NEW YORK STATE
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Hyatt Wind Watch-Hauppauge August 3-5, 2005

The Central Committee was called to order by President Kathryn Faber at 3:10 P.M. Members present include:

**Officers & Staff**
- President Kathryn Faber
- First Vice President Ronald Black
- Second Vice President Patrick Pizzarelli
- Executive Director Nina Van Erk
- Assistant Director Walter Eaton
- Assistant Director Lloyd Mott
- Assistant Director Joseph Altieri
- Treasurer Kathy Higle
- Counselor Kevin Seaman
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Michaela Kasner
- Karen Lopez
- Marc Martone
- Richard McGuire
- Dr. Thad Mularz
- Dr. James Tolle

**Honorary Past Presidents**
- Al Doyle
- Dr. Sandra Scott

**Section Representatives**
- **Section 1:** Karen Peterson, Vito DiCesare, Greg Ransom (proxy for Ted Petersen), Stewart Hanson
- **Section 2:** Eileen Troy, Glenn Westfall, Jack Whalen (proxy for Joseph Murphy), G. Michael Apostol
- **Section 3:** Evelyn Sammons, Bruce Quimby, Richard Hunt, John Stewart
- **Section 4:** Jack Jones, Ben Nelson (proxy for Ernestine Marshall), Gordon Daniels, Michael Virgil
- **Section 5:** Ed Stores (proxy for Jim Zumbo), Kathleen Smith, Mike Simon, Joseph Backer
- **Section 6:** Don Scholla, Pam Maryjanowski, Bob Dinse (proxy for Mark Ward), Jim Dunnigan
- **Section 7:** Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry, Steven Broadwell, Ken Cringle (proxy for John McDonald)
- **Section 8:** Laura Orticelle, John Pirogato, Henry Grishman, Terrence O’Connor
- **Section 9:** Bob Thabet (proxy for Donald Andrews), Roberta Greene, Al Wojtaszek, James Wolfe
- **Section 10:** Carl Normandin (proxy for Ernie Witkowski), Stephanie Putney, Martha Slack (proxy for Paul Harrica), Joe Jabinville
- **Section 11:** Paula Nickerson, Nicholas DeCillis, James Ruck, Peter Ferenz

**Section Presidents**
- Michael McCarthy (2), Richard Roy (3), Ed Redmond (4), Rick Amundson (5), Grant Spaulding (7), Wayne Shierant (11)

**Section Secretaries & Treasurers**
- Greg Ransom (1), Doug Kenyon, Fred Gula, Roger Seward (2), Dick Bader, Paul Harrison, Dawn Field (3), Ben Nelson (4), Ed Stores (5), Bob Dinse (proxy for Mark Ward), Jim Gallaher (7), Todd Heimer, George McElroy (8), Bob Thabet, Jim Osborne (9), Carl Normandin, Martha Slack (10), Ed Cinelli (11)

**State Sports Coordinators**
- Edward Dopp, Baseball
- William Higgins, Basketball-B
- Eileen Troy, Basketball-G
- Don Dennis (proxy for Wayne Inman)-Bowling-B
- Don Dennis (proxy for Kathy Ferreri)-Bowling-G
- Marbry Gansle, Cross Country& Gymnastics-G
- Bev Hooper, Field Hockey
- Dennis Sadler (proxy for Richard Cerone)-Football
- Larry Rose (proxy for Doug Courtright)-Golf-B
- Mike Martin, Gymnastics-B
- Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey
- Bob Underwood (proxy for Walter Dyer)-Skiing-G
- Mike Andrew, Soccer-B
- Charles Goehring, Soccer-G
- Cathy Allen, Softball
- Roger Bell, Swimming-B
- Diane Hicks-Hughes, Swimming-G
- Kristin Fullam (proxy for Joe Throff)-Tennis-B
- Kristin Fullam (proxy for Chris Horgan)-Tennis-G
- Dan Doherty, Track & Field-G (proxy for Don Sauer-B. Track & Field)
- Judy Hartmann, Volleyball-B
Previous Minutes of the May 2005 Executive Committee meeting were APPROVED in a motion by DiCesare/Troy.

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

**President Kathy Faber** introduced Section 8 Executive Director Todd Heimer who welcomed the group to the Hyatt Wind Watch-Hauppauge. Kathy stated she had an enjoyable first year as President and had attended many State Championships as well as the NFHS Summer Meeting in San Antonio, Section 1 Federation meeting in New Hampshire and the NYS Federation meeting. She noted the biggest challenge this year had been Assemblyman Morelle’s “Fairness in Competition Act”. She thanked Nina and staff for their support and guidance during her first year as President. President Faber and Executive Director Nina Van Erk gave a joint power point presentation on the accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2004-2005 school year.

**Executive Director Nina Van Erk** reported on the conferences, meetings and championships she attended during the months of May through August. She stated requests for bid proposals have been sent out to the Ten Eyck Group, Bollinger, Loomis & Lapann and Cool Insuring Agency for insurance coverage for the Association and all eleven Sections. Once they are received back, she will be reviewing the proposals with the help of Greg Ransom, Todd Heimer, John Gallagher and Bob Dinse to determine the underwriters of our future policies. She noted a copy of the Association’s letter of support of Senator Skelos’ steroid Bill #S494 was included in the meeting folders. She reported a meeting of the Sectional Appeal Coordinators was held on May 17, 2005. She stated the attendees agreed that the current Commissioner’s regulation regarding registration needed to be updated. In a motion by Stores/Greene it was APPROVED for the NYSPHSAA to write a letter to the Commissioner of Education requesting an amendment to the Commissioner’s Registration Regulation that would delete the words “first 15 days of the semester” and “80 percent of the school time” due to the conflict with the NYS PHSAA Transfer Rule. She announced Dr. Sandra Scott, Honorary Past President of NYSPHSAA was inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in San Antonio, Texas on July 2nd. She noted as of mid July, 94% of our member schools have completed the Participation Survey. Schools that have yet to comply will be contacted in August in order to receive 100% of the data needed. A full report will be given at the October Executive Committee meeting. A motion by Jones/Sammons for retroactive action was APPROVED for Section V to change their spring season dates for the 2005 season to be March 7, 2005 to June 20, 2005. She stated information on the new standards set for the installation of ASTM wall padding was included in the meeting folders and was also forwarded to Section Executive Directors for distribution to their member schools. She noted the ACT National Testing schedule for the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 school years was included in the meeting folders. She reported the Association had received correspondence
from a sport official regarding the placement of AEDs after a fan suffered a fatal heart attack. She asked schools to re-evaluate the placement of their AEDs to assure that they are readily available when needed. She announced the following members of the Central Committee have been selected to represent their respective sections for a four year term expiring in 2009:

Section 1 – Ted Petersen  
Section 2 – Eileen Troy  
Section 3 – Bruce Quimby  
Section 4 – TBA  
Section 5 – James Zumbo  
Section 6 – Pam Maryjanowski  
Section 7 - Steve Broadwell  
Section 8 - Terrance O’Connor  
Section 9 - James Wolfe  
Section 10 - Ernest Witkowski  
Section 11 - Peter Ferenz

She reported an Athletic Administrator and Sports Coordinator’s Workshop has been planned for November 28-29, 2005 by the NYSPHSAA and the NYSAAA. More detailed information will be sent out in August to school districts and Section offices. She stated the 2005-2006 CSIET Advisory List had been received and was faxed to all Section offices and placed on the Association’s website. She asked that the Directory Information form be completed and returned to her by September 7, 2005. In a motion by Quimby/Ransom the 2005-2006 Section Sports Seasons were APPROVED. Future meeting dates were announced as follows:

2005-2006
October 24, 2005 (Monday) - Holiday Inn Turf - Albany (9:00AM)  
January 27-28, 2006 – The Saratoga (formerly the Prime Hotel in Saratoga)  
May 5-6, 2006 – Holiday Inn – Carrier Circle - Syracuse  
August 9-11, 2006 – Holiday Inn - Grand Island

Assistant Director Walter Eaton distributed an updated 2005-2006 State Championship sites and dates schedule noting that the Boys Gymnastics Regional will be held on November 12th. He reviewed the financial summary of the 2004-2005 State Championships. He stated Conference Medal/Trophy Co. Replica Plaque program had its 2nd best year to date and reported royalties totaling $6,360.00 have been received in the 6 years of the program. He reported AED's and emergency plans were on site at all state championships held in 2004-2005 and will continue to be in place in 2005-2006. He distributed the 2005-2006 meeting schedule for the State Sports Committees stating that Boys Lacrosse has been scheduled to meet on January 21, 2006 at 10:00AM in the Association office. He stated the 2006-2007 (and beyond) State Championships schedules known to date were included in the meeting folders. A motion by Sammons/Nickerson was APPROVED to reappoint Jacquie Gow as Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator and Dr. Robert Christenson as her Assistant State Coordinator effective September 1, 2005 to August 31, 2010. In a motion by Stores/Sammons it was APPROVED to extend the current term for Joe Thyroff as Boys Tennis State Coordinator until the nomination process for selecting the next state coordinator can be completed. He stated for the 3rd year in a row, the annual meeting for State Sports Coordinators, as required by the NYSPHSAA Constitution, is being held as an extension of the Central Committee Group meeting on Thursday, August 4th. Copies of the updated Sports Coordinators manual will be distributed at this meeting. Copies will also be provided for the Section Executive Directors and to others upon request. He reported the Scholar Athlete Team Award Program had concluded its 14th year with record participation totals. He thanked Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 10th year of co-sponsoring the Scholar Athlete Team Award Program and for contributing $200,000 towards program costs during the past decade. He announced the Scholar Athlete Team School of Distinction Award winners are: Ursuline HS (1), Clarence HS (6), Garden City HS (8), Jericho HS (8) and Bayport-Blue Point HS (11). He thanked Lee’s Trophies Co. for sponsoring the School of Distinction awards. He stated instructions and application forms for the 2005-2006 Scholar Athlete Team Award program are posted on the NYSPHSAA web site. He reported successful Federation tournaments in B/G Cross Country, B/G Basketball and Golf were again held in 2004-2005 and consideration for additional Federation tournaments is an agenda item for 2005-2006. He stated site selection procedures for the 2008 B/G Basketball Federation tournament will be announced during 2005-2006. He noted the Federation officers for 2005-2006 are: Walter Eaton, President; MJ Quigley (AISAA), Vice President; Jane Modry (CHSAA), Secretary; and Nina VanErk, Treasurer. He announced the 2005-2006 meeting dates schedule as follows: September 13, 2005, December 6, 2005 and May 9, 2006.

Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reported the Classification of Schools Report for 2005-2006 was accepted at the January Executive Committee meeting. He stated the new Five Class parameters along with all other classification numbers can be found in the 2004-2006 NYSPHSAA Handbook on page 145. He noted he will be meeting with the Section Executive Directors to review the process for handling classification reports for schools hosting “shared services” students. He announced letters of instruction for classification reports will be mailed to the Sections in September. He reported coaches clinics were successfully held in lacrosse, softball, baseball, field hockey, track/field and cross country, athletic conditioning, soccer and volleyball. He stated all the clinics will be repeated in 2005-2006 with the addition of a wrestling
Assistant Director Joe Altieri reported on the meetings and championships he attended during the months of May through August. He noted there was a net loss of $3,171 for programs this year after $6,112 in commissions paid out to advertising sales people. He stated the total broadcasting revenue increased for the third straight year totaling $21,875 for 2004-2005 compared to $19,375 last year and $15,800 in 2002-2003. He reported on the sponsorship activity he is involved with on behalf of the Association. He stated the Media Advisory Committee did not meet due to the unavailability of its members. He reported new media initiatives began in late April with web casting of NYSPHSAA Championships. He noted web casting is available to all member schools by contacting Craig Blanchard at EZ Stream at 800-866-7510 or www.ezstream.com. He stated press releases on the 2005 Hall of Fame inductees and the NY Good Sports award winners were recently distributed to media statewide. He reported a proposal to recruit officials by offering officiating courses for credit in physical education programs or non-credit bearing continuing education programs will be presented to Hudson Valley CC and Schenectady CC. He stated Eric Zordan, a sport management major at Cortland State, will be joining the Association this Fall as an intern for a 15 week period.

Treasurer Kathleen Higle reported the Association should complete the year with over $200,000 in income better than budget primarily due to investment income, increased championship revenue, dues and a net reduction of expenses including championship transportation expenses. She reported our auditors, Marvin & Co. completed their audit of our 2003-04 year with a clean opinion. She stated if anyone would like a copy of the Auditor’s report to please see her. She reported all dues invoices have been sent out to the chief school officer of each school district. She stated annual changes in the dues structure will occur each year in the future to keep pace with NYSPHSAA’s future expense changes-year to year.

Counselor Kevin Seaman reported he has received good feedback from the Sections and their counsels on mailings he has sent out regarding different legal decisions he has accumulated over the years. He reviewed several lawsuits that the Association is currently involved in. He stated Title IX is back in the news, specifically with regards to scheduling of female athletic teams. He reviewed a Title IX case that is pending in Michigan.

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

Section 9 voiced a concern with track & field coaches who are not part of the sectional coaching staff having to buy a ticket at the State Championships. The Budget & Finance Committee will look into this and it will also be put on the Championship Advisory Committee’s agenda. A report will be given at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Section 8 stated their Swimming Coordinator requested to be part of an experiment for qualifying for the State Championships during the regular season. They stated their Wrestling Coordinator had requested a number adjustment to even out their classes.

Section 3 asked the Handbook Committee to review a specific situation where a school that ends with the 8th grade wishes to combine with an area school that may be allowed to combine with more than one school.

Section 2 voiced a concern with the cost of banquets that are held before State Tournaments and wondered if it would be possible for the Section or whoever is hosting the event or the State to help subsidize the costs. They also had a concern in girls swimming with the dramatic increase in the number of swimmers qualifying for State meets and suggested the qualifying times needed to be little tougher. They asked if any other Sections had Special Act schools and how they classified them. They inquired as to what each Section charges for dues and what the schools get in return.
## COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2005-2006 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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8 Bellmore Kennedy, Calhoun & Mepham Bowling-B/G
Elmont, Floral Park, Carey, New Hyde Park & Sewanhaka Swimming-B/G
Bellmore Kennedy, Calhoun & Mepham Rifle
Bethpage & Plainview Gymnastics
Plainview Middle School & Mattlin Middle School Bowling-B/G
Rifle (Vars./JV) Gymnastics

9 Rhinebeck & F.D. Roosevelt Football
Ellenville & Warwarsing Christian Academy Field Hockey
Gymnastics
Plainview Middle School & Mattlin Middle School Winter Track-B
Spring Track-B
All Sports

10 Madrid-Waddington & Canton Swimming-G
Madrid-Waddington & Norwood-Norfolk Indoor Track-B/G
Norwood-Norfolk & Potsdam Hockey
Edwards-Knox & Canton Football
Potsdam & Canton Wrestling
Parishville-Hopkinton & Canton Wrestling
Parishville-Hopkinton & St. Lawrence Hockey
Brushton-Moira & St. Lawrence Football
Salmon River & St. Lawrence Track-G
Harrisville & Clifton-Fine Wrestling
Colton-Pierrepont & Edwards-Knox Golf-B/G
Hermon-DeKalb & Edwards-Knox Swimming-G
Colton-Pierrepont & Potsdam Football

11 Center Moriches & East Moriches Football-Mod.

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).

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A motion by Troy/Dinse APPROVED Christian Central Academy (6), 39 Academy Street, Williamsville, NY 14221 (Grades 7-12) as a Friend and Neighbor.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Championship Site Selection Ad Hoc Committee. Assistant Director Walter Eaton reviewed the recommendations of the committee on both the philosophy and policy framework for Championship site selection. In a motion by Putney/Troy, it was APPROVED to accept the document as presented.

Strategic Planning Committee. Chairman Pat Pizzarelli thanked the committee for their work on the proposed Strategic Plan and then reviewed the plan which was included in the meeting folders. Honorary Past President Al Doyle spoke about Charlie Stratton, a member of the Strategic Planning Committee who passed away suddenly. In a motion by Greene/DeCillis, it was APPROVED to accept the document as presented. He stated the new Strategic Plan will be mailed to member schools in September.

ORAL AND/OR PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget Committee. President Kathy Faber reviewed the 2005-2006 budget highlighting some of the aspects such as an increase of 5% in revenue, an increase of 4% in administrative expenditures, and an increase of 2% in committees and programs. She stated the projected net income for the year was $54,431. She noted the budget was approved at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Handbook Committee. Coordinator Carol Rog reported meetings were September 30, 2004, January 13, 2005, April 20, 2005 and June 22, 2005. She stated the following items were discussed at the June 22, 2005 meeting: policies at hotels regarding alcohol sale and consumption; Friends and Neighbors status; the possibility of creating a form for schools to use when they schedule out of state competition; wagering and betting on high school events; and the possibility of creating a Loyalty Rule. She announced Ron Shaw and Joanna Commander had retired from the committee and thanked them for their years of service. She welcomed Kevin Seaman who will be replacing Ron Shaw to the committee. She stated the committee welcomes any suggestions and concerns and to please forward any input to her or Executive Director Nina VanErk. The next meeting of the committee will be Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 9:30AM at the NYSPIHSAA office.

ACTION on TARGET. Mike Schwenk, Co-Chairperson reported the training for the “Life of an Athlete” program has been completed in the following Sections: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11. He reported the feedback on the program has been positive. He noted their second year project, “Effective Codes of Conduct” is ready and scheduling has begun for the 2005-2006 school year. He stated the only programs that will meet the state Chemical Health mandate during the 2005-2006 school year will be AOT programs Life of an Athlete and Effective Codes of Conduct. He noted the current “hot topics” are drug testing and steroids and that John Underwood has a program available on steroids. He suggested for information on drug testing, check www.drugfreesport.com and the 2nd quarter newsletter of The National Center for Drug Free Sport, Inc. He stated the committee would like to firm up their position statement in the Handbook regarding adult use of alcohol in the presence of student athletes. He announced the titles of their programs for the next three years: 2006-2007: “Team Leadership and Captains”; 2007-2008: “Effective Communication for the Entire Athletic Community”; and in 2008-2009: “Team Building-Putting It All Together”. He stated their next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2005.

Championship Advisory Committee. Assistant Director Walter Eaton reported the minutes of their July 14, 2005 meeting were included in the meeting packet. The following recommendations were approved: a motion by Quimby/K.Peterman
was APPROVED for the NYSPHSAA to continue to sponsor 5 classifications in the Girls Soccer State Championship Tournament; a motion by Westfall/Jubinville was APPROVED for the NYSPHSAA to continue to sponsor 5 classifications in the Boys Basketball State Championship Tournament; a motion by Whalen/Quimby was APPROVED for the NYSPHSAA to continue to sponsor 5 classifications in the Softball State Championship Tournament; a motion by Stores/Staves was APPROVED for the Regional rotation in Softball in Class B for Sections 2, 3, 7 and 10 will continue effective 2005-2006 (Section 9–4 No); a motion by Whalen/Stores was APPROVED to reduce the bench personnel (players, coaches, managers) to 20 and the support personnel to 4 in Softball; a motion by Maryjanowski/Wojtaszek was APPROVED for Boys Soccer to continue the use of 3 man officiating (diagonal) for the State Tournament effective 2005-2006; a motion by Ferenz/Ransom was APPROVED for Boys Swimming/Diving to continue to maintain the qualifying standards for entry into the State Championships; and for the Boys/Girls Bowling State Championships it was APPROVED in a motion by Stores/Westfall to schedule high school team competition for Saturday, March 4, 2006 and schedule Section team competition for Sunday, March 5, 2006 to begin prior to 12 noon (39 YES/5 NO) The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 4 yes; Section 2: 3 yes, 1 no; Section 3: 4 yes; Section 4: 4 yes; Section 5: 4 yes; Section 6: 4 yes; Section 7: 4 yes; Section 8: 4 yes; Section 9: 4 yes; Section 10: 4 yes; Section 11: 4 yes. He stated the Championship Advisory Committee recommends denial of the following requests: a motion by Nickerson/DiCesare APPROVED the denial of a 2 day State Championship tournament for Saturday and Sunday, June 2007 in Baseball (35 YES/9 NO) The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 4 yes; Section 2: 4 yes; Section 3: 4 no; Section 4: 4 no; Section 5: 4 yes; Section 6: 4 yes; Section 7: 4 yes; Section 8: 3 yes, 1 no; Section 9: 4 yes; Section 10: 4 yes; Section 11: 4 yes; a motion by DeCillis/Whalen APPROVED the denial of presenting a Finalist plaque award in Regional competition in Boys Basketball (Section 2 – 4 no). The next meeting of the Championship Advisory Committee will be Thursday, October 13, 2005 at 10:00AM.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reported on the results of the Baseball/Softball Injury Surveys conducted at the conclusion of the 2005 Spring Season relative to injuries to baseball pitcher, softball pitcher and softball third base players. He stated a total of 138 schools submitted reports. There were no reports of concussions or injuries requiring surgery. One facial injury to a varsity baseball pitcher and two facial injuries to third base players in softball were reported. He stated, from the data collected this year and last year, it can be concluded that we do not have a significant number of serious injuries to players in these positions. There is no plan to repeat the surveys next year. He noted reported catastrophic injuries in high school sports have decreased but that there were seven heat illness deaths in football in 2004 (none in NYS) and stressed that we continue to educate every coach in heat illness prevention. He stated the NFHS SMAC will be publishing a new “Suggested Guidelines for Management of Head Trauma In Sports”. He noted some of the changes include NO RETURN TO PLAY AFTER A HEAD INJURY EVEN IF SYMPTOMS SEEM TO CLEAR WITHIN 15 MINUTES. He stated after medical clearance, the return to play should follow a protocol with provisions for delayed return to play based on return of any signs or symptoms. He noted when the guidelines are finished, we will furnish each school with a laminated copy to be placed in team first aid kits. He reported he has been working with Senator Hannon, Chairman of the Senate Health Committee, on regulations for schools when students have head injuries. He stated he conducted a workshop on concussions in sports for the NYS Brain Injury Association in early June. He reported a toolkit called “Heads Up on Concussions in High School Sports” will be supplied to every school in the country by the Center of Disease Control in Atlanta and is an excellent resource for athletes, coaches, parents and doctors. He stated the Sports Medicine Handbook, 3rd Edition, will be available this fall from the NFHS and will be included on our Rule Book Order form when available. He noted the committee is working with several universities and the NCAA in an attempt to develop a resource for sports injury data which will demonstrate trends and significant concerns. He stated he will be attending the Female Athlete Triad Conference in Indianapolis on October 7-9, 2005 along with Karen Sossin, our advisor on nutrition. He reported the latest NFHS Policy Statement on Steroids along with a press release about their materials you will be receiving entitled “Make The Right Choice" and summaries of some articles on steroids he used in a recent workshop were included in the meeting folders. The following action items from the Wrestling Advisory Committee were acted upon: a motion by Dinse/Simon APPROVED the following timeline to be utilized in moving to centralized testing sites and the use of a body composition analyzer for establishing wrestling minimum weight certification (Section 8 – 1 no): 2005-2006: each Section will be encouraged to conduct pilots by utilizing central sites; 2006-2007: Centralized Assessment Sites will be mandated for the minimum weight assessment of all wrestlers (other than those utilizing hydrostatic testing); 2007-2008: A Body Composition Analyzer (such as the Tanita) will be utilized instead of the skin fold calipers in establishing the percentage of body fat and the minimum weight. A motion by Slack/Westfall APPROVED the reintroduction of the 50% rule by mandating that in the 2005-2006 season each wrestler be required to have at least one-third of his/her weigh-ins during the season at the minimum weight he/she will wrestle during the state tournament series. In 2006-2007 and after, 50% of the weigh-ins during the season must be at the minimum weight he/she will wrestle during the state tournament series.
**Modified Committee.** Coordinator Judy Salerno reported the committee met on October 15, 2004 and April 1, 2005. She noted a Modified Athletics panel presentation titled, “Building A Successful Modified Athletics Program” was given at the NYSSAA Conference in Saratoga Springs in March 2005 and was well received. She stated a handout and CD were developed and distributed at this presentation. She reported the committee would like to give a special thank you to Tom Eggleston (3), Sandy Jago (5), Pat Boggan (6) and Armand Seibert (9) for their service to the Modified Committee. She announced the meeting dates for the Modified Committee will be Friday, October 14, 2005 and Friday, April 7, 2006 at the Holiday Inn-Turf on Wolf Road in Albany.

**Officials Coordinating Federation.** Assistant Director Walter Eaton reported the OCF will be voting on a proposal to create filing fees for appeals of local grievances to the NYSPHSAA at their Fall 2005 meeting. He stated the proposal was included in the meeting folders and asked the Sections to review it. If the OCF approves the proposal, approval will be requested by the Executive Committee no later than January 2006. He reported the ad campaign to recruit more contest officials conducted during 2004-2005 was supported by all eleven Sections and sixteen State Officials Organizations and will be renewed for 2005-2006. The ads appeared in all State Championship programs. He reported the OCF and the NYSPHSAA staff are planning additional strategies to advertise the shortage of officials and the need for new candidates as well as incentives for retention, especially for newly recruited officials. The OCF congratulated Cathy Gallagher for her 20 years as Section XI’s representative and her 3 years of service as the OCF Liaison Committee’s chairperson and wished her well in retirement. He announced the Fall meeting would be held Sunday, October 23, 2005 in Albany and the Spring meeting would be held Sunday, May 7, 2006 in Syracuse.

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reported another record year with 178 schools participating and receiving the New York Good Sports Certificate. He announced the schools receiving the New York Good Sports Banners at the Central Committee Annual Banquet will be Scarsdale High School (1), Cobleskill-Richmondville High School (2), Canandaigua Academy (5) and Penfield Central School (5). He reported the Sportsmanship Committee has recommended that an updated supplement of the New York Good Sports-Sportsmanship Guide be produced and sent to member schools. The updates will be based on outstanding initiatives of award winning schools. He stated the Sportsmanship and Action on Target Committees have developed a plan for regional conferences to be held this year. “Athletics Building Character” will present ideas and potential programs related to character building initiatives through interscholastic athletic experiences. He reported the CTA Instructor’s Course has been taught during 2004-2005 in Section 7, at the Council of Administrator’s Conference in Utica and in Albany at the Annual Course Offering resulting in a total of over 125 certified instructors. He reminded the Sections that the instructor’s course can be taught in their area if 25 or more people will attend. He reported on the Hazing: Definition and Prevention Workshops that were conducted during the past year. He stated the committee is working with the founders of Parents for Good Sports to establish a PGS Leadership Training Center at SUNY Cortland. He noted on September 14th, the Cortland Staff will be trained in conducting the program and on September 15th, schools in the general Cortland area will be invited to attend a PGS Introductory Meeting. He stated if the Cortland Leadership Training Center is successful, the committee hopes to work with some other colleges in NYS, as well as other states, to replicate the model.

**PRINTED AND/OR ORAL REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STATE SPORT COORDINATORS:**

Ed Dopp, Baseball; William Higgins, Boys Basketball; Eileen Troy, Girls Basketball; Don Dennis (proxy for Wayne Inman and Kathy Ferreri), B/G Bowling; Charles Wiltse, Boys Cross Country; Marbry Gansle, Girls Cross Country/Gymnastics; Bev Hooper, Field Hockey; Dennis Sadler (proxy for Richard Cerone), Football; Larry Rose (proxy for Doug Courtright), Boys Golf; Mike Martin, Boys Gymnastics; Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey; Tom Hall, Boys Lacrosse; Bob Christenson (proxy for Jacquie Gow), Girls Lacrosse; Charlie Tacke (proxy for George Hathaway), Riflery; Dennis O'Brien, Boys Skiing; Bob Underwood (proxy for Walter Dyer), Girls Skiing; Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer; Charles Goehrung, Girls Soccer; Cathy Allen, Softball; Roger Bell, Boys Swimming; Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming; Kristin Fullam (proxy for Joe Thyroff and Chris Horgan), B/G Tennis: Dan Doherty, Girls Track & Field (proxy for Don Sauer-Boys Track & Field); Oscar Jensen, Boys Winter Track; Dave Hennessey, Girls Winter Track; Judith Hartmann, Boys Volleyball; Peggy Seese (proxy for Patti Perone), Girls Volleyball; Don DeBadts, Wrestling.

**Boys Lacrosse.** The Boys Lacrosse Committee Meeting will be held January 21, 2006 at 10AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

A motion by Troy/Simon to receive all Sport Coordinator reports with commendation was **APPROVED.**
**State Education Department.** Kent Gray congratulated Pat Pizzarelli on the new Strategic Plan. He also congratulated the Association on their successful year. He thanked the Association for putting information regarding the revised Selective Classification document in the Spring *Scholastic Athletics*. He stated the new Selective Classification revised document and AED information will be included in the updated NYSAAA Handbook. He thanked Assistant Director Lloyd Mott for his participation on the Coaching Certification Review Committee. He noted he has been working on updating a new providers list and a list of the current instructors who will be sent the new outlines and resource lists. He stated he was pleased that the SED will be looking at amending the Commissioner’s Regulation Rule.

**New York State Association of Athletic Administrators.** Bob Stulmaker, President, announced their annual conference titled, “It’s About the Kids” will be held March 15-18, 2006 in Saratoga. He stated the NYSAAA is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and in 2007 will be celebrating its 25th anniversary of its first conference. He announced their Fall meeting is scheduled for October 16 and 17 in Saratoga and their Winter meeting is scheduled for January 22 and 23 in Saratoga. He noted their leadership training and certification program continues to grow and is greatly accepted. He reported their Association in conjunction with the NYSPHSAA will be hosting a workshop for athletic administrators and sport coordinators in November. He thanked the NYSPHSAA for their support and partnership and stated they were looking forward to another great year.

**New York State Council of Administrators.** Tom Stewart, President, announced their annual conference with the theme of “Living the Vision” is scheduled for October 2-4, 2005 at the Riverside Clarion in Rochester. He stated conference information is located on their website, [www.nysahperd.org/coa](http://www.nysahperd.org/coa). He noted a mailing will also be sent out. He reported scholarships will be available this year in each of the zones throughout the state which will allow a representative from each zone to attend the conference for free. He highlighted the presenters and workshops that will be taking place at the conference.

**NYSAAHPERD.** Executive Director Colleen Corsi stated their Association is doing great and that they have 7 full time employees. She noted they had received a grant from the State Education Department in the amount of $350,000 for each year for the past five years. She reported this year they had received two additional grants. One grant was in the amount of $1,000,000 to run the School Health Index Incentive Program. She stated if a school district fills out and submits the form to them, they can receive $1,000. If the school district goes one step further and creates an action plan and submits the plan, the school district could receive up to $6,000. A second grant in the amount of $150,000 for each of the next 5 years was received to host the healthy schools leadership institute. She announced a major initiative for the 2005-2006 school year is to have a major membership campaign and asked the athletic directors for help in communicating to their staff the value of professional development. She noted their annual conference will be held November 9-12, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency in the Riverside Convention Center, Rochester. She reviewed her Association’s involvement in the revision of the middle level education policy and regulatory review initiatives. On behalf of their Association, she extended sincere congratulations to all the extraordinary professionals who were being inducted into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame, especially Mickey Kasper who has been her mentor for many years.

**GROUP MEETING REPORTS**

**Chief School Officers.** Vito DiCesare reported the group felt it needed more information on the Friend and Neighbor status to determine if it should be maintained at the high school level. They felt it should be concentrated on the middle school level. On the issue of Intentional Retention, the group does not believe it is a statewide problem although they do think that now with the new state regents exams and requirements, 5 year programs will probably need to be reviewed. The group felt the Sections should be allowed to continue to determine the way they qualified teams/individuals for the State Championships. They felt the Code of Conduct should still be required in order to participate at Regional and State Championships. On the issue of mergers, they felt the language was clear. On ways the Association can better serve its membership, the group felt additional media to promote the value of athletics should be provided. They also felt a review at the state level should begin of the State Championships becoming self sustained. They recommended doing away with the Federation championships.
**Section Presidents.** Gordie Daniels reported their group felt the Friends & Neighbor status needed to be monitored by the Sections as to who the schools will play and and making sure the rules are followed. They felt Sections should deny schools Friends & Neighbors status if they do not comply. On the issue of Intentional Retention, they stated more and more students are requiring 5 years to graduate, however they recommend that four years of eligibility be maintained. The group felt the issue for qualifying into State Championship events be consistent throughout the Sections was a good idea in theory, but there are too many variables and this should be referred back to the Sections and Sports Coordinators. The group supported the requirement of the Code of Conduct at Regional and State Championships. They were not in support of a non public school merging with more than one public school in the same sport. On ways the Association can better serve its membership the group stated they were pleased to hear they were going to be getting monthly updates by email from the State office. They also asked that the questions being discussed in the group meetings be sent to the moderator in advance so that he can inform the group of the topics and they can research them and have meaningful discussion. They felt it should be emphasized throughout the state the importance of athletics in education. The group was not comfortable with Sunday play before 12:00 noon for State Championships. They also were not in support with the State Championships being held the second week in June because of the impact on the academic performance of the competitors.

**Athletic Program Representatives.** Laura Orticelle reported the group felt there was no need to maintain the Friends and Neighbors designation at the high school level because there is an avenue for competition for them. They felt this designation provides cheap competition because these schools do not have to join their own athletic association. They suggested before prohibition of Friends and Neighbors at the high school level, we might want to see how many schools belong to their own association and how many would join their own association if we abolish the designation. They felt the Friend and Neighbor status at the middle schools level should remain. On the issue of Intentional Retention, the group felt this was an isolated problem but stated we need to make it clear that IEP recommendations only govern the school day, not extra curricula’s. They felt there needs to be consistency with regard to qualifying for the State Championships and consensus was to allow each Section to do what is best for its own Section. The group felt the requirement of the Code of Conduct at Regional and State Championships should continue, that it is an educational tool and presents a written policy that can be fallen back on. They felt mergers should not be problematic because the procedure is simple and straightforward. They also felt that non public schools should not be able to establish more than one combined program in the same sport with a variety of schools. On ways the Association can better serve its membership, they suggested a lifetime pass to attend State Championships be issued to Central Committee members who have served 8 years upon their retirement.

**Section Secretaries/Treasurers.** Greg Ransom reported their meeting started with Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presenting on the new sanctioning rules and the classification process the Association has put in place whereby the Section office is responsible for inputting the schools BED’s numbers. He stated the group felt the Friend and Neighbors status at the high school level could be eliminated with no issues. Their only concern was that parochial and independent schools could join another association. On the issue of Intentional Retention, they felt it was not a major issue at this time. The group felt the procedure for qualifying into State Championship events should remain a Section issue. They felt the requirement of the Code of Conduct at Regional and State Championships was important and should continue. Their discussion on mergers centered on Section 3’s modified merger issue. On ways the Association can better serve its membership, they suggested the Association reconsider increasing the transportation reimbursement; provide more security at hotels during the State Championships, review the issue of coaches having to pay to get into State Championships and look at the increasing cost of sending athletes to the State Championship banquets. They also asked the Association to consider increasing the class size for the Hall of Fame for a period of time to get more deserving people in. For the good of the order, he reported the basketball committee made a request to the Section Executive Directors to consider 3-man officiating at the State quarterfinals, semifinals and finals. He stated no action took place, but the group did take the recommendation.

**Section Presidents.** Mike McCarthy reported the group felt maintaining Friend and Neighbor status at the high school level was not much of an issue in upstate schools, but was an issue in the Long Island area and some downstate schools. They felt it was ok to maintain Friend and Neighbor status at the middle school level. On the issue of Intentional Retention, the group felt there should be no entitlement to extended eligibility. Only documented injury and extenuating hardship issues should be considered. They felt qualifying into State Championship events should be a Section prerogative. The group felt the requirement of the Code of Conduct at Regional and State Championships should continue. They also felt athletic directors should email the site coordinator indicating that the codes had been signed and approved at the local school level so in case they were forgotten, they could be produced within a certain time frame. On the issue of mergers, the group felt they were not a problem in general, but did not support permitting a nonpublic school to establish more than one combined program in the same sport with a variety of schools. For the good of the order, the group felt legal counsel
should be extended to help Sections at times when they are fighting rules that have been adopted at the State level. Also, they expressed a concern with the increasing cost of insurance.

**Past Presidents.** Jim Tolle reported the group felt that with the growth and development of the Catholic High School Association and the Independent Schools Association, there does not appear to be a need for the Friend and Neighbor status at the high school level. However, since these associations do not have a modified membership, they felt Friend and Neighbor status should be maintained at the middle school level. He stated the group had heard that Intentional Retention does exist but was not aware of the extent. The group felt the procedures for qualifying into State Championships should be consistent throughout the Sections and if there should be any changes, it should go through the proper channels. They felt the requirement of the Code of Conduct at Regional and State Championships should continue. The group is not in favor of multi school mergers and strong urge all the Sections to scrutinize their proposed mergers. They also recommend the topic of mergers be noted in the index of the Handbook. He stated a concern of the Past Presidents is that the PSAL plays many more basketball games than our public schools which creates unfair competition for our teams that compete against PSAL teams in the Federation Championships. They requested the NYS Federation make every effort to hold the PSAL responsible for reporting their maximum number of games to the Federation and the State Education Department.

**State Sports Coordinators.** Dennis Sadler reported the group recommended the current procedure to maintain Friend and Neighbor status at the high school level should continue. On the issue of Intentional Retention, the group felt there was no problem and the current procedures should stay in place. The group felt the procedure for qualifying into State Championship events should be the Sections responsibility and recommended to continue with the present procedure. They felt the requirement of the Code of Conduct at Regional and State Championships was important and should be kept. They suggested a separate form be used for those who did not want to have their picture taken. On the issue of mergers, they recommended the current procedure continue. They were not in favor of a non public school being permitted to establish more than one combined program in the same sport with a variety of schools. For the good of the order, they recommended communications continue to be received in email form.

A motion by Heimer/Troy to receive all group meeting reports with commendation was **APPROVED.**

A motion by Virgil/T.Stewart to adjourn at 5:05PM Thursday afternoon was **APPROVED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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