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Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting May 1-2, 2023

More information may be obtained from an ASAA Board member (board@asaa.org) or from the ASAA office (907) 563-3723.

Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. May 1, 2023

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 – Rhianonn Dobbins – Absent (excused)

Approval of the Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes from the February 2023, 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 as amended”
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

Public Comments may be read at the following link:

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/Public-Comments-in-Order.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



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Action Items – The Board of Directors acted as follows:

➤ **2024-2026 Track & Field State Tournament Site:** motion and second “to accept the bid submitted by Dimond High School for hosting the DI and DII Track & Field State Championships for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 season”

Motion passed (7-1)

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

➤ **2024-2026 DI and DII Soccer State Tournament Site:** motion and second “to accept the bid submitted by Wasilla High School for hosting the DI and DII Soccer State Championships for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 season”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2024-2026 DI Baseball State Tournament Site:** motion and second “to accept the bid submitted by American Legion Baseball for hosting the DI Baseball State Championships for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 season”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2024-2029 DII Baseball State Tournament Sites:** motion and second “to accept the six-year bid submitted by the Mat-Su, Fairbanks and Kenai Peninsula School Districts for hosting the DII Baseball State Championships for the 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 seasons”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: The site rotations will be:

- 2024 Palmer
- 2025 Kenai
- 2026 Palmer
- 2027 Fairbanks
- 2028 Kenai
- 2029 Fairbanks



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➤ **Girls Wrestling Conferences:** motion and second “to create the Mid-Alaska Girls Wrestling Conference and assign Lathrop, West Valley, North Pole and the Student Wrestler Development Program to it.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Girls Wrestling Conferences Berths: motion and second “to assign the 16 berths as follows:

- 1 berth to the CIC, Denali, Kachemak, Northern and Sockeye Conferences
- 2 berths to the Great Alaska, Northern Lights, Southeast and Mid-Alaska Conference
- 3 at-large berths to be chosen using the current at-large selection process”

Motion passed (5-3)

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

➤ **DIII Cross Country Berths:** motion and second “to move the current schools in the Sockeye Conference to the Southwest Conference and change the berths awarded to the Southwest Conference to all runners in the Top 10, plus all members of the winning team. In addition, the Greater Kuskokwim Conference’s berth will change to the Top 3 finishers and all members of the winning team.

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2023-2024 ASAA Budget:** motion and second “to approve the ASAA 2023-2024 Budget as presented.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Nordic Ski Race Distances:** motion and second “to adopt equal race distances for the girls’ and boys’ races”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: The Board will determine the actual distances for all three races during the October Board Meeting.



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- **Out of Season Policy:** motion and second “to adopt the Out of Season Policy as presented”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: the policy will now read: [Insert Link](#)

- **Classification Policy:** motion and second “to adopt the item 7.h.2 as presented”

Motion passed (7-1)

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

Note: the policy will now read: [Insert Link](#)

- **Executive Director’s Contract:** motion and second “to approve the Executive Director’s contract as presented”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Article 7 Section 7.B bylaw revision:** motion and second “to approve the changes to Article 7 Section 7.B bylaw as presented.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: the bylaw will now read: [Insert Link](#)

- **DI and DII Football Season and Game Limit:** motion and second “beginning with the 2024 season, to allow for a nine-week regular season with a nine-game limit for both DI and DII football.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

- **Hall of Fame Selection Committee:** motion and second “for the 2024 and 2025 Hall of Fame Selection Committee meetings to appoint Dylan Hooper to represent Region 3, Kersten Johnson-Struempler to represent Region 4 and Rich Krupa to represent Region 5.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: This will be their first of two allowable terms.



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➤ **Article 12 Section 9.C.3 and Article 12 Section 9.C.16 bylaw revisions:** motion and second “to approve the changes to Article 12 Section C.3 and Article 12 Section C.16 bylaws as presented.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: the bylaw will now read: [Insert Link](#)

➤ **Gold Lifetime Pass:** motion and second “to approve the individuals nominated by the six regions and two association to receive the ASAA Gold Lifetime Pass.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: the names of the individuals will be added to the below link once they have received their award. [Insert Link](#)

➤ **DI Wrestling State Tournament Team Point Calculation:** motion and second “for DI Wrestling to only count towards a school’s team score the team’s Top 22 individual scorers, regardless of weight class, during the state tournament.”

Motion failed (4-4)

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

➤ **DI Wrestling State Tournament Team Point Calculation:** motion and second “For DI Wrestling to only count towards a school’s team score a school’s top two scorers in each weight class during the state tournament.”

Motion passed (6-2)

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

➤ **DII and Girls Wrestling State Tournament Team Point Calculation:** motion and second “for DII and Girls Wrestling to only count towards a school’s team score the team’s Top 14 individual scorers, regardless of weight class, during the state tournament.”

Motion passed (5-3)

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



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➤ **DI Hockey At-Large Pool:** motion and second “to comprise the at-large pool for DI Hockey to the CIC 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th place teams along with the Railbelt’s 3rd and 4th place teams”

Motion passed (6-2)

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

➤ **Membership Request – Knik Charter School:** motion and second “to accept Knik Charter School request to join ASAA, placing them into Region 2 and the logical Region 2 Conferences for the activities in which they participate.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2023 DII Football Playoff format:** motion and second “to extend the DII playoffs by one week, to align with the DI season, in order to allow all eight teams to make the playoffs with the higher seeds hosting the quarterfinals and semi-finals.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **North Pole High School/Lathrop High School Rifle Co-op agreement:** motion and second “allow North Pole High School and Lathrop High School to co-op for the activity of Rifle for the 2023-2024 school year.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Monroe Catholic – Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District Agreement:** motion and second “to allow students attending Monroe Catholic High School to participate in team sports not offered by Monroe Catholic High School, at the Fairbanks Northstar Borough School for which the student’s home is zoned. This agreement expires at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.”

Motion passed (7-1)

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



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➤ **Student Wrestler Development Program/Lathrop High School Baseball Co-op agreement:** motion and second “allow the Student Wrestler Development Program and Lathrop High School to co-op for the activity of baseball for the 2023-2024 school year.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **2023-24 ASAA Calendar revision:** motion and second “to amend the 2023-2024 ASAA Calendar to include another regular Board meeting for August 4, 2023”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Soldotna High School/Cook Inlet Academy Co-op agreement:** motion and second “allow the Soldotna High School and the Cook Inlet Academy to co-op for the activity of football for the 2023 season.”

Motion passed (7-1)

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

➤ **DI Soccer Conferences:** motion “to move Eagle River High School and Chugiak High School to the Cook Inlet Conference for the activities of boys’ and girls’ soccer”

(Motion died for lack of a second)



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➤ **2024 Spring ASAA Board Meeting Location:** motion and second “conduct the Spring 2024 ASAA Board of Directors’ meeting in Iliamna, Alaska with Newhalen High School helping coordinate the meeting.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

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

➤ **Constitutional Amendments:** directed the Executive Director to begin the process to amend the ASAA Constitution to reflect the change in name of the Superintendent’s Association and to list the various regional association.

➤ **TAD Policy Review:** discussed report submitted by the TAD Policy Review Committee. The Committee believes the consequences for a violation should result in game suspensions rather than “days”. The Executive Director is working with DEED and the American Lung Association to find better educational materials to replace those being currently used. The goal is to have a program any school can use, but to also allow schools to build their own programs if their community has better resources. No action was taken to change the existing policy for the 2023-2024 school year.

➤ **Upcoming State Tournament Bids:** discussed the following state tournament bids coming due by November 1, 2023

(1) Nordic Ski

➤ **State Nordic Ski Race Distances:** As the Board has determined to race the boys and girls over the same distances, the Board will now need to determine what the distances should be for the three races. The Board anticipates making this decision during its October 2023 Board meeting. The former race distances are as follows:

Order Odd Years

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 followed by 4x5k boys)

Order Even Years

Day 1 – Individual Freestyle Race (5k girls, 7.5k boys)

Day 2 – Mass Start Classical Race (10k boys, 7.5k girls)

Day 3 – Team Relays (4x3k girls followed by 4x5k boys)



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- **Volleyball Classifications:** discussed the current volleyball classifications formed a committee made up of a member from each Region to come up with possible solutions. Board Member, Jamie Cabral will represent Region 5 and chair the committee. Board members are requested to send their committee member to ASAA as soon as possible.
- **Mental Health Training for Coaches:** discussed the “be nice” program being offered by ASAA at no cost to the school for the next three years. ASAA is seeking schools and school districts interested in participating next year. The “be nice” program trains coaches/advisors on how to recognize and respond to potential mental health issues. More information can be found at benice.org
- **Basketball Seeding:** ASAA provided the Board with data regarding the RPI formula. The data detailed how using different percentages for each column would impact the results.
- **Article 7 Section 1 and Section 11 Bylaw Revisions:** no action was taken on the proposed bylaw changes related to the resolution sent by the State Board of Education to the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED). The ASAA Board felt that until DEED changes the current regulations, it would be premature to change the ASAA bylaw. However, ASAA would like to stress DEED could amend 4 AAC 06.115 in a way that would have the practical effect of compelling ASAA to make a change to its bylaws in the future.
- **Sanctioning of Powerlifting:** discussed a request to sanction powerlifting as an ASAA activity. Board members will poll their member schools to gauge interest.

Executive Session: - None

Hearings –

- none

Motion to Adjourn

Motion and second to Adjourn
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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Upcoming Board Meetings and Workshops

- August 4, 2023 – Teleconference
- October 8, 2023 – Board Workshop
- October 9-10, 2023 – Anchorage
- December 4-5, 2023 – Anchorage
- February 19-20, 2024 – Anchorage
- April 28-30, 2024 - Iliamna