

# **Synopsis of ASAA Board of Directors' Meeting**

## **November 28-29, 2006**

Note: This synopsis will be available on the ASAA web site at [www.asaa.org](http://www.asaa.org). More information on agenda items may be obtained from an ASAA Board member (listed on web site) or from the ASAA office (907) 563-3723.

**Action Items** The Board of Directors (BOD) took the following action:

Minutes: Approved minutes of the October 1-2, 2006 regular meeting, and minutes of the October 9, November 6, and November 13 Special Teleconference meetings. (Consensus)

Application for Membership: Approved application of membership from Wasilla Lake Christian School and placed the school in Region 2, 2A, in the following conferences:

- basketball-Central Interior Conference
- volleyball-Borealis Conference
- wrestling-Denali Conference
- fall coed soccer-Borealis Conference
- track and field – Region 2

Carried (7-0)

Election of President and Vice-President: Elected Jim Hickerson – Region 1 as president and Doug Rhodes – Region 5 as vice-president. Carried (7-0)

Approval of Check Signers: Authorized Todd Arndt – Region 4 and Peggy Robinson of Anchorage, as signers on the Association's accounts. Carried (6-1)

2007-08 Calendar: Adopted the calendar for 2007-08. Carried (7-0)

State Tournament Site Bids: Awarded the bid to West Anchorage High School to host the 3A/4A state volleyball tournaments for 2007, 2008 and 2009. Carried (7-0)

Awarded the bid to Dimond High School to host the mixed-six and 1A, 2A, 3A-West state volleyball tournaments for 2007, 2008 and 2009. Carried (7-0)

Houston High School: Approved a request from Houston High School to be reclassified to 4A beginning in 2007-08. The school was placed in the following conferences: baseball, basketball, hockey, volleyball, and wrestling – Mid Alaska Conference. For the other sports, it will remain in current conferences.

**Reports** The BOD heard the following reports:

- Board Members
- State Tournament
- Student Government
- Officials Advisory Committee
- Finance Committee
- Audit
- Marketing
- Out-of-Season Contact Committee
- Executive Director

### **Workshop Items**

Eligibility of Students in Statewide Member Correspondence Programs: Discussed some proposed revisions to policy and bylaws which will clarify the eligibility students in these programs and how they may qualify for state competition. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

Statewide Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Policy: Continued discussion on a policy which lays out minimum consequences that support the adopted ASAA position statement. Further discussion will occur during the February meeting with possible adoption at the spring meeting.

Rotation of State Tournaments to Rural Alaska: Discussed the current goal to “develop a procedure for rotation of state tournaments to rural Alaska on an occasional basis.” The board asked staff to develop a policy which will specify the state tournament bidding cycles and proposes which tournaments may be held in rural Alaska during the cycle.

Promotion of Sportsmanship: Agreed to review the supplementary materials and hold a future workshop on the current goal, “Seek ways to promote expansion of the Association’s citizenship/sportsmanship efforts with parents, students, officials and other groups.”

**Discussion Items** The BOD discussed the following items:

Classification Policy: Reviewed and discussed proposed revisions to clarify the policy. Agreed to a request to eliminate from a school’s October enrollment for this year, any student who

transferred from Hooper Bay due to the school burning.

School Enrollment Status: Discussed the enrollment of member schools according to the DEED October 2005 report. Schools whose enrollment exceeded or fell below the classification cutoff in 2005-06 were placed on Step One. If those schools exceed or fall below the cutoff again in 2006-07, they will be placed on Step Two and must move to the higher or lower classification for at least two years beginning in 2008-09. Schools who drop below the classification cutoff may opt up to a higher classification for two years beginning in 2008-09. The Association has notified schools on Step One and will do so again for schools on Step Two once the DEED 2006 report is available.

Basketball: Clarified that the rule requiring teams to wear white jerseys at home, beginning in 2007-08, applies to all levels of basketball, not just to the varsity level.

Reviewed the proposed game schedule of the 2007 state basketball tournaments.

High School Hall of Fame: Heard a staff status report on selection and induction plans for the Class of 2007.

Interscholastic Cultural Celebration Program: After discussion, decided to notify the grantors that the program will not be implemented as planned due to inadequate funding. As a result, the staff member who would have coordinated the program accepted other employment. Staff may contact the grantors with alternate plans to determine their interest prior to returning the grants monies.

Spring Board Meeting Site: Changed the site of the spring board meeting due to unavailability of the proposed site in Talkeetna. The meeting will be held in Fairbanks on April 29-30 at the FNSBSD board room.

Volleyball: Reviewed and discussed the current state of 3A volleyball where 19 school teams play in the 3A/4A season and 9 schools play in the later 1A, 2A, 3A-West season, culminating with the state 1A, 2A, 3A-West tournament. There is support from the Region 1 3A-West schools to join the other 3A schools in their earlier season. During the February meeting, Region 1 will propose 3A alignment.

Conference Commissioners: Revisited concerns from staff that many of the 66 conferences have not named commissioners or contact persons. ASAA receives many questions on conference issues that we can't answer and frequently don't know a contact person to which a referral can be made. The board agreed to get names during the upcoming meetings.

Nordic Skiing: Discussed a problem caused by confusion over a state tournament held within the club community which some confused with ASAA's state championship.

Sanctioning of New Sports: After discussion, asked staff to develop a form and timeframe to be used when submitting requests for sanctioning.

Track and Field: Heard a Region 2 proposal to establish conferences in track and field. Revisited a staff proposal to develop conferences. Asked staff to develop the concept of a small school state meet for future discussion.

Baseball Bats: Discussed how to proceed gathering information on the potential for switching away from metal bats. Staff will investigate information on injuries in Alaska high school baseball involving metal bats and will seek input from coaches on the use of metal bats vs. wood or composite. Further discussion will occur during the February meeting.

Executive Director's Evaluation: Discussed the procedure that will be used.

Eligibility of Students in Student Government: Heard of a student resolution from Carol Waters, AASG executive director, that would require students participating in state student government conferences to meet ASAA eligibility rules. The board was not ready to move ahead on this without further discussion.

School Program Standards: Reviewed a Title IX - Gender Equity Self-Audit Tool which might be useful in helping schools and/or districts to monitor their compliance. There will be future discussion during the February meeting.

May decide to discuss a landmark document developed by the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference entitled "Standards of Exemplary High School Athletic Programs."

Cross-Country Running: Heard a proposal from Region 3 to increase to 4, the number of team berths to the 4A state cross-country running championship. This will be an action item during the February meeting.

Football: Discussed a staff proposal to encourage small schools who have limited numbers of players to consider going to 8 player football on a one year trial basis in 2007. A number of schools have expressed at least some interest in this. ASAA would sponsor a clinic for any interested coaches.

Decided to not consider a proposal to restructure the small school conferences and playoffs because it did not come through one of the regions.

State Tournament Berth Allocations: Discussed the need for a policy specifying that the allocation of state tournament berths should be reviewed on a regular basis. After review, decided to bring forth a policy for adoption during the February meeting.

New Anchorage Sports Dome: Heard a report on the construction schedule, capabilities and features of a new dome which is under construction in Anchorage. It will be one of the largest air domes in the country. It may be suitable for a future state tournament.

NFHS Point of Emphasis on Concussions: In line with a national initiative, heard a staff proposal

to promote increased awareness of concussions in high school sports. ASAA will include this information on the website.

Proposal to Ban Distribution/Use of Performance-Enhancing Supplements: Reviewed a report on action taken by the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) to prohibit distribution and use of supplements which increase muscle mass to high school students. This discussion will continue during a future workshop.

Eligibility of Students in Developmental Programs: Heard a staff report on procedures used when dealing with students who leave their communities to participate in athletic development programs not available locally.

Failure to Submit Master Eligibility Lists: Discussed a staff proposal to impose penalties on schools which do not submit these required lists in a timely manner. There is currently no penalty and there are many violations. Further discussion will occur during the February meeting.

Cordova Reconferencing Request: Reviewed a request from Cordova High School to be placed in the following conference:

basketball and volleyball-Southcentral Conference  
wrestling-Kachemak Conference

The board will take no action without input from Regions 2 and 3.

Pre-Participation Physical Exam Form: Reviewed a parent concern that ASAA's form divulges too much personal information to school personnel.

Swimming and Diving: Reviewed proposed wording to further clarify how swimmers in individual events at regional competitions qualify for the state tournament. This has been an ongoing effort to develop a policy that is fair to all regions. Further discussion will occur during the February meeting.

## **STUDENT HEARING**

None

## **Items for February Meeting:**

### **Workshop**

1. Sportsmanship/Citizenship
2. Coaches Education
3. Executive Director's Evaluation (executive session)

### **Action**

1. School Classification (Step One and Step Two)
2. Cross-Country Running Allocation Request – Region 3

**Discussion**

1. 2007-08 Budget – First Draft
2. Gold Pass Nominations
3. Track and Field – Small School State Tournament
4. Classification Policy
5. Tennis
6. AASG Eligibility Rules
7. Volleyball – 3A Alignment
8. Tobacco, Alcohol and Drug Policy
9. Eligibility of Students in Statewide Member Correspondence Programs
10. Policy for Filling State Tournament Berths
11. 8 Player Football Experiment
12. Penalties for Failure to Submit Master Eligibility Lists
13. Sanctioning Sports Policy
14. State Tournament Berth Allocation Policy
15. Cordova High School Request
16. Deadline for Membership Application

**Next Scheduled Meeting:**

February 25-26, 2007 at the Millennium Hotel in Anchorage