SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
January 2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
The Saratoga

ACTION ITEMS

1. P3 Approved October 2006 Executive Committee minutes with amendment.
2. P5 Approved the proposed sites for the 2007-08 State Championships.
3. P5 Approved the reappointment of Chris Horgan as Girls Tennis State Coordinator.
4. P5 Approved to accept as official the enrollment numbers presented for 2007-2008 Classification of Schools.
5. P7 Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in Alpine and Nordic Skiing for Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9.
6. P7 Approved for Executive Director Nina VanErk to have written communication with the Section XI Executive Director and Athletic Council regarding the wrestling eligibility issue.
7. P7 Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 3 in Indoor Track & Field for Sections 7 and 10.
8. P7 Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in Gymnastics and Indoor Track for Section 9.
9. P7 Denied Section 8’s request for an additional football contest to accommodate their playoffs.
10. P8 Approved changing the end date of Section 6’s Spring season to June 13, 2007.
12. P9 Approved as New Members: Mount Pleasant Cottage School (1), The King’s School (7)(retroactive to October 2006 Executive Committee meeting).
14. P10 Approved reorganizing Class B and Class D Regional brackets in Boys Soccer effective 2008-09.
15. P10 Approved scheduling the 2007-08 Wrestling State Championship for March 7, 8, 9 (Fri/Sat/Sun).
16. P10 Denied postponing the vote on the 2007-2010 Officials Fees/Policies to the May Executive Committee meeting so that they could be taken back to the Sections for review and discussion.
17. P10 Approved the 2007-2010 Officials Fees/Policies.
18. P11 Approved a standardized information form be developed to ensure awareness and knowledge of NYSPHSAA Sanctioning and Outside Agencies regulations.
19. P11 Approved a process be developed for school districts to acknowledge they have received and reviewed and are familiar with NYSPHSAA and NYSED Rules and Regulations.
20. P12 Approved adjournment.
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
The Saratoga
January 26, 2007

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Ron Black at 1:00PM on January 26, 2007. A moment of silence was held for Past President Thad Mularz who passed away in December. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**
- President Ronald Black
- First Vice President Patrick Pizzarelli
- Second Vice President Mark Ward
- Past President Kathy Faber
- Executive Director Nina Van Erk
- Assistant Director Walter Eaton
- Assistant Director Lloyd Mott
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri
- Counsel Renee James
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Pat Calnon
- Karen Lopez
- Richard McGuire
- Dean Veenhof

**Section Representatives**
- Section 1: Greg Ransom (Proxy for Vito DiCesare), Karen Peterson
- Section 2: Eileen Troy, Glenn Westfall
- Section 3: Bruce Quimby
- Section 4: Julie Maney, Jack Jones
- Section 5: Jim Zumbo, Kathy Smith
- Section 6: Bob Dinse (Proxy for Don Scholla), Pam Maryjanowski
- Section 7: Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry
- Section 8: Todd Heimer (Proxy for John Piropato), Laura Orticelle
- Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe
- Section 10: Ernie Witkowski, Stephanie Putney
- Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

**Ex-Officio & Consultants**
- Carol Rog, Handbook Coordinator
- Trish Kocialski, SED
- Ken Garry, President-NYSAAA
- Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA
- Mike Salatel, President-NYS Council of Administrators

**Section Ex. Directors**
- Greg Ransom (1)
- Doug Kenyon (2)
- Ed Stores (5)
- Bob Dinse (6)
- John Gallagher (7)
- Todd Heimer (8)
- Carl Normandin (10)
- Ed Cinelli (11)

**Section Treasurers**
- Jim Osborne (9)

**Guests**
- Bob Stulmaker, Assistant Director (3-16-07)
- Kevin Banes, Director of Government Relations-NYSPHSAA

The October 2006 Central Committee Meeting minutes were accepted as amended with the following amendment: the use of multiple entries in a wrestling tournament where all participants are scoring competitors.
is effective immediately.

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

1st Vice President Pat Pizzarelli
- Congratulated Nina on receiving the Service Award from the NYSCOA.
- Stated he participated in a taped interview by WNBC New York City regarding head injuries in football and how the NYSPHSAA is being proactive regarding concussions and brain injuries.

2nd Vice President Mark Ward
- Stated he had attended the NYSCOSS Conference and congratulated Lloyd and Nina on their workshops.
- Congratulated Nina on the excellent job that was done in creating a brochure outlining the basic NYSPHSAA rules and regulations and services as a guide for new school superintendents.

Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of October through January and presented the following items of interest.
- Building Update. British American continues to show the vacant office space to a variety of prospective tenants. Two proposals have been submitted to potential tenants with a third being considered for rental of a portion of the space.
- Intentional Retention. “Intentional retention” occurs when the educational progress of a student athlete is manipulated for the purpose of athletic participation during the child’s fifth year in high school. A few years ago this was an isolated occurrence; however, there is more and more evidence that this is an issue that needs to be resolved. Nina will work with the Section Executive Directors to tighten up the process used for an extension of eligibility so that all Sections look at academic records as part of the process. She will also work with Trish Kocialski at the State Education Department on this issue.
- Government Relations. Nina introduced Kevin Banes who will be working with the NYSPHSAA as the Director of Government Relations. His duties will include tracking pending legislation, drafting letters of support/opposition while guiding the Association’s work with the legislature.
- NYS School Boards. In December Nina appeared on the NYS School Board’s monthly half hour television show, School Boards Spotlight. The host, Executive Director Tim Kremer facilitated a dialogue about the current issues effecting high school sports.
- NYSPHSAA Website. A brochure outlining basic NYSPHSAA rules and regulations and services was developed specifically for new school superintendents. She thanked Jim Tolle and Greg Geer for their efforts in the project. She has also put together a packet of information regarding cheerleading because superintendents have expressed a concern from a safety perspective.
- NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame is now located within the new office in Latham. The Screening Committee will be evaluating 21 applications to be nominated for the Class of 2007.
- Joint Venture. Monthly meetings between the NYSPSHAA and SAANYS are held to discuss the building and its upkeep. The Joint Venture is looking into purchasing video conferencing equipment for use by both Associations.
- Future Meeting Dates –
  May 4-5, 2007 (Friday-Saturday) @ Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, Syracuse
August 7-9, 2007 (Tuesday-Thursday) @ Crowne Plaza – Lake Placid
October 29, 2007 (Monday) @ Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany
January 25-26, 2008 (Friday-Saturday) @ The Saratoga, Saratoga
May 2-3, 2008 (Friday-Saturday) @ TBA
August 5-7, 2008 (Tuesday-Thursday) @ Rye Town Hilton, Rye Brook

**Assistant Director Walter Eaton**

**State Championships**

A motion to approve the proposed sites for the 2007-08 State Championships as per the new NYSPHSAA Championship Site Selection Policy carried. Putney/Troy

- **Future Dates/Sites** projections known to date for 2008-2009 and beyond were included in the meeting folders.
- **Fall 2006 Income/Expenses** known to date were included in the meeting folders. Overall, Fall 2006 tournaments were very profitable.
- **2006-07 Winter Girls Volleyball** dates/sites for Sections 3/4/7 are: Friday, February 23 – Class D – Afton (4); Saturday, February 24 – Class B/C – Unadilla Valley (4); Friday, February 23 – Class A – Jamesville-DeWitt (3). NOTE: The Class A Regional was cancelled due to Section 7’s representative withdrawal.
- **AED’s/Emergency Preparedness Plans** will be in place for use at all 2006-07 Winter State Championships.
- **Thank you** to the Syracuse Convention and Visitors Bureau for supplying volunteers who sold NYSPHSAA Football programs at the Championship finals.
- **Courtesypasses** along with photo ID will be accepted at all NYSPHSAA events.

**State Sports Coordinators**

A motion to approve the reappointment of Chris Horgan as Girls Tennis State Coordinator to serve through August 31, 2011 carried. Ransom/Quimby

- Kristin Fullam has resigned as Boys Tennis State Coordinator to accept a position in Arizona. An interim State Coordinator is being sought.

**Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program**

- The program has completed its 44th season (16th Fall Sports Season) with an increase in participation: 2,666 teams; 544 schools and 30,888 student athletes.
- Fall 2006 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 2006-07 sports season deadline is Friday, March 2, 2007.

**NYS Federation**

- At the January 16, 2007 meeting, the NYSFSSA Council acted on the following:
  2. Confirmed the 2007 Golf Championship site to be Carvell C.C. - first tee time is 11:00AM.
  3. Renewed current slate of officers for 2007-08: President: M.J. Quigley, AISAA; Vice President: Donald Douglas, PSAL; Secretary: Jane Modry, CHSAA; Treasurer: Nina VanErk, PHSAA; Executive Secretary: Walter Eaton.
  4. Reviewed arrangements for 2007 Basketball Tournament of Champions Class B Girls Semi-finals to be held at the Adirondack Community College.
- The next meeting of the Federation Council is scheduled for May 8, 2007.

**Assistant Director Lloyd Mott**

- **Annual Classification of Schools.**
  A motion to approve as official the enrollment numbers presented for 2007-08 with the cut-off numbers remaining the same carried. Heimer/Maney
  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.
Coaches Certification Committee has completed the update to the Theory and Techniques Course Outline. Trish Kocialski will be distributing the new outlines to certified instructors. A workshop is scheduled at the NYSAAA Conference in March to introduce the changes and the rationale for change along with attempting to encourage new people to become certified to teach the courses. The committee intends to have the Health Sciences Course Outline updated within the next 12 months.

Coaching Clinics. The following clinics are scheduled:
- Softball: Queensbury High School, February 2, 2007
- Baseball: Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, March 2, 2007
- Field Hockey: The Radisson, Utica, March 23, 2007
- Track and Field, X-Ctry: The Radisson, Utica, March 23-24, 2007
- Soccer: Hall of Fame, Oneonta, May 18, 2007
- Volleyball: SUNY Oneonta, June 15, 2007

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

- Fall Championship Programs showed a net profit of $7,459, the second consecutive Fall we’ve had a profit.
- Media/Broadcasting. The Association netted $9,900 for Fall championship broadcasts. Time Warner broadcasted two football finals and three semi-finals live. We are in discussions with Time Warner to broadcast the wrestling finals, boys basketball finals and ice hockey finals.
- Vendor/Souvenir Fall Sales were reviewed for 2003 through 2006 showing an increase in revenue for the Association.
- Webcasting. The Association webcasted the Football Championships for the second straight year. Seventy-seven online tickets were purchased including 18 out-of-state listeners.

Corporate Sponsorships
- World Wide Sport Supply. An $11,000 sponsorship has been finalized for the 2007 wrestling championships.
- State Farm. $2,500 for football and $1,500 for boys basketball in sportsmanship sponsorships have been finalized.
- Pepsi. With assistance from the Times Union Center, a $5,000 sponsorship (a 50/50 split) has been finalized for the 2007 wrestling championships.
- Journeyman Athletics. A $900 sponsorship for the 2007 wrestling championships has been finalized.
- Polar Beverages. A $500 in-kind sponsorship of 20 cases of water for hospitality for the 2007 wrestling championships has been finalized.
- Track Bowling. We are anticipating Track Bowling to accept a proposal for a $1,000 in-kind renewal of sponsorship for the 2007 girls and boys bowling championships.
- Real Pro Wrestling. We are anticipating Real Pro Wrestling to accept a proposal for a $1,500 renewal of sponsorship for the 2007 wrestling championships.

Public Relations/Marketing
- TV. Due to Warren County bed tax funds from the 2005-06 boys basketball tournament becoming available, a $15,000 TV marketing campaign was launched on January 20th across the state to market the boys basketball and Federation tournaments.
- Radio. Radio campaigns in the Albany area are taking place for the boys basketball, girls basketball and wrestling championships.
- Press Releases have been distributed state wide for coaching clinics, winter championship schedules, the sale of Wrestling and Boys Basketball Championship tickets and the opening of the NYSPHSAA Online Store.

Spring Intern
- Ms. Laura Romano, a senior at the University of Albany majoring in public communications, is the Association’s spring intern. She graduated from Mohonasen High School (Section 2) where she participated in volleyball. She will be responsible for several marketing and sponsorship responsibilities over the next four months.

Treasurer. Executive Director Nina VanErk reviewed the treasurer’s report stating the Association is in good financial health. She highlighted the increase in championship revenues was due to a well attended football
championship. In the Liabilities section, the Budget & Finance Committee will be looking at whether it’s in our best financial interest to start paying off the mortgage on the building in a more aggressive manner. An audited report will be presented at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Counselor Renee James

- **Nazareth Academy and DeSales High School (Section 5).** The case was dismissed in State Supreme Court. Then the Association heard their appeal and upheld Section 5’s decision. The case is now progressing on to the Commissioner of Education. She will keep us informed.
- **Bowling (Section 2).** This case has been on appeal and since no decision has been made, the father has gone to the Commissioner of Education requesting a stay that would allow any girl in the state who bowls in a boys team the opportunity to bowl on the boys and girls sectional teams. If the boys team does not qualify for the state championship, these girls would be allowed to participate on the girls team. She will keep us informed.
- **Extended Eligibility (Section 9).** This case is regarding a 5th year eligibility issue and is before the Commissioner of Education. She will keep us informed.
- **OCR Complaint (Section 4).** The basis of the complaint is that all school districts have to provide equal promotion and publicity for girls sports and boys sports. Two schools in Binghamton are challenging this case. She will keep us informed.

DISCUSSION ITEM

- **Inclusion of Selectively Classified Students in the Transfer Rule.** The majority of the Sections were against including Selectively Classified students in the Transfer Rule. The rationale stated was the rule was clear cut and would be time consuming to monitor. Those Sections in favor stated the rule should include 7th & 8th grades.

SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS

- **Skiing.** Dennis O’Brien, Boys Skiing State Coordinator and Bob Underwood, Girls Skiing State Coordinator submitted a written proposal for the reduction of the 6 Contest Standard due to the unusual weather this winter. A motion to approve a.) allowing Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 to reduce the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 3 in Alpine and Nordic Skiing and b.) in extenuating circumstances, a Section Executive Director can request of the Association Executive Director a waiver of the rule if further reduction is needed carried. Witkowski/Dinse

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

**Section 11** summarized the wrestling issue in their Section and voiced a concern with the ambiguity of Eligibility Rule #7-College (pg. 60-NYSFHSAA Handbook). After much discussion on the wrestling issue, the following motion was approved and carried: (Section 11 voted No). Greene/Maney Direct Executive Director Nina VanErk to have written communication with the Section 11 Athletic Council and Ed Cinelli, Executive Director acknowledging the fact that the members of the NYSFHSAA Executive Committee are opposed to the decision in the Cory Jantzen eligibility issue; the Executive Committee finds the Section did not uphold the rules and regulations of the 2006-2008 Handbook and that the State Association understands their decision was based on a judge’s decision in the Robbins case. The Association will take steps to make changes within the Constitution and By-Laws to preclude this from happening again. A letter will also be sent to the school stating it is the school district’s responsibility as a member school to ensure their employees know the rules and regulations of the NYSFHSAA and enforce them.

**Section 10.** A motion to approve reducing the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 3 in Indoor Track & Field carried. Putney/Staves

**Section 9** asked about our participation in the NFHS Student Leadership Conference. A motion to approve reducing the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 4 in Gymnastics and Indoor Track & Field carried. DeCillis/Quimby

**Section 8** asked if the eligibility of a high school athlete can be affected if the athlete competes in an open race during the season running unattached with no affiliation to the school. A motion to approve a request for an additional football contest to accommodate their playoffs was defeated. Orticelle/DeCillis
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 Indoor Track & Field carried. Staves/Putney

Section 6 had a question regarding the OCR complaint based on the Title IX issue for support services for sports teams specifically boys and girls basketball. A motion to approve changing the end date of their Spring season to June 13, 2007 carried. Dinse/Ransom

Section 3 voiced a concern with open tournaments and asked if the Association could develop a letter for AD’s to use as a template or to develop a list of items to be included when composing a letter for participation in an open tournament.

Section 1 voiced a concern with being able to reduce the number of required contests in a sport, specifically Indoor Track, if needed between Executive Committee meetings.

Section Executive Directors voiced a concern with the cost of the wrestling weight certification process and asked if there was a way to control the cost. They also voiced a concern with the classification of non-public schools process.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS
The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2006-2007 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS
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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried. (Expiring in January 2009)

Troy/Ransom

Section 1
German School of New York
50 Partridge Road
White Plains, NY 10601
Grades 7-12

Section 5
Rochester School for the Deaf
1545 St. Paul Street
Rochester, NY 14620
Grades 7-12

Section 6
Christian Central Academy
39 Academy Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
Grades 7-12
(Aug. ’07-Aug. ’09)

NEW MEMBERS
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried. Wolfe/Dinse

Section 7 (Retroactive to Oct. ’06 Ex. Comm. Mtg.)
The King’s School
PO Box 300
Championship Advisory Committee. Assistant Director Walter Eaton presented the report and recommendations of the committee. A motion to approve reorganizing Class B Regional Brackets in Softball/Baseball effective 2006-07 carried. (Section 9 voted No) Westfall/Staves

They are as follows: Region 1: 1/9 vs 8/11; Region 2: 2/7/10; Region 3: 5/6; Region 4: 3/4

A motion to approve reorganizing Class B and Class D Regional brackets in Boys Soccer effective 2008-09 carried. (Section 9 & 10 voted No) Nickerson/Maney

They are as follows:

Class B: Region 1: 1/9 vs 8/11; Region 2: 2/7/10; Region 3: 5/6; Region 4: 3/4

Class D: Region 1: 1/2 vs 9/11; Region 2: 3/4; Region 3: 5/6; Region 4: 7/10

A motion to approve scheduling the 2007-08 Wrestling State Championship for March 7, 8, 9 (Fri/Sat/Sun) carried. DeCillis/Zumbo

A motion to approve postponing the vote on the 2007-2010 Officials Fees/Policies as recommended to the May Executive Committee meeting so that they may be taken back to the Sections for review and discussion was defeated. Greene/Heimer

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

A motion to approve the 2007-2010 Officials Fees/Policies as recommended carried. Quimby/Witkowski (Section 9 voted No)

- The next meeting of the CAC is April 18, 2007 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Official Coordinating Federation. Assistant Director Walter Eaton presented the report.

- The next meeting of the OCF is scheduled for May 6, 2007 at 9AM at the Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, East Syracuse, NY. New approved State Officials Fees/Policies will be distributed.

Life of An Athlete. Executive Director Nina VanErk presented the report.

- The Committee thanked Walter for all his support, guidance and positive influence.
- Sections 3, 7, 8, 10 and 11 have held their training for the third year program “Coaching Effectiveness”. Sections 4 and 6 have dates scheduled. They are still waiting to hear from Sections 1, 2, 5 and 9. The feedback from those Sections that have had the training has been overwhelmingly positive.
- Updating of the website is in process. It will include the names and contact information for all Section representatives and the outline of the five year plan including dates of all presentations for the 2006-07 school year. Please forward any changes or updates to either Patti Murphy or Mike Schwenk.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.

- Concussion Management Workshops. Each Section has scheduled a concussion management workshop and a tentative assignment has been made for presenters. The Section 5 and 7 workshops were very well received. Many Sections are using this workshop as their mandated annual sports medicine conference. Schools are encouraged to utilize ImPACT or a similar tool to help make return to play decisions for concussed athletes based on neuro-cognitive functioning data. Senator Hannon’s office has recommended another grant of $35,000 for the 2007-08 school year to be used in concussion management education and the establishment of clinics with clinicians certified by ImPACT.
- Field Hockey Protective Eye Wear Survey. A survey of schools which had all or many of the players wear protective eye wear will be conducted within the next few weeks. The survey results will be shared with the Safety Committee at their May 1st meeting.
- MRSA (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus) continues to be a problem, infecting athletes in a variety of sports. Any athlete having a skin infection that resembles a boil, lesion or cyst and has not had success with medical treatment should return to the same doctor who has been treating the condition and be tested for MRSA. This condition can rapidly spread to other athletes and is very serious if not treated promptly and appropriately.
• **Wrestling Weight Loss Rule.** The Wrestling Committee has reviewed the central assessment process and the 1.5% NFHS weight loss rule which has been waived in NYS for this season. At the spring meeting the Committee will revisit the 1.5% rule and the 50% rule to decide if a change from this year’s process should be requested.
• The next meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.

• **New York Good Sports Assessments and Recognition.** New York Good Sports Assessments need to be completed online by March 31. Any questions should be directed to the Section Sportsmanship Coordinator.
• **Citizenship Through Athletics Instructor’s Course.** The annual CTA Instructors’ Course is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2007 from 8:30AM to 3:30PM at the Holiday Inn-Turf in Albany. There is no registration fee and lunch will be served. To register, either call or email Lloyd at the Association office.
• **Soccer Yellow Card Accumulation Policy.** All Sections have submitted their reports summarizing the process instituted in the 2006 season. A report summarizing the general trend in reactions was reviewed. The Boys’ Soccer Committee has proposed adding the word “Coach” to the present yellow card policy, treating the coach in the same manner as the players.
• The Committee will meet on Thursday, March 15th at the NYSAAA Conference. They will review the Yellow Card Policy and summary reports. Any new recommendations will come to the Executive Committee at the May meeting.

**Handbook Committee.** Coordinator Carol Rog presented the report and committee recommendations.

• **Sanctioning & Outside Agencies (Pg. 65-NYSPHSAA Handbook).**
  A motion to approve a standardized information form to ensure awareness and knowledge of NYSPHSAA regulations to reduce non-compliance be developed carried. DeCillis/Westfall

  • **Membership Sign-Off Form.**
  A motion to approve a process be developed for school districts to acknowledge that they have received and reviewed and are familiar with NYSPHSAA and NYSED Rules and Regulations carried. Greene/Staves
  • At the request of the Handbook Committee, Nina is developing an information package for cheerleading which will be available for distribution shortly.
  • Nina and Renee sent our an advisory letter to Superintendents and Athletic Directors in regards to the OCR decision on Title IX complaints alleging discrimination against female athletes by failing to provide equal publicity and promotional services.
  • Discussion of revising the Handbook will continue at the next Handbook Committee meeting.
  • The next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, 2007 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

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

**State Education Department.** Trish Kocialski

• Announced the updated Theory and Techniques Course outline had not been sent out yet but will be shortly.
• Announced Selection Classification in Fencing is not on the chart for developmental rating and performance test, therefore fencing should follow the same procedure as Golf and Bowling where there will be a special try-out procedure and if the student-athlete comes in the top 8, they can move up into high school competition.
• As there are still issues with non-certified coaches, she requested that Athletic Directors make sure when they hire non-teacher coaches that they are getting people who are getting their temporary license or have a professional coaching license or are enrolled in the required courses and are doing the course work.
• When submitting Selection Classification forms to the SED for approval, please make sure all the correct forms are included. If a waiver comes in and a student failed one or more performance tests and doesn’t have the appropriate developmental rating, she will not approve the appeal. She will not override a physician unless the physician sends a statement saying they realize the student-athlete failed a
performance test but still approves their participation at their developmental rating. She also requested to have Athletic Directors include their email address on the application form as she will be emailing her response to streamline the process.

**NYS Athletic Administrators Association.** Ken Garry

- Their 25th annual conference will be held March 14-17, 2007 at The Saratoga with the theme of “Take Action & Get Results”.
- Announced a NIAAA Scholar Athlete scholarship for boys and girls. The awards are: $2,000 for the national winner, $1,000 for the section winner and a plaque for the state winner. The criteria is a combination of academic and athletic ability as well as a qualifying essay on sportsmanship and how athletics has impacted their lives. The applications will be given to Athletic Directors by their NYSSAA representative at their Chapter meetings. The completed applications need to be returned by February 28th to NIAAA Liaison, Dave Martens.
- New appointments on the Representative Board: Larry Gillooley will replace Ron Grastorf as Conference Exhibition Chairperson effective after the 2007 conference; Scott Sugar (Red Creek HS) as Assistant Awards Chairperson.
- The NYSSAA will be hosting the NIAAA State Executive Directors Conference August 5th through August 8th at The Saratoga.
- New Corporate Sponsors: Max Prep and SUNY Stonybrook.
- Announced major award winners who will be recognized at their conference are: Otis Sennett Award – Ron Grastorf; State Award of Merit – John Pelin.

**Council of Administrators.** Mike Salatel

- Thanked Lloyd and Nina for their support and efforts at their conference held this past week.
- On behalf of the Council of Administrators congratulated Nina on her special service award.
- Looking for dates, sites and themes for future conferences to get their membership more active.
- Thanked the NYSPHSAA for their willingness to help in the Council of Administrators endeavors.
- Asked that if there were any topics the Council of Administrators needs to look at, please forward them to him.

The January 2007 Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 5:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director