

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association



## SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS July 26-27, 2016 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING Turning Stone Resort, Verona, NY

### ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved the Agenda of the July 26-27, 2016 Central Committee meeting.
2. P4 Approved the May 6, 2016 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. P6 Approved Julie Bergman Girls Athletic representative from Section IV, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in the officer rotation.
4. P14 Approved the NYSPHSAA Financial Policies and Procedures Manual.
5. P15 Approved revisions to the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award program.
6. P16 Approved additional language to the Transfer Rule to provide clarity.
7. P18 Approved WeatherBug to be the source to obtain the current heat index and wind chill reading for all member schools.
8. P18 Approved revisions to the Modified practice requirements.
9. P18 Approved the Modified Football pilot proposal.
10. P18 Approved for Modified Football to play 3 games in 14 days.
11. P18 Approved to extend the Modified Soccer goalie jersey waiver.
12. P19 Approved to remove the Modified Soccer shin guard requirement from the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
13. P19 Approved to revise the Modified Winter and Spring start dates.
14. P19 Defeated to prohibit artificial noise makers at all contests.
15. P20 Approved the 2016-2021 NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan.
16. P20 Approved the NYSPHSAA Media Credential Policy.
17. P20 Approved Christopher Watson as the NYSPHSAA Director of Communications.
18. P20 Approved CP Sportswear as the NYSPHSAA souvenir vendor for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.
19. P20 Approved the 9-year Regional rotation in Field Hockey.
20. P20 Approved the Regional rotation for Fall 2016 in Football.
21. P20 Approved the Class D Regional rotation in Boys Basketball.
22. P20 Defeated Boys Lacrosse Committee's recommendation to offer classification cut-off numbers using 25% in each class.
23. P20 Approved the Classification Cut-Off numbers in Boys Lacrosse.
24. P20 Approved to discontinue small bore/.22 and replace it with 3-P air rifle starting with the 2017 NYSPHSAA Rifle Regionals.
25. P21 Approved to adopt "NRA-Precision Air Rifle Position Rules" as Rifle's new rule book.
26. P21 Approved waiver in girls Basketball to use a non-orange basketball for any game during the regular season.
27. P21 Approved in Girls Basketball to change the number of timeouts in a game.
28. P21 Approved in Boys Soccer to expand the official's bye for the Boys Soccer State Championships.
29. P21 Approved to waive the NCAA Challenge Review System for Boys and Girls Volleyball.
30. P21 Approved the Section VI Pilot Program in Boys Volleyball.
31. P21 Approved the definition of a Match in Girls Volleyball.
32. P21 Approved Sound Shore Tennis Club (I) as the site of the 2016 NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championships.

33. P21 Approved Nassau Aquatic Center (VIII) as the site of the 2017-2019 NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Championships.
34. P21 Approved Moreau Recreational Park (2) as the site of the 2017-2019 NYSPHSAA Softball Championships.
35. P21 Approved a minimum required in cheer and dance in all Competitive Cheerleading routines throughout the season.
36. P22 Approved additional language to the Combining of Teams Standard.
37. P22 Approved a revision to the NYSPHSAA Senior All-Star Contest form.
38. P22 Approved revising the NYSPHSAA Code of Conduct form.
39. P22 Approved Sport Coordinator appointments/reappointments for a five year term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021.
40. P22 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: **Darrow School (2), St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus School (2), Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs (2), Twin Tiers Christian Academy (IV), Elmwood Franklin School (VI), New Life Christian School (VI), St. Mary's School for the Deaf (VIII), Southern Tier Catholic School (VIII), Academy Charter School (VIII).**
41. P23 Approved as a New Member: **Genesee Country Christian School (V).**
42. P25 Approved Multiple Schools Meet in the NYSPHSAA Handbook effective the 2016-2017 Wrestling season.
43. P33 Approved adjournment.

**NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Turning Stone Resort, Verona, NY**

**July 26-27, 2016**

The Central Committee was called to order by President Stephen Broadwell at 2:00 PM. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced members of the Central Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers**

President – Stephen Broadwell  
First Vice President – James Osborne  
Second Vice President – Paul Harrica  
Past President – Eileen Troy

**Past Presidents**

James Tolle  
Dean Veenhof  
Mark Ward (Wednesday)

**Staff**

Executive Director – Robert Zayas  
Assistant Director – Robert Stulmaker  
Assistant Director – Todd Nelson  
Assistant Director – Joseph Altieri  
Director of Sales & Marketing – Christopher Joyce  
Special Programs Coordinator – Kristen Jadin  
Treasurer – Lisa Arnold  
Counsel – Renee James  
Secretary – Sandra Schanck

**Section Representatives**

Section I: Jennifer Simmons, Proxy for James Mackin (PRIN), John Bauerlein, Proxy for Karen Peterson (ATH-G); Dave Goddard (ATH-B); Andrew Irvin (CSO)  
Section 2: Kathy Ryan (ATH-G); Edward Dopp (ATH-B); Peter Bednarek (PRIN); Nick Fitzgerald, Proxy for Ryan Sherman (CSO)  
Section III: Monica Tooley (ATH-G); Michael Carboine (ATH-B); Joseph Haven, Proxy for Michael Cring (PRIN); Tim Ryan (CSO)  
Section IV: Julie Bergman (ATH-G); Christopher Durdon (ATH-B); Terry Heller (PRIN); Gordon Daniels (CSO)  
Section V: Kim Henshaw (ATH-G); Tom Schmandt (ATH-B); Merritt Holly (PRIN); Timothy Hayes (CSO)  
Section VI: Marisa Fallacaro (ATH-G); James Graczyk (ATH-B); Timm Slade, Proxy for James Spanbauer (PRIN)  
Section VII: Patricia Ryan-Curry (ATH-G); C. Joseph Staves (ATH-B); Timothy Farrell (PRIN); Karen Lopez, Proxy for John McDonald (CSO)  
Section VIII: Chris Ceruti (ATH-G); John Bongino (ATH-B); Neil Connolly (PRIN); Henry Grishman (CSO)  
Section IX: Roberta Greene (ATH-G); James Wolfe (ATH-B); Timothy Bult, Proxy for David Bernsley (PRIN); Gregory Ransom, Proxy for Rosario Agostaro (CSO)  
Section X: Lori Brewer (ATH-G); Tony Bjork (ATH-B); Carl Normandin, Proxy for Robert Stewart (PRIN); James Cruikshank (CSO)  
Section XI: Donald Webster, Proxy for Debra Ferry (ATH-G) (Tuesday); Debra Ferry (ATH-G) (Wednesday); Timothy Mullins (ATH-B); Edwin Thompson (PRIN); Michael Radday (CSO)

**Section Executive Directors**

Jennifer Simmons (I)	Timm Slade (VI)	Donald Webster (XI)
Wayne Bertrand (2)	Karen Lopez (VII)	Kevin McCarthy, Asst. Director (XI)
John Rathbun (III)	Nina Van Erk (VIII)	
Ben Nelson (IV)	Greg Ransom (IX)	
Ed Stores (V)	Carl Normandin (X)	

### **Section Presidents**

Nick Fitzgerald (2)  
Timothy Bult (IX)

### **Section Treasurers**

Jacqueline Meyer (V)

### **Standing Committees**

Jim Rose, Modified Committee Co-Coordinator (Wednesday)

### **Ex-Officio & Consultants**

Murphee Hayes, President-NYSAAA (Wednesday)  
Darryl Daily, SED (Tuesday)  
Ron Woodruff, NYS Coaches Association (Wednesday)  
Dr. Charles Dedrick, Ex. Director-NYSCOSS (Wednesday)

### **Guests**

Chris Watson  
Dave Almaviva, NYSPHSAA Intern  
Rise Van Iderstine (2)  
Margaret Tremblay (IV)  
Joe Sposato (V)  
Jeff Rabey (VI)  
Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator (Tuesday)  
Jim Amen, Boys Lacrosse State Coordinator (Tuesday)  
Mike Andrew, Boys soccer State Coordinator  
Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator (Tuesday)  
John Moriello, NYS Sports Writers Association

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A **motion to approve** the Agenda of the July 26-27, 2016 Central Committee Meeting **carried**. Carboine/Henshaw

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A **motion to approve** the May 6, 2016 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried**. Dopp/Ceruti

### **ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTEDS BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF**

#### **President Stephen Broadwell**

- Through a Power Point presentation, he and Executive Director Zayas reviewed the accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2015-2016 school year.
- Highlights included the following:
  - Continued Revenue Share program
  - Spalding ball adoption agreement effective 2016-2017 school year.
  - Through the State Championship site bidding process we have secured new facilities and reduced our estimated costs by \$100,000.
  - NYSPHSAA staff attendance at Section Athletic Council meetings.
  - Pre-championship meetings with State Sport Coordinators via teleconference.
  - In social media, continue to increase the followers in Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.
  - New office staff members
  - New coaching certification requirement which requires all member schools to have certified coaches. (Approved at the October 2015 Executive Committee meeting).
  - Addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> classification in Lacrosse
  - Addition 2 new student based committees; Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC) and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

- First ever Competitive Cheerleading State Championship was held on March 5, 2016.
- Development of the 2016-2021 NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan.
- Approval of a 2-day State Championship in Baseball beginning Spring 2017.
- Looked at and revised the format of the Tennis State Championships.
- The endorsement of the USA Football Heads-Up program.
- Approved for the January Executive Committee meeting to be face-to-face.
- Redesigning the website.
- Successfully opposed the home-schooled legislation.
- Created an Ad hoc committee to address non-public school participation within the NYSPHSAA.
- Updated the Financial Policies & Procedures manual and the Media Credential Request Policy and Procedures manual.
- Building upgrades – replacement of the air conditioning unit and roof.

### **Membership Committee Report**

- Met on July 18<sup>th</sup> with 27 members attending.
- Learned that this topic of fairness, equity and winning has been discussed for over 20 years and is being discussed across the Nation.
- Bernard Childress from Tennessee talked about his State's conversations and Davis Whitfield, from the NFHS and former Executive Director of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association, shared his perspectives.
- Quickly realized there are no easy answers and certainly not one solution; nor can everyone's needs or wants be met.
- We were reminded by our insurance carrier, lobbyist and attorney to be cautious and thoughtful before moving forward with any possible changes. Litigation is always a possibility and expensive.
- It was discussed that the non-public schools are members of the Association and members in good standing and that we enjoy many great relationships and contests within our leagues and sections.
- After a great deal of discussion, it was decided to continue to study this issue and to create 2 smaller groups to look at 2 concepts:
  - Creation of a statewide committee to review and ultimately approve the sectional placements. The committee would provide a second set of eyes and also a possible review board if another section was concerned with a section's placement of one of their schools.
  - The other committee will look at the feasibility of creating parallel sectionals or the creation of additional sections consisting of the non-public schools. If it is possible, what are the pros and cons, questions and concerns of all our member schools.
  - The two committees will meet in early Fall and the Membership Committee will meet after to review the options.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President James Osborne**

- Congratulated the 2016 Spring champions and participants.
- Attended boys' lacrosse, girls' golf and boys' tennis state championships.
- Thanked the sport chairs and volunteers who make the championships a great experience for our student-athletes.
- Attended the NFHS summer meeting in Reno, NV.
  - Congratulated Nina Van Erk on receiving the NFHS Section I Citation Award.
  - Reported Todd Nelson's presentation on Sportsmanship and Lisa Arnold's finance roundtable were excellent sessions at the conference and a great representation of the work our staff does for our members.
- Participated on the Championship Advisory Committee meeting's conference call and attended the Membership Committee meeting.
- Thanked everyone for the ability to serve.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Paul Harrica**

- Echoed Jim Osborne's comments.
- Attended the girls' lacrosse and boys' golf state championships.
- Thanked the sport coordinators, state tournament directors and volunteers for running great state championships.
- Congratulated the Hall of Fame inductees.
- Thanked Eileen Troy for the great work she has done while serving as an officer.
- Thanked Steve Broadwell for his leadership.
- Thanked the Central Committee members who are a great collaboration of people willing to sit and find common ground.

## **Past President Eileen Troy**

- Thanked the sport coordinators, volunteers, and office staff for doing an outstanding job running the state championships.

A **motion to approve** Julie Bergman, Girls Athletic Representative from Section IV, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President in the officer rotation **carried**. Daniels/Slade

## **Executive Director Robert Zayas**

### **MaxPreps**

- Continues to express interest in partnering with the 11 Sections of NYSPHSAA.
- They have offered each Section a financial sponsorship ranging from approximately \$1500 to over \$6000 annually depending upon the size of the Section.

### **NYS Federation Girls/Boys Tennis Championships**

- NYSAIS will participate in the girls and boys NYS Federation Tennis Championships beginning with the 2016-2017 school year.
- The girls and boys tennis format have changed as a result of the May 6, 2016 Executive Committee's vote to separate the brackets of the NYSPHSAA Girls & Boys Tennis Championships. This will provide NYSPHSAA student-athletes the opportunity to be crowned a "NYSPHSAA" Champion prior to participating against the NYS Federation Associations.

### **NYSAIS Interest in Wrestling Championships**

- NYSAIS has formally requested entry in the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships.
- The NYSPHSAA Wrestling Committee has been asked to consider this request for future approval.

### **Future of Federation Championships**

- Reported he has been able to evaluate all of the NYSPHSAA programs over the past four years. It appears some championship schedules and formats are dictated by the NYS Federation's participation in that Championship event/tournament, i.e. indoor track & field, swimming & diving, outdoor track & field, wrestling, etc.
- While attending the 2016 NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track & field Championships, he became aware that a NYSPHSAA student-athlete could realistically place 5<sup>th</sup> in their race and still be crowned a "NYSPHSAA State Champion" because of the format of the meet.
- The NYSPHSAA Strategic Plan includes an initiative which states: *"Evaluate NYSPHSAA's participation in NYS Federation events for maximum benefit to NYSPHSAA student-athletes/teams."*

### **Home School Legislation**

- During the last two legislative sessions, NYSPHSAA has opposed legislation to allow Home Schooled students the opportunity to participate on interscholastic teams in their home attendance zone.
- On June 1<sup>st</sup>, he and Wayne Bertrand, Executive Director of Section 2, spoke at a Senate Roundtable hearing on the issue where they voiced the Association's opposition to the legislation. He believes our comments and discussion points at the hearing, along with active lobbying efforts, prevented this legislation from becoming law.
- This bill unanimously passed the Senate (63-0) in the 2015 legislative session; however it never reached the senate floor in 2016.

### **Assistant Director Joe Altieri**

#### **Sport Committees/Other Meetings**

- Was the NYSPHSAA liaison or representative for the following committees since the May Executive Committee meeting: Girls Swimming, Boys Swimming, B/G Bowling, Boys Basketball, Wrestling, Girls Ice Hockey, and the NYS Federation.
- Attended the Baseball, Girls golf and Boys Tennis Championships.
- Committee meeting minutes have been provided to the section Executive Directors of each sport committee and standing committee.

#### **Championships**

- Spring championship revenues and expenses have not been submitted or finalized at the time the meeting packet was sent out, therefore no analysis was provided.
- Online sales were once again successful for the spring and overall this year. A report will be provided in October.
- Thanks to Chris Joyce's research, we are considering other ticketing platforms for 2016-2017 to maximize sponsorship opportunities.
- Through our partnership with Time Warner, we were able to utilize a "marketing bank" to get the summer meeting gifts sponsored in addition to portions of our Hall of Fame banquet, Sport Coordinators meeting in August, Stay In The Game decals, and other marketing initiatives totaling \$27,000.
- Throughout the winter and spring, he led the staff in conducting Coordinator Packet conference calls in which we had our staff, the sport coordinator, the venue coordinators and/or site coordinators on the call 3-4 weeks prior to each championship to discuss tournament logistics. The response from coordinators was positive and they said helpful.

#### **Branding & Marketing**

- Branding items were implemented at NYSPHSAA Spring State Championships including branded hotel keys at selected state championship hotels. Overall our branding campaign was highly successful leading to favorable media coverage and great exposure for the NYSPHSAA brand.
- A statewide digital marketing campaign for boys and girls lacrosse was implemented this spring using Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and homepage takeovers of FOX and ABC Albany. We generated over 120,000 impressions with the campaign.
- Press releases have been sent out on the Hall of Fame, Sportsmanship Promotion winner and Community Service Challenge winner.
- Thanks to our partnership with Crown Awards, we generated an additional \$2,200 in royalties for promoting business to sections, schools and other organizations via our web site.

### **Assistant Director Todd Nelson**

#### **New NFHS Courses**

- The NFHS has developed and is offering 3 new courses at no charge; a Concussion Awareness Course designed specifically for students to increase concussion awareness, a Social Media course designed for parents, coaches and administrators and a Social Media for Students course both of which will provide education on the benefits and dangers of Social Media.
- Go to [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com) for information on these three courses, in addition to a variety of other professional development opportunities for coaches as well as courses for parents, officials, and administrators.

#### **Interstate Sanctioning**

- Reminded schools if any team travels outside of New York for an event or tournament, they must complete a "Notice of Entry" form on the NYSPHSAA website. Once the form is submitted, the event or tournament will be added to the interstate sanctioning list. Schools may check the status of the event until it has been approved or denied.
- It is the host school's responsibility to ensure the proper sanctioning forms have been completed. They may use the NFHS website or the bordering state sanctioning form, whichever is appropriate.
- Schools hosting an interstate tournament or event either need to complete the NFHS form (fee applied) on the NFHS website or a bordering state sanctioning form (free on NYSPHSAA website). Once the school

has applied for interstate sanctioning, the event or tournament will be added to the NYSPHSAA Interstate Sanctioning list. Schools can check the status until it is approved or denied.

- Outside Agency requests must be completed and approved by the Section for any event or tournament involving only New York schools and an outside sponsor or agency. The form can be found on the NYSPHSAA website.
- Any single game not associated with an event or tournament does not have to be sanctioned and no paperwork is required by the school. Member schools may only compete against other member schools or schools approved by their state association. If any assistance is required to determine the status of an outside of the state school, please contact the NYSPHSAA office.

#### **Cheerleading - Copy Right Music**

- USA Cheerleading has distributed information regarding copy right laws and their events including Varsity events. They will now require proof of schools complying with copy right laws. Although this notification does not directly affect our NYSPHSAA Cheerleading championship, the NYSPHSAA Cheer Music Guidelines has been shared with the membership as it relates to music and cheerleading. A copy of the guidelines was included in the meeting packet.

**Director of Communications.** Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the report.

#### **Website**

- A comparison of website traffic during the Spring 2016 NYSPHSAA Championships compared to the Spring 2015 NYSPHSAA Championships was provided.

#### **Social Media**

- Reported on the number of followers/likes/views on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube and on the number of followers on Instagram which is new.

#### **Media Relations**

- Requests for media credentials will be accepted beginning August 1 through September 30 for media who cover multiple NYSPHSAA Championships throughout the season. The media credential request form can be found on the NYSPHSAA website.

#### **Website Revisions**

- SPIRE began website renovations which will include new layout and design of the homepage and sports landing page.
- Changes are scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.
- Brackets for Fall championships that utilize MaxPreps have been added to the website.
- All Fall and Winter pages reflect 2016 and 2017 Championship dates and sites.

#### **Summer Intern**

- He thanked our summer intern, David Almaviva, a graduate of Shenendehowa High School (2) and a senior at SUNY Oswego who helped out with website content, social media and marketing initiatives.

#### **Special Programs Coordinator Kristen Jadin**

##### **Scholar Athlete Program**

- There were over 2,300 Scholar/Athlete teams for Spring 2016.
- A listing of the 2016 Spring Scholar/Athlete Team Award champions was included in the meeting packet.

##### **School of Distinction**

- A listing of the 2015-2016 School of Distinction Award winners was included in the meeting packets.
- 32 schools will be presented a glass trophy sponsored by Proforma Lee's at their respective AD's Workshop.

##### **Participation Survey**

- The Participation Survey was distributed via email to all Athletic Directors in March and Section Executive Directors in April as a follow up. Reminders were continually sent to Athletic Directors at least twice a month. The original deadline was May 13<sup>th</sup>, however it was extended. Reminders were also sent on an individual basis to the schools who did not submit.
- Preliminary data was included in the meeting packet.



- NYSPHSAA will continue to allow submissions in order to provide the most accurate data possible to be presented during the October Executive committee meeting.
- Goal for 2016-2017 is to update the online submission process in order to provide the most accurate data and analytics.

#### **Spalding Ball Adoption**

- Duration of contract is July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021.
- An informational packet, which includes the ordering process of the official balls and product credit, has been sent to all Section Executive Directors.
- Coordination with Fall Sports Coordinators has begun.

#### **DVD Orders**

- This is the second year we have handled Championship DVD orders. 298 orders have been processed to date, netting \$4,803.
- The Spring Championships DVD order form has been uploaded to the website, therefore more orders are expected to be processed.
- The goal for next year is to advertise DVD sales in an attempt to produce even more revenue.

#### **Temporary Media Responsibilities**

- She is responsible for some website and social media management during the Director of Communications transition.

#### **Director of Sales & Marketing Chris Joyce**

##### **Sponsorship**

- Since May, proposals of \$10,000 or more have been received from the following companies: Kiefer Swim Shop, Longstreth, McBryde Mats, FieldTurf, Aacer Sports Flooring.
- The following were Contributing sponsors for the Spring Championships: USA Track & Field, MF Athletic, New Balance, USTA, BSN Sports.
- Renewal talks are in progress with the following partners: MaxPreps, CSEA, Nike, American Dairy Association, Jostens, New Balance, Pupil Benefits.
- October 1 is the deadline for the CSEA Excelsior Award. The award was created through our partnership to recognize a CSEA member in a member school who has helped promote and foster athletic spirit in their local school district as well as support high school athletics in New York State. The award will be presented at the NYSPHSAA Football Championships in November. The application can be found on the NYSPHSAA website.

##### **Ticketing Platform**

- Have met with eight different ticketing platforms over the last couple of months. No final decision has been made.
- If someone from a ticketing platform contacts you and you have questions, please call him.

##### **Branding**

- Working with Joe Altieri to incorporate sponsors into branding efforts at tournaments.
- Want to give NYSPHSAA sponsor/partner signage a consistent look to differentiate from other venue signage.
- Want to provide equity to all our sponsors and partners in terms of signage visibility.

##### **Spring Championship Marketing**

- Ran state-wide marketing campaigns on Facebook and the Google Network to promote the Boys and Girls Lacrosse Championships.
- Combined for over 120,000 impressions.
- Click-through rates ranging 1.23-1.65% (industry average is .04%)
- 60.4% of content was viewed on a mobile device which is pushing our decision to add mobile ticketing as an additional opportunity for purchasing tickets.

#### **Treasurer Lisa Arnold**

- Reviewed the Statement of Financial Position.
  - Reported the Association continues to have a solid cash position.

- Reported at our investment meeting in April, AJ Amato stated our investment account is in line with current market trends and we have an annualized rate of return of 5.75% since inception.
- Reported Other Receivables of \$216K include sponsorships due totaling \$110,730 and \$80,000 due from CP Sportswear.
- Reported Inventory includes approximately \$67,000 of ImPact tests ordered per our contract.
- Reported we continue to have the ability to meet current obligations and the post-retirement benefit liability.
- Reported as of July 11, 2016, we have excess revenue over expenses of \$595,133.
- Reviewed the Statement of Activities
  - Reported the Spring championships netted a \$70,994 profit to date. We are still awaiting championship revenues from the East Lacrosse Semifinals.
  - Championships overall have netted revenues of \$485,127 which include souvenir sales of \$165,000 through CP Sportswear and sport sponsorships of \$185,040.
  - Under Committees and Programs, the Ad Hoc Committees was over budget due to the Strategic Planning Committee meeting in April which was not budgeted for; the NYS Federation expenses were over budget due to low attendance at Federation Basketball and schools traveling farther than in previous years.
  - The market value of our investments has decreased by \$6,583 since August 31, 2015.
  - Reported overall the financial health of the association is very good.
- Provided the 2015-2016 profit/loss statements by sport for review.

#### **Counselor Renee James**

- Reported we had received a decision in June from two cases involving a sectional Wrestling Tournament in February 2011 where two students contracted Herpes and sued the school district, Section and NYSPHSAA. The decision was to dismiss the case. The court noted with respect to wrestlers there is an assumption of risk they can contract skin diseases. The court also noted information on skin infections was provided to the students by their coaches and available on the NYSPHSAA website. She noted any information made available on the website regarding skin infections, concussions, hazing, etc. is important and helps when it comes time to dismiss a lawsuit.
- Reported the Transfer Rule case we won has been appealed. They have requested permission to file a reply brief to our appeal. The case will be heard in October in Albany.
- Reported four appeals regarding merged teams have been heard this year. One case is on appeal with the Commissioner of Education. It involves a K-8 school who wanted to merge with one of two schools that students could select to go to high school. Another appeal on merged teams has not filed an appeal with the Commissioner but did file a FOIL request asking for all information in terms of minutes of meetings and notice of meetings.

#### **SECTIONAL CONCERNS**

- Section I:** Voiced a concern with the Football Regional Rotation for 2016 proposal as it pertains to the Class AA rotation in Sections 1-2-9. With the new format, they will not be a host school until the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year. This was brought up at the CAC meeting who also had some concerns and asked the Football Committee to look at other options for rotation.
- Section III:** Voiced a concern with facility equity/quality amongst the different classes who participate in the NYSPHSAA championships, specifically boys soccer and baseball. One of their Class D baseball teams played on a field that was ok but the spectator area was not up to par as other classes.
- Section V:** Voiced a concern with Workers Compensation for officials. After receiving a bill for an excessive amount, they inquired as to why to their carrier and were told they were including officials even though they are independent contractors. Renee is gathering information to find a carrier. Robert is

working with the Attorney General who put him in touch with the Department of Labor to see if they could be of assistance.

**Section VI:** Voiced a concern with the inconsistency of NYSPHSAA Sport Coordinators, specifically of team sports, in reserving hotel rooms for the Section Chairman. Some coordinators make the reservations while the Association makes reservations for others. They would like to see consistency across all sports.

Inquired if the markers and scorers in Girls Golf should be coaches or professional scorers? This will be put on the agenda of the next Girls Golf Committee meeting.

Voiced a concern with the Regional plaques being the same size for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place and asked the Association to look into.

## REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

**State Education Department** – Darryl Daily

### Professional Development Opportunities

- NYS Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program – [www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm](http://www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm)
- [www.nysaaa.org/prof-development/certification-program](http://www.nysaaa.org/prof-development/certification-program)
- NYSAAA Annual Conference (March 15-17, 2017) in Saratoga Springs – [www.nysaaa.org/conference/program-information](http://www.nysaaa.org/conference/program-information)
- NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, recreation and Dance (NYSAPERD) Conference (November 16-19, 2016) in Verona, NY – [www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm](http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm)
- NYS Council of Administrators Conference (November 16-19, 2016) in Verona, NY - [www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/new-york-state-council-of-administrators.cfm](http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/new-york-state-council-of-administrators.cfm)
- American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Dance and Recreation (AAHPERD) - now called “SHAPE” National Conference (March 14-18, 2017)) in Boston, MA – [www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/convention/](http://www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/convention/)

### Professional Development Requirement

- Go to Office of Teaching info – [www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/news/newsitem05122015.html](http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/news/newsitem05122015.html)
- [www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/resteachers/175.html](http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/resteachers/175.html)

### The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- Commissioner Maryellen Elia stated the new law still has to be reviewed closely as there are questions about evaluations, assessments and accountability. She stated the Act will let New York move forward to implement new, higher standards and improve our schools and to help our students build better lives through education.

### ESSA Quick Facts (From SHAPE – 2016)

- School health and physical education are identified as part of a student’s “well-rounded” education. Other subjects noted in the definition of well-rounded education include science, art, civics, history and geography, among others.
- The term “well-rounded education” replaces the term “core subjects” used in previous authorizations of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
- Subjects included in a well-rounded education are allowed the use of funds by states and school districts for Title I (low income schools) and Title II (professional development for teachers and principals).
- School health, physical education and physical activity programs will have access to significant funding under Title IV of ESSA. Block grants will be distributed to states under the Safe and Healthy Students program.

- Funding previously allocated to school districts through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) from the U. S. Department of Education will no longer exist. The funding available in the block grants through Title IV will replace the PEP grant funding.
- School districts will be able to access funding from Title I, Title II and Title IV through their state department of education. The process for accessing these funds is still being developed by Congress and the U. S. Department of Education.
- Communication will follow as the U. S. Department of Education put in place the regulations and process for implementation of the funding for ESSA. This process will take place over the next six months to a year.

**New Guidance Highlights Impact Opportunities to Support Healthy Students (from USDOE bulletin sent on 1/15/16)**

- [www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secletter/160115.html](http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secletter/160115.html)
- Toolkit available: Healthy Students Promising Futures-State and Local Action Steps and Practices to Improve School Based Health – [www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/healthy-students/toolkit.pdf](http://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/healthy-students/toolkit.pdf)
- **Promote Healthy School Practices Through Nutrition, Physical Activity and Health Education.** More physical activity throughout the school day can improve a student’s health and academic outcomes. School learning environments should be designed to include opportunities for daily physical activity and high quality, nutritious school food. To create these opportunities, schools can assess the effectiveness of their policies and practices using the Centers for disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) School Health Index and School Health Guidelines to Promote Healthy Eating and Physical Activity. Schools can get access to even more technical assistance and support materials by signing up to be school champions through the *Let’s Move! Active Schools* initiative. LEAs can develop strong Local /wellness Policies that are deeply integrated into individual school improvement plans. Schools can use CDC’s Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool (HECAT) to determine how well their health education programs address these and other topics.

**ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS for INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS-APP (Formerly Selection Classification Program)**

- **July 2016 Update**  
The Athletic Placement Process (APP) was fully implemented in the 2015-2016 school year. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has been receiving requests from the field to review the APP document after a year of implementation. After review and input from NYSED staff, New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) staff and the medical community, some amendments have been made to the APP document. The amendments will take effect beginning July 2016, for the 2016-2017 school year.
- The amendments in the (Updated-July 2016) APP document are highlighted below:
  - 1) Categories of sports were taken into account and recommended Tanner scores were adjusted in appendix H to reflect that. (IE: Collision, sports, limited contact sports, and non-contact sports).
  - 2) Further citations were added to the APP document for medical directors.
  - 3) Further clarification has been made in step 4 with the APP document to help clarify the question of recommended score vs. required score with the Tanner score.
- Please see updated July 2016 document:  
[www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/AthleticPlacementProcessJuly2016.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/AthleticPlacementProcessJuly2016.pdf)

**MIXED COMPETITION GUIDELINES REVISED**

- Please see: [www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/Mixed\\_CompensationFinalAug2015.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/Mixed_CompensationFinalAug2015.pdf)

**COACHING COURSES**

- **New-NFHS** (NYS Specific) Coaching course pathway (NYSED, NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA collaborated) is now approved by NYSED as an alternative pathway. Not a replacement but, another alternative for coaches to complete the required course work.

- Note: If already in previous NYSED Coaching Course track stay with it.
- See NFHS process below:  
[www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/Coaching%20CourseNFHSSecond%20PathwayGuideline.%2007-01-DD.Finaldocx.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/Coaching%20CourseNFHSSecond%20PathwayGuideline.%2007-01-DD.Finaldocx.pdf)
- [www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/INTERNSHIP%20EVALUATION%20FINAL%20FORM%206-29-15.DD-%20NFHS1.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/INTERNSHIP%20EVALUATION%20FINAL%20FORM%206-29-15.DD-%20NFHS1.pdf)
- Contact Associate in Physical Education, Darryl Daily if need new provider template.
- Please send in yearly evaluations to Darryl Daily at SED (Send to [darryl.daily@nysed.gov](mailto:darryl.daily@nysed.gov)).
- If interested in becoming a provider for traditional NYSED Coaching Courses please contact NYSED at (518) 474-5922.

#### **TRANSGENDER GUIDANCE DOCUMENT**

- Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming-Students Guidance Document BOR approved July 20, 2015:
- [www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/)
- [www.nysed.gov/Press/Transgender-and-Gender-Nonconforming-Students-Guidance-Document](http://www.nysed.gov/Press/Transgender-and-Gender-Nonconforming-Students-Guidance-Document)

#### **REMINDER-CONCUSSION COURSES LEGISLATION-COURSES REQUIRED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AND COACHES (Every 2 years):**

- [www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online\\_training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html)
- The NFHS/CDC Concussion Course is approved to be used by coaches in New York State as part of the Concussion Management and Awareness Act requirement (every 2 years).

\*All NFHS course are accessed at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com). The direct link to the Concussion Course is [www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000](http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000).

\*Note-Physical education teachers would still have to complete the ***Heads Up, Concussion in Youth Sports*** (every 2 years). It is available at [www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online\\_training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html).

#### **QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER**

- Is your district plan current? Is your plan frequently updated to ensure high-quality programs are being offered? Is your plan aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards? Recommend updating minimum of 7 years. With ESSA coming into effect this would be valuable to districts to justify funding. In addition it would be useful when applying for grants.
- If you need technical assistance or have specific questions contact Darryl Daily at [darryl.daily@nysed.gov](mailto:darryl.daily@nysed.gov).
- According to Commissioner's Regulation 135.4 -Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. Plans can be sent as a hard copy or as an e-mailed attachment to the Department. E-mail format is preferred.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS**

- Make sure all of your coaches are certified and/or are in the process of completing their certification. Re-check to make sure they have all their requirements completed and license in hand in order to coach.

#### **IMPORTANT HEALTH RELATED ITEMS**

- **NEW YORK STATE COMBAT HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE CAMPAIGN**
  - A new [Kitchen Table Toolkit](#) is available as part of the campaign.
  - The toolkit features two new videos which can be used by parents, teachers, and community members to help begin conversations with youth concerning the health risks and dangerous consequences of heroin and prescription painkiller abuse.
  - See link:  
[http://combatheroin.ny.gov/sites/default/files/resources/DiscussionGuideTableToolkit2\\_Web.pdf](http://combatheroin.ny.gov/sites/default/files/resources/DiscussionGuideTableToolkit2_Web.pdf)
  - The [Kitchen Table Toolkit](#) was developed to assist individuals (parents, spouses, siblings, teachers, coaches, counselors, probation officers, etc.) with initiating conversations about heroin and opioid

abuse. Information, resources, and supports are available so no one needs to be alone in the fight to combat heroin and opioid abuse. Recognizing that addiction is not exclusive to heroin and opioids, this information may be applicable for alcohol and other drugs, also addressed in this toolkit. See page 12 for school-focused information.

- A new supplemental guide *Health Education Standards Modernization Supplemental Guidance Document: Instructional Resource Packet for Heroin and Opioids* is now available to assist school districts to meet requirements of modernizing health education instruction by including heroin and opioid content within the alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs curricula. This guide was developed to assist teachers in addressing the functional knowledge content for Heroin and Opioids (e.g. prescription painkillers), and is aligned with the NYS Learning Standards for Health Education for students at three levels: elementary, intermediate, and commencement.
- The Learning Standards, Health Education Guidance Document and the new supplemental guide for heroin and opioids, along with additional resources can be found at the Department’s School Health Education website - [www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealtheducation/](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/schoolhealth/schoolhealtheducation/)
- **COMMISSIONER’S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSITATION (“Hands Only” CPR) AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS**
  - Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.
  - See link for memo to the field: [www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/memo-CPR%20instruction%20in%20HS-%20Sept%202015.pdf](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/toolkitdocs/memo-CPR%20instruction%20in%20HS-%20Sept%202015.pdf)
  - See link: <https://yourethecure.org/aha/advocacy/details.aspx?BlogId=2&PostId=4139>

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#### REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

##### **Budget/Audit Committee** - Jim Osborne, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

- Thanked the committee members who serve on the Budget & Audit Committee. A **motion to approve** the NYSPHSAA Financial Policies and Procedures manual **carried**. [Tooley/Staves](#)

##### **Compensation Committee** – Julie Bergman, Chairperson

- The committee is charged with the review and approval of the reasonableness of the compensation of the Executive Director and other key employees. The Committee is also authorized to review and recommend compensation including benefits for all employees of NYSPHSAA. In establishing compensation levels, the NYSPHSAA recognizes its responsibility and obligation to provide compensation that is fair, reasonable and consistent with compensation paid for positions of comparable complexity and responsibility.
- The committee met Wednesday morning, July 27<sup>th</sup> to review the reasonableness of the proposed compensation for Robert Zayas. Following thorough review of data provided by the NFHS and other State Associations, the committee determined and respectfully submits their recommendation that the compensation provided to Mr. Zayas is reasonable.

**Student-Athlete Development Committee** - Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator

**NFHS National Student Leadership Summit**

- She, Jonathan Bessette (Johnson City HS-Section IV) and Caroline Pennacchio (Briarcliff HS-Section I) attended the NFHS NSLS on July 18-20 in Indianapolis.
- NFHS NSLS attendees for the 2017 summit will once again be the 2017 NYSAAA Essay Contest winners.
- NYSPHSAA and the NYSAAA will advertise this to the membership via email, social media, NYSPHSAA News, etc.

**New England Student Leadership Conference**

- 15 NYSPHSAA student-athletes attended the NESLC July 26-29 at Stone Hill College in Massachusetts.
- She thanked Steve Young, Athletic Director at New Rochelle HS (Section I), who attended the conference as the NYSPHSAA Adult Delegate.
- The 2017 NESLC attendees will be the NYSPHSAA SAAC members.

**Community Service Challenge Award**

- 6 out of 11 Sections submitted winners from their respective Sections for consideration of the State Champion Award.
- Mahopac High School (Section I) was selected as the State Champion and was presented with their award at the Central Committee Recognition Luncheon on July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The SADC and SAAC will be evaluating the Community Service Challenge throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

**Scholar Athlete Team Award Program Revisions**

- The membership has expressed concerns regarding the Scholar Athlete Team award program. The current program is viewed as a competition rather than a recognition program. Currently, it does not recognize the individual student athlete, but does recognize a small number of students on a team. Other concerns include the lack of recognition for sports without state championships (i.e. girls ice hockey, badminton, fencing, rifle, etc.) and discrepancies with grades (weighted vs. unweighted).

A **motion to approve** revisions to the current NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award Program using the following criteria **carried**: Hayes/Simmons

1. Modify criteria associated with being a Scholar Athlete Team to include 75% of the roster.
2. Teams who receive a 90.00 or above Grade Point Average (GPA) will receive a Scholar Athlete Team Award certificate. Only individuals who receive a 90.00 or above will receive a pin.
3. If a team did not qualify for the Scholar Athlete Team award, individuals with a 90.00 or above GPA are eligible to receive a Scholar Athlete pin.
4. Accept both weighted and unweighted grades.
5. Sports recognized by their respective Sections will be considered for the award (i.e. Girls Ice Hockey, Badminton, Fencing, Rifle, etc.)
6. Revise the submission process associated with recognizing Scholar Athlete teams (a draft was included in the meeting packet).
7. Continue the School of Distinction program by awarding schools who have 100% of their teams achieving a team average of 90.00 with a School of Distinction Award.
8. Implement the School of Excellence program by awarding schools who have 75% of their teams achieving a team average of 90.00 or above with the School of Excellence Award.
9. Eliminate the practice of awarding "Scholar Athlete Team State Champion" due to membership concerns with disparities between weighted and unweighted grades.

(The votes by section were: Section 1: 4 yes; Section 2: 4 yes; Section 3: 4 yes; Section 5: 4 yes; Section 6: 3 yes; Section 7: 4 yes; Section 8: 4 no; Section 9: 4 yes; Section 10: 4 yes; Section 11: 4 yes; Officers: 2 yes. 41 Yes/ 4 No)

**Student-Athlete Advisory** Committee - Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator

- The NYSPHSAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee application has been distributed to all Section Executive Directors and Athletic Directors.
- Application deadline: Monday, September 12, 2016.
- An application from Section I and III have been received thus far.

- SAAC applications will be advertised via social media, email blasts and NYSPHSAA News.
- SAAC applications will be evaluated by Special Programs Coordinator, Kristen Jadin with input from the respective SADC member and Section Executive Director also being considered.
- 2016-2017 SAAC Discussion Topics:
  - Battle of the Fans
  - Community Service Challenge
  - Life of an Athlete
  - Captains Club (resumes Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>)
  - Student Leadership Conference for New York

**Handbook Committee** – Robert Zayas, Executive Director

- The committee met on June 22, 2016 via teleconference.
- Topics discussed:
  - **Clarity of “no contest”.** A Section had a school who traveled south over a break to play a lacrosse game. The game was played for 2 minutes and 48 seconds and then called because of lightening and was never completed. The school would like to schedule another game in its place and asked if this will cause them to be over the maximum number of games permitted.
    - The Handbook Committee asked that each sport committee discuss this item during the 2016-2017 school year as there are many implications and unintended consequences of rescheduling a contest (i.e. seeding, schedule conflicts, game limitations).
  - **2017-2018 APP for Modified.** If an athlete plays modified football and selectively classifies for the sport of basketball and then decides to transfer in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, is he only considered ineligible in basketball since that was the only sport he played at the “high school level”?
    - The Handbook Committee believes that the student would only be ineligible in the sport they played at the high school level. The committee recommended a revision in the language to provide clarity to the Transfer Rule when 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders play at the high school level.

A motion to approve providing clarity to the Transfer Rule “e” by adding the shaded language **carried**.

Bergman/Carboine

*“7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders that compete at the high school level will be subject to the transfer rule in “that” sport, effective with the 2017-2018 school year.”*

- **Elimination of Code of Conduct.** The NYSPHSAA Central Committee is considering eliminating the Code of Conduct form for student-athletes participating in regional and state championship events. Questions raised were what impact will this have upon the NYSPHSAA Handbook and are there any concerns with aspects of the code of conduct being eliminated (i.e. consent for use of photograph)?
  - Handbook Committee: Pat Pizzarelli stated that many of the coordinators/coaches in section VIII would like to keep the Code of Conduct. Robbie and Renee suggested that instead of a Student Code of Conduct, we institute a NYSPHSAA Code of Conduct for the coaches to sign that he/she understands the rules and regulations and has explained the expectations to their students. Pete asked if any Code of conduct was needed since schools have their own Code of Conduct. From a legal perspective, Renee likes having something signed. This was a discussion item at the Central Committee Cracker Barrel session.
- **Foreign Exchange Post Graduate Student Participation.** An attorney would like a foreign exchange student to have the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletic even though the student has graduated from high school in his home country.
  - Handbook Committee: Todd Nelson referenced the following NYSPHSAA rule: *“Students who have been graduated from the secondary school system in their country are ineligible for the interschool athletic program.”* He asked Darryl Daily for an interpretation from NYSED pertaining to a Foreign Exchange student participating as a post graduate. Darryl will look into an interpretation. There was no support from the Handbook Committee to consider a change to this NYSPHSAA standard.
- **Other.** Robbie Greene stated that it was imperative that any changes to the NYSPHSAA Handbook come to the Handbook Committee to ensure there is no overlap with another area of the Handbook.



Robert Zayas stated it would not be an issue for the Handbook Committee to review the upcoming Executive/Central Committee agenda in the future for concerns with any proposed revisions.

- Future Handbook Committee meeting dates: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 9:00 AM; Friday, December 16, 2016 at 9:00 AM; Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM; Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

**Championship Advisory Committee** – Joe Altieri, Assistant Director

- The committee met on June 22, 2016 via teleconference.
- Informational items discussed:
  - Wrestling Dual Meet Tournament
  - Girls Golf expanding State Tournament
  - Bowling expanding to two divisions in State Tournament
- Voting Items discussed:
  - Softball State Tournament Site for 2017-2019 – had no concerns about the site recommended
  - Girls Tennis State Tournament Site for 2016 – had no concerns about the site recommended
  - Boys Swimming State Tournament Site for 2018-2020 – had no concern about the site recommended
  - Approved Girls Ice Hockey Regional/Site Rotation proposal
  - Approved non-orange balls, timeouts in Girls Basketball proposal
  - Approved Boys Basketball Regional Rotation in Class D proposal
  - Approved the Football Regional Rotation proposal.
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 11:00AM at the NYSPHSAA Office.

**Safety Committee** –Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

**Heat Acclimatization/Heat Illness**

- Reminded all member schools heat illness is the most preventable illness or injury that can occur to our student athletes.
- The NYSPHSAA, NFHS, NATA and the Korey Stringer Institute provide valuable information and resource to school administrators, coaches and athletic trainers to help prevent heat related illnesses.
- Each school should include resources and information to coaches, students and parents pertaining to the prevention of heat related illnesses.
- The NATA and Korey Stringer Institute both recommend during the first week of the season that single practices are conducted with a max of 3 hours. In the second week of the season, two practices can be conducted as long as there is proper rest in between practices and the following day only has a single practice.

**Anyone Can Save a Life**

- “Anyone Can Save a Life” program has been promoted and shared with the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee and the NYSPHSAA membership. Last year through a grant from the NFHS, each member school received a free workbook on the program. The information is also available on the Anyone Can Save a Life website.
- The program is designed for teams to have an emergency action plan in case of an unexpected medical emergency.
- This program has proven to be effective in other states including New York where teams have saved a life because they had a plan and executed the plan to help save the victim.

**Change in Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedure**

- He presented the Safety Committee’s proposal to consider WeatherBug to be the source to obtain the current heat index and wind chill reading for all member schools.
- WeatherBug has multiple weather stations across NYS which will enable our schools to receive accurate and reliable information during extreme heat situations.
- There is no direct cost to our member schools. NYSPHSAA is working with WeatherBug on a potential partnership package.

A **motion to approve** WeatherBug to be the source to obtain the current heat index and wind chill reading for all member schools **carried**. Greene/Dopp

#### **Amended ImPact Agreement**

- Due to NYSIR's generous offer to purchase ImPact tests for their member schools at no cost, the result is that our ability to sell back the 87,500 baseline and 5,500 post injury tests to our member schools has been negatively affected. We have a surplus of baseline tests remaining from the first two years of our agreement.
- Our sponsorship agreement was also revised at the request of ImPact. The new purchase price is \$1.25 for 50,000 baseline tests and \$5.00 for 3,500 post injury tests. He has changed the forms to reflect the new costs.
- Asked Sections to discuss if they want to continue with ImPact and then their feedback will be discussed at the October Executive Committee meeting.
- This is the final year of a three year agreement with ImPact. Reminded schools if we choose not to continue with our agreement with ImPact in the future, all NYSPHSAA and member school tests will become null and void.

The next meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2016 at 9:30 AM via conference call.

#### **Modified Committee** – Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- Reviewed items approved during the 2015-2016 school year.

#### **3 Point shot in Boys and Girls Basketball**

- The Committee will be reviewing the results of a survey sent to all member schools, athletic directors, coaches and PE teachers regarding the use of the 3 point shot in boys and girls basketball.
- 1,471 survey responses have been received from the membership.
- The office staff will share the survey results with the Modified committee prior to their September meeting.
- Depending on the results of the survey, the Committee may make a recommendation to the Executive Committee at their October meeting to approve the use of the 3 point shot in Boys and Girls Modified Basketball with Section and League approval.

#### **2016-2017 Meeting Dates**

- Fall: Friday, September 23, 2016 – 9:30 AM
- Spring: Friday, March 31, 2017 – 9:30 AM

#### **Minimum Number of Practices Required for Modified Sports**

A **motion to approve** to change the minimum number of practices required for all modified sports effective Fall 2016 **carried**. The change would include adding a minimum number for the team and individual.

Simmons/Cruikshank

(Section 1: 4 no)

#### **Modified Football Rule Changes**

A **motion to approve** with Section/League approval, the two-year modified football pilot program rule changes may be adopted for use effective Fall 2016 **carried**. Dopp/Bjork

#### **Modified Football Game Schedule**

A **motion to approve** for modified 11-Man and 8-Man Football Game Condition #2: 'These games shall be scheduled with no more than one game per week.' Shall be edited to *"These games shall be scheduled with no more than three games in 14 days."* **carried**. Bergman/Staves

#### **Soccer Goalie Jersey Number**

A **motion to approve** to extend the waiver of the Modified Soccer Game Rule #12 (NFHS regulation requiring the boys' and girls' soccer goalie uniform jersey shall be numbered) until the 2017-2018 season **carried**.

Bjork/Fallacaro

### **Modified Soccer Shin Guards – Handbook**

A **motion to approve** to remove the Modified Soccer Game Rule #4b (Equipment) from the NYSPHSAA Handbook **carried**. This rule states: *“Shin guards must be worn at all times by all players.”* Bjork/Fallacaro

### **Modified Winter and Spring Start Dates**

A **motion to approve** to revise the Modified Winter and Spring start dates to: Winter Season-Week 20; Spring Season-Week 37 **carried**. Schmandt/Graczyk

### **Officials Coordinating Federation** – Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

- The committee met on May 5, 2016 via conference call.
- The minutes of the meeting were included in the meeting packet.
- The Liaison Committee met on June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- In regards to the Workers Compensation issue for officials, language has been added to our contract with officials to strengthen our position as a State Association and for the officials that they are independent contractors. It is now clearly spelled out in #15 of the contract. The contract has been amended and sent out to all the officials organizations to be signed and returned to us.
- The next meeting of the OCF is Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

### **Sportsmanship Committee** –Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

#### **Sportsmanship Promotion Banner Award Program**

- Congratulated the winners of the Sportsmanship Promotion Banner Award winners: Byram Hills HS (I), Columbia High School (2) and Cooperstown HS (III).
- A list of the Sportsmanship Plaque Award winners was included in the meeting packet.

#### **Battle of the Fans**

- This program is going to be looked at as there has not been a lot of participation by member schools over the past three years.
- Ideas from the NFHS summer meeting will be presented to the Sportsmanship Committee for their feedback.

#### **Artificial Noise Makers**

- The Sportsmanship Committee feels artificial noise makers are not being used to promote positive sportsmanship at our interscholastic events. Many times they are used to distract or instigate players or coaches on the field or court. The section representatives are looking for a consistent rule across our association.
- Many Sections have a similar rule in place for regular season and Sectional tournaments. The NYSPHSAA has a rule that prohibits artificial noise makers at the Boys and Girls Basketball Championships.

A **motion to request** the following language was **defeated**. *“Spectators are prohibited from using any artificial noise maker at all interscholastic contests. Artificial noise makers are any man-made item used by a spectator during a contest/scrimmage to make noise.”* Carboine/Bjork

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 4 yes; Section 2: 4 no; Section 3: 4 yes; Section 4: 4 no; Section 5: 4 no; Section 6: 3 no; Section 7: 4 no; Section 8: 4 yes; Section 9: 4 no; Section 10: 4 yes; Section 11: 4 no. Officers: 3 no. 30 No/16 Yes)

### **WRITTEN REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE FOLLOWING SPORT COMMITTEES & DITRIBUTED VIA E-MAIL:**

#### **Fall Sports**

- Football, B/G Cross Country, B/G Soccer, G. Gymnastics, G. Swimming & Diving, Field Hockey, B/G Volleyball

#### **Winter Sports**

- B/G Basketball, Wrestling, B. Swimming & Diving, B/G Skiing, B/G Bowling, Riflery

#### **Spring Sports**

- Softball, Baseball, B/G Lacrosse, B/G Golf, B. Tennis, B/G Outdoor Track

## GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

### NYSPPHSAA Strategic Plan

- A **motion to approve** the 2016-2021 NYSPPHSAA Strategic Plan **carried**. Slade/Ceruti

### NYSPPHSAA Media Credential Policy

- A **motion to approve** revising the NYSPPHSAA Media Credential Policy to reflect new and emerging digital services, freelance and commercial personnel, scouting, team personnel and family, and to include legal language to protect NYSPPHSAA **carried**. Ryan-Curry/Tooley

### NYSPPHSAA Director of Communications

- A **motion to approve** Christopher Watson for the position of NYSPPHSAA Director of Communications **carried**. Dopp/Mullins

### NYSPPHSAA Souvenir Vendor

- A **motion to approve** CP Sportswear as the NYSPPHSAA souvenir vendor for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years **carried**. Greene/Fallacaro

### Field Hockey – New Regional Rotation

- A **motion to approve** in Field Hockey a new 9-year Regional rotation starting November 2016 **carried**. Mullins/Fallacaro

### Football – Regional Rotation 2016

- A **motion to approve** in Football the Regional rotation for Fall 2016 **carried**. Dopp/Mullins
- (Section 1: 4 no)

### Boys Basketball – Regional Rotation for Class D

- A **motion to approve** in Boys Basketball the Class D Regional rotation to Sections 5 & 6, Sections 2 & 7, Sections 3 & 10 and Sections 1, 4, 9, 11 (Section 8 has no Class D teams) **carried**. Bjork/Carboine
- (Section 4: 4 no)

### Boys Lacrosse – 4 Classification Cut-Off Numbers

- A **motion to approve** the Boys Lacrosse Committee's recommendation of Option #1 to offer 4 classification cut-off numbers in Class A, B, C and D using 25% in each class beginning with the 2017 season for two years was **defeated**. Carboine/Simmons

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 4 yes; Section 2: 4 no; Section 3: 4 yes; Section 4: 4 no; Section 5: 4 no; Section 6: 3 no; Section 7: 4 no; Section 8: 4 no; Section 9: 4 no; Section 10: 4 no; Section 11: 4 no. Officers: 2 no. 37 No/8 Yes)

- A **motion to approve** the Boys Lacrosse Committee's recommendation of the following 4 classification cut-off numbers in Class A, B, C and D **carried**. Mullins/Staves
  - Class A: 1059-up (25% schools); Class B: 1049-750 (26.19% schools); Class C: 749-425 (25.89% schools); Class D: 424-down (22.9%)

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 4 no; Section 2: 4 yes; Section 3: 4 no; Section 4: 4 yes; Section 5: 4 yes; Section 6: 3 yes; Section 7: 3 yes/1 no; Section 8: 4 yes; Section 9: 4 yes; Section 10: 4 yes; Section 11: 4 yes. Officers: 3 yes. 36 Yes/9 No)

### Rifle – Discontinue Small Bore at NYSPPHSAA Regional

- A **motion to approve** in Rifle to discontinue small bore/.22 and replace it with 3-P air rifle starting with the 2017 NYSPPHSAA Regional Championship **carried**. Wolfe/Dopp

#### **Rifle – Adoption of New Rule Book**

- A **motion to approve** for the sport of Rifle to adopt “NRA-Precision Air Rifle Position Rules” as its new rule book effective the 2016-17 school year **carried**. Wolfe/Dopp

(All modifications previously adopted from the last rule book are still in effect.)

#### **Girls Basketball – Use of Non-Orange Basketball**

- A **motion to approve** a waiver for Girls Basketball to use a non-orange basketball for any game during the regular season **carried**. Brewer/Mullins

#### **Girls Basketball – Changing Game Timeout Format**

- A **motion to approve** in girls Basketball to change the number of timeouts in a game, starting with the 2016-2017 season, to four full timeouts and two 30-second timeouts **carried**. Ryan-Curry/Ferry

#### **Boys Soccer – Rotation of Officials**

- A **motion to approve** in Boys Soccer to expand the rotation of the official’s bye by rotating the bye between the ten sections not hosting the championships, always using the host section’s officials **carried**. Carboine/Staves

#### **Waiver of the Challenge Review System for Boys & Girls Volleyball**

- A **motion to approve** to waive the NCAA Challenge Review System for Boys and Girls Volleyball **carried**. Bergman/Tooley

#### **Section VI Boys Volleyball Pilot Program**

- A **motion to approve** for Boys Volleyball in Section VI to make the winning score of the 5<sup>th</sup> set 15 points with teams switching at 8 points a pilot program for one year **carried**. Fallacaro/Bergman

#### **Girls Volleyball – Definition of a Match**

- A **motion to approve** the definition of a match in Girls Volleyball so there is clarification between a match and tournament **carried**. Mullins/Schmandt  
Definition: *“A match should consist of sets in a best 3 of 5 format, all 25 point games. Dual and tri matches are consistent with the definition of a match. A tournament is 4 or more teams that participate in a pool play and bracket format is not a match. A bracket can consist of best 2 of 3 or single set rounds. Scoring options are starting at 0-0 or 4-4 going until 25 points or a cap.”*

#### **Girls Tennis Championship Site**

- A **motion to approve** Sound Shore Tennis Club (I) as the site of the 2016 NYSPHSAA Girls Tennis Championships **carried**. Graczyk/Henshaw

#### **Boys Swimming & Diving Championship Site**

- A **motion to approve** Nassau Aquatic Center (VIII) as the site of the 2017-2019 NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming & Diving Championships **carried**. Graczyk/Henshaw

#### **Softball Championship Site**

- A **motion to approve** Moreau Recreational Park (2) as the site of the 2017-2019 NYSPHSAA Softball Championships **carried**. Graczyk/Henshaw

#### **Minimum Required Cheer and Dance in a Routine**

- A **motion to approve** to require a minimum of 15 seconds of cheer and three 8 counts of dance in all competitive cheerleading routines throughout the season **carried**. Henshaw/Staves

**Additional Language to the Combining of Teams Standard**

- A **motion to approve** additional language to the Combining of Teams Standard **carried**.

Lopez/Fallacaro

*“5. If a merger is denied by the Section, schools have the ability to resubmit a merger request using 100% of all schools BEDS enrollment number.”*

**NYSPPHSAA Senior All-Star Contest Form Revision**

- A **motion to approve** to no longer require Sections to submit Senior All-Star Contest forms to the NYSPPHSAA Executive Director **carried**.

Fallacaro/Bauerlein

**NYSPPHSAA Code of Conduct Form**

- A **motion to approve** revising the NYSPPHSAA Code of Conduct form to have the Athletic Directors sign at the mandatory Fall Athletic Directors Workshops **carried**.

Bjork/Farrell

**Sport Coordinator Appointments/Reappointments**

- A **motion to approve** the following Sport Coordinators for a five year term, effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2021 **carried**.

Bergman/Tooley

Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator; Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer State Coordinator; Bob Mayo, Boys Basketball State Coordinator; Tim Lincoln, Girls Basketball State Coordinator; Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator; Jim Amen, Boys Lacrosse State Coordinator; Tim Mullins, Boys Lacrosse Assistant State Coordinator; Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator; Dan Doherty, Girls Track & Field State Coordinator; Carl Normandin, Girls Ice Hockey State Coordinator.

**Friends and Neighbors**

- A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**. (Expiring August 2018)

Mullins/Carboine

**Section 2**

Darrow School  
110 Darrow Road  
New Lebanon, NY 12125  
Grades 9-12

**Section 2**

St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus  
10-12 Church Street  
Glens Falls, NY 12801  
Grades 7-8

**Section 2**

Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs  
122 Regent Street  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866  
Grades 7-12

**Section 4**

Twin Tiers Christian Academy  
1811 N. Chemung Road  
Breesport, NY 14815  
Grades 7-12

**Section 6**

Elmwood Franklin School  
104 New Amsterdam Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14216  
Grades 7-8

**Section 6**

New Life Christian School  
PO Box 102, 102 West Forest Ave.  
Olean, NY 14760  
Grades 7-12

**Section 6**

St. Mary's School for the Deaf  
2253 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14214  
Grades 7-12

**Section 6**

Southern Tier Catholic School  
208 North 24<sup>th</sup> Street  
Olean, NY 14760  
Grades 7-8

**Section 8**

Academy Charter School  
159 N. Franklin Street  
Hempstead, NY 11550  
Grades 7-8

## **New Members**

- A **motion to approve** the following application for NYSPHSAA Membership status **carried**.

Mullins/Carboine

## **Section 5**

Genesee Country Christian School  
4120 Long Point Road  
Geneseo, NY 14454  
Grade 7

## **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Reconvene Transgender Committee**

- Robert Zayas would like to reconvene the committee as we continue to monitor the situation with transgender students which is ever changing. He will be asking for a representative from each Section.
- The committee will review our Transgender Guidelines as they work with the SED guidelines to make sure our guidelines are benefiting our member schools.
- Sections I and IX will be hosting a workshop on transgender students on November 9.

### **Girls & Boys Swimming & Diving to Award a NYSPHSAA Team Championship**

- Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming & Diving State Coordinator presented the Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving Committees proposal to allow our coaches and schools the opportunity to crown a “team” state champion at the state meet. This would then allow New York to participate in the David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching award presented by the National Interscholastic Swim coaches Association each year.
- To be eligible for this award, a coach must have won five or more “team” state championships for swimming or water polo so they would like this proposal’s effective start date to be retroactive as far back as possible.
- Both committees feel that when the athletes compete, they represent their school so why not allow them to also have points count toward a school point total.
- She and Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming & Diving State Coordinator, have voiced their concern at the NISCA meetings that New York currently does not allow any of its coaches to be eligible for this award and are not given any option as an alternative. New York is one of the very few states that does not present one school (team) with the title of state champion.
- Please discuss this proposal at your Section meetings for possible action at the October executive Committee meeting.

### **Boys & Girls Bowling – Expand State Tournament**

- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the Boys and Girls Bowling Committees proposal to expand the State Championships by splitting the existing School Team Division into Division I and Division II effective with the 2017-2018 school year.
- Total participation in the State Tournament is presently less than 5% (B/G combined based on data provided in 2015) and heavily skewed towards schools with enrollment greater than 600. Currently 55% of all participating schools have enrollment less than 600, but approximately 75%-80% of all qualifying teams come from schools with enrollment greater than 600.
- The proposed expansion would produce a cumulative State Tournament participation rate of 6% (combined B/G) which complies with the Championship Philosophy.

### **Girls Golf – Expand State Tournament to Include Teams**

- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented then Girls Golf Committee’s proposal to invite and include Sectional high school champions to the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championship to compete as a high school team.
- Teams compete in all Sectional Tournaments for a team title but do not have the opportunity to win a

team championship with their teammates at the State Tournament. Winning teams already send 3 individuals on average to States. There would be 1 to 2 more competitors for each Section going to States to make a “team” which would result in 12 to 20 more athletes competing.

#### **Girls Ice Hockey – Regional/Site Rotation**

- Carl Normandin, Girls Ice Hockey State Coordinator, presented the Girls Ice Hockey Committee’s proposal to continue/finish its regional championship rotation for hosting the Regional Championships through 2020.
- The committee had established a fair and equitable rotational format for the participating sections prior to the sport becoming a NYSPHSAA Regional Championship. They would like to finish out that rotation over the next 3 years before implementing the “NYSPHSAA bid process” for this sport.
- The rotation would be as follows for hosting the Regional Championship for the next 3 years:
  - 2017-Section 10 – SUNY Cortland or SUNY Potsdam – Week #32
  - 2018 – Section ¾ - SUNY Oswego – Week #32
  - 2019 – Section 6 – TBA – Week #32

#### **Cheerleading – Prohibit Use of Props as Bases**

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal to prohibit Competitive Cheerleading squads to use props as bases.
- The NFHS has taken a rule in the Dance section of the NFHS Spirit Rule Book and added it to the Cheerleading section of the rule book. The Cheerleading Committee feels the new rule to the Cheerleading section increases the risk to our student athletes. The prohibition of the new rule will not negatively affect any teams since they have never been allowed to use props as bases.

#### **Number of Cheer Judges Requested**

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal, with the support of the NYSCJA, to request a minimum number of 4 panel judges and one safety judge in Cheerleading competitions.
- With the current score sheets and categories, it is very difficult for 3 panel judges to properly judge a team’s routine and be fair to the athletes that are competing.
- The Cheerleading Committee and the NYSCJA understands in some areas there is a shortage of judges. Competitions can be held with less judges but only as a last resort to hold the competition. However, if there are enough judges to have 4 panel judges, then they should be requested by the host school.

#### **NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Rubrics**

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal to approve the 2016-2017 Cheerleading Rubrics.
- These rubrics are used by coaches and officials to award points to a cheerleading squad during a competition.
- The committee has updated these rubrics from the 2015-2016 school year.
- A copy of the proposed 2016-23017 rubrics was included in the meeting packet.

#### **Cheerleading Video Replay – Safety/Deduction**

- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal to allow the use of the video replay at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championship to review safety and deduction points during a routine.
- Point deductions and Safety deductions are an area in which presents a concern to coaches and judges. With the use of Varsity Media, there will be the capability of allowing a judge to review a third party video to recheck all deductions including safety violations.
- Once a coach requests a review, they open the entire routine to all deductions including all safety violations.



**Wrestling – Establish a 2-Division Dual Meet Championship**

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal to establish a Division I and Division II Dual Meet State Championship in a one-day competition.
- This would be to recognize and bring together the best teams from each section and crown a Dual Meet Champion from both Division I and Division II. Presently they have an unofficial recognition based on one man’s opinion. Each section will determine their representative. No school would be obligated if they choose not to participate.
- Please discuss this proposal at your Section meetings.
- This proposal will be presented to the Championship Advisory Committee for their recommendation and possible vote at the October Executive Committee meeting.

**Wrestling Multiple Schools Meet**

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling committee’s proposal for consideration of a Multiple Schools Meet in the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
- With so many teams having incomplete rosters, this would allow schools to get together for a multi school meet. Currently, at a typical dual meet between schools with incomplete rosters, many wrestlers receive forfeit wins due to lack of participants. At a Multiple Team Meet, participants who attend would be matched up by weights with all the other schools attending (similar to a Modified Meet). No team scoring would be kept. Participants would be allowed to wrestle a maximum of 3 matches in one day. These meets would count 2 points toward the maximum number of points allowed (similar to a tournament).
- Host schools would pay the multi school rate to officials. With the use of multiple mats, schools would need multiple officials.
- These meets would not count toward the 6 maximum tournaments allowed during the school year. The weigh-ins would count toward the 50% rule. No awards would be given to the individuals. Only one point would be used if they wrestled a single match. A maximum of 4 multi school meets allowed per school per year. A multi school meet must have a minimum of 3 schools and 20 participants.

A motion to approve Multiple Schools Meet in the NYSPHSAA Handbook effective the 2016-2017 Wrestling season carried. Slade/Schmandt

(Section 4: 4 no)

**NOTE:** Robert will convene the Championship Philosophy Committee to look at how the proposals for team championships from Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving, Girls Golf, Boys & Girls Bowling and Wrestling will have an impact on our championship philosophy.

**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**

The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the **2016-2017** school years, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>SCHOOLS</b>	<b>SPORT</b>
1	Sleepy Hollow, Edgemont, Hastings & Irvington Somers, Croton, Hendrick Hudson John Jay CR, North Salem & Brewster Bronxville & Tuckahoe Putnam Valley, Mahopac & Walter Panas Dobbs Ferry & Ardsley  Rye Neck, Rye & Blind Brook Clarkstown No. & Clarkstown So.	G. Swimming G. Swimming B/G Swimming G. Swimming G. Swimming B/G Swimming Wrestling B/G Swimming B/G Swimming B/G Skiing Ice Hockey Fencing B/G Bowling

Walter Panas & Lakeland

Pleasantville, Westlake, Briarcliff & Valhalla

Hastings & Greenburgh NC  
Briarcliff & Alexander Hamilton  
Sleepy Hollow & Pocantico  
Beacon & Haldane  
Mt. Vernon, Thorton & Mandella  
Haldane & Garrison

Putnam Valley & Peekskill

Croton, Peekskill & Hendrick Hudson  
Putnam Valley, Lakeland & Walter Panas

Hendrick Hudson & Peekskill  
John Jay CR & North Salem

Bronxville & New Rochelle

Somers & North Salem  
Bronxville, Eastchester & Edgemont  
Rye Neck, Harrison & Blind Brook  
Hendrick Hudson & Haldane  
Putnam Valley & Garrison  
Putnam Valley & Haldane  
RCK & JJEF

Mamaroneck & Rye Neck  
Garrison & Haldane

Briarcliff & Pocantico  
Pleasantville & Pocantico  
Briarcliff & Keio

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Schalmont & Mohonasen  
Lake George & Hartford  
Gloversville & Mayfield  
Bolton & Warrensburg

G. Golf  
Gymnastics  
B/G Swimming  
B/G Cross Country  
Wrestling  
Indoor Track  
B/G Lacrosse  
Golf  
Track  
B/G Swimming  
Ice Hockey  
Football  
Football (V, Mod.)  
Football (Mod.)  
G. Swimming  
All Sports  
Football (Mod.)  
Soccer (Mod.)  
Cross Country (Mod.)  
B/G Tennis  
B. Golf  
B. Swimming  
B. Swimming  
Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)  
Gymnastics  
B. Swimming  
B/G Skiing  
Wrestling (Mod.)  
B/G Skiing  
B. Swimming  
Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)  
Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)  
Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)  
Ice Hockey  
Wrestling (Mod.)  
Indoor Track  
B. Swimming  
Gymnastics  
G. Golf  
B/G Lacrosse  
Softball (Mod.)  
Softball  
Baseball  
B. Lacrosse  
Softball  
B/G Lacrosse  
G. Golf

G. Swimming & Diving (V)  
Football (V)  
G. Swimming & Diving (V)  
Football (V)  
Field Hockey (V)

	Doane Stuart & Rensselaer	Volleyball (V) B/G Cross Country (V) Volleyball (V, JV) G. Tennis (V)
	Fort Edward & Argyle	B/G Cross Country (V) B/G Cross Country (V) Golf (V) B. Soccer (V)
	Hudson Falls & South Glens Falls Berne-Knox-Westerlo & Duanesburg Voorheesville & Guilderland Scotia & Glens Falls North Warren & Johnsburg Fort Ann & Hartford Watervliet & Heatly	G. Swimming (V) Football (V, Mod.) G. Swimming (V) G. Swimming (V) B/G Cross Country (V) Golf (V) Football (V)
5	Gananda & East Rochester Genesee Valley, Hinsdale & Cuba-Rushford Byron Bergen & Elba Livonia, Avon & Geneseo Greece Athena & Odyssey Greece Arcadia & Olympia Batavia & Alexander	Football (V, JV) B. Swim B. Soccer Ice Hockey (V) Ice Hockey (V) Ice Hockey (V) Ice Hockey (V) B. Soccer (V) Ice Hockey (V) Ice Hockey (V)
	Brighton & Honeoye Falls-Lima Pittsford Mendon & Sutherland Byron-Bergen & Caledonia-Mumford Pavilion & York	Fall Cheer B/G Cross Country B. Soccer Football Wrestling
	Webster Thomas & Schroeder Keshequa & Mt. Morris Marion & Sodus Sodus, Williamson & Marion East, SOTA & WOI Leadership, Charlotte, NE/NW & Vanguard Wilson & Early College	B/G Tennis G. Volleyball B/G Alpine Skiing Wrestling Football Football Football G. Tennis G. Swim Winter Cheer
	Monroe & School w/o Walls Edison, Vanguard, SWW, Monroe, Charlotte & Leadership Wilson & Early College SOTA & NE/NW Edison, East, Wilson, SOTA & Early College Monroe, Vanguard, NE/NW, WOI & SWW SOTA, Wilson & Early College Edison, SWW, Monroe, Charlotte & Leadership Vanguard, Charlotte & WOI Monroe, Wilson, Early College & SWW Vanguard & Charlotte	Football B. Soccer B. Soccer B. Soccer G. Soccer G. Soccer B/G Cross Country B/G Cross Country B. Volleyball B. Volleyball G. Volleyball B. Basketball

	Monroe & SWW	Winter Cheer
	Wilson & Early College	Bowling
	NE/NW & SOTA	G. Volleyball
	WOI, Vanguard & Charlotte	Winter Cheer
	East & WOI	G. Volleyball
	Wilson, SOTA & Early College	G. Tennis
	Edison & SWW	G. Tennis
	Monroe & SWW	Fall & Winter Cheer
	Edison, Monroe, SWW & Charlotte	Fall Cheer
	Wilson, Early College & WOI	Fall Cheer
	East, SOTA, Vanguard, WOI, NE/NW, Charlotte & Leadership	B. Basketball
	Edison, Wilson, Monroe, Early College & SWW	G. Basketball
	Monroe, SWW, Wilson & Early College	G. Basketball
	Edison, East, SOTA, NE/NW & Leadership	Wrestling
	Vanguard, Int. Arts & Tech., WOI & Charlotte	Wrestling
		B. Swim
		B. Swim
		B. Swim
6	Barker & Royalton-Hartland	Football (V, JV)
	Bennett, Olmsted, East & MEC	Football (V, JV)
	Maple Grove & Chautauqua Lake	Football (JV)
	Franklinville & Ellicottville	B/G X-Ctry. (V, Mod.)
	Catt/LV & Salamanca	B. Soccer (V)
	Oracle & WNY Maritime	B. Soccer (V)
	Ellicottville & West Valley	B/G Basketball (V, JV, Mod.)
	Clymer & Sherman	B/G Bowling (V)
	Olean, Allegany-Limestone & Portville	B/G Bowling
	West Seneca West & West Seneca East	G. Bowling (V, JV, Mod.)
		B. Swim (V)
	Amherst, Clarence & Sweet Home	G. Ice Hockey (V)
	Kenmore east & Kenmore West	G. Ice Hockey (V)
	Lancaster, Iroquois & Depew	G. Ice Hockey (V)
	Frontier & Orchard Park	G. Ice Hockey (V)
	West Seneca West, Hamburg & West Seneca East	G. Ice Hockey (V)
	Williamsville East, Williamsville North & Williamsville South	G. Ice Hockey (V)
	Dunkirk & Silver Creek	B/G Indoor Track (V)
	Kenmore East & Kenmore West	Rifle (V)
	Ellicottville, Olean & West Valley	Skiing (V, Mod.)
	Dunkirk, Fredonia, Forestville, Silver Creek & Cassadaga Valley	B. Swim (V)
	Frewsburg, Pine Valley & Southwestern	B. Swim (V)
	Chautauqua Lake, Panama & Westfield	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	Depew & Cleveland Hill	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	Dunkirk, Silver Creek & Forestville	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	East Aurora & Holland	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
		Cheerleading (V)
	Franklinville, Ellicottville & West Valley	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	Olean & Allegany-Limestone	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	Royalton-Hartland & Barker	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	Gowanda & Pine Valley	Football (V, JV)
	Eden & Gowanda	B/G Swim (V)
	Brocton & Westfield	G. Basketball (V, JV)
	Hinsdale & Cuba-Rushford	B/G Bowling (V, JV)

	Pioneer & Allegany-Limestone	B/G Indoor Track (V)
7	Wells & Lake Pleasant	All Modified Sports (as needed)
	Indian Lake & Long Lake	All Sports/All Levels
	Minerva & Newcomb	All Sports/All Levels
	Elizabethtown-Lewis & Westport	B/G Soccer
	AuSable Valley & Willsboro	G. Swim
		B. Outdoor Track & Field
	Peru & Saranac	G. Swim
	Beekmantown & Saranac	G. Gymnastics
	AuSable Valley & Peru	B. Swim
	Beekmantown & Chazy	B. Ice Hockey
	Beekmantown, Chazy & Northeastern Clinton	G. Ice Hockey
	Saranac Lake & Tupper Lake	B/G Nordic Ski
9	Ellenville & Wawarsing Christian School	B/G Basketball
		Wrestling
		Softball
		Baseball
		B. Tennis
	Roscoe & Downsville	B. Golf
		Baseball (JV)
	Roscoe, Downsville & Livingston Manor	G. Golf

#### SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS

The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).

SECTION	DATE	CONTEST
3	06-15-16	Gordon Ohstrom Memorial-B. Lacrosse
4	06-09-16	Section IV Sr. All-Star Games-B/G Lacrosse
5	05-31-16	Finger Lakes East Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball
	06-02-16	Monroe County Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball
	06-02-16	RCAC/Private-Parochial Senior Game-Baseball
	06-05-16	Monroe County Senior Game-Softball
	06-17-16	Section V Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Lacrosse
9	06-07-16	Section IX Sr. All-Star Game-G. Lacrosse
	11-10-16	Section IX Senior Game 2016-Field Hockey
	11-20-16	Section IX Coaches Association Sr. All-Star Game-Football

#### GROUP MEETINGS REPORTS

Tim Bult, President of Section IX gave a Power Point presentation on Section IX's application policy for their mergers and combining of schools.

#### Chief School Officers/Past Presidents – Tim Hayes

##### Future of Combining of Teams and Mergers

- The group felt this is a local issue and the decision making regarding mergers should be left at the Section level. They felt the guidance from the State has served its purpose.

- They talked about the development of “super teams” and Section 9’s protocol to avoid this issue.
- The purpose of combining teams was originally to save a sport.
- They liked the idea of “shadowing” for incomplete teams. It gives schools with an incomplete team the opportunity to allow the participation of their athletes on a complete team at another school without having to merge.
- They felt that while merging does provide an opportunity for small schools without a certain sport to merge with a school that does provide that sport, it can have a negative impact on some of the existing sports in the home school.

**Is the NYSPHSAA Code of Conduct Needed?**

- They do not feel it’s necessary for each individual athlete to sign a Code of Conduct for participation at State Championships.
- They do feel that coaches should sign off that they have reviewed the State expectations and Code of Conduct with the athletes prior to the start of the season.
- They stated each athlete is already participating under their school’s Code of Conduct.

**Potential for Future Athletic Director Certification**

- They felt this is a local topic because of the difference in schools and school sizes.
- Many schools do not have an Athletic Director. They have teachers serving in the position on special assignment.
- They felt this could be an unfunded mandate on smaller schools if certification is required and they don’t have the certified personnel to fill those positions.
- In small schools finding people to be an Athletic Administrator can be difficult and requiring certification could make it more difficult so they don’t advise we pursue requiring certification for Athletic Directors.
- They felt that if certification is going to be required, require Administrative certification.

**Principals** – Neil Connolly

**Future of Combining of Teams and Mergers**

- All 8 Sections in attendance have a policy and/or procedure for combining of teams.
- They felt enrollment is the major reason for combining.
- They felt combining of teams has not been done for a competitive edge.
- Only one Section saw financial decisions for the reason for combining some teams. This may become a concern in the future.
- The group felt the Sports Coordinators should be involved in the process.
- They thanked Section 9 for sharing their policy.

**Is the NYSPHSAA Code of Conduct Needed?**

- They agreed the paperwork is unnecessary.
- They felt most high school Codes of Conduct are more stringent.
- They felt discipline should fall back on the Section, school, Principal, AD and coach.
- They feel the NYSPHSAA Code of Conduct should remain in the Handbook or on the website.

**Potential for Future Athletic Director Certification**

- They encouraged the certification.
- They felt the classes are valuable and see professional development as a positive thing.
- They asked each Section to support this initiative.

**Section Executive Directors/Presidents/Treasurers** – Carl Normandin

**Future of Combining of Teams and Mergers**

- The group liked the Section IX presentation.
- They are concerned with the increased number of combined teams and some of the unintended consequences with the increase in mergers.
- They had a concern with “super teams” being developed and feel we need to monitor that.
- They would like the graduated scale looked at and propose 100% in the formula for Class AA, A and B and 50% for Class C and D schools. Sections will review the 2016-2017 numbers with the proposed numbers.

### **Is the NYSPHSAA Code of Conduct Needed?**

- They felt that a simple disclaimer to be signed by the school athletic director at the mandated Athletic Directors Workshop could serve as a new Code of Conduct and then a reminder could be sent to all schools prior to post season play about what is appropriate behavior for our coaches, student-athletes and bench personnel.
- The Section Executive Directors will be working with Robert to tweak the NYSPHSAA Code of Conduct to develop a single page document to be signed.

### **Potential for Future Athletic Director Certification**

- They think it's a great idea for professional development; however due to time constraints many AD's have, throwing another requirement for them to receive a necessary certification might be cumbersome.
- They are in favor of having non-certified administrators completing the certification.
- Sections are going to discuss and report back what seems to be working in their Section with regards to non-public schools and the coaching certification classes.

### **Athletic Representatives – Mike Carboine**

#### **Future of Combining of Teams and Mergers**

- Sections have seen an increase of mergers because of lower enrollments or cost concerns/facilities.
- Several Sections have seen teams merge to develop a "super team".
- They would like the Association to look at developing statewide criteria that Sections could follow to be consistent with approving mergers.
- They feel the graduated scale is working, especially for the smaller schools, and we should keep it.
- They feel Sections need to be diligent in approving mergers.

### **Is the NYSPHSAA Code of Conduct Needed?**

- Most felt the old Code of Conduct forms were outdated and not necessary.
- They would like the Association to look at a streamlined form – maybe one page – that the coach can sign and turn in. It would contain bullet points of the code and expected behavior from the athletes.
- They had a concern about pictures taken for commercial use of students. They felt there should be a place on the form to list students that do not want their pictures taken.

### **Potential for Future Athletic Director Certification**

- The group felt that the LTC courses offered by the NYSAAA are very helpful and beneficial but are not in favor of requiring or mandating these courses.
- They would like to see these courses highly recommended, especially for new AD's as they begin their careers.

## **REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS**

### **NYSAAA – Murphee Hayes, President**

#### **General**

- Membership registration, hotel and conference registration fees will remain the same again this year.
- This year they are implementing an online registration system for all members and conference attendees and will be the only way to register. The links can be found on their website.
- The conference program planning team in Chapter 4, headed up by President Murphee Hayes, CAA, is in the initial stages of program planning and securing national speakers, sponsors and workshop presenters.
- On Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, opening day will see 6 to 8 LTI Courses. The First General Session will begin at 5:00 PM followed by their two hour Exhibit Hall Festival.
- Presentations of chapter awards to 11 chapter award recipients and three special awards will be made at the Roy O'Neill Awards Banquet.
- The Dave Martens Awards Luncheon will feature their fourth Hall of Fame Induction and the annual Apple Appreciation Awards. Inductees will be announced in the Fall. They are now taking nominations for the 2018 class. Information and forms are available on their website. The postmark deadline is January 1, 2016.

- The Sparky Rector Drop In Center is located in the exhibit hall for two days. The association has also transitioned to a virtual Sparky Rector Drop In Center on their website. It is active now. They are seeking items to share (in digital format). They are requesting anything of interest to share with other AD's to be emailed to Brett Banker, CAA, Kenmore Town of Tonawanda Schools, who is their new Professional Development Chair.

#### **Board News and Actions**

- They are now seeking a Co-Certification Chair to work with Pat Pizzarelli, CAA, their current chair. The Board feels this person should be CMAA Certified.
- Peter Shambo, CMAA, is the Chair for their Professional Development Academy which is the umbrella that oversees LTI, Certification and Professional Development Committees.
- Last Spring, the Representative Board welcomed Dr. Ryan Sherman (Schuylerville) to the meeting as their new Ex-Officio Liaison to NYS Superintendents.

#### **Professional Development**

- Any Chapters/Sections desiring to offer LTI Courses in their Section or region, should contact Steve Young, CAA or Josh Lacey, CAA.
- The CAA Exam will be offered again at the conference on Friday morning, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM. In addition, there are two other dates for the CAA exam to be given: October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Saratoga Hilton and June 19<sup>th</sup> at the NYSPHSAA Latham office, both at 1:00 PM. Anyone planning on taking the exam must pre-qualify through the NIAAA office. Requirements and costs are posted on the NYSAAA website.
- The NYSAAA Handbook for Athletic Administrators is posted under "Professional Development" on their website. It is a live document which means it changes continuously by linking to various other documents and sites.

#### **Membership**

- Once again, the NYSAA has 647 members.
- Mike Murray, CAA (5) is their new membership chair and will be targeting chapters to increase their membership. They feel every AD in New York State should be a member for the professional benefits and member services.
- Membership dues remain the same again for the seventh straight year.
- Dual membership in both the NYSAAA and NIAAA is still only \$150 for active athletic administrators.

#### **Website/Newsletter**

- Athletic Administrators are encouraged to visit their website regularly to keep up on the latest information and association news. Links have been provided between the NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA, as well as other professional associations, on each of their respective websites.
- The next newsletter is going to be released in late August. Past issues can be found on their website.
- Their NYSAAA Hall of Fame for athletic administrators is also posted on their website. It will continue to be maintained and updated as a "virtual" Hall of Fame.

#### **NIAAA/NFHS**

- The NIAAA/NFHS annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for December 9-14, 2016 in Nashville, TN at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. Future sights include Phoenix, AZ; San Antonio, TX, National Harbor, MD and Tampa, FL.
- Six LTI courses are being offered this summer and next fall as webinars by the NIAAA. Information can be found on their website and the NYSAAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements.
- Section I of the NIAAA continues to host a Summer Institute for Athletic Administrators and their families at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA on Cape Cod every summer. Next year it will take place June 26-29, 2016. Information and applications can be found on their website. Every summer, athletic administrators attend from New York and other New England states to choose from over 15 LTI Courses offered with national faculty, as well as the CAA prep course and exam. Institute directors are Peter Shambo, CMAA and Steve Young, CAA from New York.

#### **Other**

- The NYSAAA thanked the NYSPHSAA and Robert Zayas, CAA for their continued support and partnership. Together, this kind of relationship can only benefit the student athletes of New York State.

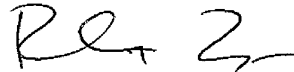


**NYS Coaches Association** – Ron Woodruff

- Each year the NYSPHSAA can select 21 Varsity high school coaches to recognize as their Coach of the Year selections.
- These selected individuals become the NYSPHSAA nominees for the National Federation of High Schools Region I and National Federation Coach of the Year Awards. Region I of the National Federation is made up of schools within Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Maine.
- During the year, NYS Sport Coordinators, Section Executive Directors and Section Sport Chairpersons can make nominations for these awards. This request for nominations is done mainly at the end of each sport season, but any varsity coach can be nominated at any time.
- A list of the NYS recipients and regional award recipients was included in the meeting packets.
- He thanked all the Sport Coordinators, Executive Directors, Athletic Directors and coaches who have made recommendations for these awards.
- He asked that if anyone knows a coach that may be deserving of such an award to contact him at [rwoodruf42@aol.com](mailto:rwoodruf42@aol.com).
- He thanked Robert Zayas and Todd Nelson for their help in this process.

A **motion to approve** adjournment of the July 26-27, 2016 Central Committee meeting at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 **carried**. Wolfe/Staves

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Zayas  
Executive Director

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**2016-2017 Meetings**

**Executive Committee**

*October 19, 2016 - Hilton Garden Inn, Troy (Week #16)*

*January 27, 2017 – Hilton Garden Inn, Troy (Week #30)*

*May 5, 2017 - Hilton Garden Inn, Troy (Week #44)*

**Central Committee**

*July 25-27, 2017 – 1000 Islands Harbor Resort, Clayton, NY – Section X (Week #4)*