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Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings October 7-8, 2019

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM October 7, 2019

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

Election of Officers

motioned “to retain Ed Lester as President and Dale Ewart as Vice President”

Motioned by AASA, seconded by Region 6
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9: 50 am, April 25, 2019



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Approval of the Consent Items –

Motioned “to approve the consent items with the new FY19 Profit & Loss Statement”
Motioned by Region 3, seconded by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Motioned to approve the agenda with additions
Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 6
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

(Tuesday) Motioned to “suspend the agenda in order to add two items”
Motioned by Region 4, Seconded by AASB
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

Motioned to “add Chugiak/Birchwood and South/Grace co-op requests to the agenda”
Motioned by Region 4, Seconded by Region 2
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

Monday – (2:00 p.m.)

- Hear comments from Kenai Central High School Principal Briana Randle regarding the school’s request to be reclassified into DIII football due to their lack of students participating. These lower numbers are increasing the numbers of injuries the football team is experiencing. Additionally, the school feels they are no longer competitive at the DII level.
- Lumen Christi parent, Kara Moriarty spoke to the Board regarding the hope a system can be developed in Alaska, like many other states already do, which would allow students attending private schools to join the team sports of the public school they are zoned for, if the private school does not offer the team sport. Many parents wish to have their children attend private schools. However, many private schools due to lack of students, funding or other issues are not able to offer the same amount of activities as public schools. Last year in order for her son to participate with the Dimond High School baseball team, he enrolled in 5 courses each semester in an alternative education program, while also taking



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a full academic load at Lumen. This allowed him to choose Dimond as his “school of eligibility” but also means he cannot participate in the activities that Lumen is able to offer. Ms. Moriarty is working with the Anchorage School District to bring forth a proposal but wanted to share with the Board her hope of their support.

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 April and May 2019 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



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

➤ **Division II Wrestling Seeding Qualifications:** motioned “to amend the seeding qualifications to require:

Division II boy entrants must have a 40% win Percentage in order to be considered for seeding.”

Motioned by Region 3, seconded by Region 6
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Basketball Scrimmage Rules:** motioned to “effective this year to admen the scrimmage rules to read:

A scrimmage is a practice and should be treated as such. Scrimmages with other teams or schools do not count as games. Coaches should stop the play at will to give instructions. Scrimmages may not involve:

- A. official game clock or score book
- B. admission charge
- C. advertisements or announcements about the event.

For the activity of basketball, teams may run a “scrimmage” of two (2) ten (10) minute halves, with or without a running clock. These two (2) ten (10) minute halves would count as 2 of the 6 allowed quarter players may play at different levels (see I. Individual Participation Limitation under the Basketball policies) . Scrimmages, operated in this manner, may involve:

- A. official game clock and/or a score book
- B. admission charge
- C. advertisements or announcements about the event

Additionally, scrimmages operated in this manner would count as a game towards a school’s maximum game limit (see F. Maximum Games in the Basketball Policies).”

Motioned by Region 5, seconded by Region 2
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **3A/4A State Basketball At-Large Selection and Seeding Procedures:** motioned “return to the former WPI system for determining the at-large selection and seeding procedures for 3A/4A basketball.”

Motioned by Region 6, seconded by Region 3
(7-1 motion failed)

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

➤ **State Cross Country Dates:** motioned “ to conduct the State Cross Country meet the first Saturday in October unless that date is on or preceding October 4th, in which case the meet will occur on the 2nd Saturday of October.”

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 6
(6-2 motion passed)

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

➤ **3A/4A State Basketball Format:** motioned “to change the dates of the Cheer State Tournament to Tuesday and to Wednesday through Saturday for the 3A/4A State Basketball Tournaments in order to no longer use the “split courts” for the basketball tournament.”

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 3
(5-3 motion passed)

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



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➤ **Gold Lifetime Pass Policy:** motioned “to amend the Gold Lifetime to read as follows:

“Gold Lifetime Pass

ASAA has a program under which those individuals who have made an extraordinary contribution to high school activities in Alaska and/or at the national level may be selected as recipients of an ASAA Gold Lifetime Pass.

Qualifications: Significant service to high school students of Alaska through demonstrated leadership for at least twenty (20) years at the state and/or national level. Served as activities administrator, coach/ director/advisor, official, community supporter, or committee member.

Number: Up to eight recipients each year, with not more than one per region or association. In the event of extenuating circumstance, the Board may award additional recipients.

Selection Process: Each region or association may solicit nominations and recommend its recipient to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will make the final selection of recipients during its Spring meeting.

RECIPIENTS: For a list of Gold Lifetime Pass Recipients log on to <http://asaa.org/resources/about-asaa/gold-lifetime-passes/> “

Motioned by AASA, seconded by Region 4
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Homer/Nikolaevsk DDF Co-op Request:** motioned “to allow Homer High School and Nikolaevsk to co-op for the activity of DDF.”

Motioned by Region 2, seconded by Region 5
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Chugiak/Birchwood and South/Grace Hockey Co-op Requests:** motioned “to allow Chugiak and Birchwood Christian to co-op for the activity of hockey, and to also allow South Anchorage and Grace to co-op for the activity of hockey”

Motioned by Region 4, seconded by Region 3
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Davis Ramoth (Selawik) High School Volleyball Reclassification Request** : motioned “to allow Davis Ramoth High School to participate in Mix-6 Volleyball until the end of the current classification cycle.”

Motioned by AASB, seconded by AASA
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the following items:

➤ **Football Playoff Policies:** Discussed changing the individual awards to be given in football to be solely made up of players participating in the Championship games. ASAA was directed to make a recommendation on the number of awards and to ensure both offensive and defensive players were recognized along with both “skilled” and “non-skilled” positions. The revised policy would be similar to the below:

Awards: ASAA will award “Good Sport” awards and “Players of the Game” to the students from those teams reaching the finals. The ASAA Academic Award will be awarded to schools reaching the quarter-finals in Division I, and for school reaching the semi-finals in Divisions II and III. ASAA will select ? outstanding performers from the Championship games to be given awards (i.e. Outstanding Offensive Performance, Outstanding Offensive Lineman, etc.)”

➤ **Classification:** Discussed the issues with the current enrollment based classification system. The Board formed two committees made up of a member to be appointed by each Regional Board Member. One committee for basketball and one for football. These committees will meet on November 18 with the direction to design a better classification system for these activities. Rather than basing classification strictly based on enrollment, the committees may choose to look at other factors, such as:

Multiplier for non-boundaries school, Success or Competitive Factors, Affluence factors, Access to students (Urban/Rural) and Geographic Location

In order to make a change effective for the 2020-2021 school year, any change would need to be approved by the December 2020 Board meeting.



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➤ **Planet High School:** Discussed the implementation of Planet High School. Due to issues with connectivity there are issues, particularly in the more remote area. Discussed forming a parent advisory group to help ASAA communicate the concerns they have regarding the system itself. Also discussed the need to take online the waiver process and TAD reporting systems. ASAA staff is willing to help sites with data input and will communicate such to the school districts, along with the process for doing so.

➤ **Unified Sports:** ASAA has co-applied (and received) with Special Olympics, Alaska a Federal grant. The grant will help partially cover the cost of an ASAA employee tasked with:

- formalizing the ASAA eligibility bylaws for Unified Sports
- helping to increase the number of schools participating in Unified Track & Field by providing financial assistance to hire a Unified Track Coach and support state travel cost.
- developing the playing rules and promoting Unified 3 on 3 basketball
- determining other potential Unified sports

While the grant was only secured for a period of one year, the grant is designed to be renewed for an additional two years.

➤ **E-Sports:** heard an update regarding the fall Esports season. Schools are in the process of signing up.

➤ **2020-2021 Activities Calendar:** discussed possible changes to the FY21 Activities Calendar. Among the possible changes would be changing:

- the starting and ending dates for 1A/2A basketball
- the ending dates for 3A/4A basketball.
- Regular season ending dates for cross country
- Starting and ending dates for 3A/4A volleyball
- Ending regular season dates for 3A/4A basketball
- Starting dates for Track & Field and Soccer

➤ **Out of Season Contact Committee** Discussed the issues with the current out of season contact policy. The Board formed a committee, to be made up athletic directors or school administrators, to be appointed by each Regional Board Member. These committees will meet on November 15, 2019



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➤ **Baseball Classifications:** discuss the presented two-classification system for the sport of baseball using 850 students as the enrollment number between the two divisions. Juneau-Douglas, Thunder Mt., Ketchikan and Sitka (from the Southeast Conference) have indicated they would opt into DI. Petersburg would remain at DII. Palmer High School would participate at the DII level as their enrollment is down to roughly 750 students.

The Board tentatively agreed that the DI conferences and berths would be as follows:

Cook Inlet (4)

Bartlett * Chugiak * Dimond * Eagle River * East Anchorage * Service
* South Anchorage * West Anchorage

Southcentral/ Mid Alaska (2)

Colony * Lathrop * Wasilla * West Valley

Southeast (2)

Juneau-Douglas * Ketchikan * Sitka * Thunder Mountain

The main discussion then involved how to best work with Petersburg in terms of conference placement. Numbers wise it would make the most sense to place Petersburg with the Fairbanks area schools, but financially that lead to obvious issues. If placed with the Interior schools the conferences and berths could be as shown below:

Southcentral (2)

Grace Christian * Houston * Kodiak * Redington * Palmer * Homer * Kenai * Soldotna

Mid Alaska (2)

Ben Eielson * Delta Junction * Hutchison * Monroe Catholic * North Pole * Petersburg

It was felt due to the smaller enrollments of the DII schools, they would best be served by a two day four team tournament.



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- **ASAA Annual Goals:** Directed the Executive Director to work with the Region 4 Board member to develop measurable annual goals for FY20. These goals will be centered around increasing student participation, decreasing TAD violations, and improving sportsmanship.
- **First Aid Requirement Course Equivalency** discussed working with the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to review the courses currently allowed to meet the equivalency of the NFHSLearn First Aid course.
- **Baseball Pitch Count:** discussed working with the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to review the rule.
- **Officials Nominations and Selection Process:** the ASAA Staff received direction from the Board as to their intent in implementing selection of officials for State Championship. The staff is not required to select an official from each Region, particularly if there is a limited number nominated. Additionally, with the goal of having the best officials available, an official may be chosen to work at multiple championships in the same activity.
- **Proposed Article 11 Section 1 bylaw change:** discussed working with the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to determine if Community Health Aides (CHAP) should be added to the list of those able to perform pre-participation physicals. The ASAA Staff was directed to send out notification to the membership if supported by the SMAC Committee.
- **Proposed Article 6 Section 8 bylaw change:** directed the ASAA Executive Director to send out notification to the membership regarding the Board's considering changing the "swimsuit coverage" rule by either modifying the NFHS Swim and Dive rule or possibly even adopting the swim and dive rules of another organization.



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Workshops – The Board held a workshop on October 6, 2019. Topics included:

- Review of ASAA Finances
- Annual Goals
- Review of Strategic Plan
- Executive Directors Evaluation Document.

Hearings – None

Tabled Items – None

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – None

Motion to Adjourn

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

Topics for December 2019 Board Meeting:

- Classification
- Planet High School
- Unified Sports
- ASAA Annual Goals
- E-Sports
- 2020-2021 Activities Calendar
- Football Playoff Policies
- Baseball Classifications
- First Aid Requirements Course Equivalency
- Baseball Pitch Count
- Proposed Bylaw Changes
 - Article 11 Section 1
 - Article 6 Section 8
- Out of Season Contact Policy