SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
July 30-31, 2013 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, Fairport, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3  Approved the May 2013 Executive Committee Meeting minutes.
2. P5  Approved the 2013-2014 Section Sports Seasons with modifications.
3. P8  Approved dividing the NYSPHSAA employee pension for each employee in place of a pooled account.
4. P8  Approved Cornell University as the site for the 2014-2016 Boys Golf State Championships.
5. P8  Approved changing the Field Hockey overtime procedures to eliminate the penalty stroke segment and replace it with a 10 second one-on-one from Sectionals and beyond.
6. P8  Approved to take back to the Sections for discussion allowing boys and girls divers the opportunity to hone their specialized skill at separate diving meets without it counting as a competition against the entire swimming & diving team and instead, it would count as a competition against the specific athlete.
9. P8  Approved a waiver of rule 1.5.4 – Referee Stand in Boys and Girls Volleyball.
10. P9  Approved the reduction of the required number of contests in Girls Gymnastics from 6 meets to 4 meets in Sections 3 and 7 and in Boys Gymnastics in Section 6.
11. P12 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: German School New York (1), Horace Mann School (1), School of the Holy Child (1), The King’s School (2), Rochester School for the Deaf (5), St. Mary’s School (5), Christian Central Academy (6), St. Gregory the Great School (6), Highland Residential Center (9).
12. P12 Approved as a New Member: Rochester Academy Charter School (5).
13. P14 Approved revising Steps No. 1 and No. 3 of the Officials Agreement.
14. P15 approved the NYSPHSAA Compensation Policy.
15. P20 Approved adjournment.

DISCUSSION ITEM – OCTOBER MEETING
Sport Committee face-to-face meetings
NEW YORK STATE
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Woodcliff Hotel & Spa, Fairport, NY

The Central Committee was called to order by President Eileen Troy at 1:10PM. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced members of the Central Committee and took attendance as follows:

Officers & Staff
President Eileen Troy
First Vice President Stephen Broadwell
Second Vice President James Osborne
Past President Mark Ward
Executive Director Robert Zayas
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Director of Marketing & Media Relations Joe Altieri
Media Content Coordinator Joe Agostinelli
Treasurer Lisa Arnold
Counsel Renee James
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents
Peter Betrus (Tuesday)
Kathryn Faber
Robert Munn
Karen Lopez
Dr. James Tolle

Section Representatives
Section 1: Jennifer Simmons (proxy for Scott Mosenthal), Karen Peterson, David Goddard
Section 2: Chris Culnan (proxy for Elizabeth Hemstead), Robert McGuire, Jamian Rockhill (proxy for Ryan Sherman-Tues.), Peter Bednarek
Section 3: Michael Carbone, Barbara Felice, John Rathbun (proxy for Michael Cring), Joseph Rotella
Section 4: Julie Bergman, Chris Durdon, Gordon Daniels, Terry Heller
Section 5: Dennis O'Brien, Kimberly Henshaw, Gary Mix, Merritt Holly
Section 6: Donald Scholla, Cynthia Bullis, James Spanbauer (Wednesday), Timm Slade (proxy for Michael Wendt)
Section 7: C. Joseph Staves (Tuesday), Patricia Ryan-Curry, Timothy Farrell, Karen Lopez (proxy for John McDonald)
Section 8: Denise Kiernan (proxy for Dominick Vulpis), Christine Ceruti, Neil Connolly
Section 9: Roberta Greene, James Wolfe, Robert Thabet (proxy for Raymond Castellani)
Section 10: Martha Slack (proxy for Lori Brewer), Paul Harrica, Anthony Bjork, Mark Passamonte
Section 11: Lisa Lally, Timothy Mullins, Patricia Sullivan-Kriss, Nicolas DeCillis (proxy for John Dolan)

Section Presidents
Paul Harrica (10), Jeremy Thode (11)

Section Secretaries & Treasurers
Jennifer Simmons (1), Wayne Bertrand (2), John Rathbun (3), Ben Nelson (4), Thomas DeLaurentiis (4), Ed Stores (5), Jackie Meyer (5), Timm Slade (6), Karen Lopez (7), Nina Van Erk (8), Bob Thabet (9), Jim Osborne (9), Carl Normandin (10), Martha Slack (10), Ed Cinelli (11), Donald Webster (11)

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Peter Shambo, President-NYSSAA
Tom McGuire, Ex. Director-Pupil Benefits Plan
Jim Rose, President-NYSCOA (Wednesday)
Standing Committees
Robbie Greene, Handbook Coordinator
Patti Murphy, Life of an Athlete Co-Coordinator
Thad Lawrence, Life of an Athlete Co-Coordinator

Guests
Greg Ransom (1)
John Moriello – NYS Sportswriters Assoc.
Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer State Coordinator
Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming & Diving State Coordinator (Tuesday)
Jim Zumbo (5) (Wednesday)
Bev Hooper, Field Hockey State Coordinator (Tuesday)

Director of Marketing & Media Joe Altieri introduced representatives from Time Warner Cable, Inc. Video; Steve Arvan, Senior Director and General Manager, Scott Christianson, VP of Marketing, Jim Dates, Marketing Manager and Caroline Philben, Intern, who presented a video and outlined initiatives regarding our ten year partnership which began in April.

Director of Marketing & Media Joe Altieri introduced Meredith Noonan, Coaches vs. Cancer Division Manager who recapped some of last year’s youth initiatives and spoke on other fund raising opportunities.

A motion to approve the May 2013 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried. McGuire/Bergman

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Eileen Troy
- Introduced Joe Backer, President of Section 5, who welcomed the group to the Woodcliff Hotel & Spa in Fairport, NY.
- Through a Power Point presentation, she and Executive Director Zayas reviewed the accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2012-2013 school year.
- thanked the sport coordinators, state tournament directors and volunteers for all their work in running great state championships.

1st Vice Stephen Broadwell
- Welcomed the group to Fairport, NY.
- Reported he had attended eight state championships this past year.
- Reported on his attendance at the NFHS summer meeting in Denver, CO.

2nd Vice President James Osborne
- Thanked the staff for all their help during the past year.
- Thanked the sport coordinators for all their work in running great state championships.
- Appreciates the opportunity to serve the Association.

Past President Mark Ward
- Remarked how well the Executive Director transition has gone and that there will be more positive things for the future.
- Thanked the sport coordinators, state tournament directors and volunteers for running great state championships.

Executive Director Robert Zayas
- Reported during his first year as Executive Director he has learned much about the Association, the state of New York and the people who help to make our Association one of the best in the country.
- Reported he has attended 26 of our 32 State Championship events and has met with all 44 Central Committee members.
Website Development
- The NYSPHSAA website has been completely redesigned, with a focus on highlighting and promoting student-athletes and our championship events. The goal of the Association was to develop a highly engaging, educational, functional and informational website that would cater to a wide range of user types with one common goal to provide a single, comprehensive portal for all information related to the Association.

New Staff Members
- Lisa Arnold became the new NYSPHSAA Treasurer in April.
- Joe Agostinelli joined the staff in mid-June as the Media Content Coordinator. His primary responsibilities will focus on the management of the NYSPHSAA website and social media accounts.

Time Warner Cable
- In March, the NYSPHSAA entered into a ten-year agreement with Time Warner Cable for coverage of our State Championship events.

Revenue Share
- As a result of the Association’s Time Warner Cable broadcast agreement, the NYSPHSAA will begin sharing revenue with its eleven membership sections in the fall by distributing over $45,000 to benefit interscholastic athletics throughout the state. This money, which will increase each year, will be distributed for the next ten years.

Apparel/Program Contract
- CP Sportswear will be the official merchandiser of all 32 NYSPHSAA Championship events for the next three years. They will provide the Association a guaranteed rights fee, which will include all program design, printing and distribution. Establishing this sole vendor contract will allow the Association staff to focus efforts on corporate development and membership services.

Souvenir Badges
- All 12,000+ student-athletes who participate in the 2013-2014 NYSPHSAA Championship events will receive a souvenir badge to commemorate their participation. Each sport will have a uniquely designed badge to highlight the event. The NCAA is partnering with the NYSPHSAA to offset some of the costs of the badges by promoting the new 2016 NCAA Eligibility standards on the back of each badge. NYSPHSAA is the first state association in the country to partner with the NCAA on messaging of one of their initiatives.

State Education Department
- In January, Executive Director Zayas met with the NYS Commissioner of Education Dr. John King and Deputy Commissioner Ken Slentz. They discussed three main areas of concern: concussion management, mixed competition and selection classification.
- The NYSPHSAA is excited to announce the NY State Education Department has approved the NFHS Concussion Management course for NY State Coaches. The NFHS course is now approved to be used by coaches in New York as part of the Concussion Management and Awareness Act requirement (every 2 years). The direct link to the Concussion Course is: http://www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000. Physical education teachers still have to complete the Heads Up, Concussion in Youth Sports (every 2 years). It is available at http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html.
- An ad hoc committee has been created to examine the mixed competition regulations and is scheduled to meet via telephone conference call on Monday, August 19 at 1:00PM.
- Selection Classification continues to be modified by SED; NYSPHSAA awaits notification on when any changes will take effect.

New Programs
- The NYSPHSAA has entered into an agreement with the NAIA to bring the NAIA 5 Star Leadership program to New York. The NAIA and NYSPHSAA will recognize high schools that are dedicated to leadership and character development through the Five-Star Leadership School Banner Program. Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, NYSPHSAA will be promoting sportsmanship in a new manner with the launch of the “Battle of the Fans” sportsmanship program.
- The NYSPHSAA in partnership with Time Warner Cable Sports Channel have developed a new program “Stay In The Game” which will promote and highlight those schools who successfully complete the school year without a disqualification penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct for a coach and/or player at all levels of competition.

National Presentations/Committees
- Reported he had represented the NYSPHSAA during the 2012-2013 school year at the following:
  - September 2012 – Spoke at the National Alcohol Symposium in Dallas, TX discussing the danger of alcohol as it relates to student-athlete athletic performance.
- January-March 2013 – Served on the NFHS National Network strategic Advisory Committee in Indianapolis, IN.
- June 2013 – Presented at the NFHS National Conference in Denver, CO on the “Future of Education Based Athletics”.

**National Recognition**
- Former NYSPHSAA Assistant Director Lloyd Mott was honored in Denver, CO when he received the NFHS Section 1 Citation Award for his dedicated service to the NYSPHSAA and the NFHS during his distinguished career.
- Mike Messere was inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in Denver, CO on June 27 as the nation’s winningest lacrosse coach. He has led Genesees’s boys’ lacrosse team to twenty-two state championship lacrosse appearances since 1981.

**44 Central Committee Meetings**
- Announced that he had met with all 44 Central Committee members during the 2012-2013 school year to learn about our Association from their perspective.

**Section Sports Seasons**

A motion to approve the Section Sports Seasons for the 2013-2014 school year with modifications carried. Felice/O’Brien

**Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker**

**2012-2013 State Championships**
- Oceanside Awards Replica Plaque program returned $336.00 from the sales of 112 replicas of the NYSPHSAA award. Royalties totaling $11,148.00 have been received in the 14 years of this program.
- Emergency measures (crowd control and AED) were effective at all 2012-2013 State Championships and will continue to be in place for 2013-2014.

**2013-2014 State Championships**
- A master schedule of dates and sites, as approved by the Executive Committee in January 2013, was included in the meeting packets.
- A list of 2013-2014 National Exam Dates showing championship date conflicts was included in the meeting packets.
- Future Dates/Sites of state championships planned for 2014-2015 and beyond was included in the meeting packets. An approval vote for the 2014-2015 schedule is scheduled for the January 2014 Executive Committee meeting.

**State Sports Coordinators**

**Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program**
- A list of the Spring 2013 Scholar/Athlete State Champions was included in the meeting packets. Thank you to the award presenters for honoring these teams a representing the NYSPHSAA!
- Thank you to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 18th year of sponsorship.

**School of Distinction**
- A list of the 2012-2013 School of Distinction Award Winners was included in the meeting packets.
- Thank you to Lee’s Trophies Co., Schenectady, NY for sponsoring the awards.
- 2013-2014 instructions and application forms are posted on the NYSPHSAA website.

**NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association**
- 2013-2014 officers are: President: Bob Stulmaker, PHSAA; Vice President: Donald Douglas, PSAL; Secretary: Denise Hillig, CHSAA; Executive Secretary/Treasurer: Jim Foster.
- 2013-2014 meeting schedule is as follows: Fall: September 25, 2013; Winter: January 22, 2014 (January 29, 2014 snow date); Federation Basketball Planning Meeting: March 21, 2014; Spring: May 14, 2014.

**Community Service Challenge**
- There were 15 projects statewide.
- 7 out of 11 Sections submitted a local winner.
- Congratulated the 2013 State Winner – Columbia High School (2).
- 2014 Deadlines: May 1 – Sections; June 1 – NYSPHSAA office
- A special thanks to Murphee Hayes, Athletic Administrator from Whitney Point High School (4) and Student Leadership Advisory Coordinator and the student leaders for help in selecting this year’s winner.
Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Classification
- The Association office staff will work with the State Education Department to receive the SIRS report to classify our member schools for the 2014-2015 school year. We anticipate receiving that report at the beginning to middle of January as we have the past two years. Once we receive the report, we will put together an excel spreadsheet and send it to all Section Executive Directors for verification of schools and any glaring discrepancies. A recommendation for approval will be made to the Executive Committee in January.
- After receiving feedback from the Sections on the idea of freezing the school enrollment numbers for two years and eliminating the use of ungraded students in the process, the office staff is recommending that a motion be put on the agenda at the October Executive Committee meeting to eliminate the use of ungraded students in the process of classifying our member schools. Classification of our member schools would still occur on an annual basis.
- Reminder: The cut-off numbers for our 5 class sports have changed for the 2013-2014 school year, the cut-off numbers for the variation sports of Boys and Girls Lacrosse have changed for the 2013-2014 school year and the cut-off numbers for Football will be changing for the 2014-2015 school year. Please refer to these changes in the updated NYSPHSAA Handbook that can be found at www.nysphsaa.org.

Professional Development for Coaches
- For the 2013-2014 school year the NYSPHSAA will be hosting two Sport Coaches Clinics, one on the west side of the state and one on the east side of the state. Each sport clinic will be a one day event with 4-5 sports offered at each site. The following year the sports will be rotated from one side of the state to the other. The format for the day would be two general sessions for all coaches and three sport specific topics for each sport. The NYSPHSAA staff will be working with the Sport Coordinators to put together the topics and speakers for the Sport Coaches Clinics.

Unified Sports
- The NYSPHSAA and Special Olympics New York have been working very hard to put together a pilot program for Unified Basketball in Section 2. Currently we have close to 20 schools interested in being part of the pilot program. The goal of Unified Sports is to increase awareness and acceptance of students with disabilities through interscholastic athletics. The kick-off to the program will be in October of 2013 with the basketball season beginning in April of 2014 and culminating in May of 2014. Following a successful pilot program, the goal is to offer a similar opportunity to all 11 Sections of our Association during the 2014-2015 school year.

Free NFHS Courses
- The NFHS provides many outstanding courses for coaches, administrators, students and parents at no cost. Currently there are 9 courses that are offered free of charge. For more information on these courses and all the courses offered by the NFHS, please visit www.nfhslearn.com.

Cheerleading
- The NYSPHSAA will once again be hosting an East and West Regional Invitational Event.
- He and Robert have met with SED on the topic of recognizing cheerleading and there has been some movement in that direction. We will continue to work with SED during the 2013-2014 school year on this topic.

Director of Marketing & Media Relations Joe Altieri

Sponsorship
- The following sponsors were secured for spring/summer events: American Cancer Society (spoke at the beginning of our meeting), MaxPreps (verbal agreement to a renewal), American Dairy Association (verbal agreement to a renewal, considering a proposed title sponsorship), Time Warner Cable (separate from TV deal).
- Sponsorship meetings have also been conducted or are scheduled with Eastern Tennis Association and Citizens Bank.
- Due to our partnership with Sports Authority, six sections have taken advantage of the opportunity to get complimentary admission tickets for the Sectional events. More than 200,000 tickets were ordered for NYSPHSAA events and Sectional events for 2013-2014.
- Applications for the 4th annual Excelsior Award were accepted until August 15th. The award was developed through a partnership between NYSPHSAA and CSEA to recognize a CSEA member in a NYSPHSAA school who has helped promote and foster athletic spirit in their local school district as well as display extraordinary dedication and support of high school athletics in New York State. The award application can be found on the NYSPHSAA website under FORMS.
Marketing

- Thanks to our partnership with Time Warner Cable, several marketing initiatives will be sponsored (in addition to our TV rights deal) and implemented for this upcoming school year. The first initiative is the new “Stay In The Game” program, approved as the Ejection-Free sportsmanship program in 2009. TWC will fund this program so we can launch it for 2013-2014. We have co-developed a co-branded logo for this program and TWC will assist us in maximizing exposure for the program. The second initiative was the summer meeting gift. The dri-fit polo shirts received at the meeting were sponsored in full by TWC, in addition to the Hall of Fame cocktail reception. We welcomed Steve Arvan, Senior Director/GM of New York, who spoke at the beginning of the meeting and presented a video outlining our partnership.

Championships

- For 2012-2013, the Association netted approximately $10,000 in profit from championship program sales and more than $170,000 in souvenir sales (spring report not yet final).
- Starting in September and spanning through June 2016, CP Sportswear will be the official NYSPPSAA merchandiser and will design, print and sell souvenirs and programs at all of our events. This will provide us significant revenue in this area and streamline the labor of these two areas of championships.

Media/Broadcasting

- We have officially begun collecting media credential requests for 2013-2014. Credentials will be developed in September, and then distributed in October for all championships. Please notify your local media outlets if they need to request credentials for State Championship events.

Summer Interns

- Shannon Flaherty, a senior at SUNY Cortland and graduate of Scotia-Glenville High School (2), and Kevin Bargher, a senior at College of St. Rose and graduate of Ithaca High School (4), will be finishing up their full-time internships in the next 2 weeks.

Media Content Coordinator Joe Agostinelli

Web Site

- A Power Point presentation on the new NYSPPSAA website design was shown.
- He is in the process of gathering content for the launch of the new website which is anticipated to be in the beginning of August.
- He will be gathering story ideas for the Overtime Sports section which will contain stories beyond the box scores/final scores of contest.

Social Media

- Facebook: Redesigned NYSPPSAA Facebook fan page, which included revamping the site’s settings, name, logo and cover photograph. Photo albums for each individual sport have been set up. Each album contains photographs from past NYSPPSAA Championships in each sport. Also uploaded to Facebook are press releases, all 2013-2014 Championship event dates and times along with links to purchase on-line tickets, links to our YouTube page and Twitter feeds, additional photo albums to highlight the work of the NYSPPSAA including presentations (NFHS, NFL Foundation-USA Football Youth Summit, NYSPPSAA Hall of Fame) and important links that provide information for our student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans.
- YouTube: Since the NYSPPSAA page has been created, highlights of all spring championships available through Time Warner Cable Sports Channel (Softball AA and A, Boys Lacrosse Semi-finals and Finals, Girls Lacrosse Finals) have been edited to 1:30 segments and uploaded to the YouTube page. Also uploaded are 2013 Boys Basketball Championship highlights and the 2013 Wrestling Championship highlights. In all, 21 videos have been uploaded since the launch of the YouTube channel in June.
- Twitter: Redesigned the NYSPPSAA twitter feed and actively update Twitter multiple times daily to effectively brand NYSPPSAA and its student athletes. Twitter updates include links to important information such as the NFHS Heat Illness Prevention Program and the NFL Foundation-USA Football Youth Summit, links to Facebook albums posted, retweets of information that is important for student-athletes, coaches, administrators and fans. Tuesday Twitter Trivia was established on Tuesday, July 16th. Trivia in coming weeks will require followers to visit the new website and/or Facebook pages to find answers, thus driving additional traffic to each site.

Sportsmanship

- Battle of the Fans: Acquired video montage from Michigan High School Athletic Association. The video has been edited to include the NYSPPSAA logo at the end and will be used as a teaser and promotion for the launch of Battle of the Fans sportsmanship initiative in the Fall of 2013.
Treasurer Lisa Arnold
- Reported form 990 filed for the 2011 fiscal year had been received from the auditors. She explained the net assets deficit reported in the prior year going to a positive figure for the 2011 year was due to a decrease in the liability for the Post-Retirement Health Benefit.
- Reviewed the Balance Sheet.
- Reviewed the Profit & Loss Statement reporting there was an increase over budget due to unrealized gains in investment not included in the budget and a decrease in the Post-Retirement Health Benefit expense.
- Reviewed the Net Profit/Loss by Sport statement noting the figures for Spring sports are not current because the souvenir revenue figures have not been received by the Association.

Counselor Renee James
- Reported an Article 78 had been filed against us by an official who has filed prior losses against us before.
- Reported on an Arbitration Hearing between officials and a Section. Both parties agreed and signed a memorandum of understanding at the end of the hearing.
- Reported on a lawsuit with SED in which we were also named. It involves the recent change in the Commissioner’s Regulations where a student with a disability in certain non-contact sports can receive a one year waiver to the age rule and the Duration of Competition regulation. In this case, the student received the one year age waiver last year and this year wants to participate in Cross Country and Track. As this is a Commissioner’s Regulation, appeals for this go to the Commissioner of Education. The judge has reserved decision and hopefully we will be dismissed from the case because we do not hear the appeals.

REQUEST FROM PENSION COMMITTEE. 1st Vice President Steve Broadwell
- Based on a recommendation from the Association’s financial consultant, A.J. Amato, the trustees of the Pension Committee propose dividing the NYSPHSAA employee pension plan into individual accounts for each participant and allowing the individual to direct their own investment accounts.

A motion to approve dividing the NYSPHSAA employee pension for each employee in place of a pooled account carried. Carboine/Harrica

SPORT COORDINATORS
- Boys Golf. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the Boys Golf Committee’s recommendation for Cornell University as the site for the 2014-2016 Boys Golf State Championships.

A motion to approve Cornell University as the site for the 2014-2016 Boys Golf State Championships carried. Slade/Bergman
- Field Hockey. Bev Hooper, Field Hockey State Coordinator presented the Field Hockey Committee’s recommendation to change the Field Hockey overtime procedures.

A motion to approve changing the Field Hockey overtime procedures to eliminate the penalty stroke segment and replace it with a 10 second one-on-one from Sectionals and beyond carried. O’Brien/Ceruti

(With Section approval, this procedure may be used during the regular season.)
- Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving. Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming & Diving State Coordinator presented two recommendations from the Boys & Girls Swimming & Diving Committees.

A motion to approve taking back to the Sections for discussion allowing boys and girls divers the opportunity to hone their specialized skills at separate diving meets without it counting as a competition against the entire swimming & diving team and instead, it would count as a competition against the specific athlete carried. Bergman/Simmons

A motion to approve a waiver to use track style starting blocks in practice but not in competition in Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving for the 2013-2014 school year carried. Fellese/Harrica
- Boys Swimming & Diving. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the Boys Swimming and Diving Committee’s recommendation for qualifying standards for the 2013-2014 school year.

A motion to approve the qualifying standards in Boys Swimming and Diving for the 2013-2014 school year carried. McGuire/Peterson
- Boys & Girls Volleyball. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the Boys and Girls Volleyball Committees recommendation for a waiver of rule 1.5.4 – Referee Stand - “The referee and platform must be distributed evenly behind the net post. The ladder must be distributed evenly at the back of the refer platform.”

A motion to approve a waiver of rule 1.5.4 – Referee Stand in Boys and Girls Volleyball carried. Mullins/Harrica
REDUCTION OF CONTESTS REQUEST
A motion to approve the reduction of the required number of contests in Girls Gymnastics from 6 meets to 4 meets in Sections 3 and 7 and in Boys Gymnastics in Section 6 carried.  

DeCillis/Slack

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT
Sections 4 & 6 requested eliminating the use of prorated ungraded students for classification purposes be added as an Action Item to the agenda of the October Executive Committee meeting.

Section 5 voiced a concern about the impact of the new combining of schools policy when schools merged.

Section 8 asked why did the Baseball and Softball State Championships get moved back and no other spring sport did. Robert stated the other spring sports were not impacted by SED’s dates for Regents’ exams.

Section 11 asked Robert to review the formula being used for the Time Warner Cable revenue sharing with all eleven Sections.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS
The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2013-2014 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Pleasantville, Westlake, Valhalla & Briarcliff
Roy C. Ketcham & John Jay East Fishkill

Harrison, Blind Brook & Rye Neck
Eastchester, Bronxville & Tuckahoe
Sleepy Holly & Irvington
Somers & North Salem
John Jay Cross River, North Salem & Brewster
Briarcliff & Edgemont
Sleepy Hollow & Pocantico Hills

Bishop Gibbons & Saratoga Catholic
Doane Stuart & Rensselaer

Mohonasen & Schalmont
Gloversville & Mayfield
Guilderland & Voorheesville
Schoharie & Duanesburg
Hudson Falls & South Glens Falls
Fort Plain & Canajoharie
Johnstown & Wheelerville

Johnstown & Fonda
North Warren & Johnsburg
Mayfield & Northville

Lyndonville & Medina
Panama, Clymer & Sherman
Forestville & Silver Creek

Kenmore East & Kenmore West

West Seneca East & West Seneca West

West Valley & Pioneer
Royalton-Hartland & Barker
Olmsted & Bennett
MST & Burgard
City Honors, Performing Arts & East
Emerson & Hutch Tech
Lafayette, I Prep, DaVinci & Riverside
Middle Early College & South Park
Maple Grove & Chautauqua Lake
Holland & East Aurora

West Valley & Elycettville
Lyndonville (SS) & Medina
B. Swimming
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B. Swimming
Ice Hockey
Gymnastics
B. Swimming
G. Golf
B/G Lacrosse
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Ice Hockey
Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)
B. Swimming
Gymnastics
B. Lacrosse (Mod.)

Football (V)
B. Soccer (V)
G. Volleyball (V, JV)
G. Swim/Dive (V)
G. Swimming (V)
G. Swimming (V, Mod.)
Football (V, Mod.)
Swimming (V)
Cross Country (V, Mod.)
Football (Mod.)
B. Soccer (Mod.)
G. Swimming (V)
Field Hockey (All Levels)
Golf (V)

B/G Cross Country
B/G Cross Country
B. Cross Country
Football
B. Soccer
Field Hockey (V, JV)
G. Gymnastics
G. Ice Hockey
Rifle
Field Hockey (Mod.)
G. Ice Hockey
Field Hockey
Football
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Wrestling (Mod.)
Football
Football
Brocton & Westfield
Middle Early College & Emerson
Maritime & Oracle
Ellicottville & Franklinville
Portville & Olean
Fredonia, Forestville, Silver Creek & Dunkirk
Westfield & Chautauqua Lake
Westfield & Brocton
Williamsville East, North & South
Frontier & Orchard Park
Amherst & Sweet Home
East Aurora & Holland
Holland & East Aurora
Barker & Royalton-Hartland
Allegany-Limestone & Olean
Panama, Westfield & Chautauqua Lake
Lancaster & Iroquois
Silver Creek & Forestville

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Newcomb & Minerva
Indian Lake & Long Lake
Lake Pleasant & Wells
Plattsburgh & Seton Catholic
Plattsburgh, Chazy & Lake Placid
Lake Placid & AuSable Valley
Keene & AuSable Valley
Peru, Beekmantown & Saranac
Beekmantown & Saranac
Beekmantown & Chazy
Saranac & Peru

9
Ellenville & Warwarsing Christian Academy
Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery CSD & Garrison (S1)
Dover & Webutuck
Spackenkill & Rhinebeck
Kingston & Mount Academy
Tri-Valley & Fallsburg

Eldred & Fallsburg
Roscoe, Downsville & Livingston Manor
Roscoe & Downsville

B. Soccer
Football
B/G Soccer
B/G Track & Field
B. Soccer
B. Soccer
G. Swimming
G. Swimming
B/G Swimming
G. Swimming
B. Golf
G. Volleyball
G. Ice Hockey
G. Ice Hockey
G. Ice Hockey
Indoor Track
Wrestling (V, Mod.)
Wrestling
Wrestling
Wrestling
Wrestling
B/G Track & Field

All Interscholastic Sports
All Interscholastic Sports
All Modified Sports as needed
Football (V, JV, Mod.)
G. Gymnastics
B/G Ice Hockey
G. Swimming & Diving
G. Swimming & Diving
G. Gymnastics
B. Ice Hockey
B. Ice Hockey

All Sports/All Levels
G. Soccer (Mod.)
Football (V, Mod.)
Football (V, JV, Mod.)
All Teams except for Cross Country
B/G Tennis (V)
B/G Alpine Skiing (V)
Wrestling (V)
Football (V)
Football (JV, Mod.)
G. Soccer (JV)
G. Basketball (Mod.)
Baseball (JV)
Softball (JV)
B/G Golf (V)

Football (JV)
B. Golf (V, JV)(Fall)
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 2015).

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NEW MEMBERS
A motion to approve the following application for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried. O'Brien/Bulis

Section 5
Rochester Academy Charter School
841 Genesee Street
Rochester, NY 14611
Grades 7-12

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

Budget & Audit Committee, 1st Vice President Steve Broadwell
- Reported a meeting timeline for the 2014-2015 budget season is as follows: January 31, 2014 – Budget & Audit Committee meeting; February 14, 2014 – Compensation Committee meeting; March 21, 2014 – Budget & Audit
Committee meeting: May 2, 2014 – Recommending adoption of 2014-2015 Budget at NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting.

**Life of an Athlete.** Patti Murphy and Thad Lawrence, Co-Chairs

- Reported the committee met on March 14 at the NYSAAA Conference.
- Reported they met with Executive Director Zayas and discussed the addition of an interactive Life of an Athlete course online on the NYSPHSAA website. They will be looking for sponsors interested in helping with this.
- They are putting together a 20 minute video to be used at pre-season meetings called W.I.T. “What It Takes”. It will feature student athletes from around New York State and include all the newest information on health, sleep, nutrition, sport drinks, and any new trends.
- They would like to sponsor a contest for student athletes to develop their own videos on healthy lifestyles.
- They would like each Section to post the past five year trainings on the Section’s websites.
- Reported John Underwood will be having three workshops this year in Lake Placid at the Olympic Training Center: June 29-July 2 will be for adults and will cover the latest information on recovery, sleep and getting information on programs being offered across the nation; July 2-5 will be for student athletes leaders to get information on setting up Life of an Athlete programs in their schools; July 5-7 will be a Super Coaches Clinic that will bring coaches at any level up to date with training, recovery, workouts, strategies and programming, diet, CNS readiness and new training concepts.

**Safety Committee.** Assistant Director Todd Nelson

**Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention**

- He reminded schools that as the fall season starts athletes need to become acclimated to practicing in the heat, particularly in the sports where safety equipment is required and used. The NYSPHSAA has a heat index procedure that is in place and requires the “Real Feel” temperature according to accuweather.com to be checked one hour before practice or competition and in the middle of practice and competition. The accurate “Real Feel” temperature is located on the hourly forecast. The last hour that has past is the most accurate reading. Do not use the current conditions. Schools may be more restrictive. The NYSPHSAA office staff will send out a reminder to schools about the heat index procedures and the recommendations from the NFHS and NATA.
- A free NFHS course on heat acclimatization can be seen at [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com).

**Section Discussion Items**

- The following items need to be discussed at the Section Athletic Council meetings. All of these items will be on the agenda of the Modified and Safety Committee Fall meetings for possible action and/or recommendations to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. Section Executive Directors are asked to invite the committee representatives of your Section to the Athletic Council meeting to be part of the discussion. The NYSPHSAA office staff is available to provide assistance as needed.
  - Modified Girls Lacrosse Checking – U15/U13 Rules (Modified Lacrosse and Safety Rep.)
  - Modified Track and Field shoes – Plastic plates on bottom of shoes (Modified, T/F and Safety Rep.)
  - Tennis Proposal – max number of games in a day (Tennis and Safety Rep.)
  - Early season heat acclimatization guidelines (Football and Safety Rep.)
  - Limiting the number of full contact days prior to a game (Football and Safety Rep.)

**Anyone Can Save a Life**

- The NYSPHSAA has been approached about a national program, *Anyone Can Save a Life*. The Safety Committee feels that this program could benefit our member schools and our student athletes and encourages schools to examine the program and hopefully implement in their athletic department. The program is strictly voluntary and requires very little amount of resources to implement.
- The website for this program is [www.anyonecansavealife.org](http://www.anyonecansavealife.org).
- The contact person for this program is: Karen Acompora, Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation, [www.la12.org](http://www.la12.org), Heart Screen New York, Parent Watch Board of Directors, [www.parentheartwatch.org](http://www.parentheartwatch.org), PO Box 767, Northport, NY 11768. Phone/Fax Number: 631-754-1091. Email: k.acompora@la12.org.

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

- The committee met on October 5, 2012 and April 12, 2013.
- Reviewed items approved and editorial changes made during the 2012-2013 school year.
• Reviewed the Action Items for the Fall 2013 Modified Meeting:
  • **Modified Girls Lacrosse.** Editorial changes to be made in the Modified Girls’ Lacrosse Games Rules and Game Conditions (NYSPHSAA Handbook, page 150): Delete existing Game Rule #4 which reads “Modified stick-checking in modified girls’ lacrosse, as outlined in the US Lacrosse Rulebook under the Girls’ Youth Rules-Level A, may be used.” Substitute the following Game Rule #4: “The US Lacrosse Rulebook U-15 Checking Rule will be used for the modified girls’ lacrosse program: Regular Stick Checking. Any check to the head is an automatic red card.”
  • **Combined Modified/Varsity Track Meets.** “Promotion Regulation shall be waived for Boys’ and Girls’ Outdoor Track and Field permitting schools, with Section/League approval, the option of running combined Modified and Varsity Outdoor Track and Field meets, alternating events.” (See Track and Field, pages 153-154). In the interim, Modified Track and Field Coordinator Teresa Lee will develop an Order of Events for Combined Modified/Varsity Meets for pages 153-154 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook. The Order will be forwarded to the Sections prior to the Fall 2013 meeting.
  • **3-Point Shot in Modified Basketball.** “With Sectional/League approval, the 3-point shot may be used in Modified Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball.”

• The Modified Committee will meet on Friday, September 27, 2013 at 9:30AM and Friday, April 4, 2014 at 9:30AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

**Officials Coordinating Federation.** Paul Weatherup, Chairman
• The Officials Coordinating Federation met on Saturday, May 11, 2013 via conference call.
• Reported there was an Arbitration Hearing involving Section 2 and the Section 2 Officials held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013.
• To bring clarity to the Officials Agreement, the following revisions to Steps No. 1 and No. 3 were proposed:
  • In Step No. 1 it would say, “The appealing” party will submit a filing fee of $100.00, c/o NYSPHSAA, Inc., prior to the convening of a hearing conducted by the NYSPHSAA, Inc.
  • In Step No. 3 it would say, “If contract terms are not reached nor the grievance resolved within thirty (30) days after receipt of the recommendations under the provisions of Step No. 2, the issues shall be submitted to the Assistant Director for arbitration.”

The appeal party will remit a filing fee of $200.00 with “the list of issues that are unresolved to the Assistant Director within thirty (30) days of receipt of the fact-finding report.”

All fees and expenses, including those required by the American Arbitration Association (AAA) and arbiter, will be split equally between both parties “after the initial filing fee.”

A motion to approve revising Steps No. 1 and No. 3 of the Officials Agreement carried. Scholla/Greene
• The next meeting of the OCF will be Sunday, October 20, 2013 at 9:00AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Three New Sportsmanship Initiatives/Programs for 2013-2014
• **NYSPHSAA/TW/CSC “Stay in the Game” (Ejection Free) Program.** Through our corporate sponsorship with Time Warner Cable, the NYSPHSAA will be launching the “Stay in the Game” sportsmanship program. This program was approved by the Executive Committee in May 2009 pending the securing of a sponsor. The program will recognize any member school district that has zero disqualifications for all teams at all levels during the entire school year. Each school district will receive a banner to hang in their gym and if they are successful, they will receive a decal of the year in which they accomplished the goal. All schools reaching the goal will be acknowledged at the summer meeting. The Section with the highest percentage of schools reaching the goal will be awarded a trophy to keep in the Section office for a period of one year. Banners will be distributed at the mandatory AD Workshop. Schools are expected to hand the banner and promote the program throughout the year.

• **NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program.** The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the NYSPHSAA have partnered for our member schools to participate in the NAIA 5 Star Leadership Program. Schools that complete all 5 stars of the program will receive a banner highlighting the accomplishment which is completely funded by the NAIA. The program is completely voluntary and we hope that all member schools will take advantage of this program. Please contact the NYSPHSAA office with any questions or concerns. The AD at each
school will verify that all 5 stars have been completed prior to the awarding of the banner. More information will be provided at the mandatory AD Workshops. The 5 Stars are:

- **Star 1** – Participate in the NYSPHSAA Community Service Project
- **Star 2** – Attendance at the NYSAAA Conference
- **Star 3** – Complete the NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Promotion Survey
- **Star 4** – All varsity head coaches complete the on-line Champions of Character coaching course.
- **Star 5** – Show one short on-line video at mandatory parents, coaches, player meeting.

- **NYSPHSAA “Battle of the Fans” State Championship.** The NYSPHSAA will be recognizing one school as the NYSPHSAA “Battle of the Fans” State Champion from a list of videos submitted by our member schools as to why they should win “Battle of the Fans”. The NYSPHSAA will be working with our member schools to collect short videos for consideration. We will be looking for fans that have fun and interesting ways to promote positive sportsmanship during interscholastic athletic events. Information and criteria about the program will be shared with the schools at the mandatory AD Workshops. The Michigan High School Athletic Association has been running this program for the past two years with great success. To view examples of videos submitted in the state of Michigan, go to their website [www.mhsaa.org](http://www.mhsaa.org) and look for Battle of the Fans. There are excellent videos on this website to demonstrate the types of videos we are looking to have submitted by our schools.

**Compensation Committee.** Attorney Renee James

- Reviewed the committee’s recommendation regarding the purpose and duties of a Compensation Policy to keep in compliance with IRS regulations and legal obligations when renewing compensation with employees.

A motion to approve a NYSPHSAA Compensation Policy carried.

**BERGMAN/Ryan-Curry**

**REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS**

**State Education Department.** Darryl Daily

- As of March 28, 2013 he is now officially the Associate in Physical Education at SED.

**Dignity For All Students Act (DASA)**

- Section 52.21 and Part 80 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education have been amended and a new Subpart 57-4 has been added to the Regulations to implement the Coursework or Training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention required under the Dignity For All Students Act (DASA).

- The Dignity for All Students Act took effect on July 1, 2012. In June 2012, the Legislature enacted Chapter 102 of the Laws of 2012 which amended the Dignity Act to include a requirement that school professionals applying for a certificate or license on or after July 1, 2013 complete training on the social patterns of harassment, bullying and discrimination. In June 2013 the Legislature amended the effective date to January 1, 2014.

**Concussion Management Courses**

- The NY State Education Department has approved the NFHS Concussion Management course for NY State Coaches. The NFHS course is now approved to be used by coaches in New York as part of the Concussion Management and Awareness Act requirement (every 2 years).

- The NFHS course has been successfully completed by over 800,000 coaches nationwide and now coaches in New York will be able to experience the quality course as well. The course allows athletic directors to easily track the completion of their coaches and is specifically designed for coaches at the high school level.

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

**Cheerleading**

- The request from NYSPHSAA for competitive cheerleading to be recognized as a sport is under review.

**Selection/Classification**

- Revision of the Selection/Classification process is under review. Presently it is the same process.

**Common Core Shifts**

- This summer representatives from NYSAHPERD and BOCES are working on draft examples for Common Core Shifts (ELA & Math) related to Physical Education and Health Education. See: [http://www.engageny.org/resource/common-core-shifts/](http://www.engageny.org/resource/common-core-shifts/).
Regent Reform Items

- Please refer to the NYSED website http://engageny.org/ for continuous updates and clarification for information concerning Common Core Standards, APPR, data-driven instruction, Student Learning Objectives or teacher and leader effectiveness.
- For specific questions, go to http://www.engageny.org/contact.
- For recent memo from Deputy Commissioner with Common Core, go to http://www.engageny.org/resource/field-memo-transition-to-common-core-assessments.

Applying to be an Approved Agency/Instructor for NYSED Coaching Courses

- For information on how to become an approved agency to provide the NYSED coaching courses, contact Darryl Daily at ddaily@mail.nysed.gov.

NYSED Coaching Course First Aid/CPR/AED

- Information on courses accepted as of August 2013 to meet the coaches First Aid and CPR requirements was included in the meeting packets.
- First Aid exemption now includes Dentists (includes Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons) and Optometrists.

Contact Information

- Email: ddaily@mail.nysed.gov
- Phone: 518-474-5922
- Physical Education Website: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciaj/pe/

Pupil Benefits Plan, Tom McGuire, Executive Director

- Reported the biggest challenge facing them is that in this current market they are caught between an educational system that is not broke but is not that healthy and a health care system that could care less. They are constantly battling with the providers of service to try to get some compassion out of them.
- Reported in the past two years they have grown considerably. Last year they picked up 25 new districts; this year they have picked up 17 new districts.
- Announced they will be introducing two new plans for next year which will allow schools options to still offer student accident coverage but reduce their costs.
- He thanked everyone for their loyalty.
- Reported schools need to be aware of the cost of Medflight transportation when an ambulance is called for injuries to student athletes. Primary insurance companies are finding ways to deny coverage. He noted Pupil Benefits Plan only covers ground ambulance transportation.
- He explained how the premiums for schools are calculated.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association, Pet Shambo, President

- The NYSSAA and Nassau BOCES partnered this past spring to offer 5 Leadership Training Courses in Nassau County. BOCES provided a grant for up to 15 athletic directors to take each course. The funds became available after the storm last fall when their conference days were cancelled. So far three of the five courses have been offered and all have had a full enrollment. The NYSSAA will be offering a CAA exam in August with Nassau BOCES and are planning another series of Leadership Training Courses this fall. They are hoping this is a model other BOCES will follow.
- He reminded effective July 1, 2012 all membership applications and renewals are now based on the date joined and will expire on the one year anniversary of the date joined. This will now be in sync with the NIAAA and provide their membership with a full year of membership in all cases. It only applies to membership renewals and applications received after July 1, 2012.
- The NYSSAA 2014 Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for March 12-14, 2014 at the Saratoga Hilton and Conference Center. Tentative program information, conference registration and hotel registration forms can be found on their website; www.nysaaa.org and are downloadable. This year’s theme is “Living the dream of Interscholastic Athletics”.
- The NYSSAA will implement its first Hall of Fame Induction at the 2014 state conference. It will be held at the Dave Martens Awards Luncheon on Friday along with the Apple Appreciation Awards. The Hall of Fame selections have been made and will be released later in August. The NYSSAA is now accepting applications for the class of 2015. Nomination forms and information can be found on their website.
- The NYSSAA has a new on-line “Logo Shop” for clothing and accessories. Go to www.MyLocker.net and search for NYSSAA in Lake Luzerne, NY. The NYSSAA gets a percentage of all purchases to help support its activities.
• The NYSAAA has started a new fund raiser at their conference called the NYSAAA Coin Toss. Each month a cash prize of $200 is given away to a lucky coin holder. Coins are $20 each and are good for the remaining seven drawings whether you’ve won previously or not. Drawings are the last day of each month. A new coin will be sold each year. All proceeds will benefit their Professional Development Program for Athletic Directors and their Hall of Fame Induction.

• Their annual NYSAAA Newsletter, Ezine, will be emailed the first part of September. If you’re not getting the newsletter, you can find it on their website, or go to www.wehelpschools.com and subscribe.

• The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference will be held December 14-17, 2013 in Anaheim, CA. The NFHS Citation Award will be awarded to Patrick Pizzarelli of Section 8 and a Past President of the NYSPHSAA. Roger Brown will be receiving the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award.

• Dennis Fries, Alan Mallanda and Pete Shambo attended the NIAAA Section 1 meeting on May 15th in North Conway, NH.

• The fall schedule for NIAAA Leadership Training Webinars can be found on the NYSAAA website or the NIAAA website www.niaaa.org.

• Thanked the NYSPHSAA for their continued support and partnership with the NYSAAA.

NYS Council of Administrators. Jim Rose, President

• Announced their annual conference will be held November 20-21, 2013 at Turning Stone.

• Reported he has received many calls regarding Physical Education teachers being laid off and school districts trying to cover Physical Education by a variety of different means.

NYS Coaches Association. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

• The NYSPHSAA is joining with the NYS Coaches Association to recognize outstanding coaches in New York State.

• The NYS Coaches Association will collect coaches’ records from all sports and work with the NYSPHSA to publish this data. This information will be used to help in making nominations for Regional Awards and National Awards.

• There is no membership or annual fee associated with the submission of the NYS Coaches Association Record form. This form is to be used by Varsity coaches having achieved 100+ wins in any sport or 50+ wins in Football.

• The Century Record form can also be used by Varsity coaches to update their previously submitted information.

• Each fall, the NYSPHSAA can make nominations to the NFHS for coaches to receive regional awards and then be nominated for National awards.

• If Sections have any coaches they wish to have recognized, please contact Todd or Ron Woodruff.

• Information and forms will also be available on the NYSPHSAA website.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Classification. Assistant Director Todd Nelson

• Take back to the Sections for discussion the use of prorated ungraded students for classification enrollment purposes.

New Jersey “Trash Talking” Policy. Executive Director Robert Zayas

• Robert reported he was informed of this policy a few weeks ago. He has received numerous phone calls from the membership and media asking if there was any possibility of this policy being implemented in New York.

• It was felt this was a Sportsmanship issue and we already have a policy in place. It will be added to the agenda of the Fall meeting of the Sportsmanship Committee.

• There is also a State regulation in place for harassing, bullying and discrimination.

• It will be added to the agenda of the AD Workshops.

Sport Committee Meetings. Executive Director Robert Zayas & President Eileen Troy

• The future of sport committee face-to-face meetings and sport coordinators attendance at the Central Committee meeting needs to be addressed.

• Scheduling all of the sports in a particular season to meet at the same time/location would save money on travel expenses, encourage various sports to travel together and provide the face-to-face meetings the sport coordinators and committees are requesting. Starting the meetings at 10:00AM would also allow the majority of the sections to travel on the day of the meeting and avoid hotel costs.

• The Budget & Audit Committee will explore options and the feasibility of allowing the sport committees to begin face-to-face meetings in January and April of 2014 and for the Sport Coordinators to attend the Summer Annual meeting in July 2014. A vote on this matter could be taken at the October 24, 2013 Executive Committee meeting
pending budgetary information provided by the Budget & Audit Committee.

Comments:
- Going to centralized seasonal meetings would be more beneficial in decision making processes.
- If a sport report at the Central Committee meeting contained an Action Item or there was something controversial, it would be beneficial to have the Sport Coordinator in attendance at the meeting.
- Face-to-face meetings are going to be a hard sell financially especially in these difficult financial times.
- Please take these items back to your Sections for discussion for feedback to the Executive Committee at their October meeting.

Football Safety Issues (two-a-days/contact periods). Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- The NFHS is discussing limiting the number of full contact days during the week prior to a contest.
- The Football Committee is aware.
- Please include Section Safety and Football representatives when discussing this at Section Athletic Council meetings.

Transgender Policy Guidelines. Counselor Renee James
- A draft copy of the Transgender Policy Guidelines was included in the meeting packets.
- Darryl Daily is a member of the NYSPHSAA Transgender Committee.
- Reported she has spoken with Counsel at SED regarding their interpretation of DASA’s prohibition against discrimination based on gender and their Mixed Competition guidelines. They have not come up with any written guidelines but are working on them.
- She asked that any schools who have questions, to please contact her.
- The Committee will continue to meet and work with SED to move this forward.

2014-2015 Membership Dues. Executive Director Robert Zayas
- Stated action will need to be taken at October 24, 2013 Executive Committee meeting to determine what the dues will be in the future. More information is to follow.

GROUP MEETING REPORTS

CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICERS. Joe Rotella
Championship Athlete Participation Gifts
- They felt there should be equity across the board. All athletes should receive the same gift.
- A suggestion was for team sport medal winners to receive a plaque with team picture, names and records and for individual sports, final medal winners receive a photo with athlete names and finishes.

Foreign/International Student Regulations
- They recommended to follow the existing NYSPHSAA rules, making sure that all understand the rules so there is consistency across the State.

Ways Association Can Better Serve Membership
- They suggested the possibility of creating a subcommittee to look at issues related to charter schools as a part of NYSPHSAA. Establish placement; define which schools fall into the category of charter schools, looks at fiscal implications, transfer rules that apply. Look at the playoff system, possibly create a parallel structure.
- The group liked the new website. Would like to see the website have the ability to upload and view each Section, with Sections able to link their sites to the NYSPHSAA. Continue conversations regarding how each Section can work more closely with NYSPHSAA to enhance communication.
- While they complimented the concept of revenue sharing, they felt the distribution formula should include student population and not solely the number of buildings in a Section. Create a formula for equity of revenue sharing.
- Continue transparency and visibility of the organization. Visits to all Sections were appreciated and built an understanding of State issues; team concept and communication are positive.

Ways to Improve State Championship Events
- Keep ticket prices affordable so families can attend.

PRINCIPALS. Terry Heller
Championship Athlete Participation Gifts
- They felt there should be equity across the board. All athletes should receive the same gift.
- They suggested a placard for everyone and possibly t-shirts for champions along with medals.
- They felt that all awards should go through Joe Alitieri for equity.
Foreign/International Student Regulations
- Give back to the Handbook Committee for clarification. Suggested terminology: “No experience in that particular sport.”
- They inquired as to what defines an academic waiver for a foreign student.
- They agree with the one year waiver for approved programs.
- They suggested the Association office take care of the more difficult ones to keep consistency.

Ways Association Can Better Serve Membership
- They are very pleased with the direction of the Association; the revenue sharing, the new website and the gift “equalization”.
- They suggested keeping the Coaches Clinics.
- They asked regarding the formula for the revenue sharing plan, would there be any consideration for the number of students (found on BED’s forms) vs. the number of buildings.
- Stated overall it was a very positive year and thanked Robert for visiting all of them.

Ways to Improve State Championship Events
- They felt the state championships are very well run.
- Thanked the Sport Coordinators for the great work.
- They like seeing the NYSPHSAA logo on everything.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES, Lisa Lally
Championship Athlete Participation Gifts
- They would like to see all sports receive gifts.
- They suggested for sports who don’t receive gifts, maybe there could be a unified gift such as a pullover or duffle bag possibly to be paid for with the Time Warner Cable revenue sharing.
- They felt that all participants who are at the State Championship site be eligible to receive a gift.
- They felt the gift should be capped at $20.00 and that the sponsors should be notified of this.
- They would like to see NYSPHSAA look into sponsorships for State Championships that currently don’t have them.

Foreign/International Student Regulations
- They felt the language was clear should be left as is.
- They felt under Item 9 #2 on page 96 to change the wording to the specified sport.
- They did not feel there were any Visa issues. As students enroll in schools, they have to provide documentation regarding Visa’s which should satisfy the requirement.

Ways Association Can Better Serve Membership
- They are very pleased with the new website and new communication through Facebook and Twitter.
- They felt the new position of Media Content Coordinator was a great addition to the staff of the Association.
- They felt the Association should continue to stay in close contact with SED and continue to advocate for our member schools so they understand how much more responsibility they are putting on schools ie., coaching certification, the new DASA regulation, APPR and Concussion Management.
- They would like to see webinars offered on the Association website for coaching certification courses.
- They would like the Association to continue to help with Concussion Management clarifications and maybe provide them with model programs and/or model schools for guidance.

Ways to Improve State Championship Events
- They would like the Association to look at the timing of award ceremonies in relation to the beginning of State Championship events in certain sports. In Cross Country, awards are given 4 to 5 hours after the race and most of the athletes and parents have already left the site.
- They felt the overall quality of the Championship medals and plaques has deteriorated over the past couple of years and would like to see that changed.

SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS/PRESIDENTS/ TREASURERS, Carl Normandin
Championship Athlete Participation Gifts
- The group felt every participant should receive a gift such as a lanyard and credentials.
- They asked about the possibility of utilizing current sponsorships to pool money together to come up with gifts for finalists and winning championship teams.

Foreign/International Student Regulations
• They had less of a concern with the Visa component.
• They were more concerned with the allowing a waiver if the student has no experience in that sport.
• They need more clarification from the Handbook Committee.

Ways Association Can Better Serve Membership
• They suggested having an action plan for emergencies at our meetings.
• They liked the new website and the links with all the Sections websites.
• They asked if we should be concerned from a legal aspect regarding student athletes whose pictures appear on the NYSPhSAA website, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.
• They would like to see anything affiliated with a specific sport, ie. new rules, waivers, pilots be included on the website.

Ways to Improve State Championship Events
• They asked for a more detailed breakdown of what the expenditures are between a Section hosting a state championship and the NYSPhSAA in an effort to eliminate any undisclosed costs that may appear at the 11th hour.
• They would like to see the championship bid form on the website with the bid deadline so that Sections could plan on submitting a bid in a timely manner.

Revenue Sharing
• They discussed changing the formula for revenue sharing basing it on enrollment instead of number of schools.
• They voiced Section 11’s concern regarding Time Warner Cable cannot be accessed in their area.

PAST PRESIDENTS. Bob Munn
Championship Athlete Participation Gifts
• They felt each competitor should receive a gift.
• They suggested putting the Time Warner Cable revenue sharing money towards awards.
• They suggested instead of t-shirts as awards, maybe award another memento that would last for a lifetime.
• They suggested keeping the awards at a cost of $20 to $25.

Foreign/International Student Regulations
• They referred the issue back to the Handbook Committee.

Ways Association Can Better Serve Membership
• They are very happy with the new website.
• They felt the Association should have guidelines in place on who would be responsible for getting information on to Twitter and Facebook.
• They voiced a concern as to what types of photos should appear.
• They liked the idea of face-to-face meetings and also recognize the financial implications that would go with them.
• They would like to see better communication with Superintendents. Some Sections keep their Superintendents informed while others don’t do as a good a job. They would like to see some consistency across the state so that information is getting to everyone.

Ways to Improve State Championship Events
• They would like to see an increase in attendance possibly by offering free tickets to youth groups or school teams in the local area.
• They felt Joe Aitieri has done a great job in raising money for the Association but we need to look at ways to generate more money other than increasing dues or ticket prices.

A motion to approve adjournment of the July 30-31, 2013 Central Committee meeting at 4:10PM on Wednesday, July 31, 2013 carried. Bjork/Culnan

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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