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**Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meetings
October 12-13, 2020
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 8:40 a.m. October 12, 2020

Procedural — Quorum Established

Seating of New Board Members — none

Roll Call:

Region 1 - Ed Lester-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 – Clarence Daniel & Peter Hoepfner
(Mr. Hoepfner filled in Monday afternoon and all day on Tuesday)
AASA - Dave Herbert –Present
AASG – Abigail Jensen-Present

Approval of the Consent Items –

Motion “to approve the consent items with the revised FY19 Profit & Loss Statement”
Motion by Region 5, second by Region 6
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Motion to approve the agenda with additions
Motion by Region 3, second by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

The following individual made public comments to the Board:

- Kristin Sholton, Anchorage
- Joey Caterinichio, Anchorage
- Steve Zanazzo, Fairbanks
- Weston Carroll, Homer
- Kyle McFall, Soldotna

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 from the following Board Meetings:
 - i. April 8, 2020
 - ii. April 27, 2020
 - iii. July 23, 2020
 - iv. July 31, 2020
 - v. September 2, 2020
 - vi. September 23, 2020
- b. Wavier Report
- c. Out-of-State Travel
- d. Contest Ejection Report



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- e. Financial Report
- f. Cooperative Schools Report
- g. Endowment Report
- h. Eighth Grade Student Eligibility Request Report

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

➤ **Nordic Ski Calendar Change:** motion “to change the beginning practice date of Nordic Ski to November 16, 2020.”

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

Note: Board action taken later in the meeting supersedes this earlier action. (See Postponement Of ASAA Activities Not Already Started on page 11)

➤ **Swim and Dive Calendar Change:** motion to “change the state tournament date for Swim & Dive to November 20-21.”

Motion by Region 4, second by AASA
(7-1 motion passed)

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

Note: Board action taken later in the meeting supersedes this earlier action. (See Cancellation of all Fall Season State Championship Events on page 11)



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➤ **Hockey Calendar Change:** motion “to change the beginning practice date of Hockey to October 26, 2020.”

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

Note: Board action taken later in the meeting supersedes this earlier action. (See Postponement Of ASAA Activities Not Already Started on page 11)

➤ **DII Football Playoff Berth:** motion “award the berth vacated by Eagle River to Lathrop High School.”

Motion by Region 6, motion failed for lack of a second

➤ **Unfilled 4A Volleyball Berths:** motion “ award any unfilled berths in 4A volleyball to the Cook Inlet Conference.”

Motion by Region 3, second by Region 4
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Unfilled 3A Volleyball Berths:** motion “to award the at-large berth in 3A volleyball to the Southcentral Conference and to award any un-filled Western Conference berth to the Aurora for the 2020 State Tournament.”

Motion by Region 6, motion failed for lack of a second

➤ **Unfilled 3A Volleyball Berths:** motion “to award the at-large berth in 3A volleyball to the Southcentral Conference for the 2020 State Tournament.”

Motion by Region 3, motion failed for lack of a second



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➤ **Unfilled 3A Volleyball Berths:** motion “to change the berths for 3A Volleyball for the 2020 State Tournament to:

Aurora – 2

Southcentral – 3

Southeast – 1

Western -- 1

and one “at-large” berth being decided by a random draw between the Aurora 3rd, Southcentral 4th, Southeast 2nd and Western 2nd.”

Motion by Region 3, Second by Region 5
(4-4 motion failed)

Y- (Region 2, Region 3, Region 4, Region 5)

N- (Region 6, AASB, AASA, Region 1)

N-(AASG (advisory)

➤ **Western Conference Volleyball Berth:** directed the ASAA Staff to give Bethel Regional High School until October 23, 2020 to indicate their intent to attend the 3A Volleyball State Tournament.

➤ **NFHS Rules Modifications and Recommendations:** motion “to adopt the NFHS Rules Modifications and Recommendation for the activities of basketball, softball and hockey.”

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

➤ **Football Classification Change:** motion “to table until the December 7-8, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.”

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

➤ **Basketball Classification Change:** motion “to table until the November 9, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.”

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

➤ **Basketball Classification System:** directed the ASAA Staff to further develop the presented basketball classification system for the November 9th Board meeting.



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➤ **Approval of School choosing to “opt-up”:** motion “ to approve the following request to “opt-up:

Anchorage Christian School to 3A basketball and volleyball
Bristol Bay High School to 2A volleyball
Monroe Catholic High School to 3A basketball and volleyball
Tok High School to 2A basketball and volleyball
Unalakleet High School to 2A basketball”

Motion by AASA, second by Region 3
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Davis Ramoth (Selawik) High School Basketball Reclassification Request :** motion “to approve the request to allow Davis Ramoth (Selawik) High School to play 1A basketball for the 2020-2021 school year for the reasons outlined in their request letter.”

Motion by AASA, Second by Region 3
(4-3 motion failed)

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

➤ **Lower Kuskokwim Reclassification Request :** motion “to grant the request from the Lower Kuskokwim School District for an extension until the December 7-8, 2020 Board of Directors meeting to submit an appeal for their district schools moving from 1A to 2A.”

Motion by AASA, Second by Region 4
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Unified Sports Eligibility bylaw revision:** directed the ASAA Staff to send out the bylaw revisions with regard to establishing the eligibility criteria for Unified Sports Athletes.

➤ **DI State Soccer Seeding:** motion “to table until the December 7-8, 2020 Board of Directors meeting.”

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 3
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **DI State Hockey Berths:** motion “ that beginning with 2022 State Championship to change the berths for the DI Hockey Tournament to as follows:

Cook Inlet Conference -- 5 berths
Mid-Alaska Conference -- 2 berth
At-Large -- 1 berth
At-Large Pool: the DI pool will be comprised of the CIC #6, Railbelt #3 and the DII Champion.”

Motion by Region 4, Second by Region 6
(7-1 motion passed)

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

➤ **Article 12 Section 2. B. 3 :** motion “ that beginning with 2021-22 School Year to amend the Article 12 Section 2.B.3 bylaw as follows:

3. A student attending a non-member charter school, alternative school or program (including district correspondence) whom wishes to change his/her School of Eligibility will be ineligible for Varsity, State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic competition at the new School of Eligibility for one calendar year, from **the start of the next semester at the new school of eligibility based on** the date of receipt by ASAA of the Application for Changing School of Eligibility form. At schools with no sub-varsity teams, the 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.”

Motion by Region 3, second by Region 4
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



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- **Article 12 Section 9.C.17 :** motion “ that beginning with 2021-22 School Year to amend the Article 12 Section 9.C.17 bylaw as follows:

Article 12, Section 9, C. 17 Changing Schools During A Sport Season

A student may represent only one member school during a respective sport season. From the first **allowable contest date of an activity**, a student who participates in a sport at one school (including practices), and who subsequently transfers to another school, will not be eligible in that sport at the Varsity, State Qualifying and State Championship interscholastic competition level. At schools with no sub-varsity teams, the 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.”

Motion by Region 3, second by Region 5
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

- **Cold Weather Policy :** motion “ to adopt the following as the ASAA Cold Weather Policy:

Cold Weather Policy – For ASAA Activities, without a cold weather rule, if the temperature (including wind chill factor as determined by the NOAA index chart) at the field or rink is -20 degrees Fahrenheit or below, the competition shall be cancelled or delayed. In the event a school district has a more stringent policy, that policy will prevail. If the forecasted temperature indicates the game will be cancelled or delayed, the visiting school will not be penalized for not traveling to the game site.”

Motion by AASA, second by Region 3
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

- **Cold Weather Policy:** directed the ASAA Staff to review the adopted cold weather policy with the ASAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

- **Ejection Report Process:** directed the ASAA Staff to update the Ejection Report Form to take out any duplications and to see if the process could be done digitally.

- **Adaptive Sports:** after viewing a presentation from the Anchorage School District, directed the ASAA Staff to continue working with ASD in this endeavor.

- **Region 3 3A Basketball At-Large Berth Request** directed the ASAA Staff to leave this item on the agenda.



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➤ **Suspension of the Bylaws** directed the ASAA Staff to send out the bylaw addition with regard to suspending the ASAA bylaws in the case of emergency situations such as natural disasters or pandemics.

➤ **Mix-6 State Tournament Sets :** motion “ to make the best of three games during the Mix-6 State Volleyball tournament to games of 25 points (win by 2), instead of having the last game only go to 15 points.”

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

➤ **Baseball Seeding:** directed the ASAA Staff to work with experts from the impacted Regions to develop proposals for adoption during the December Board Meeting.

➤ **Hate Speech and Harassment Policy:** directed the ASAA Staff to bring back more information on this topic during the December Board Meeting.

➤ **Region 5 Volleyball Re-classification Request:** motion “ to allow Juneau Douglas High School, Thunder Mt. High School and Ketchikan High School to play at the 3A level for the activity of volleyball.”

Motion by Region 5, failed for lack of a second

➤ **Executive Session:** motion “ to go into Executive Session.”

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

➤ **Suspension of the Rules:** motion “ suspend the rules for the purpose of adding new agenda items.”

Motion by AASB, second by Region 2
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **New Agenda Items:** motion “to add to the agenda

New Business Item N – ASAA Calendar Revisions
and
New Business Item O –Out of State Travel Notification Policy”

Motion by Region 5, second by Region 4



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(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Resumption of the Rules:** motion “ resume the rules”

Motion by AASB, second by Region 6
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **DDF Rules:** motion “ to revise the DDF rules to state:

ENTRIES

Students may enter one to three events. Students must qualify in the event(s) they enter. To qualify for an event a student must have competed at least two times in that event during regular season meets. Video and teleconference meets count as competitions, as well as intra-squad rounds provided coaches bring in a volunteer judge, who fills out a ballot and records speaking times. For debate, if a student in LD or students in Policy or PFD do not have anyone to debate against, a coach may document practices and/or arrange to have practice debates with assistant coaches or community members. These would count towards qualification.

School entry limits;
Maximum competitors per school - 15 students
Debate - 9 entries total (e.g. a debate team involving two students = 1 debate entry)
Readers’ Theatre and Extemporaneous Commentary - 2 entries
All other events - 3 entries”

Motion by Region 5, second by Region 4
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **DDF State Format:** motion “to conduct the State DDF Competition in a virtual format for the 2021 State Tournament.”

Motion by Region 5, second by Region 4
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **All State Music:** motion “to not have the in-person component of the All-State Music Festival.”

Motion by Region 2, second by AASB
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Chugiak/Birchwood Christian Co-op Request:** motion “approve the hockey co-op request between Chugiak High School and Birchwood Christian High School.”

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

➤ **North Pole/Eielson Co-op Request:** motion “approve the hockey co-op request between North Pole High School and Ben Eielson High School.”

Motion by Region 6, second by Region 3
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Hutchison/West Valley Co-op Request:** motion “approve the Esport co-op request between Hutchison High School and West Valley High School.”

Motion by Region 6, second by Region 3
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Postponement of ASAA Activities not already started:** motion “ to postpone all state activities not already started to a time to be determined.”

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 3
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Calendar Committee:** directed the ASAA Executive Director to work with a committee made up from each Region to develop a revised activities calendar. The recommendation needs to be submitted to the Board at its November meeting.

➤ **Cancelation of all Fall Season State Championship Events:** motion “to cancel all state championship events scheduled to happen before January 1, 2021. Regions may continue to host regional championships through November 21, 2020.”

Motion by AASB, second by AASA
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Statement with DHSS Regarding Mask:** directed the ASAA Executive Director to work with DHSS to issue a statement regarding DHSS’s recent recommendation regarding the wearing of mask during practices and competitions.

➤ **Out of State Travel Reporting Policy:** motion “to adopt the following policy for the 2020-2021 school year:

While participating in any ASAA activity, all participants must notify their “school of eligibility” if traveling out of state. Upon return, the participant must follow all state and local travel mandates. Participants failing to do so will be ruled as ineligible for the remainder of the season.”

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

➤ **Election of Board Officers:** motion “nominate Dale Ewart as Board President and Troy Thain as Vice President of the ASAA Board of Directors.”

Motion by AASA, second by Region 6
(Carried – Unanimous Consent)

Discussion Items:

The Board discussed the following items:

➤ **Co-op and Joint Participation Schools:** discussed the need to stay within the intent of the bylaw and not allow schools to simply choose the best program. Rather schools forming co-op programs should be geographically close and preferably in need of additional students.

➤ **ASAA Annual Goals:** discussed suspending the goals for the year, as the data used to analysis them were going to be impacted by COVID-19. Instead, ASAA’s annual goals were to be based on supporting the member schools in dealing with the impacts of COVID-19.

➤ **Out of Season Contact Rules:** discussed possible need to revise portions of the out of season contact rules.



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➤ **Duel Participation Rules:** discussed the possible need to develop or revise duel participation rules as student involved in non-educational comp-programs may negatively impact the high school programs by participating in non-high school events.

Workshops – The Board held a workshop on October 11, 2020. Topics included:

- Board Meeting Protocols
- Review of ASAA Finances
- Annual Goals

Hearings -- None

Tabled Items –

- Football Classification Change (December 2020)
- Basketball Classification (November 2020)
- ASAA Calendar Revision (November 2020)
- DI State Soccer Seeding (December 2020)

Awards/Recognitions/Presentations – None

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Region 6, second by Region 5
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Topics for November 9, 2020 Special Board Meeting:

- Basketball Classification
- 2020-2021 Activities Calendar
- Out of Season Contact Policy
- Duel Participation Rules