SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
February 2008 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
The Saratoga – Saratoga, NY

ACTION ITEMS

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3. P3 Approved the proposed sites for the 2008-09 State Championships.
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29. P9  Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in Skiing for Section 1.
30. P9  Approved for Section 1 a waiver to permit 10 minute quarters in Boys Lacrosse JV level until 2009-2010.
32. P13 Approved as New Members: Institute of Technology @ Syracuse Central (3) and Western New York Maritime Charter School (6) (retroactive to November 27, 2007).
33. P15 Approved additional language to the Suspended Game definition, page 54, of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
34. P17 Meeting adjourned.

ACTION ITEMS – MAY MEETING
Boys & Girls Soccer Overtime Procedures
Wrestler competing twice in a regular dual meet
Outdoor Track & Field Proposal
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
The Saratoga – Saratoga, NY
February 1-2, 2008

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Ron Black at 1:00PM on February 1, 2008. Executive Director Nina VanErk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

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Section Representatives
Section 1: Karen Peterson, Greg Ransom (proxy for CSO Rep.)
Section 2: Eileen Troy, Glenn Westfall
Section 3: Bruce Quimby, Evelyn Sammons
Section 4: Julie Maney, Ben Nelson (proxy for Ed Redmond)
Section 5: Jim Zumbo, Kathy Smith
Section 6: Don Scholla, Cindy Bullis
Section 7: Joe Staves, Karen Lopez (proxy for Patricia Ryan-Curry)
Section 8: John Piropato, Laura Orticelle
Section 9: Jim Osborne (proxy for Robbie Greene), Jim Wolfe
Section 10: Stephanie Putney, Paul Harrica
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Bill Bryant, President-NYSAAA
Allan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA

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Guests
Jennifer Simmons (1)
Dennis Burkett (9)
John Montesanti (6)

Sport Coordinators
Marty Sherman, Wrestling (2)
The October 2007 Executive Committee Meeting minutes were accepted as written.

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of August through October and presented the following items of interest.

- **Referendum Vote.** The referendum vote on the classification of Charter Schools passed in all Sections. The classification of Charter School members will begin August 1, 2008. Executive Committee members who acted as tellers for the referendum vote were thanked for their services.

- **October 2008 Meeting.** Due to a scheduling conflict, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 20, 2008.

- **Passport Regulations.** A summary of the NFHS work regarding the need for passports when crossing the border into Canada was included in the meeting folders.

- **New Executive Committee Members.** Ed Redmond (Lansing HS, Section IV) and Cindy Bullis (Lewiston Porter HS, Section VI) were welcomed as new members to the Executive Committee.

- **Adapted Sports.** A letter summarizing our discussions regarding adaptive athletic programs was sent to Dr. Winnick (SUNY Brockport). He suggested that we work with NYSED on the development of a task force to study and make recommendations in regard to adapted athletics. She asked for support to begin the process to develop a task force.

A motion to approve the development of a task force with SED to study and make recommendations in regard to adapted athletics carried. DeCillis/Harrica

- **Government Relations.** She and Kevin Banes, Director of Government Relations, continue to meet weekly to discuss current legislation and to draft strategies of support or opposition. Written testimony was presented to the Assembly Education Committee regarding the differences between athletics and physical education to assist them in their efforts requiring compliance with the physical education requirement.

- **NYS School Boards.** She met with Diane Ward and Douglas Gerhardt on November 30th to discuss and seek guidance pertaining to Charter Schools. With the assistance of Section VI, the NYSPHSAA held a videoconference workshop with the Charter Schools in the Buffalo area highlighting the Association’s rules and regulations.

- **Mixed Competition.** The Association is still waiting to receive a decision regarding the Mixed Competition appeal pertaining to the female bowler that participated on the boy’s team during the season. The bowler requested permission to bowl in the girl’s state tournament and was denied. Please alert the NYSPHSAA if there are any concerns at the Section level regarding Mixed Competition.

- **NYSPHSAA Website.** The website upgrade and redesign process has been completed. The By Laws and Regulations along with other portions of the Handbook are now available in a PDF format on the website. Athletic administrators are encouraged to download the various documents for distribution to their coaching staff. She encouraged the use of our on-line store when ordering rule books and other publications. Please go to [www.nysphsaa.org/peachtree](http://www.nysphsaa.org/peachtree) to order.

- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame.** The Screening Committee will be evaluating 15 applications; 2 administrators, 9 coaches, 3 officials and 1 athlete.

- **Future Meeting Dates**
  
  - May 2-3, 2008 (Friday-Saturday) @ Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, Syracuse
  - August 5-7, 2008 (Tuesday-Thursday) @ Rye Town Hilton, Rye Brook
  - October 20, 2008 (Monday) @ Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany

- **Keep the Date:** Sunday, October 19, 2008 – Lloyd Mott’s Retirement Celebration

Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker

State Championships

A motion to approve the proposed sites for the 2008-09 State Championships as per the new NYSPHSAA Championship Site Selection Policy carried. Westfall/Maney
• **Future Dates/Sites** projections known to date for 2008-2009 and beyond were included in the meeting folders.

• **Fall 2007 Income/Expenses** known to date were included in the meeting folders.

• **2007-08 Winter Girls Volleyball Regionals** Classes B/C/D will be held on Saturday, February 23 at Jamesville-DeWitt (3).

• **Boys Lacrosse East Semi Regional** games will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at Hofstra University.

• **AED’s/Emergency Preparedness Plans** will be in place for use at all 2007-2008 Winter State Championships.

• **Thank you** to the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau for supplying volunteers who sold NYSPHSAA Football programs at the Championship finals. These same individuals have offered to volunteer to be program sellers and travel to Cornell University for the 2007-2008 Indoor Track & Field Championships for the third year in a row.

• **Courtesy passes** along with photo ID will be accepted at all NYSPHSAA events.

### State Sports Coordinators

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A motion to approve the appointment of Marty Sherman as Wrestling State Coordinator effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2013 carried. ⚫ DeCillis/Quimby

### Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

- The program has completed its 47th season (17th Fall Sports Season) with an increase in participation: 2,733 teams; 551 schools and 31,862 student athletes.
- Fall 2007 Scholar Athlete State Champions and their awards presenters were included in the meeting folders.
- **Thank you** to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. and Lee’s Trophies, Inc. for their continued support of the program.
- **The Winter 2007-08** sports season deadline is **Friday, March 7, 2008**.

### NYS Federation

- At the December 11, 2007 meeting, the Council acted on the following:
  1. Approved the brackets for the Basketball Tournament of Champions as a 3-day tournament on March 28, 29, 30, 2008 at the Glens Falls Civic Center.
  2. The date of the Golf Championship was changed to Sunday, June 8, 2008
  3. Renewed the current slate of officers for 2007-2008 as follows: President – M.J. Quigley, AISAA; Vice President – Donald Douglas, PSAL; Secretary – TBA; Treasurer – Nina Van Erk, NYSPHSAA; Executive Secretary – Walter Eaton.

- The next meeting of the Federation Council is scheduled for May 13, 2008.

### Assistant Director Lloyd Mott

• **Annual Classification of Schools.**

  A motion to approve as official the enrollment numbers presented for 2008-09 with the cut-off numbers remaining the same carried. ⚫ Nickerson/Ransom

  The cut-off numbers are as follows: Class AA 950 and up; Class A 550-949; Class B 325-549; Class C 193-324; Class D 192 and below.

• **Coaching Certification Committee** has completed the update of the Health Sciences Course Outline. Thanks go to Trish Kocialski for her leadership and technical help. All instructors should have the three updated course outlines. A workshop is scheduled at the NYSSAA Conference in March to introduce course changes, rationale and resources. New instructors will also be recruited.

• **Outside Agency Standard #18.** Several concerns have been voiced by various Sections relative to
contests co-sponsored by outside agencies. These contests do not involve schools from other states; therefore they do not require interstate sanctioning. However, the steps listed on page 67 of the Handbook are to be followed. It must be stressed that a member school must apply as the host and is responsible for administering the contest and implementing all appropriate rules. An outside agency may not apply. We are collecting various Outside Agency Application forms and will be recommending a standardized form which will include a pre-contest financial plan and a post-contest financial report to be used by all schools and Sections.

- **Coaching Clinics.** The following clinics are scheduled:
  - **Baseball** Hall of Fame, Cooperstown  
  - **Field Hockey** Radisson, Utica  
  - **Track, Field & X-C** Radisson, Utica  
  - **Volleyball** Union College, Schenectady  
  - **Soccer** Hall of Fame, Oneonta  
  - **Wrestling** Cornell University (tentatively)

  - **February, 29, 2008**  
  - **March 28, 2008**  
  - **March 28-29, 2008**  
  - **April 25, 2008**  
  - **May 30, 2008**  
  - **October 30, 2008**

**Assistant Director Joe Altieri** reported on his attendance at various meetings, championships and conferences.

**Fall Championships**

- **Programs** showed a net profit of $7,124, the third consecutive Fall we’ve had a profit
- **Media/Broadcasting.** The Association netted $10,850 for Fall championship broadcasts. Time Warner Cable has been contracted to broadcast all five boys basketball finals this March.
- **Vendor/Souvenir Fall Sales** were reviewed for 2003 through 2007 showing an increase in revenue each year for the Association.
- **Webcasting.** The Association webcasted the Football Championships for the third straight year. One hundred seventy one online tickets were purchased including 54 out-of-state listeners.

**Corporate Sponsorships**

- **Vanguard/NY 529 Savings Plan** (College Savings Plan). A new Bronze sponsorship has been finalized for wrestling, boys and girls basketball, ice hockey and boys lacrosse.
- **Worldwide Sport Supply.** Renewed a Bronze sponsorship for the 2008 wrestling tournament.
- **American Cancer Society.** We are currently working on an in-kind sponsorship with the American Cancer Society for our winter championships.
- **Tournament Funding Requests.** We are currently working with our Government Relations Director to request funding from various legislator’s across the state for our tournaments. We are awaiting a response to our first request for funding for championships in Binghamton this spring.

**Marketing/Public Relations**

- **TV.** Due to Warren County bed tax funds from the 2006-07 boys basketball tournament becoming available, a $15,000 TV marketing campaign was launched on January 21st across the state to market the boys basketball state tournament.
- **Radio.** Radio campaigns in the Albany area are taking place for the boys and girls basketball championships.
- **Poster Campaign.** The spring intern has handled our annual winter poster campaign promoting the ice hockey and wrestling state championships. Over 150 posters were mailed to merchants in the Utica and Rochester areas.
- **Press Releases** have been distributed state wide for coaching clinics, the sale of Wrestling and Boys Basketball Championship tickets and sponsor partnerships.

**Spring Intern**

- **Mr. Matt Shambo,** a senior sports management major at SUNY Cortland, is the Association’s spring intern. He graduated from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School (Section 2) where he was a football, indoor track and outdoor track and field athlete. He also earned scholar athlete honors in each sport as a senior. He is involved in sponsor fulfillment as well as promoting clinics, designing advertising for the programs, initiating the poster campaign and assisting with radio marketing.
Treasurer Kathy Higle
- Reported the Association received a clean opinion on our annual audit.
- Reported the Association was in excellent financial condition.
- She highlighted the following:
  - The dues figure showed higher than budget because they are estimated amounts and we have more Charter Schools and private schools than in previous years.
  - Investment interest income showed a loss due to the decrease in the market.
  - Sponsorship revenue is over budget but more expenses will be coming in which will bring the amount down.

Counselor Renee James
- Reported the Association is still waiting to receive a decision from the NYSED Commissioner regarding the Mixed Competition appeal pertaining to the female bowler that participated on the boy’s bowling team during the season who then requested permission to bowl in the girl’s state tournament and was denied.
- Reported there was an appeal before the Commissioner dealing with a wrestler caught cheating on the hydration test. The case came to our Appeal Panel who upheld the penalty. Therefore the wrestler is out for the rest of the season. The school district’s basis for the appeal was that they thought the penalty was too severe and the student/athlete did not know what the penalty was.
- Reported the language in the Rome Catholic appeal, a transfer rule based on undue hardship, was a good example of undue hardship and financial hardship.

Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes
- Even though the Association was successful in preventing the Transfer Rule legislation and the Home School Bill from moving in either house, the legislation is still active. He will continue to monitor the situation making sure the Association’s position is heard in the legislature. He will continue to prevent any legislation from moving forward that would hurt the position of the Association.
- A focused effort is being placed on raising the awareness of the Association.
- Reported that Nina drafted comments stating the Association’s position on the mandates and requirements of Physical Education that were being discussed at the Education Committee public hearing held in New York City on January 30, 2008.
- Reported steroid abuse has become a major issue. There is pending legislation recently introduced that would mandate random testing for student/athletes. He will be working with the Senate and Assembly to look for appropriations to conduct prevention and education of steroid abuse.

ACTION ITEMS
- **2008-2010 State Officials Agreement**
  A motion to approve the 2008-2010 State Officials Agreement carried. Troy/Zumbo
- **Outdoor Track and Field Proposal.** The Track Committee requested the proposal for a two year experiment beginning in the 2009 season to adjust the qualifying standards for at-Large entries in Division I and Division II be tabled to the May Executive Committee meeting so that they may gather more information.
- **Mandated Sportsmanship Workshop.**
  A motion to approve each Section will hold a mandated sportsmanship workshop to be held in conjunction with the mandated athletic director’s workshops carried. Nelson/Greg
  (The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 14 Yes/8 No.)
SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS

- **Softball.** Bob Stulmaker submitted a written proposal from the Softball Committee. A motion to approve a waiver for the 2008 season that the pitching distance shall remain at 40 feet for the Freshmen, JV and Varsity levels as previously followed under ASA rules carried. Harrica/Westfall
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- **Wrestling.** Marty Sherman, Section 2 Coordinator, submitted a written proposal from the Wrestling Committee pertaining to a wrestler competing twice in a regular dual meet after meeting certain requirements. A motion to postpone the proposal until the May Executive Committee meeting so that it may be brought back to the Sections for review and discussion carried. Nelson/Osborne

AD HOC COMMITTEE
- **Transfer Rule.** Nina will hold an annual meeting with the Executive Director and the Transfer Appeal Coordinator from each Section.
- **Classification of Nonpublic and Charter Schools.** A motion to approve establishing a Membership & Classification Ad hoc Committee to examine areas of concern and their affect on our membership carried. (Sections 2, 7 and 9 voted no) Smith/Sammons
A motion to approve the Ad hoc Committee examining the establishment of a separate post season competition for nonpublic school members carried. (The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 1 no, 1 abstain; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 12 Yes/9 No)
A motion to approve the Ad hoc Committee to examine establishing separate membership categories for public and nonpublic member schools carried. Wolfe/Scholla
(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 1 no, 1 abstain; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 1 yes, 1 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 11 Yes/10 No)
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A motion to approve the Ad hoc Committee to examine changing the Friend and Neighbor status be applied
only at the Modified level **carried.**

- **Governance.** No motion.
- **Sport Season Placement.**

A **motion to approve** the committee’s recommendation of reconvening the Sport Season Placement Committee to review placement of sports, recommend changes and the implementation of the changes **carried.**

**SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT**

**Section 11.** A **motion to approve** for those Sections who are not involved in the State Championships a waiver in football of the 10 game rule inclusive of sectional championships to be able to play 11 games **carried.**

**Section 10.** A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 4 in Winter Track **carried.**

**Section 9.** A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 4 in Skiing, Gymnastics and Winter Track **carried.**

**Section 8** requested the Uniform Rule yellow card against a soccer coach be reconsidered in terms of an athlete who is caught wearing jewelry and the yellow card goes against the coach.

**Section 7.** A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 3 in Winter Track and Skiing **carried.**

**Section 3** requested a clarification of the bid process on championship sites, specifically in soccer.

A **motion to approve** an experimental rule in Modified Baseball and Softball to allow them to end a game after the 5th inning when a team at the short end of the 15 run rule has completed their 5th bat **carried.**

A **motion to approve** a waiver of lines people in Boys and Girls Volleyball unless they are certified volleyball officials for the 2008-09 season **carried.**

**SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONCERNS AND INPUT**

The Section Executive Directors voiced the following concerns:

- Outside agencies co-sponsoring contests has become a huge issue. Sections are concerned because they don’t know where the money being made at these contests is going and strongly recommend it be looked into.
- The abuse of the Selection/Classification process. They suggested the concept of a central testing site.
- Concerns with the $1.00 transportation reimbursement rate; entry fees for individual participation and paying for the expenses of their coordinators when attending State Sport Committee meetings. Requested if some of these items could be waived now that the Association is in better financial condition. (Nina will put on the Budget & Finance Committee’s March meeting agenda)
**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**
The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2007-2008 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Volleyball-B
Golf-G
Swimming-B/G
Wrestling
Lacrosse-B/G
Gymnastics-G

East & School Without Walls
Monroe & Edison Tech
Hornell & St. Ann’s
Basketball-G
Swimming-B
Track-B/G
Baseball
Softball
Basketball-B/G
Swimming-B

Greece Odyssey & Greece Athena
Greece Olympia & Greece Arcadia
Swimming-B/G
Gymnastics-G
Lacrosse-B/G

Greece Arcadia, Olympia, Odyssey & Athena
Golf-G
East Irondequoit & Bishop Kearney
Ice Hockey
East Rochester, Brighton & Honeoye Falls-Lima
Ice Hockey
Monroe & Edison
Football
Tennis-G
Monroe & East
Soccer-G
Edison, Monroe & School Without Walls
Soccer-B

6
Clymer & Sherman
Golf-B
Sherman & Panama
Baseball
Ellicottville & Franklinville
Track-B/G
Ripley & Westfield
Track-B/G

8
Lynbrook North MS & Lynbrook South MS
All Sports
Elmont, Floral Park, H. Frank Carey, New Hyde Park & Sewanhaka
Golf-G (V)
Tennis-B (V)
Valley Stream District
Lacrosse-B/G (V, JV, Mod.)
Golf (V)
Malverne & East Rockaway
Tennis-B
Plainview-Old Bethpage MS & H.B. Mattlin MS
Lacrosse-B (V, JV)

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Hampton Bays & Southampton
Gymnastics-G (Mod.)

SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS
The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).
**SECTION**  **DATE**  **CONTEST**

2  03-06-08  CHVL Senior Game-Basketball-B/G
     03-10-08  WAC Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B
     03-18-08  Section II Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B/G

4  02-25-08  MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-Volleyball-G
     03-04-08  MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-Basketball-B/G
     03-03-08  IAC Sr. All-Star Game-Basketball-G
     03-04-08  IAC Sr. All-Star Game-Basketball-B
     06-09-08  MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-Baseball
     06-09-08  MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-Softball

5  03-07-08  Allegany-Steuben Sr. All-Star Games-Basketball-B/G
     03-18-08  Section 5 Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B

6  02-28-08  WNY Wrestling Coaches Assoc. Sr. All-Star Match-Wrestling
     03-14-08  Niagara-Orleans Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B/G
     03-15-08  Cheektowaga Lions Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-G
     03-15-08  Silver Hoops Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B
     03-19-08  Cattaraugus County Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B/G
     03-19-08  Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B/G
     06-12-08  Cattaraugus County Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball

7  02-28-08  CVAC Senior Game-Volleyball-G
     03-11-08  CVAC Boys & Girls Senior Basketball Game
     03-12-08  Section 7/MVAC Senior Classic-Basketball-B/G

10 03-12-08  Section X Sr. All-Star Contest-Ice Hockey-B
     03-18-08  Section X Sr. All-Star Contest-Basketball-B/G

**FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**.

(Expiring in February 2010)

**Section 1**
The Halen School
97 Centre Street
New Rochelle, NY 10801
Grades 9-11

**Section 1**
St. Denis/St. Columba School
849 Route 82, PO Box 368
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533
Grades 7-8

**Section 2**
Grapeville Christian
2416 CR 26
Climax, NY 12042
Grades 7-12

**Section 4**
Alternative School for Math and Science
291 E. First Street, PO Box 114
Corning, NY 14830
Grades 7-8

**Section 5**
Hillside Children’s Center-Varick Campus
4887 Rt. 96A
Romulus, NY 14541
Grades 7-12
NEW MEMBERS
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried. Staves/Quimby

Section 3
Institute of Technology @ Syracuse Central
701 South Warren Street
Syracuse, NY 13202
Grade 9

Section 6
Western New York Maritime Charter School
266 Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14222
Grades 9-12 (Retroactive to November 27, 2007)

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

Budget Committee. Pat Pizzarelli presented the report.
- The committee met January 31st to review the 2008-09 budget. They will make any recommendations at the May Executive Committee meeting.
- Reminded the current IRS mileage reimbursement rate is 48.5 cents until September 1, 2008.

Life of An Athlete. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.
- Training has begun for Year 4 “Student Athlete Leadership”. Section 3 has been trained and the feedback is excellent.
- Trainings are set for the following Sections: Section 4: February 13; Section 6: April 28; Section 10: May 6; Section 9: May 13; Section 2: May 28.
- The committee thanked Joe Altieri for his work in securing sponsors for the student athletes t-shirts.
- John Underwood did a training in Section 5 covering the previous 3 years.
- Year 5 “Putting it all Together Stakeholders Unity” is completed and has been piloted.
- Future topics for trainings will include: Alternatives for Kids and the Social Host Law, Assessment Tools for Concerns (senior exit interviews and coaches’ survey), High School level of Life of an Athlete, Senior College Prep (What’s ahead in the next four years), and Parenting.
- The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2008 at 10AM in the NYSPHSAA office. A planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th at 5PM at the Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany.

Officials Coordinating Federation. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.
- A fact finders hearing was held on Thursday, January 24, 2008 between Rockland County Umpires Association and Section I.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.
MRSA
- New cases of MRSA continue to be reported by schools and the media.
- Cases reported involving regular students outnumber cases reported involving athletes.
- Sections and Leagues are encouraged to keep schools following steps for prevention.
- Section Safety Committee members have been given significant amounts of information which can be shared with schools.
- Thanked Julie Maney (4) for sending materials on MRSA to be shared with the committee.

Concussion Management
- Section Executive Directors have been asked to work with their Section Safety Committee representatives in scheduling workshops for school physicians (official school medical officers) and
athletic directors. Many physicians have requested meetings which will bring the medical people working with schools together to discuss common concerns. Schools wishing to bring nurses are encouraged to do so.

- A web cast will be developed in which a video of the meeting for physicians will be placed on www.keepyourheadinthegame.org for those who did not attend the meeting to be able to gain the information discussed at the meeting.
- Thanks to our legislative grant, a DVD on concussion management will be developed this spring and sent to member schools at no charge. Schools will be encouraged to show this DVD to parents, athletes, coaches and athletic trainers.
- A list of medical facilities in NYS which offer advanced care and diagnosis for concussed athletes will be distributed to member schools and posted on the concussion web site. This list is not an endorsement of any business, but is a resource for parents who wish to utilize such a facility.
- He continued to encourage schools to register with ImPACT at the agreed upon prices for NYSPHSAA members. Doctors working in the clinics are citing the advantages of having baseline data for comparisons to post concussion data during the recovery process and return to play decisions.

Wrestling Minimum Weight Assessments
- This year was the best year for administering assessments at the central sites. Concerns were not with the process or the technology, but with hydration and appeals. A large number of wrestlers from the same schools were found not passing hydration indicating they had not learned how to maintain hydration.
- This year we had a problem with the hydrostatic test sites being available during the appeal process. They were either closed or had equipment problems. The Wrestling Advisory Committee will be discussing this concern and making a relative proposal at their next meeting scheduled for April 2, 2008 at the Association office.

The next meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for April 30, 2008 at 9AM in the Association office.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.

Citizenship Through Athletics Instructor’s Course
- The CTA Instructor’s Course was held at the Association office on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

New York Good Sports Assessments
- Schools are reminded to go to the NYSPHSAA website to complete the New York Good Sports Assessment. The main purpose of the assessment process is to have schools evaluate what initiatives they are using to promote sportsmanship.
- Schools with outstanding programs are recognized with certificates, Section plaques or the New York Good Sports Banner.

Mandated Annual Sportsmanship Workshops
- A motion was passed at this Executive Committee meeting for each Section to hold a mandated workshop for sportsmanship which will be held on the same day and site as the mandated athletic director’s eligibility workshops.

Handbook Committee. Executive Director Nina VanErk presented the report and committee recommendations.

- The minutes of the Handbook Committee meeting on January 23, 2008 were reviewed.
- A comprehensive list of approved waivers will be added to the 2008-2010 Handbook under Sport Standards or wherever appropriate.
- The 2006-2008 Handbook is on the Association’s website and is up to date with all the changes made through this meeting.

Discussion Items
- Amateur Rule & “Games of Chance”. Clarification - Student athletes who participate in “games of chance” activities such as half court shots or hole in one contests are not to be considered a violation of the Amateur rule.
- Transfer Rule. Considered the special conditions where there are a few K-8 schools that do not have a
high school. The students at the completion of 8th grade have a limited choice as to the high schools they may choose to enroll. The Handbook Committee recommends that these students be permitted to have “one transfer without penalty” to any school district within that designated list of schools. No action was taken as more information is needed from Section Executive Directors.

- **CSIET.** Nina reports communicating with John Hishmeh from CSIET who agreed to share the NYSHPSSA eligibility standards with the appropriate foreign exchange programs within New York State.

- **Rule Waivers by Sections.** The issue of Sections waiving rules was discussed. Sections may not waive any rule pertaining to a sport without a waiver from the NYSHPSSA Executive/Central Committee. Any waiver approved by the Section should be enforced Section-wide. Sections may make the eligibility standards of the NYSHPSSA more stringent, with the exception of the Transfer Rule.

- **Penalties.** The Committee strongly supports the establishment of defined and consistent penalties to be used when rules and regulations of the Association are violated. A draft of the Committee’s recommendations for penalties to be used as consequences for violations of NYSHPSSA bylaws and eligibility standards, NYSHPSSA sports standards, NYSED Commissioner’s Regulations for any ethics and integrity violations that have compromised the interscholastic athletic program was included in the meeting folders. These penalties would be in addition to any existing NYSHPSSA regulation. Nina will make the changes suggested by the Executive Committee, revise the draft and send it out with the Albany Office Report for discussion and review by the Sections. The Sections input will be discussed at the May Executive Committee meeting. (Penalty Draft is included)

**Action Item**

A **motion to approve** if a contest is suspended, all violations of the NYSHPSSA Sportsmanship Rule and/or any yellow/red cards received during that contest will be enforced regardless if the contest is replayed in its entirety or resumed from the point of interruption **carried.** Osborne/Scholla

This will be included in the definition of Suspended Game (page 54).

**April Agenda Items**

- Teams practicing together at the same facility
- Forfeits. The Committee considered if individual statistics in a team sport should count when a forfeit occurs.
- Sportsmanship – when a player strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact, etc. before and immediately after the contest.
- Transgendered/transsexual gender definition.

The next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 30, 2008 in the NYSHPSSA office.

**Nominating Committee.** Chairperson Kathy Faber reminded the Committee is still taking nominations for a female athletic representative in the officer rotation vacancy of 2nd Vice President. Please send any nomination to her.

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

**State Education Department.** Trish Kocialski

**Physical Education Profile**

- All BOCES SCDN, as well as the Big 4, have received the Physical Education Profile CD-ROM’s needed for component districts plus additional copies for private schools in the region.
- SED maintains a website devoted to updates on the Physical Education Profile at: [www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/profile.htm](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/profile.htm).
- Compatibility with VISTA/Microsoft Office 2007 has been addressed and NYSED will make available a compatible version to BOCES/SCDN upon request beginning late February, early March 2008.
- 6211 Professional Development CoSer was approved by NYSED to support the professional development for using this tool. It is available for 3 years (2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10). Due to the late
approval, use of this CoSer for the Profile was not included in the budgets for SCDN so it may limit the number of schools completing the professional development on the Profile for this year. Summer events may be included in the scheduling.

NYS Assembly Committee on Education
- A hearing on physical education compliance was held January 31, 2008. The Assembly Education Committee is concerned that school districts are not meeting the physical education requirements. Associate Deputy Commissioner Jean Stevens testified for the State Education Department.

Coaching
- Reminded all Directors of Physical Education/Athletic Directors to continue their review of coaching qualifications for all of their certified teacher coaches and non-certified coaches.

Selection/Classification – Mixed Competition
- The intent of the regulation is for schools to adhere to the phases of the process. It is aimed at the few select students who can benefit from such placement because of their level or readiness. It is not to be used to fill positions on teams, provide additional experience, provide a place for junior high students when no modified programs are offered, or to reward a student.
- She outlined how to submit a waiver request and reminded people to include their email addresses for a quicker response.
- The guidelines are located on the SED physical education web page at www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html under the Information column.
- The guidelines for the Mixed Competition regulation are not currently accessible on their web page. They can be found in the NYSSAA Handbook or by requesting a copy from Trish.

Revised Coaching Course Outlines
- All three coaching courses have now been revised. The effective date for the Health Sciences revision is July 1, 2008. If you are an approved agency to provide these courses, please contact Trish at SED to make sure you have the revised electronic versions of Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education (revised October 2005); Theory and Techniques of Coaching (revised January 2007); and Health Sciences Applied to Coaching (revised January 2008).

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- Physical Education website: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Bill Bryant, President
- Announced their annual conference is scheduled for March 12-15, 2008 in Saratoga Springs. The theme is “We Are Family”. They will be offering six leadership training courses on Wednesday, March 12th and the CAA exam on Friday, March 14th.
- Announced their Winter newsletter has been mailed.
- Congratulated Dave Martens on receiving the NIAAA’s highest award, Award of Merit at the NIAAA Conference in Nashville, TN in December.
- Thanked the Association for its partnership and support.

NYS Council of Superintendents. Executive Director Nina Van Erk gave the report.
- Minutes of their January 14, 2008 meeting at the Desmond Hotel were reviewed.
- Discussed the following issues:
  - Assembly Education Committee public hearing on Physical Education
  - The governor’s budget and how it will affect interscholastic sports if it is reduced.
  - The success of the Superintendent’s Interscholastic Athletic brochure that Nina and Jim Tolle
The success of the NYSPHSAA Athletic Directors Workshops

- The four student/athletes caught cheating on the Wrestling hydration test in which one ended up as an appeal to the Association. The Association’s Appeal Panel upheld the penalty. The school’s superintendent felt the penalty was too severe and that there should be more latitude for school districts to assess penalties. It was agreed to place the following items on the agendas of the Wrestling Committee and the Wrestling Advisory Committee: the penalty for cheating on a hydration test and increasing the number of times an athlete is tested for hydration throughout the season.

The February 2008 Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 9:50AM on Saturday, February 2, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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