SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
October 2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved August 2007 Central Committee minutes.
2. P5 Approved Section III’s request to waive line judges in Boys Volleyball.
3. P8 Approved the Structure and Policy Review Committee’s recommendations be taken back to the Sections for review and discussion. At the February Executive Committee the recommendations will be voted on.
4. P8 Approved to extend the experiment for the classification of non public schools for one year.
5. P8 Approved changing the 275 pound weight class to 285 pounds in Wrestling.
6. P8 Defeated allowing athletes from the PSAL and CHSAA to be selected for at-large berths in the NYSPHSAA/Federation Wrestling Championships.
7. P8 Approved in Boys Basketball to permit each Section the opportunity to experiment with two 16 minutes halves rather than four 8 minutes quarters for the 2008-2009 season in tournament and non-league games only.
8. P8 Approved a variety of playing rule waivers in Ice Hockey to accommodate the transition from NCAA playing rules to the NFHS rules.
9. P9 Approved for Sections 1 and 8 to participate in a 2-year experiment in Fencing where matches will count individually towards the maximum number of contests.
10. P9 Approved in Section 11 an experiment that would require a doctor’s stamped signature along with the doctor’s signature, address and phone number on the Wrestling Skin Disease form.
11. P13 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: Kings School (2), Saint Gregory’s School for Boys (2), Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Academy (3) and Northern Chautauqua Catholic School (6).
13. P15 Approved to support the Handbook Committee’s work of the concept of establishing fines and other penalties when rules and regulations of the Association are violated.
14. P15 Approved the Handbook Committee’s recommendation for a referendum vote to permit the classification of Charter Schools using the same process as nonpublic schools.
15. P15 Approved establishing the IRS mileage rate in January of the year the budget is made to be the mileage reimbursement rate for the following fiscal year.
16. P16 Approved the appointment of Jim Miller as Modified Softball Coordinator.
17. P16 Approved an editorial change for multi-school contests under the Modified General Eligibility Rule #10.
18. P16 Approved an editorial change for clarification of double headers in Modified Softball and Baseball.
19. P16 Approved an editorial change under the Modified Wrestling Game Rule #9.
20. P16 Approved an increase in the number of working officials at the Wrestling State Tournament by two based on the increase in the number of wrestlers due to the at-large bids.
21. P16 Approved a change in the classification numbers for the 2008 season in Football.
   (Class AA: 1051 & up; Class A: 626-1050; Class B: 441-625; Class C: 276-440; Class D: 275 & below).
22. P16 Approved a request by the New York State Baseball Umpires to wear a light blue or red shirt in addition to the approved navy shirt at high school baseball games.
23. P18 Meeting adjourned.

ACTION ITEMS – FEBRUARY MEETING
2008-2010 State Officials Agreement
Outdoor Track & Field Proposal
Mandated Sportsmanship Workshop
The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Ron Black at 9:00AM on October 29, 2007. A moment of silence was held for Past President Tony Sabella who passed away in August. Executive Director Nina VanErk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**
- President Ronald Black
- First Vice President Patrick Pizzarelli
- Past President Kathy Faber
- Executive Director Nina Van Erk
- Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
- Assistant Director Lloyd Mott
- Assistant Director Joe Altieri
- Counsel Renee James
- Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes
- Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**
- Patrick Calnon
- Karen Lopez
- Bob Munn
- Dean Veenhof

**Section Representatives**
- Section 1: Karen Peterson, Greg Ransom (proxy for CSO Rep.)
- Section 2: Eileen Troy, Glenn Westfall
- Section 3: Bruce Quimby, Evelyn Sammons
- Section 4: Julie Maney, Jack Jones
- Section 5: Jim Zumbo, Kathy Smith
- Section 6: Don Scholla, Bob Dinse (proxy for Female Athletic Rep.)
- Section 7: Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry
- Section 8: John Piropato, (Todd Heimer-proxy for John Piropato), Laura Orticelle
- Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe
- Section 10: Stephanie Putney, Carl Normandin (proxy for Paul Harrica)
- Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Ed Cinelli (proxy for Nick DeCillis)

**Ex-Officio & Consultants**
- Trish Kocialski, SED
- Bill Bryant, President-NYSAAA
- Allan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA
- Mike Salatel, President-NYSOCA

**Section Ex. Directors**
- Greg Ransom (1)
- Doug Kenyon (2)
- Ben Nelson (4)
- Bob Dinse (6)
- Todd Heimer (8)
- Carl Normandin (10)
- Ed Cinelli (11)

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

**Guests**
- Jennifer Simmons (1)
- Geoff DeLuca-NYSPHSAA Intern
- Scott Stewart – Ice Hockey (2)
- Mike Lilac – B. Basketball (2)
- Joe Iatauro – B. Outdoor Track & Field (9)
- Don DeBadts – Wrestling State Coordinator
The August 2007 Central Committee Meeting minutes were accepted as written.

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

1st Vice President Patrick Pizzarelli commended Nina and staff for their work on the mandated Athletic Director workshops.

Past President Kathy Faber requested nominations of a female athletic representative in the officer rotation vacancy of 2nd Vice President be sent to her.

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

- **Mandatory Eligibility Workshops.** Twelve workshops were conducted throughout the state with the assistance of Lloyd, Bob and Joe. The workshops were very well received as they were informative for both the veteran and new athletic administrator. Any suggestions for future meeting structure and topics, please contact Nina.

- **Office Building Update.** A lease has been signed with British American Construction Services for three years with an option to renew for an additional three years.

- **Participation Survey.** The 2006-2007 Participation Survey was included in the meeting folders. The survey represents 100% of our member schools participation data. Due to the successful rate of return, participation numbers are higher than ever with a record 583,590 student athletes participating in our programs. The Association now has a complete data base of programs offered and student participation.

- **Website.** Nina gave a Power Point presentation on the Association’s new website which will be launched at the conclusion of the fall sport season to avoid any confusion for school districts entering rosters and pictures for championship programs.

- **2007-2008 Handbook.** The Handbook has been updated and will be posted on the website at the conclusion of this meeting. Any new approvals from November 2006 have been included. School districts are encouraged to download the Handbook so they may disseminate the updated rules and regulations to their coaches and students. The Handbook will continue to be printed every two years. As the supply of 2006-2008 Handbooks is getting low, she encouraged anyone who needs to order to do so as soon as possible to insure receiving the Handbook. She also encouraged the use of the Association’s online store when placing the orders.

- **Assembly Education Committee.** Nina will be addressing the members of the Assembly Education Committee at a public hearing at a date to be determined dealing with school compliance with the Physical Education mandates.

- **Executive & Central Committee.** She announced the new Principal Representative on the Central Committee from Section X is Mr. Darin Saiff. He is the principal at Parishville-Hopkinton Central School. Paul Harrica of Chateaugay High School will now be serving as Section X’s Superintendent Representative on the Executive Committee.

- **High School Student Intern.** She introduced Geoff DeLuca, a Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School student who will be interning in the office as part if his participation in the New Visions Law & Government program. He is a three sport varsity athlete and currently the captain of his football team. Geoff has observed a number of committee meetings and will be assisting with the production of championship programs.

- **NFHS Student Leadership Conference.** The Association has made a commitment to the NFHS to send six student leaders to the NFHS Student Leadership Conference scheduled for July 17-20, 2008 in Indianapolis. The NFHS will cover the majority of cost to send the student leaders by utilizing funds from their T Mobile sponsorship. The NYSPHSAA will be required to send two adult leaders. If any adult is interested in attending, please contact Nina.

- **NFHS Risk Management DVD.** An updated Risk Management DVD has been produced to replace the four Risk Management videos. It will feature a six minute video for parents and students highlighting the need to take responsibility for one’s safety by communicating with coaches and the other targets coaches
and administrators focusing on the 14 duties they must be concerned with when working with interscholastic athletic programs. The DVD is available through our on-line store for a cost of $34.95.

- **NCAA Freshman Eligibility Standards.** Starting August 1, 2008 student athletes in Division I institutions will be required to have 16 core courses. A summary of NCAA requirements for core courses, test scores and GPA was included in the meeting folder.

- **Retroactive Action.**
  A motion to approve Section III’s request to waive line judges for Boys Volleyball carried. Staves/Troy

- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame.** She reminded nominations for the 2008 NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame are due to the Association office by December 15th. All nominations must be endorsed by a Section.

- **NCAA Amateurism Certification.** NCAA efforts to determine the amateur status of domestic and international freshmen and transfer students enrolling at NCAA Division I and II schools have been outlined in the October 2007 NCAA Amateurism Certification Newsletter which was included in the meeting folders. Students planning to enroll in the Fall of 2008 are encouraged to complete their amateur questionnaire as soon as possible at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

- **NYSPHSAA Directory.** The 2007-2008 NYSPHSAA Directory was included in the meeting folders. If any additional changes are necessary, please submit them to Sandy Schanck at sschanck@nysphsaa.org.

- **Future Meeting Dates** –
  - February 1-2, 2008 (Friday-Saturday) @ The Saratoga, Saratoga
  - May 2-3, 2008 (Friday-Saturday) @ Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, Syracuse
  - August 5-7, 2008 (Tuesday-Thursday) @ Rye Town Hilton, Rye Brook
  - October 27, 2008 (Monday) @ Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany

**Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker**

**State Championships/Regionals 2007-2008**

- The updated schedule of sites for 2007-2008 was included in the meeting folders.
  NOTE: B/G Federation Basketball is now a three day event scheduled for March 28, 29, and 30. The Boys Lacrosse East Semi-finals will take place at West Point.

- Provisions for Emergency Crowd Control and AED are in place for the Fall State Championships.

- **Football at Carrier Dome.** State Courtesy cards along with photo ID will be honored at the Carrier Dome Box Office at the Gate B entrance for both the Football Finals on November 23 and 25. Contact Bob via email or fax for a parking pass for either or both days at the Carrier Dome in advance of the Football Finals. The State Courtesy cards are also accepted at all Regionals, Semi-finals/Finals of NYSPHSAA State Championships.

- With the addition of Section 4, Girls Golf will now have nine Sections participating in this year’s State Tournament.

- The anticipated dates/sites known to date for 2008-2009 and beyond were included in the meeting folders. Approval of the 2008-2009 dates/sites will be an action item in February 2008.

**State Sports Coordinators**


**Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program**

- Instructions and application forms are only available online.
- The 2007-2008 award pins will be red.
- The Fall 2007 deadline to apply for awards is **Friday, December 7, 2007.**
- Thank you to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 13th year of sponsorship.

**NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association**

- Their Fall meeting was held on September 11, 2007. Issues discussed were the Boys/Girls Basketball Tournament and the NIKE Team Nationals being held the Saturday after Thanksgiving. New York will have its own qualifier. It is a non-sanctioned event.
- The next meeting of the Federation Council is scheduled for December 11, 2007.
Assistant Director Lloyd Mott

- **Annual Classification of Schools.** Letters have been sent to each Section office as a reminder to initiate the classification of schools process for 2008-2009. The BEDS information from each Section is due to the NYSPHSAA by November 30, 2007. The annual report will be made at the February 2008 meeting. Each Section will be furnished with a copy of its report for review prior to the final submission.

- **Coaching Certification.** The Coaches’ Education Committee has completed the Health Science Applied to Coaching Course outline update. The reading of the final draft will be completed this fall and all instructors should receive the new outline and resource list by the second semester. Anyone wishing to use the online coaching course co-sponsored by the NYSPHSAA and SUNY Cortland may go to [www.cortland.edu/physed](http://www.cortland.edu/physed) for information and registration. Reports indicate the online coaching course has been very successful, serving well over 200 coaches the first year.

- **NYSPHSAA Records Database.** The process of collecting and updating NYSPHSAA records is working well for most of our sports. All Sport Coordinators and Section representatives should remind schools that new record reporting forms are on the Association website.

- **Coaching Clinics.** The following clinics are scheduled:

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

**Corporate Sponsorships**

- **US Marine.** A contract has been finalized worth $60,000 for one year, nearly triple our previous sponsorship contract.

- **CSEA.** A contract has been finalized worth $25,000 for one year - $3,000 more than the previous year’s contract. The additional $3,000 will help offset television marketing expenses. Our TV spots will include a brief message from CSEA.

- **Worldwide Sport Supply.** A new contract has been finalized worth $4,000 for the girls’ volleyball tournament. Worldwide will be the official souvenir vendor and sponsor of the 2007 tournament.

- **State Farm.** A contract has been finalized worth $2,500 for the football championships this year with State Farm as the sportsmanship plaque sponsor.

- **Aluminum Athletic Equipment.** A new contract has been finalized worth $2,250 for the football, indoor track and outdoor track tournaments for one year.

- **Long Island Sports Commission.** Long Island Sports Commission will sponsor the 2007 girls swimming tournament breakfast committee meeting worth approximately $400.

- **Price Chopper.** A contract has been finalized for a one year in-kind contract for 300 cases of bottled water, paper products and cross promotion of 17 of our championships. The contract includes promotion of our events via 142 window signs in 70 Price Chopper stores reaching Albany, Syracuse, Binghamton, Potsdam, Lake Placid, Middletown, Utica and Glens Falls.

**Marketing**

- **Radio campaigns** are in place to promote the Football, Girls Soccer and Field Hockey State Championships this Fall and also the Central NY Championships.

- **TV campaigns** are in place to promote the Football, Girls Soccer, Field Hockey and Girls Volleyball State Championships this Fall.

- **Poster campaign.** Our fall intern has handled our annual fall poster campaign in Central New York to promote three State Championships. Over 100 posters were mailed out to businesses across Central New York to promote football, field hockey and girls’ soccer.
Media
- **Press Releases** have been distributed statewide for coaching clinics, championships and sponsor partnerships.
- **Radio Rights Fees.** A meeting was held with Senator Joe Griffo to discuss radio rights fees due to an inquiry made by The Ad Group Radio from Utica. The Senator was concerned for radio stations who are incurring our $250 rights fee multiple times during a state tournament because they are broadcasting games of several teams from their area. Government Relations Director Kevin Banes set up a meeting with the Senator and assisted in communicating our guidelines and policies with radio rights. A letter to Senator Griffo summarizing the meeting was included in the meeting folders.

Fall Intern
- **Ms. Amanda Hughes** has joined the Association as the Fall intern for two days per week in our office. A former scholar/athlete softball and volleyball player at Watervliet High School (Section 2), Amanda is a senior electronic arts major at RPI. She has conducted the poster campaign for the Association as well as developed scripts for radio spots, developed ads for programs and has assisted in sponsorship fulfillment.

Treasurer Kathy Higle reviewed the budget stating the Association is in good financial health. She highlighted the following:
- the increase in investment income, increased championship revenue and sponsorship revenue were all reasons for a good financial year
- Higher expenses were due to the increase in the Post-Retirement Health because of a new employee and Walter Eaton’s retirement emolument.
- She announced there would be no increase in dues for the 2008-2009 school year.

Counselor Renee James
- Reported on three appeals that took place. Two schools challenged the penalty of the rule claiming the penalties were disproportionate to the offense. The third was for an extension of eligibility. All three decisions upheld the Section’s appeal committee decision.
- Reported there is a lawsuit pending in which a coach tripped over a pylon on the field and was injured.
- She reported on a Mixed Competition case in Wisconsin where a girl played on the boys’ ice hockey team. The school did offer a combined team for the girls to play on, however she still challenged the rule based on discrimination and that she should have the opportunity to try out for the boys’ team. The case was dismissed but clarified the rule doesn’t discriminate but actually encourages schools to have more sports for girls.

Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes gave a brief overview of the past year’s legislation session as it relates to our Association.
- **Fairness in Competition Act.** He and Nina worked closely with the sponsors to insure that their concerns were addressed. The bill did not move out of committee in either house.
- **Transfer Rule Bill.** In 2006 legislation was moved in the Senate. In 2007, he and Nina sat down with the sponsors to address their concerns. The sponsors were pleased with the Association’s work to address the legislation and are not moving the bill forward.
- **Home School Bill.** In 2006 legislation was moved in the Senate. In 2007, he and Nina met with the sponsors Senator Bill Larkin and Assemblyman Jack McEneny. By meeting with the sponsors the bill was successfully prevented from moving further in either house.
- **Boot Camp Practices.** In a letter to Senator Nozzolio, Nina advised him that the boot camp issue falls under the NYSED Commissioner’s Regulation.
- He will continue working on different ways to raise the profile of the Association with the legislature so that when there are issues in the legislator’s districts that effect their constituents, the legislators will have a person to contact instead of addressing the issue through legislation.
AD HOC COMMITTEE

Structure and Policy Review Committee. Past President Bob Munn presented the report and committee recommendations from their September 25, 2007 meeting. The following three suggestions have been implemented:

- Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops.
- One Sport Coordinator per Section will have a voice and vote at committee meetings.
- The uniform Transfer Rule will be followed by all Sections.

The four areas of concern to be addressed and the committee’s recommendations are:

- **Transfer Rule.** The committee recommends an annual meeting to be scheduled by the Association office with the Transfer Appeal Coordinator from each Section.
- **Non Public Schools.** The committee recommends establishing a Membership & Classification Ad hoc Committee to examine areas of concern.
- **Governance.** The committee recommends reviewing the structure of the Executive and Central Committees. They also recommended that Nina work with the Section Executive Directors to determine the voting procedures within each Section and report the results at a future meeting.
- **Sport Season Placement.** The committee recommends reconvening the Sport Season Placement Committee to review the placement of sports, recommend changes and the implementation of the changes in an attempt to balance sport offerings and address the Spring season testing concerns.

A motion to approve the committee’s recommendations be taken back to the Sections for review and discussion and then determine at the February Executive Committee meeting which recommendations will be implemented carried. Quimby/Dinse

A motion to approve to extend the experiment for the classification of nonpublic schools for one year carried. Troy/Maney

SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS

- **Wrestling.** Don DeBadts, State Coordinator, presented two proposals from the Wrestling Committee. A motion to approve changing the 275 pound weight class to 285 pounds carried. This would make this weight class the same as the National Federation. The 96 and 285 pound weight classes would still be optional in New York and the minimum weight will still be 215 pounds for 285. Troy/Nickerson

A motion to approve to allow athletes from the PSAL and CHSAA to be selected for at-large berths into the NYSPSHAA/Federation Championships beginning with the 2008 Tournament was defeated. Wolfe/Smith

- **Boys Basketball.** Mike Lilac, Boys Basketball Coordinator-Section 2, submitted a written proposal from the Boys Basketball Committee requesting an experiment with two 16 minute halves rather than four 8 minute quarters. A motion to approve for the 2008-2009 season, to permit each Section the opportunity to experiment with two 16 minute halves rather than four 8 minute quarters carried. Westfall/Piropato

(This experiment will be completely voluntary and may not be utilized in league contests. It can be used in tournaments and non-league games only.)

- **Ice Hockey.** Scott Stewart, Ice Hockey Coordinator-Section 2 submitted a written proposal from the Ice Hockey Committee. A motion to approve a variety of playing rule waivers to accommodate the transition from NCAA playing rules to the NFHS rules carried. Troy/Staves

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

**Section 1** voiced a concern with the need for uniform statewide criteria in classifying schools down after they have been moved up. (Will be addressed when the committee convenes.)

**Section 2** asked if the Association could pay for the coaches expenses when they work at state championships.
(The Budget & Finance Committee will address.)

**Section 3** voiced a concern when they discovered a loophole in the fingerprinting rule when they had an official, who is a teacher, have his teaching certification revoked but remained eligible to officiate. They notified their assignors but what if the official officiates in other Sections? They also had a concern with the Cross Country State Tournament’s lack of adequate lodging for teams. They mentioned the Transfer Rule proposal from one of their schools. (This was addressed by the Handbook Committee.) As a point of interest, they announced Turning Stone owes $10 million to public schools and were concerned that schools were utilizing their facilities for some of our events. (No NYSPHSAA events have been or are planned for Turning Stone.) They also voiced a concern with where new boundaries will fall for a new high school in Syracuse.

**Section 4** received a request from their Softball Committee to change the number of personnel allowed in the dugout from 21 to 29 as in Baseball. (Suggested to raise their concern at the Softball Committee meeting.)

**Section 6** requested additional language be added in the Transfer Rule stating “file paperwork with Section” be included in the NYSPHSAA Handbook. (This will be addressed by adding “Process” in the Handbook.)

**Section 8** asked the Safety Committee if they could look into the number of pitches allowed in an inning for baseball. (Safety Committee is reviewing.)

A motion to approve Section 8 and 1 to participate in a 2-year experiment in Fencing where matches will count individually towards the maximum number of contests carried.  

**Orticelle/Wolfe**

**Section 11** voiced a concern with the Mixed Competition regulation where a boy is competing on a girl’s volleyball team. They claimed he is having an adverse effect on other girls’ volleyball teams they are playing and inquired if a review could be done by the Section during the season to determine if the athlete is having an adverse effect. If so, can the athlete be removed from the mixed competition? (An explanation of the NYSED regulation was provided. They also voiced a concern with how skin checks are done in wrestling after a wrestler came down with herpes and stated their Safety Committee would like to require a doctor’s stamped signature be included on the Wrestling Skin Disease form.

A motion to approve in Section 11, an experiment that would require a doctor’s stamped signature along with the doctor’s signature, address and phone number, be included in the area of the physician’s signature line on the Wrestling Skin Disease Form for a wrestler’s return to participate with a skin lesion carried.  

**Cinelli/Westfall**

**COMBINING OF SCHOOLS**
The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2007-2008 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

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Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)
Somers & North Salem
Ice Hockey (V, Mod.)
Rye & Blind Brook
Gymnastics
Yonkers & All Schools
Swimming-B (V)
Lincoln, Gorton & Riverside
Wrestling (V)
Perls & Fermi
Indoor Track
Solomon Schechter & Ardsley
Wrestling (Mod.)
Skiing
Shaker & Colonie
Ice Hockey (V)
Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake & Scotia-Glenville
Ice Hockey (V)
Bishop Ludden & Bishop Grimes
Cross Country-B/G
Institute of Technology @ Syracuse Central & Corcoran
Cross Country-B/G
Football
Soccer-B/G
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Proctor & Notre Dame
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Jamesville-DeWitt & Fayetteville-Manlius
Gymnastics-G
Fabius Pompey & LaFayette
Soccer-B (JV, Mod.)
Lacrosse-G (JV, Mod.)
Track-G (V, Mod.)
Football (Mod.)
Brookfield & Madison
Soccer-B (V)
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Wrestling
Corcoran & Onondaga
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Corcoran & Fowler
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Westhill, Fowler & Corcoran
Lacrosse-B
Hamilton & Sherburne-Earlvile
Swimming-G
Fowler, Corcoran, Nottingham & Henninger
Swimming-G (V)
Fowler, Corcoran, Nottingham & Henninger
Volleyball-B
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Wrestling
Golf-G
Nottingham & Corcoran
Bowling-B/G
Sherburne-Earlvile & Hamilton
Bowling-B
Westmoreland, West Canada, Oriskany, Camden, Rome Catholic,
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Ice Hockey
Westhill, Solvay, Jordan Elbridge, Marcellus & Bishop Ludden  
Cazenovia & Manlius Pebble Hill  
Jamesville-DeWitt & CBA  
Bishop Grimes, Central Square, East Syracuse-Minoa & Cato-Meridian  
Corcoran, Fowler, Henninger, Nottingham, LaFayette & Onondaga  
Sandy Creek, Mexico, Altmar-Parish-Williamstown, Pulaski & South Jeff  
Utica Proctor & Ilion  
Cortland & Homer  
Hamilton, Vernon-Verona-Sherrill, Oneida, Sherburne-Earlville, Morrisville-Eaton, Waterville & Canastota  
Fulton & Ludden  
Westhill & Solvay  
Dolgeville & Oppenheim-Ephratah  
Morrisville-Eaton, Madison & Hamilton  
Corcoran, Fowler & LaFayette  
Henninger, Nottingham, Faith Heritage  
Solvay & Lyncourt  
New Hartford & NY Mills  
Auburn with Parochial Schools  
Allegany-Limestone & Portville & Olean  
Chautauqua Lake & Panama  
Clymer & Panama  
Hinsdale & Olean  
Olean & Allegany-Limestone  
Tri-Valley & Fallsburg  
Edwards-Knox & Gouverneur  
Edwards-Knox & Clifton-Fine

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.
(Expiring in October 2009)  

Troy/Dinse

Section 2
Kings School
PO Box 300
Lake Luzerne, NY 12822
Grades 7-12

Section 2
Saint Gregory’s School for Boys
121 Old Niskayuna Road
Loudonville, NY 12211
Grades 7-8

Section 3
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Academy
2656 Warners Road
Warners, NY 13164
Grades 8-12

Section 6
Northern Chautauqua Catholic School
336 Washington Avenue
Dunkirk, NY 14048
Grades 7-8

NEW MEMBERS

A motion to approve the following applications for NYSPHSAA Membership status carried.  

Putney/Maney

Section 2
Kipp Tech Valley Charter School
1 Dudley Heights
Albany, NY 12110
Grades 7-8

Section 2
International Charter School of Schenectady
901 Draper Avenue
Schenectady, NY 12306
Grades 7-8

Section 4
Immaculate Conception
320 W. Buffalo Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
Grades 7-8

Section 4
Elizabeth A. Clune Montessori School
120 E. King Road
Ithaca, NY 14850
Grades 7-8

Section 6
Tapestry Charter School
40 North Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
Grades 7-10

Section 6
Oracle Charter School
888 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14209
Grades 7-12

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

Life of An Athlete. Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.

- Each Section representative was asked to have their Section Executive Director place the proposal for a mandated Chemical Health workshop on their Athletic Council meeting agenda.
- They did research on placing patches on uniforms for those student leaders who attend their workshops and found it to be against the rules in all sports.
- Section 2 will hold their workshop on Year 3 “Coaching Effectiveness” training on November 28th. Section 5 held their workshop on October 29th. All Sections will have completed last year’s training.
- The committee met on Sunday, October 21st to review Year 4 “Student Athlete Leadership”. An article on the program and the workshop dates will appear in the Scholastic Athletics.
- Year 5 “Putting it all Together. Stakeholders Unity” is completed and has already been piloted.
• Topics discussed for the future were alternatives for kids and the Social Host Law, assessment tools for concerns (senior exit interviews and coaches’ survey), high school level of Life of an Athlete, senior college prep (what’s ahead in the next four years) and parenting.
• John Underwood will be presenting our program at the NIAAA Conference on December 18th in Nashville.
• John discussed a new book, Student Athletes Guide to the Criminal Justice System by Michael Taheri.
• The next meeting of the Life of An Athlete Committee is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008 at 10AM at the Association office. A planning meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2008 at the Holiday Inn-Turf, Albany at 5PM.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.

MRSA and Other Skin Infections.
• The Safety Committee has been distributing information on MRSA as well as Herpes Gladitorium and other skin infections for several years.
• Nina has sent the Section Executive Directors and Central Committee members a copy of an article on MRSA that appeared in the 2005 Scholastic Athletics.
• Lloyd encouraged Sections and leagues to review their communication systems for distributing information on such important issues so that everyone is up to date on these issues.
• Schools are encouraged to work closely with their county health departments to develop prevention procedures and the appropriate steps for reaction to detected cases.

Concussion Management. The Association has been informed that two legislative grants, supported by Senator Kemp Hannon, for $35,000 each have been approved to be used to further our initiatives in concussion management education. The Concussion Management Team’s goals for this year are:
• to develop the website, www.keepyourheadinthegame.org allowing school personnel, parents, nurses and physicians to use the site to register for ImPACT, utilize resources on the site, find statistics related to concussions in athletics, gain knowledge of latest developments in concussion management research and find links to related sites.
• work towards distributing a list of medical facilities located throughout New York State which are within a reasonable distance from each school that may be selected by parents of concussed athletes when it is determined the athlete needs advanced care because they are not symptom free and are not ready to return to play or school.
• Publish a Concussion Management brochure which will help schools, parents and medical personnel to understand the Concussion Management Program and how the various resources may be utilized.
• Produce a DVD and/or power point presentation that can be used by schools to help educate coaches, students and parents.
• Schedule workshops for physicians and school nurses at which they will be educated in concussion management.
• Produce more Concussion Management Guideline cards and encourage their appropriate distribution to all coaches.
• Schedule and conduct workshops for the PSAL, CHSAA and AIS members to update them on proper concussion management reactions and protocol.

Swimming Pool Supervision.
• The regulation requiring schools to have a certified supervisory person on the pool deck goes into effect November 7, 2007. Schools may apply to their County Health Department to postpone implementation.

Baseball – Mandated Pitch Count
• Section 8 asked if we should mandate a pitch count for pitchers, replacing our number of innings rule. Safety Committee representatives were asked to take this question to their Sections and Baseball Committees for discussion.

The next meeting of the Safety Committee is scheduled for April 30, 2008 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.
**Sportsmanship Committee.** Assistant Director Lloyd Mott presented the report.

- The minutes from their October 17, 2007 meeting were included in the meeting folders.

A **motion to postpone** until the February 2008 Executive Committee meeting that each Section will hold a mandated workshop for sportsmanship which will be held on the same day and site as the mandated athletic director’s eligibility workshops carried.  

**Handbook Committee.** Executive Director Nina VanErk presented the report and committee recommendations.

- The minutes of the Handbook Committee meeting on October 25, 2007 were reviewed.
- Prohibiting participation in scrimmages when eligibility is under appeal: The committee supports the rule as written which permits participation due to a scrimmage is a “practice”.
- Consider adding a clause to permit compensation for performance in the Amateur Rule: The committee’s recommendation is to permit the student/athlete to be compensated for performance. Nina will provide the NCAA rule for the January meeting.
- Consider special conditions in the Transfer Rule when multiple schools are within a district boundary and a proposal from a Section III school: The committee recommends no change to the current Transfer Rule and felt that the proposed change provided more advantage to nonpublic schools and did not adhere to the concept of residency.
- Considered permitting a coach or Athletic Director to be the host family of a Foreign Exchange Student: The committee recommended no change and supports the rule as written. Nina will write to the foreign exchange programs to advise them of our foreign exchange student regulation.
- The committee recommends adding the Commissioner’s Regulations to the Handbook in their entirety for programs such as Mixed Competition and Selection Classification.
- In an effort to make the Handbook more user friendly, Nina will provide the committee with suggestions that will provide process and clarity for our rules and regulations.
- The committee supports the rule as written in regards to counting of conditioning practices when switching sports.
- The committee supports the rule as written in regards to the number of practices needed when an athlete is returning after an injury.

A **motion to approve** the committee’s support of the concept of establishing fines when rules and regulations of the Association are violated carried.  

- The committee recommends Nina work with NYS School Board and NYSCOSS to raise their awareness of Charter Schools and assist in drafting any sample policies they wish to offer their membership.

A **motion to approve** the committee’s recommendation of a referendum vote to permit the classification of Charter Schools using the same process as publicly funded special act schools carried.  

- Items for further discussion are:
  - Teams practicing together at same facility. The committee will establish language to permit two or more schools to practice together due to unique circumstances.
  - The committee recommends that in team sports the performance of the individual on the non-offending team shall stand. They are still reviewing how to handle the records of individuals on the offending team.
  - The committee will discuss when a player strikes, shoves, kicks or makes other physical contact, etc. before and immediately after the contest.

**Budget & Finance Committee.** Past President Bob Munn

A **motion to approve** establishing the IRS mileage rate in January of the year the budget is made to be the mileage reimbursement rate for the following fiscal year effective immediately carried.  

- The committee recommended the staff to develop a proposal with specific criteria on how people should be awarded lifetime passes to attend Sectional, Regional and State Tournament events.
- The committee reviewed the championship ticket prices and recommended they remain as published for
the year.
- Announced the office staff developed an ad to go into all the championship programs showing where the ticket money goes.
- The committee discussed the issue of the difficulty collecting dues from member schools.

**Modified Committee.** James Rose, Co-Coordinator.
- Minutes of their October 12, 2007 meeting were included in the meeting folders.
A motion to approve the appointment of Jim Miller as Modified Softball Coordinator carried.

A motion to approve an editorial change to General Eligibility Rule #10 carried. Nickerson/Putney

A motion to approve an editorial change to General Eligibility Rule #10 carried. Staves/Westfall

“The statement ‘For multi-school contests, refer to General Eligibility Rule #10.’ should also be included in the Game Rules and Conditions for cross-country (Reference: NYSPHSAA Handbook, pg. 104, add as Game Rule #3), swimming, (pg. 115, add as Game Rule #6) and track and field (pg. 117, add as Game Rule #10).”

A motion to approve an editorial change for clarification of double headers in modified Softball and Baseball carried. Staves/Greene

“A team may play two games in one day twice during a season, either a double header against a single opponent, or two successive games against two different opponents. Double header restrictions must be followed.”

A motion to approve an editorial change under the Modified Wrestling Game Rule #9 carried. Ransom/Staves

“Modified Wrestling Game Rule #9 (Reference: NYSPHSAA Handbook, pg. 118) should be deleted. The re-written multi-school contest rule makes it a moot point. It will be replaced with: “For multi-school contests, refer to General Eligibility Rule #10.”

- The next meeting of the Modified Committee is scheduled for Friday, April 4, 2008 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

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

A motion to approve an increase in the number of working officials at the Wrestling State Tournament by two (26 working officials and 2 alternates) based on the increase in the number of wrestlers due to the at-large bids carried. Cinelli/Sammons

A motion to approve in Football a change in the classification numbers for the 2008 season to distribute the participating schools into five (5) equal classes carried. Staves/Smith

(Sections 4 & 6 voted no)
The numbers are as follows: Class AA: 1051 & up; Class A: 626 – 1050; Class B: 441 – 625; Class C: 276 – 440; Class D: 275 & below.

A motion to postpone the Outdoor Track & Field proposal for a two year experiment beginning in the 2009 season to adjust the qualifying standards for At-Large entries in Division I and Division II so that it may be brought back to the Sections for review and discussion carried. It will be placed on the February 2008 Executive Committee meeting agenda.

- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Friday, January 18, 2008.

**Officials Coordinating Federation.** Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the report.

- The Fall meeting of the OCF was on Sunday, October 29th at the NYSPHSAA office.
- The updated OCF Director was distributed. Copies are available upon request.
- Approval of the 2008-2010 State Officials Agreement was postponed until the February 2008 Executive Committee Meeting so that Sections could review and discuss the agreement prior to voting.

A motion to approve a request by the New York State Baseball Umpires to wear a light blue or red shirt in addition to the approved navy shirt at high school baseball games carried. Maney/Troy

- The sportsmanship card is to be read by the officials prior to each contest.
- The Thunder & Lightening Policy was reviewed.
**Media Committee.** Assistant Director Joe Altieri

- The minutes from their August 29, 2007 meeting were included in the meeting folders.
- Reviewed changes in the 2007-08 dates and sites and presented the NYSPHSAA Office Report.
- Discussed issues with the 2006-07 championships, the most major being lack of media work areas and wireless Internet at sites.
- The media also wants to know what rules they have at tournaments. Handing guidelines out to media would be helpful so they know what they can and cannot do.
- The committee commended the Girls Basketball Committee for an outstanding tournament.
- The committee praised the efforts and efficiency of the new credentialing process.
- Hot topics discussed were blogging and streaming video at tournaments.
- The committee intends to meet again around the same time in August 2008.

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

**State Education Department.** Trish Kocialski

**Physical Education PROFILE**

- CD-ROM’s have been sent to all BOCES
- Training is being done thru the Staff & Curriculum Development network of BOCES. CD-ROM’s will only be available to schools attending the local training.
- If you haven’t heard from your BOCES regarding the training, contact the BOCES Staff & Curriculum Development office.

**MRSA**

- SED and the NYS Department of Health have released a 27 page report on the prevention and treatment of MRSA. It may be accessed on the school health website: [www.schoolhealthservices.org](http://www.schoolhealthservices.org).

**Swimming Pool Supervision**

- The new swimming pool supervision regulation requiring schools to have a second certified supervisory person on the pool deck goes into effect November 7, 2007. Required training of a second certified supervisor goes into effect January 2008. Schools may apply to their County Health Department to postpone implementation. All questions should be addressed to the County Health Department.

**Coaching revision to Health Sciences Applied to Coaching** is almost completed. She is waiting for two documents from the Department of Health that contain information for coaches in dealing with students who have diabetes or asthma. The final coaching revision document is expected to be available in January.

**Contact Information**

- The best way to contact her is by email: pkocials@mail.nysed.gov
- Phone: 518-474-5922
- Fax: 518-473-4884
- Address: Trish Kocialski, Association in Physical Education-NYS Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Room 320EB, Albany, NY 12234

She announced she is available to attend any Section or other Association’s meeting to talk about Physical Education or State Education issues.

**NYS Athletic Administrators Association.** Bill Bryant, President

- Announced their annual conference is scheduled for March 12-15, 2008 in Saratoga Springs. The theme is “We Are Family”. They will be offering six leadership training courses on Wednesday, March 12th and the CAA test on Friday, March 14th.
- Announced their Fall newsletter was has been mailed.
- Thanked the Association for selling their Athletic Administrators Handbook.
- Announced Dave Martens will be receiving the highest Award of Merit at the NIAAA Conference in December in Nashville, TN.
• Thanked our Association for its partnership and support.

**NYS Council of Administrators.** Mike Salatel, President

• Thanked the NYSPHSAA for their support.
• Announced their conference is scheduled for November 4-5, 2007 at Turning Stone Resort.
• Announced they are in discussion on dates and places for next year’s conference. If anyone has suggestions, please contact him.
• Congratulated Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director of the NYS Athletic Administrators Association, on the special service award he will be receiving at their conference.

Nina announced the retirement of Assistant Director Lloyd Mott effective September 1, 2008.

The October 2007 Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 1:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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