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Adopted Minutes of the ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting October 9-10, 2023

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Call to Order — the meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. October 9, 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 – Wayne Sawchuk - Present
AASB – Dana Mock - Present
AASA – Jim Holien – Present
AASG – Rhianonn Dobbins – Present

Approval of the Consent Items –

- a. Approval of Minutes from
 - a. the April 2023, Board meeting
 - b. the May 2023 Board meeting
 - c. the August 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)



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Ordering and Approval of the Agenda–

Motion and second “to approve the agenda as amended”
(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Public Comments on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items –

Public Comments may be read at the following link:

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/Submitted-Public-Comments-Oct-9-10-23.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:

➤ **Region 2 request to move a berth in 1A Basketball:** motion and second “shift one boys’ and one girls’ berth from the Peninsula to the Golden Heart Conference for the activity of 1A basketball.”

Motion failed (7-1)

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

➤ **Nordic Ski Race Distances and Rotations:** motion and second “to change the Nordic Ski race distances and rotations as follows:

Order Odd Years

Day 1 – Individual Classic Race (5k)
Day 2 – Mass Start Freestyle Race (7.5k)
Day 3 – Team Relays (4x3k)

Order Even Years

Day 1 – Individual Freestyle Race (5k)
Day 2 – Mass Start Classical Race (7.5k)
Day 3 – Team Relays (4x3k)”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Use of Fluoro Waxes in Nordic Ski:** directed the ASAA State to send out a recommendation to all ASAA member schools to refrain from the use of Fluoro wax. Given the health risks and environmental concerns connected to fluorine waxes, ASAA believes fluoro waxes should not be used.

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

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Article 7 Section 1 and Section 11 Bylaw revision:** motion and second “to table the 7-g agenda item”

Motion failed (5-3)

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

➤ **Article 7 Section 1 and Section 11 Bylaw revision:** motion and second “to approve the amendments to Article 7 Section 1 and Section 11 as presented, effective immediately.”

Motion Passes (5-3)

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

Note: The revised bylaw can be found at here:

<https://asaa.org/wp-content/uploads/board/Amended-Article-7-Sections-1-and-11-bylaws.pdf>

➤ **Knik Charter School Blanket Waiver request:** motion and second “to grant a “blanket waiver” to all first semester students fully enrolled at Knik Charter School.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Knik Charter School participation request:** motion and second “to allow students attending the Knik Charter School to participate in activities not offered by the Knik Charter School, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough District school for which the student’s home is zoned. This agreement expires at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.”

Motion Passes (7-1)

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

➤ **West Valley/Lathrop Hockey Co-op:** motion and second “to allow West Valley and Lathrop High Schools to co-op for the activity of hockey for the 2023-24 season”.

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Soldotna High School/Cook Inlet Academy Co-op Request for Nordic Ski and Wrestling:** motion and second “to allow Soldotna High School and Cook Inlet Academy to co-op for the activities of Nordic Ski and wrestling.”

Motion Passes (7-1)

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

➤ **Bartlett/ Bettye Davis Hockey Co-op:** motion and second “to allow Bartlett and Bettye Davis East Anchorage High Schools to co-op for the activity of hockey for the 2023-24 season”.

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Klawock/Craig Co-op Request for Swim & Dive and Wrestling:** motion and second “to allow Klawock and Craig High Schools to co-op for the activities of Swim & Dive and wrestling.”

Motion Passes (7-1)

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

➤ **Monroe Catholic Boys’ Basketball Classification:** motion and second “to classify the Monroe Catholic Boys’ Basketball team as a 3A team for the next classification cycle.”

Motion Failed (7-1)

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

➤ **Ket’acik/Aapalluk School Classification:** motion and second “to allow Ket’acik/Aapalluk School to remain at the Mix-6 classification for volleyball and the 1A basketball classification for the next classification cycle.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)



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➤ **Waiver of the Hockey Dual Participation Rule:** motion and second “to grant a waiver to the Hockey Dual Participation Rule to students participating as part Team Alaska’s Tier I U16 and U18 teams for November 16-20.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Note: Additionally, The Board also created a committee to be chaired by Region 6 Representative Wayne Sawchuk to work with members of comp hockey and high school coaches to look at how the current Hockey Dual Participation could be modified in a way to encourage participation in high school hockey, without leading to its demise.

➤ **Election of Association President:** motion and second “to elect Dana Mock to the position of Board President for the 2023-2024 school year.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

➤ **Election of Association Vice President:** motion and second “to elect Stacia Rustad to the position of Board Vice President for the 2023-2024 school year.”

(Motion Carried - Unanimous Consent)

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

➤ **Constitutional Amendments:** discussed the progress to amend the ASAA Constitution to reflect the change in name of the Superintendent’s Association and to list the various regional association.

➤ **State Berth Analysis of Team Sports:** discussed utilizing the various activities committees to provide input on if there should be changes to the berths for team sports.

➤ **TAD Policy Review:** discussed the need to continue to seek out ways to modify the existing policy. This could include treating the consequences differently depending on the type of substance being used.



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- **DI Soccer Conferences:** discussed a proposal by Region 4 to have Eagle River and Chugiak High Schools returned to the CIC DI Soccer Conference. Region 3 and Region 6 opposed the proposal as it would create unbalanced conferences and berths. They additionally opposed the proposal due to the reduction of DI games during the regular season. Region 3, Region 4 and Region 6 were asked to meet to seek out a solution that could work for these teams.

- **Volleyball Classifications:** reviewed and discussed the recommendation of the Volleyball Classification Committee to not make change to the current system.

- **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. The “be nice” program trains coaches/advisors on how to recognize and respond to potential mental health issues. School districts are being advised to make sure their coaches are aware of the district’s policies and expectations of how to best support students with mental health issues.

- **Sanctioning of Powerlifting:** discussed a request to sanction powerlifting as an ASAA activity. A committee will be formed to determine the best season or seasons to offer the activity and rules adoptions.

- **2024-2025 Draft Activities Calendar:** reviewed the two draft proposals for the 2024-2025 Activities Calendar. The difference in the drafts involves the ending dates for the regular season/conference tournaments and the corresponding dates for the state cheer and basketball tournaments.

- **DDF Exhibition Event:** directed the staff to allow for the addition of an Improvised Duet Acting event to be operated as an exhibition during the 2024 DFF State Tournament.

- **Flag Football State Championship:** directed the ASAA Staff to form a committee from Region 3, Region 4 and Region 6 to recommend the conferences and berths needed in order to offer a state championship in the activity of flag football.

- **Alaska Students Involved in Exchange/Travel Programs:** directed the ASAA Staff to send out a proposed bylaw amendment to the Alaska Students Involved in Exchange/Travel Programs bylaw.

- **Transfer Rules Committee:** as part of the Strategic Plan, ASAA is forming a Transfer Rules Committee. Each Region will appoint a representative to the committee.



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- **Sunday Contest Bylaw:** currently ASAA's bylaw allows for the Executive Director to approve waivers to the bylaw forbidding events or contest to be held on Sundays. Discussed the need to keep the rule but to allow schools to proceed with administrative approval from both school in the event the Executive Director cannot be contacted.
- **Use fo the RPI formula for other team sports:** reviewed the data of how the RPI ranked the activities of soccer, baseball, softball and hockey. The Soccer Activities Committee is asking both the at-large selection and state tournament seeding would use the RPI.
- **Academic Award for Fine Arts:** discussed a recommendation from the Music Committee to change the number from 10 to 5 students to be eligible for the Academic Award during state events. Discussed making this change for all ASAA Awards.
- **Audit:** directed the ASAA Staff to send out an RFP to secure an accounting firm to perform either/or a full audit or review annually for the Association.
- **NFHS National Awards:** discussed how to better work with the Regions and schools on gathering nominations for NFHS National Awards. These include coaching awards, the Spirit of Sport, and the Heart of the Arts awards.
- **2A Basketball Conference Realignment:** directed the ASAA staff to work with members of Region 1 and Region 2 to possibly realign the current 2A conferences.
- **Physical Dates in Big Teams:** discuss the need to "bring forward" the physical dates for students each year. ASAA will work with Big Teams to see how this could occur.
- **Wrestling Weight Certification Policy:** discussed the need to provide the medical personal preforming the Wrestling Weight Certification more guidance. This issue was referred to the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.
- **AASG Representative Voting Privileges:** discussed what it would require to amend the ASAA Constitution to grant full voting rights to the Alaska Association of Student Governments Representative to the ASAA Board of Directors.

Executive Session: - The Board went into Executive Session on Monday October 9, 2023.

Hearings –

- The Board acting in its capacity of an Appeals Board conducted a hearing.



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Motion to Adjourn

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(Carried - Unanimous Consent)

Upcoming Board Meetings and Workshops

- December 4-5, 2023 – Anchorage
- February 19-20, 2024 – Anchorage
- April 28-30, 2024 - Iliamna