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Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting October 10-11, 2022

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. October 10, 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 – Jaime Cabral-Present
Region 6 – Steve Zanazzo - Present
AASB – Dana Mock-Present
AASA – Jim Holien –Present
AASG – Harrison Little-Present

Approval of the Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes from the April 25-26, 2022, 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”
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

- Public comments were made by:
 - Aaron Sperbeck
 - Nancy Wingate
 - Brian Gross
 - Lindwood Parker
 - Brandon Rinner
 - Nevaeh Dunlap
 - Robin Reich
 - Isaac Cavazos
 - Donald Wingate
 - Lantz Dahlke
 - Stephanie Eddy

Comments submitted by the above speakers may be found here:

[*<insert link>*](#)

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:

➤ **ASAA Mission, Vision and Value Statements:** motion and second “adopt the mission, vision and value statements recommended by the Strategic Planning Committee”

Motion passed (7-1)

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

Note: The statements are as follows:

Mission

Provide and promote opportunities through activities for all Alaska students.

Vision

Alaska students become lifelong learners who are engaged in their communities and active contributors in society. #winforlife

Values

Integrity, respect, perseverance, leadership, teamwork, inclusivity

➤ **Constitutional Amendments:** directed the Executive Director to seek the required endorsements from the authorized representatives of the member schools in order to amend the ASAA Constitution.”

Note the two proposed amendments are as follows:

ARTICLE 5 - OFFICERS AND DUTIES Section 1 - Board of Directors

The Board of Directors consists of the elected representative from (add) Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5, Region 6 (delete) each regional association and one representative each from the Association of Alaska School



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Boards, the Alaska Association of School Administrators, and one non-voting ex-officio member representing the Alaska Association of Student Governments.

ARTICLE 6 - REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS Section 1 – Powers:

~~(Delete) The Alaska School Activities Association, Inc. encourages and supports the creation of regional associations. A regional association operates autonomously from Alaska School Activities Association Inc., and is solely responsible for its own decisions, actions and financial affairs. Each regional association administers its own activities in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the Association’s Bylaws and policies. Regions may adopt their own Bylaws not in conflict with those of the Association.~~

➤ **ASD/Private School Co-ops:** motion and second “to approve the MOA agreements between ASD/Holy Rosary, ASD/Birchwood Christian, ASD/Anchorage Christian, and ASD/Grace Christian affected immediately. The MOA agreements, along with the similar agreements between ASD/Lumen Christi, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District with Effie Kokrine and Hutchison expire at the end of the 2023-24 activity year.”

Motion passed (7-1)

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

➤ **Hall of Fame Selection Committee:** motion and second “to approve Steve Zanazzo as the Region 6 representative to the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Shot-Clock Adoption :** motion and second “to allow the use of a 35-second shot clock during regular season tournaments.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **October 10 Executive Session** motion and second “to go into executive session”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **State Solo and Ensemble Date Change:** motion and second “change the date of the State Solo & Ensemble Festival to May 12-13, 2023.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **West Valley/Lathrop Hockey Co-op request:** motion and second “to allow Lathrop to co-op with West Valley in the activity of hockey for the 2022-23 season.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **State Cheer Competition Date and Location:** motion and second “keep the State Cheer Competition the Tuesday prior to the 3A/4A State using the main arena at the Alaska Airlines Center.”

Motion passed (6-2)

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

➤ **Sanctioning of Badminton:** motion and second “to send out the bylaw changes required to add badminton as an ASAA sanctioned activity.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **World Language Categories:** motion and second “to add Russian as a language category during the World Language Declamation Competition.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **ASAA Board President:** motion and second “to appoint Dana Mock to the position of Board President for the 2022-2023 school year.”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **ASAA Board Vice President:** motion and second “to appoint Steve Zanazzo to the position of Board Vice President for the 2022-2023 school year.”



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(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **October 11 Executive Session** motion and second “to go into executive session”

(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

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

➤ **Strategic Planning Committee:** discussed the goals developed by the Strategic Planning Committee and directed the Executive Director to further develop a proposed timeline and action steps to be taken. The Board will review these in December for action.

➤ **Adaptive Sports:** discussed how last year the Board approved:

“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”

and

“to allow for up to four adaptive athletes per school to attend the State Track & Field Championships. These adaptive athletes will compete in field events along with the DI and DII students. For the 800, 1600 and 3200 track events, the Association will conduct the heats using either combined lanes or adding additional heats.

Board members will consult with their regions as to how the above worked and be asked to act in the December meeting on this year’s championships. In addition, the Board will act on the awards for these events.

➤ **Spring 2023 Board Meeting:** discussed the plans regarding the Spring 2023 Board of Directors meeting being held in Valdez. Board members needing transportation from Anchorage to Valdez will work with the ASAA Staff to coordinate travel. The ferry will not be available for the times needed for travel.

➤ **Trainings for School Activities Personnel:** discussed how ASAA has been working with school districts to train their activities administrators. ASAA is working on developing a systematic way school districts can request these trainings.



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➤ **Use of 8th grade students for sport activities:** discussed allowing smaller schools to use 8th grade students at the sub-varsity level. Directed the Executive Director to send out a proposed bylaw amendment to allow schools classified as 1A/2A in basketball, that are not currently eligible to use 8th grade students to be allowed to do so for sub-varsity. Also included in proposal would be to allow 1A/2A size schools who are participating in more than one “team sport” that overlap a significant period of time to use 8th grade students in the activities currently allowed under the existing policy.

➤ **Upcoming State Tournament Bids:** discussed the following state tournament bids coming due during the 2022-23 school year:

i. Upcoming Bids due by November 1, 2022

- (1) Swim & Dive
- (2) All State Music
- (3) DII Hockey
- (4) Nordic Ski

ii. Upcoming Bids due by April 2023

- (5) Track & Field
- (6) Soccer
- (7) DI Baseball
- (8) DII Baseball

➤ **TAD Policy Review:** discussed the need to do a thorough review of the TAD policy. The Board appointed school district representatives to the TAD Policy Review Committee. These individuals are: Jim Bell and Leif Jacobsen (Anchorage), Dale Ewart (Mat-Su), Paula Casperson (Juneau), Brett Slaathaug (Northwest Arctic) and Andrea Nield (Yukon-Koyukuk). Working with the ASAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, ASAA will seek out other committee members from the medical field and other relevant entities.

➤ **Boarding School Transfer Bylaw:** discussed a proposal to change the bylaw as follows:

Boarding School Transfer Rule: Students who transfer to a boarding school at the beginning of a school year, or from a boarding school at the end of a school year, will be eligible for interscholastic participation at the new school as soon as properly certified. Students who transfer **(add) to or** from a boarding school during the school year **(add) and have not begun participating on a team in that sport** shall be **(delete) ineligible (add) eligible at their prior school of eligibility** for Varsity, State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic participation the remainder of the school year. **(add) Students who otherwise transfer to or from a boarding school during the school year shall be ineligible for Varsity, State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic participation the remainder of the school year.** Students who live with coaches are ineligible (see Section 5, C). At schools with no sub-varsity teams, the



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student could ask for a waiver to participate on the varsity team during the regular season, but would not be able to participate at either conference or state tournaments. Boarding school students must meet all other eligibility rules required of other students in Alaska.

Board members expressed how this could lead to school districts losing funding if the students transferred after October 1st. Additionally, there were concerns from member Boarding schools regarding how they might lose students needed to field teams and how it went against their stance of requiring a full year's commitment if accepted for admission. Board members also expressed how students do find themselves unable to adjust to new settings and how being allowed to return "home" without losing varsity level eligibility should be allowed. It would also allow Boarding schools to bring in other students throughout the school year, without having them losing varsity standings. It was also discussed how the Article 12 Section 9.17 bylaw would still apply to students who tried out for a sport prior to transferring. The Executive Director was directed to get data from the Boarding schools regarding where in the state their students are coming from, typical annual transfers, etc.

- **Use of non-certified officials:** after discussion on the pro and cons of allowing the use of non-certified officials, no action was taken on a proposed bylaw amendment.
- **ASAA Shot-Clock rules:** directed the ASAA Staff to develop rules pertaining to the use of a shot-clock. This would include topics such as: amount of time to reset the shot-clock on offensive rebounds, defensive fouls, and violations, when the shot clock should start in conjunction to the game clock, etc.
- **1A Basketball Tournament bracket:** discussed using a true 16-team bracket during the 1A State Basketball Tournament. This will not reduce the number of games, but is rather a new "format".
- **3A/4A Basketball Seeding and At-Large Selection Policy:** discussed going to a RPI formula for the selection of the 4A At-Large teams and for the seeding of both the 3A and 4A tournaments. The Board reviewed the data on having both 3A and 4A combined or separated for computing the RPI. The Board discussed extending the formula to include 2A schools. Also discussed having a committee to review the seedings. The ASAA staff was directed to report in December how such a committee might operate and what authority it might have in adjusting the seeds.
- **Change to Volleyball Classification Request:** discussed requests from Chevak and Tikigaq to be reclassified to Mix-6 in volleyball for both financial and competitive reasons. If approved, it most likely would result in Hooper Bay being moved into the Southwest Conference. The single berth currently allocated to the Western Conference would then need to be reassigned. The 2A bracket rotations for the state tournament would also have to be reconfigured.



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➤ **2023-2024 Draft Activities Calendar:** the Board reviewed the draft calendar and proposed changes and noted corrections to be made. The Executive Director will send out update drafts to the Board members. One draft will keep the rotation of the state basketball tournaments the same, the other draft will have the State Cheer and 3A/4A basketball tournaments conducted on the earlier of the two state tournament weekends.

➤ **Baseball Pitch Count Violations:** discussed how when the pitch count policy was adopted, there was not clear wording on what happens if a violation occurs. Language to the effect, it constitutes the playing of an ineligible athlete is being added to the policy.

➤ **Baseball At-large Selection Committee:** The baseball policy states: *“At-Large Berths The Division II at-large berths will be determined by a committee made up of an individual from Region 3, 5 and 6 along with two ASAA staff members. The Division I at-large berth will be determined by a committee made up of an individual from the Cook Inlet, Railbelt and Southeast conferences along with two ASAA staff members.”* By the February meeting, these individuals need to be determined by their Regions or conferences.

➤ **Baseball State Tournament Consolation Games:** discussed how last year during the State Tournament, time limits were used to ensure the Saturday consolation games did not cause the championship games to start excessively late. Due to that, a tie-breaker system needs to be adopted.

➤ **State Tournament Soccer Consolation Tiebreakers:** The current policy state:

“First round games and winner side of the bracket will follow the NFHS adopted overtime procedure. Consolation side of the bracket will play a five minute sudden victory period. If a tie still exists they will follow the tie breaker penalty kick procedure.

It is being recommended by the Soccer Activities Committee to go straight to the tie breaker penalty kick procedure.

➤ **Soccer Uniform Violations:** ASAA is dealing with multiple types of soccer uniform violations. These range from teams not wearing the correct color sock, illegal uniforms and teams not wearing the correct color uniforms (home teams wearing dark, visitors wearing white). The NFHS rulebook requires officials to report these issues to the state association. The Board directed the ASAA Staff to bring back suggested penalties for excessive violations.

➤ **Additional Awards for DII Nordic Ski:** the Board discussed how Nordic Ski awards a first place plaque to the top DII school along with three individual medallions for their first three finishers. This is the only single classification event which does so. Based on the number of DII teams and participants, the Board felt recognizing only the top team and three individuals was a fair representation when



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compared to the number of DI schools and individuals in the competition.

- **World Language Categories:** discussed adding Indigenous Alaska Languages to the World Language Declamation Competition. The ASAA is working with the Alaska Native Heritage Center to coordinate judges during the event.
- **Swim and Dive Consolation Finals:** discussed a recommendation from the Swim and Dive Activities Committee to run consolation finals during the State Swim and Dive Championships. The ASAA staff reported to do so for diving would require a significant increase in time and/or additional facilities. The staff also reported the Juneau pool would not be able to do so due to having a smaller warm up/cool down pool. Board members are asked to seek out the thoughts from their regions.
- **State Berth Analysis of Individual Sport Berths:** discussed how by policy this is the school year ASAA and the Board analysis the berths for individual sports. ASAA will continue to use the activities committees to do assist with this process. The ASAA staff reported a belief the berths for both DIII cross country and girls wrestling seem the most likely to change.
- **Lake & Peninsula/Bristol Bay Cross Country Co-op:** discussed how to repeal the existing co-op request between the Lake & Peninsula and Bristol Bay school districts that by practice seems to be operating as an “all-star” team. To repeal this co-op the Board would need to take formal action during an upcoming meeting.
- **DIII Denali Football Conference:** the three Region 6 schools in the DIII Denali Football Conference are considering going to either 9-man or 8-man football next season. To do so they would need to ask to no longer be assigned to a conference and would then not be scheduled into the 11-man football schedule. If they do so, it could significantly impact the remaining DIII schools, but also have impact on all levels. The Board request that by the December Board meeting, if not earlier, the schools would make their request known.

Hearings –

- A Hearing was held on October 10, 2022
- A Hearing was held on October 11, 2022

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – None



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Motion to Adjourn

Motion and second to Adjourn
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Upcoming Board Meetings and Workshops

- December 5-6, 2022, in Anchorage
- February 20-21, 2023, in Anchorage
- April 30, 2023 – Workshop in Valdez
- May 1-2, 2023 – Meeting in Valdez