 165, 185, 235 (12 total)

- **Gold Lifetime Passes:** discussed and reminded the Board members to have a nomination for the Gold Lifetime Pass to be submitted during the Spring meeting.



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➤ **State Bids for DI Hockey, DDF and World Language:** discussed the bids for DI Hockey, DDF and World Language being due to ASAA by April 1, 2022.

➤ **Cheer Competition Format and Dates:** discussed how the Game Day format does not allow for the types of stunting that requires a mat. Therefore, there will be no mat provided. Also discussed was the length of time the cheer squads would be required to be in Anchorage, if staying for the state basketball tournament. The ASAA staff will present the Board with what incorporating the cheer competition into the Thursday-Saturday time period would look like.

Hearings – Aniak Student

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
- Master Eligibility Compliance Bylaw Revision
- MileSplit to Replace Athletic.net
- Executive Director’s Evaluation
- Constitutional Amendments
- Article 4 Bylaw Amendments
- ASAA Board Self-Evaluation Documents
- ACS/ASD MA
- FY2023 ASAA Budget
- Use of 8th Grade Students
- Gold Lifetime Pass
- Hall of Fame Selection Committee
- FY23 Spring Board Meeting Location
- State Locations for DDF, DI Hockey and World Language

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – None



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Motion to Adjourn

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Upcoming Board Meetings

- April 25-26, 2022 in Haines