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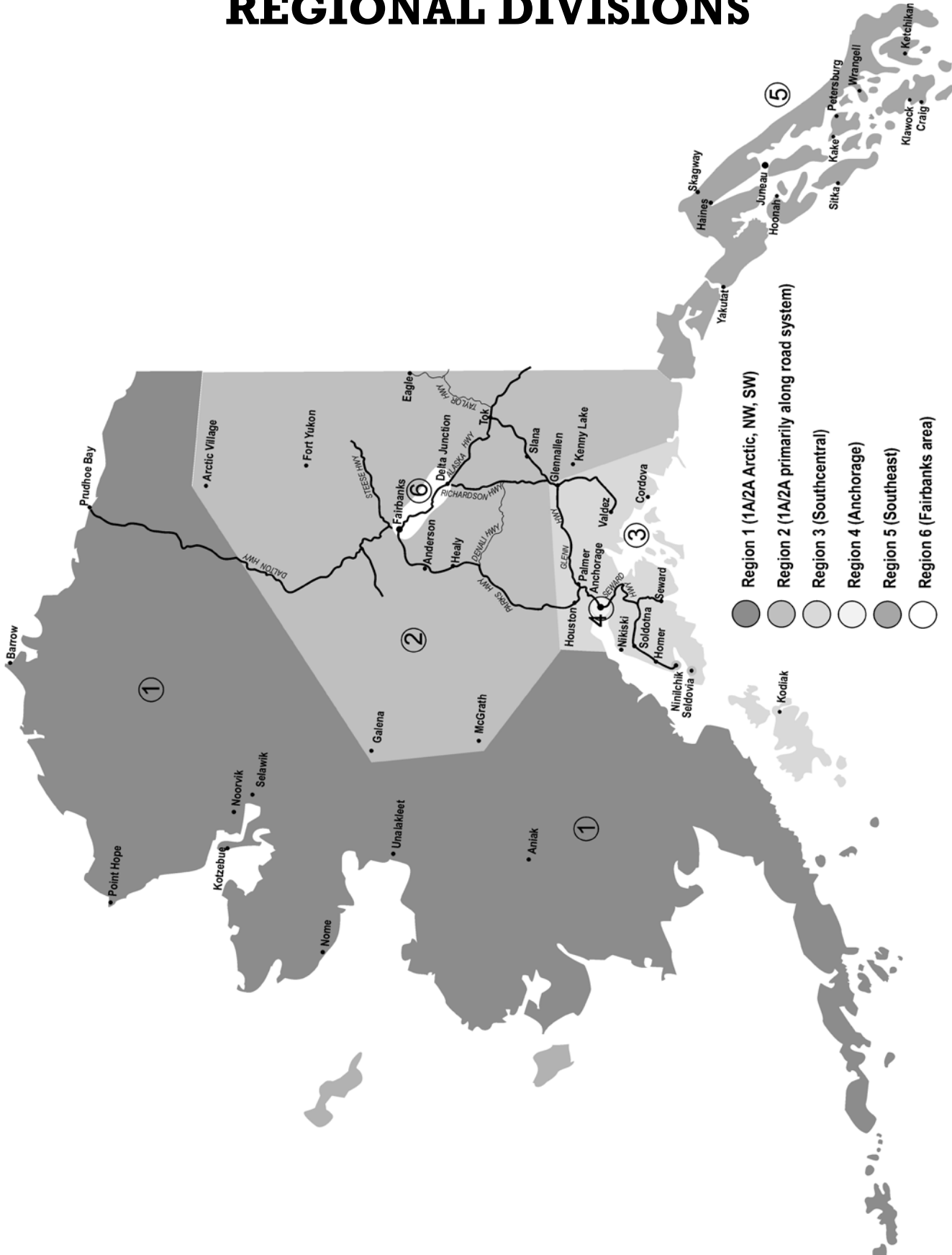
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MAP — STATE OF ALASKA REGIONAL DIVISIONS



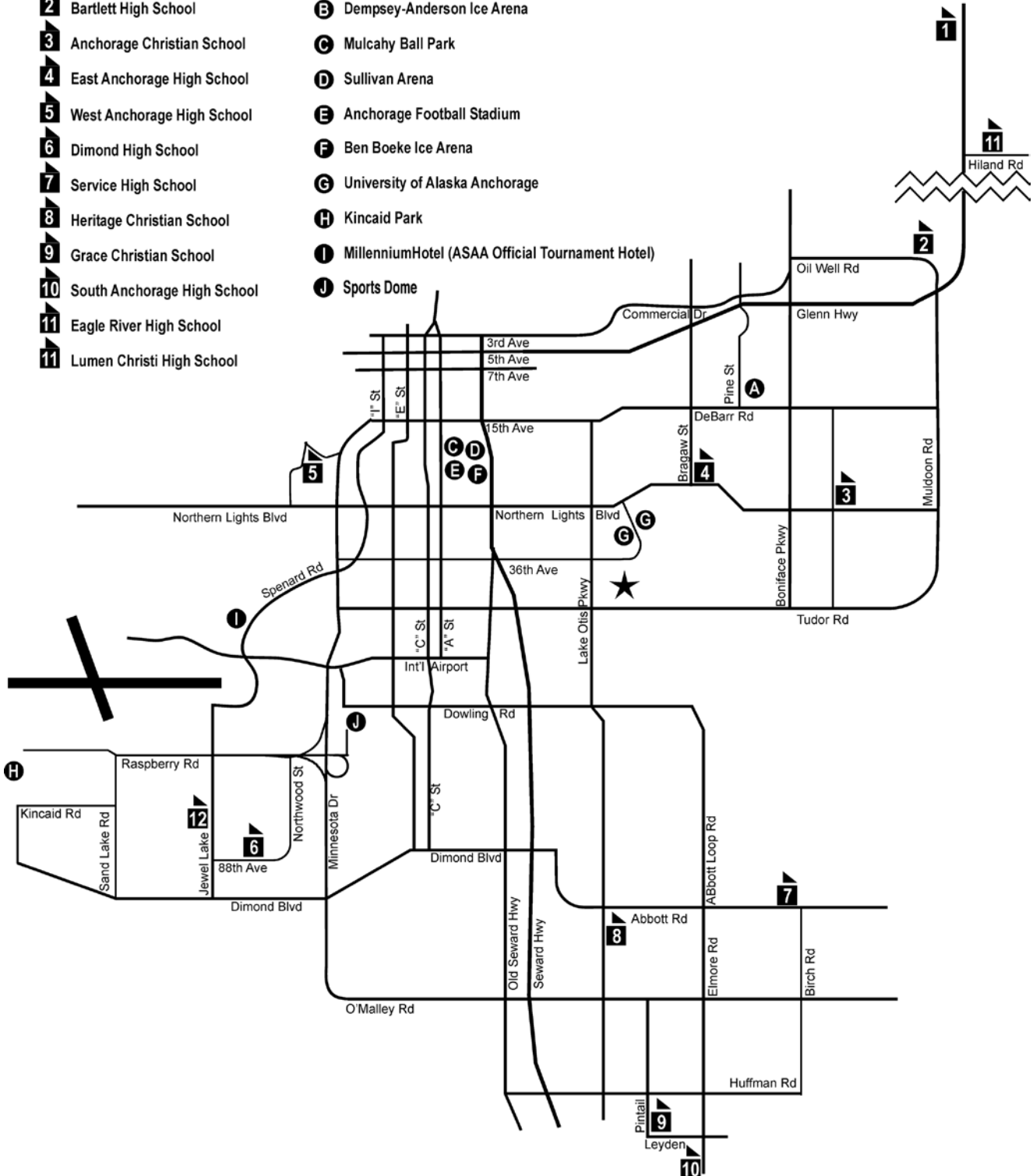
- Region 1 (1A/2A Arctic, NW, SW)
- Region 2 (1A/2A primarily along road system)
- Region 3 (Southcentral)
- Region 4 (Anchorage)
- Region 5 (Southeast)
- Region 6 (Fairbanks area)

MAP — ANCHORAGE

MAP OF ANCHORAGE WITH LARGER MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS AND MAJOR SPORTING FACILITIES

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1 Chugiak High School | A CarteeBall Fields |
| 2 Bartlett High School | B Dempsey-Anderson Ice Arena |
| 3 Anchorage Christian School | C Mulcahy Ball Park |
| 4 East Anchorage High School | D Sullivan Arena |
| 5 West Anchorage High School | E Anchorage Football Stadium |
| 6 Dimond High School | F Ben Boeke Ice Arena |
| 7 Service High School | G University of Alaska Anchorage |
| 8 Heritage Christian School | H Kincaid Park |
| 9 Grace Christian School | I MillenniumHotel (ASAA Official Tournament Hotel) |
| 10 South Anchorage High School | J Sports Dome |
| 11 Eagle River High School | |
| 12 Lumen Christi High School | |

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INFORMATION ABOUT ASAA

MISSION (revised 5/3/2005)

To advocate participation in cocurricular activities; to regulate sanctioned interscholastic activities, contests and programs; and to promote the academic and social development of students.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board of Directors will begin a new planning process in 2010

The previous Strategic plan was based on the following beliefs:

- exist for the intrinsic values they provide for students of member schools;
- are an integral part of the overall educational program;
- provide an opportunity to learn and apply skills beyond the classroom;
- promote character, citizenship, leadership and personal responsibility;
- provide for fair and equitable opportunities for students of member schools;
- provide unique opportunities for students to benefit from cross-cultural contact;
- encourage and enhance the connections between communities and schools, adult and students, and among students; and
- promote positive academic growth and develop sportsmanship.

ASAA GOALS FOR 2009-10

1. Continue full statewide implementation of the "Play for Keeps" Tobacco, Alcohol and Controlled Substances policy and program.
2. Continue to seek ways to promote expansion of the Association's citizenship/sportsmanship efforts with parents, students, officials and other groups.
3. Continue to seek opportunities to showcase the cultural diversity of Alaska.

4. Continue to monitor the Association's marketing plan.
5. To review the school classification system.
6. To review the Association's season calendar.
7. To reestablish financial stability.

ASAA SERVICES

ASAA is responsible for sanctioning 33 activities ranging from fall, winter and spring sports, to music, art, drama, debate, language and student government. ASAA sets competitive seasons, sponsors state competitions, regulates sports officials and provides eligibility criteria for students. Specifically, ASAA does the following:

- Provides awards, in each state competition, and an academic champion.
- Sponsors the Alaska Association of Student Governments (AASG).
- Tests and certifies officials in various sports.
- Trains and certifies coaches in various sports and trains music adjudicators.
- Enforces standard rules and regulations associated with each competition.
- Supplies rule books and audio-visual training materials.
- Sanctions out-of-state travel for interscholastic competition.
- Promotes sportsmanship and a cooperative spirit among member schools, coaches, student athletes and communities.
- Works to prevent exploitation of student athletes by special interest groups.
- Manages a current website (asaa.org) which provides information and services to all its member schools and administrators as well as coaches and officials associations.

ASAA HISTORY

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ASAA's roots predate statehood. In the early 1950s, school leaders in the Territory of Alaska recognized the need to separate the high school basketball program from the local town business leagues. William Zahradnicek of Palmer, and W.W. Lahnum and Gordon Guffey of Anchorage, joined forces to organize the Western Alaska High School Activities Association with a mandate to ensure the necessary educational leadership. Sterling Sears of Juneau and Les Wingard and J.E. Danielson of Ketchikan were moving ahead at the same time to form the Southeast Alaska Activities Association.

In 1956, the Territorial Department of Education Superintendents Advisory Commission determined the need for an organization that could establish common rules and regulations to guide the activities of the two associations. In the Fall of 1957, the commission approved the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alaska High School Activities Association (ASAA). Officers representing the two divisions were elected. The first Board of Control consisted of William Zahradnicek, Palmer, as Chairman, J.E. Danielson, Ketchikan, Secretary-Treasurer; and members George McMillan, Juneau, Joe Montgomery, Anchorage, and Sterling Sears, Juneau.

This informal arrangement worked very well until the early 1970s, when the State Legislature added a section to the Educational Statutes placing the Association under the Department of Education. School populations and the number of participating schools were increasing. After many meetings, the two original associations became five distinct Regions based on school size and geographic location. One year later, in 1976, Regions increased to six. The new Board of Control consisted of one member from each Region, a representative of the Association of Alaska School Boards, and a representative of the Superintendents Association. In 1978, the board added a representative of the Alaska Association of Student Governments.

Due to the increasing number of schools participating in boys and girls basketball, the need for additional statewide culminating events became evident. This required the formation of a classification system that spanned all

of the Regions. This task fell to a committee composed of representatives from all six Regions. It was known as the "Black and Blue" Ribbon Study Commission because of the difficulties faced in satisfying the needs of each Region. In June 1981, the Board of Control adopted the Commission's recommendation to establish four classifications based on school enrollment with some overlap in the two smallest classes due to geographic location. The first statewide event for the smaller classes was an invitational basketball tournament held in Anchorage in 1983-84.

In 1986, the Department of Education eliminated funding for ASAA. The Board of Control voted to incorporate as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, beginning July 1, 1987. Because of ongoing jurisdictional issues between the Association and the State of Alaska, both entities sought a legal resolution. This resulted in the 1995 repeal of the Legislative Statute that had placed ASAA under the Department of Education.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

1957-1960	J.E. Danielson	Ketchikan
1960-1965	Joe Montgomery	Anchorage
1965-1971	Les Wells	Anchorage
1971-1975	Rick Arndt	Anchorage
1976-1976	Ed Frandsen	Wasilla
1977-1981	Les Wells	Anchorage
1981-1993	Ed Nash	Anchorage
1993-present	Gary Matthews	Anchorage

ALASKA EDUCATION REGULATIONS

The State of Alaska education regulations that govern interscholastic activities are contained in:

4AAC 06.115 interscholastic Activities

- (a) The purpose of 4AAC 06.115 is to provide a procedure that enables school districts to promote and govern interscholastic activities effectively, economically, and fairly, while keeping those activities in their proper perspective educationally.
- (b) A school or school district may join and, to the extent authorized by its budget, may pay dues to the Alaska School Activities Association, Inc., or any other voluntary, nonprofit association whose purpose is to administer and promote interscholastic activities in Alaska so long as the association
 - (1) makes applications and membership available to all public and private schools and school districts in the state;
 - (2) is governed by the board that is elected from the association membership and that fairly represents all regions of the state that participate in the organization and whose . . . membership may also include appointed representatives of other education organizations;
 - (3) adopts a constitution and bylaws setting out its philosophy, purpose, rules and procedures, including a fair procedure for challenging interpretation or application of a rule;
 - (4) operates in compliance with state and federal law; and
 - (5) administers interscholastic activities in a manner that:

(A) encourages high standards of citizenship and complements the academic programs of schools;

(B) is consistent with and advances the state's education policy set out at AS 14.03.015;and

(C) recognizes that the organization and governance of interscholastic activities is a public purpose that is best met through the cooperation and association of interested schools and school districts.

(c) The state board considers a decision of an association described in (b) of this section made when applying association bylaws to a particular person or school, to be an adjudicatory, administrative decision. Under existing case law, when a board performs an administrative function and makes an adjudicatory decision that affects an individual, the final decision is appealable to the superior court under Part VI of the Rules of Appellate Procedure.

(d) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.250 (Eff. 6/26/94, Register 130)

Authority: AS 14.03.015
AS 14.07.020
AS 14.07.060