SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
January 31, 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Via Conference Call

ACTION ITEMS

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2. P12 Approved to no longer have a print edition of the NYSPHSAA Handbook beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.
4. P12 Approved the 2014-2015 school enrollment numbers for NYSPHSAA member schools with the addition of The Stony Brook School (11).
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11. P13 Defeated the following language change in Boys Lacrosse: “If during the course of a game there are no NOCSAE standard balls available, the game shall be recorded as a forfeit against the home team in boys lacrosse.”
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Via Conference Call
January 31, 2014

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Eileen Troy at 10:00AM on Friday, January 31, 2014. Executive Director Robert Zayas introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

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

**Past Presidents**
- Kathryn Faber
- Robert Munn
- Patrick Pizzarelli

**Section Representatives**
- Section 1: Karen Peterson, James Mackin
- Section 2: Kathy Ryan, Robert McGuire
- Section 3: Barbara Felice, Michael Carboine
- Section 4: Julie Bergman, Chris Durdon
- Section 5: Kimberly Henshaw, Craig Veley
- Section 6: Timm Slade (proxy for Cindy Bullis), Don Scholla
- Section 7: Patricia Ryan-Curry, Joseph Staves
- Section 8: Chris Ceruti, John Pirogato
- Section 9: Robbie Greene, Jim Wolfe
- Section 10: Lori Brewer, Paul Harrica
- Section 11: Lisa Lally, Timothy Mullins

**Section Ex. Directors**
- Jennifer Simmons (1)
- Wayne Bertrand (2)
- John Rathbun (3)
- Ben Nelson (4)
- Timm Slade (6)

**Ex-Officios**
- Karen Lopez (7)
- Nina Van Erk (8)
- Carl Normandin (10)
- Ed Cinelli (11)
- Darryl Daily, SED
- Peter Shambo, President-NYSAAA
**Sports Coordinators**
Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball
Cathy Allen, Softball
Pete Bly, Girls Basketball
Jim Amen, Boys Lacrosse

**Guests**
Chrissy Klepper, NYSPHSAA Intern
Brian O’Connor, NYSPHSAA Intern
Tim Ryan (3)
Neil Connolly (8)
Greg Ransom (9)
Nick DeCillis (11)
Don Webster (11)

A **motion to approve** the October 24, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried.**

**McGuire/Staves**

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

**President Eileen Troy**
- Reported she attended the Girls Tennis, B/G Cross Country, Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey, Girls Swimming and Football State Championships.
- Commended and thanked the Sport Coordinators and Committees for what they do in conducting our State Championships.
- Thanked the NYSPHSAA staff for their hard work and for all they do for our student athletes.

**1st Vice President Steve Broadwell**
- Thanked the Sections that hosted the fall championships.
- Reported he attended the Girls Tennis, Girls Soccer, Girls Swimming & Diving and Football State Championships.
- Stated he is looking forward to the Winter Championships.

**2nd Vice President Jim Osborne**
- Reported he attended the Girls Swimming & Diving, Football and Boys Soccer State Championships.
- Commended the Sport Coordinators and Section Coordinators who ran the State Championships.
- Commended the NYSPHSAA staff for all they do for our student athletes.
Past President

- Reported he had sent out a letter requesting nominations for 2nd Vice President in the officer rotation on the Central Committee. Chief School Officer representatives who are currently serving on the Central Committee or are serving as an officer on a Section Athletic Council are eligible.
- Letters of interest should be returned to him by February 25, 2014.
- Contact him with any questions.

Executive Director Robert Zayas

Future of Ball Adoption

- The NYSPHSAA staff continues to work on the potential implementation of an optional statewide ball adoption program to begin in the 2016-2017 school year.
- The revenue generated from the ball adoption program would be shared with the participating Sections through the NYSPHSAA Revenue Share program.
- A tentative timeline has been established.

Mixed Competition Ad Hoc Committee

- The committee has met twice; December 9, 2013 and January 16, 2014.
- The committee’s discussion centered on the interpretation of the NYS Education Department’s regulation pertaining to “significant adverse effect.”
- The committee agreed the major issue with the Mixed Competition Regulation revolved around boys participating on girls’ teams and the manner by which each Section ruled upon mixed competition requests.
- Each committee member was asked to submit their definition/interpretation of “significant adverse effect”.
- The committee is now working with all the definitions to create what our definition would be and will continue to work with the State Education Department to get clarification on “significant adverse effect”.

Student-Athlete Gift Ad Hoc Committee

- The committee met on December 11, 2013 for the second time to discuss options regarding student-athlete participation gifts awarded at various state championship events.
- The NYSPHSAA staff presented information on souvenir badges, signage, medals, plaques, etc. added to the Fall 2013 State Championship events.
- Several options were discussed pertaining to awarding student-athletes participation gifts at all State Championship events. These options will continued to be explored as the 2014-2015 budget is created by the NYSPHSAA Budget/Audit Committee.
- The committee’s next meeting is scheduled for February 6th in an effort to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee at their next meeting on May 2, 2014 concerning the future of student-athlete participation gifts.

20% Classification Ad Hoc Committee

- The committee met on January 20, 2014 as a result of the Executive Committee’s October 24, 2013 decision to create a representative group to examine the current system used for classifying schools.
• Overwhelmingly the representatives of the committee felt the current system was working, however they felt the variation sports needed to provide more data when proposing changes.
• A proposal will be submitted at the May 2, 2014 Executive Committee meeting for variation sports to seek approval from the Championship Advisory Committee for changes prior to seeking approval from the Executive/Central Committees. The proposal will also include a uniformed calendar for all variation sports to propose changes.

NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame
• Nineteen NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame nomination packets were submitted for consideration of induction into the Class of 2014.
• A timeline for the selection process has been established.

Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker
Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program
• This is the 23rd year of the Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program.
• The Fall 2013 State Championship Scholar/Athlete Team Award winners were listed in the meeting packet.
• The Winter 2013-2014 deadline is Friday, February 28, 2014.
• Thanked Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their renewed sponsorship for the 19th year in a row.

NYS Federation
• Meeting was held January 29, 2014.
• The next meeting is March 21, 2014 at 8:00AM in Albany prior to the Federation Basketball Tournament of Champions.

Community Service Challenge
• May 1, 2014 is the deadline for schools to submit projects to their Section.
• June 1, 2014 is the deadline for Sections to submit their winner to NYSPHSAA.
• School/Team will be recognized at the Central Committee meeting in July.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Classification of Schools for 2014-2015
• The BEDS numbers from the Student Information Reporting System (SIRS) at SED were made available on January 20, 2014.
• A spreadsheet was created for students in grades 9, 10 and 11 for all member schools and sent to all the Section Executive Directors for verification.
• The list was included in the meeting packet.
• The office staff will also look at the classification cut-off numbers based on the numbers presented and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

NYSPHSAA East/West Cheerleading Invitational
• The NYSPHSAA will be hosting the 2nd East/West Cheerleading Invitational on February 9, 2014 at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse (3) and February 22, 2014 at Sullivan Community College in Loch Sheldrake (9).
• There will be four separate competition divisions (small, medium, large and Co-Ed) in both Invitations.

Professional Development
• Announced the coaching clinics sponsored by the NYSPHSAA and the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council were cancelled due to a very low number of coaches registering.
• Our back-up plan is to provide professional development using the internet and our website. In the next couple of months, we will be announcing opportunities for coaches to get professional development through our website.

Battle of the Fans
• Reminded Sections that the Battle of the Fans is in the final stages.
• Eight schools submitted applications. The office staff selected the four finalists. One school has withdrawn.
• Encouraged everyone to check out the submissions on our Facebook page.
• Schools will be able to vote on Facebook for their favorite Battle of the Fans video.
• The winner will be selected at the end of February.

5 Star Leadership Program
• Reminded everyone information about this program is available on our website.

Director of Marketing & Media Joe Altieri
Sponsorship
• Announced a three year contract had been signed with our newest sponsor, New Balance for both the girls and boys tennis championships.
• Other “Contributing” sponsors secured for one year for our winter championships were: Worldwide Sport Supply, Hilton Albany Med and Holiday Inn Rochester.
• He worked with the Dairy Association and our Life of an Athlete coordinators to secure a five minute video message about nutrition and health from CJ Spiller (Buffalo Bills RB). The video is a project for our member schools that the Life of an Athlete Committee is currently working on.
• He has conducted sponsorship meetings or calls with the following prospects: Hilton Downtown, Waste Management, Varsity Cheer, Glens Falls National Bank, Queensbury Hotel, SaniTech, Canizzo Golf Foundation, Chobani, Rich Girl Bows, Precious Petals, Bow Crazy and Jay Mar Sales.

Championship Marketing
• In early December he completed applications and made a verbal presentation for our Association to receive bed tax money from Warren County for boys basketball, volleyball and softball. He reported he was recently notified that we will be receiving $33,000 from Warren County to use toward marketing the boys basketball, volleyball and softball events for the 2014 year.
• Television and radio campaigns are being developed for boys and girls basketball, ice hockey and wrestling.
• We are also continuing to execute our 2013-2014 branding campaign. New signage and tournament branding materials are being considered to be implemented at our winter
and spring championships, branding the event to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

Fall Championship Report

- Fall online tickets sales yielded approximately $8,000 in revenue and 810 tickets sold. Girls swimming saw the highest amount of tickets sold at 424. Football was next.
- Winter championship tickets are now on sale at www.ticketleap.com. Boys’ swimming has already sold 552 tickets in the week the site has been up.
- Radio rights fees totaled $4,500 for 18 radio broadcasts for the fall championships.

Media/Broadcasting

- Time Warner Cable will broadcast live the championship finals in wrestling, ice hockey, boys basketball and girls basketball.

Fall Interns

- He introduced our Spring semester interns: Chrissy Klepper, a graduate communications student at UAlbany and former three-sport athlete at River Dell High School (NJ) and Brian O’Connor, a senior communications major at UAlbany and former three-sport athlete at Baldwin High School (Section VIII).

Media Content Coordinator Joe Agostinelli

Website

- During the month of November, the website experienced 87,199 visits, with more than 422,000 page views.
- The 2013-2014 Championship schedule has been updated to reflect the changes to the Spring (Girls Golf).
- Winter sports landing pages are continually updated with links and information for the upcoming NYSPHSAA Championships in February and March. Spring sports landing pages are also being updated in preparation for the spring championships. All championship dates and sites are on each page.
- The integration of live scoreboards/leaderboards is being looked into with MaxPreps and sports coordinators for the winter and spring championships.
- Working with sport coordinators on maintaining up-to-date state records for each sport.
- Updates to the website are on-going, including a slight makeover of the home page to feature social media more, along with Overtime Sports articles and the Did You Know facts. The web developer is working with MaxPreps on integrating the school pages for all of our member schools.

Social Media

- Twitter and Facebook see continual growth from day-to-day. Followers on Twitter are growing at a quicker pace than Facebook. Twitter now has over 3000 followers.
- Twitter initiatives include Trivia Tuesday and Photo of the Week on Fridays.
- Highlights from Time Warner Cable broadcasts of the Fall NYSPHSAA Championships (tennis singles and doubles, boys soccer Class AA, A and C and football finals) will be uploaded to YouTube once the DVDs are received from Time Warner Cable and edited. Video shots along with post-championship interviews from the Fall State Championships are on the YouTube channel.
Souvenir Badges

- Very positive feedback was received on the souvenir badges that were ordered for the Fall NYSPHSAA Championships.
- Souvenir badges for the winter championships have been ordered. He thanked the sport coordinators for their assistance.
- Crown Awards will design the winter and spring championship badges. The NCAA 2.3 eligibility information will continue to be featured on the back of all badges for the winter and spring championships.

iWannaker Agreement

- The NYSPHSAA has an agreement with iWannamaker, a company out of Colorado, to provide live scoring to our fans for the 2014 Boys and Girls NYSPHSAA Golf Championships in June.

Battle of the Fans

- Following frequent promotion through social media, the 2013-2014 Battle of the Fans competition accepted submissions until mid-January. The 2013-2014 Battle of the Fans champion will be crowned at the 2014 NYSPHSAA Boys Basketball Championship in Glens Falls.

NFHS Spirit of Sport Award

- Reported he was honored to nominate Tim Monette, a basketball player from Northville HS (2) who is going through cancer treatments and is still playing basketball with his team when not going through chemotherapy for the NFHS Spirit of Sport Award.
- Each state is invited to nominate one scholar/athlete with the winner being announced at the NFHS summer meeting in Boston.
- He will keep us updated on the progress.

Treasurer Lisa Arnold

- Reviewed the Statement of Financial Position as of January 9, 2014 stating we are in great shape as far as meeting our current responsibilities.
- Reported only two schools have not paid their 2013-2014 dues but she does have commitments to pay from them.
- Reported an Actuary was hired to calculate our Post-Retirement Health Benefit liability and was able to reduce it to $1.1 million.
- Reported the State of Activities report showed the Fall 2013 Championships netted approximately $100,000. This figure does not include the Rawlings sponsorship of $20,000 outstanding in Football or the West football semifinals receipts of approximately $20,000, based on previous years figures, that we still have not received from Sahlen’s Stadium.

Legal Counsel Renee James

- Reported the Association had received two favorable decisions since the October Executive Committee meeting.
  - An Article 78 proceeding brought by an official against the Association and Section seeking to have the Association and the Section intervene with
grievances with its Officials Association was dismissed. The court found no cause of action; that we do not have any obligation to hear appeals from officials.

- Another Article 78 proceeding brought for an additional year under the Duration of Competition Rule was dismissed by the judge. A student had played 6 years in a sport and was seeking a 7th year on the basis the parents were under the impression the student would get an additional year.

- Reported there have been eleven appeals to the Association Appeal Panel for the 2013-2014 school year.

SECTION CONCERNS

Section 1 requested clarification on the use of officials at Cross Country meets, are they mandated and if there are no officials, can the meet be counted. (It does not state in the rule book that they are mandated. If there are no officials, it would be the person in charge of the meet. Some Sections/schools may select a person to be in charge or there may be specific wording in the Section’s officials contract stating who would be in charge.)

Section 2 stated there has been discussion as to restoring contests in the state. They are in favor of restoring contests in certain sports. Sections 4, 5 and 6 have also expressed an interest. The moratorium concludes at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. (This will be a discussion item at the May Executive Committee meeting). They also voiced a concern with the number of transfers in their Section. They have had 175 transfers during the past two years. They asked if any other Sections were struggling with transfers. Section 5 stated they are having a little bit of an issue and are looking to tighten up their rule. (This will be added to the agenda of the Transfer Committee meeting on February 10th.)

Section 5 inquired as to what the status is with the 3 point shot in modified basketball. (Todd replied the motion was defeated at the October Modified Committee meeting. It will be added to the Spring Modified Committee agenda.) Todd also brought up that at the October 2013 Executive Committee meeting, a concern was raised if the Modified Committee wants to bring forth a change in a rule and wants to use “with Section/League approval”, how does the Executive Committee want the Modified Committee to proceed. The feeling of some Sections is if it’s with Section/League approval and it is not having an impact on any other Section, why are they being prohibited from implementing something their Section/League wants to do in Modified sports if there is no safety issue related to it. The Modified Committee would like direction from the Executive Committee.

Section 7 is not in favor of “with Section/League approval” wording in rule changes in Modified sports. They felt it was a way of challenging some of the Modified philosophies we have and is a subtle way for coaches to put pressure on Sections to follow pilot programs. They would like to see the Executive Committee not support Modified rule changes with this wording. (This is to be taken back to the Sections for discussion. Please include your Section Modified Representative. This will be on the agenda of the Spring Modified Committee meeting.)

Section 9 would like a financial accounting of Sport Committees’ face-to-face meetings.
REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

State Education Department. Darryl Daily

Professional Development Opportunities

- NYSAAA Leadership Training Program. Website: www.nysaaa.org/page.cfm?page=leadership.cfm
- NYS Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NYSAHPERD). Conference (November 19-22, 2014) in Verona, NY. Website: www.nysahperd.org/content/professional-development/nys-ahperd-conference.cfm

Dignity for all Students Act (DASA)

- Section 52.21 and Part 80 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education have been amended and a new Subpart 57-4 has been added to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to implement the Coursework or Training in Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination Prevention and Intervention required under the Dignity for All Students Act. See: www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/dasa-applicant.html

Concussion Courses

- Reminded concussion courses are required for physical education teachers and coaches every 2 years.
- The NFHS/CDC Concussion Course is now approved to be used by coaches in New York State as part of the Concussion Management and Awareness Act requirement.
- The direct link to the NFHS concussion Course is: www.nfhslearn.com/electiveDetail.aspx?courseID=38000
- Physical Education teachers still have to complete the Heads Up, Concussion in Youth Sports every 2 years. Website: www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/online_training.html

Regents Reform Items Questions

- Suggested frequently visiting the NYSED website for updates and clarification on topics including Common Core Standards, APPR, data-driven instruction, Student Learning Objectives or teacher and leader effectiveness.
- For updated information, go to http://engageny.org/
- For specific questions related to Regents reform, go to www.engageny.org/contact
- For specific questions for SLO’s, go to educatoreval@mail.nysed.gov

New Guidelines for Health Appraisals (Health Exams)

• More detailed questions are being asked related to concussion and cardiac history on the health history recommended sample form.
• The process will not change.
• Includes Medical Certificate of Limitation sample for Adaptive PE.

Connecting Health and Physical Education to the Common Core Standards (AAHPERD-New name is “SHAPE”)
• Enhancement, not replacement for quality PE.
• For professional development, go to www.aahperd.org/whatwedo/prodev/common-core-state-standards-webinars.cfm

Consideration of Cheerleading as a Sport
• Currently under upper management review at SED.

Coaching Course Providers
• Make sure our certificates are updated. Check with Darryl Daily, Associate in Physical Education if a new template is needed.

Disability Student Waiver for Senior Athletic Competition
• An amendment was made to Section 135.4©(7)(ii)(d) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to eliminating the one additional season restriction by allowing students with disabilities to participate in a non-contact sport for one or more additional seasons if they meet all of the specified criteria for the waiver.

Other
• Executive Director Robert Zayas wanted the State Education Department to be aware there is a push from the NYS Athletic Administrators Association to begin looking on streamlining the coaching certification process in New York State. New York has one of the most restrictive coaching certification programs in the country. The NYSPHSAA staff will also be working with the NYSSAA on this important issue.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Championship Advisory Committee. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.
• The committee met on Tuesday, January 14, 2014.
• The Boys Basketball Committee requested the CAC to look at awarding a regional plaque to the regional runner-up. The CAC was not in favor and recommended it be taken back to the Sections for discussion and then be put on the agenda of a future CAC meeting.
• The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2014 via conference call.

Handbook Committee. Executive Director Robert Zayas presented the report.
• The committee has not met since the October 24, 2013 Executive Committee meeting.
• The next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2014.

Officials Coordinating Federation. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.
• The OCF met on Friday, October 25, 2013.
• After 40 years as Chairman of the OCF, Paul Weatherup has stepped down.
• Jan O’Shea announced her resignation as Recording Secretary.
• Bob thanked Paul and Jan for their years of dedicated service to the OCF.
• New Officers of the OCF are: Chairman-Dennis Burkett; Vice Chairman-Louis Pettinelli, Recording Secretary-Lou Stellato.
• There will be a Fact Finding Hearing between Section 6 and Section 6 Officials on Friday, March 28, 2014 at 10AM in the NYSPHSAA office.
• The next meeting of the OCF is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 9:00AM via conference call.

GENERAL ACTION ITEMS

A motion to approve to no longer have a print edition of the NYSPHSAA Handbook beginning with the 2014-2015 school year carried. Bergman/Veley
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 12 Yes/10 No)

2014-2015 Championship Dates and Sites
A motion to approve the 2014-2015 NYSPHSAA Championship Dates and Sites carried. Harrica/Staves

2014-2015 School Enrollment Numbers
A motion to approve the 2014-2015 school enrollment numbers for NYSPHSAA member schools with the addition of The Stony Brook School (Section 11) with an enrollment of 199 students carried. Henshaw/Harrica

Track & Field Coach Free Entry
A motion to approve permitting one Board of Education approved track & field coach per qualified athlete, free entry into the State Track & Field Championships (Indoor & Outdoor) with a limit of 6 coaches per school was tabled to the May Executive Committee meeting so that it could be reviewed by the Championship Advisory Committee. Greene/Lally

Reduction of Winter Contests
A motion to approve the following reductions in the required number of contests carried. McGuire/Henshaw
• Indoor Track & Field from 6 to 4 contests in Sections 2, 5, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
• Indoor Track & Field from 6 to 3 contests in Section 4.
• Indoor Track & Field from 6 to 2 contests in Section 7.
• Skiing from 6 to 4 contests in Sections 2 and 3.
• Skiing from 6 to 3 contests in Section 4.
Field Hockey 2014 Championship Site Location
A motion to approve Maine-Endwell High School (4) as the site for the 2014 Field Hockey State Championships carried. 

Boys Soccer 2015-2017 Championship Site Location
A motion to approve Middletown High School (9) as the site of the 2015-2017 Boys Soccer State Championships carried. 

Sport Coordinators
A motion to approve the reappointments of Chuck Wiltse, Boys Cross Country State Coordinator, Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming and Diving State Coordinator and Jamie Harter, Girls Golf State Coordinator to another 5 year term, effective September 1, 2014 to August 31, 2019 carried. 

Friend and Neighbor
A motion to approve Elmira Christian Academy (4), 235 E. Miller Street, Elmira, NY 14904, Grades 7-12 for Friend and Neighbor status carried. 

Lacrosse Balls
A motion to approve the following: “If during the course of a game there are no NOCSAE standard balls available, the game shall be recorded as a forfeit against the home team in boys lacrosse.” was defeated. 

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

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

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Dundee & Bradford       Baseball
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Campbell-Savona & Bradford Wrestling
Marion & Williamson     Winter Cheerleading
C.G. Finney & Northstar Christian Football
York & Pavilion         Wrestling
LeRoy & Byron-Bergen    B. Swimming
Notre Dame & Attica     Ice Hockey
Romulus & Mynderse      G. Lacrosse
Williamson & Marion     Wrestling
Genesee Valley & Cuba-Rushford B. Swimming
Robert Brown HS & STEM HS B/G Basketball
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North East HS & North West HS B. Basketball
                                    Bowling
Vanguard HS & Integrated Arts HS B/G Basketball
Dr. Freddie Thomas HS, Franklin HS & Jefferson HS B. Basketball
Wilson HS & School w/o Walls HS B. Basketball
School of the Arts, North East/North West HS & School w/o Walls G. Basketball
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9  Highland & Marlboro B/G Bowling (V)
Liberty, Fallsburg & Eldred Wrestling (V, Mod.)
The Family School & Hancock G. Basketball
Rondout Valley & Ellenville Wrestling (Mod.)

10 Edwards-Knox, Hermon-DeKalb, Norwood-Norfolk, Potsdam Wrestling (V, Mod.)
   & Canton
Madrid, Ogdensburg, Morristown & Canton G. Ice Hockey (V)
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**Senior All-Star Contests**

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

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The following combining school teams have been approved by the respective leagues and sections for the 2014-2015 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)
Girls Modified Lacrosse. Assistant Director Todd Nelson

In October 2013, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the recommendation that modified lacrosse use the U15 checking rule. After the approval was made, the NYSPHSAA office and Modified Committee were informed that US Lacrosse rules state in order to play by the U15 checking rules at the modified level, there must be two officials working the game and one of the officials must be locally rated by the official’s organization. If these requirements were not met, the U13 checking rules must be used during the game which is the rules we have already been following. He reminded all Sections that they have the opportunity to be more restrictive and can choose to strictly follow the U13 checking rules. The Girls Lacrosse Committee has recommended that the US Lacrosse rules be followed at written. The Modified Committee was informed of this and if they had any concerns, were to express them to the Executive Director and/or Executive Committee members.

Interpretation of the NCAA Volleyball rule pertaining to expulsion. Executive Director Robert Zayas

For clarification and interpretation of expulsion, Rule #6 of the NCAA Volleyball Rules states the difference between Expulsion and Disqualification. In an expulsion, a player may remain on the bench if expelled from a set and is not disqualified. A disqualification could result if there is a second expulsion or the infraction results in a disqualification. Then the player must leave the playing and spectator areas for the remainder of the match. Rule #6 of the NCAA Volleyball Rules was included in the meeting packet.

The use of NFHS rules for all sports. Section VII October 2014 EC Meeting Sectional Concerns: A question was asked at the October 2013 Executive Committee meeting why all our sports don’t follow NFHS rules. NFHS rules are high school rules; we should be following high school rules. Sports that do not follow NFHS rules are girls and boys volleyball (use NCAA rules), girls basketball (use NCAA rules), softball (use ASA rules) and girls gymnastics (use USAG rules). Sport Coordinators for those sports provided the history and reasons why their sports do not wish to utilize NFHS rules. Action will be taken at the May 2, 2014 Executive Committee meeting to adopt NFHS rules for all sports or to continue with the use of other rules in certain sports.

NCAA shot clock to 35 seconds in girls’ basketball. Section VII October 2014 EC Meeting Sectional Concerns:
At the October 2013 Executive Committee meeting, Section 7 voiced a concern with changing the 30 second shot clock rule to 35 seconds in girls basketball. They felt there should be consistency in the shot clock rule between boys and girls basketball. NFHS rules do not have a shot clock rule but the boys basketball committee has waived that to use a shot clock. Bob Stulmaker will follow up with both sport coordinators. Action will be taken at the May 2, 2014 Executive Committee meeting.

**Golf Practice Round.** Executive Director Robert Zayas for the Boys Golf Committee:
The boys golf committee will be presenting a proposal for action at the May 2, 2014 Executive Committee meeting that would allow coaches to play in the practice round of the boys golf championships at their own expense in a supervisory capacity. The coaches would play in groups during the practice round at no expense to the Association or Section. They would be on the course in a supervisory capacity. The current rule states coaches are limited to be on the course in a supervisory and coaching capacity.

**REPORTS FROM CONSULTANTS**

**NYS Athletic Administrators Association.** Pete Shambo, President
- The 2014 NYSAAA Athletic Directors Conference is scheduled for March 12-14, 2014 at the Saratoga Hilton and Conference Center. Highlighting the conference is Paul Kreider, (retired) from Hershey Foods Corp. and Bill Curry, currently from Florida. Both will speak on leadership skills and overcoming adversity. Dr. Greg Shelly of Ithaca College will be the guest speaker for the Leadership Breakfast.
- Six Leadership Training Courses will be offered along with twenty breakout courses and classes.
- The first NYSAAA Hall of Fame induction will take place this year with ten members being inducted.
- As of January 28th, their membership consisted of 618 Athletic Administrators out of a possible 777. Once again they have received an NIAAA commendation for surpassing the 70% membership marks.
- Announced the three state award winners this year: State Award of Merit – Bill Bryant; Otis Sennett Award of Excellence – Chris Rozek; Dr. Jack Foley Award – Steven Young.
- Congratulated Pat Pizzarelli, CAA, on receiving the NFHS Citation and Robert Brown, CMAA, on receiving the NIAAA Distinguished Service Award at the NIAAA/NFHS annual conference in California in December.
- Announced the summer summit for Section 1 will be held June 29-July 2, 2014 in Brewster, MA. Fourteen Leadership Training Courses will be offered.
- Thanked Leam Frawley and Robert Zayas for taking the lead to study streamlining the current coaching certification process to be more like the National Federation process.
- He stated certifying Athletic Administrators will be a future topic to be studied.
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Adding a third official in Boys Lacrosse.

- Tim Mullins from Section 11 inquired as to what other Sections were doing regarding the new Boys Lacrosse recommendation about adding a third official. Robert replied that this was simply a recommendation in the NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rulebook, not a mandate. Sections were polled as to what they will do:

  - Section 1: Will not add – not enough officials – too much money
  - Section 2: Will not add – not enough officials – too much money
  - Section 3: Up to schools
  - Section 4: Up to schools
  - Section 6: Currently utilize 3 officials in all Boys Varsity Lacrosse games. (part of their officials agreement)
  - Section 7: Do not have Lacrosse
  - Section 8: Up to the discretion of the home school, but many are adding the third official to their contests.
  - Section 9: Will not be doing
  - Section 10: No change until Sectional playoffs – remain 2 officials on the field during the regular season play
  - Section 11: Up to schools

Mergers

- Section 1 requested receiving a report for the Central Committee meeting on the impact of the new mergers calculation that went into effect. Robert stated the committee met on January 8th and reported seeing an increase in mergers. They are scheduled to meet again during the NYSAAA conference to continue discussion. The committee is in favor of keeping the 2-year pilot program in place for the 2014-2015 school year and will be prepared to make a recommendation on any revision to the graduated scale or any other aspect of the combining of schools. A report will be provided at the May 2nd Executive Committee meeting.

A motion to approve the adjournment of the January 2014 Executive Committee meeting on Friday, January 31, 2014 at 12:30PM carried. Harrica/Velely

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Zayas
Executive Director

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