### New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.

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### SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
May 6-7, 2011 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Holiday Inn, Liverpool

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. **P4**  
   Approved January 2011 Executive Committee minutes.

2. **P4**  
   Approved going paperless for all NYSPHSAA meetings beginning with the fall of 2011.

3. **P5**  
   Approved Executive Director Nina Van Eer to notify the Commissioner of Education of our concerns with the PSAL so the Department of Education may take the appropriate action against the PSAL for their disregard of the regulations.

4. **P5**  
   Approved conducting the Participation Survey of our member schools on a yearly basis.

5. **P6**  
   Approved Girls Swimming & Diving State Championships will be held at Erie Community College, Buffalo; Football East Semi-Finals will be held at Dietz Stadium, Kingston; Football West Semi-Finals will be held at Marina Auto Stadium, Rochester (pending completion of locker rooms); and the Boys Volleyball Regionals will be held at Canastota High School (3).

6. **P6**  
   Approved Section participation in the 2011-2012 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, #5.

7. **P6**  
   Approved Glen Falls Civic Center (2) will host the Girls State Volleyball Championships for 2012-2014.

8. **P6**  
   Approved the appointment of Peter Bly as Girls Basketball State Coordinator effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2016.

9. **P10**  
   Approved the NYSPHSAA staff communicate and collaborate with the NYS Department of Education to incorporate cheerleading, both competitive cheer and traditional cheer, where appropriate, into Part 135.4 of the Commissioner’s Regulations.

10. **P11**  
    Approved the recommendations of the Championship Philosophy Committee to be implemented in the fall of 2011.

11. **P12**  
    Defeated Boys/Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball and Softball shall change to NFHS rules.

12. **P12**  
    Approved Section t-shirts must be worn at the Cross Country State Championships if there is no cost to the Section, school or individual.

13. **P12**  
    Approved a waiver of the NFHS rule in Ice Hockey to allow a maximum of two disqualification penalties per contest for a coach or player.

14. **P12**  
    Approved a language change in the Commitment to Compete form for the Boys and Girls Tennis State Championships.

15. **P12**  
    Approved a reduction in the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Boys Tennis in Section 5, in Baseball, Softball, Track & Field and B/G Lacrosse in Section 6, in B/G Track in Section 7 and in Girls Golf and Girls Lacrosse in Section 10.

16. **P17**  
    Approved as Friends and Neighbors: EF International Academy (1), German School of New York (1), Horace Mann School (1), Rippowam Cisqua School (1), School of the Holy Child (1), Rochester School for the Deaf (5).

17. **P18**  
    Approved the 2011-2012 budget.

18. **P18**  
    Approved with Sectional/League approval, the service line in Modified Boys’ and Girls’ Volleyball may be moved up into the court, at a distance not to exceed two meters from the
19. P18  Approved an editorial change to the Modified Extended Playing Time Rule.
20. P19  Approved an editorial change regarding Wrestling weight classes to the Modified Wrestling Game Rule #1 (Program 1), sentence 3.
21. P19  Approved with Sectional/League approval, the pitching distance may be established at 40’ or 43’ in Modified Softball.
22. P19  Approved the requirement of the goalie helmet in Boys’ and Girls’ Modified Soccer will be eliminated.
23. P19  Approved the 2010-2011 Officials Fees and Policies be extended for the 2011-2012 school year.
24. P19  Approved in Girls Soccer that a standby official be used in the State Semi-finals and Finals for one year.
25. P19  Defeated in Girls Lacrosse that a 4th official (table official) be used at the State Semi-finals and Finals for Spring 2011.
26. P19  Approved in Field Hockey, a five (5) year Regional rotation and the first game of the State Finals, which will now be played on a Sunday, begin at 10:00AM.
27. P19  Approved in Wrestling, Step Two of the appeal process (hydrostatic testing) will be eliminated from the program beginning with the 2011-2012 season.
28. P20  Approved the revised draft of the Concussion Management Model School Policy based on the recommendations made by the NYS School Boards Association.
29. P21  Approved additional language to PENALTIES-Individual Sports “c” on page 100 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook.
30. P21  Approved a language change to the Foreign Exchange and International Students rule.
31. P21  Approved Thad Lawrence to serve as co-chair of the Life of an Athlete Committee.
32. P22  Approved to enter into Executive Session on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 8:02AM.
33. P22  Approved to end the Executive Session at 9:13AM and resume the Executive Committee meeting.
34. P22  Approved the Association desires to confer a private pension on Ms. Van Erk that would provide her with a pension benefit in an amount that would bring her total retirement benefits to an amount equivalent to what she would have achieved had she remained in the Teachers Retirement System.
35. P22  Approved authorizing the President to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to examine the determination of the amount of the private pension, and to determine whether Ms. Van Erk’s compensation, including the private pension, is reasonable compensation for the services she provided, in a manner that complies with the rebuttal presumption requirement set forth by the IRS.
NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Holiday Inn, Liverpool
May 6-7, 2011

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Mark Ward at 1:30PM on May 6, 2011. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced and welcomed Kevin O’Reilly, the new President of the NYSAAA. A moment of silence was held for Frank Pizzarelli, father of Past President Patrick Pizzarelli who passed away. Executive Director Nina VanErk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance.

Officers & Staff
President Mark Ward
First Vice President Eileen Troy
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Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Assistant Director Joe Altiere (Friday)
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Counsel Renee James
Dir. Of Government Relations Kevin Banes (Friday)
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents
Patrick Calnon
Kathryn Faber (Friday)
Karen Lopez
Dean Veenhof (Friday)

Section Representatives
Section 1: Jennifer Simmons (proxy for Scott Mosenthal), Karen Peterson
Section 2: Elizabeth Hemstead, Glenn Westfall
Section 3: John Rathbun (proxy for Michael Carboine-Friday), Barbara Felice, Mike Carboine (Saturday)
Section 4: Ed Redmond, Julie Maney
Section 5: Dennis O’Brien, Kim Henshaw
Section 6: Don Scholla, Cindy Bullis
Section 7: Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry
Section 8: Dominick Vulpis, Laura Ortiselle
Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe
Section 10: Lori Brewer, Paul Harrica
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

Ex-Officio & Consultants
Robbie Greene, Handbook Committee Coordinator
Patti Murphy-Life of an Athlete Co-Coordinator (Friday)
Bruce Quimby, Cheerleading Committee Coordinator (Friday)
James Rose-Modified Co-Coordinator
Ron Woodruff, NYS Coaches Association (Friday)
Kevin O’Reilly, President-NYSAAA

Treasurers
Roger Seward (2) (Friday)
Jim Osborne (9) (Friday)

Section Ex. Directors
Jennifer Simmons (1)
Doug Kenyon (2) (Friday)
John Rathbun (3)
Ben Nelson (4)
Ed Stores (5)
Timm Slade (6)
Karen Lopez (7)
Todd Heimer (8)
Carl Normandin (10) (Friday)
Ed Cinelli (11)
Guests
Greg Ransom (Friday)
Thad Lawrence (3)

Sport Coordinators
Patrick Ryan, G. Swimming Asst. State Coord.
Judy Hartman, B. Volleyball State Coordinator (Friday)
Patti Perone, G. Volleyball State Coordinator (Friday)
Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator (Friday)
Chuck Wiltse, B. Cross Country State Coordinator (Friday)
Terry Palmer, Softball (4) (Friday)
Sue Pernick, G. Volleyball (6) (Friday)
Brad Hammer, Wrestling (3) (Friday)
Larry Stockwell, G. Basketball (3) (Friday)

A motion to approve the January 2011 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried.

Harrica/Nickerson

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Mark Ward welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reported on his attendance at the following state championships: boys and girls indoor track, wrestling, ice hockey, and the boys and girls basketball state championships as well as the Federation championships. He thanked and congratulated the winter sports coordinators and committees on how well their state championships were run. He reported he sent congratulatory letters to all the fall and winter state champions.

1st Vice President Eileen Troy reported on her attendance at the wrestling state championship and the girls’ basketball state and Federation championship events. She thanked the winter sport coordinators for all they do for the student athletes in New York State. She also thanked the Section Executive Directors and the Association staff and office staff for their commitment to the Association.

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

- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame** - The 2011 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame will be inducted at the August Central Committee meeting at High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid (Section VI). The six inductees are Dr. Ron Black (administrator), Gary Clark (coach), Joe Cuozzo (coach), Jay Fiedler (athlete), Lou Pettinelli (official) and Stacey Schroeder-Watt (athlete).

- **Going Green** – Beginning with the fall of 2011, Executive Director Van Erk would like to go paperless for all NYSPHSAA meetings. Reports and meeting materials will be sent electronically to representatives in advance of the meetings. Individuals will have the option of printing out the materials. This recommendation is not only good for the environment but will result in reduced costs and staff time.

A motion to approve going paperless for all NYSPHSAA meetings beginning with the fall of 2011 carried.

Carboine/Oticelle

- **Concern Regarding the PSAL** – During the NYS Federation Tournament of Champions weekend, it was brought to Executive Director Van Erk’s attention that two basketball teams from the PSAL (one boys and one girls) were planning on participating in the ESPN Rise National High School Invitational. This is an unsanctioned national event and was not “conducted by secondary school authorities” which is in conflict with Commissioner’s Regulations. The invitational was also held outside of the 22 week period permitted for basketball by the Commissioner of Education. The NYSPHSAA has no direct jurisdiction over the PSAL, however, the NYSPHSAA does act on their behalf, as the sanctioning agent for tournaments and contests that require NFHS sanctioning. The sanctioning process requires the NYSPHSAA to limit our “approval” to schools that are members in good standing. The PSAL’s
involvement in this tournament may jeopardize our ability to sanction their events in the future. Members of the NYS Federation of High School Athletic Associations have shared their concerns and displeasure. The PSAL decision erodes the core mission of the interscholastic athletic program by permitting school teams to participate in non-school based events. Having such radical differences in standards from one association to another is not productive. To help resolve this issue, permission is being requested to notify the Commission of Education with our concerns so the Department of Education may take the appropriate action against the PSAL for their disregard of the regulations.

A motion to have Executive Director Van Erk notify the Commissioner of Education regarding our concerns with the PSAL so the Department of Education may take the appropriate action against the PSAL for their disregard of the regulations carried.

- Participation Survey – The Participation Survey is a valuable tool for our sport committees and the Association. The survey is done on a bi-annual basis but due to the importance of this data, permission is being requested to survey our member schools on a yearly basis.

A motion to approve conducting the Participation Survey of our member schools on a yearly basis carried.

- Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops – The 2011-2012 schedule is nearly complete for the mandatory workshop. Sections will have the opportunity to select key eligibility topics to be reviewed at their workshop. The schedule to date is: August 29 – Section 6 @ Erie 1 BOCES; August 30 – Section 5 @ Honeoye-Falls Lima High School; September 13 – Section 7 @ Olympic Training Center; September 14 – Section 10 @ Cheel Arena; September 26 – Section 8 @ Robert E. Lupinski Center; September 27 – Section 11 @ Holbrook Golf Club; September 29 – Section 4 @ TBA; October 3 – Section 1 @ TBA; October 4 – Section 9 @ Wallkill High School; October 12 – Section 2 @ Van Patten Golf Club; October 13 – Section 3 @ Rusty’s Rail and October 20 – NYSPHSAA office. The meeting dates will be available on our website.

- Football Helmets – The National Athletic Equipment Reconditioners Association (NAERA) has announced, effective September 1, 2011, NAERA members will not recondition/recertify any football helmet 10 years of age or older. A press release from NAERA was included in the meeting packets.

- Future Meetings – The following meetings are scheduled to be held in the NYSPHSAA office.
  - Transfer Committee Meeting – May 13, 2011 (Friday) – 10:00AM
  - Classification of Non Public and Charter Schools Meeting – May 24, 2011 (Tuesday) – 10:00AM

- State Passes – Two more members are still needed to assist in drafting a policy recommendation for issuing NYSPHSAA passes. Paula Nickerson and Don Scholla volunteered.

- LRG (Licensing Resource Group) – As reported in the past, this program assists schools in generating revenue from the sale of merchandise being sold in retail stores. In March, the Association sent $12,898.88 to 207 of our member schools. The Association received $1,806.03 in royalties. Schools have the option of continuing in this program by entering into a non-exclusive agreement with LRG. Officially licensed apparel will again be appearing in stores in time for “Back to School” promotional sales.


- Future Meeting Dates –
  - August 1-4, 2011 – High Peaks Resort – Lake Placid (Section 7)
  - October 23-24, 2011 – Holiday Inn-Wolf Road – Albany (Section 2)
  - January 24, 2012 – Conference Call
  - May 4-5, 2012 – Holiday Inn-Lake George (Section 2)
  - July 31-August 2, 2012 – Fort William Henry – Lake George (Section 2)
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker

State Championships/Regionals 2010-2011
- Financial summaries for the Fall and Winter season tournaments, as known to date, were included in the meeting folders.

State Championships/Regionals 2011-2012
- The updated schedule of known dates/sites for 2011-2012 was included in the meeting folders.
A motion to approve Girls Swimming & Diving will be held at Erie Community College, Buffalo (6) on November 18-19, 2011; Football East Semi-Final at Dietz Stadium, Kingston (9) on November 18-19, 2011; Football West Semi-Final at Marina Auto Stadium, Rochester (5) (pending completion of locker rooms) on November 18-19, 2011; and the Boys Volleyball Regionals at Canastota High School (3) on March 10, 2012 carried.

A motion to approve Section participation in 2011-2012 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, #5 carried.
- Future Dates/Sites projections known to date were included in the meeting folders.

A motion to approve the Glens Falls Civic Center (2) to host the Girls State Volleyball Championships for 2012-2014 carried.

State Sports Coordinators
- Announced that after 10 years of service as State Coordinator for Girls Basketball, Eileen Troy will be stepping down. He thanked her for her years of dedicated service to the student-athletes, coaches and officials.

A motion to approve the appointment of Peter Bly as Girls Basketball State Coordinator effective September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2016 carried.

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program
- The totals for the Winter 2010-2011 season were 1,954 teams from 522 schools with 21,254 participants.
- A list of the Winter State Champions and their awards presenters were included in the meeting folders.
- The Spring 2011 deadline to apply for the Scholar/Athlete Team Award is Friday, May 20, 2011.
- The School of Distinction Award applications, in order to be placed on the NYSPHSAA “Academic Honor Roll”, are to be completed following the Spring 2011 deadline and must be received no later than June 30, 2011. Award winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association
- The Federation met on January 13, 2011.
- Congratulations to Mt. Vernon High School (1) on being crowned Class AA Boys Basketball Federation Champion.
- The next meeting is May 16, 2011.

Officials Coordinating Federation
- The next scheduled meeting is October 23, 2011 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.
- The spring meeting will be held by conference call.

Community Service Challenge
- Section winners are due to the NYSPHSAA office by June 1.
- The State winner will be announced in early June and recognized at the Central Committee meeting in August.
- The six (6) students that attended last summer’s NFHS Student Leadership Conference will select the State winner using the established rubric. The Section winners will be anonymous to the students.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson
- Championship Programs – “Where Are They Now” and the photo gallery continue to grow during the first year of implementation. Any individuals that have participated in any of our past championship
tournaments are encouraged to visit our website, click on championships and then on “where are they now”. Once on this page, they can complete the short biographical information to be included in our championship programs. We are also accepting up to three pictures of past championships. They can be emailed to wherenow.nysphsaa@gmail.com. Any support the Sections can lend will be greatly appreciated by the office staff.

- **School Championship Gate List** – School championship gate lists for our Spring team championships need to be submitted two days prior to the semifinal and final games in the sports of lacrosse, baseball and softball. The championship gate list process went very smoothly during the winter season. The NYSPHSAA staff will be discussing the process with the sport coordinators and bringing a recommendation to the Central Committee in August.

- **NYSPHSAA Coaches Clinics** – The Cheerleading Coaches Clinic will be held on May 14, 2011 at RIT in Rochester, NY. On May 13, 2011, the AACCA Safety Course will be offered to all coaches interested in taking the recommended course. The Boys and Girls Soccer Coaches Clinic will be held on June 3, 2011 at the Field of Dreams in Utica, NY. Brochures for both clinics have been distributed and can be found on our website. Coaches can also register for the clinics through TicketLeap. The NYSPHSAA staff will be meeting with all of the clinic committees in June to plan for next year’s clinics. We are planning on confirming all of our locations and speakers during the summer and have brochures available to member schools and coaches at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. It is hoped the new timetable will allow coaches and athletic administrators to plan accordingly. The NYSPHSAA will continue to partner with World Wide Sport Supply next year to offer two free clinics in the sports of wrestling and volleyball. Through this partnership we have been able to offer a top quality educationally based clinic to our coaches with no registration fee. The FREE Wrestling Coaches Clinic will be held on October 29-30 at Binghamton University in Binghamton, NY. The registration form can be found on the NYSPHSAA website.

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

- **Fall and Winter Championship Programs** showed a net profit this year that was slightly higher than last year.

- **Championship Media/Broadcasting** - The Association netted $9,250 in radio and internet rights fees for the 2010 Fall and 2011 Winter championship broadcasts. We are in the second year of a three year contract with Time Warner Cable in which they receive exclusive TV rights fees and sponsorship benefits. In addition, through our webcasting efforts, live streaming of the ice hockey and boys and girls basketball finals netted approximately $3,187 for the Association, our best revenue yet.

- **Vendor/Souvenir Winter Sales** were reviewed for 2008 through 2011 showing a slight decrease which is related to lower attendance at some of the winter championships. The final figure has not been determined yet.

**Corporate Sponsorships**

- Reported sponsorships are going well. We are approaching $300,000 in annual revenue this year. Last year we eclipsed $300,000, the highest amount in our history of sponsorships.

- **Signed contracts for 2010-11** are: Platinum: American Dairy Association and Time Warner Cable; Gold: none; Silver: Eastbay and Pupil Benefits; Contributing: Holiday Inn, Worldwide Sport Supply (G. Volleyball, Wrestling), Nike, SportzVentures, Albany Broadcasting, Hilton, Crowne Plaza, Celox, Chertow, Navy, Esther Canizzo Foundation (golf this spring) and Nagle Athletic Surfaces (outdoor track this spring).

- **American Cancer Society** – At the NYSAAA conference, we began distribution of cancer ribbon decals to athletic directors to be placed on helmets in the sports of baseball, softball, lacrosse, football and ice hockey. Over 200 schools have received decals for this voluntary program. The American Cancer Society paid for the mailing expense for those decals mailed to schools with these sports.

- **CSEA/NYSPHSAA Excelsior Award** – This is the second year of the award sponsored by NYSPHSAA and
CSEA. The award is intended for non-coaching individuals who have made significant contributions to their school’s athletic programs. The 2010 winner was Judy Young from Section V. Applications for the 2011 Excelsior Award are now available online. He encouraged schools to apply soon as the deadline is July 1st.

Online Ticket Sales - Winter
- The Association sold 455 online tickets in the winter which generated an extra $455 on top of standard ticket sales for tournaments, thanks to the approval of a $1 convenience fee for online sales. This was approximately double the revenue and sales from last year. Boys swimming led all winter sports with 213 tickets sold. The fall and winter total is now 1,781 online tickets sold.

Public Relations/Marketing
- Press releases were distributed statewide for clinics, spring championships and the 2011 Hall of Fame induction (copy enclosed in the meeting folders).
- Marketing - Television campaigns were executed for the sports of wrestling and boys’ basketball. Radio campaigns were executed for the sports of wrestling, boys’ basketball, girls’ basketball and ice hockey. This spring radio campaigns for baseball and softball will be conducted in their respective championship communities. Our intern also successfully conducted a poster campaign in the communities of Utica for our ice hockey championships and Ithaca for our track and field championships.
- Video Projects – in an effort to enhance championships and the Association’s image, three video projects have been completed since December. Thanks to Time Warner Cable’s partnership, these were produced without any expense to us. An updated and revised 30 second NYSPHSAA public service announcement to run statewide on TV is now running in Albany. Distribution of the new PSA is planned to be sent to various markets across the state during the summer. A 60 second pre-game video montage of the football championships with highlights from the previous year was shown at the football championships prior to kick-off. A 60 second wrestling finals ceremony highlight video montage was shown prior to the wrestling finals.

Spring Intern
- Ms. Jena Prentice, a UAlbany junior studying marketing, has completed her full time spring semester internship at the Association. He thanked her for her outstanding work while interning with us. Jena handled records research, sports schedules, sponsor and advertising fulfillment for the Federation basketball tournament and an array of marketing duties including a successful poster campaign for several championships.

Treasurer Kathy Higle reviewed the report highlighting the following:
- Revenues are up due to investment income continuing to improve and additional sponsorships that were obtained.
- Decrease in annual membership fees revenue is due to declining enrollment.

Counselor Renee James
- Reported on an OCR complaint of discrimination on the basis of sex where a male field hockey player had to wear the field hockey uniform which included a skirt. An early complaint resolution was entered where the school will apply for a waiver of the uniform rule. She stated that if this issue comes up again in the future, there is a procedure to follow and to check with Nina.
- Reported we are being sued by an official because he was removed from the official organization of which he was a member. He claimed the Association didn’t do anything to help him. As he is pro se, we have to go through the legal procedure. We will have to file a motion to dismiss.
- She reported on Immaculate Heart Central’s (3) lawsuit which involves their classification as a non-public school and the moving up of their football team. A motion to dismiss was argued on Friday, April 29th. The judge reserved decision on it. She stated a case very similar to this one was brought to the same federal court five years ago by the same law firm but involved a different sport and different
school in the same section. The judge threw that case out. She stated if this suit is moved forward, it would be the perfect case to invoke the clause in our Handbook requiring restitution of attorney fees when we are successful in legal action.

- Reported on an appeal pending before the Commissioner of Education regarding a student with a disability who is requesting a fifth year of eligibility. The Commissioner granted a stay in early December that allowed the student to play basketball. A decision still has not been made.
- Reported members of the Central Committee will be receiving a letter from an attorney from the Ward Greenburg law firm in Rochester stating they are challenging the change in the academic hardship waiver of the transfer rule which allows a student to take three courses that aren’t offered in their school but have to be courses that can be taught in public school. They state this violates the First Amendment and religious freedom. The Transfer Committee will be reviewing this at their meeting on May 13, 2011.
- Reported on a recommendation made to the OCF at their meeting on May 1, 2011 to replace the four person arbitration panel with a panel that consists of one member from the Association, one member from the officials association and the third person an arbiter from the New York Arbitration Association. The current four person arbitration panel consists of two members from the Association and two members from the officials association. It was felt that in a four person panel, there was no place to go in case of a deadlock decision. It was also recommended whoever files the request to go to arbitration will pay the $200 filing fee plus any filing fee required by the American Arbitration Association. The current officials’ contract expires in June 2012. This would be an amendment to that contract.

**Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes**

- Gave an update on the State budget and issues member schools will be dealing with for the remainder of the legislative session.
- Reported on the $1.3 billion reduction in State Aid to schools.
- Reported another major issue being discussed by the governor is a property tax cap. He will be monitoring it as it moves forward.
- Reported on the two issues he and Nina have been working on with legislators.
  - **Concussion Management** – We have received major support from Senator Kemp Hannon (Nassau County). He took leadership on a bill with the Association’s consultation and drafted legislation on concussion management. Included in the legislation was the creation of a Task Force that the Association would be part of to provide guidance for concussion management to the Department of Education and Department of Health. Currently there is no Assembly sponsor but he’s been assured by Senator Hannon’s counsel and Senator Hannon that they are talking to the Assembly at the leadership level and are working on specific language that they are at odds over. They are getting positive feedback from Senator Kemp Hannon’s office who says this is a major priority. He will keep us informed.
  - **MRSA** – Some wrestling coaches from Long Island met with Senator Lee Zeldin to discuss MRSA. He and Nina followed up with a meeting with Senator Zeldin and Assemblyman Steve Englebright (Suffolk County) to discuss legislation that would minimize the risk of MRSA in wrestling. He stated they are in the very early stages of negotiations but they are coming to an agreement for a uniform policy across the state for baseline guidelines to handle all skin infections.

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

**Cheerleading** – Bruce Quimby, Chairperson, presented the report.

- Thanked all the committee members for their participation, Todd Nelson, chair of the sub-committee and Nina for her leadership and organizational skills.
- Stated the purpose of the committee was to study cheerleading to determine if sport status should be recommended.
• Reported the committee met seven times during the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years.
• Reported a sub-committee made up of Sections that had competitive cheer was created to look at issues the Cheerleading Committee was struggling with and to define the standards for competitive cheer.
• Reported the following recommendations have been made by the Cheerleading Committee:
  • **Traditional Cheer** – The committee recommends that schools and cheerleading squads not lose sight of the initial purpose and mission of traditional cheerleading. Traditional cheerleading squads have important roles and are responsible to foster school spirit, promote positive sportsmanship and work with the local community through community service projects. Member schools are encouraged to maintain a balance between competitive cheerleading and traditional cheerleading.
  • **Competitive Cheer** – The committee has acknowledged the evolution of cheerleading over the last two decades. Recognizing the athleticism involved in competitive cheer, the committee recommends to the NYSPHSAA and NYSED that Competitive Cheer be recognized as a sport.
  • **Coaching Requirements** – The committee had made the following recommendation to the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee at their December 2010 meeting: All coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) shall be required to complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for Coaches, CPR and the AACC Safety Course. The Executive Committee approved the following: Beginning in 2011-2012, the NYSPHSAA recommends all coaches/advisors of Cheer (sideline, spirit, competitive) complete the following courses prior to coaching: First Aid for Coaches, CPR and the AACC Safety Course.
  • **Cheerleading By-Laws and Eligibility Standards** – The committee recommends that By-Laws and Eligibility Standards be established for Cheerleading. The existing NYSPHSAA By-Laws and Eligibility Standards, as outlined in the 2010-2012 NYSPHSAA Handbook would be used for cheerleading. Cheerleading would be further defined by additional criteria.
  • **Competitive Cheer Sport Standards** – The committee recommends that Sport Standards be established for Competitive Cheer and that Competitive Cheer would be further defined by additional criteria.

A **motion to approve** the NYSPHSAA staff communicate and collaborate with the New York State Department of Education to incorporate cheerleading, both competitive cheer and traditional cheer, where appropriate, into Part 135.4 of the Commissioner’s Regulations **carried**. 

Harrica/Greene
(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 no. 14 Yes/8 No)

• President Ward commended Bruce for a job well done.
• Todd Nelson presented a power point presentation on different cheerleading competitions and venues he recently attended.

**Championship Philosophy Committee** – Karen Lopez and Doug Kenyon, co-chair.
• A draft of the Championship Philosophy Committee report was included in the meeting folders.
• Reviewed the charge of the committee which was to review and, if needed, revise the current philosophy and guidelines of the NYSPHSAA championship events.
• Reviewed through a Power Point presentation the recommendations made by the committee. The recommendations are:
  • **Philosophy Statement** – The committee supports the current philosophy statement as written with the following addition, “NYSPHSAA will sponsor Championships that represent excellence achieved in each sport.”
• **Quality vs. Quantity** — NYSPHSAA will sponsor Championships that represent excellence achieved in each sport. The percentage of opportunities for athletes to compete in NYSPHSAA Championships should fall within a designated range of 5% to 8% for all sports. Percentages will be calculated using the number of varsity athletes participating in the sport and the number of competitors in the championship event.

• **Representation** — Each Section would be permitted to qualify a minimum of one representative for all NYSPHSAA Championship events. In designated sports, additional At-Large competitors will be selected to complete the tournament structure. NOTE: For combined NYSPHSAA Championships and NYS Federation Championship events, a minimum of one representative from the PSAL, CHSAA and AIS will be permitted to qualify with additional At-Large opportunities to be determined by NYSPHSAA.

• **At-Large Competitors** — For designated individual sports, a cap will be established to limit the number of At-Large NYSPHSAA competitors participating in championship events. To be considered for an At-Large position, an athlete must meet the minimum qualifying standard recommended by the Sport Committee and approved by the Executive/Central Committee. NOTE: For combined NYSPHSAA Championships and NYS Federation Championship events, the sport committee will recommend to the Executive Committee the number of At-Large opportunities for the PSAL, CHSAA or AIS.

• **Qualifying Process** — A uniform process will be established to bring state-wide consistency across all sections for the purpose of qualifying athletes for NYSPHSAA Championship events.

• **Gender Equity** — Every effort should be made to provide for equitable participation opportunities in NYSPHSAA Championships when the sport is similar or the same. (Example: soccer, track and field and baseball/softball)

• **Championship Categories** — NYSPHSAA Championship events will continue to be contested in one of 3 categories: Team, Individual or Combination Team/Individual.

• **Classes and Divisions** — NUMBER OF CLASSES AND DIVISIONS — A formula will be used to identify the maximum number of championship classes or divisions allowed. The formula will be based on the number of varsity programs sponsored by NYSPHSAA member schools in a sport. NUMBER OF SCHOOLS WITHIN THE CLASSES AND DIVISIONS — The BEDS numbers will be used to designate classification, striving for a statewide balance in each class and division.

• **Definitions:**
  - Team Sport Championships — competition between intact school teams.
  - Individual Sport Championships — competition between individuals representing their section.
  - Combination Team/Individual Sport Championships — competition consisting of both school teams and individuals representing their section.

A motion to approve the recommendations of the Championship Philosophy Committee to be implemented in the fall of 2011 carried.  

- Doug and Karen thanked the committee for their great work and outstanding input. They thanked Nina, Bob and Todd for putting together statistics for the report and also sport coordinators and committees for their help.

**Strategic Planning Committee** — Steve Broadwell, 2nd Vice President

- The next meeting of the committee is on Thursday, May 12 via conference call.
- The committee is looking at a 5-year Strategic Plan that will go through 2016.
- The committee is hoping to present the final report at the August 2011 Central Committee meeting.
SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS

- **NCAA/ASA Rules or NFHS Rules** – Eileen Troy, Girls Basketball State Coordinator, Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, Patti Perone, Girls Volleyball State Coordinator and Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator presented their sport committees recommendations for keeping their rules as they currently exist. A motion that Boys/Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball and Softball shall change to NFHS rules was defeated.

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 1 yes/1 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 17 No/5 Yes)

- **Cross Country** – Chuck Wiltse, Boys Cross Country State Coordinator, presented the Boys and Girls Cross Country Committees’ proposal of wearing Section t-shirts at the State Championships. A motion to approve Section t-shirts must be worn at the Cross Country State Championships if there is no cost to the Section, school or individual carried.

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 14 Yes/8 No)

- **Ice Hockey** – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the committee’s proposal. A motion to approve a waiver of the NFHS rule in Ice Hockey to allow a maximum of two disqualification penalties per contest for a coach or player carried.

- **Boys and Girls Tennis** – Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the committees’ proposal for a change in language to the Commitment to Compete form used for their State Championship. A motion to approve the following language change in the Commitment to Compete form for the Boys and Girls Tennis State Championship carried.

“A failure to honor your commitment to complete the tournament for reasons other than injury or illness will result in forfeiture from the tournament and ineligibility from next year’s NYSPHSAA State Tennis Tournament. This incident will also be reported to the student’s school administration.”

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

Section 1 voiced a concern with why weren’t the original courses included that other coaches have to take for their certification in the certification of cheerleading coaches in the TEACH system.

Section 6 requested a clarification of the volleyball linesperson waiver. They inquired if used, does it need to be Section wide. They also inquired why in other sports, the use of a waiver is decided by the Section or the League. Nina responded that it depends on the order of the motion for the use of a waiver was presented for a vote by the Executive/Central Committee.

Section 7 would like the Ice Hockey State Committee to look at Regionals being held at neutral sites. They also voiced a concern with the classification of non-public schools, especially at the Class D level.

A motion to approve reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 4 in Boys Tennis in Section 5, in Baseball, Softball, Track & Field and B/G Lacrosse in Section 6, in B/G Track in Section 7 and in Girls Golf and Girls Lacrosse in Section 10 to be eligible for sectional or state competition carried.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2011-2012 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Saxton & S. Ocean

- B/G Cross Country (Mod.)
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Half Hollow Hills East & Half Hollow Hills West

- G. Cross Country (V)
- G. Gymnastics (V)
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- B/G Fencing (V)
- B/G Badminton (V)
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Half Hollow Hills West & Half Hollow Hills East

Greenport, Southold, Shelter Island

Saxton, S. Ocean & Oregon

East Hampton, Bridgehampton & Pierson

Greenport, Southold, Mattituck & Shelter Island

East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson, Springs & Montauk

Center Moriches & East Moriches

Greenport & Southold

Newfield & Centereach
North Babylon & Deer Park
Sachem East & Sachem North
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Ross & Shelter Island
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Sayville & Bayport
Deer Park & North Babylon
Smithtown West & Smithtown East
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East Hampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson & Southampton
Beach & Udall
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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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**FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

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

Harrica/Hemstead

**Section 1**

EF International Academy  
100 Marymount Avenue  
Tarrytown, NY 10591  
Grades 9-12

**Section 1**

German School of New York  
50 Partridge Road  
White Plains, NY 10605  
Grades 7-8

**Section 1**

Horace Mann School  
231 West 246th Street  
Bronx, NY 10471  
Grades 7-12

**Section 1**

Rippowam Cisqua School  
439 Cantitoe Street  
Bedford, NY 10506  
Grades 7-9

**Section 1**

School of the Holy Child  
2225 Westchester Avenue  
Rye, NY 10580  
Grades 7-12

**Section 5**

Rochester School for the Deaf  
1545 St. Paul Street  
Rochester, NY 14621  
Grades 7-12
ORAL AND/OR PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES

Fiscal Planning Committee. 1st Vice President Eileen Troy, Chairperson, reviewed the minutes of their March 19, 2011 meeting highlighting the following:

Discussion and Review
- She led a discussion to review the purpose and function of the committee. Originally, the Surplus Committee was responsible for the recommendation made to share a portion of the existing surplus to the member schools and Sections. The committee evolved into the Budget and Finance Committee who was responsible for making recommendations for the long term fiscal health of the Association. The committee title was misleading as the committee was never responsible for the development of the budget. After a great deal of discussion, it was determined to re-name the committee to the Long Range Fiscal Planning Committee. President Ward appointed the First Vice President to chair the committee.

Cost Saving Suggestions
- Nina shared with the committee a list of cost saving measures that was developed by the staff for the NYSCOSS Athletics Committee. It was felt it was a good start but would have little effect on the small rural schools.

NYSPHSAA Dues
- The committee fully debated the topic of a dues increase. The student population is declining, thus affecting the overall annual dues revenue. The committee recommends that there should be a minimum dues increase of $30 and $.03 per student for the 2012-2013 school year. The committee also discussed seeking approval for a multiple year dues increase in the future. A Power Point presentation on the need for increasing dues will be given at the August Central Committee meeting.

Potential Revenue at Championships
- The committee discussed the need to increase revenue at our championship events. They felt Joe Altieri was doing a good job with generating sponsorships for our events and hoped he would be able to tap into larger sponsorship arrangements in the future. The revenue from the sale of t-shirts at our championships has increased due to the bidding process. The committee suggested Bob Stulmaker review championship budgets carefully to reduce expenditures wherever possible. The committee also discussed the new gate list procedures and felt the list provided for too many free admissions.

Grant Availability
- The committee suggested looking into available grants to fund specific projects and the Association. Dawn Field will forward information she has to Nina for her review and follow-up.

Budget. 1st Vice President Eileen Troy presented the proposed 2011-2012 budget and highlighted the following:
- Increase in revenues was due to a $30 and $.03 per student increase in our annual membership fee and an increase in our sponsorship revenue.
- Expenditures were down due to a reduction in the cost of Scholar Athlete pins, no new Ad hoc committees being formed and our publication, Scholaristic Athletics, being printed two times a year instead of the current three times a year.

A motion to approve the 2011-2012 budget carried. Harrica/Carboine

Modified Committee. Jim Rose, Co-Coordinator presented the report.
A motion to approve with Sectional/League approval, the service line in Modified Boys’ and Girls’ Volleyball may be moved up into the court, at a distance not to exceed two meters from the regulation service line carried. Scholla/Nickerson
A motion to approve an editorial change to the modified Extended Playing Time Rule (NYSPHSAA Handbook, page 131, beneath chart) as follows carried. Harrica/Greene
“In boys’ and girls’ lacrosse and in girls’ field hockey, if a team has only one goal keeper, that goal keeper may play in all periods of 4 Quarter Extended Play or in all periods of 5 Period Play. Except for the goal keeper, the “time” allocated for the game will not be extended. All players except for the goal keeper will follow the 4 quarter or 5 periods extended playing time format and are therefore only eligible to play 3 periods.”

A motion to approve an editorial change regarding wrestling weight classes to Modified Wrestling Game Rule #1 (Program 1), sentence 3 (NYSPHSAA Handbook, page 154) as follows carried. Nickerson/Felice

“Optional classes may be 74, 165 (instead of 158), and unlimited classes with contestants competing weighing within 10 pounds of each other. A minimum weight of 67 pounds will be required to compete in the optional 74 pound weight class.”

A motion to approve with Sectional/League approval, the modified softball pitching distance may be established at 40’ or 43’ carried. (effective immediately) Maney/Ryan-Curry

A motion to approve the requirement of the goalie helmet in Boys’ and Girls’ Modified Soccer will be eliminated carried. Westfall/Harrica

Soccer Game Rule #4(c) (NYSPHSAA Handbook, page 148) will be edited to eliminate the foam helmet requirement.

- The 3-point shot rule in Modified Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball which is not used at the modified level at this time will be discussed at the Fall meeting.
- The Fall meeting of the Modified Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 14, 2011 at 9:30AM in the NYSPHSAA office. The Spring meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 30, 2012 at 10:00AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

**Championship Advisory Committee.** Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report and recommendations of the committee.

A motion to approve the 2010-2011 Officials Fees and Policies be extended for the 2011-2012 school year carried. Nickerson/Staves

A motion to approve in Girls Soccer that a standby official be used in the State Semi-finals and Finals for one year carried. DeGillis/Bullis

A motion was defeated in Girls Lacrosse that a 4th official (table official) be used at the State Semi-finals and Finals for Spring 2011. Harrica/Scholla

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 1 yes/ 1 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 no; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 1 yes. 11 No/10 Yes)

A motion to approve in Field Hockey a five (5) year Regional rotation and the first game of the State Finals, which will now be played on a Sunday, begin at 10:00AM carried. Felice/Bullis

- There was discussion on when sport committees are making bid proposals to host State Championships, should the meeting be a conference call or a face-to-face meeting? The CAC felt that the Sport Coordinator would have to demonstrate to the Executive Director that having a face-to-face meeting was necessary. The Executive Director would make the final decision.
- The Committee was asked their thoughts about the recognition of “All Tournament Teams”, special awards and other recognitions being presented at NYSPHSAA State Championships. The CAC felt that the recognitions should remain as currently structured.
- The next meeting of the CAC will be held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 9:30AM via conference call.

**Safety Committee.** Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

**Minimum Weight Certification Program**

A motion to approve starting with the 2011-2012 season, step two of the appeal process (hydrostatic testing) will be eliminated from the program carried. Carboine/Staves

**Concussion Management**

- The New York State Legislature is currently considering four bills that deal directly with concussion
management. The NYSPHSAA is fully supportive of a bill introduced by Senator Kemp Hannon, the Chairman of the Health Committee. We feel that some sort of legislative bill will be approved before the end of this session.

- At the end of April and beginning of May, he presented along with three attorneys to the New York State School Boards Association. While preparing for these presentations, the NYSSBA reviewed the NYSPHSAA draft policy on concussion management and made some recommendations.

A motion to approve the revised draft of the Concussion Management Model School Policy based on recommendations made by the NYSSBA carried. Hemstead/Felice

- Schools are encouraged to be ahead of the legislation and develop a Board of Education approved policy and a school based concussion management team. Athletic Administrators are also encouraged to have their coaches take the free on-line NFHS Concussion Management course.

Modified Committee Recommendations

- The Safety Committee discussed and supported all of the Modified Committee recommendations that were presented (wrestling weight class for Program 1 and softball pitching distance). However, they recommended that the mandate for modified soccer goalies to wear a foam helmet be a recommendation instead of eliminating the mandate as the Soccer Rule Book allows a player to wear a foam helmet during a contest. No action was taken by the Executive Committee.

Field Hockey Recommendation

- The Field Hockey Committee has requested the Safety Committee to discuss making a recommendation to allow field hockey players the option of wearing ASTM approved eye protection or a face mask. A trend in the past couple of years is for players on defense to wear a face mask, especially during penalty corners. The official interpretation for the past two years has been if a player chooses to wear a face mask they also had to wear ASTM approved eye protection as well. Following the Safety Committee meeting, the NFHS approved a new rule for the sport of Field Hockey that mandated all field players wear ASTM approved eye protection. We asked for clarification on how the NFHS would interpret the use of face mask with the new mandate. We received notification from the NFHS that if a player chooses to wear a face mask, they would also be required to wear ASTM approved eye protection. The players should be notified that the ASTM approved eye protection is not tested in conjunction with a face mask. If a player chooses to wear a face mask, they are taking on the risk of any possible injury. This official interpretation from the NFHS has been communicated with the Field Hockey State Coordinator.

Handbook Committee. Robbie Greene, Coordinator, presented the report and committee recommendations.

- The minutes of the Handbook Committee meetings on February 16, 2011 and April 26, 2011 were reviewed.

Transfer Rule

- The committee discussed whether the Transfer Rule should be enforced when students enter the high school athletic program through the Selection Classification process. A few Sections have addressed this issue under Section Concerns in the past. The committee discussed the rationale of such a rule to deter athletic recruitment and athletic shopping. The connection of the Selection Classification program and its effect on the Duration of Competition Regulation was also raised. The committee decided more information was needed and requested input from Section Executive Directors, Athletic Councils and the NYS Athletic Administrators Conference. The Executive Committee members were asked to touch base with their Section Transfer Coordinator to make sure they were prepared to represent their Sections when discussing this topic at the Transfer Coordinators meeting on Friday, May 13th.

Wrestling

- The Wrestling Committee requested consideration for the following rule change. "When an individual exceeds the maximum number of contests, the individual would no longer be eligible for that season."
This change would eliminate the entire team from being ineligible and avoid the consequence from affecting other athletes. The committee discussed the other sports this rule change would affect: cross country, indoor track and outdoor track. They recognized the difference between team and individual sports that count the number of contests by the “team” contests. These sports are the only sports that the maximum number of contests is counted solely by the “individual”. The committee directed Nina to request input from the sports affected by this proposed change before they made a recommendation. The sport coordinators of cross country, indoor track and outdoor track agreed with the Wrestling Committee’s proposal that it would alter the penalty when an individual exceeds the maximum number of contests.

A motion to approve additional language to PENALTIES-Individual Sports “c” (pg. 100 of the NYSPHSAA Handbook) carried. Staves/Carboine

It shall read, “In the sports of wrestling, cross country, indoor track and outdoor track, when an individual exceeds the maximum number of contests, only the individual would no longer be eligible for that season.”

Foreign Exchange and International Students

- The committee received a request to consider a waiver of the following rule when the student has never played the sport competitively. “No member of the school’s coaching staff or athletic director, paid or voluntary, shall serve as the host family.” The committee recognizes the concern and acknowledges that trying a new sport is part of the cultural exchange process.

A motion to approve the committee’s recommendation to change the language of the rule as follows carried. Carboine/Henshaw

“School districts may apply to the Section for a waiver if the student is living with a member of the school’s coaching staff or athletic director and if the student has not played the sport competitively.” School districts are to understand if the information used to provide the waiver is later found to be inaccurate, the athlete would be declared ineligible and may jeopardize the team.

Legal Counsel Update

- Renee provided a summary of a court case that involved the NYSPHSAA Transfer Rule. The case dealt with a transfer to a non-public school. The student transferred in July but the change of address of the father and son did not occur until November. There was evidence the family was displeased with the basketball coach at the sending school. The Section’s Transfer Committee and Appeal Panel denied the transfer as did the NYSPHSAA Appeal Panel. The judge ruled in favor of the Association citing the change of address did not correspond with the transfer. Furthermore, the judge cited the Exception in the Transfer Rule for divorced and separated parents. The judge determined the exemption was not intended for families to separate for the purpose of athletic eligibility.

Selectively Classified Students – Transfer Rule

- The committee discussed whether the Transfer Rule should include students that have entered the high school athletic program through the Selection Classification process. This topic will be discussed at the Transfer Coordinators meeting on May 13, 2011.

Future Meeting

- Wednesday, July 20, 2011 – 9:00AM – Conference Call

Life of an Athlete. Patti Murphy, Co-Coordinator presented the report.

- Reported their meeting was held Thursday, March 17, 2011 at the NYSSAA meeting in Saratoga.
- She introduced Thad Lawrence from Section 3 who has agreed to serve as co-chair of the committee.

A motion to approve Thad Lawrence to serve as co-chair of the Life of an Athlete Committee carried. Maney/Bullis

- Reported she and Thad attended John Underwood’s training at the Olympic Training Center in February. He gave an update on the newest research on the effect of drugs on athletes. Another training is scheduled for June 9-12. His new information on sleep deprivation and training recovery were extremely informative. The information will be included with the minutes.
• Their committee has been asked to help develop a new program called “Honor the Code” being initiated by Prevention Network in Section 3. It is designed to give schools a framework for success through a year-long “friendly” competition. Schools will be invited to adopt, promote and implement a comprehensive athletic code that addresses all aspects of the life of an athlete. It is hoped to run this as a model and eventually provide similar programs throughout the state.
• The next meeting of the committee will be held Monday, October 17 via teleconference. The Spring meeting will be March 15, 2012 at 3PM at the NYSAAA conference in Saratoga.

A motion to enter into Executive Session on Saturday, May 7 at 8:02AM carried. Nickerson/Harrica

A motion to end the Executive Session at 9:13AM and resume the Executive Committee meeting carried. Nickerson/Maney

President Ward resumed the Executive Committee meeting at 9:30AM.

A motion to confirm that the Association desires to confer a private pension on Ms. Van Erk that would provide her with a pension benefit in an amount that would bring her total retirement benefits to an amount equivalent to what she would have achieved had she remained in the Teachers Retirement System carried. Harrica/Nickerson

A motion to approve authorizing the President to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to
1.) examine the determination of the amount of the private pension, and
2.) to determine whether Ms. Van Erk’s compensation, including the private pension, is reasonable compensation for the services she provided, in a manner that complies with the rebuttal presumption requirement set forth by the IRS carried. DeCillis/Harrica

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

Sportsmanship Promotion Program
• April 15, 2011 was the deadline for schools to submit their sportsmanship promotion survey. Each Section will select schools from those submissions that have distinguished themselves as promoting sportsmanship. These schools will be awarded a plaque by their Section.
• May 10, 2011 is the deadline for nominations to be received by the Section Sportsmanship Committees to be considered for the NYSPHSAA Banner Award.
• Schools selected for the NYSPHSAA Banner Award will be honored at the NYSPHSAA summer meeting in Lake Placid.

Be Loud, Be Proud, Be Positive
• Some schools and Sections are using the approved statement that is to be read at the start of all NYSPHSAA championship events which addresses the behavior of spectators.
• Commend Section V for taking on this initiative and expanding the program to all leagues and schools through banners and literature.

Ice Hockey – Game Misconducts
• The Sportsmanship Committee discussed and supports the Ice Hockey Committee’s recommendation that a player and/or a coach may receive up to two game disqualification penalties in one contest.

Supervision of Athletes
• A concern was raised by a Section about student athletes being properly supervised following a contest or match after it was reported in some Sections that individuals caused significant damage to a classroom following a contest or match during the year. The Sportsmanship Committee reminded schools that all student athletes should be properly supervised before, during and especially following a contest or match. This reminder was also communicated with the appropriate sport committee.
Sportsmanship Cards
- The Sportsmanship Committee strongly recommends the continuation of the mandate to have the sportsmanship card read prior to all contests. This mandate must be followed by all member schools.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

State Education Department. Executive Director Nina Van Erk presented the written report from Trish Kocialski.

NYSED Coaching/FA/CPR Approved Agency — renewals
- The Coaching Course list has been updated and agencies that failed to send evaluations were removed from it and may no longer provide the coaching courses.
- BOCES units check these lists and if a coach presents a new certification from an agency that is not on the list, their application will be held up until they repeat the course with an approved agency.

5th Year of Athletic Eligibility for Students with Disabilities
- A guideline for this regulation has been completed and is in SED’s Office of Counsel for review. Once approved by Office of Counsel it will be sent to all district Superintendents for dissemination to their districts. It will also be posted on the Physical Education webpage (www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/) and can be provided for posting on association websites.

School budgets will be voted on May 17th
- There may be many cuts to athletic programs in our schools. She reminded us that a lack of a modified program is not a sufficient reason for moving students through the Selection/Classification process. That process is only for students with appropriate levels of ability only.

Athletics for PE credit
- Many districts are deciding to use the option in regulation that allows students in grades 10-12 a comparable time in interscholastic athletics to count toward their physical education credit as a way to cut budgets by eliminating physical education positions. The regulation is allowed providing athletes have demonstrated “acceptable levels of physical fitness, physical skills and knowledge of physical education activities.” SED interprets this as they have achieved the commencement level of the learning standards for physical education through some sort of assessment process. Just being an athlete does not automatically mean they meet all the learning standards.

Applications on TEACH
- She encouraged getting non-teacher coaches to apply for their license way in advance of the season because the Office of Teaching Initiatives has lost many workers to retirement and this is affecting the length of the application process.

APPR for non-tested areas
- There is no “new” news on this topic.

Contact information
- If you have any questions, please contact her at pkocials@mail.nysed.gov or 518-474-5922.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Kevin O’Reilly, President
- Thanked the Association for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the NYSAAA.
- Announced next year’s conference will be held March 14-17, 2012 in Saratoga Springs. The theme is “Quality is Everyone’s Responsibility”.
- Reported the NYSAAA website (www.nysaaa.org) has a newly organized format in which content is updated weekly. Included on the website will be updated Certified Athletic Administrator Lists for New York State, annual conference awards recipients, conference pictures and awards recipients, links to other sites and copies of Conference Workshop and General Session presentations.
- Reminded their membership year ends June 30th each year. Membership information and applications
are available on their website.

- Congratulated their Executive Director, Alan Mallanda, CMAA on being selected for induction into the third class of the NIAAA Hall of Fame at the national conference in Indianapolis, IN in December.
- Reported the Connecticut association has developed a great sports “Parenting Video” which they are sharing free of charge to anyone who would like to use it. Go to http://www.caadinc.org/parentvideo.html to download. Please note that copying this video for resale is prohibited. You can purchase the DVD for $15.00.
- Announced the NYSAAA is now on Facebook. Check them out by going to www.facebook.com and typing “NYSAAA” or “New York State Athletic Administrators Association” in the search box at the top.
- Announced conference photos are now available for viewing or downloading at their new photo website on Shutterfly. Go to http://nysaaa.shutterfly.com, the password is “member”. Check back for past conference photos as well as upcoming events, news and photos. You can request to be added to their member email list as well.
- Congratulated the newest class of NIAAA Certified Athletic Administrators which consisted of five new CMAA’s and one new CAA.
- Congratulated Taylor Malmsheimer from Cazenovia High School (3), the NYS student-scholarship essay award winner. She was selected to represent Section 1 at the National level and will receive a $1,000 scholarship from the NIAAA.
- Announced the annual NIAAA/NFHS Athletic Directors Conference is to be held in Indianapolis, IN on December 10-13, 2011. Registration materials and information may be found on the NIAAA website (www.niaaa.org).
- The NIAAA is promoting their video for sale entitled “Dying to Belong – Break the Tradition or Break the Law” which is relative to the issue of hazing. It can be found on their website.
- The NIAAA Section 1 Athletic Administrator Leadership Training Summer Institute will be held from June 26 to June 29, 2011 at the ocean Edge Resort in Brewster, MA. Fourteen LTI courses will be offered. For more information go to www.section1niaaa.org for more information and registration material.
- Thanked the NYSPHSAA for its continued support and for working together as partners in education based athletic programs for all of our students.

**NYS Coaches Association.** Ron Woodruff

- Thanked the NYSPHSAA and Nina for the help the association has given them.
- Announced Mike Simon is the new Executive Secretary of the Coaches Association.
- Encouraged schools and athletic directors to nominate coaches for their Honor and Special Honors Awards. Nomination forms are available from Mike Simon (mesimon70@aol.com) or John Iaculli (super8r@aol.com).
- Reported the NYSCA Century Club database continues to expand. Any varsity level coach with 100 wins is qualified for this certificate as well as varsity football coaches with 50 wins. The database is also used to nominate coaches for Regional or State awards. Forms can be obtained from Mike Simon or Ron Woodruff (rwoodru42@aol.com).
- The NYS Coaches Association is working the NYSAHPERD Coaches Section to present programs at the annual NYSAHPERD Conference in November at the Turning Stone Resort. The NYSCA is open to membership on a school basis or as an individual member. Membership forms are available from Mike Simon or other Executive Committee members.

**NYS Council of Administrators.** James Rose

- Reported they are at their highest membership since 1999.
- Stated that as the Annual Professional Performance Review gets closer, the COA has formed a sub-committee to identify best practices for school districts in terms of health and physical education.
teacher evaluations.

- Congratulated Darryl Daily as the new NYSED Health Education Associate.
- Announced a clinic for youth coaches will be held at Brighton High School (Rochester) on Saturday, June 18, 2011. A clinic for the Albany area is being planned for late summer/early fall.
- Reported their summer meetings will be held June 12-June 13, 2011 in Little Falls, NY.
- Announced the 2011 conference will be held November 16-17 at the Turning Stone Resort.

A motion to adjourn the Executive Committee meeting at 11:00AM carried. Harrica/Staves

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director