The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Kathryn Faber at 1:00PM on January 28, 2005. Assistant Director Joe Altieri introduced Desmond Silfies, the new Marketing Intern for the Association. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**
- President Kathryn Faber
- First Vice President Ronald Black
- Executive Director Nina Van Erk
- Assistant Director Walter Eaton
- Assistant Director Lloyd Mott
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri
- Counsel Ron Shaw
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Karen Lopez
- Richard McGuire
- Thad Mularz
- Tony Sabella
- Dean Veenhof

**Section Representatives**
- Section 1: Vito DiCeasare, Greg Ransom (proxy for Karen Peterson)
- Section 2: Eileen Troy, Glenn Westfall
- Section 3: Paul Harrison (proxy for Bruce Quimby), Roy Hunt (proxy for Evelyn Sammons)
- Section 4: Ernestine Marshall, Jack Jones
- Section 5: Jim Zumbo, Kathy Smith
- Section 6: Don Scholla, Pam Maryjanowski
- Section 7: Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry
- Section 8: John Piropato, Todd Heimer (proxy for Laura Orticelle)
- Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe
- Section 10: Carl Normandin (proxy for Ernie Witkowski), Stephanie Putney
- Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCilis

**Ex-Officio & Consultants**
- Carol Rog, Handbook Coordinator
- Kent Gray, SED
- Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director, NYSAAA

**Section Ex. Directors**
- Greg Ransom (1)
- Dick Bader (3)

**Section Treasurers**
- John Gallagher (7)
- Todd Heimer (8)
- Loren Ratajczak (6)
- Jim Osborne (9)
The October 2004 Executive Committee minutes were APPROVED in a motion by Heimer/Nickerson.

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on the conferences, meetings and championships she attended during the months of October through January. She reported Officers, Past Presidents, Central Committee members and Sport Coordinators have received a complete packet of all correspondence to and from Assemblyman Morelle in regards to his proposed legislation to change the way the NYSPHSAA qualifies student athletes for our state championships and to also change the voting process utilized by the NYSPHSAA. She convened a subcommittee to review NYSPHSAA and Commissioner of Education rules and regulations pertaining to attendance at unsanctioned and so called national meets. The committee drafted a Points of Emphasis document which is included in the meeting packet to outline how athletes can participate in these events unattached from their high school programs while adhering to the spirit of our rules. She noted the officers will be interviewing candidates in February who have shown interest in becoming legal counsel for the Association. She stated Ron Shaw will be retiring as of April 1, 2005 after serving the Association since 1972. She reported the NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA presented an Athletic Administrator workshop which was held in Albany at the Holiday Inn-Turf on November 29-30, 2004. She noted she had sent John Hishmeh, Executive Director of the Council on Standards for International Travel (CSIET) a request to review action taken by International Fellowship in the case of an Oneida High School student. The student should have been declared a “direct placement” from all evidence presented but was designated a random placement. She stated the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Screening Committee will be evaluating 27 applications for the Class of 2005. The NYSPHSAA Class of 2005 will be announced in March. She noted the Student Leadership Conference scheduled for February 24, 2005 has been postponed. She reported a new black and white copier had been purchased for the office to replace an older outdated machine. She announced a Sports Participation Survey will be conducted in the spring
and urges 100% compliance. Future meeting dates were noted as follows:

May 6-7, 2005 – Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, Syracuse

**Note change of site**

August 3-5, 2005 – Wyndham Wind Watch – Long Island
October 24, 2005 – Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany
January 27-28, 2006 – Prime Hotel – Saratoga Springs
May 5-6, 2006 – TBA – Syracuse
August 9-11, 2006 – Holiday Inn – Grand Island

Assistant Director Walter Eaton reported the 2005 Boys Lacrosse finals site has been changed to Cornell University (4) due to construction at Coyne Field at Syracuse University. He stated a summary of the Fall ’04 Championship income/expenses known to date and the 2005-06 sites/dates known to date were included in the meeting folders. He noted courtesy passes for Indoor Track & Field are to be presented to the Carrier Dome’s Will Call Gate B window and for Boys Basketball in Glens Falls, report to the Church Street entrance of the Civic Center above the box office. He thanked the Syracuse Convention and Visitor’s Bureau for their continued support of the Football Championships by supplying volunteers to sell tournament programs. He noted the AED’s/Emergency Preparedness Plans will be in place for use at all Winter 2004-05 State Championships.

In a motion by Troy/Jones it was APPROVED to reappoint Marbry Gansle, Girls Cross Country State Coordinator, to a 5 year term effective September 1, 2005 to August 30, 2010. In a motion by Putney/Maryjanowski it was APPROVED to reappoint Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, to a 5 year term effective September 1, 2005 to August 30, 2010. He reported the Scholar/Athlete Team Award program has completed its 40th season with an increase in participation again. He stated the final results have been posted on the NYSPHSAA web site and local results were mailed to both section offices and the media. He noted the Fall 2004 State Champions and their awards schedule were in the meeting folders. He thanked Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. and Lee’s Trophies, Inc. for their continued sponsorship and support respectfully. He announced the Winter 2004-05 Scholar/Athlete Team Award program deadline is Friday, March 4, 2005. He reported the NYSSFSSAA council awarded the 2006, 2007 bid to host the Boys/Girls Basketball Tournament of Champions to Glens Falls at their December 7, 2004 meeting. He stated the following items were discussed at a special meeting of the NYSSFSSAA held on January 25, 2005: Sanctioning of Interstate Contests; Lobby effort to oppose proposed “Fairness in High School Athletic Competition Act” (Morelle bill); and enhancing the identity of the NYSSFSSAA at the Boys/Girls Basketball Tournament of Champions. He announced the next Council meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2005.

Assistant Director Lloyd Mott commended the Section Executive Directors and their staff members for their efforts and cooperation in accumulating and reporting the October 2004 BEDS numbers. He stated the 2005-06 Classification
Configuration Report was included in the meeting folders. In a motion by Marshall/DiCesare it was APPROVED to accept as official the enrollment numbers presented for 2005-2006 Classification of Schools: Class AA: 950 +; Class A: 949-550; Class B: 549-325; Class C: 324-193; and Class D: 192 and below. He stated there are two aspects of the BEDS numbers collection that need addressing: 1.) reporting of students attending an “alternative school program” in one high school in which some of the students are registered in that school, while others are students registered in other member high schools and are eligible in the “home school”; and 2.) the BED’s direction which requires schools to not report on their Building Report Form the students attending BOCES full time, but who are eligible to participate back at the home school. He asked that the second area of concern be put on Section meeting agendas for discussion. He reported brochures for clinics in Lacrosse, Softball, Training and Conditioning, Baseball and Track/Field & Cross Country have been sent to schools and Sections. Brochures for clinics in Field Hockey, Soccer and Volleyball will be mailed soon. He noted the number of interstate contests involving our schools, the number of events involving outside co-sponsors, and the number of events involving non-member schools are significantly increasing thus increasing the possibility of a school entering an event that has not been sanctioned. He stated all school coaches and administrators need to review Eligibility Standard #13 Interstate Contests – 2004-2006 NYSPHSAA Handbook, page 63 and comply with all aspects of the standard. He reminded that notice of entry to the Association office to verify the sanctioning of any interstate event (in or out of state) involving four or more schools is required.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri reported on the sport committee meetings, sponsorship meetings, Section Athletic Council meetings, Scholar-Athlete Team Award presentation and State Championships he attended during the months of October through January. He stated the total television/radio broadcasting revenue generated by the Fall Championships was $9,600, the highest income for broadcasting ever in a season. He reported this figure included $8,800 for football semifinals and finals and attributed the increase to the new rate fee schedule. He noted we are currently in discussions with MJM Productions to produce a broadcast quality video for resale of the girls basketball tournament for the second straight year. He reported World Wide Sport has expressed interest in a sponsorship proposal toward the wrestling championships in March which includes the title “Sponsored in part by” on all tickets sold as well as having a booth presence at the Pepsi Arena for the event. He noted the following sponsorships have been secured: Timestep Clocks sponsorship toward all championships beginning this Winter through Fall 2005 that will include a table presence at the boys basketball tournament; Track Bowling sponsorship for the boys and girls bowling championships; Crowne Plaza-Albany sponsorship of a banner in downtown Albany in marketing the wrestling tournament; and Albany Broadcasting Company sponsorship in marketing the wrestling tournament. He stated negotiations are currently in the process for a
potential four-year contract with Holiday Inn. He reported Girls and Boys Basketball, Indoor Track, Wrestling and Ice Hockey will have radio campaigns with ticket giveaways to promote their state championships. He noted billboard advertising on I-90 (near Everett Road-Exit 5, Albany) and I-787 (before the Hudson Valley CC exit) will start February 1" to promote wrestling and the boys and girls basketball tournaments through February and early March. He passed around draft designs of the billboards.

**Treasurer's Report** was reviewed by Executive Director Nina Van Erk. She reported the Association’s year end projection is approximately $75,000 better than budgeted to date. She stated the Association made significant fiscal improvement due to the implementation of the Budget & Finance Committee and having a 3 year plan in effect along with a reduction in the post retirement health benefit calculation, an increase in investment income and the increase in dues. She reported there wasn’t a finalized audit report from Marvin & Co. for this meeting as it was just received in our office. She stated the final audit will be available at the Executive Committee in May. She reminded there will be a dues increase for the 2005-2006 school year: $650.00 for the base district fee for the first 300 students in grades 7 through 12 and $.70 per student over 300 students in grades 7 through 12.

**ACTION ITEM**

**Non Public School Classification Committee Experiment.** The following recommendation by the Non Public School Classification Committee for implementation in the 2006-2007 school year was APPROVED in a motion by DiCesare/Westfall: *As a 2 year experiment Sections would be required to formulate a Classification Committee to review the classification of their non public school members. In the evaluation process the following criteria must be included, but not limited to:*

- Periodic review – at least every two years
- Sport specific – season specific
- BEDS Numbers
- Levels of competition – regular season
- Level of success (5 year period)
  - League, Conference, Sectional, Regional, State
- Approval by Athletic Council
- Appeal process

The committee will convene a meeting of the Classification Committee chairs to review and discuss the process each section utilized in their classification process and will continue to meet for approximately 6 months to a year to make the necessary adjustments and improvements to the classification process and to evaluate the success of this recommendation. (Section 9 opposed.)
SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS

**Boys Tennis**
Executive Director Nina Van Erk presented the Boys Tennis proposal to allow the PSAL to participate in the 2005 Championships on a one year trial basis. It was APPROVED in a motion by Troy/Ransom.

**Field Hockey**
In a motion by Westfall/Ransom the following rules were APPROVED for permanent adoption: **Rule 2-1-2a:** Officials may wear a solid color shirt contrasting with the color of both teams’ uniform tops or alternating black and white 1-inch vertically striped shirt. **Rule 4-2-2g:** The game clock may continue to run after goals are scored and when one team is ahead by 5 or more goals.

**Softball**
Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the Softball Committee’s request for a waiver on the use of “NOCSAE approved” facemasks for the 2005 softball season. In a motion by DeCillis/DeCesare it was APPROVED to waive the NOCSAE approved facemask requirement for the 2005 season. FYI: Schools may permit the student athletes to wear batting helmets with attached face masks.

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

**Section 1** In a motion by DeCillis/Putney a reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in Winter Track was APPROVED. A motion by Greene/Staves APPROVED a reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in Skiing.

**Section 3** voiced a concern with how to classify a charter school in their Section.

**Section 6** asked if the baseball state championship was going to a 2-day tournament.

**Section 7** In a motion by DeCillis/Greene a reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in Winter Track was APPROVED. A motion by Greene/Staves APPROVED a reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in Skiing.

**Section 8** In a motion by DeCillis/Putney a reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in Winter Track was APPROVED.

**Section 9** In a motion by DeCillis/Greene a reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in
Winter Track was APPROVED. A motion by Greene/Staves for the reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in Skiing was APPROVED. A reduction in contests from 6 to 3 in Gymnastics was APPROVED in a motion by Greene/Zumbo.

**Section 10** In a motion by DeCillis/Putney it was APPROVED for the reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in Winter Track. They announced they had settled a 4 year contract with their officials.

**Section 11** A motion by DiCesare/DeCillis for the reduction of contests from 6 to 5 in Winter Track was APPROVED.

**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2004-2005 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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**SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS**

The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).
FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
A motion by Ransom/DeCillis APPROVED German School of New York (1), 50 Partridge Road, White Plains, NY 10605 (Grades 7-12) and Rochester School for the Deaf (5), 1545 St. Paul Street Rochester, NY 14621 (Grades 7-12) as Friends and Neighbors.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER
A motion by Putney/Troy APPROVED James E. Allen Alternative School (11), 31 Lee Avenue, Wheatley Heights, NY 11793 (Grades 8-9) as an Associate Member.

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

Championship Advisory Committee. Assistant Director Walter Eaton reported the minutes of the January 14, 2005 meeting were in the meeting folder. The following recommendations were approved: In a motion by Jones/Nickerson it was APPROVED to accept the recommendation of the CAC to deny the request to fill the 2 byes in the state tournament opening round brackets in both singles and doubles competition in Girls Tennis. (14 YES/8 NO). The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes; and Section 11: 2 yes. A motion by Zumbo/Ransom was APPROVED to accept the recommendation of the CAC to deny the request to use 3-man officiating in all state tournament contests in Boys Basketball. (20 YES/2 NO). 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 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes; and Section 11: 2 yes. A motion by DeCillis/Staves was APPROVED to accept the recommendation of the CAC to deny the request to rotate the selection of the 12th official between the sections in Girls Basketball. In Rifle the request to increase participation in Air Rifle to equal the participation in Cartridge competition at the Regional
Championships (6 competitors per sport per section) was APPROVED in a motion by Heimer/Scholla. In a motion by Maryjanowski/Zumbo it was APPROVED to extend the two class state tournament format experiment in Wrestling to 2005-06. He reported Section IX presented a pilot program in Boys Swimming/Diving on qualifying for the State tournament during the season and prior to the 2004-05 Section IX tournament. He stated no action will be taken at this time and a survey will be conducted on how all sections presently qualify their participants for the State Championships. He stated another survey of the sections would be conducted to determine their approval of the added cost of reinstating the Regional Finalist plaque awards given to non-winning teams in all team sports. He announced the next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 2005 at 10:00AM in the NYSPPHSA office.

Officials Coordinating Federation. Assistant Director Walter Eaton reported 10 out of 11 sections and 14 out of 16 State Officials Organizations are participating in sponsoring the full page advertisement appearing in all NYSPPHSA 2004-05 State Tournament programs. He stated 14 out of 16 State Officials Associations have signed the addendum to the 2004-06 State Officials Agreement permitting the OCF Chairman to designate his replacement as the Chairman of an arbitration panel and requiring 90 days to be the scheduled time frame to hold an arbitration hearing to resolve contract impasses or grievances following rejection of a fact finder’s report.

ACTION on TARGET. Assistant Director Walter Eaton reported Sections 6, 7, 8 and 11 have completed their training of “Life of an Athlete” aimed at modified students and parents for preseason meetings. He noted Section 3 is scheduled for February 18 and Section 4 is tentatively scheduled for March. He reported the ACTION on TARGET training program will be condensed from two days to one in the hopes that more athletic directors will be able to attend. He stated work has begun on the second year program to develop an effective athletic code with emphasis on proactive character based themes. He noted representatives from the Sportsmanship and AOT committees met on December 20 to discuss putting together a one day program since the topic of this second year program is athletic codes and will continue to meet to finalize this program. He stated the next meeting of the ACTION on TARGET committee will be held on April 16, 2005 at 10:00AM at the NYSPPHSA office.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott announced the surveys relative to injuries to pitchers in baseball and softball and third base players in softball will be conducted again this spring. He stated each softball and baseball coach is to file the report by going to the survey on our website. He asked that every school complete the survey even when the statistic reported is zero. He reported there were several schools this year that had utilized the services of a wrestling minimum weight assessor who had let their certification lapse and asked schools to check our list of certified assessors prior to scheduling
assessments each season. He stated penalties were applied and schools censured for violating the “14 Day Rule” earlier in the season. He reported the Wrestling Advisory Committee will meet in the early spring to review the minimum weight certification process along with several wrestling rules related to weigh-ins, hydration and weight loss. He noted he would be a co-presenter, along with one of our Regional Consultants, on the minimum weight certification process at the NYSAAA Conference in March. He stated the NFHS Field Hockey Rules Committee, reacting to a recommendation from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, is considering mandating the wearing of goggles that meet ASTM Standards. He reported helmets are being sold for athletes in pole vaulting and stated the NFHS had informed the Association that no testing agency has yet established standards for such helmets but ASTM is studying the possibilities. He stated he would be attending the NFHS Sports Medicine Committee meeting in Indianapolis on April 16-18, 2005 and one of the recommendations expected to come out of the meeting is Pre-Season Practice Requirements for all sports relative to proper acclimatization and the reduction of overuse injuries. He announced the next meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for April 6, 2005 at 10:00 AM at the Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany.

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Assistant Director Lloyd Mott reported the Citizenship Through Athletics Instructor’s Course was conducted in Section 7 on September 30, 2004 and at the COA Conference in Utica on October 3-4, 2004. He stated there are now approximately 125 certified instructors. He noted the next course for instructors is Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at the Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany. He stated the schedule for the 2004-2005 hazing workshop “Hazing: Identification and Prevention” is included in the meeting folder. He noted a proposed outline of steps for the development of a Hazing Policy is given to each participant. He stated the New York Good Sports Program information and assessment materials along with submission directions and a time-line will be mailed to all member school athletic directors and superintendents in early February and encouraged all to support involvement in this program. He announced the NFHS “Parents for Good Sports” program is in Phase II and has been implemented by many schools in the South, Mid-Atlantic States, the West and in New York. He reported he had attended a meeting on January 18th with Dave Epperson, co-founder of PGS, Dave Goddard of Arlington, Mike Marra of Kingston and several SUNY Cortland Athletic Administrators and Coaches to plan for Cortland to become a Parents for Good Sports Leadership Training Center, the first in the country.

**Handbook Committee.** Coordinator Carol Rog reported the minutes of the January 13, 2005 meeting were in the meeting folders. In a motion by Greene/DeCillis the following was **APPROVED**: Page 55, #2 Amateur-NOTE: Only awards or prizes having a monetary value of one hundred dollars or less per competition will be approved by the Association—move NOTE up to #2 and add the following sentence: When honoring student athletes for success in
NYSPHSAA sponsored championship events, Boards of Education are encouraged to approve limited awards that are appropriate to high school level competition.

A motion by Heimer/Troy APPROVED adding as a second sentence on Page 68 under Practice Sessions, #22B- Specifically, during the regular season physical and/or instructional activities related to the sport on seven consecutive days is prohibited. She reported other items discussed by the committee were unapproved Senior All-Star Contests, Bowling-YABA #400, Direct Placements, mid year 9th grade transfer and appeal language and process. She announced the next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 9:00AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

DISCUSSION

Executive Director Nina VanErk reported on the efforts of the Association to lobby against the proposed legislation of Assemblyman Joseph Morelle to change the way the NYSPHSAA qualifies student athletes for our state championships and to also change the voting process utilized by the NYSPHSAA. She stated we need to react in a proactive way to oppose this legislation and asked that each school district i.e., Superintendent, Board of Education, Athletic Director send a letter to Assemblyman Morelle.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Strategic Planning Committee. Executive Director Nina VanErk announced the members of the committee. She reported the committee met on December 8, 2004 and came up with a draft for recommendations in legal and legislative initiatives, central office and staffing, technology, safety & risk management, marketing the Association and championships, sportsmanship initiatives, championship events, coaches and officials programs, insurance, governance and representation, communication, outside influences and budget and finance. She stated there were a number of items the committee members needed to seek Section input on: coming up with a position statement requesting that the State Education Department eliminate the opting out option for physical education classes; see how Sections and their membership think about the Duration of Competition Regulation— is it fine as written or does it need changes since there has been an increase in graduation requirements at the high school level; and the need to advocate athletic trainers in all schools. She noted a more finalized draft for review by the Executive Committee will be available at the May meeting. She announced the next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2005 at 9:30AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

Championship Philosophy Review Committee. Assistant Director Walter Eaton reviewed the minutes of the January 21, 2005 meeting. A motion by Greene/Harrison to approve of the Championship Philosophy Review
Committee's recommendation of the Outdoor Track/Field committees amendment proposal to expand the definition of excellence for an individual sport to be one class for every 300 schools with a program to a maximum of three (3) was DEFEATED. (15 NO/7 YES) The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 1 yes/1 no; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 1 yes/1 no; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 1 yes/1 no.

Site Selection Committee. Assistant Director Walter Eaton stated the committee has met three times and the minutes of their meeting on November 9, 2004 were in the meeting packet. He reported the committee has reviewed the current process of selecting a tournament site and have explored the elements of what would be the appropriate set of guidelines and philosophies to select a championship site in each of our tournaments. He presented a draft proposal on the direction the committee was headed in and asked the Executive Committee for their input before the committee goes any further. He stated the next meeting of the committee was scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2005 at 9:30 AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

State Education Department. Kent Gray reported he had received back the Selective Classification document and a few changes still needed to be made. He stated once the document is finalized, it will be available on the SED website: www.nysed.gov. He announced he has inherited more responsibility as the Associate in Driver Education and Traffic Safety in the State Education Department. He reported he attended a meeting on November 16th called by Cathy Ahearn, Chief Counsel for SED’s Office of Counsel regarding the Mixed Competition Regulation and the possibility of organizing a group to discuss different sports and civil rights as they pertain to the Mixed Competition Regulation. He was asked to contact leaders of other professional organizations such as the NYSPHSAA, NYSAAA, Council of Superintendents and the Health Department who would be willing to review concerns with the Mixed Competition Regulation and possibly civil rights. He noted no meeting date has been scheduled at this time. He stated the Mixed Competition Regulation remains the same and cautioned not to use it as a pass/fail list but to use it as an instrument of evaluation. He reported he had received the packet of correspondence regarding Assemblyman Morelle’s proposed legislation and thanked the Association for its efforts in keeping everyone informed.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Executive Director Alan Mallanda reported he continues to attend different Chapter meetings across the state. He stated he has received excellent feedback on the Athletic Directors workshop held on November 29-30, 2004 at the Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany which was
presented jointly by the NYSAAA and the NYSPHSAA. He noted New York State
was in the spotlight at the NIAAA conference in New Orleans in December with
Denny Fries becoming the new President of the NIAAA and awards being given
to Dave Martens (National Federation Citation Award) and Dr. John Foley
(National Award of Merit). He noted six leadership courses will be offered at
their annual conference to be held March 16-19, 2005 at the Prime Hotel,
Saratoga Springs. He stated the conference program and registration
information and forms can be found on their website www.nysaaa.org. He
announced Bob Stulmaker will be the new President of the NYSAAA at the
conclusion of the conference. He stated more information will be coming on the
NIAAA Section I’s Summer Institute II leadership training program in Brewster
MA. He thanked the Association for its support and continued cooperation.

**Special Recognition**

Executive Director Nina VanErk thanked Ron Shaw for his years of service and
assistance as the attorney for the Association and wished him a happy, healthy
retirement. Mr. Shaw will be honored on August 3, 2005 at the Central
Committee meeting on Long Island.

*A motion by Nickerson/Greene to adjourn at 5:30PM was APPROVED.*

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director