SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
AUGUST 2010 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4  Approved May 2010 Executive Committee minutes and an amendment to the May 2009 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
2. P5  Approved Friend and Neighbor approvals will be granted for a two year period beginning September and ending August 31.
3. P6  Approved the 2010-2011 Section Sports Seasons with a change in Section 2’s wrestling start date to November 8.
5. P6-7 Approved taking back to the Sections for discussion and review the drafts of the new Fact Finders Process Guidelines and the Arbitration Process Guidelines.
6. P8  Approved the use of a Championship Gate List for team sports for the Fall State Championships semi-finals and finals.
7. P10 Approved a change in the Transfer Appeal Guidelines under the Educational Waiver that academic advantage is limited to courses that can be taught in public schools beginning in the 2011-2012 school year.
8. P10 Approved that all Sections will establish a process for the review of the classification of all non public and Charter Schools in their Section.
9. P11 Approved a maximum of 2 two-day dual meet tournaments will be allowed during the season in Wrestling.
10. P11 Approved to continue the site rotation in Cross Country.
11. P12 Defeated a motion to table the discussion on a one year extension of the fiscal concerns recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year.
12. P12 Approved to postpone discussion on the one year extension of the fiscal concerns recommendations to the December 2010 Executive Committee meeting.
13. P12 Approved the start date for Modified Boys and Girls Soccer will be August 23, 2010 in Section 6.
14. P12 Approved it will be the individual Sections’ option to wear sectional uniforms when participating in Individual sports at the State Championships.
15. P15 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: The Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs (2), All Saints Academy (4), New Life Christian School (6), Archbishop Walsh Academy (6), St. Mary’s School (7), Davis Renov Stahler Yeshiva High School (8).
16. P16 Approved a deferred compensation agreement for Nina Van Erk’s retirement to satisfy all legal requirements needed by the IRS and our auditors.
17. P16 Approved closing nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President in the officer rotation.
18. P16 Approved Stephen Broadwell, Principal Representative of Section 7, as 2nd Vice President in the officer rotation.
19. P17 Approved in Boys Soccer that a 4th official be used in the Semi-Finals and Finals of the State Tournament as a two-year experiment and to report back to the CAC with an evaluation.
20. P18 Approved sending out clarification to all sport official groups and member schools regarding the new NFHS concussion rule.
21. P18 Approved amending and adding language to the Officials Agreement.
22. P24 Approved all Group Meeting reports.
23. P24 Approved adjournment.

POSTPONED ITEMS – DECEMBER MEETING
One year extension of the fiscal concerns recommendations.
NEW YORK STATE
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Holiday Valley Resort - Ellicottville August 3-4, 2010

The Central Committee was called to order by President Patrick Pizzarelli at 2:35PM. A moment of silence was held for Stephanie Putney who passed away in July. She was the Section X Female Athletic Representative on the Executive Committee for 10 years and also served in Section X for a number of years. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced members of the Central Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**
- President Patrick Pizzarelli
- First Vice President Mark Ward
- Second Vice President Eileen Troy
- Past President Ronald Black
- Executive Director Nina Van Erk
- Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri
- Treasurer Kathleen Higle
- Counsel Renee James
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Patrick Calnon
- Kathryn Faber
- Karen Lopez
- Richard McGuire
- Dr. James Tolle
- Dean Veenhof

**Section Representatives**

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**Section Presidents**
- Eileen Troy (2), Andy Lutz (4), Diane Munro (6), John Landro (9), Paul Harrica (10)

**Section Secretaries & Treasurers**
- Jen Simmons (1), Doug Kenyon (2), Fred Gula (2), Roger Seward (2), John Rathbun (3), Ben Nelson (4), Ed Stores (5), Jackie Meyer (5), Timm Slade (6), Loren Ratajczak (6), Karen Lopez (7), Todd Heimer (8), Bob Thabet (9), Jim Osborne (9), Carl Normandin (10), Martha Slack (10), Ed Cinelli (11), Donald Webster (11)

**State Sports Coordinators**
- Ed Dopp, Baseball
- Eileen Troy, Basketball-G
- Kathy Ferreri, Bowling-G
- Mike Andrew, Soccer-B
- Charles Goehring, Soccer-G
- Peter Hugo, Swimming/Diving-B
Wayne Inman, Bowling-B (Tues. only)                                      Diane Hicks-Hughes, Swimming/Diving-G
Marbry Gansle, Cross Country-G                                             Selina DeCicco-Tennis-B
Charles Witse, Cross Country-B                                             Chris Horgan, Tennis-G
Bev Hooper, Field Hockey                                                    Dan Doherty, Track & Field-G
Doug Courtright, Golf-B                                                     Don Sauer, Track & Field-B
Jamie Harter, Golf-G (Wed. only)                                            Judy Hartmann, Volleyball-B
Mark DeFilippo, Ice Hockey (6)                                             Patti Perone, Volleyball-G
Liz Parry, Asst. Coordinator G. Lacrosse                                   Oscar Jensen, Winter Track-B
Tom Hall, B. Lacrosse                                                      Dave Hennessy, Winter Track-G
Dennis O’Brien, Skiing-B                                                    Marty Sherman, Wrestling
Bob Underwood, Skiing-G

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA                                       Standing Committees
Ron Woodruff-NYS Coaches Assoc.                                           Robbie Greene, Handbook Coordinator
Tom McGuire, Pupil Benefits Plan                                          Patti Murphy, Life of an Athlete Coordinator
Trish Kocialski, NYS Education Department                                 James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator
                                           Coordinator

Guests
Greg Ransom (1)                                                            Harrica/Redmond
Michael McCarthy (2)                                                       Amendment: The expiration date should be May 2011 for the following Friend and Neighbor schools: Annunciation School (1), Horace Mann School (1), School of the Holy Child (1), The Montfort Academy (1) and Rochester School for the Deaf (5).
Robert Barraco (3)                                                        
Joe Sposato (5)                                                            
Bob Dinse (6) (Tues. only)                                                 

A motion to approve the May 2010 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written and an amendment to the May 2009 Executive Committee Meeting minutes carried. 

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Pat Pizzarelli

- Introduced Mike Wendt, President of Section 6, who welcomed the group to the Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville.
- Thanked the staff for their work on behalf of the student-athletes in New York State.
- Thanked Nina for all she does for the Association and the student-athletes.
- Thanked the Association office secretaries for their assistance during the past two years.
- Thanked the Section Committee Representatives for work well done on behalf of their Sections and student-athletes.
- Reviewed accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2009-2010 school year.

1st Vice President Mark Ward

- Welcomed everyone to Ellicottville, NY.
- Attended the NFHS summer meeting in July in San Diego. It was a great opportunity with great workshops and he found that state athletic associations throughout the country are all dealing with similar issues.

2nd Vice President Eileen Troy

- Thanked Sections 6, 7 and 9 for their hospitality while she attended their athletic council meetings.
- She attended 10 State Championships (Girls Tennis, Football, Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Wrestling, Track & Field, Girls Lacrosse and the Federation Basketball Tournament) and praised and complimented the sport
Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of May through August and presented the following items of interest.

- **Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops** - The NYSPHSAA requires all school district athletic directors to attend an annual mandatory NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop to be eligible for all sectional, regional and state competition. Workshops are scheduled in each of the 11 sections along with a centrally located workshop at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham. Athletic directors may attend the workshop that best fits their schedule. If additional school personnel wish to attend the workshops, please contact the Section Executive Director to inquire about available space. A list of the dates, times and places of the 2010-2011 workshops was included in the meeting folders. The staff has developed a “Protect Your Eligibility” pamphlet to be distributed at the workshops. A copy of the pamphlet was included in the meeting folders and will also be available on the Association website for additional duplication.

- **2010-2012 NYSPHSAA Handbook** - A copy of the new 2010-2012 NYSPHSAA Handbook was included with the meeting folders. It will also be available on line. The most recent changes are shaded to indicate the changes that have been made since the printing of the 2008-2010 red handbook. The Handbook will be updated after each NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting so the most current information is available to the membership.

- **Going Green Initiative** – Throughout the year, the NYSPHSAA staff will be making a concerted effort to reduce the amount of paper consumed. Beginning with the December NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting, the printing of meeting folders will be limited or eliminated. Committee members will be able to request a folder be produced for them if they so desire.

- **Friend and Neighbor** – There are times when the status of a Friend and Neighbor school expires mid-year. This causes problems for our member schools who wish to schedule contests with the Friend and Neighbor schools. This also results in the need for immediate action by Sections and retro-active action by the Executive Committee.

A motion to approve all Friend and Neighbor approvals will be granted for a two year period, September 1 – August 31 carried. **Carbone/Maney**

- **Conflict of Interest Statement** – At the December 2009 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting, the Association adopted a Conflict of Interest Statement. The purpose of this policy is to protect the interest of the NYSPHSAA when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer, committee member, agent or employee of the NYSPHSAA or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. Everyone was asked to complete the Conflict of Interest Statement included in the meeting folders and return them to Sandy Schanck.

- **NYSPHSAA Passes** – New two year NYSPHSAA passes are being distributed to current volunteers serving on NYSPHSAA committees. Due to the lack of a current address, those individuals whose service with the Association has ended and have qualified for a pass, may request a new pass by contacting the Association office.

- **Section IV** – Richfield Springs Central School has been approved as a member of Section IV. They had previously been a member of Section III.

- **Legislative Action Update** - Nina and Kevin Banes met with a number of legislators during the last few months on topics ranging from funding for Concussion Education and the Duration of Competition regulation. A summary of these meetings and future plans for our work with the legislature will be provided in Mr. Banes’ report.

- **CSIET Advisory List** - A link to the 2010-2011 Advisory List is available on our website [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org).

- **Directory Information** - The 2010-2011 Directory Information form included in the meeting folders needs to be completed and returned by September 10, 2010.

- **Central Committee Appointments** - The following members of the Central Committee have been selected to represent their respective sections for a four year term expiring in 2014:

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Section 10  Mark Passamont  Principal Representative  
Section 11  Lynn Schwartz  CSO Representative  

New Central Committee members welcomed were:  
Section 2  Chuck Abba  Principal Representative (2012)  
Section 3  Joseph Rotella  CSO Representative (2012)  
Section 7  TBA  Principal Representative (2013)  
Section 11  John Dolan  Principal Representative (2013)  

- **Section Sports Seasons**  
A motion to approve the 2010-2011 Section Sports Seasons with a change in Section 2’s wrestling start date to November 8 carried.  
**Harrica/Carboine**  

- **NFHS Appointments** - The following representatives have recently been appointed to NFHS Committees:  
  Diane Hicks-Hughes – Chairperson of the Swimming and Diving Rules Committee  
  Scott Stuart – Ice Hockey Rules Committee  

- **Future Meeting Dates** –  
  **Executive Committee:**  
  December 5-6, 2010 –Holiday Inn-Wolf Road, Albany  
  Sunday – 2:30PM to 5:00PM  Monday – 9:00AM to conclusion  
  May 6-7, 2011 – TBA – Syracuse/Saratoga  
  **Central Committee:**  
  August 2-4, 2011 – High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid (7) (Tuesday – Thursday)  

**Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker**  
**2009-2010 State Championships**  
- A summary as of July 25, 2010 of the Championship Financial Report and a comparison to previous years was included in the meeting folders.  
- Conference Medal/Trophy Co. Replica Plaque program returned $336.00 from the sales of 112 replicas of the NYSPHSAA award. Royalties totaling $8,997.00 have been received in the 11 years of this program.  
- Emergency measures (crowd control and AED) were effective at all 2009-2010 State Championships and will continue to be in place for 2010-2011.  

**2010-2011 State Championships**  
- A master schedule as approved by the Executive Committee in December 2009 was included in the meeting folders.  
- A motion to approve the following 2010-2011 State Championship site changes carried:  
  Boys Swimming & Diving  Nassau Aquatic Center (8)  
  Boys/Girls Skiing  Whiteface, Mt. Van Hoevenberg, Lake Placid (7)  
  Boys/Girls Bowling  Strike N Spare Lanes, Syracuse (3)  

- A list of 2010-2011 National Exam Dates, showing championship date conflicts was included in the meeting folders.  
- Future Dates/Sites of state championships planned for 2010-2011 and beyond was included in the meeting folders. An approval vote for the 2011-2012 schedule is scheduled for the December 2010 Executive Committee meeting.  

**State Sports Coordinators**  
- State Sports Coordinators with appointments/reappointments scheduled during 2010-2011 are: Girls Basketball, Softball, Girls Outdoor Track & Field, Football, Boys Lacrosse and Boys Soccer.  
- The annual meeting for the State Sports Coordinators, as required by the NYSPHSAA Constitution, was held as an extension of the Central Committee Group meeting on Wednesday, August 4. The Sports Coordinators manual has been updated and was distributed at this meeting. Copies for Section Executive Directors were also provided. Other copies are available upon request.  

**Liaison to OCF**  
- A Section has requested a review of the Fact Finding and Arbitration process presently in place. The process was reviewed with representatives from the Public Employees Relation Board (PERB), NYS United Teacher Association (NYSUTA) and the American Arbitration Association (AAA) who felt we have a good solid process but did present
alternative procedures for consideration. A copy of the present process and a draft of a new process were included in the meeting folders.

A motion to approve taking back to the Sections for discussion and review the drafts of the new Fact Finders Process Guidelines and the Arbitration Process Guidelines for a possible vote at the December Executive Committee meeting carried. O’Brien/Gula

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

- The Scholar/Athlete Team Award program had concluded its 19th year with record participation totals.
- A list of the Spring 2010 Scholar/Athlete State Champions and award presenters was included in the meeting folders.
- Thank you to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 15th year of sponsorship.

School of Distinction

- 2009-2010 School of Distinction winners are: The Ursuline School (1), Christian Brothers Academy (2), Harley Allendale Columbia HS (5), Albion HS (6), Clarence HS (6), Wilson HS (6), Starpoint HS (6), Farmingdale HS (8), Garden City HS (8), Jericho HS (8), Massapequa HS (8), Paul D. Schreiber HS (8), Heuvelton HS (10), Half Hollow Hills West HS (11), Half Hollow Hills East HS (11), Smithtown West HS (11), Smithtown East HS (11), Sayville HS (11).
- Thank you to Lee’s Trophies Co., Schenectady, NY for sponsoring the awards.
- 2010-2011 instructions and application forms are posted on the NYSFHSA website.
- 2009-2010 Scholar/Athlete and School of Distinction Record Book was available for review at the Central Committee meeting.

NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association

- 2010-2011 officers are: President: Donal Buckley, CHSAA; Vice President: Bob Stulmaker, PHSAA; Secretary: MJ Quigley, AISAA; Treasurer: Nina Van Erk, PHSAA; and Executive Secretary: Walter Eaton.
- 2010-2011 meeting schedule is as follows: Fall: September 30, 2010; Winter: January 13, 2011; Spring: May 16, 2011
- Federation Basketball Tournament will be held March 25, 26, 27, 2011 at the Times Union Center, Albany (2).

NFHS Student Leadership Conference

- Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker attended the NFHS Student Leadership Conference on July 15-18, 2010 in Indianapolis along with Murphee Hayes, Student Leadership Advisory Coordinator and the Athletic Administrator at Whitney Point High School (4).
- Student leaders selected from our member schools to attend were: Samuel DiMascio (grade 11)-Whitney Point (4); Korey Gillen (grade 11)-Keshequa (5); Brian Hickey (grade 10)-Shaker (2); Ryan O’Rourke (grade 11)-Tappan Zee (1); Kendall Harter (grade 11)-Horseheads (4); Jessica Magnotta (grade 11)-Harrison (1).
- A thought/suggestion that came as a result of the NFHS Student Leadership Conference was to have Section Community Service competitions.
- This was the last year of the NFHS Student Leadership Conference.
- Thanked Murphee Hayes for her assistance.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Coaching Education Committee

- The Committee has finalized a blended Principles and Philosophy course that includes the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching. The NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course is offered on-line.
- SED expects to approve this blended course by the end of the summer and then it can be taught starting in the Fall.
- In order for an instructor to teach the blended course, they must have completed the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course.
- The NFHS Coaching Education Committee has put together an outstanding group of courses that athletic administrators might find helpful to the coaches on their staff. They include Teaching and Modeling Behavior, Teaching Sport Skills, AACCA Cheerleading Safety, Concussion Management and other individual courses.

Championship Programs

- A new feature entitled “Where are They Now” will be added to all of our championship programs. Sport Coordinators, athletic administrators, coaches, spectators and officials will be able to enter biographical data for individuals that have participated in our State Championships in the past. Information will be entered through our
website. There will be a deadline for each season to submit any information for the programs.

- Championship programs will also have a photo gallery of previous championships held by the NYSPHSAA. Individuals will be able to send the association pictures from previous championships through a separate email account. Photographs from our corporate sponsor, MaxPreps will also be used. The proper process to enter the information for the programs will be available on our website.

**NYSPHSAA Championship Events**

- In an effort to have better accountability for awards and entrance into our championships, a Championship Gate List for all of our events has been developed. The list includes the number of athletes and bench personnel a school is bringing. It will also include a maximum of eight slots for school personnel to gain entrance into a championship. Any school involved in our State Championship will be required to send the gate list to the NYSPHSAA office two days prior to the championship. It will then be approved by the NYSPHSAA staff and forwarded to the championship site.

A **motion to approve** the use of a Championship Gate List for team sports for the Fall State Championships semi-finals and finals carried. Harrica/Lopez

**Classification of Schools**

- Instructions for submitting the High School Building BEDS numbers for all of our member schools will be sent to the Section offices the beginning of September. The Section offices are asked to forward these instructions to all member schools as a reminder to submit their BEDS numbers in October.
- The deadline for Section offices to input their BEDS numbers is November 12, 2010.
- The Association office will review the submissions and will send them back to the Sections for any corrections.
- At the December Executive Committee meeting, the classification numbers will be presented for approval for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Coaching Clinics**

- The 2009-2010 coaching clinics were very successful.
- In an effort to avoid cancellation of a clinic, we have partnered with some of our sponsors and have combined some of the clinics.
- A tentative schedule for the 2010-2011 Coaches Clinics was included in the meeting folders.

**Assistant Director Joe Altieri** reported on his attendance at various meetings, championships and conferences during the months of May through August.

- **Spring Championship Programs** provided a net loss of $3,579 due to program printing expenses.
- **Championship Programs** for 2009-2010 showed a profit of $18,616, the highest ever, due to increased income from advertising.
- **Championship Media/Broadcasting.**
  - The Association saw revenues of $18,575 for championship radio and internet broadcasts and $59,675 for championship TV broadcasts in 2009-2010.
  - We finished our first year of sponsorship with Time Warner and due to the significant contribution they make for Rights Fees for our championship broadcasts, we are now over $77,000 in TV, radio and internet revenue for Rights Fees.
  - Time Warner Cable provided live TV broadcasts of the Football Semis and Finals, Boys Basketball Finals, Girls Basketball Finals (broadcast for the first time ever), Boys Lacrosse Finals and Girls Lacrosse Finals.
- **Vendor/Souvenir Sales** were reviewed for 2006 through 2010. The significant increase in total annual income from 2008-2009 to 2009-2010 is largely due to the bidding process the Association has in place. The Association eclipsed the $150,000 mark in souvenir sales for the first time ever this year.

**Online Ticket Sales**

- Through our partnership with TicketLeap, the Association sold 301 online tickets in the spring which generated an extra $301 on top of standard ticket sales for tournaments thanks to the approval of a $1 convenience fee for online sales.
- Boys Lacrosse generated over 300 online tickets sold. Girls Basketball sold over 200 tickets online.

**Corporate Sponsorships**

- **US Marines** - We have received a verbal agreement that the Marines will return as a sponsor for 2010-2011, however it will be at a lower level due to budget cutbacks. Final commitment and details will follow at the December meeting.
• **American Dairy Association** - We have received a verbal agreement for a three-year partnership at the “Platinum” level, an increase from the “Silver” level sponsorship we had for 2009-2010. ADA will sponsor the “Protect Your Eligibility” brochure printed for the AD workshops this fall.

• **CSEA** - We have received a verbal agreement for a one-year partnership at the “Bronze” level sponsorship for the 2010-2011 school year. This would be the 8th consecutive year CSEA would sponsor NYSPHSAA at the “Bronze” level. We are also in the process of determining the finalists and winner of the first ever Excelsior Award, an award created and presented by NYSPHSAA and CSEA.

• **Holiday Inn** - We have received a verbal agreement for a two-year partnership at the “Silver” level sponsorship. Due to our partnership with the Holiday Inn this year, we generated approximately $18,000 in sponsorship and advertising revenue from Holiday Inn hotels since September.

• A listing of current NYSPHSAA corporate sponsors and their level of sponsorships was included in the meeting folders.

**Media**

• **Media Credentials** - Requests for media credentials for all our state tournaments can be done by visiting our website and accessing the online request form.

**Public Relations/Marketing**

• Press releases have been distributed statewide for the following: Sportsmanship Promotion Award winners, Hall of Fame inductions, new NYSPHSAA Officers (copy included in the meeting folders), and the request for media credentials being available online.

**Treasurer Kathy Higle** reviewed the budget stating the financial condition of the Association is strong.

**Financials**

• The Association should finish the year $100,000 better than budget due to increase in the investment/interest revenue and sponsorship revenues.

• Post retirement health benefits will be over budgeted levels in order to move closer to preferred actuarial computations. The revenue from investments is being used to match the expense increase.

**Audit**

• We received a clean opinion from our auditors, Marvin & Co., for 2007-2008. Our only management comment recommended hiring an actuary to estimate our post retirement health benefits. This can be seen as an unnecessary annual expense as the Treasurer already takes an actuarial approach to the calculation of the benefit estimate. Copies of the audited financial statements are available.

**Dues**

• Dues did not increase for the 2009-2010 school year but will increase $30 to $780 per district and $.03 to $.83 for each student over 300 students in grades 7-12 for the 2010-2011 school year. Invoices were sent out in May.

• Dues for 2011-2012 will be discussed at the December Executive Committee meeting. She pointed out that the enrollment dues are based upon grades 7-12 and has decreased almost 5% from 2003 levels and is anticipated to drop further.

**IRS 990 Report**

• All committee members were sent an electronic copy of our IRS return 990 Report.

• The IRS is placing special emphasis on the governance of non-profit organizations. Part of this emphasis is on the active, engaged role of the Board of Directors; in our case, the Central Committee. She encouraged everyone to read the 990 Report and the Auditor’s Report and contact her for questions or comments.

**Counselor Renee James**

**Title IX**

• Reported Title IX continues to pursue complaints against school districts and emphasized that if this happens in your district or Section to please contact her or Nina because they want to be kept informed and be involved.

• Currently there is a Title IX issue where a girl wants to participate on a boy’s baseball team. She is not allowed to participate because the school district offers softball. She stated the Office of Civil Rights does not distinguish between the Commissioner’s Regulations which we cannot change and our rules and regulations which may be consistent with but different than the Commissioner’s Regulations. She continues to work with OCR and will keep us informed.

• She reported on a 95 page decision in regards to Title IX and Cheerleading. She stated it very clearly laid out what cheerleading needs to have in place to be considered a sport under Title IX. She will provide a written report on
the decision to the Ad Hoc Cheerleading Committee and to anyone else who would like it.

Streaming Rights
- Reported Wisconsin received a very good decision regarding exclusive streaming rights. The issue was that they had a contract in place for exclusive streaming rights of their championships. A newspaper that was streaming live over the internet would not stop and sued them. The decision stated the athletic association does not violate the 1st Amendment when it enters into a contract for exclusive streaming rights.

Concussion Management
- Reported the NFHS has a Concussion Management rule that has been adopted. Stated Lloyd Mott and the Concussion Management Team have been working on getting their policies and guidelines adopted and that they should be available by the fall for all member schools to use.

Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes (given by Executive Director Nina Van Erk)
- Reported on a bill introduced to eliminate the Commissioner of Education’s Age 19 Eligibility Rule and Duration of Competition Rule for students with an IEP. The intent of the bill is to give special needs students the opportunity to participate in high school athletics. The Association opposed the bill because it would create an inequitable system for certain students. The Association was also concerned that this may put a younger student athlete at a physical disadvantage if a waiver is provided to an adult student. Another concern was that it would create added expense for districts that would be forced to appeal the waiver of a special needs student if there was reason for such an appeal. The Association was successful in preventing the bill from moving out of the Assembly Education Committee after sharing these concerns with the Assembly Education Chair who agreed to hold the bill to allow for further discussion to take place. The Senate also held the bill to allow for discussion to take place. The NYS Education Department passed it as an emergency measure on July 27. The SED is scheduled to vote on a permanent waiver of the program in October. Nina encouraged the committee members to write to their legislators with their concerns regarding this bill.
- Reported the Association has been working with the Legislature and Governor’s office on the concussion management issue. Several concussion management bills were introduced during the 2010 legislative session but there was concern with some of the language. The Association is working closely with Senator William Stachowski (D-Buffalo) who has drafted a comprehensive concussion management bill that we can support. The Senate passed the bill but it has failed to move out of the Assembly. The Association will continue to work with the legislature and governor’s office to ensure a concussion management bill is enacted that protects all students.

AD HOC COMMITTEES
Transfer Committee. Jennifer Simmons, Executive Director-Section 1 reviewed the minutes from the May 17, 2010 meeting highlighting:
- Each Section representative had the opportunity to summarize the process their Section used to determine the eligibility of transfer students.
- Reported there was much discussion by the committee regarding the Educational Waiver in the Transfer Appeal Guidelines. It was brought up at the Central Committee meeting that the idea that an educational advantage has to be an AP course needs to be looked at. Times have changed and AP courses have to be looked at as an advantage to going to another school. Many schools have articulation agreements with colleges to teach college courses in the high school using high school teachers.

A motion to approve a change in the Transfer Appeal Guidelines under the Educational Waiver that academic advantage is limited to courses that can be taught in public schools beginning in the 2011-2012 school year carried. Carboine/Bullis
- Nina suggested that because of the concern about the college level courses, this issue should be discussed in the Sections and reported to their Transfer Coordinator. Then the coordinators will meet by telephone conference prior to the December Executive Committee meeting and make a recommendation regarding the college level classes.

Classification of Non Public and Charter Schools Committee. Section 1 Executive Director Jen Simmons reviewed the minutes of the May 27, 2010 meeting highlighting:
- The minutes of the June 2009 meeting were reviewed.
- Sections were asked to recap the process for classification of schools within their Section.
- The committee extensively debated the need for establishing statewide consistency in the placement of non
public and Charter Schools.

A motion to approve the committee’s recommendation that all Sections will establish a process for the review of the classification of all non public and Charter Schools in their Section carried. Cinelli/Harrica

The evaluation may include but not be limited to:

- BEDS Numbers.
- Sport Committee involvement.
- Team Rosters – including addresses and grade entering the school.
- Levels of success over a period of time no less than 2 years. Success at the League, Conference, Sectional, Regional and State levels.
- Reviews will be sport and season specific.
- Placement will be made for a two (2) year period. Mid cycle reviews may occur when the NYSPHSAA Classification cut-off numbers are changed.
- Placements will be approved according to the process established in the Section.
- Appeals will be conducted according to the process established in the Section.

Cheerleading. Bruce Quimby, Chairperson

- Reviewed the minutes from the June 28, 2010 meeting and the committee’s recommendations.
- The committee discussed the need to define the difference between competitive cheer and sideline cheer. Most thought it should be a school choice and standards and guidelines should be developed for both.
- At their next meeting, Nina will provide information from other State Associations as to when championships are held, the number of competitions permitted, interstate competition, mixed competition, how are they classified by division or classification, limitation of teams sizes and how are male athletes separated when they participate.

Championship Philosophy Committee. Karen Lopez, Co-Chair

- The Championship Philosophy Committee Report was included in the meeting folders.
- She reviewed the process the committee has taken.
- The Committee presented their recommendations to the Executive Committee at their May meeting.
- Any Sport Coordinator who had a concern with the Committee’s recommendations was given the opportunity to have a face to face meeting or a conference call with the office staff to review their concerns.
- President Pizzarelli asked for Section comment on the Philosophy recommendations:
  - Section 1: Their biggest discussion was regarding Cross Country and Swimming/Diving and a concern with the accuracy of numbers.
  - Section 2: Support the recommendations.
  - Section 3: It was discussed in their Section. They had no comment.
  - Section 4: Had a concern with Cross Country and Swimming/Diving.
  - Section 5: Have not had discussion in their Section.
  - Section 6: It was discussed in their Section.
  - Section 7: Support the recommendations.
  - Section 8: Support the recommendations.
  - Section 9: Had a concern with Cross Country and Swimming/Diving.
  - Section 10: Reported – so noted.
  - Section 11: Support the recommendations. Stated the report was well done.
- Mid October is the deadline for sport committees to submit their recommendations. The information will then be sent to Section Representatives and Executive Directors for discussion at their Athletic Council meetings. At the December Executive Committee meeting, Section representatives are asked to have their Section’s input for a possible vote. If approved, implementation will be the 2011-2012 school year.

SPORT COORDINATORS

- Wrestling. Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s recommendation requesting a change to the maximum number of contests permitted.
- Cross Country. Marbry Gansle, Girls Cross Country State Coordinator and Chuck Wiltse, Boys Cross Country
State Coordinator presented the combined Cross Country Committees’ request that they be allowed to continue the site rotation in that no substantial savings will be noted state wide with a central site. Over time, costs will be greater for most Sections.

A **motion to approve** the Cross Country Committees’ request to continue the site rotation **carried.**  
Hemstead/Harrica

**SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT**

**Section 2**: Voiced a concern regarding their officials’ situation.

**Section 3**: There was a motion and second to extend the fiscal concerns recommendations that were implemented in the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 school years for the 2011-2012 school year.

A **motion to table** the discussion on the one year extension of the fiscal concerns recommendations for the 2011-2012 school year was **defeated.**  
O’Brien/Hemstead

(The votes were cast as follows:  
Section 1: 3 no;  
Section 2: 4 yes;  
Section 3: 4 no;  
Section 4: 4 yes;  
Section 5: 3 no, 1 yes;  
Section 6: 3 yes, 1 no;  
Section 7: 4 yes;  
Section 8: 4 no;  
Section 9: 4 no;  
Section 10: 3 yes, 1 no;  
Section 11: 4 no, 24 No/19 Yes)

After much discussion, the original motion was withdrawn.

A **motion to approve** to postpone the discussion on the one year extension of the fiscal concerns recommendations to the December 2010 Executive Committee meeting so that there may be discussion on each individual fiscal concern recommendation **carried.**  
Sammons/Harrica

Nina will then arrange for a Central Committee meeting via telephone conference soon after for a possible vote.

**Section 4**: Requested an explanation of why 10 State Championships lost money. Bob Stulmaker stated that the souvenir sales for the Spring Championships had not been received at the time of the report and that in gymnastics, it was due to the bad weather. (Joe Altieri reported the revenue from the souvenir sales for the Spring Championships was approximately $39,000.)

**Section 6**: A **motion to approve** the start date for Boys and Girls Modified Soccer will be August 23, 2010 **carried.**  
Scholla/Lopez

**Section 8**: Presented Past President Jim Tolle an appreciation plaque in honor of his induction into the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame and for his years of service to Section 8.

**SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS CONCERNS AND INPUT**

A **motion to approve** it will be the individual Sections’ option to wear sectional uniforms when participating in individual sports at the State Championships **carried.**  
Normandin/Simmons

**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2010-2011 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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John Jay Cross River & North Salem
Westlake, Pleasantville & Briarcliff
Lakeland & Walter Panas

Clarkstown North & Clarkstown South

Rye & Blind Brook
Croton & Hendrick Hudson

Sleepy Hollow, Irvington & Edgemont
Haldane & Garrison
Dodson, #29, Pulski
Fermi & Pearls

All Yonker Schools

Dodson & Pearls
Fermi, Pearls, Yonkers Middle & #32
Riverside, Gorton & Lincoln
#15 & #32

#5, #23 & Scholastic

Pleasantville & Westlake
Lakeland, Walter Panas & Putnam Valley
Pleasantville, Westlake, Valhalla & Briarcliff
Roy C. Ketcham & John Jay East Fishkill

Pawling & Dover
Eastchester, Bronxville & Tuckahoe
Sleepy Hollow & Irvington
Hawthorne Cedar Knolls & Linden Hill

Ballston Spa & Burnt Hills
Berlin & New Lebanon

Canajoharie & Fort Plain

Colonie & Shaker
Gloversville & Mayfield

G. Swimming
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B/G Cross Country
Wrestling
B/G Indoor Track
Ice Hockey
Gymnastics
B/G Lacrosse
B. Golf
Track/Field

G. Swimming
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Fencing
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G. Swimming
B/G Skiing
G. Swimming
Football (Mod.)
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B/G Tennis
B/G. Swimming
Wrestling (V)
G. Lacrosse
G. Soccer (Mod.)
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B/ G Basketball (Mod.)
Baseball (Mod.)
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Guilderland & Voorheesville
Hadley-Luzerne & Lake George
Hudson Falls & South Glens Falls

Johnstown & Fonda-Fultonville
Johnstown & Wheelerville

Mohonasen & Schalmont
Mohonasen & Guilderland
St. Johnsville & Oppenheim-Ephratah

Watervliet & Loudonville Christian
Watervliet & Heatly

Clymer & Sherman
Westfield & Chautauqua Lake
Ripley & Sherman
West Valley & Ellicottville
Portville & Olean
Portville, Allegany-Limestone & Olean
Hinsdale & Franklinville
Ellicottville & Franklinville
Maritime & Tapestry
Maritime, Oracle & Tapestry
Sweet Home & Amherst
Emerson, DaVinci & Hutch Tech
OTC, City Honors & Riverside
Olmsted, Performing Arts & Bennett
MST, Seneca & Lafayette
Cassadaga Valley & Chautauqua Lake

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Moriah, Keene, Elizabethtown-Lewis & Westport
Saranac, Peru & Seton Catholic
Saranac & Peru
Keene & Westport
Saranac Lake & Beekmantown
Long Lake & Indian Lake

Newcomb & Minerva
Lake Pleasant & Wells
Chazy & Beekmantown
Seton Catholic & Northern Adirondack
Saranac & Beekmantown

B/G Swimming (All Levels)
Wrestling (JV)
G. Swimming (V, Mod.)
Swimming (Mod.)
Ice Hockey (V)
B/G Swimming/Diving (V)
B. Soccer (Mod.)
Football (Mod.)
Wrestling (Mod.)
Track (Mod.)
Baseball (Mod.)
Softball (Mod.)
B. Swimming/Diving (All Levels)
G. Swimming/Diving (V)
Ice Hockey (V)
B/G Soccer (All Levels)
B/G Basketball (All Levels)
Wrestling (All Levels)
G. Tennis (V)
G. Volleyball (All Levels)
B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.)
B. Soccer (V, Mod.)

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B/G Cross Country
G. Swimming
Football
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G. Swimming
Football
B. Swimming
G. Swimming
B. Soccer (V)
B. Gymnastics
Football
Football
Football
G. Swimming

B/G Tennis
B/G Outdoor Track & Field
B. Ice Hockey
G. Swimming
Baseball (V)
Nordic Skiing
All Varsity & Modified sports as needed
All Varsity & Modified sports as needed
All Modified sports as needed
B. Ice Hockey
Football (V, Mod.)
G. Gymnastics
Lake Placid & Saranac Lake  B. Lacrosse (Mod.)
G. Lacrosse (V)
B/G Tennis
Lake Placid & AuSable Valley  B. Ice Hockey
Lake Placid & Tupper Lake  G. Ice Hockey

9  Ellenville & Wawarsing Christian Academy  Football (All Levels)
Field Hockey (All Levels)
G. Volleyball (All Levels)
B/G Cross Country (All Levels)
B/G Indoor Track (All Levels)
B/G Basketball (All Levels)
Wrestling (All Levels)
Baseball (All Levels)
Softball (All Levels)
B/G Spring Track (All Levels)

Highland & Marlboro  G. Swimming (V)
Highland & F.D.R.  B. Swimming (V)
F.D.R. & Rhinebeck  Football (All Levels)
Fallsburg & Tri-Valley  B/G Alpine Skiing (V)
B/G Tennis (V)

11  Mattituck & Southold will no longer combine in B/G Track

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 to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried. (Expiring August 2012).

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

**Budget Committee.** 1st Vice President Mark Ward reviewed the 2010-11 budget passed at the May 2010 Executive Committee meeting.

- Highlighted the increase in annual dues. Stated that as we move forward, we will need to increase dues yearly as the increases are not generating more revenue because enrollment is decreasing.
- Highlighted the increased sponsorship revenues.
- Reported that the Association needs to recognize a deferred compensation agreement for Nina’s retirement to satisfy all legal requirements needed by the IRS and our auditors and to be able to record the liability on the balance sheet.

A motion to approve a deferred compensation agreement for Nina Van Erk’s retirement to satisfy all legal requirements needed by the IRS and our auditors carried. DeCillis/Grishman

It states, “The New York State Public High School Athletic Association is authorized to establish an unfunded, non-qualified, top half deferred compensation agreement payable from the general assets of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. and to be administered in accordance with applicable Internal Revenue Service rules for Nina Van Erk. When calculating the value of this agreement, the vested present value of her account under the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Money Purchase Plan and the New York State Teachers Retirement calculated pension payment amounts will be used to value these rights at August 31, 2010 and at each year end until retirement.”

**Budget & Finance Committee.** Past President Pat Calnon presented the report.

Reviewed the minutes of the committee’s March 20, 2010 meeting highlighting:

- The committee fully debated the topic of a dues increase. The student population is declining, thus affecting the overall yearly dues revenue. The committee referenced the auditor’s recommendation to increase dues every year because 60% of the Association’s revenue is generated by member dues. The committee recommends there should be a minimum dues increase of $30 per school district and $.03 per student for the 2011-2012 school year. He asked that this please be discussed in the Sections.

**Nominating Committee.** Past President Ron Black.

As there were no nominations from the floor for the office of 2nd Vice President in the officer rotation, a motion to approve closing nominations carried. Greene/Maney

A motion to approve Stephen Broadwell, Principal Representative of Section7, as 2nd Vice President in the officer rotation carried. Lopez/Harrica

**Modified Committee.** James Rose, Co-Coordinator, presented the report.

- The committee met on October 2, 2009 and March 25, 2010.
- Reviewed items approved during the 2009-2010 year:
  - In Modified Football with Sectional approval, schools will be allowed to use two wide receivers on opposite sides of the formation.
  - In Modified Wrestling, with Sectional/League approval, modified wrestlers who compete in two or three bouts in a contest, the time periods are either: Three 1 minute periods or 1st period – 1 minute, 2nd and 3rd
Periods – 1 ½ minutes. Also, with Sectional approval, an additional sudden victory overtime shall be permitted. Wrestlers must start in the standing position, and the period shall not exceed 30 seconds.

- In Modified Baseball/Softball, with Sectional/League approval, when the team at bat has two outs with the catcher on base, a pinch runner may be used to allow the catcher to get his/her gear on prior to the third out.
- In Modified Badminton/Tennis for the purpose of ensuring that every eligible badminton/tennis player has the opportunity to play in a match, each player may play one additional singles or doubles match per day. The individual limitations per day for badminton and tennis shall be increased to two matches per day, provided that every individual eligible player plays once before any player plays twice.
- With Sectional/League approval, up to 50% of the maximum number of games permitted for each modified level sport may be designated as scrimmages during the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years.

- Reported Judy Salerno, Modified Co-Coordinator, took part in the Spring Modified Committee meeting by phone and since that time has become more active in working with Jim to lead the Committee.

- The Fall meeting of the Modified Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 15, 2010 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office. The Spring meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 1, 2011 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Championship Advisory Committee. Jim Tolle, Chairperson, presented the report.

- Boys Soccer. Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer State Coordinator, reviewed the Boys Soccer Committee’s request to continue the use of a fourth official in the Boys State Soccer tournaments as a two-year experiment and to report back to the CAC with an evaluation.

A motion to approve in Boys Soccer that a 4th official be used in the Semi-finals and Finals of the State Tournament as a two-year experiment and to report back to the CAC with an evaluation carried. Redmond/Hunt

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 1 yes, 1 no; Section 2: 4 no; Section 3: 4 yes; Section 4: 4 yes; Section 5: 4 no; Section 6: 4 yes; Section 7: 4 no; Section 8: 4 yes; Section 9: 4 no; Section 10: 4 no; Section 11: 4 yes. 21 Yes/21 No. President Pizzarelli cast a yes vote to break the tie.)

- The Boys Lacrosse Committee will be reporting to the CAC at the November 2010 meeting regarding a proposal for the use of a Chief Bench Official at the State Tournament that will include cost saving measures.
- The Softball Committee will be reporting to the CAC at the November 2010 meeting regarding the change in the umpire rotation that will include cost saving measures.
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2010 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Life of An Athlete. Patti Murphy presented the report.

- Announced that Mike Schwenk had resigned his position as Co-Chair of the committee and thanked him for his service.
- Announced that all Sections had completed the Life of an Athlete program trainings. DVD’s from any of the 5 year programs (except Year 2) can be obtained by calling or emailing Eileen Davis at the Association office.
- Sections report they are continuing with workshops and summits for coaches and student athletes in regards to chemical health and leadership. John Underwood is available to do updates but the Sections would be responsible for his fee.
- Research is showing that there is an increase in chemical usage especially cocaine, prescription drugs and marijuana as well as supplements. The committee is looking at the research and will put together information for Athletic Directors. There will be a speaker to address these issues on the afternoon of Section 4’s AD workshop.
- Copies of the training discs have been sent to the state for approval to use in coaching certification courses.
- Would like to have their Spring meeting face to face and have suggested the AAA Conference with the understanding that the cost would be each committee member’s responsibility.
- The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, October 18, 2010 via conference call.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report highlighting the following:

Heat Index – Wind Chill Procedures

- In May 2010, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the Heat Index and Wind Chill procedures. In June, our office clarified the procedures and the proper use of the AccuWeather website. He asked to remind athletic administrators and coaches that they can find the clarifying memo and procedures on the NYSPHSAA website, www.nysphsaa.org/safety/HeatChillProcedures.asp
• He also reminded that the Heat Index and Wind Chill Procedures should be considered similar to our Thunder and Lightning policies. A practice or game does not have to be cancelled for the day if the RealFeel temperature is 96 degrees or above, and can be postponed until the RealFeel temperature is below 96 degrees. (RealFeel definition (from the AccuWeather website): The RealFeel Temperature is an index that describes what the temperature really feels like. It is a unique composite of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation and elevation on the human body, everything that affects how warm or cold a person feels.)

Concussion Management
• The NYSPHSAA office staff and Lloyd Mott have been consulting with many legislators on language in legislative bills regarding concussion management. NYSPHSAA has been educating our member schools on the topic of concussion management for the past five years. Legislation on this topic is close to becoming a reality and school districts will be required to draft a policy on concussion management. NYSPHSAA has been recommending to member schools that their Board of Education draft a policy on concussion management. The NFHS has instituted a new rule in all of their rule books that deals directly with concussion injuries. The NYSPHSAA staff would like to send out a clarifying memo to all sport official groups and member schools regarding the new NFHS concussion rule.

A motion to approve the NYSPHSAA staff send out clarification to all sport official groups and member schools regarding the new NFHS concussion rule carried. Westfall/Redmond
• The NFHS has developed a concussion management course that is free of charge to anyone that wants to learn more about concussion injuries. Please go to: www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=15000 to take the course.
• If anyone has any comments or concerns, please contact the NYSPHSAA office or Lloyd Mott at fit4lifeconsulting@gmail.net.

Minimum Weight Certification Program
• The only change in the program this year is for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years, every wrestler will be certified to a minimum weight instead of a minimum weight class.
• The assessor and school handbook has been updated and will be sent out to all assessors and schools at the end of August.

Officials Coordinating Federation. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.
• Efforts continue by the NYSPHSAA to assist Sections and Officials’ Chapters to recruit more officials.

A motion to approve amending and adding language to the Officials Agreement carried. Harrica/Maney
Ampend paragraph 11, Step No. 2 by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: “Failure to respond to the proposed fact finding report or panel’s report on the resolution of the grievance within thirty (30) working days after receipt shall result in acceptance of the report. The report will be sent certified mail.”
Add new paragraph 16: “The attorney for the NYSPHSAA, Inc. will act in an advisory capacity to the fact finding grievance and arbitration panel on behalf of the officials representatives and the NYSPHSAA, Inc. representatives.”
• The Fall meeting of the OCF is scheduled for October 24, 2010 at 9AM in the NYSPHSAA office. The Spring meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2011 at 9AM at a site to be determined.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

Sportsmanship Promotion Award
• Congratulated the schools who received the Sportsmanship Promotion Award banner at the Central Committee Annual Banquet: Oriskany Central School (3), Lakeland High School (1) and Hendrick Hudson High School (1).
• Congratulated the schools that will be receiving a Section Plaque Award from their Section’s Sportsmanship Committee.
• Thanked Pupil Benefits, Inc. for all their help and support of this program.

Be Loud Be Proud Be Positive
• The committee is working on a position statement that can be used at all of the NYSPHSAA State Championships including Regionals to address the expectations that the NYSPHSAA has for all spectators that attend our championships. We currently have language that addresses the expectations of our athletes, but the committee feels strongly that we should also have language that addresses the spectators. The committee will be finalizing the position statement this fall and will bring a recommendation to the Executive Committee at the December meeting. Any input should be made to your Section representative on the Sportsmanship Committee.
Handbook Committee. Robbie Greene, Coordinator, presented the report.

- Reviewed it was approved at the May 2010 Executive Committee meeting that the definition of a scrimmage would be added to the Handbook. Beginning on page 111 under Sports Standards in the new Handbook, each sport now includes the definition of a scrimmage and options available as it pertains to that sport.
- On behalf of the Handbook Committee, she thanked all the Sport Coordinators for their assistance and input on their sport specific definitions of a scrimmage.

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

Ed Dopp, Baseball; William Higgins, Boys Basketball; Eileen Troy, Girls Basketball; Wayne Inman, Boys Bowling; Kathy Ferreri, Girls Bowling; Charles Wiltse, Boys Cross Country; Bev Hooper, Field Hockey; Richard Cerone, Football; Doug Courtright, Boys Golf; Mike Martin, Boys Gymnastics; Mark DeFilippo, Ice Hockey; Tom Hall, Boys Lacrosse; Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse; George Hathaway, Riflery; Dennis O’Brien, Boys Skiing; Bob Underwood, Girls Skiing; Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer; Charles Goehrung, Girls Soccer; Cathy Allen, Softball; Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming/Diving; Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming/Diving; Selina DeCicco, Boys Tennis; Chris Horgan, Girls Tennis; Donald Sauer, Boys Track & Field; Dan Doherty, Girls Track & Field; Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball; Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball; Oscar Jensen, Boys Winter Track; David Hennessey, Girls Winter Track; Marty Sherman, Wrestling.

All Sport Coordinator reports were received with commendation.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

Pupil Benefits Plan. Tom McGuire

- Reported on issues with the health care system that are forcing student accident plans to become primary providers as opposed to accessory providers.
- He stated it has been a very challenging time. On the underwriting side, it was a tough renewal process this year. The increase is not just based on claim loss, but also on what the company needs to survive. The losses were so drastic this past year that the base number that everyone is evaluated by had to be increased drastically.
- Reported they lost 21 schools for renewal this year and thanked everyone for their support and loyalty.

State Education Department. Trish Kocialski

Requirements to Coach in NYS public schools

- Pupil Personnel Staff - As of July 1, 2010, Pupil Personnel staff will no longer be required to apply for a Temporary or Professional Coaching License. They must still complete all the course requirements, i.e. First Aid, CPR and coaching courses within the time line in the regulation: Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education within 2 years of their initial appointment and the remaining coaching courses within 5 years of their initial appointment.

- Hybrid Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education Course - Reported she worked with the NYSPHSA Coaching Education Committee to develop the Hybrid Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education course that will be available this fall for coaches. It will be part traditional classroom and part online. The online portion will be combined with the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course. Instructors of the hybrid course must be re-certified by SED to teach it and must take the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching course prior to re-certification. A special certificate of completion will be given to instructors of this course for their participants. Anyone interested in becoming an instructor is asked to contact Trish.

- Announced the approved list of agencies for instructors for coaching courses, First Aid and CPR was revamped on their website. She reported many agencies were dropped due to incorrect information. Agencies will need to contact Trish for the process to be re-certified to get their name back on the list. She emphasized that coaches check the revamped agencies’ listing on the website because the regional certification offices will not accept certificates from agencies that are not posted on the list.

Commissioner’s Regulation Revision

- 5th Year of Athletic Eligibility for Students with Disabilities – On July 27, 2010, the Board of Regents passed as an
emergency amendment a rule that will allow students with disabilities to have a 5th year of eligibility and eliminate the Age 19 rule when meeting certain participation requirements. She and the Association are not in support of this new amendment. She stated there is a 45 day public comment period in which written comments may be received. If anyone wishes to comment, letters may be sent to the Commissioner of Education or the Board of Regents. She asked that she be copied with any written communication sent. The Board of Regents will be meeting in October at which time there will also be a time to voice opinions.

**Contact Information**

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**NYS Athletic Administrators Association.** Alan Mallanda, President

- Announced their President-elect is Kathy Phillips (7) and their Vice President is Kevin O’Reilly from Chapter 11.
- Congratulated Nina on becoming the President of the NFHS.
- Congratulated Pat Pizzarelli on a great two years as President of the NYSPHSAA.
- Congratulated all the Hall of Fame inductees.
- Congratulated Don Webster on his new position as Assistant Executive Director of Section 11.
- Announced next year’s annual conference is scheduled for March 16-19, 2011 at the Saratoga Springs Hilton. It will be going back to the Wednesday through Saturday format. There will be six Leadership Training Courses on Wednesday and the CAA exam will be offered on Friday.
- Announced they were transitioning from a printed newsletter to an electronic newsletter. There will be four issues of E-Zines available a year. Subscriptions are available at no cost by going to www.wehelpschools.com, click on Partnerships, Interactive Newsletter and Subscribe.
- Announced their website, www.nysaaa.org had been redesigned and updated.
- Reported they are working to get their membership increased.
- Reported initiatives they will be working on this year are beginning the process of developing a 5 year Strategic Plan and instituting a professional development award in memory of Dr. John Foley to be given at their annual conference.
- Thanked the Association for their partnership and continued support.

**NYS Coaches Association.** Ron Woodruff

- Announced their conference will be held at Turning Stone on November 17-18, 2010.
- A list of outstanding coaches in New York State who received Honor Awards in 2009 was included in the meeting folders.
- A nomination form for the Honor or Special Honor Award recognizing coaches for their contribution to the youth of New York State and the Century Club Record Form for any coach who has won more than 100 games at the Varsity level in the same sport or more than 50 games in Varsity Football were included in the meeting folders.
- Congratulated Ted Woods and Diane Chapman for being nominated to the National High School Athletic Coaches Association’s Hall of Fame.
- Announced they are looking for a new Executive Director of the NYS Coaches Association. Anyone interested can send or email their information to Ron Woodruff at 40 Kline Road, Pennellville, NY 13132 or rwoodruf42@aol.com.
- Thanked the NYSPHSAA for including them in our meetings.

**NYS Council of Administrators.** Jim Rose

- Announced they held their first Council of Administrators Executive Board meeting in 5 years.
- Announced a Council of Administrators membership drive brochure has been developed and will be mailed out soon.
- Reported they are in the process of developing a Professional Development Committee.
- Reported they are developing Physical Education Leadership workshops to be held at the next COA conference on November 17-18, 2010 at Turning Stone.
GROUP MEETING REPORTS

CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICERS. Joe Backer
Should the NYSPHSAA use NFHS Game Rules for all sports?
• Yes, prevents liability issues.

Should the NYSPHSAA consider adding the recommendation that all member schools have some type of athletic training services provided to the school by a certified athletic trainer to the Handbook?
• No, not in these economic times. It is a great thought but small schools and rural schools would have difficulty.
• If recommended, it would put schools in a liability issue.

Should the NYSPHSAA support a change in the Age 19 Regulation and/or a change in the Duration of Competition Rule to permit students with disabilities to continue to participate in the interscholastic athletic program?
• No. It opens the door to expansion of this ruling
• Due to this being an emergency amendment, there is a 45 day comment period. They encouraged contact with SED and the Board of Regents in opposition of this rule.
• Members of the group will contact NYCOSS, SAANYS, School Boards and NYSSAA to encourage them to contact SED and the Board of Regents in opposition of this rule.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?
• Communication has improved greatly the last few years.
• The Association visibly has improved.
• The Superintendents would like involvement and participation in the other four meetings during the year. Felt they could help during these difficult times that are upon us.

Other Issues
• Would have supported an extension for one year of the cost containment measures and requested that the Central Committee be involved in the vote.
• Would like to see the Cheerleading issue put on the fast track and a final decision made.
• More Superintendent involvement in meetings.
• Voice a concern with how to implement and then provide documentation if something happens when issues become mandatory such as the Heat Index – Wind Chill policy.

PRINCIPALS. Steve Broadwell
Should the NYSPHSAA use NFHS Game Rules for all sports?
• Preferred all sports use NFHS rules unless there was a compelling reason not to do so.

Should the NYSPHSAA consider adding the recommendation that all member schools have some type of athletic training services provided to the school by a certified athletic trainer to the Handbook?
• Are recommendations found in the NYSPHSAA Handbook? If not, they should be added. If yes, then the recommendation needs to be worded such that there are no liability issues.

Should the NYSPHSAA support a change in the Age 19 Regulation and/or a change in the Duration of Competition Rule to permit students with disabilities to continue to participate in the interscholastic athletic program?
• The group felt there were no issues with the current rules.
• They were concerned about the future and opening doors to further problems and issues.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?
• Thanked Nina and staff for the improved communication over the past several years.
• Website enhancement has been positive.
• Conference calls have been positive.
• Felt the movement towards paperless communication is a good one.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES. Don Scholla
Should the NYSPHSAA use NFHS Game Rules for all sports?
• The group supports the change to NFHS rules.
• Would like the Sport Coordinators of the sports that do not use NFHS rules to present at the December Executive Committee meeting their reasons why they should keep what they have and then vote at the January Executive
Committee meeting for what rules will be adopted for the 2011-2012 school year.

- High school rules for high school kids!

Should the NYSPHSAA consider adding the recommendation that all member schools have some type of athletic training services provided to the school by a certified athletic trainer to the Handbook?

- The group was not in favor. Let the Sections and Leagues decide what direction they would like to go.
- Felt there would be equity and liability issues.
- Not good economic timing for this to take place.

Should the NYSPHSAA support a change in the Age 19 Regulation and/or a change in the Duration of Competition Rule to permit students with disabilities to continue to participate in the interscholastic athletic program?

- The group would like the Association to continue to oppose this.
- They felt there are too many issues with regards as to what is the disability.
- They also felt equity is an issue for all students.
- The group had concerns with appropriate placement, a level playing field and Selection/Classification.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?

- The group felt communication was very good. Not as many surprises.
- Thanked Nina for the one hour pre-meeting before the regular Executive/Central Committee meetings and requested if they could meet in a separate room in the future.

For the Good of the Order

- Suggested moving the December meeting back to October. Felt the December and January meetings were too close in time. Suggested having the January meeting as a conference call.
- Felt that Cheerleading becoming a sport was going to take time as there are many issues to be reviewed and discussed.
- Need to be more proactive for getting NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame nominations.
- Suggested forming a sub-committee on developing criteria for state passes.

SECTION SECRETARIES/TREASURERS. Carl Normandin

Should the NYSPHSAA use NFHS Game Rules for all sports?

- They would like to see written rationale why sports are not using NFHS rules to help make an informative decision.

Should the NYSPHSAA consider adding the recommendation that all member schools have some type of athletic training services provided to the school by a certified athletic trainer to the Handbook?

- They would like to see the training service opened to other health services, not just athletic trainers, depending on the particular geographic area.

Should the NYSPHSAA support a change in the Age 19 Regulation and/or a change in the Duration of Competition Rule to permit students with disabilities to continue to participate in the interscholastic athletic program?

- The group does not support it as written.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?

- Very satisfied with the Association for the services provided to them.
- Thanked Nina for agreeing to generate the monthly Albany Office Report on the 30th of the month so they can utilize it in a timely manner for their Section and Conference meetings.

SECTION PRESIDENTS. Diane Munro

Should the NYSPHSAA use NFHS Game Rules for all sports?

- Need questions answered before we go any further: Is the goal of discussing this to improve consistency, reduce liability, reduce cost, what are the differences in each sport and how are athletes impacted?

Should the NYSPHSAA consider adding the recommendation that all member schools have some type of athletic training services provided to the school by a certified athletic trainer to the Handbook?

- The group felt that although they would like Athletic Trainers, the recommendation should not be made. Due to the economic times, many schools won’t be able to fund it. Puts too much pressure on them.
- Would like to see the Association take the leadership and conversations about this type of program across the state.
- Their biggest concern is equity and having problems with securing service providers. There are Sections in the state who don’t have access to them.

Should the NYSPHSAA support a change in the Age 19 Regulation and/or a change in the Duration of Competition Rule to
permit students with disabilities to continue to participate in the interscholastic athletic program?
  
  • Absolutely not. There were significant concerns with financial implications to school districts and a real possibility of this regulation having disruptive influences in special education offices and services.
  
  • Asked the Association to fight this new regulation very aggressively.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?

  • Appreciate the monthly Albany Office Report, the Athletic Director training workshops, Scholar/Athlete Award recognition, the leadership the Association takes in regards to tough issues such as the fiscal concerns, and getting ahead of emerging issues by doing research and getting information.
  
  • Would like to see the Association help identify the best practices used in Sections and find a way to share them across the state.
  
  • Would like the Association to look at personnel practices such as working with officials and payroll services because they have some concerns that this is going to be an emerging issue in the future.
  
  • Asked that when a decision is made regarding the fiscal concerns to publicize it.
  
  • Felt the Association was doing a great job with being pro-active with the press.
  
  • When the Association chooses a focus or priority, they would like to see the intensive research/conversation done quickly so that a decision is made and not dragged out.

PAST PRESIDENTS, Ron Black

Should the NYSPHSAA use NFHS Game Rules for all sports?

  • Yes, with modifications if they can be justified.
  
  • If we use NFHS rules, our Sport Coordinators can then be on rules committees.

Should the NYSPHSAA consider adding the recommendation that all member schools have some type of athletic training services provided to the school by a certified athletic trainer to the Handbook?

  • No specific recommendation.
  
  • The group felt this policy should be left to the individual schools.

Should the NYSPHSAA support a change in the Age 19 Regulation and/or a change in the Duration of Competition Rule to permit students with disabilities to continue to participate in the interscholastic athletic program?

  • The group was not in favor.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?

  • The communication with member schools is currently very good.
  
  • Need to approve the process for the selection of a new Executive Director.
  
  • Strongly support Nina’s going green initiative.

For the Good of the Order

  • Lifetime passes -
    
    • Establish an ad hoc committee to determine eligibility.
    
    • The group felt that Past Presidents should be included on the ad hoc committee.
    
    • Longevity should be a factor.
    
    • Individuals outside of our Association should qualify.
    
    • Section 2 has criteria for lifetime passes.
    
    • The group agreed with the approved motion that religious courses cannot be used for academic advantage.
    
    • The group felt there should be no penalty for school districts that do not turn in a sports participation survey unless the Executive Director sees a need for a penalty. The responsibility should be put on the Section Executive Directors to make sure schools complete the surveys. If all avenues have been tried without success, then there should be a penalty.
    
    • The group supports the continuation of the reduction in the maximum number of contests for an additional year.
    
    • The group supports the reduction of Past Presidents attending State Championships at the Association’s expense from two to one.
    
    • The group feels that past presidents make a valuable contribution to the State Association in terms of experience and knowledge.

SPORTS COORDINATORS, Bev Hooper

Should the NYSPHSAA use NFHS Game Rules for all sports?

  • Sports not using NFHS rules are not in favor because they wouldn’t have the ability to use waivers; the rules they
use now are consistent from youth/club programs on up; it would be hard to certify officials in NFHS rules as most officials work in younger programs on up to the high school level and the result would be a shortage of officials; there would be a financial implications in the purchase of a two year rule book instead of a one year rule book and the possibility of having to buy new uniforms based on NFHS uniform rules.

Should the NYSPHSAA consider adding the recommendation that all member schools have some type of athletic training services provided to the school by a certified athletic trainer to the Handbook?
- The group did not support this because they felt it was poor timing due to economic times.
- They felt recommended means required and that it would be an unfunded mandate.
- They felt it should be a local school decision.

Should the NYSPHSAA support a change in the Age 19 Regulation and/or a change in the Duration of Competition Rule to permit students with disabilities to continue to participate in the interscholastic athletic program?
- The group was not in support of this due to the added expense it would incur.
- The students wouldn’t be eligible for State Championships which could lead to a lawsuit.
- There are too many unanswered questions.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?
- Revisit the 7th/8th grade Selection/Classification information.
- Did the Championship Philosophy Committee get adequate input from sports coordinators?
- A Sport Coordinator should be on each committee and if discussing a particular sport, invite that Sport Coordinator to the meeting to give input and answer questions.

For the Good of the Order
- When things get added to the Sport Coordinators load, please consider the impact. The theme for next year, “Lighten the Load!”
- They requested that when a concern with a sport is brought up at the Section level, please inform the Sport Coordinator.
- They also requested any issues having an effect on a specific sport should require input from that coordinator.

A motion to approve to receive all Group Meeting reports with commendation carried. Harrica/DeCillis

President Pat Pizzarelli thanked everyone for a great 2 years.

A motion to approve the adjournment of the August 2010 Central Committee meeting at 5:40PM on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 carried. Harrica/Nickerson

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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