New York State Public High School Athletic Association

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
January 27, 2017 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved the agenda for the January 27, 2017 Executive Committee Meeting.
2. P4 Approved the October 19, 2016 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. P17 Approved a revision to the Handbook to encourage, rather than require, an annual Chemical Health Workshop.
4. P20 Approved editing the language in the maximum number of games in a week in Modified Baseball and Softball.
5. P20 Approved extended playing time in Modified Volleyball.
6. P20 Approved the use of video replay at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships to review safety and deduction points during a routine.
7. P20 Approved Tri-City Tennis Center (2) as the site for the 2017-2019 Girls Tennis Championships.
8. P21 Approved Middletown High School (IX) as the site for the 2017 and 2018 East Football Semifinals.
9. P21 Approved Union-Endicott High School (IV) as the site for the 2017 and 2018 West Football Semifinals.
10. P21 Approved Cortland (IV) as the site for the 2017-2019 Girls Soccer State Championships.
11. P21 Approved Williamsville North High School (IV) as the site for the 2018-2020 Field Hockey State Championships.
12. P21 Approved SRC Arena (III) as the site for the 2018-2020 Wrestling Dual Meet State Championships.
13. P21 Approved a one year extension for Binghamton to host the 2018 Baseball State Championships.
15. P22 Approved allowing each Section to send a second relay to the Boys and Girls indoor Track Championships in the 4x200m Relay, the 4x400m Relay and the 4x800m Relay.
16. P23 Approved allowing officials to give a coach a yellow card before a red card in Boys and Girls Volleyball.
17. P23 Postponed creating an Oversight Committee to review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools until the July Central Committee meeting.
18. P23 Approved a pitch count regulation in Baseball beginning with the Spring 2017 season.
19. P23 Approved adding language in the Heat index and Wind Chill procedures to allow schools to use a Wet Bulb indicator to determine the THI on site.
20. P23 Approved increasing the number of working officials from 70 to 85 for the Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field Championships for the next three years at Ocean Breeze.
21. P23 Approved reductions in the required number of contests for Boys & Girls Indoor Track from 6 to 5 in Section 7; Boys and Girls Indoor Track from 6 to 4 in Section 1; Boys and Girls Indoor Track from 6 to 3 in Section 9; Boys and Girls Skiing from 6 to 3 in Sections 1, 6, 7, 9; Boys and Girls Skiing from 6 to 4 in Section 3; Girls Gymnastics from 6 to 3 in Section 9; Cheerleading from 2 to 1 in Section 7.
22. P24 Approved as New Member: **Hope Hall School (5)**.
25. P25 Postponed action on the NYSAAA’s proposal for a minimum certification requirement for athletic administrators in New York State until the July Central Committee meeting.
26. P25 Approved a waiver of the NFHS rule to allow schools that mutually agree in the event two officials are not available, to conduct a game with one official at both the JV and Modified level in Girls Lacrosse effective Spring 2017.
27. P26 Postponed action on the Alternate Official in Girls Lacrosse until the May Executive Committee meeting.
28. P26 Approved to continue the waiver to suspend indefinitely the use of the International Tie-Breaker Rule during the NYSPHSAA Softball State Semifinals and Finals.
29. P31 Approved adjournment.
The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President James Osborne at 9:00 AM on Friday, January 27, 2017. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced the officers and staff present and performed roll call to ascertain a quorum. Executive Director announced the appointments of Ed Dopp as Executive Director of Section 2, effective May 1, 2017, and Tom Combs as Executive Director of Section XI, effective July 1, 2017.

**Officers & Staff**
- President James Osborne
- Second Vice President Julie Bergman
- Past President Stephen Broadwell
- Executive Director Robert Zayas
- Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- Assistant Director Joseph Altieri
- Dir. of Communications Christopher Watson
- Dir. of Sales & Marketing Christopher Joyce
- Special Programs Coordinator Kristen Jadin
- Treasurer Lisa Arnold
- Counsel Renee James
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Patrick Pizzarelli
- Eileen Troy

**Section Representatives**
- Section I: Karen Peterson, James Mackin
- Section II: Kathleen Ryan, Edward Dopp
- Section III: Monica Tooley, Michel Carboine
- Section IV: Patti Murphy, Ben Nelson (proxy for Christopher Durdon)
- Section V: Kimberly Henshaw, Thomas Schmandt
- Section VI: Marisa Fallacaro, James Graczyk
- Section VII: Patricia Ryan-Curry, Joseph Staves
- Section VIII: Christine Ceruti; Michael Bongino
- Section IX: Roberta Greene, James Wolfe
- Section X: Lori Brewer, James Cruikshank
- Section XI: Debra Ferry, Timothy Mullins

**Section Executive Directors**
- Jennifer Simmons (I), John Rathbun (III), Ben Nelson (IV), Kathy Hoyt (V), Timm Slade (VI), Matthew Walentuk (VII), Nina Van Erk (VIII), Gregory Ransom (IX), Carl Normandin (X), Donald Webster (XI)

**Standing Committees & Ex-Officios**
- Alan Mallanda, Executive Director-NYSAAA
- Greg Warren, President-NYSCOA
- Darryl Daily, SED

**Sport Coordinators**
- Gary Van DerZee, Football State Coordinator
- Jamie Harter, Girls Golf State Coordinator
- Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator
Michael Andrew, Boys Soccer State Coordinator  
Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming State Coordinator (via phone)  
Dave Hennessey, Girls Winter Track State Coordinator

**Guests**  
Thomas Combs, Section XI  
Rise Van Iderstine, Section 2  
Ashleigh Roche, NYSPHSAA Intern  
Kate Engert, NYSPHSAA Intern  
Frank Venezia, Marvin & Company  
Heather Lewis, Marvin & Company

A **motion to approve** the agenda of the January 27, 2017 Executive Committee meeting **carried.**  

Ceruti/Mullins

A **motion to approve** the October 19, 2016 Executive Committee meeting minutes as written **carried.**  

Ferry/Staves

**ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF**

**President James Osborne**  
- Attended several Fall championships.  
- Thanked the volunteers at the championships for a great job and for their time and dedication.  
- Thanked the Sport Coordinators for going the extra mile to provide the best experience for our student-athletes, parents and the communities they represented.  
- Announced Martha Slack and Ed Cinelli were both stepping down from the Championship Advisory Committee and thanked them for their years of service on the CAC and various other NYSPHSAA committees.  
- Appointed Deb Ferry (Section XI) and Steve Broadwell (Past President) to the Championship Advisory Committee.  
- Appointed Cathy Allen and Mike Andrew to the Hall of Fame Screening Committee.  
- Thanked the Executive Committee for their time and dedication for the student-athletes of New York State.  
- Thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

**2nd Vice President Julie Bergman**  
- Attended the Cross Country, Field Hockey and Football Championships.  
- Echoed Jim Osborne’s comments stating the championships were exceptionally well run and provided an amazing opportunity for our student-athletes.  
- Looking forward to the Winter championships.

**Past President Steve Broadwell**  
- Echoed Jim Osborne’s comments of how well the championships were run and provide an excellent opportunity for our student-athletes, parents and communities  
- Looking forward to the Winter championships.

**Executive Director Robert Zayas**  
- On behalf of the NYSPHSAA membership, thanked the staff for their dedication and work on a daily basis for the betterment of our membership.
NYSED Athletic Eligibility Regulation Proposals

- Reported the NYSED Board of Regents will not vote at their February 13-14, 2017 meeting on the proposed changes by NYSED to the Duration of Competition regulation and the Athletic Placement Process regulation. The vote has been delayed until their March meeting so they can further review the proposals.

Home School Legislation

- Senator Joe Robach (Rochester) and Assemblyman Al Stirpe (Syracuse) have reintroduced home school legislation to allow home schooled students to participate in interscholastic athletic programs for the school in which they live.
- Senator Robach’s bill is S465 and Assemblyman Stirpe’s bill is A445.
- The bill is identical to the bill introduced during the 2016 Legislative session that never made it to the Senate floor.

Combining of Teams

- The Combining of Teams committee met in early October and decided it was necessary to continue investigating the current graduated scale. They determined a survey would be created and distributed to the Sections and that no changes would be recommended for the 2017-2018 school year.
- A Combining of Teams survey was sent to Section Executive Directors on December 18th and is due back to the NYSPHSAA office no later than March 3, 2017.
- The next meeting of the Combining of Teams committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 at 2:00 PM via teleconference to look at potential changes to the graduated scale for the 2018-2019 school year.

NFHS Spirit of Sport

- The NFHS has developed its “National High School Spirit of Sport Award” which seeks to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics. The award may be given in recognition of a specific act or for an activity of longer duration.
- The award will be given to eight section winners as well as one national winner. The recipient must be an individual from a high school that is a member of a NFHS-member athletic or activity association. The recipient could be a coach, athletic administrator, administrator, contest official, trainer, student-athlete or any others associated with the school or the school’s athletic program.
- The deadline for applications to be submitted is February 1, 2017.

NFHS Heart of the Arts

- The NFHS has developed its “National High School Heart of the Arts Award” to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart of the arts that represent the core mission of education-based activities. The award may be given in recognition of a specific act or for an activity of longer duration.
- The award will be given to eight section winners as well as one national winner. The recipient must be an individual from a high school that is a member of a NFHS-member athletic or activity association. The recipient could be any student, adult or group associated with the school’s performing arts program. This award, which is similar to the Spirit of Sport Award, covers a plethora of performing arts disciplines such as Music, Speech, Debate, Theatre, Visual Arts and other performing arts activities that state associations may sponsor.
- The deadline for applications to be submitted is February 1, 2017.

NYS Federation Championships

- We continue to have conversation with the NYS Federation on the future of Federation Championships. There was discussion at last week’s Federation meeting pertaining to some of our sports desiring to have a NYSPHSAA championship and then move on to a Federation championship like we do with Cross Country, Boys and Girls Basketball and Boys Golf.

Section 12 and Section 13 Concept

- A document outlining the concept of adding two sections for non-public schools was distributed. He asked each Section to discuss the Section 12 and Section 13 concept and at the May Executive
Committee meeting to bring back their Section’s feedback as to whether the subcommittee should continue to develop the idea.

**Modified Subcommittee**
- A small sub-committee will meet on March 30th to evaluate Modified programs from a philosophical perspective to determine goals and objectives. The Modified Committee is scheduled to meet on March 31.

**Assistant Director Joe Altieri**

**Sport Committees/Other Meetings**
- Since October 20th, he was the NYSPHSAA liaison for the following committees: Cross Country, Field Hockey, Baseball, Softball, Girls Lacrosse, Girls Tennis, Girls Swimming/Diving, Wrestling and the Federation.

**Championship Advisory Committee**
- The CAC met for an in-person meeting on January 11th. The minutes were included in the meeting packet.
- Announced Martha Slack and Ed Cinelli stepped down from the committee. He thanked both of them for their years of service.
- President Jim Osborne appointed Steve Broadwell and Debra Ferry to the committee.

**Championships**
- Fall championships yielded a $228,845 profit, a decrease from 2015. There are still several outstanding bills and revenues to be paid or received.
- Winter championship budgets have been secured in addition to all venue/hotel contracts, trainers and photographers.
- Online ticket sales were a great success for the fall championships in that we saw over a 70% increase which was attributed mostly to targeted marketing and efforts in promoting events.
- Tickets are now on sale for all winter championships through our new online and paper ticket provider Huddle (GoFan.co).
- CP Sportswear has begun the first year of a new three-year contract handling programs and souvenir sales.
- Time Warner Cable Sports Channel/Charter One will transition to Spectrum in the next few months. They have committed to broadcasting the following championships: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Wrestling and Ice Hockey. They will also stream online the Boys and Girls Basketball State Semifinals. There is discussion on broadcasting the finals in cheerleading which will be determined the first week of February. He reminded Sections that schools are not permitted to broadcast events live or tape delay unless mutual approval is provided by NYSPHSAA and TWC/Charter.

**Championship Dates and Sites**
- A copy of NYSPHSAA Championship dates and sites through 2020 was included in the meeting packet.
- Noted there would be action on 7 championship bid proposals at this meeting.

**Branding/Marketing**
- Branding at NYSPHSAA State Championships will continue for the winter events. We have added another element to our branding inventory. New banner ups will be placed at the entrances of all championships to promote NYSPHSAA on social media.
- Marketing of championship events will also continue through a TV, radio and digital campaign for numerous winter sports.
- In the fall we had a successful digital campaign which saw 106,000 impressions on a Facebook campaign for Football and another 663,000 impressions on Google.

**NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame**
- The NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Screening Committee met on Thursday, January 26, 2017. A report will be presented at the May Executive Committee meeting along with action items regarding changes in protocol in the program.
The deadline for applications for the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Class of 2017 has been moved to January 27, 2017.

**Fall Interns**
- Kate Engert and Ashleigh Roche, both seniors at the University at Albany, have begun their spring internships with our association. They will handle various duties including marketing, branding, video editing, writing press releases, records and programs. Kate is a former track athlete at Fox Lane High School (1) and Ashleigh is a former 3-sport athlete at Warwick Valley High School (9).

**Assistant Director Todd Nelson**
**NFHS Coaching Award Program**
- A list of the coaches who won State, Regional and National awards from the NFHS Coaches Award Program was included in the meeting packet. They will be recognized at their Athletic Council meetings.
- Thanked Ron Woodruff for all his efforts in contacting and presenting these coaches to the NFHS.
- Contact Ron Woodruff if you have a coach you would like to nominate for next year’s awards.

**NFHS Learn Website**
- Encouraged schools to use the NFHS Learn website (www.nfhslearn.com) which provides some great courses and educational tools that will help AD’s be proactive with their coaches, student-athletes and parents.

**Director of Communications Chris Watson**
- Passed out the Records Reporting form to be distributed to coaches and Athletic Directors as needed. He would like to get the Records on the association website up to date. The form is also available on our website.

**Fall Championships**
- Attended six of the nine Fall Championships: Girls Tennis, Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Girls Swimming and Diving, Girls Volleyball and Football. It was his first time at many of these championships and was extremely beneficial to see how each championship is run and what we can do to increase the media and fan experience.

**Social Media**
- Since August we have gained 3,400 followers on Twitter. We now have 15,000 followers. It continues to be our best outlet to reach fans, parents and student-athletes with championship results and information.
- We have 1,233 Instagram followers, about 200 more than the October Executive Committee meeting. We find that Instagram is the best way to reach current student-athletes; both those competing at that event or following the action.
- Facebook is the best way to reach parents. We use Facebook to post all the Association’s news updates, press releases and a small amount of photos from our Championship events.

**Social Media Signage**
- Starting with the Winter 2017 Championships, he would like to have signage directing people to our social media outlets: Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and NYSPHSAA.org. This is a great opportunity to engage our fans, parents, coaches and student-athletes on-site. We not only have a chance to gain followers, but interact with people at the championships and enhance their experience.

**Video Updates of In-Progress Events**
- As Girls Volleyball was not being televised by the Time Warner Cable Sports Channel, he provided video on Twitter of the games while they were in progress. The public seemed to enjoy seeing match points and celebration moments after the games ended.
- Game video highlights at the Football finals were also provided on Twitter as the games were in-progress.
- This will be a new strategy moving forward as it was well received by the public.
Winter Sport Badges
- The Winter Championship badges from Bag Tags have been received in our office and will be delivered in time for each sports championship event.

Website Updates
- We continue to improve the website in both functionality and user experience and are constantly working with our web designer to fix errors and improve the website for everyone who uses it.

Video Production
- He took extensive video of the Fall championships this past season and with the addition of a video production intern, we hope to release championship recap videos for all of our events. This will be a goal moving forward to have a recap video from all of our NYSPHSAA championships.

Live Streaming
- He stated we must be mindful that streaming a NYSPHSAA championship event is in violation of our Times Warner Cable Sports Channel agreement. We had issues at both Boys and Girls Volleyball this season with a team using a website to “broadcast” our championship events.
- This is going to continue to be an issue that we will have to deal with and will be difficult to police.
- Starting with the Football Finals, we had the PA announcer read a statement telling fans they’re not allowed to “broadcast” the game and if they are caught violating the rule, they will be subject to ejection.

Special Programs Coordinator Kristen Jadin
Captains Club:
November
- 123 Student-Athletes “attended” the live event.
- 280 views on YouTube as of 1/3/17.
December
- 167 Student-Athletes “attended” the live event.
- 152 views on YouTube as of 1/3/17.

- We are continuing to pursue additional attendees, participants, and speakers. SAAC students would like to see more student-athletes as speakers. In March several SAAC members will be speaking. Anyone interested in being featured, please direct them to me. Most participants seem to be tuning in after the live event. Therefore, we are considering other options to make the episodes more esthetically pleasing. In the future, Captains Club may not be a live event, but rather a video released once a month to the membership.

Spalding Ball Adoption
- The Section and state allotments have been ordered and mostly delivered for winter and spring sports.
- Thanked the Section Executive Directors and Sport Coordinators for working with her.
- As a reminder, all Sections need to use product credit before March or it will expire.

NFHS My Reason Why Campaign
- Sport specific advertisements were created for each championship program
- Videos of student-athletes at championships were taken and used on social media
- Advertised on Captains Club and on the NYSPHSAA Website
- SAAC students submitted their “Reason Why” on the NFHS website

Fall Scholar-Athlete
- 555 schools applied for the Scholar Athlete Award in the Fall of 2016.

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• Educate Sections/Athletic Directors/Coaches on the qualifications of the revised Scholar-Athlete Program. More specifically, spread the word that for teams who do not qualify for the Scholar-Athlete team award, individuals are still recognized.
• Reminder: It is still the AVERAGE of the top 75% of the team. Also, student-athletes not used in the average, who earned at least a 90 GPA are still eligible to receive pins.
• Please contact her with any questions on the program.

Hazing Prevention Course
• The course will be offered FREE to our member schools for this Spring as a beta test for the program with the ability to provide feedback on the course.
• Beginning in the Fall of 2017, the course will cost $100 for an annual license for up to 40 facilitators (to be used at your discretion).
• The training kit includes a Facilitator’s Guide, multimedia presentation, certificate of completion, and printable handouts which include alternatives to hazing and a hazing prevention pledge.
• The course will be approximately 20 minutes in length. With the discussion segment provided, the total time may take approximately 30 minutes.
• A link to access the course will be available on the NYSPHSAA website. Click on Educational Programs on the Home page and then click on Hazing Prevention where you will find the link. You must have a PO number or a credit card available before you will be able to access the course.
• NYSPHSAA schools will be provided an access PO code from January to June 1, 2017.
• Encouraged schools to be proactive.

Championship Correspondence
• Contacted all Athletic Directors for all team championship events regarding the program, gate lists, and other sport specific reminders.

Championship DVDs
• Fall 2016 Championship DVDs are available for order on the NYSPHSAA website under the resources/forms tab. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.
• Archived DVDs will be available for purchase in the next few months.

Website (Special Programs)
• In the process of revising the Participation Survey to improve the accuracy of the data we receive and to include editing capabilities. We will ask that ONLY Athletic Directors complete the form.
• In the process of transitioning the SAAC application and Community Service Challenge to an online application.
• With all applications, schools will always need to sign in with the High School Building BEDS code in the effort to streamline the application process. In addition, the BEDS code will allow for consistency with certificates/recognition.
• The School of Distinction and School of Excellence applications will remain as paper applications due to signatures being needed. However, we are considering online options for the future.

Sportsmanship
• Battle of the Fans has gained a lot of traction on Twitter and Facebook. The deadline was Monday, January 9th. Only 8 schools applied. Will be meeting with the Sportsmanship Committee in April to develop a different program that more schools will want to participate in.
• The Sportsmanship Promotion Survey will once again be available online. However, this year you will need your BEDS code to log in. Please promote this program as everyone who applies is recognized with a certificate.

Life of an Athlete
• We are currently in preliminary discussions with AliveTek to develop free resources for our member schools regarding chemical health, nutrition, drugs/alcohol, etc.

Student Leadership Conferences
• The members of the SAAC will attend NESLC this summer (2017).
• The NYSAAA Essay winners will attend NFHS NSLS. The essay contest was promoted to the SAAC.
• In the future, the juniors (rising seniors) on the SAAC will attend the NESLC and graduating seniors will attend NFHS NSLS.
• She is currently working on creating a survey to send to the NYSPHSAA membership regarding interest in our own NYS Leadership Conference.

**Director of Sales and Marketing Chris Joyce**  
**Sponsorships**

- Since October, proposals of $10,000 or more have been sent to the following companies:
  - G&G Fitness, NYSCOPBA, Wooter Apparel
- NYSCOPBA has signed a two-year Silver Level partnership. NYSCOPBA wanted to support student leadership programs and will be the presenting sponsor of Captains Club.
- The five-year agreement with Huddle Ticketing involving all 11 Sections has been finalized. In addition to the guaranteed rights fees, NYSPHSAA and the Sections may be eligible for additional funds based on various ticket sales benchmarks. At the end of each contract year, NYSPHSAA will pay each Section their share of the revenue.
- A Contributing sponsorship has been signed by USTA Eastern for tennis.
- CSEA Excelsior Award was presented to Jerry Flanagan of Long Lake Central School District (Section VII) at the Football Championships.

**Championship Ticketing**

- GoFan.co/NYSPHSAA was launched as the new digital ticketing platform for NYSPHSAA championship events.
- Online ticket sales were up 77% over last Fall with Football seeing a 292% increase over last year
- We believe the increase in online sales may have been partially caused by the targeted online marketing campaigns used during championships.
- He would love to hear feedback from any Sections that used Huddle for Fall Championships.
  - Any Sections that would like to launch a Winter campaign can contact me with any questions or suggestions for a roll out plan.
- Online tickets are currently available for all upcoming Winter Championship events.
  - Wrestling tickets are only available online at TicketMaster.com due to exclusive rights with the Times Union Center.

**Marketing**

- Media campaigns were launched on Facebook and with targeted Google Network ads:
  - Nearly 770,000 impressions
  - 82% of targets viewed the ads on a mobile device
    - Shows importance of making digital and mobile tickets available
- Winter championship media campaigns have already been launched. Boys and Girls Basketball and Ice Hockey will be launched later in the winter.
- Marketing for Boys Basketball has also begun through a partnership with the Binghamton Senators hockey team. They are allowing us to run ads on their video boards during their hockey games.
- He noted the Spaulding banners handed out to all the Section Executive Directors on January 26th are to be hung only at Spalding ball sports. For the winter, it is Boys and Girls Basketball.

**Frank Venezia, Partner & Heather Lewis, Partner-Marvin & Co.**

- Reviewed the Association’s audited financial statement stating a “clean opinion” was issued on the Auditor’s report.
- On the Balance Sheet he noted the current ratio was 3.5 to 1 and that the Association was in a very good financial position.
- Thanked Lisa Arnold for her support and the work she has done.
Treasurer Lisa Arnold

Balance Sheet
- Continue to have a solid cash position as of 12/31/16 of approximately $1 million.
- Other receivables of $752K include $520,000 due from Spalding for the ball adoption which we have received and $150,000 due from the sections for insurance.
- Inventory includes approx. $120,000 of impact tests ordered per our contract.
- Continue to have ability to meet current and long term obligations.
- We finished up fiscal year end 2016 with an increase in net assets of $326,000 for a total of $2.9 million.

Income Statement
Revenues
- Investments are doing well. They have earned $18,000 in interest and dividends since September 1, 2016.
- Fall Championships thus far have netted revenues of $228,000. However there are still some outstanding invoices that we have not yet received. The net revenues of $228,000 include Souvenir sales from CP Sportswear of $50,000 and sponsorships of $104,000.

Expenditures
- Equipment purchases include update for our website, new canopy tents for championships and remaining balance due on HVAC unit.

Programs & Committees
- Scholar Athlete expense includes cost of pins of $28,080.
- The market value of our investments has decreased by $28,291 since 8/31/16.
- Overall the financial health of the association is very good.

Legal Counsel Renee James
- Reported the Appellate Court had submitted a decision in our favor in December on the Albany Academy Transfer Rule case.
  - They upheld the Transfer Rule stating in the decision its legitimate and reasonable goal in deterring athletic shopping and recruitment.
  - They upheld the academic advantage elimination part for the undue hardship specifically noting it was reviewed by committees as well as data was collected.
  - They upheld the addition to the residency definition of intent to remain indefinitely stating it was in line with the Commissioner of Education’s definition of residence.
  - She stated this was a really good decision because we now have the 3rd and 4th Departments both upholding the Transfer Rule.
- Reported we have an appeal before the Commissioner of Education regarding the Transfer Rule Undue Hardship Waiver. The Commissioner denied the stay which would have allowed the student to participate.
- Reported we are in Federal Court with a challenge to the application of the Transfer Rule to a student who is selectively classified. It was brought by the father of a daughter who played Varsity tennis as a 7th grader and is currently an 8th grader. It was challenged on the basis that it discriminates against girls because they play up at a higher rate than boys.
- Due to the number of new Section Executive Directors, she plans on conducting a legal workshop. If any Sections have issues they would like addressed, please email her.
- Reported New York State passed the Paid Family Leave Act which goes into effect January 1, 2018. It provides for up to 12 weeks paid leave at 50% of the employees average weekly salary not to exceed 50% of the NYS average weekly salary. She will be developing a draft of a policy for this that Sections can use as a template because they should have one on place by next year.
- Reported she and Robert have spoken to several Sections around the state on the transgender issue and have been well received. If any Section is interested in having them speak on this issue, please contact her.
• Reported the Supreme Court is hearing a transgender case. She feels the Federal guidelines on transgender will change. NYS has guidelines but they don't address the specifics. Robert will be appointing a committee to review our guidelines in terms of being more specific in addressing equity issues.

SECTION CONCERNS

Section III requested the Executive Committee to have discussion at its May meeting to reduce the number of participants from 14 to 12 in eight man football. It will also be placed on the March 27th Football Committee meeting agenda.

Section VI stated they are having a major problem with the lack of officials for Girls Lacrosse at the Modified and JV levels. They would like to allow for one official if the roster is exhausted at the Modified and JV level.

Section VII voiced a concern with sport season dates and the start dates for modified athletics and inquired why does modified start later. Todd responded that two years ago, the Executive Committee, when approving the week number start dates, directed the Modified Committee to discuss why Modified sports started a week earlier (week #18) than Varsity sports. The Modified Committee discussed and made a recommendation, with no opposition, to move to week #20. It was brought back to the Executive Committee for a vote and was approved. Section VII’s Modified representative will bring their concern to the Modified Committee meeting on March 31st. This item will be a discussion item at the May Executive Committee meeting for possible action at the July Central Committee meeting.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department. Darryl Daily

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• NYS Athletic Administrators Association (NYSAAA) Leadership Training Program and Certification Program – www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm
• www.nysaaa.org/prof-development/certification-program
• NYSAAA Annual Conference (March 15-17, 2017) in Saratoga Springs – www.nysaaa.org/conference/program-information
• NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD) Conference (November 16-19, 2016) in Verona, NY – www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm
• NYS Council of Administrators Conference (November 16-19, 2016) in Verona, NY - www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/new-york-state-council-of-administrators.cfm
• American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Dance and Recreation (AAHPERD) - now called “SHAPE” National Conference (March 14-18, 2017)) in Boston, MA – www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/convention/

NEW REGISTRATION AND CONTINUING TEACHER AND LEADER (CTLE) REQUIREMENTS FOR CLASSROOM TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS HOLDING A PERMANENT OR PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE AND LEVEL III TEACHING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

• www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/news/newsitem05122015.html

ESSA QUICK FACTS (From SHAPE – 2016)

• School health and physical education are identified as part of a student’s “well-rounded” education. Other subjects noted in the definition of well-rounded education include science, art, civics, history and geography, among others.
• The term “well-rounded education” replaces the term “core subjects” used in previous authorizations of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.
• Subjects included in a well-rounded education are allowed the use of funds by states and school districts for Title I (low income schools) and Title II (professional development for teachers and principals).

• School health, physical education and physical activity programs will have access to significant funding under Title IV of ESSA. Block grants will be distributed to states under the Safe and Healthy Students program.

• Funding previously allocated to school districts through the Carol M. White Physical Education Program (PEP) from the U. S. Department of Education will no longer exist. The funding available in the block grants through Title IV will replace the PEP grant funding.

• School districts will be able to access funding from Title I, Title II and Title IV through their state department of education. The process for accessing these funds is still being developed by Congress and the U. S. Department of Education.

• Communication will follow as the U. S. Department of Education put in place the regulations and process for implementation of the funding for ESSA. This process will take place over the next six months to a year.

• NYSED, headed by Assistant Commissioner Ira Schwartz, created a think tank with numerous stakeholders, including the NYSAHPERD. NYSED has set goal to submit its ESSA State Plan by March 6, 2017. However, State Education agencies may also submit their plans during a second window, on July 5, 2017.

UPCOMING WEBINARS: TITLE IV, PART A OF ESSA
The Office of Safe and Healthy Students at the U. S. Department of Education invites you to participate in a series of webinars on the U.S. Department of Education’s recently issued “Non-Regulatory Guidance on the Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) Grants” (the Guidance).

• Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 2 pm Eastern:
Overview of the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program
Registration: https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/node/8656/0/register

• Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 2 pm Eastern:
Role of State Educational Agencies; Local Application Requirements; and Implementing Effective SSAE Program Activities
Registration: https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/node/8739/0/register

• Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 2 pm Eastern:
Allowable Activities to Support Well-Rounded Educational Opportunities; Safe and Healthy Students; and the Effective Use of Technology
Registration: https://safesupportivelearning.ed.gov/node/8740/0/register

If you have questions about the SSAE Grants Program Non-Regulatory Guidance, submit them to: OESE.OSHS.TITLE IV-A@ed.gov

NEW GUIDANCE HIGHLIGHTS IMPACT OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT HEALTHY STUDENTS (FROM USDOE BULLETIN SENT ON 1/15/16)

• www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/guid/secletter/160115.html

• Toolkit available: Healthy Students Promising Futures-State and Local Action Steps and Practices to Improve School Based Health – www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/healthy-students/toolkit.pdf

• Promote Healthy School Practices Through Nutrition, Physical Activity and Health Education. More physical activity throughout the school day can improve a student’s health and academic outcomes. School learning environments should be designed to include opportunities for daily physical activity and high quality, nutritious school food. To create these opportunities, schools can assess the effectiveness of their policies and practices using the Centers for disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) School Health Index and School Health Guidelines to Promote Healthy Eating and Physical Activity. Schools can get access to even more technical assistance and support materials by signing up to be school champions through the Let’s Move! Active Schools initiative. LEAs can develop strong Local Wellness Policies that
are deeply integrated into individual school improvement plans. Schools can use CDC’s Health Education Curriculum Analysis Tool (HECAT) to determine how well their health education programs address these and other topics.

NEW PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS OPPORTUNITIES TO INCORPORATE HEALTH AND WELLNESS INTO SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS
- The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) has released a new resource: A Guide to Incorporating Health and Wellness into School Improvement Plans. School improvement plans provide a systematic opportunity to address the needs of the whole child, incorporating physical, social, emotional and/or behavioral health priorities into schools. The guide is designed to provide public health agencies and other education partners an understanding of improvement plans and their purpose and role in schools and districts. It outlines opportunities to incorporate health and wellness-related goals and aligned activities into the improvement planning process, and highlights useful examples from a state, district and schools that have done it.

ATHLETIC PLACEMENT PROCESS for INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS-APP (Formerly Selection Classification Program)
July 2016 Update
- The Athletic Placement Process (APP) was fully implemented in the 2015-2016 school year. The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has been receiving requests from the field to review the APP document after a year of implementation. After review and input from NYSED staff, New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) staff and the medical community, some amendments have been made to the APP document. The amendments will take effect beginning July 2016, for the 2016-2017 school year.
- The amendments in the (Updated-July 2016) APP document are highlighted below:
  - Categories of sports were taken into account and recommended Tanner scores were adjusted in appendix H to reflect that. (IE: Collision sports, limited contact sports, and non-contact sports).
  - Further citations were added to the APP document for medical directors.
  - Further clarification has been made in step 4 with the APP document to help clarify the question of recommended score vs. required score with the Tanner score.
- Please see updated July 2016 document:

COURSES ACCEPTED AS MEETING THE FIRST AID/CPR/AED REQUIREMENT LIST (Updated August 2016)
- See:

MIXED COMPETITION GUIDELINES REVISED (August 2015)

GUIDELINES FOR SPORT STANDARDS (January 2017)
- Competitive Cheerleading was added to the list.
- **2 separate seasons** (fall and winter) for competitive cheerleading. 15 weeks for fall competitive cheerleading season. 22 weeks for winter competitive cheerleading season.

COACHING COURSES
- NFHS (NYS Specific) Coaching course pathway (NYSED, NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA collaborated) has been approved and added by NYSED as an alternative pathway. Not a replacement but, another alternative for coaches to complete the required course work.
- Note: If already in previous NYSED Coaching Course track it is suggested that coaches stay with it.
- See NFHS process below:

• ***Please note-As of January 2017 name of course, Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment was changed to Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors

• Contact Associate in Physical Education, Darryl Daily if a new Coaching Course provider template is needed. Note-SED New templates include space for birthdate and last 4 digits of Social Security number.

• Please send in yearly evaluations to Darryl Daily at NYSED (Send to darryl.daily@nysed.gov).

• If interested in becoming a provider for traditional and/or online NYSED Coaching Courses please contact NYSED at (518) 474-5922.

TRANSGENDER GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

• Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming-Students Guidance Document BOR was approved July 20, 2015:

QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION PLAN REMINDER

• Is your district plan current? Is your plan frequently updated to ensure high-quality programs are being offered? Is your plan aligned with the current regulations and/or National and NYS Standards? Recommend updating minimum of 7 years. With ESSA coming into effect this would be valuable to districts to justify funding. In addition it would be useful when applying for grants.

• If you need technical assistance or have specific questions contact Darryl Daily at darryl.daily@nysed.gov.

• According to Commissioner’s Regulation 135.4 -Physical Education Plans must be filed both at the local level and at the Department. Plans can be sent as a hard copy or as an e-mailed attachment to the Department. E-mail format is preferred.

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL PHYSICAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS/ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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

IMPORTANT HEALTH RELATED ITEMS

• NEW YORK STATE COMBAT HEROIN AND PRESCRIPTION OPIOID ABUSE CAMPAIGN
  - A new Kitchen Table Toolkit is available as part of the campaign.
  - The toolkit features two new videos which can be used by parents, teachers, and community members to help begin conversations with youth concerning the health risks and dangerous consequences of heroin and prescription painkiller abuse.
  - See link: [combatheroin.ny.gov/sites/default/files/resources/DiscussionGuideTableToolkit2_Web.pdf](http://combatheroin.ny.gov/sites/default/files/resources/DiscussionGuideTableToolkit2_Web.pdf)
  - The Kitchen Table Toolkit was developed to assist individuals (parents, spouses, siblings, teachers, coaches, counselors, probation officers, etc.) with initiating conversations about heroin and opioid abuse. Information, resources, and supports are available so no one needs to be alone in the fight to combat heroin and opioid abuse. Recognizing that addiction is not exclusive to heroin and opioids, this information may be applicable for alcohol and other drugs, also addressed in this toolkit. See page 12 for school-focused information
  - A new supplemental guide [Health Education Standards Modernization Supplemental Guidance Document: Instructional Resource Packet for Heroin and Opioids](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sssschoolhealth/schoolhealtheducation/) is now available to assist school districts to meet requirements of modernizing health education instruction by including heroin and opioid content within the alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs curricula. This guide was developed to assist teachers in addressing the functional knowledge content for Heroin and Opioids (e.g. prescription painkillers), and is aligned with the NYS Learning Standards for Health Education for students at three levels: elementary, intermediate, and commencement.
  - The Learning Standards, Health Education Guidance Document and the new supplemental guide for heroin and opioids, along with additional resources can be found at the Department’s School Health Education website - [www.p12.nysed.gov/sssschoolhealth/schoolhealtheducation/](http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sssschoolhealth/schoolhealtheducation/)
• **COMMISIONER’S REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION ("Hands Only” CPR) AND INSTRUCTION IN THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATORS**
  
  Students in senior high school shall be provided instruction in hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator at least once before graduation.
  
  

• **DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES TO EDUCATE ON NEED TO ENCOURAGE ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION**
  
  Recent Legislation (Summer 2016)-SED will work collaboratively with organizations that promote organ and tissue donation to provide model exemplar lesson plans and best practice instructional resources on the importance and value of organ and tissue donation. Information will be shared when it becomes available.
  
  Please note-APRIL is National “DONATE LIFE” month.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Budget and Audit Committee.** Robert Zayas, Executive Director

- The committee met on Thursday, January 19, 2017 via teleconference.
- Marvin and Company reviewed the 2015-2016 audit report.
- Robert reported on the painting and carpeting of the Association office.
- Reviewed the 1st draft of the 2017-2018 Budget.
- Reviewed the 1st draft of the 2017-2018 Man Power Budget.
- Future meeting schedule:
  - February 16, 2017 @ 10:00 AM – Compensation Committee Meeting *(Teleconference)*
  - March 27, 2017 @ 10:00 AM – Budget/Audit Committee Meeting *(TBD)* *(proposed 2017-2018 Budget will be sent to Section Executive Directors.)*
  - May 5, 2017 – Executive Committee Meeting *(Troy)* *(approval of 2017-2018 Budget)*

**Championship Advisory Committee.** Greg Ransom

- The committee met on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 in the NYSPHSAA Office.

**Action Items**

- The committee supported the following proposals to be presented for action at the May 2017 Executive Committee meeting:
  
  **Baseball – Extended one year in Binghamton.** Baseball State Coordinator Ed Dopp explained the proposal to extend the Baseball State Championships for one more year (2018) in Binghamton.
  
  **Indoor Track – Increasing # of Officials.** Assistant Director Todd Nelson explained the proposal to increase officials from 70 to 85 starting with the 2017 Indoor Track State Championships. This year the meet will be a combined boys and girls event and the proposal would only be applied to combined meets starting this March. Todd outlined the cost increase. John asked what the 70 officials do as he felt there was not a need for so many officials. Robert explained the duties of officials at our events, both indoor and outdoor. Todd has a list of official’s duties to share with the CAC if needed.
  
  A motion was made and seconded that the CAC should consider a sub-committee of the group to take a thorough look at the entire document for state championship fees since the agreement expires at the end of the year.
For Review/Input, Championship Site Selections

- The CAC expressed no concerns in choosing the following Championship Site selections:
  - **Girls Tennis.** Tri-City Tennis Club (2) for 2017 through 2019.
  - **Football East Semifinals.** Middletown (9) for 2017 and 2018.
  - **Football West Semifinals.** Union Endicott (4) for 2017 and 2018.
  - **Girls Soccer.** Cortland (3) for 2017 through 2019
  - **Field Hockey.** Williamsville North High School (6) for 2018 through 2020
  - **Wrestling Dual Meet.** Onondaga Community College (3) for 2018 through 2020.

Future Items for Discussion

- The following items were introduced for discussion and will be presented for action at the April CAC meeting and May Executive Committee meeting:
  - **Football AA Regional Rotation.** Gary Van Derzee, State Football Coordinator presented the Football Committee’s proposal for the 2016-2021 AA Regional Rotation.
  - **Girls Lacrosse Regional Rotation.** Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the Girls Lacrosse Committee’s proposal to re-align the regional rotation so it keeps the rotation in sync.
  - **Girls Lacrosse Alternate Official.** Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the Girls Lacrosse Committee’s proposal about adding an alternate official for all regional games.
  - **Girls Golf Adding 3 Markers.** Jamie Harter, Girls Golf State Coordinator, presented the Girls Golf Committee’s proposal to add three markers (coaches) per section at the State Tournament.
  - **Softball Waiver for International Tie-Breaker.** Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal for continuing the waiver for the International Tie-Breaker rule at the Softball Tournament.
  - **Swimming Team & Diving Team Champion.** Joe indicated he did not receive any proposal or new correspondence from the Boys or Girls Swimming Coordinators after the Executive Committee defeated their proposal in October to get swimming and diving team champions formally recognized. He will reach out to them again to let them know they must get a proposal in for discussion in April/May, action in July if they are going to get approval for it to be in place for the 2017-2018 school year.

Other

- **Committee Gifts.** Patricia Ryan-Curry raised a concern about committee members receiving gifts from host sections. Paul Harrica also expressed the same concern. Robert noted we will pursue control of committee gifts from host sections so it is not perceived to be a bribe even though the CAC understood it as a thought of appreciation for work by committee members.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the NYSFHSAA Office.

**Handbook Coordinator.** Patrick Pizzarelli, Coordinator

- The Committee met on December 15, 2016 via teleconference.

**Action Item**

A motion to approve the following revision to the NYSFHSAA Handbook to encourage, rather than require, an annual Chemical Health workshop carried: “Each Section is recommended to hold at least one chemical health workshop during the school year…”  

Staves/Mullins

Discussion Items for the January 27th Executive Committee Meeting:

- **Should warm ups be considered as a “practice”?** The Handbook Committee agreed that warm ups should not be counted as a “practice” as warm ups do not meet the intent of the rule. They agreed including language in the Handbook would be beneficial.

- **Consideration to allow students to practice if they are ineligible as per NYSFHSAA standards?** Mike Carboine had a concern with school liability if an ineligible athlete were to injure someone during practice. Renee said if a student is ineligible as per the Transfer Rule, there would not be a liability
Pat Pizzarelli thinks we should allow a student to practice. Steve Broadwell suggested it be limited to the Transfer Rule. Robert Zayas said practicing does not impact other schools while playing/participating does. He will provide documentation from other states who are allowing this.

- **Restructure Handbook to fully separate NYSED regulations from NYSPHSAA standards.** The Handbook Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to separate the Commissioner’s Regulations and NYSPHSAA Standards to avoid confusion. The committee will meet in person at the NYSPHSAA office on April 4, 2017 at 9:00 AM to review this initiative.

- **Representation and Forfeits: Can a forfeit be counted towards one of the six contests (Team or Individual)?** The Handbook Committee will develop a “note” of clarification for future consideration. Please bring back to the Sections for discussion.

- **Waivers of Representation Rule for non-medical reasons (i.e. military students, foster care, homeless, etc.).** Robert asked if “medical” should be the only reason for waiver. Mike Carboine said in Section III, medical is the only reason they have ever reviewed. Robert asked if the current transfer exemptions include homelessness, court ordered custody, military, etc. could be utilized for the representation rule? The Handbook Committee asked the Section Executive Directors to discuss other waivers that may be included for the representation rule at their February 21st meeting. Please bring back to the Sections for discussion.

**Other**

- Section III brought up two transfer issues:
  - A student transferred from one district to another without a corresponding change of address. The Section denied eligibility.
  - A student from divorced or “legally” separated parents who moves into a new school district with one of the aforementioned parents “and then registers in that district.” Such a transfer is allowed once every six months. The legal separation agreement must address custody, child support, spouses support and distribution of assets and be filed with the County Clerk or issued by a Judge.
  - Both topics were discussed at the Transfer Committee’s meeting on January 26th. The Transfer Committee asked these topics be placed on the May Executive Committee meeting agenda for discussion.

**Future Meeting Dates**

- Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 9:00 AM at the NYSPHSAA office.
- Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 9:00 AM

**Student Athlete Development Committee.** Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator

- The Committee met on Monday, November 14, 2016 via teleconference.

**Discussion Items/Action Taken:**

- **Community Service Challenge**
  - The application for the Community Service Challenge is available on our website. Schools can apply at any point in time. She encouraged schools to apply and to include as much documentation as possible as it is helpful in making a decision.

- **SAAC Application Process**
  - The application process to become a SAAC member will open in March with a deadline in June.
  - She will contact the Sections to let them know how many and what positions, if any, will be available. Juniors have the option to stay on the committee for a second year.
  - Leadership Conferences. The plan for this year is for all SAAC members to attend the NESLC. Starting in the 2017-2018 school year, the junior SAAC members will attend the NESLC and then Senior SAAC members will attend the NFHS NSLS.

- **Student-Athlete of the Month Program**
  - Will be discussed at their March meeting.
  - Kristen will bring a proposal for discussion to the May Executive Committee meeting.
Life of an Athlete

• Kristen is in discussion with AliveTek (the company who created the Hazing Prevention course) to create a Life of an Athlete course or video. The goal is to allow the course/video to be available to all member schools at no charge. An update to the website will also be explored to provide more resources to students, parents, administrators, etc.

Next Meeting

• The next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2017 at the NYSAAA Conference in Saratoga.

Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Kristen Jadin, Special Programs Coordinator

• The Committee met on Sunday, December 4, 2016 via teleconference.

Discussion Items/Action Taken

Mission Statement

• She will be developing a Mission Statement using the SAAC members ideas and opinions and will be presenting it at their April meeting for approval.

Google Forum for SAAC

• She has created a Google Forum for SAAC members to maintain communication in between meetings.

Captains Club

• Kristen asked the Committee their thoughts and opinions on the NYSPHSAA Captains Club.
• Most members would like to see the Captains Club feature more student-athletes.
• Kristen is working on an idea to make Captains Club into a video, rather than a webinar.

Hazing Prevention

• SAAC members who have seen the hazing prevention course are in full support of it. They enjoyed it and learned much from it.

Future Meeting Dates

• Sunday, April 2nd @ 4 PM, Sunday, June 11th @ 4 PM

Safety Committee. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director

• A sub-committee has been formed to discuss ways to increase athletic training services to all of our member schools. This topic is one of the Strategic Goals of the Association. A report will be presented to the Safety Committee in the Spring.

Soft Headgear-Girls Lacrosse

• The topic of soft headgear was discussed at the Safety Committee and the Girls Lacrosse Committee. Soft headgear has been allowed in the rule for many years.
• Starting January 2, 2017, all soft headgear must meet ASTM standards. Currently there are two products on the market (Cascade LX and Hummingbird) that meet the ASTM standards for Girls Lacrosse.
• Both committees reviewed the NFHS Injury Survey. The #1 injury in Girls Lacrosse is Head Face/Concussion. No headgear will prevent this type of injury. Head Face/Contusions make up 1% of all injuries in Girls Lacrosse. Headgear will help prevent these injuries.
• Both Committees agree that since soft headgear is allowed and the injuries it will most likely prevent only make up 1% of all injuries, there is no recommendation to require soft headgear at this time. Florida is the only state to require soft headgear.
• The NYSPHSAA staff will attempt to gather data specifically from Florida regarding injuries and the use of soft headgear.

“Tommy Tough Standards”-Football

• The Safety Committee has asked the Football Committee to discuss the “Tommy Tough Standards” used by Sections 8 and 11.
• These standards have been implemented to minimize the risk of student-athletes participating in the sport of football.
• This item will be added to the Football Committee agenda and hopefully Sections 8 and 11 will provide feedback to the committee.

“Anyone Can Save a Life” Program
• The NYSPHSAA fully endorses the “Anyone Can Save a Life” program. This program allows coaches to create an emergency action plan for their teams.
• More information can be obtained through the association office or online at www.anyonecansavealife.org.
• Please encourage your schools to be proactive.

Next Meeting
• The next meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for April 3, 2017 at 9:00 AM via teleconference.

Modified Committee. Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
• A sub-committee will be formed and meet in March to discuss a survey released by the NFHS on modified athletics. They will discuss how our programs compare to other states and review the direction of our modified programs. This sub-committee will address one of the Strategic Goals of the NYSPHSAA. They will report back at the Modified Committee in the Spring.
• Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented Section 3’s Modified Committee’s proposal to edit the language in the maximum number of games in a week in Modified Baseball and Softball.

A motion to approve changing the language in the second sentence of both the Baseball Game Condition 2. Doubleheaders: b) and Softball Game Condition 3. Doubleheaders: b) carried. Mullins/Carboine
“A team may not play three (3) games in two (2) consecutive days. No more than three (3) games a week may be played.” It will be edited to read: “No more than four (4) games a week may be played.” (Effective Start Date: Spring 2017)
• Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented Section 9’s Modified Committee’s proposal for extended playing time in Volleyball.

A motion to approve with section/league approval, extended playing time in modified volleyball may consist of 6 games per match and the number of points per game shall be limited to 20 points in these matches carried. (Effective Start Date: Fall 2017) Greene/Ceruti

Next Meeting
• The next meeting of the Modified Committee is scheduled for March 31, 2017 at 9:30 AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

Cheerleading Video Replay – Safety/Deduction
• Todd Nelson, Assistant Director presented the Cheerleading Committee’s proposal on the use of the video replay at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships to review safety and deduction points during a routine. With the use of Varsity Media, we have the capability of allowing a judge to review a third party video to recheck all deductions including safety violations. Once a coach requests a review, they open the entire routine to all deductions including all safety violations.

A motion to approve the use of video replay at the NYSPHSAA Cheerleading Championships to review safety and deduction points during a routine carried. Carboine/Ceruti
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 no. 16 Yes/6 No.)

Girls Tennis State Championship Site
A motion to approve Tri-City Tennis Center (2) as the site for the 2017-2019 Girls Tennis State Championships carried. Dopp/Ferry
Football East Semifinals Site
A motion to approve Middletown High School (IX) as the site for the 2017 and 2018 East Football Semifinals carried. Greene/Ferry
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 16 Yes/6 No.)

Football West Semifinals Site
A motion to approve Union-Endicott High School (IV) as the site for the 2017 and 2018 West Football Semifinals carried. Nelson/Mullins
(Section 3 – 2 no; Section 5 – 2 no)

Girls Soccer State Championship Site
A motion to approve Cortland (IV) as the site of the 2017-2019 Girls soccer State Championships carried. Nelson/Mullins

Field Hockey State Championships
A motion to approve Williamsville North High School (VI) as the site for the 2018-2020 Field Hockey State Championships carried. Fallacaro/Tooley
(Section 4 – 2 no)

Wrestling Dual Meet State Championships
A motion to approve SRC Arena (III) as the site for the 2018-2020 Wrestling Dual Meet State Championships carried. Nelson/Carboine

Extension of Binghamton for Baseball State Tournament for One Year
- Ed Dopp, Baseball State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal to conduct the NYSPHSAA Baseball State Tournament for one additional year beyond the current bid/term in Binghamton for the 2018 tournament. Due to the baseball state tournament becoming a two-day event starting in 2017, the NYSPHSAA Baseball Committee felt it was appropriate and necessary to conduct the 2017 tournament to gather data on the two-day event then provide it for the RFP document needed for bidding. By allowing Binghamton to host the event for 2018, it provides NYSPHSAA an extra year to use the data from the 2017 two-day tournament in the RFP. Bids would be submitted in January of 2018 for determination of the 2019-2021 tournaments. Binghamton is also hosting the NYSPHSAA Track Championships the same weekend in 2017 and hotels are at a premium in the local area. Two major NYSPHSAA events in the same area at the same time will also not afford Section IV to see the “full” picture of a two-day tournament.
A motion to approve to conduct the NYSPHSAA Baseball State Tournament for one additional year beyond the current bid/term in Binghamton for the 2018 tournament carried. Tooley/Ferry

School Enrollment Numbers for 2017-2018
- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the 2017-2018 School Enrollment Numbers noting the following corrections: Mount Morris HS is in Section 5 not Section 4 and New Roots Charter School is not a member school.
A motion to approve to accept the School Enrollment Numbers for the 2017-2018 school year as presented carried. Carboine/Murphy
- He noted there have been many concerns from the Sections and member schools regarding the lateness of receiving school enrollment numbers from SED and then approving them at the January Executive Committee meeting. After the Section Executive Directors’ meeting on January 26th, it was decided the office staff would develop a proposal to approve enrollment numbers in July using the final SED
numbers received in June. This item will be a Discussion Item at the May Executive Committee meeting with a possible vote at the July Central Committee meeting.

- He distributed a sheet with the Classification Breakdown of the 5 Class Sports and Division I/Division II and different proposals for each. This will be a Discussion Item at the May Executive Committee meeting and a vote at the July Central Committee meeting.

5 Class Sports
- Current Proposal
  - Class AA  910-Up  127 schools  16.13%
  - Class A  480-909  158 schools  20.07%
  - Class B  280-479  163 schools  20.71%
  - Class C  170-279  150 schools  19.05%
  - Class D  169-Down  189 schools  24.01%
- 20% Per Class Proposal
  - Class AA  825-Up  157 schools  19.94%
  - Class A  440-824  159 schools  20.20%
  - Class B  250-439  159 schools  20.20%
  - Class C  146-249  157 schools  19.94%
  - Class D  145-Down  155 schools  19.69%
- Section 10’s Proposal
  - Class AA  890-Up  134 schools  17.02%
  - Class A  451-889  173 schools  21.98%
  - Class B  246-450  173 schools  21.98%
  - Class C  125-245  171 schools  21.78%
  - Class D  124-Down  136 schools  17.28%

Division I/Division II
- Current Proposal
  - Division I  600-Up  237 schools  30.11%
  - Division II  599-Down  550 schools  69.88%
- 35%/65% Proposal
  - Division I  500-Up  276 schools  35.06%
  - Division II  499-Down  511 schools  64.93%

Indoor Track – Establish 2nd Relay at State Meet
- Dave Hennessey, Girls Indoor Track State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Indoor Track Committees’ proposal to allow each Section to send a second relay to the NYSPHSAA Championships in the 4x200m Relay, the 4x400m Relay and the 4x800m Relay. The standard would be based on the fourth place average of the years 2012-2016 at the NYSPHSAA/Federation Championships. A relay team would be required to meet this standard and finish second in their state qualifier.

A motion to approve allowing each Section to send a second relay to the NYSPHSAA Boys and Girls Indoor Track Championships in the 4x200m Relay, the 4x400m Relay and the 4x800m Relay effective March 2018 carried. Murphy/Staves

Volleyball Yellow/Red Card
- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Boys and Girls Volleyball Committees’ proposal to reverse the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to allow officials the ability to give a coach a yellow card before a red card which is the current rule in the NCAA Rulebook. In 2012, the Volleyball Committees recommended to not allow Officials the ability to hand out a yellow card before issuing a red card which was in the NCAA rulebook. Both committees and the officials are in support to reverse the language and follow the rules in the NCAA rulebook.
A motion to approve to reverse the language in the NYSPHSAA Handbook to allow officials the ability to give a coach a yellow card before a red card which is the current rule in the NCAA Rulebook effective Fall 2017 season carried. Ferry/Ryan-Curry

Oversight Committee for Classification of Non-Public and Charter Schools
A motion to postpone until the July Central Committee meeting creating an Oversight Committee to review the classification placement of non-public and charter schools carried. Staves/Peterson

Pitch Counts
- Ed Dopp, Baseball State Coordinator, presented the Baseball Committee’s proposal to implement a pitch count regulation. The NFHS has mandated each NFHS member state association be required to develop its own pitching restriction policy based on the number of pitches thrown during a game to afford pitchers a required rest period between pitching appearances.

A motion to approve a pitch count regulation in Baseball to begin in the Spring 2017 carried. Mullins/Carboine (Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no)

Heat Index/Wind Chill Procedures
- Todd Nelson, Assistant Director, presented the Safety Committee’s proposal to allow schools to use a Wet Bulb indicator to determine the THI on site. Using the Wet Bulb indicator on the field that is being used for practice or the game is the Gold Standard. This allows schools to more effectively determine the actual Heat Index or Wind Chill at the site.

A motion to approve adding language in the Heat Index and Wind Chill procedures to allow schools to use a Wet Bulb indicator to determine the THI on site carried. Greene/Mullins

Increase the Number of Officials for Indoor Track & Field Championship
- Dave Hennessey, Girls Indoor Track State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Indoor Track Committees’ proposal to increase the number of working officials for the Indoor Track and Field Championship for the next three years at Ocean Breeze from 75 to 80 officials. Since Ocean Breeze is large enough, the Indoor Track and Field Committees have decided to run the Boys and Girls Championships at the same time. This requires an increase in the number of officials from 70 to 85 for our event.

A motion to approve increasing the number of working officials from 70 to 85 for the Boys and Girls Indoor Track and Field Championship for the next three years at Ocean Breeze effective the 2017 Winter Championship carried. Henshaw/Staves (The votes by Section: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 14 Yes/8 No.)

Waiver of Representation Rule
A motion to approve the following reductions in the required number of contests carried. Staves/Ceruti
- Boys & Girls Indoor Track from 6 to 5 in Sections 7
- Boys & Girls Indoor Track from 6 to 4 in Section 1
- Boys & Girls Indoor Track from 6 to 3 in Section 9
- Boys & Girls Skiing from 6 to 3 in Sections 1, 7, 6, 9
- Boys & Girls Skiing from 6 to 4 in Section 3
- Girls Gymnastics from 6 to 3 in Section 9
- Cheerleading from 2 to 1 in Section 7
New Member
A motion to approve the following application for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried. Mullins/Carboine

Section V
Hope Hall School
1612 Buffalo Road
Rochester, NY 14624
Grades 7-12

Friend and Neighbor
A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status carried. Mullins/Carboine

Section I
French American School of New York
145 New Street
Mamaroneck, NY 10543
Grades 7-12

Section I
St. Margaret School
34 N. Magnolia Street
Pearl River, NY 10965
Grades 7-8

Section I
The Hallen School
97 Central Avenue
New Rochelle, NY 10801
Grades 7-12

Section I
The Montfort Academy
125 E. Birch Street
Fleetwood, NY 10552
Grades 8-12

Section III
Southside Academy Charter School
2200 Onondaga Creek Boulevard
Syracuse, NY 13207
Grades 7-8

Section V
Andrews-Trahey Campus School
1183 Monroe Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
Grades 7-12

Section V
Rochester Christian School
260 Embury Road
Rochester, NY 14625
Grades 7-8

Section VI
West Seneca Christian School
511 Union Road
West Seneca, NY 14224
Grades 7-12

Section IX
John A. Flannery HS/Orange-Ulster BOCES
53 Gibson Road
Goshen, NY 10924
Grades 7-12

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

NYSPHSAA Drone Policy
- Renee James, NYSPHSAA Counsel, presented a draft of the NYSPHSAA Drone Policy.
- Robert asked if it should be stated in the policy what happens if a drone is flying over a game.
- She will add language regarding stopping a game at the discretion of the event at the next convenient play.
- She will send out a revised draft policy to all Section Executive Director and Executive Committee members.
- This will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving: Recognize a Team Champion at the State Meet
- Peter Hugo, Boys Swimming & Diving State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Swimming & Diving Committees’ proposal to recognize, based on scoring, a team/school champion at the State Meet. The champion would be recognized at the conclusion of the meet and be presented a NYSPHSAA Championship plaque.
- Recognizing a team champion would be a way to honor the top team at the State Meet and also allow coaches from New York State to be eligible for the national David H. Robertson Excellence in Coaching Award.
- There will be no budgetary impact to schools.
- This will be an Action Item at the May Executive Committee meeting.
2016-2021 Football Regional Rotations

- Gary Van Derzee, Football State Coordinator, presented the Football Committee’s proposal for the 2016-2021 regional rotations. He stated for three Sections to get 2 home games, 2 away games and 2 byes, it would be a six year rotation. At some point two teams will go three years without a home game and one team will go four years without a home game but then get two home games in a row. The rotation in question was resolved by Sections 1, 2 and 9 when Section 9 took the rotation that requires them to get two home games in a row.

A motion to approve the 2016-2021 Football Regional Rotation carried. Peterson/Wolfe

Requiring NYSPHSAA Member Schools Athletic Administrators possess a CAA (Certified Athletic Administrator)

- At the October 19, 2016 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting, Murphee Hayes, NYSSAA President, presented a proposed resolution for a minimum certification requirement for athletic administrators in New York State that was approved by the NYSSAA Representative Board on October 3, 2016 for implementation by the NYSPHSAA in the 2018-2019 school year.
- The resolution asks that the NYSPHSAA would require a school district to only employ a Certified Athletic Administrator that has achieved the CAA level if that individual does not have a degree in Physical Education and current NYS administrative certification (SAS, SDL, SDA, SBL). Individuals holding the proper degree and professional certification will be considered “grandfathered” but should still aspire to complete the recommended coursework and continue to take more classes as their careers move on.

A motion to postpone the proposed resolution until the July NYSPHSAA Central Committee meeting carried. Mullins/Ceruti

Modified Lacrosse Officials

- Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the Girls Lacrosse Committee’s proposal to consider a waiver of the NFHS rule to allow schools that mutually agree to conduct a game with one official at the Modified level only. She stated the NFHS rules now require two certified officials to work all Girls Lacrosse games effective with the 2017 season.
- It was requested to add the JV level to the proposal.
- There was much discussion regarding not having enough officials available to be able to have two certified officials work all Girls Lacrosse games.

A motion to approve a waiver of the NFHS rule to allow schools that mutually agree in the event two officials are not available, to conduct a game with one official at both the JV and Modified level in Girls Lacrosse effective Spring 2017 carried. Greene/Tooley

Girls Lacrosse – Regional Rotation Change for 2018 & 2019

- Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the Girls Lacrosse Committee’s proposal to adjust the Regional rotation for Sections 1, 2, and 9 for 2018 and 2019. Due to Section 9 not being able to host the Regional Championships in 2016, the rotation was switched and now needs adjustment for 2018 and 2019 to keep in sync. The 2018 and 2019 rotation will need to flip flop.
- Joe Altieri, Assistant Director, reported the CAC had no concerns with the rotation.
- This will be an action item at the May Executive Committee meeting.

Girls Lacrosse – Addition of an Alternate Official for all Regional Outbracket and Championship Games

- Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse State Coordinator, presented the Girls Lacrosse Committee’s proposal to request an Alternate Official (US Lacrosse 2017 Rule Book) be used for all Regional Outbracket and Championship Games effective the 2017 season.
- The committee would like to align the existing Alternate Official used during the Girls Lacrosse State
Semifinals and Final games to include all Regional games. At the current time, some Sections are providing the Alternate Official during Regionals, while others are not.

- The Alternate Official will have similar responsibilities to the boys’ lacrosse Box Official.
- The addition of the Alternate Official will minimize the risk on the field by allowing game officials to maintain committed focus to game play and reduce distraction by the sideline personnel questions or comments, substitution area, timeouts, scoring or real game time.

A motion to postpone making this an Action Item at today’s meeting and put on the agenda of the May Executive Committee meeting as an Action Item carried. Ceruti/Ferry

Girls Golf – 3 Markers Per Section

- Jamie Harter, Girls Golf State Coordinator, presented the Girls Golf Committee for each Section who participates in the NYSPHSAA Girls Golf Championship to provide three scoring markers at the State Championship event to cover for course scoring. Scoring and score integrity is an important aspect of the championship. Some Sections have not been able to provide three markers to cover their responsibility. Coaches have marked to cover this issue but this does not allow them to coach their athletes during the championship rounds. Markers from each Section would allow coaches to coach.
- This will be placed on the May Executive Committee meeting as an Action Item.

Softball – International Tie Breaker Waiver

- Chris Ceruti, Section 8 Softball Coordinator, presented the Softball Committee’s proposal to continue the waiver to suspend the use of the International Tie-Breaker Rule during the NYSPHSAA State Semifinals and Finals effective the 2017 State Tournament. In the 2015 and 2016 tournaments, they conducted a two-year pilot to allow games to be “played out” without placing a runner on second base at the start of the 10th inning as required by the International Tie-Breaker Rule. The committee feels the International Tie-Breaker Rule changes the flow, strategy and tone of the contest when the rule is in play. Seven of nine voting committee members feel the State semifinals and finals should continue to be played in the same manner as the first nine innings of a game especially since there is no time limit in determining the winner of the game.

A motion to approve to continue the waiver to suspend indefinitely the use of the International Tie-Breaker Rule during the NYSPHSAA Softball State Semifinals and Finals carried. Ceruti/Ryan-Curry

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2016-2017 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Cortland & Homer B. Ice Hockey (V)
Christian Brothers Academy & Jamesville-Dewitt B. Ice Hockey (V)
Proctor, Westmoreland, Notre Dame, NY Mills, Camden, Herkimer,
Waterville, Sauquoit, Oneida, WCV, Mt. Markham, VVS,
Frankfort-Schuyler, Adirondack, Oriskany & Holland Patent B. Ice Hockey (V)
Pulaski, Sandy Creek, APW, Mexico & South Jefferson B. Ice Hockey (V)
Fayetteville-Manlius & East Syracuse-Minoa B. Ice Hockey (V)
Immaculate Heart Central, Carthage, General Brown,
Indian River & Watertown B. Ice Hockey (V)
Cazenovia, Hamilton & Morrisville-Eaton B. Ice Hockey (V)
Auburn, Skaneateles & Tyburn B. Swimming (V)
Watertown & Immaculate Heart Central B. Swimming (V, Mod.)
Jamesville-Dewitt & Christian Brothers Academy B. Swimming (V)
Fayetteville-Manlius & Fabius-Pompey Wrestling (Mod.)
Pulaski & Sandy Creek B. Swimming (V)
Sherburne-Earlville & Hamilton B. Swimming (V)
Westhill & Bishop Ludden B/G Indoor Track (V, Mod.)
South Jefferson & Sandy Creek Wrestling (V, JV)
Dolgeville & Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville Wrestling (V, Mod.)
Jamesville-Dewitt, Solvay, CBA & Westhill Wrestling (V, JV)
Morrisville-Eaton, Stockbridge Valley, Madison, Clinton & Hamilton (modified only) Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
Pulaski & Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Wrestling (V, Mod.)
Immaculate Heart & Sackets Harbor Wrestling (Mod.)
Holland Patent & Sauquoit Valley Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
Central Valley Academy & Herkimer Wrestling (V)
Cazenovia & Fabius-Pompey Wrestling (V, JV)
Cato-Meridian & Red Creek Wrestling (Mod.)

Afton & Harpursville B/G Soccer (V, Mod.)
B/G Cross Country (V, JV, Mod.)
G. Volleyball (V, JV, Mod.)
B/G Bowling (V)
Wrestling (V, JV)
Bainbridge-Guilford, Afton & Harpursville B/G Swimming (V, Mod.)
Binghamton & Seton Catholic Wrestling (V, Mod.)
B. Tennis (V)
Candor & Spencer Van-Etten B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.)
Cheerleading (V)
Football (V)
B/G Soccer (V)
Field Hockey (V)
Wrestling (V, Mod.)
Delaware Academy & Charlotte Valley Football (V, Mod.)
B/G Indoor Track (V)
Delaware Academy, Sidney & Unatego Football (V, Mod.)
B/G Cross Country (V, Mod.)
Deposit & Hancock B. Golf (V)
Field Hockey (JV, Mod.)
G. Volleyball (Mod.)
B/G Tennis (V)
Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
B. Basketball (JV, Mod.)
B/G Track & Field (V, JV, Mod.)
Baseball (V, JV, Mod.)
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Downsville & Roscoe (9)

Dryden & George Jr. Republic
Elmira & Elmira Notre Dame
Harpursville & Afton

Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton & Morris
Ithaca City School & EAC Montessori School

Ithaca City, Dryden, Lansing, Newfield & Union-Endicott
Lansing & Southern Cayuga
Odessa Montour & Watkins Glen

Oxford Academy & Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton
Sidney & Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton
South Kortright & Andes

Unadilla Valley & Edmeston
Unatego & Franklin
Union Springs & Port Byron

Walton & Delaware Academy
SENIOR ALL-STAR CONTESTS

The following contests were approved by the Executive Director per Executive Committee authorization and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #9).

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REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS

**NYS Athletic Administrators Association.** Alan Mallanda, Executive Director

**Conference**
- The annual conference is March 15-17, 2017 at the Saratoga Hilton, in Saratoga Springs.
- This year an online registration system has been implemented for all members, conference attendees and LTI courses.
- On Wednesday, March 15th, seven LTI Courses will be offered. The first General Session will begin at 5:00 PM followed by the two hour Exhibit Hall Festival at 6:15 PM.
- The conference program planning team in Section 4, headed up by President Murphee Hayes, CAA, are in the final stages of program planning and have secured all speakers, sponsors and workshop presenters.
- Presentations of 11 chapter awards and three special awards will take place at the Roy O’Neill Awards Banquet.
- The Dave Martens Awards Luncheon will feature the annual Alan Mallanda Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony as well as their annual Apple Appreciation Awards. Hall of Fame inductees have been
announced and are posted on their website. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 class. Information and forms are available on their website. Postmark deadline is January 1.

- The Sparky Rector Drop In Center continues in the exhibit hall for two days. The association has transitioned to a virtual Sparky Rector Drop In Center on their website. It is active now and they are seeking items to share in digital format. Anything of interest to share with other AD’s should be emailed to Brett Banker, CAA (Kenmore Town of Tonawanda Schools) who is their new Educational Initiatives Chair.

**Board News and Actions**

- They are seeking a Co-Certification Chair to work with Pat Pizzarelli, CAA, their current chair. The person should be CMAA certified. They are also seeking an assistant Awards Chair to work with Debra Ferry, CAA.
- Peter Shambo, CMAA, is the Chair of their Professional Development Academy, which is the umbrella that oversees LTI, Certification and Educational Initiative Committees.
- Dr. Ryan Sherman (Schuylerville) is their new Ex-Officio Liaison to NYS Superintendents.
- Their Board approved a resolution to encourage and support the NYSPHSAA in establishing a minimum requirement of certification and basic level of competency for all athletic administrators in New York State. Their Board would like Sections to explore all possible options and timelines for implementation. They are also conducting a survey of the current status of athletic administrators in NYS.
- The Board approved moving Scott Sugar, CAA to the position of President Elect immediately to be a Co-President after the March conference with Liam Frawley, CMAA. Liam is unable to fulfill his role of President for 2017-2018, but the Board determined that due to the circumstances, he remain as a Co-President with Scott for the year, and that he be recognized as President during and after his term.
- The Executive Board is seeking interested candidates from the Representative Board who would like to seek office as President Elect and Vice President to fill the void left by moving Scott forward one year early.
- The Executive Board is working on a succession plan for the future management of the association.

**Professional Development**

- Any Chapters/Sections desiring to offer LTI Courses in their section or region should contact Steve Young, CAA, Josh Lacey, CAA or Alan Mallanda, CMAA.
- The CAA Exam will be offered again at the conference on Friday morning, March 18th at 8:00 AM. In addition, there are two other dates for the CAA Exam to be given: October 3rd at the Saratoga Hilton at 1:00 PM and June 19th at the NYSPHSAA Office in Latham at 1:00 PM. Anyone taking the exam must pre-qualify through the NIAAA office. Requirements and costs are posted on the NIAAA website.

**Membership**

- The NYSAAA has 647 members. Mike Murray, CMAA (5), Membership Chair will be targeting chapters to increase their membership. They feel that every AD in New York State should be a member for the professional benefits and member services. The goal is to reach 700 members this year.
- Membership dues remain the same for the seventh straight year. Dual membership in both the NYSAAA and NIAAA is $150 for active administrators.

**Website/Newsletter**

- Athletic Administrators are encouraged to visit the NYSAAA website regularly to keep up on the latest information and association news. Information changes regularly. Links are provided between the NYSPHSAA and NYSAAA as well as other professional associations on each of their respective websites.
- The next newsletter is going to be released in February. Current and past issues can be found on the website.
- Their NYSAAA Hall of Fame for athletic administrators is posted on their website. It will continue to be maintained and updated as a “virtual” Hall of Fame.

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NIAAA/NFHS

- The NIAAA/NFHS Annual Athletic Directors Conference was held in Nashville, TN on December 9-14, 2016 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. New York was well represented in attendance. Future sights include Phoenix, AZ; San Antonio, TX; National Harbor, MD and Tampa, FL.
- Six LTI courses are being offered this spring as webinars by the NIAAA. Information may be found on their website and the NYSAAA website as to courses, dates, times and requirements. This has proven to be a very popular way of picking up LTI courses in the comfort and convenience of one’s home at times available to each attendee. Two nights of two hours each completes each course.
- Section 1 of the NIAA continues to host a Summer Institute for Athletic Administrators and their families at the Ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA on Cape Cod every summer. Athletic administrators attend from New York and other New England states to choose from over 15 LTI Courses offered with national faculty, as well as the CAA prep course and exam. This summer set a record attendance for this professional development opportunity. Institute directors from New York are Peter Shambo, CMAA and Steve Young, CAA. Information and registration materials for next year’s institute will be available on their website soon.
- Glens Falls and the Queensbury Hotel has been approved by the National Executive Directors Association (of state AD associations) to host the 2018 summer summit of the association on July 22-25.


- Reported they held their annual conference in November at Turning Stone.
- Reported both Robert and Renee presented at the conference. There was great post conference feedback on Renee’s presentation which focused on liability in the physical education classroom.
- If anyone is interested in professional development training classes through the COA for their Directors in Health and PE to email the NYSAHPERD office or himself.

A **motion to approve** adjournment of the January 2017 Executive Committee meeting on Friday, January 27, 2017 at 1:38 PM **carried.**

Wolfe/Nelson

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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