California State Public High School Athletic Association

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
July 25-26, 2017 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
1000 Island Harbor Hotel, Clayton, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved the Agenda of the July 25-26, 2017 Central Committee meeting.
2. P4 Approved the May 5, 2017 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. P14 Approved the Compensation Committee’s report.
5. P15 Defeated permitting students who are ineligible per the NYSFHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility.
6. P17 Approved a waiver of the Modified Soccer Game Rule #12 until the 2020-2021 school year.
7. P17 Approved the Modified Boys & Girls Soccer programs will be exempt from the NFHS rule requiring all-white home jerseys until further notice.
8. P17 Approved in Modified Cross Country to remove Game Conditions #2 and #3.
9. P18 Approved removing Modified Football Game Conditions #6 d and using the NFHS football safety rules regarding cleats.
10. P18 Approved moving the Hall of Fame application deadline to one week before the winter Executive Committee meeting.
11. P18 Approved to match the evaluation scales for both the Hall of Fame Screening and Selection Committees.
12. P18 Approved accepting a minimum of any five supporting documents to accompany a Hall of Fame application.
13. P18 Approved NYSFHSAA to adopt the NFHS Authenticating Mark.
14. P18 Approved revisions to the Combining of Teams graduating scale.
15. P19 Approved revisions to the NYSFHSAA Transgender Guidelines.
16. P19 Approved to revise the Football classification cut-off numbers effective Fall 2018.
17. P19 Approved to endorse the “Tommy Tough” Football Educational & Awareness Safety Standards.
18. P19 Approved in Boys Volleyball to use the NCAA Volleyball rule for the score of the 5th set for Varsity matches.
19. P19 Approved to revise the Girls Volleyball Classification Cut-Off numbers effective Fall 2018.
20. P19 Approved Albany’s Capital Center as the site of the 2018-2020 NYSFHSAA Boys Volleyball Championships.
23. P20 Approved the Girls Soccer Regional Rotations effective Fall 2017.
24. P20 Approved the NYSFHSAA Boys and Girls Soccer Committees no longer be required to provide an end of year report regarding disqualifications to the NYSFHSAA Sportsmanship Coordinator effective Fall 2018.
25. P20 Approved to insert Football overtime procedures into the NYSFHSAA Handbook within the Football Sports Standards.
26. P20 Defeated to use the 2 referee and 2 linesman officiating system in Ice Hockey.
27. P20 Approved for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods and penalties to begin with the 2018-2019 season.
28. P20 Approved with Section and League approval, Modified sports will start on the same date as Varsity and JV sports beginning in Winter 2017-2018.

29. P20 Approved a waiver of the Representation Rule for the Wrestling Team Duals Section 1 qualifier from 6 to 0.

30. P20 Approved Sport Coordinator appointments/reappointments for a five year term, effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2022.

31. P20-21 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: The Kings School (2), Holy Cross Academy (III), Rochester School for the Deaf (V), Christian Central Academy (VI), Northern Chautauqua Catholic School (VI), St. Gregory the Great School (VI), Long Beach Catholic Regional School (VIII).

32. P21 Approved as a New Member: Mountainside Christian Academy (VII).

33. P24 Approved female swimmer/divers must adhere to the NFHS uniform rule during warm-ups as well as during the meet.

34. P31 Approved to accept the Group Meeting Reports.

35. P33 Approved adjournment.
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton, NY  July 25-26, 2017

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

**Officers**
- President – James Osborne
- First Vice President – Paul Harrica
- Second Vice President – Julie Bergman
- Past President – Stephen Broadwell

**Past Presidents**
- Kathy Faber
- Karen Lopez
- Eileen Troy
- Mark Ward

**Staff**
- Executive Director – Robert Zayas
- Assistant Director – Todd Nelson
- Assistant Director – Joseph Altieri
- Director of Sales & Marketing – Christopher Joyce
- Director of Communications – Christopher Watson
- Director of Special Programs – Kristen Jadin
- Director of Finance – Lisa Hand
- Counsel – Renee James
- Secretary – Sandra Schanck

**Section Representatives**
- Section I: Jennifer Simmons, Proxy for James Mackin (PRIN), Karen Peterson (ATH-G); John Bauerlein (ATH-B); Susan Dullea, Proxy for Andrew Irvin (CSO)
- Section II: Kathy Ryan (ATH-G); Drew Santandera (ATH-B); Peter Bednarek (PRIN)
- Section III: John Rathbun, Proxy for Monica Tooley (ATH-G)-Tuesday only; Monica Tooley-Wednesday; Michael Carboine (ATH-B); Paul Gasparini (PRIN); Tim Ryan (CSO)
- Section IV: Patti Murphy (ATH-G); Christopher Durdon (ATH-B); Terry Heller (PRIN); Gordon Daniels (CSO)
- Section V: Kim Henshaw (ATH-G); Thomas Schmandt (ATH-B); Kathy Hoyt, Proxy for David Pullen (PRIN); Timothy Hayes (CSO)
- Section VI: Marisa Fallacaro (ATH-G); Timm Slade, Proxy for James Graczyk (ATH-B); Jeff Rabey (CSO)
- Section VII: Patricia Ryan-Curry (ATH-G); C. Joseph Staves (ATH-B); Timothy Farrell (PRIN); John McDonald (CSO)
- Section VIII: Chris Ceruti (ATH-G); John Mankowich, Proxy for Michael Bongino (ATH-B); Neil Connolly (PRIN); Henry Grishman (CSO)
- Section IX: Roberta Greene (ATH-G); James Wolfe (ATH-B); Timothy Bult, Proxy for David Bernsley (PRIN); Gregory Ransom, Proxy for Rosario Agostaro (CSO)
- Section X: Lori Brewer (ATH-G); Anthony Bjork (ATH-B); Russell Bartlett (PRIN); James Cruikshank (CSO)
- Section XI: Debra Ferry (ATH-G); Timothy Mullins (ATH-B); Patti Trombetta (PRIN); Michael Radday (CSO)

**Section Executive Directors**
- Jennifer Simmons (I)
- Ed Dopp (2)
- John Rathbun (III)
- Ben Nelson (IV)
- Kathy Hoyt (V)
- Timm Slade (VI)
- Matthew Walentuk (VII)
- Patrick Pizzarelli (VIII)
- Dominick Vulpis, Asst. Ex. Director (VIII)
- Carl Normandin (X)
- Thomas Combs (XI)
- Peter Blieberg, Asst. Ex. Director (XI)
- Greg Ransom (IX)
Section Presidents
Joe Haven, Vice President (III)
Al Gens (VI)
Timothy Bult (IX)

Section Treasurers
Jackie Meyer (V)
Don Scholla (VI)

Standing Committees
Jim Rose, Modified Committee Co-Coordinator

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Alan Mallanda, Executive Director-NYSAAA
Tom McGuire, Executive Director-Pupil Benefits Plan
Ron Woodruff, NYS Coaches Association (Wednesday)

Guests
Denise Kiernan (I)
Rise Van Iderstine (2)
Mike Andrew (IV)
Ed Stores, Retired Executive Director (V)
Jennifer Keane (VIII) (Wednesday)
John Moriello, NYS Sports Writers Association

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion to approve the Agenda of the July 25-26, 2017 Central Committee Meeting carried. Wolfe/Simmons

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion to approve the May 5, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. Ceruti/Staves

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President James Osborne
- Introduced John Rathbun, Executive Director of Section III and Carl Normandin, Executive Director of Section X who welcomed the group to the 1000 Island Harbor Hotel in Clayton, NY.
- Thanked the sport chair people, committees, and volunteers who make the championships a great experience for our student-athletes.
- Congratulated all the coaches and athletes who participated in the championships.
- Thanked the staff of the Association who through their hard work, preparation and dedication made the Spring championships a great event.
- Attended several Athletic Council meetings and many of the committee meetings.
- Attended the Spring Championships for Baseball, Girls Golf, Boys Tennis and Boys and Girls Track and Field.
- He is beginning his second year as President and stated it has been an honor to serve the Association to this point.
- Through a Power Point presentation, he and Executive Director Zayas reviewed the accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2016-2017 school year.
- Highlights included the following:
  - Continue to build relationships with SED and NYS legislators.
  - Explored and brought to a resolution the discussion of an additional Section for non-public schools.
  - Received favorable court/OCR decisions on our Transfer Rule.
  - Distribution of a membership card at the Fall Athletic Directors workshops for complimentary entrance into NYSPHSAA Championships.
  - Staff has attended over 75% of Athletic Council meetings.
  - Implementation of the Spalding ball adoption.
• Continued Revenue Share program.
• Development of a Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC).
• Development of a Student Athlete Development Committee (SADC).
• Development of a Captain’s Club.
• Implementation of a Hazing Prevention program.
• Revisions to the Scholar-Athlete program.
• Approved a new Wrestling Team Dual Championship.
• Implemented a 4th Class in Boys and Girls Lacrosse.
• Implemented a 2-day Baseball Championship.
• Competitive venue bids for our State Championships.
• Championship attendance increased in 15 sports.
• Implemented Championship t-shirts.
• Continued branding campaign at State Championships.
• Missy West, a 2016 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame inductee, was inducted into the 2017 NFHS Hall of Fame.
• The Association presented Izaiah Brown with 11 brand new medals to replace the 11 medals he had earned during his track and field career at Amsterdam High School that were damaged in a fire at his family’s home.
• Unveiled the new Championship logo that will be used beginning with the 2017 school year.

1st Vice President Paul Harrica
• Congratulated the honorees at the Recognition Luncheon, state champions and the NYSPHSAA Class of 2017 Hall of Fame inductees.
• Attended a number of state championships this year and stated the Association staff along with the sport coordinators and volunteers did an incredible job in running great tournaments.
• Stated the professionalism of officials shown at our State Championships was top shelf and congratulated them.
• Attended the NFHS summer meeting in Providence, RI.
• Congratulated Missy West on her induction into the NFHS Class of 2017 Hall of Fame.
• Thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve and is looking forward to the 2017-2018 school year.

2nd Vice President Julie Bergman
• Thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve.
• Stated each day she continues to learn more about the operations of the Association.
• Attended several state championships this year.
• Wished everyone the best for the 2017-2018 school year.

Past President Stephen Broadwell
• Attended the Softball Championships and several Cheer meetings.
• Commended everyone at the Association, sports chairs and volunteers for another great year in running the state championships.
• Announced he will be sending out a letter in September requesting nominations for 2nd Vice President in the officer rotation on the Central Committee. Principal Representatives who are currently serving on the Central Committee or are serving as an officer on a Section Athletic Council are eligible. Anyone that is interested, please contact him.

Executive Director Robert Zayas
NYSPHSAA Staff
• Congratulated the staff on doing an outstanding job during the 2016-2017 school year.

NYSED Athletic Eligibility Regulations
• On Tuesday, June 13th the New York State Education Department Board of Regents approved revisions to the Commissioner’s Regulations related to athletic eligibility. The revisions impact the Duration of Competition Regulation and K8 public school districts.
Sport Standards Focus in NYSPHSAA Handbook
- He is in the process of working with the Handbook Committee to revise the format of the NYSPHSAA Handbook to make it easier to read and navigate.
- The Association staff will work closely with the 32 sport committees during the 2017-2018 school year to ensure the information contained within the NYSPHSAA Sports Standards is accurate and up-to-date.
- Hoping to have the Handbook done in time for the first AD workshop on August 21st.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri

Sport Committees/Other Meetings
- Was the NYSPHSAA liaison or representative for the following committees since the May Executive Committee meeting: Boys Volleyball, Gymnastics, Wrestling, Baseball, Boys Tennis, Boys/Girls Swimming, Boys Golf.
- Committee meeting minutes have been emailed to the Officers, CAC and Section Executive Directors.
- For the purpose of planning state championships, he coordinated Coordinator Packet conference calls for each Spring state championship.

Championship Administration
- Reported 15 championships this year saw an increase in attendance. An updated attendance report was included in the meeting packet.
- Reported it was another successful year of bidding in the RFP process. Three state championship sites will be presented for approval at this meeting and four more will be presented for approval at the October Executive Committee meeting. An updated list of Championship dates and sites through 2020 was included in the meeting packet.
- Not all Spring championship revenues and expenses have been submitted or finalized at the time the meeting packet was sent out, therefore no analysis was provided.
- Online ticket sales continue to rise each year. Spring championships are typically weak but for the 9th straight year, sales rose even with our new ticketing platform Huddle. We continue to market online tickets through our website, coach’s packets and media campaigns.
- Spectrum Sports streamed the boys’ lacrosse semifinals and finals as well as the girls’ lacrosse finals online. We are encouraged they will continue online broadcasting of the Fall Championships. Through our partnership with Spectrum, we were able to utilize a “marketing bank” to get portions of our Hall of Fame banquet sponsored in addition to the Sport Coordinators meeting in August and other marketing initiatives totaling $27,000.

Brand/Marketing
- Branding at NYSPHSAA State Championships and marketing continued with various methods of signage.
- For the 2017-2018 school year, we will be investing in new NYSPHSAA signage as the current signage is wearing out and damaged.

Hall of Fame Banquet & Ceremonies
- Our 15th Hall of Fame Class was inducted on July 26th.
- He thanked In It To Win It Productions for producing the video tributes.
- He thanked the staff for their hard work and assistance in creating a great “show” for our induction ceremony.

Summer Semester Intern
- He thanked Scott Mt. Pleasant, a senior at Goucher College, for his work during his summer internship with us.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Unified Sports
- It was another successful year with Unified Sports. Over 100 schools in eight Sections offered Unified Basketball and Bowling. We look forward to adding Sections I and IV to the eight Sections offering Unified Sports.
- Schools are discussing adding cross country and the possibility of expanding to the modified level with basketball.
- Thanked our partner Special Olympics New York for their expertise and support to provide an authentic interscholastic experience to many students that have never had the opportunity to be part of the school community.

ImpAct Agreement
- Announced we have extended our agreement with ImpAct for the next two years.
- Thanked ImpAct for working with our Association and provide this service to our member schools at a great price.
• We drastically reduced the amount of baseline and post-injury tests we are required to purchase each year. 
• In the new agreement, we are required to purchase 20,000 baseline tests at $1.50 per test, an increase of $.25 and 1,000 post-injury tests at $4.00 per test, a decrease of $1.00. 
• These tests will not expire even if we do not continue our agreement with ImPact. 
• An audit has been finalized of all our schools using ImPact under NYSPHSAA. We will share the results of the audit with our schools and will invoice the schools that are in the negative and have gone over the amount of tests they have ordered over the past three years. At the AD workshops, each school will be provided with a letter, an order form and an invoice from our office if they have gone over the amount of tests ordered to bring their account current.

Sanctioning
• Reminded schools if any team travels outside of New York for competition, they must complete a “Notice of Entry” form on-line on the NYSPHSAA website. Schools will be able to check the status of an out of state event on the website. 
• If a school is hosting an event that involves a school(s) from another state, they must complete the NYSPHSAA sanctioning application or the NFHS on-line sanctioning application. 
• For any questions, contact Todd Nelson at tnelson@nysphsaa.org.

Director of Communications Chris Watson
Social Media
• Continue to see solid growth on our social media platforms, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. 
• Reported our Spring Championship season was our most aggressive yet on social media. We saw positive feedback from our videos and post-game interviews. We will continue to cover championship seasons in the same way and add to our coverage when possible. 
• We will be adding Snap Chat to our social media strategy this summer.

Record Database
• Stated we need to improve our sport record database and encouraged AD’s and coaches to visit our website for more information and the submission form for records. 
• A blank record form was included in the meeting packet. 
• Please send sport record submissions to him.

Spectrum Sports
• Reported the Spectrum Sports Channel has been terminated and all of their coverage will now be online content. 
• There is a chance some of our championships could be aired on the Spectrum News channel. 
• There has been discussion about Spectrum adding a pay wall so non-subscribers could purchase log-ins to view their content anywhere, however there are no set plans on this or a timetable.

NYSPHSAA News
• The monthly newsletter continues to be sent out via Constant Contact. 
• We will update the email distribution list this summer. If you want to be added to the list, please let him or Kristen Jadin know. 
• Requested that no one unsubscribe from Constant Contact emails as we use this service to keep schools informed about other important information from our office.

Media Credentials
• This season we will be transitioning to a one-badge system for media covering our events that will grant them the same access to the field or press box. A reporter or photographer pass will no longer be needed for access to our events.

Director of Special Programs Kristen Jadin
Scholar Athlete Program
• There were 2,064 Spring Scholar-Athlete teams and 35,301 Spring Scholar-Athlete individuals. 
• Over 1,200 more student-athletes were awarded compared to Spring 2016. 
• Overall, over 2,500 more student-athletes were awarded this year compared to the 2015-2016 school year. 
• Distribution of pins will continue to be discussed.
School of Distinction
- A listing of the 2016-2017 School of Distinction Award winners was included in the meeting packets.
- Awards and certificates will be distributed to the winners at the AD Workshops in the Fall.

School of Excellence
- 60 schools were awarded the School of Excellence for the 2016-2017 school year.
- Plaques will be distributed to the winners at the AD Workshops in the Fall.

NYSPHSAA Leadership Conference Survey Results
- Survey was sent to all Athletic Directors on February 14, 2017.
- 266 schools responded. The results were included in the meeting packet.
- SAAC students support efforts to create a NYSPHSAA Leadership Conference.

Hazing Prevention
- The Hazing Prevention Course opened July 7, 2017. The cost is $100 per school (PO or credit card accepted) for up to 50 facilitators. A short video presentation promoting the hazing prevention course was given.
- Available on the NYSPHSAA website under Educational Programs and Hazing Prevention. It includes a Facilitator’s Guide, multimedia presentation and certificate of completion.
- An instructional video is available on the NYSPHSAA website.
- Results of a beta test done in the Spring showed 50 schools took advantage of the free course, 101 facilitators and 304 student-athletes took the course, it stipulated discussion 85% of the time and 98% would recommend the course to another school or team.

Captains Club
- Suggest a story on the NYSPHSAA website under Educational Programs and Student Leadership.
- Goal is to feature NYSPHSAA student-athletes as requested by the NYSPHSAA SAAC.

Participation Survey
- As of July 5, 2017, 22 schools have not submitted their surveys.
- Survey information to be released in August 2017.

Spalding Ball Adoption
- Year 1 was a success with minimal issues.
- If any schools/and or Sections have an issue with the Spalding ball, please keep the ball and contact Kristen.
- Spalding requests any defective balls be kept for Spalding to examine to prevent issues from reoccurring.

Legislative Communications
- Legislators invited to all Spring Championships.
- Legislators contacted if a school within their district won a team NYSPHSAA Championship.
- Notified of School of Distinction/School of Excellence Award winners.
- Received positive feedback from multiple legislators regarding our willingness to communicate.

Director of Sales & Marketing Chris Joyce

Sponsorship
- Since May, partnership proposals of $10,000 or more have been received by the following groups: Skippy Peanut Butter, New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, Holiday Inn/Holiday Inn Express.
- The following were Contributing sponsors for the Spring Championships: USA Track & Field, BSN Sports, M-F Athletic, USTA Eastern, Vertical Adventures.
- Legend Rings was signed as the new Official Championship Ring of NYSPHSAA.
- Renewal discussions have begun with CSEA and the American Dairy Association North East.
- Currently working with the NYS Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee to promote Coaches Care program throughout our member schools. The program uses coaches and teachers to educate young drivers on the dangers of unsafe driving behaviors.
- The CSEA Excelsior Award application is available on the NYSPHSAA. The deadline for applications is October 1. The award was created through our partnership to recognize a CSEA member in a member school who has helped promote and foster athletic spirit in their local school district as well as support high school athletics in New York State. The award will be presented at the NYSPHSAA Football Championships in November.
Ticketing
- Online ticket sales grew by 10.4% over 2015-2016.
- Each Section should be receiving their rights fees guarantee in early August. If you haven’t, please contact him.
- Any Section with questions about launching or expanding their online ticketing can contact him at the NYSPIAA office.
- Paper tickets for Sectional and Regional events will be mailed directly to each Section office.

Championship Marketing
- Full game scripts will be used going forward for team championship events with the help of sport coordinators and tournament directors. The goal is to create more consistency with introductions, sponsor reads and awards.
- New event signage was created for several championships this past year. We will continue to improve the NYSPIAA branding at our events.
- Official tournament logos have been created for each championship. Brand guidelines will be provided to each Sport Coordinator at their meeting in August.

Director of Finance Lisa Hand
- Reviewed the Statement of Financial Position.
  - Reported the Association continues to have a solid cash position.
  - Reported Other Receivables of $155,918 include $100,000 due from CP Sportswear which was received subsequent to this report.
  - Reported Inventory still includes approximately $110,000 of ImPact tests ordered per our contract.
  - Reported our current ratio is 16.74: 1 which means we have the ability to pay back our short term and long-term obligations.
  - Reported as of June 30, 2017, we have excess revenue over expenses of $663,677.
- Reviewed the Statement of Activities
  - Revenues
    - Investments continue to do well. They have earned $94,466 as of June 30, 2017.
    - Fall championships netted a final profit of $219,083. Winter Championships netted a profit of $259,864 and Spring Championships have netted a profit of $70,929 thus far but we are still waiting on some invoices. Included in these figures are souvenir sales of $200,000 and $209,857 in sponsorship money including the Spalding ball adoption.
  - Expenditures
    - Expenditures are in line with budgeted amounts although office expense is a bit over budget.
    - Marketing expenses are over budget due to purchasing new branding items at our championships.
  - Committees & Programs
    - Committee and Program expenditures are also in line with budgeted amounts with a few exceptions
    - Ad Hoc Committees and Sport Committee meetings are slightly over budget.
    - CAC is over budget due to more face to face meetings.
    - The market value of our investments has increased $107,901 since August 31, 2016.
    - Overall, the financial health of the Association is very good.
- Provided the 2016-2017 profit/loss statements by sport for review.

Counselor Renee James
- Reported our Transfer rule is in a good place legally.
- Reported on a lawsuit in Federal Court in the Western District regarding a student in Section 4 who has participated in sports for 7 years and now wants an additional year. The student suffered migraines and could only attend school for half days. The lawsuit states the Section failed to make reasonable accommodations under the America with Disabilities Act. Both the Section and the Association have been named but not the Commissioner of Education so we are moving to dismiss on failure to include the Commissioner. Will keep us posted.
• Reported on a Section VI extended eligibility lawsuit where the Commissioner of Education granted a stay to let a student play football even though the Section stated the student had not participated in 4 consecutive seasons. A decision was received stating the Commissioner had granted the stay; however the student had since graduated making the case moot.
• Reported we have not received any guidelines from the Commissioner of education on the new Duration of Competition regulation. Will keep us posted.
• Reported there will be a vote at the October 2017 Executive Committee meeting on an amendment to the NYSPHSAA Employee Handbook regarding the mandatory Family Leave Act that goes into effect on January 1, 2018.

SECTIONAL CONCERNS

Section I: no concerns
Section 2: no concerns
Section III: no concerns
Section IV: no concerns
Section V: Voiced a concern with Cheerleading and would like feedback on what is actually going to be done at the State Tournament and with the Rubrics and how is that going to affect certain areas who have not been under the same rules and are not looking to go in that direction. Todd stated the Rubrics is a Discussion Item later in the meeting.

Section VI: Voiced a concern with Unified Basketball and the Commissioner’s Regulation that only allows a student-athlete to play to age 19. They asked for support to pursue a possible waiver of the Commissioner’s Age Rule as it pertains to unified sports. This will be a Discussion Item at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Section VII: no concerns

Section VIII: Their Cheer Coordinator inquired about the possibility of recommending Cheer using the ICU (International Cheerleading Union) Standards instead of the NFHS Spirit rules so everyone would be on an even playing field. President Osborne stated the Section Executive Directors at their meeting that morning, wanted to stay with the present format. He also stated they will be forming a committee to review information coming from the Cheer Committee and will be guiding them how to proceed.

Section IX: no concerns
Section X: no concerns
Section XI: no concerns

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department – Darryl Daily
Professional Development Opportunities
• New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD) Conference (November 14-17, 2017) in Verona, New York. See website: http://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm

• New York State Council of Administrators Conference (November 14-17, 2017) in Verona, New York. See website: https://www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/Council-of-Administrators-Annual-Conference.cfm

• New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program.
  See website:  http://nysaaa.org/contact-us

• New York State Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Annual Conference (March 14-16, 2018) in Saratoga Springs.
  See website:  http://nysaaa.org/conference/conference-dates

New registration and continuing teacher and leader (CTLE) requirements for classroom teachers and school leaders holding a permanent or professional certificate, and Level III teaching assistant certificate holders

ESSA Quick Facts (From SHAPE – 2016)
  • School health and physical education are identified as part of a student’s “well-rounded” education. Other subjects noted in the definition of well-rounded education include science, art, civics, history and geography, among others.
  • The term “well-rounded education” replaces the term “core subjects” used in previous authorizations of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
  • Subjects included in a well-rounded education are allowed the use of funds by states and school districts for Title I (low income schools) and Title II (professional development for teachers and principals).
  • School health, physical education and physical activity programs will have access to significant funding under Title IV of ESSA. Block grants will be distributed to states under the Safe and Healthy Students program.
  • Funding previously allocated to school districts through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) from the U. S. Department of Education will no longer exist. The funding available in the block grants through Title IV will replace the PEP grant funding.
  • School districts will be able to access funding from Title I, Title II and Title IV through their state department of education. The process for accessing these funds is still being developed by Congress and the U. S. Department of Education.
  • Communication will follow as the U. S. Department of Education put in place the regulations and process for implementation of the funding for ESSA. This process will take place over the next six months to a year.
  • NYSED, headed by Assistant Commissioner, Ira Schwartz, created a think tank with numerous stakeholders, including the NYSAHPERD. NYSED that had initially set a goal to submit its ESSA State Plan by March 6, 2017. NYSED will submit their ESSA application on September 18, 2017.
  • 3 Webinars from the Office of Safe and Healthy Students at the U. S. Department of Education: Title IV, Part A of ESSA took place between January 12, 2017 and February 9, 2017.
  • New York Education Department Winter Regional Meetings public feedback were conducted between 3/9/17-3/18/17

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

Proposed Amendment of Section 100.5 and Addition of Section 100.20 to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to Implement the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and Provisions
Relating to Transfer Credits and Diploma Requirements for Physical Education. (BOR meeting June 28- 45 day public comment period)


Athletic Eligibility Amendments (BOR Approved At June 2017 Meeting)

• 13 K-8 School Districts and APP
• Duration of Competition

Guidelines For Sport Standards (Amended and posted January 2017)

• Competitive Cheerleading was added to the list-January 2017.
• Note: 2 separate seasons (fall and winter) for competitive cheerleading; 15 weeks for fall competitive cheerleading season; 22 weeks for winter competitive cheerleading season.

Coaching Courses

• NFHS (NYS Specific) Coaching course pathway (NYSED, NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA collaborated) was approved and added by NYSED as an alternative pathway on July 1, 2015. Not a replacement but another alternative for coaches to complete the required course work.
• Note: If already in previous NYSED Coaching Course track, it is suggested that coaches stay with that track.
• See NFHS process below:
• Note: As of January 2017 the name of the course for the NFHS Pathway, “Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment” was changed to “Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors”.
• Contact Associate in Physical Education, Darryl Daily if need new Coaching Course provider templates. Note: SED new templates include space for birthdate and the last 4 digits of Social Security number.
• Reminder: Please send in yearly evaluations to Darryl Daily at SED at darryl.daily@nysed.gov.
• If interested in becoming a provider for traditional and/or online NYSED Coaching Courses, please contact NYSED at (518) 474-5922.

Important Reminder to All Physical Education Directors/Athletic Directors

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

Important Health Related Items

• Development Of Resources to Educate On Need to Encourage Organ and Tissue Donation
  ➢ Legislation (Summer 2016)-SED began working collaboratively with multiple organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide a toolkit that contains model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources on the importance and value of organ and tissue donation. Information will be shared as it becomes available.
  ➢ Please note-APRIL is National “DONATE LIFE” month.

• Development of Resources for Sepsis
  ➢ Currently SED has a workgroup planning a sepsis webpage. They are working collaboratively with organizations that promote sepsis to provide model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources for school districts.

• Gambling Resources
  ➢ In recognition of Problem Gambling awareness Month (April), the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services released a tool kit in collaboration with the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to help identify early problem gambling habits in teens.
According to OASIS, “The new comprehensive Toolkit can be used by school administrators, educators, pupil personnel services, parent-teacher associations, parents, and community groups to teach students and parents about preventing underage gambling.”


**New York State Combat Heroin and Prescription Opioid Abuse Campaign**

- At its meeting in January 2015, the Board of Regents convened a panel to discuss combatting opioid and heroin use and abuse. Presenters shared their thoughts on prevention, warning signs, intervention, referral, treatment, recovery, and outreach.
- In 2015, New York State enacted laws allowing schools to provide and maintain opioid antagonists (naloxone) on-site, and late last year, NYSED issued guidance and information for schools regarding opioid overdose prevention programs. Additional resources to combat opioid and heroin use and abuse include:
  - **Kitchen Table Toolkit**. The Kitchen Table Toolkit was developed to assist individuals (parents, spouses, siblings, teachers, coaches, counselors, probation officers, etc.) with initiating conversations about heroin and opioid abuse. Information, resources, and supports are available so no one needs to be alone in the fight to combat heroin and opioid abuse. Recognizing that addiction is not exclusive to heroin and opioids, this information may be applicable for alcohol and other drugs, also addressed in this toolkit. See page 12 for school-focused information.

- **Commissioner’s Regulations to require instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (“Hands Only” CPR) and instruction in the use of Automated External Defibrillators**
  - Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.
  - See link: https://yourethecure.org/aha/advocacy/details.aspx?BlogId=2&PostId=4139

- **Tick and Lyme Disease Legislation (Summer 2016)**
  - NYSED and Department of Conservation are collaborating on instructional tools and materials for school districts to advance and promote education awareness on tick identification and protection.

**Contact Information**

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  - Associate in Physical Education
  - NYS Education Department
  - 89 Washington Avenue
  - Albany, NY 12234
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**Physical Education Website**: www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/

**Pupil Benefits Plan** – Tom McGuire, Executive Director

- Spoke on the topic of becoming a direct sell insurance company. They compete against some big insurance companies and are currently paying large amounts in commission fees. If those fees were put back into the system, rates would go down. He has approached brokers regarding this idea and they are not happy.
- Thanked the Association for their support.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Budget/Audit Committee** – Paul Harrica, 1st Vice President

- Reported the committee met on Thursday, January 19, 2017 via teleconference.
- Reviewed the annual Financial Policies and Procedures – no changes.
• Received a clean audit from Marvin & Company. Thanked Lisa for a great job.
• Membership dues will remain the same for 2017-2018.
• Ticket prices will remain the same for 2017-2018.
• The Transportation Rate is $1.35/mile.
• Adopted the 2017-2018 budget at the May 2017 Executive Committee meeting which was approximately $11,300 less than last year’s budget.

**Compensation Committee** – Michael Carboine, Chairperson

- The committee met Wednesday morning, July 26th to review the reasonableness of the compensation for our Executive Director, Robert Zayas. The Committee referenced 990’s from Illinois, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey. After discussion and thorough review of the data, the committee determined the compensation provided to Mr. Zayas is reasonable.

**Championship Advisory Committee** – Greg Ransom, Chairperson

- The Committee met on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in the NYSPHSAA office.
- Action Items discussed:
  - Approved Girls Soccer Regional rotation for Class A and B proposal.
  - Defeated the Ice Hockey 4 man officiating system proposal.
  - Approved the CAC Sub-committee’s proposal on the Officials Fees and Policies.

**Handbook Committee** – Patrick Pizzarelli, Chairperson

- The committee met on June 21, 2017 via teleconference.
- Topics discussed:
  - **NYSED Approved” Regulation Changes.** Robert Zayas informed the Section Executive Directors that the NYS Education Department Board of Regents approved revisions to the Commissioner’s Regulations related to athletic eligibility on Tuesday, June 13 during their consent agenda. The revisions impact the Duration of Competition Regulation and K8 public school districts.
  - **NYSPHSAA Representation Rule.** NYSPHSAA and its 11 Sections have encountered circumstances of students who do not meet the representation rule for medical reasons but have extenuating circumstances such as a student who had a family member pass away and a student who did not meet the representation rule because of a foster care issue. A proposal for the following language change to the Representation Rule will be an Action Item at the October Executive Committee meeting: “In extenuating circumstances where
the student does not have a medical reason for a waiver of the representation rule, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director, in conjunction with the Section Executive Director and NYSPHSAA President, shall have the ability to grant a waiver of the representation rule. Waiver requests must be made in writing by the Section’s Executive Director.”

- **NFHS Authenticating Mark.** On May 30, 2017, Davis Whitfield, NFHS Chief Operating Officer, sent Robert Zayas a letter (included in the meeting packet) pertaining to the NFHS Authenticating Mark program. Currently, all members of the NFHS abide by the NFHS Authenticating Mark except NYSPHSAA. Failure to abide by the Authenticating Mark will result in NYSPHSAA forfeiting its right to serve on all NFHS rules committees which NYSPHSAA has had and continues to have. The program was started in the late 1990’s and provided consistency in competition by ensuring the ball, puck, etc. meets a national standard that is tested for quality and that it meets the NFHS rules and specifications. NYSPHSAA expressed concern when the program was implemented because it was viewed as an intrusion into regular season competition. Today, every major ball manufacturer produces ball/pucks with the NFHS Authenticating Mark since every other state abides by the program. It was felt we should just abide by the NFHS program.

- **Handbook Formatting.** Robert Zayas is continuing to work on the re-formatting of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. Once completed, it will definitely benefit the membership.

- **Ineligible Students to Practice.** As per the Transfer Rule (i.e. transfer without a corresponding change of address), students who are ineligible are not allowed to practice during their period of ineligibility. If students were allowed to practice, this would help the student integrate into the school setting and could reduce the number of appeals and lawsuits, while having no impact upon other schools.

A motion to approve permitting students who are ineligible as per the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule to practice during their period of ineligibility was defeated. 

(Pro: 30; Contra: 15)

- **Student-Athlete Development Committee (SADC)** – Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs
  - The committee met on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 via teleconference.
  - Topics discussed were:
    - **Student-Athlete 101.** Robert thanked the SADC for their service this year. Since attending the March SADC meeting where he discussed creating a “Student-Athlete 101” course, Robert has been approached by a national group called IMG who has an online social media program for universities called “Care What You Share.” As a result of cost of the program being expensive and high schools not able to afford it, IMG is planning on creating an online social media training course for high school student-athletes. With the Hazing Prevention Course available and the potential of this course being available, he sees the development of the Student-Athlete 101 course as something that comes in pieces from various sources/courses/companies and not something we need to develop as an association. He mentioned there may be existing programs the SADC knows of, or we can research to find them, that we can create a partnership with. The goal is to provide more resources to our member schools and to the student-athletes who are participating. The SADC is in support of the idea. It was suggested they attend their Section Athletic Council meetings and ask for feedback from the membership. They will then bring ideas and comments from their respective Sections to their next meeting.

- **Community Service Challenge.** Kristen stated there is a lack of participation from member schools even after she transitioned the application to an online application. Kristen asked the SAAC their thoughts on the program and they requested student-athletes be allowed to apply with AD/coach permission. They would like the challenge to be specific to a team rather than a whole school. The SADC is in support of this change also. Kristen will put together a proposal for a discussion item at the October Executive Committee meeting and an action item at the January Executive Committee meeting.
• **Status Updates:**
  • Approximately 86 applications were received for SAAC membership. The selection process was completed in mid-July. Kristen sent an updated list to each SADC member as to who is representing their Section.
  • Four SAAC members attended the NESLC and two SAAC members attended the NFHS NSLS. Kristen informed the SADC the low attendance number for the NESLC was due to the late distribution of date and site information. She stated the Association spends over $7,000 for a limited number of students to attend and felt the money can be better spent on our student-athletes. The goal is to create a SAAC Summit at the state office. SAAC would like to get to know each other, the NYSPPHSAA staff, Executive Committee and officers to learn how the Association functions. The seniors on the SAAC will still have an option to attend the NFHS NSLS.
  • **Hazing Prevention.** Kristen asked the SADC to help promote the Hazing Prevention Course available online. A credit card or PO can be used to pay for it.
  • **Future meeting dates:** Monday, September 11, 2017 at 10:00 AM, TBD NYSAAA Conference, March 14-16, 2018, Monday, June 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

**Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.** Kristen Jadin, Director of Special Programs

- The committee met on Sunday, June 11, 2017 via teleconference.
- Topics discussed:
  - **Student-Athlete 101.** Robert thanked the SAAC for their service on the committee this year. He stated the Association asks coaches and administrators for feedback but believes the student-athlete voice is as imperative for the Association to have. He presented the idea to create an online “Student-Athlete 101” course that includes a curriculum to help students become better student-athletes and requested the SAAC to brainstorm ideas on this and to bring their ideas to the Fall meeting.
  - **The Future of SAAC.** All juniors opted to remain on the committee for next year. Kristen thanked everyone, especially the seniors, for their time and effort this year. SAAC selection for next year took place in early July.
  - **NYSPHSA SAAC Summit/NYSPHSA Leadership Conference.** Kristen asked if the SAAC was interested in attending a SAAC Summit instead of attending the NESLC. They were in support of the summit and discussed what type of topics they would like discussed and what type of people they would like to hear from. The group also suggested the NYSPHSA staff, officers and possibly members from the Executive Committee come to the summit so they can meet the people to whom they are presenting their ideas.
  - **Community Service Challenge.** The SAAC voted on the applications using the rubric. Kristen asked SAAC for ideas to increase participation in this program. She will develop a proposal for SAAC approval at their September meeting.
  • **Future meeting dates:** Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 4:00 PM, Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 4:00 PM, Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 4:00 PM, Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 4:00 PM.

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

**Athletic Trainers**

- Reported the topic of Athletic Trainers was addressed at the Cracker Barrel sessions.
- In June, a sub-committee was formed from within the Safety Committee to look at all facets of athletic trainer services and to put together a report that identifies the obstacles, identifies the benefits of having athletic trainer services and identifying different options school districts can look at to try to provide athletic trainer services to their student-athletes to help minimize the risk of participating in interscholastic athletics.
- He will bring the comments from the Cracker Barrel sessions back to the sub-committee who meets again in the fall and also to the Safety Committee.
- A proposal will be put together and presented at the October Executive Committee.

**Heat Acclimatization/Heat Illness**

- Reminded all member schools heat related illness are the most preventable sports related injuries in interscholastic sports.
The NYSPHSAA, NFHS, NATA and the Korey Stringer Institute provide valuable information and resource to school administrators, coaches and athletic trainers to help prevent heat related illnesses.

Each school should include resources and information to coaches, students and parents pertaining to the prevention of heat related illnesses.

The NATA and Korey Stringer Institute both recommend during the first week of the season that single practices are conducted with a max of 3 hours. In the second week of the season, two practices can be conducted as long as there is proper rest in between practices and the following day only has a single practice.

For further questions or information, please contact the NYSPHSAA office.

Anyone Can Save a Life

“Anyone Can Save a Life” program has been promoted and shared with the NYSPHSAA Safety Committee and the NYSPHSAA membership. Last year through a grant from the NFHS, each member school received a free workbook on the program. The information is also available on the Anyone Can Save a Life website.

The program is designed for teams to have an emergency action plan in case of an unexpected medical emergency.

If a school district is not using Anyone Can Save a Life program, please encourage them to do so. This program has proven to be effective in other states including New York where teams have saved a life because they had a plan and executed the plan to help save the victim.

NYSPHSAA is now using the program for all their tournaments.

For further questions or information, please contact the NYSPHSAA office.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 25, 2017 at 9:30 AM via conference call.

Modified Committee – Jim Rose, Co-Coordinator

Announced the position of Modified Track Chair is open. If anyone is interested, please contact him.

Modified Soccer Goalie Numbers

A motion to approve for “Modified Soccer Game Rule #12 ‘The NFHS regulation that the boys’ and girls’ soccer goalie uniform jersey shall be numbered.’ shall be waived at the modified level until the 2020-2021 school year.” carried. Staves/Bauerlein

Modified Soccer White Uniforms

A motion to approve “Until further notice, the modified boys’ and girls’ soccer programs will be exempt from the National Federation rule requiring all-white home jerseys.” carried. Mullins/Bjork

Modified Spikes for Cross Country

A motion to approve in Modified Cross Country to remove Game Conditions #2 and #3 carried. Crukshank/Tooley

#2. Equipment – only sneakers or shoes with molded soles and molded cleats are permitted in the modified program. Shoes with metal posts or spikes are not permitted in any modified sport. Rationale: The use of spikes in the sport of cross country allows the runners to have better traction, especially in bad weather conditions.

#3. Pilot Program: Section III shall be permitted to adopt a two year (2015/2016) pilot program in modified cross country that will permit modified cross country runners to wear spiked running shoes. With Section/League approval, other Sections may participate in this pilot program. Each Section/League participating will be required to provide injury data after the 2015 and 2016 modified cross country season.

Modified Spikes for Track and Field

(Postponed until the October Executive Committee meeting) “Section 2 shall be permitted to adopt a two year (Indoor Winter and/or Outdoor Spring 2017/2018/2019) pilot program in modified track and field that will permit modified runners in lane events to wear spiked running shoes.” With Section/League approval, other Sections may participate in this pilot program. Each Section/League participating will be required to provide injury data after the 2017/2018/2019 modified track and field seasons. Note: Some Sections run and can report Modified Indoor and Outdoor Winter and Spring Track and Field seasons.
• Modified Football Cleats
A motion to approve removing Modified Football Game Conditions #6 d. ‘Only sneakers or shoes with molded soles and molded cleats are permitted in the modified program. Shoes with metal posts or spikes are not permitted in any modified sport.’ The NFHS football safety rules regarding cleats will be used instead. carried. Bjork/Tooley

Officials Coordinating Federation – Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
• Reported the topic of recruiting of officials is discussed at every meeting.
• Reported the NFHS has developed a program to help with recruiting. A link is available on our website.
• Reported at the NFHS summer meeting it was announced New York is #1 in the number of individuals inquiring on how to become an official. Well over 220 individuals have inquired in our office since the beginning of May.
• He sends the inquiries to the Section Executive Directors and asks them to forward on to their officials rep to contact the individual.
• He also shares the list with OCF reps so they can contact the people in their organizations.
• He has created a database that includes every person who has inquired and their email address. He follows up with an email thanking them for their interest and asks them to contact him if they do not hear from anyone.

WRITTEN REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE FOLLOWING SPORT COMMITTEES & DISTRIBUTED VIA E-MAIL:
Fall Sports
• Football, B/G Cross Country, B/G Soccer, G. Gymnastics, G. Swimming & Diving, Field Hockey, B/G Volleyball, G. Tennis
Winter Sports
• B/G Basketball, Wrestling, B. Swimming & Diving, B/G Skiing, B/G Bowling, Riffery, Competitive Cheerleading, G. Gymnastics, B. Ice Hockey
Spring Sports
• Softball, Baseball, B/G Lacrosse, B/G Golf, B. Tennis, B/G Outdoor Track

GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

Hall of Fame – Revise Deadlines for Applications
• A motion to approve to move the Hall of Fame application deadline to one week before the winter Executive Committee meeting carried. Bjork/Ceruti

Hall of Fame – Match Evaluation Scales for Screening and Selection Committees
• A motion to approve to match the evaluation scales for both the Screening and Selection Committees to use 1 through 5; not 1, 3 and 5 as scoring values for applications carried. Bjork/Ceruti

Hall of Fame – Accepting Supporting Documents
• A motion to approve to allow for a minimum of any five supporting documents to be accompanied with an application for a candidate carried. The documents may include endorsement or recommendation letters, news articles and scorebooks. Bjork/Ceruti

NFHS Authentication Mark
• A motion to approve for the NYSPHSAA to abide by the NFHS Authenticating Mark by removing the following language from the NYSPHSAA Sport Standards Section of the Handbook carried. Ryan/Hayes
“GAME BALLS – NFHS authenticating mark is not required on game balls for competition.”

Combining of Teams Graduated Scale
• A motion to approve revisions to the Combining of Teams graduating scale carried. Bult/Staves
Revised Combining of Teams graduated scale: AA-100%, A-100%, B-100%, C-40%, D-30%
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 4 yes; Section 2: 3 yes; Section 3: 4 no; Section 4: 4 yes; Section 5: 4 no; Section 6: 3 no; Section 7: 4 yes; Section 8: 4 no; Section 9: 4 yes; Section 10: 3 yes/1 no; Section 11: 4 no. Officers: 2 yes/1 no. 24 Yes/21 No)
Transgender Guidelines

- **A motion to approve** to revise the NYSPHSAA Transgender Guidelines to read “1. The student or the parent(s)/guardian shall notify the Superintendent that the student would like the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics consistent with the gender he/she identifies as. 4. On a seasonal basis the school will provide approval of eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams which corresponds to the student’s gender identity,” was amended and carried. It now reads: “1. The student or the parent(s)/guardian shall notify the Superintendent that the student would like the opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics consistent with the gender he/she identifies as. 4. On a sports season basis the school will provide approval of eligibility to try out for an interscholastic sports team or teams which corresponds to the student’s gender identity.”

Murphy/Mullins

Football Classification Cut-Off Numbers

- **A motion to approve** the following change to the football Classification Cut-Off Numbers effective Fall 2018 season carried.  
  (Section 2: 3 no; Section 10: 1 no)
  
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Ransom Mullins

Tommy Tough Football Educational & Awareness Safety Standards

- **A motion to approve** NYSPHSAA endorses the “Tommy Tough” Football Educational & Awareness Safety Standards carried.

Mullins/Ceruti

Boys Volleyball – Request to use the NCAA Rule for the Score of the 5th Set (Deciding Set) at the Varsity level

- **A motion to approve** the Boys Volleyball Committee’s request to use the NCAA Volleyball rule for the score of the 5th set for varsity matches carried.  
  (Section 1: 4 no; Section 5: 4 no)

Ceruti/Ferry

Girls Volleyball – Adjusted Classification Numbers to even out Classes

- **A motion to approve** the Girls Volleyball Committee’s proposal for revised Classification Cut-Off numbers to even out numbers per class at 20% effective Fall 2018 carried.
  
  The revised Classification numbers are:
  
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Mullins/Carboine

Boys Volleyball Championship Site

- **A motion to approve** Albany’s Capital Center as the site of the 2018-2020 NYSPHSAA Boys Volleyball Championships carried.

Ryan-Curry/Santandera

Girls Swimming & Diving Championship Site

- **A motion to approve** Ithaca College as the site of the 2018-2020 NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving Championships carried.

Durdon/Bauerlein

Girls Gymnastics Championship Site

- **A motion to approve** Cold Spring Harbor High School as the site of the 2018-2020 NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics Championships carried.

Ceruti/Mullins
Girls Soccer – Regional Rotations

- A motion to approve the Girls Soccer Regional Rotations effective Fall 2017 carried.  
  (Section 7: 4 no; Section 10: 4 no; Officers: 2 no)  Gasparini/Mullins

Boys/Girls Soccer – End of the Year Report

- A motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Soccer Committees no longer be required to provide an end of year report regarding disqualifications in Boys and Girls Soccer to the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Coordinator effective Fall 2018 carried.  
  Heller/Ryan-Curry

Football Overtime Procedures

- A motion to approve adopting the NFHS accepted overtime procedure with the amendment of the 20 yard line instead of the 10 yard line be placed within the verbiage of the Football Sports Standards section of the NYSPHSAA Handbook carried.  
  Mullins/Bjork

Ice Hockey – 2 Referee & 2 Linesman Officiating System

- A motion to approve to use the 2 referee and 2 linesman officiating system in Ice Hockey was defeated.  
  (Section 2: 3 yes; Section 11: 4 Abstentions; Officers: 3 no)  Ferry/Ryan

Ice Hockey Time Periods

- A motion to approve for Ice Hockey to abide by the NFHS Ice Hockey Rules for time periods (17 minutes) and penalties (2/5 & 10 minutes) to begin with the 2018-2019 season carried.  
  Schmandt/Ryan
  (Section 1: 4 no)

Modified Sports Start Date

- A motion to approve with Section and League approval, Modified sports will start on the same date as Varsity and JV sports beginning in Winter 2017-2018 carried.  
  Bartlett/Slade
  (Section 3: 4 no; Section 11: 4 no; Officers: 2 no)

Waiver of Representation Rule

- A motion to approve a waiver of the Representation Rule for the Wrestling Team Duals Section 1 qualifier from 6 to 0 carried.  
  (Officers: 1 no)  Peterson/Mankowich

Sport Coordinator Approval

- A motion to approve the following Sport Coordinators for a five year term, effective September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2022 carried.  
  Ceruti/Carboine  
  Doug Courtright, Boys Golf State Coordinator; Selina DeCicco, Boys Tennis State Coordinator; Chris Horgan, Girls Tennis State Coordinator; Al Roy, Baseball State Coordinator; Tom Wells, Boys Track & Field State Coordinator.

Friends and Neighbors

A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried.  (Expiring August 2019)  Ferry/Murphy

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DIscussion/information Items

Uniform Calendar for Variation Sports
- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented Section 1’s concern from the May 5, 23017 Executive Committee meeting regarding a clarification of the language for the variation sports uniformed calendar that was approved at the July 2014 Central Committee meeting. They felt the language should say “presented for review to CAC” as they are a recommending body only. The motion approved stated “all variation sports receive CAC approval prior to presenting changes to classification cut off numbers…”
- Also, in the Handbook, the language does not include voted on at the “May” meeting. The numbers should be voted on and then the earliest implementation should be Fall of the next school year (May 2017 vote, September 2018 earliest implementation).
- This will be on the October Executive Committee meeting agenda as an Action Item.

Beds numbers related to students who age out
- Section VIII has a concern with having many students aging out who can’t participate in sports but are counted in their BED’s numbers.
- Robert will work with Section VIII to create a proposal for possible action at the October Executive Committee meeting.

Clarification of “Co-Ed” in Cheer related to Mixed Competition
- At the May Executive Committee meeting Section VII asked to clarify what “co-ed” means in Competition Cheer.
- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, reported the Cheer Committee has not addressed this yet.
- This will be on the October Executive Committee meeting agenda as a Discussion Item.

Oversight Committee for Classification of Non-Public and Charter Schools
- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented the proposal to create an Oversight Committee to review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools.
- The Committee’s responsibilities would be:
  - Review the placement of all non-public and charter schools.
  - Accept the placements of non-public and charter schools – OR – remand placements back to the Sections for rationale and further review. The Committee would not have the ability to place non-public and charter schools.

New Member
A motion to approve the following application for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried. Ferry/Murphy
schools in a classification they believed to be most appropriate, but they could make a recommendation to the Section for placement.

- If remanded back to the Section, the Section may:
  - Revise the placement of the non-public or charter school. If revised, the Oversight Committee will review again.
  - Keep the classification placement of the non-public or charter school.

- The Committee members would consist of the following:
  - NYSPHSAA Executive Director would serve as Chair of the Committee.
  - NYSPHSAA President would appoint five representatives from the five classifications at the beginning of the two year term of the presidency, along with a sixth member from a non-public/charter school. For voting purposes, if the Committee cannot come to a consensus (i.e. 3-3 vote), no change/recommendation would take place (i.e. accept the placement).

Requiring NYSPHSAA member schools to have their Athletic Administrator possess a Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA) Certification.

- This discussion item was withdrawn.

Future of School Enrollment Numbers

- Robert Zayas, Executive Director, presented a proposal to revise the timeline for school enrollment numbers to be approved and take effect.

Wrestling – Eliminate the 99 lb. weight class in league matches only

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal with League and Section approval, to have the 99 lb. weight class not count in league matches only effective the 2018-2019 season.
- There has been discussion to eliminate the 99 lb. weight class since the Federation does not recognize this weight class.
- By giving leagues their choice of counting the class in their scoring, it will show how serious coaches and administrators are in either keeping or eliminating it all together.
- All non-league matches and tournaments will count in scoring.
- Small schools are forfeiting this weight class or bringing up a modified wrestler to fill the weight class.

Wrestling – Limit Two-Day Non-bracketed Tournaments

- Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator, presented the Wrestling Committee’s proposal to limit the number of two-day non-bracketed tournaments to a maximum of two of the allotted six tournaments effective the 2017-2018 season.
- These types of tournaments are leading to higher number of individual wins which aids in our at-large criteria.
- Smaller schools with budget concerns are unable to attend many of these tournaments, therefore not being able to establish more wins/loss ratio needed to possibly get an at-large bid at the state tournament.

Revision to Five Classification Cut-Off Numbers

- Carl Normandin, Section X Executive Director, presented a proposal for a revision to the five classification cut-off numbers to address the issues with Class AA and D percentages.
- He specifically looked at B/G Soccer, B/G Basketball, Baseball and Softball.
- His objective was to try to balance the percentage in each class, try to balance the total number of schools in each class and try to maintain the integrity of the tournaments.
- He encouraged this proposal be brought back to the Sections for discussion.

Girls Volleyball – Adopt Standard Operating Procedures Format for Regionals and State Tournament Play

- Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Girls Volleyball Committee’s proposal to adopt a Standard Operating Procedure for all Regional and State Tournament matches to provide consistency and familiarity for players, effective Fall 2017.
Boys Volleyball – Championship Pool Play
• Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Boys Volleyball Committee’s proposal for when there are three teams in a division, if during Championship pool play, the teams each win one set (game), a third set (game) would be played immediately, effective November 2018.
• This is an attempt to avoid a one set (game) playoff at the end of pool play for second place and create a more natural flow of play.

NYSFHSAA Cheerleading Rubrics and Progressions
• Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal for the 2017-2018 Rubrics and Progression sheets included in the meeting packet.
• The Rubrics have been updated and simplified for coaches and judges. The progression sheets give further clarification for both the judges and coaches.

Cheerleading – Require schools to provide proof of legally obtaining music before competing in NYSFHSAA State Championship
• Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal to require all schools competing in the NYSFHSAA State Championship to provide proof that they have legally purchased the music they will use during their routine, effective the Winter 2017-2018 season.
• NYSFHSAA expects all schools to follow copyright laws and puts the responsibility on the school to ensure they are following the copyright laws.

Cheerleading – Use of Video Replay for Section Cheer Championships
• Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal to allow Sections the ability to use video replay at Section Championships.
• NYSFHSAA used video replay with success at the 2017 Cheerleading Championship and the committee feels a Section could also benefit if allowed to use video replay for their Sectional Championship.

Softball – Elimination of International Tie Breaker for Regional Contests
• Chris Ceruti, Section VIII Softball Chair, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal to eliminate the International Tie Breaker rule for all Regional contests as a two-year experiment for 2018 and 2019.
• The same International Tie Breaker Rule waiver is in place for State Semifinals and Finals. This proposal would mirror that for regional play.

Softball – Run Rule for Regional and State Tournament
• Chris Ceruti, Section VIII Softball Chair, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal for a Run Rule for Regional and State Tournament play. The rule would be for 12 runs once a contest becomes an Official game.
• Many regional contests are lopsided scores and the Committee felt it would be in the best interest of both teams to end the contest when there is a 12-run difference between both teams. In 2017, there were four regional contests with more than a 12-run difference and one contest with a difference of 11 runs.

Softball – Complete Game for Regionals and Championships
• Chris Ceruti, Section VIII Softball Chair, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal that all Regional and Championship contests be played to completion consisting of 7 innings or more in the event of extra innings, effective Spring 2018.
• In fairness to all teams, all regional and championship contests should be played to completion. There could be extenuating circumstances that may cause a contest to end once it is an official game. When a game is on the “edge” of being suspended, there is always a disadvantage to the teams. With this rule in place an umpire can now suspend a game at the best possible time for both teams in order to create a balance the currently does not exist. Officials may be pushing the game to become “official” and thus teams may be playing in conditions that are unsafe for all participants.
Softball – Elimination of Regional Certificates
- Chris Ceruti, Section VIII Softball Chair, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal to eliminate handing out Regional Certificates at Regional games, effective Spring 2018.
- The athletes are not finding the certificates special. They’ve been found in the trash.
- It is also difficult to distribute to teams, especially the losing teams, when some regionals do not have awards ceremonies following the game.
- The committee suggested possibly having a state template of the certificate that could be used by schools to print and distribute to their athletes.
- The committee inquired about the possibility of having a small plaque for the sub-regional losing team to acknowledge the school’s participation in regional play.

Baseball – Add Game-Ending Procedure Run Rule & Increase Maximum Number of Games to 22
- Al Roy, Baseball Assistant State Coordinator, presented two proposals from the Baseball Committee.
  1. With Section & League approval, a game ending procedure Run Rule which would state that the game will end with a run differential of 10 runs after 5 innings (or 4 ½ if the home team is winning).
  2. To increase the maximum number of games to 22.
- The Run Rule will have a saving impact on pitch counts and the number of pitchers that are used in games when there is a lack of competitiveness. The second concern is when the Run Rule is in effect, innings are reduced, then it further reduces the opportunities (innings) for competition. This could result in losing student-athletes to other sports and community-based sports where the number of games is far greater than in Modified/High School baseball.
- The committee unanimously agreed to support this proposal and respectfully asked that the two proposals not be separated out since they work hand in hand. The committee would not support the Run Rule if they were not able to gain the two additional games for fear of further shortening the season for Modified/High School baseball players.
- The Central Committee directed this proposal be placed on the agenda of the Modified Committee Fall meeting.

Baseball – Adjust Regional Rotation When Byes Create a Direct Berth to State Final Four
- Al Roy, Baseball Assistant State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal to adjust the Regional rotations when a Section, because of byes, would go directly to the State Semifinals and to establish May 18, 2018 as a final date to inform the State Coordinator of intent to pull out of the Regionals and State Tournament.
- Currently have approved regionals (6-year rotations) and additional approval to modify the rotations at their annual January meeting when it is announced that a Section will not have a team from a class.
- This cut-off date would allow the coordinator and the committee to adjust the regional schedule to prevent a team from advancing directly to the final four and still announce the schedule a minimum of a full week prior to the regional game schedule. This would create a fair and equitable path for teams to get to the State Final Four.

Girls Swimming – Prohibit Use of Two-Piece or Tie Back Suits during Warm-ups
- Pat Ryan, Girls Swimming & Diving Assistant State Coordinator, presented the Girls Swimming & Diving Committee’s proposals.
  1. To designate that the female swimmers/divers must adhere to the NFHS uniform rule during warm-ups as well as during the meet.
A motion to approve female swimmers/divers must adhere to the NFHS uniform rule during warm-ups as well as during the meet effective August 14, 2017 carried. Carboine/Greene
  2. To designate female swimmers/divers may not wear two piece suits or tie back suits as their primary competitive suit. Divers are currently able to wear a tie back suit during competition.

Boys & Girls Swimming – Limit Alternates for Relays
- Pat Ryan, Girls Swimming & Diving Assistant State Coordinator, presented the Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving Committees proposal to limit alternates for relays at the Boys & Girls State Championship meets. A school may bring one alternate only for a relay, and only if the school has no other individual member participating in the State Championship meet in an event, that they may use in case of illness or injury.
Currently, a school that has a relay participating in the State Championship Meet may bring as many alternates as they deem appropriate.

**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**
The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2017-2018 school years, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Bishop Kearney & Archangel
Byron Bergen & Caledonia-Mumford

York & Pavilion

Perry & Mt. Morris

Oakfield Alabama & Elba

Letchworth & Warsaw

ER & Gananda
Trumansburg, South Seneca & Romulus
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Canisteo-Greenwood & Jasper-Troupsburg
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Penfield & Honeoye Falls-Lima
Medina & Lyndonville
North Rose-Wolcott & Red Creek

Keshequa & Mt. Morris
Williamson & Marion
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Brighton, Honeoye Falls-Lima & ER
Gates Chili, Wheatland Chili & Northstar
Geneseo, Avon & Livonia
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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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GROUP MEETINGS REPORTS

Chief School Officers – Tim Ryan

Philosophy of Modified Athletics
- Think it is important to preserve the developmental opportunities provided by the modified program.
- Stay away from the term “Middle School Athletics”. This could create some confusion as middle schools are identified by different grade levels. Keep “Modified”.
- Make a greater effort to review Modified rules and regulations so all coaches/officials have a common understanding.
- Like the idea of re-formatting of on-line rules. Would like to explore the idea of an “App”.
- Should maintain Modified as a developmental/participating experience.

Home School Legislation
- Happy with the efforts of the NYSPHSAA to combat this proposed legislation.
- Unanimously would like the efforts to continue.

Certified Athletic Trainers and Services
- Very difficult to find people to serve in that capacity.
- Can also be cost prohibitive, especially for smaller school districts, therefore are opposed to having it a mandated position. Would like to keep it as a local decision.
- Inquired about having more training for varsity coaches about the health needs of our student athletes.

How can the NYSPHSAA staff better serve the Membership?
- Communication has been good and improving
- Good backing/support for Sectional issues.
- Treating all sports equally regardless of gender or sport.
- Overall, good equity, i.e. bidding process for championship venues.
- Visibility represented by our logo, branding and attendance at Section meetings has been good.
- Doing a good job in developing relationships with legislators, i.e. Home School legislation.
- Suggested working to form a strong relationship with NYSCOSS, particularly Bob Lowry, for future legislative issues.
- Felt the student based initiatives developed by Kristen Jadin were great. Liked the focus on sportsmanship.
- Had a concern with the practice of someone who is retired staying on in an official position in NYSPHSAA or the Section, i.e. like a Principal Rep. The concern being when you are not actively involved, you increasingly become
more out of touch.

**Principals** – Pete Bednarek

**Philosophy of Modified Athletics**
- In favor of re-examining Modified Athletics with an eye towards modernizing it to look more like JV and Varsity in terms of game structure and potentially examining the philosophy.
- Agreed on continuing and furthering participation opportunities for students which is why they are in favor of offering more latitude to Sections and Leagues in this area, recognizing that what may help large schools might be different for small schools.
- In favor of the name change. Recognize modified athletics is no longer a first experience for most students. Losing interest to AAU and club/recreation sports.

**Home School Legislation**
- Asked Association to not compromise; to continue to oppose and react if it happens.

**Certified Athletic Trainers and Services**
- Worth the cost for the safety issue it provides.
- Asked the Association to request data from Section Executive Directors to find out how many schools use an athletic trainer, the average cost, how did they get them, are they contracting with groups, how are they used at Sectionals.
- Could BOCES help with contracting?

**How can the NYSPHSAA staff better serve the Membership?**
- Feel the Principals Reps are a relatively silent group. Need to increase their voice and their work as a liaison body for the Principals throughout the Association possibly through a listserve for the Principals Reps and possible face-to-face meetings or conference calls a couple times a year which would allow them to stay informed and share how they are communicating and networking with Principals in their Sections.

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

**Philosophy of Modified Athletics**
- Like the idea of the overall/revamp of the program.
- Like the idea of rebranding but do not feel “Middle School Athletics” represents the program.
- It is important to remember that for some athletes, this is the first athletic team experience with the changes.
- Like and understand that a change is needed and the more things that mirror the JV/Varsity level, the better, especially with the increased numbers of 7, 8, and 9 programs and the loss of JV programs.

**Home School Legislation**
- At what point do we consider amendments to the current bill?
- Strongly encourage NYSPHSAA to oppose the change but feel we should have a fall back plan in case there is a need to consider any bill changes.
- Concerned about the bona fide student rule, age entry into 9th grade, etc. if the bill were to pass (accountability).

**Certified Athletic Trainers and Services**
- Support the concept of the services but do not feel a mandate is required. It may not be feasible financially for many districts.
- Concerned there may not be enough certified/qualified trainers available to service our current districts.
- Will there be a trickle down for JV/Modified programs for services?
- Note: BOCES has a COSER for this service currently.

**How can the NYSPHSAA staff better serve the Membership?**
- Like the 1-stop shop method for all Regional/State Championship packets. Would like all sports to have that listed on the website (rosters, photo, venues, etc.).
- Like the reformatting of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. Much more user friendly.
- Would like a consistent process for hotel invoicing for their sport coordinators. Currently, some pay and then are reimbursed by the Section. Some have rooms reserved by NYSPHSAA and then Sections are invoiced which they feel is the best method as it eliminates confusion and unnecessary taxes being paid.
• Section 5 voiced a concern with schools, or more importantly Sections, getting invoiced after the fact for banquets. Most did not have PO’s ready for the banquets. They would like the Sports Coordinator/NYSHPHSA staff to clarify when banquets were being offered and to include the information in the packet that goes out.

Physical Education Representatives – Patricia Ryan-Curry

Philosophy of Modified Athletics
• Extended Playing Time
  • Had concerns regarding officials contracts, availability of facilities due to time limits
  • Prefer to have more games instead of longer games.
• More games
  • In favor of
  • Concern with the availability of officials.
• Middle School Athletics
  • In support of.
• Online Rules
  • In support of.
• Modified Rules at Fall AD Workshops
  • If time allows, they are in support.

Home School Legislation
• In favor of Association continuing to oppose Home School participation.
• Also concerned with eligibility policies if they do participate.

Certified Athletic Trainers and Services
• Todd Nelson, Assistant director, shared the Association is working to promote use of athletic trainers. No further discussion took place.

How can the NYSHPHSA staff better serve the Membership?
• Felt the staff was doing a great job.

A motion to approve to accept the group meeting reports carried. Schmandt/Murphy

REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS

NYSAAA – Alan Mallanda, Executive Director

Conference
• Planning for the March 2018 athletic directors’ conference began immediately after the last conference.
• There will be some changes in days/dates to spread out the conference and allow for more flexibility in programming and social events.
• The conference will begin on Tuesday with a full schedule of LTI courses and meetings. The opening General Session will take place on Tuesday evening followed by the Exhibit Hall Festival. The Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet will be moved to Wednesday evening. Thursday evening will be free for visiting local dining venues and socializing. Exhibitors will be finished Wednesday afternoon. Workshops and General Sessions will be spread further apart to allow more time for other activities. A CAA exam will be conducted on Friday morning with a review class on Thursday. The conference will still end on Friday afternoon following the David Martens’ Awards Luncheon and Alan Mallanda Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.
• A tentative conference schedule for 2018 was included in the meeting packet.
• General Session speakers and workshop topics will be announced by early fall.

Board News and Actions
• The Executive Board recently approved and added two new paid staff positions as part of a focus on succession planning, redistributing administrative priorities and placing a greater emphasis on professional development and member services. Dr. James Wright, CMAA was appointed as the new Associate Executive Director and Peter Shambo, CMAA was appointed as Director of Professional Development and Membership Services. Both began their new positions as of July 1.
He and their Executive Board members recently met with the State Education Department representatives regarding a basic minimum certification requirement for athletic administrators in New York State. They were extremely encouraged with SED’s understanding of the issue and their encouragement to move forward in developing a plan and proposal. They will follow up again in early fall with an action plan for developing a proposal to be implemented.

The Board met with their Superintendents’ representative to develop a strategy and plan for communicating with Superintendents and educating them on the role of athletic administrators and the professional development opportunities available to them, as well as national certification programs.

The Board is concerned with the large decrease in membership last year and is making it a top priority for 2017-2018 to get information on membership benefits out to each of the Chapter/Sections. He noted there has not been an increase in membership dues in approximately 10 years.

The Board approved a new plan for membership of retired AD’s in NYS y offering a one-time payment of $150 for a lifetime membership (currently $35/year) in NYSAAA only. For the first year, it will be offered to all retired AD’s, and subsequently to newly retired AD’s in their first year of retirement.

Professional Development

The Board has given preliminary approval for a plan to conduct a fall conference early in the school year for new athletic administrators within their first three years, as well as a mentoring program as a follow up. It will begin in the Fall of 2018 in a central location and involve one overnight as well as a “500” level LTI Course.

The Board also gave approval for their staff members to attend the NYSPHSAA required fall athletic director workshops in each Section in order to promote the benefits of membership in the NYSAAA, as well as the programs offered through the Leadership Training Institute and Certification programs. He thanked Robert for his offer to make them part of the workshops.

The CAA Exam was offered again at the conference on Friday morning. A record 10 athletic administrators took the exam and passed. The exam was also offered on June 19th at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham. Four athletic administrators took the exam and passed.

New (increased) certification requirements have been announced by the NIAAA for 2019. They are listed on the home page of their website (www.nysaaa.org).

Website/Newsletter

Athletic Administrators are encouraged to visit their website regularly to keep up on the latest information and association news. Links have been provided between the NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA sites, as well as other professional associations, on each of their respective websites.

The next newsletter is going to be released in late August. Past issues can be found on their website. Conference photos can be found and accessed on their Shutterfly website, www.nysaaa.shutterfly.com. No password is needed to gain access. Photos can be downloaded or purchased from the site.

NIAAA/NFHS

The NIAAA/NFHS annual Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for Phoenix, AZ in December. Future sights include San Antonio, TX, Tampa, FL, Denver, CO and Orlando, FL.

A number of LTI courses are being offered again this fall as webinars by the NIAAA. Information can be found on the NIAAA website and the NYSAAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements.

Class of 2018 NYSAAA Hall of Fame

Announced the Class of 2018 NYSAAA Hall of Fame: Al Burnetti (IV), Ted Bondi, (deceased) (V), Dr. Mira Martincich (VIII), Rod Mergardt (I), Jim Riesch (X), Gary Vale (IV).

Other

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

NYS Coaches Association – Ron Woodruff

As a member of the National Federation of High Schools, the NYSPHSAA can select Coach of the Year Awards for New York State Coaches. Those coaches selected for the NYSPHSAA Coach of the Year Awards become eligible for the National Federation of High Schools Region I and National Federation Coach of the Year Awards. Region I of the National Federation is made up of schools within Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Maine.
During the school year, NYS Sport Coordinators, Section Executive Directors, Athletic Directors and past recipients are contacted for nominations. This request for nominations is done mainly at the end of each sport season, but any varsity coach can be nominated at any time. Criteria includes years of coaching, win-lose records, participation in league/sectional committees and being a positive role model within their school and community.

A list of the NYSPHSAA Coaches of the Year for the 2016-2017 school year was included in the meeting packets. These coaches will receive notice from the NFHS about additional information to be completed in the Fall of 2017. Regional/National awards will be selected in January 2018.

He thanked the Sport Coordinators, Athletic Directors and coaches who have made recommendations for these awards.

He asked that if anyone knows a coach that may be deserving of such an award to contact him at rwoodruf42@aol.com.

He thanked Robert Zayas and Todd Nelson for their help in making the program possible.

Other
On Wednesday afternoon, July 26th, a short video presentation was given by 5.0 Communications/IMG on their social media training course. They are a national group who has developed an online social media program for universities called “Care What You Share.” They are planning to create an online social media training course for high school student-athletes.

A motion to approve adjournment of the July 25-26, 2017 Central Committee meeting at 2:25 PM on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 carried.  

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Zayas
Executive Director

2017-2018 Meetings
Executive Committee
October 12, 2017 - Hilton Garden Inn, Troy (Week #15)
February 2, 2018 – Hilton Garden Inn, Troy (Week #31)
May 4, 2018 - Hilton Garden Inn, Troy (Week #44)

Central Committee
July 24-25, 2018 – High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid, NY – Section VII (Week #4)