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**Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings  
January 11, 2021**

**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 8:38 a.m. January 11, 2021

**Seating of New Board Members** — Patrick Callahan

**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-Present  
AASA - Dave Herbert –Present  
AASG – Abigail Jensen-Present

**Procedural** — Quorum Established

**Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–**

Motion to approve the agenda  
Motion by Region 5, second by Region 6  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

**Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items** — comments submitted in writing may be found at the below link: [A link to the comments will be inserted here.](#) Speakers have until the end of today to provide them to me.

**Approval of December 7, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the December 7, 2020 minutes as presented  
Motion by Region 2, second by Region 6  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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**Action Items and Board Directives** – The Board of Directors took action as follows:

- **Football Reclassification Wasilla High School:** motion “to move Wasilla to DII in the activity of football and to place them in the Railbelt conference.”

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

- **Football Reclassification Chugiak High School:** motion “to move Chugiak to DII in the activity of football and to place them in the Northern Lights conference.”

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

- **Out of Season Contact Policy Revisions:** motion “that for the 2020-2021 school year to modify the Out of Season Contact Policy to read:

Out-of-Season” – Out-of-Season is any time other than during the established high school season in a particular sport. During this time coaches may practice up to six hours a week, with out-of-season games or scrimmages counting as one hour. **In the event a school team has participated in 11 or fewer games during the established season, a coach may practice up to 10 hours a week with out-of-season games or scrimmages counting as one hour.”**

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

Note: modifications shown in **bold**

- **World Language Declamation Date:** motion “approve April 23-24, 2021 as the event dates for the World Language competition.”

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



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- **World Language Competition:** directed the ASAA staff to research how to host the event in a virtual format, and to make a recommendation on the feasibility of doing so during the February Board meeting.
  
- **5A Basketball Classifications:** after reviewing the 5A Basketball Committee report, the Board believes it is not feasible to develop a 5A system for the 2021-2022 season. The item was referred back to the Executive Director. The Executive Director is to work with the Committee and other individuals to see how the concept might work. If brought back to the Board, it should include what the financial impact would be to the Association.
  
- **2A Basketball Conferences and Berths:** motion “to adopt the 2A conferences and berths as presented in Item 5E 1.1 with the selection process for the “at-large” berth to be the same as currently being used at the 3A and 4A level.”

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

Note: this action created the following conferences and berths:

*2A CLASSIFICATION (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)*

Great Alaska (2)  
Dillingham  
Tikigaaq (Point Hope)  
Unalakleet  
Unalaska

Interior (2)  
Cordova  
Effie Kokrine  
Glennallen  
Nenana  
Su-Valley  
Tok

Southeast (2)  
Craig  
Haines  
Metlakatla  
Petersburg  
Wrangell

Western Coastal (1)  
Chevak  
Hooper Bay

At-Large (1)



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➤ **3A Basketball Conferences and Berths:** motion “to adopt the 3A conferences and berths as presented in Item 5E 3.1 (option #2).”

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 5  
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: this action created the following conferences and berths:

*3A CLASSIFICATION (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)*

*Aurora (2)*

*Ben Eielson*

*Delta Junction*

*Galena*

*Hutchison*

*Monroe Catholic Girls*

*Valdez*

*Peninsula (2)*

*Grace Christian*

*Homer*

*Kenai*

*Nikiski*

*Seward*

*Eastern (2)*

*Houston*

*Mt. Edgecumbe*

*Redington*

*Sitka*

*Western (2)*

*Barrow*

*Bethel*

*Kotzebue*

*Nome*



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➤ **4A Basketball Conferences and Berths:** motion “to adopt the 4A conferences and berths as presented in Item 5E 2.1 (option #1).”

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

Note: this action created the following conferences and berths:

*4A CLASSIFICATION (Berths to state are indicated in parenthesis)*

Cook Inlet (2)

*Bartlett*

*Chugiak*

*Dimond*

*Eagle River*

*East Anchorage*

*Service*

*South Anchorage*

*West Anchorage*

Mid Alaska (1)

*Lathrop*

*Monroe Catholic Boys*

*North Pole*

*West Valley*

Northern Lights (2)

*Anchorage Christian School*

*Colony*

*Kodiak*

*Palmer*

*Soldotna*

*Wasilla*

Southeast (1)

*Juneau-Douglas*

*Ketchikan*

*Thunder Mountain*

At Large Berths (2)

- **State Tournament COVID-19 Modifications:** motion “to adopt Item 5F 2 as present with the change in the third bullet point to read: " If a team qualifies as a conference berth (not at-large), but cannot attend, the conference may fill that berth, provided the tournament has not started. Notification to ASAA must have occurred by 10 a.m. the day prior to the event. The existing seeds will be moved up and the new team will come in as the last seed.”

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



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Note: the approved policy is as follows:

### ***State Tournament COVID Considerations 2020-2021***

#### *General Considerations*

- *Conferences must declare by the set date if they will fill their berths for the state tournament.*
  - *The Mix Six volleyball and IA basketball tournaments will be held if four of the conferences send teams.*
  - *The state tournament will be held for all other activities if half the conferences send teams.*
- *If any conference drops out the number of teams attending may be adjusted. This could result in a reduction of a conference's second place berth, not filling the at-large berths or filling the at-large berths.*
  - *Unfilled berths will be consider as "at-large".*
  - *The formats of tournaments may be adjusted based on the number of teams attending.*
  - *At large berths will only be utilized to balance a bracket.*
- *If a team qualifies as a conference berth (not at-large), but cannot attend, the conference may fill that berth, provided the tournament has not started. Notification to ASAA must have occurred by 10 a.m. the day prior to the event. The existing seeds will be moved up and the new team will come in as the last seed.*
- *Tournament formats may be changed to decrease the number of participants and days.*
- *ASAA will attempt to ensure every team plays two games but there is no guarantee.*

#### *Hockey*

- *Conferences must declare if they will fill their berths by **January 28**.*
- *If any conference drops out there will be no state tournament for that Division.*
- *Decrease the tournament from 8 teams to 4 teams, 2 from each conference*
- *Run a 2 day tournament, cross bracket and each team gets 2 games.*

#### *Nordic Ski*

- *Region 4 and at least one other Region must indicate willingness to participate by **February 1**.*



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- *Decision on running the meet over two or three days to be announce by February 4*
  - *This would be based on ability to mitigate the relay races.*
- *Do interval starts and place the fastest skiers first.*

#### *Basketball 3A/4A*

- *Conferences must declare if they will fill their berths by **February 25**.*
- *At least two conferences from a classification must attend for there to be a state tournament.*
- *Teams may only play two games unless they win two and then they will play for the championship.*

#### *Basketball 1A/2A*

- *Conferences must declare if they will fill their berths by **March 4**.*
- *For 2A at least 2 conferences must attend for there to be a state tournament. For 1A at least 4 conferences must attend for there to be a state tournament.*
- *Teams may only play 2 games unless they win 2 and then they will play for the championship*

#### *Mix Six Volleyball*

- *Conferences must declare if they will fill their berths by **April 8**.*
- *At least 4 conferences must attend for there to be a state tournament*
- *Teams may only play 2 games unless they win 2 and then they will play for the championship*

#### *Track & Field*

- *Conferences must declare if they will fill their berths by **April 29**.*
- *At least 2 conferences from a Division must attend for there to be a state meet.*
- *There will be no alternates. If someone drops out that berth will go unfilled.*
- *If we need to decrease the mass gatherings, the number of qualifiers will be changed to the region champ plus the next 4 best scores and the meet will be held in 1 day.*



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### Soccer

- *Conferences must declare if they will fill their berths by **April 29**.*
- *For DI if either conference drops out, there will be no tournament. For DII at least 2 conferences must attend for there to be a state tournament.*
- *Teams may only play 2 games unless they win 2 and then they will play for the championship.*

### Baseball

- *Conferences must declare if they will fill their berths by **May 6**.*
- *At least 2 conferences from a Division must attend for there to be a state meet.*
- *Teams may only play 2 games unless they win 2 and then they will play for the championship.*

### Softball

- *Conferences must declare if they will fill their berths by **May 6**.*
- *For DI if either conference drops out there will be no tournament. For DII at least 2 conferences must attend for there to be a state tournament.*
- *The tournament could be adjusted to 2 days by eliminating pool play and/or using a single elimination consolation bracket. Teams may only play 2 games in the bracket unless they win 2 and then they will play for the championship.*

### Wrestling

- *Conferences must declare if they will fill their berths by **April 26**.*
- *At least 2 conferences from DI must attend for there to be a state meet.*
- *At least 3 conferences from DII and girls must attend for there to be a state meet.*
- *There will be no alternates. If someone drops out that berth will go unfilled*
- *Wrestlers may only wrestle 2 matches. The non-championship sides of the bracket may not be completed.*





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- **FY21 Budget Revision:** motion “to adopt the budget revisions as presented in Item 6a 1”

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

- **Athletes as Leaders:** directed the ASAA Staff to implement the Athletes as Leaders program as a companion piece to the existing Coaching Boys Into Men program. This program should be started during the 2021-2022 school year.

- **Hockey Dual Participation Rule:** motion “to suspend the Hockey Dual participation rule for the 2021 hockey season.”

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

- **Use of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student on High School teams:** motion “to allow for the use of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students if supported by the school’s Region and the ASAA Executive Director for the 2020-21 spring semester.”

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

## **Discussion Items:**

The Board discussed the following items:

- **Statewide Scheduling:** discussed the ASAA Staff’s plan on how to assist schools with scheduling activities for the 2021-2022 school year. Currently ASAA has posted a list of the events hosted by schools in the past. Schools are asked to verify the dates and to update the document with current information as tournaments are filled. ASAA will host a ZOOM meeting on January 25 and March 23 to provide assistance.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

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