

**SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS**  
**AUGUST 2008 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Rye Town Hilton, Rye Brook**

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. P3 Approved May 2008 Executive Committee minutes.
2. P4 Approved the 2008-2009 Section Sports Seasons.
3. P8 Defeated the edited Modified Sports Standards Chart for Interschool Competition.
4. P8 Approved for the Buffalo City Schools a one year waiver in football of the 10 game rule to allow an 11<sup>th</sup> game for the two schools competing in the Harvard Cup Thanksgiving Day Championship.
5. P8 Approved a permanent waiver in softball for the pitching distance to remain at 40 feet.
6. P8 Approved in boys volleyball an individual may have a different number when changing from a team uniform to a Libero shirt.
7. P8 Approved the use of the revised NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee's physician release form for wrestlers to participate with skin lesion(s) with amended date of approval.
8. P9 Approved in boys volleyball a waiver of officials as linespeople in league play up to the semifinals in Sections 3 and 11.
9. P12 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: **St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus Regional Catholic School (2), Siena Academy (5), Rochester Christian School (5), St. Mary's School (7), Valley Stream Christian Academy (8).**
10. P12 Approved as New Members: **Keio Academy (1), Tyburn Academy of Mary Immaculate (3), Greece Christian School (5).**
11. P13 Defeated the Boys Basketball Committee's waiver of the Six Section Rule pertaining to 3 person officiating crews in the NYSPHSAA State Tournament for the 2009 season.
12. P14 Approved a Parents' Awareness Form for the wrestling minimum weight certification.
13. P14 Approved the Handbook Committee's recommendation of additional language to the Practice Regulation.
14. P15 Approved the Handbook Committee's recommendation of additional wording to the Senior All Star Contests regulation.
15. P19 Meeting adjourned.

**NEW YORK STATE  
PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Rye Town Hilton, Rye Brook**

**August 5-7, 2008**

The Central Committee was called to order by President Ronald Black at 2:05PM. Members present included:

**Officers & Staff**

President Ronald Black  
First Vice President Patrick Pizzarelli  
Second Vice President Mark Ward  
Past President Kathryn Faber  
Executive Director Nina Van Erk  
Assistant Director Lloyd Mott  
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker  
Assistant Director Joe Altieri  
Assistant Director Todd Nelson  
Treasurer Kathleen Hagle  
Counsel Renee James  
Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**

Patrick Calnon  
Michaela Kasner  
Karen Lopez  
Richard McGuire  
James Tolle  
Dean Veenhof

**Section Representatives**

- Section 1: Jennifer Simmons (proxy for Superintendent Rep.) Karen Peterson, John Ventura (proxy for Stewart Hanson), Scott Mosenthal  
Section 2: Eileen Troy, Glenn Westfall, Mike McCarthy and Fred Gula (proxies for Joe Murphy-Wed.), G. Michael Apostol  
Section 3: Bruce Quimby, Evelyn Sammons, Richard Hunt, Mike Deuel (proxy for John Stewart)  
Section 4: Julie Maney, Ed Redmond, Michael Virgil, Terry Heller  
Section 5: Jim Simmons (proxy for Jim Zumbo), Kathy Smith, Joseph Backer, Rick Amundson (proxy for Michael Simon)  
Section 6: Don Scholla, Cindy Bullis, Jim Dunnigan, Mike Wendt (proxy for Jeff Rabey)  
Section 7: Joe Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry, John McDonald, Steven Broadwell  
Section 8: John Pirocato, Laura Orticelle, Neil Connolly, Henry Grishman  
Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe, Al Wojtaszek, Donald Andrews  
Section 10: Paul Harrica, Martha Slack (proxy for Stephanie Putney), Carl Normandin (proxy for Darin Saiff), Joe Jubinville (Tues. only)  
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis, Lynn Schwartz, Ed Cinelli (proxy for Peter Ferenz)

**Section Presidents**

John Ventura (1), Mike McCarthy (2), Ken Avery (3), John Paske (4), Paul Harrica (10), Lisa Lally (11)

**Section Secretaries & Treasurers**

Jen Simmons (1), Doug Kenyon (2), Fred Gula (2), Roger Seward (2), John Rathbun (3), Mary Milcetic (3), Dawn Field (3), Ben Nelson (4), Bob Dinse (6), Loren Ratajczak (6), John Gallagher (7), Todd Heimer (8), George McElroy (8), Bob Thabet (9), Jim Osborne (9), Carl Normandin (10), Martha Slack (10), Ed Cinelli (11)

**State Sports Coordinators**

Ed Dopp, Baseball  
William Higgins, Basketball-B  
Eileen Troy, Basketball-G  
Kathy Ferreri, Bowling-G  
Wayne Inman, Bowling-B  
Charles Wiltse, Cross Country-B  
Marbry Gansle, Cross Country & Gymnastics-G  
Bev Hooper, Field Hockey  
Gary Van Derzee (proxy for Dick Cerone), Football  
Doug Courtright, Golf-B  
Jamie Harter, Asst. Coordinator G. Golf

Dennis O'Brien, Skiing-B  
Bob Underwood, Skiing-G  
Mike Andrew, Soccer-B  
Charles Goehring, Soccer-G  
Cathy Allen, Softball  
Roger Bell, Swimming/Diving-B  
Diane Hicks-Hughes, Swimming/Diving-G  
Selina DeCicco, Tennis-B  
Chris Horgan, Tennis-G  
Dan Doherty, Track & Field-G  
Don Sauer, Track & Field-B

Mike Martin, Gymnastics-B  
Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey  
Liz Parry, Asst. Coordinator G. Lacrosse  
Jim Amen, Asst. Coordinator B. Lacrosse  
George Hathaway, Riflery

Judy Hartmann, Volleyball-B  
Peggy Seese, Asst. Coordinator G. Volleyball  
Oscar Jensen, Winter Track-B  
(proxy for Dave Hennessey), Winter Track-G  
Don DeBadts, Wrestling

**Ex-Officio & Consultants**

Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA  
Wayne Bertrand, President-NYSAAA  
Tom Graham-NYS Coaches Assoc. (Wed.)  
Tom McGuire, Pupil Benefits Plan

**Standing Committees**

Robbie Greene, Handbook Coordinator  
Mike Schwenk, Life of an Athlete Coordinator  
Judy Salerno, Modified Co-Coordinator  
James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator

**Guests**

Greg Ransom (1)	Christopher Doroshenko (3)
Marty Sherman (2) (Wed.)	David Daniels (4)
Carol Moss (3)	Rich Bullis (8)
Karissa Graham (3)	Ross Goldin (11)

The May 2008 Executive Committee Meeting minutes were accepted as written.

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

**President Ron Black**

- Introduced Greg Ransom, retired Section 1 Executive Director who welcomed the group to the Rye Town Hilton, Rye Brook.
- President Black and Executive Director Nina VanErk gave a joint power point presentation highlighting the actions taken to date in regards to the Association's five year Strategic Plan which was implemented in August 2005.

**1st Vice President Pat Pizzarelli**

- Attended the NFHS summer meeting in July in Washington, DC. He found that the same issues that our Association is dealing with i.e. public vs. private school, cheerleading, funding, the Transfer Rule and adaptive athletics other associations throughout the country are also dealing with.
- Commended Nina on doing a very professional job of representing New York State on the NFHS Board of Directors.
- Congratulated Jackie Brummer, a NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame inductee two years ago, on her induction into this year's NFHS Hall of Fame.

**2nd Vice President Mark Ward**

- Commended Nina and the Association staff on the great job they do for our schools and Sections.
- Commended the sport committees and sport coordinators for their volunteerism and for all they do for our student athletes.

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

- **Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops.** In May 2007, the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee granted approval requiring all school district athletic directors to attend an annual mandatory NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop beginning with the 2007-2008 school year. Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year the mandate will include a Sportsmanship Workshop. All school districts must comply for their schools to be eligible for all sectional, regional and state competition. Workshops are scheduled in each of the 11 sections along with a centrally located workshop at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham. Athletic directors may attend the workshop that best fits their schedule. If additional school personnel wish to attend the workshops, please contact the Section Executive Director to inquire about available space. A list of the dates, times and places of the 2008-2009 workshops was included in the meeting folders.
- **2008-2010 NYSPHSAA Handbook.** The NYSPHSAA Handbook will be mailed to all member schools during the next few weeks. The Handbook contains significant changes such as the inclusion of Selection Classification and Mixed Competition Guidelines, approved sport rule waivers and reporting procedures. It is also available online and will be updated after each NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting so all schools will have access to the most current

information possible.

- **Legislative Action Update.** Meetings were held with the following legislators to discuss their proposed legislation: Assemblyman Englebright and Senator Alessi and their staffs to discuss their bills pertaining to synthetic turf fields; Senator Andrew Lanza and his staff to discuss his steroid bill and suggest a legislative grant to develop a steroid education program; Mike Fox, Counsel to the State Majority Leader on Education to discuss legislation regarding military book camp; and Giovanni Warren, Education Analyst to the Speaker and his staff to discuss legislation regarding military boot camp. Developing strategies to assist sport officials to promote legislation which would help protect them from assault and litigation are also being worked on. Efforts to improve our relationship with the members of the legislature have been productive.
- **ACT Test Dates.** A copy of the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 testing dates were included in the meeting folders.
- **Empire State Games.** A few emails and phone calls have been received regarding the change in eligibility requirements for the Empire State Games and the negative effect the changes had on some of the athletes in New York, particularly male lacrosse players. There are two main issues – students who have graduated are still eligible for the Scholastic Division if they are 17 years old as of August 31 and juniors who turn 18 prior to August 31 must compete in the Open Division (no Open Division in Boys Lacrosse) even though they have high school eligibility remaining. She has spoken to Mr. Fred Smith to express the concerns of our member schools. He was extremely receptive to the suggestions and input from the NYSPHSAA.
- **CSIET Advisory List.** The Advisory List was received on May 1<sup>st</sup> and faxed to the Section offices and placed on the Association's web site, [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org). A link to the 2008-2009 Advisory List is available on our website [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org).
- **Directory Information.** The 2008-2009 Directory Information form included in the meeting folders needs to be completed and returned by September 5, 2008.
- **Central Committee Appointments.** The following members of the Central Committee have been selected to represent their respective sections for a four year term expiring in 2012:

Section 1	Stewart Hanson	Male Athletic Representative
Section 2	G. Michael Apostol	Principal Representative
Section 3	Michael Deuel	Chief School Officer Representative
Section 4	Terry Heller	Principal Representative
Section 5	Joseph Backer	Chief School Officer Representative
Section 6	James Dunnigan	Principal Representative
Section 7	Patricia Ryan-Curry	Female Athletic Representative
Section 8	John Piropto	Male Athletic Representative
Section 9	Roberta Greene	Female Athletic Representative
Section 10	Tony Bjork	Male Athletic Representative
Section 11	Nicholas DeCillis	Male Athletic Representative

- **Section Sports Seasons**

A motion to approve the 2008-2009 Section Sports Seasons **carried.**

Maney/Dunnigan

- **Future Meeting Dates –**

October 19, 2008 – Lloyd Mott's Retirement Celebration – Albany  
October 20, 2008 – Albany – Holiday Inn, Wolf Road  
January 30-31, 2009 – Binghamton - TBA  
May 1-2, 2009 - Syracuse – Holiday Inn at Carrier Circle  
August 4-6, 2009 – Lake Placid – Crowne Plaza (Tuesday – Thursday)

#### Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker

##### **2007-2008 State Championships.**

- A summary (as of 7/25/08) of the Championship Financial Report and a comparison to previous years was included in the meeting folders.
- Conference Medal/Trophy Co. Replica Plaque program returned \$1,134.00 from the sales of 378 replicas of the NYSPHSAA award. Royalties totaling \$8,013.00 have been received in the 9 years of this program.
- Emergency measures (crowd control and AED) were effective at all 2007-2008 State Championships and will continue to be in place for 2008-2009.

##### **2008-2009 State Championships.**

- A master schedule as approved by the Executive Committee in February 2008 was included in the meeting folders.  
**NOTE:** Wrestling date has changed to February 27-28, 2009.
- Future Dates/Sites. The tentative schedule of dates and sites of future state championships planned for 2009-2010 and

beyond was included in the meeting folders.

#### **State Sports Coordinators.**

- Sports who's State Coordinators with appointments/reappointments scheduled during 2008-2009 are Boys Basketball, Boys Cross Country, Boys Indoor Track and Field, Girls Swimming and Diving and Girls Golf.
- The annual meeting for the State Sports Coordinators, as required by the NYSPHSAA Constitution, is being held as an extension of the Central Committee Group meeting on Wednesday, August 6. The Sports Coordinators manual has been updated and will be distributed at this meeting. Copies for Section Executive Directors will be provided. Other copies are available upon request.

#### **Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program**

- The Scholar/Athlete Team Award program had concluded its 17<sup>th</sup> year with record participation totals.
- A list of the 2007-2008 Scholar/Athlete State Champions and award presenters was included in the meeting folders.
- Thank you to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 13<sup>th</sup> year of sponsorship.

#### **School of Distinction**

- 2007-2008 School of Distinction winners are: Ursuline School (1), Yorktown (1), Loudonville Christian (2), Windham Ashland Jewett (4), Clarence (6), Iroquois (6), Grand Island (6), Williamsville North (6), Williamsville East (6), Indian Lake (7), Long Lake (7), Garden City (8), Massapequa (8), Jericho (8), Heuvelton (10), Islip (11) and Commack (11).
- Thank you to Lee's Trophies Co., Schenectady, NY for sponsoring the awards.
- 2008-2009 instructions and application forms are posted on the NYSPHSAA website.
- 2007-2008 Scholar Athlete and School of Distinction Record Book was available for review at the Central Committee meeting

#### **NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association**

- 2008-2009 officers are: President: Don Douglas, PSAL; Vice President: Donal Buckley, CHSAA; Secretary: MJ Quigley, AISAA; Treasurer: Nina Van Erk, PHSAA; and Executive Secretary: Walter Eaton.
- 2008-2009 meeting schedule is as follows: Fall: September 16, 2008; Winter: December 9, 2008; Spring: May 12, 2009

#### **NFHS Student Leadership Conference**

- Attended the NFHS Student Leadership Conference on July 17-20, 2008 in Indianapolis along with Murphee Hayes, the Student Athlete Advisory Coordinator who is the Athletic Administrator at Whitney Point High School (4).
- Student leaders selected from our member schools to attend were: Justin Filippone (grade 11)-Windham Ashland Jewett (4); Alex Patch (grade 10)-Nyack (1); Joshua Snyder (grade 10)-Hammondspport (5); Brianna Herman (grade 11)-Saratoga (2); Taviot Jackowski (grade 10)-LaFayette (3); and Maggie Seligman (grade 11)-Shenendehowa (2).
- Next year's conference is scheduled for July 16-19, 2009 in Indianapolis.

#### **Assistant Director Lloyd Mott**

##### **Classification of Schools**

- Letters of instruction for the 2009-2010 classification reports will go to the Section offices in September.
- Non-public and charter schools may be classified by sport according to the procedures set forth in the 2006-2009 three year classification experiment.
- The 5-Class parameters along with all other classification numbers can be found in the 2008-2010 NYSPHSAA Handbook on pages 174 & 175. Changes are as follows: Football: AA: 1051-up; A: 626-1050; B: 441-625; C: 276-440; D: 275-below. Boys' Lacrosse: A: 1100-up; B: 650- 1099; C/D: 649-below.
- A validation of school enrollments will be completed with a comparison to SED numbers and reports will go to the Sections.

##### **Coaches Clinics**

- Successful coaches clinics were held in wrestling, lacrosse, softball, field hockey, track/field and cross country, soccer and volleyball. Some of the sports committees considered clinics in different sports or adding a second clinic in the same sport, scheduled for a different geographical area. After considerable planning and discussion, these did not take place. The possibilities still exist for the future.
- Plans are underway for repeating clinics in the same sports in 2008-2009.

##### **Sanctioning**

##### **Interstate Contest Sanctioning**

- A member school wishing to host a contest involving an out-of-state school must file an application for sanction with the NYSPHSAA office if such contest involves four or more schools, three or more states, or any two school contest co-sponsored by anyone other than a member school.
- Use the **NYSPHSAA Sanction Application Form** for the following: for interstate contests involving 4 or more schools (one from out-of-state), or three or more states; NYSPHSAA schools hosting interstate competition must file a NYSPHSAA Application for Sanction with the NYSPHSAA office at least thirty calendar days prior to the event (no

fee). NOTE: For sanctioning purposes, Canada is not considered to be a foreign country but is to be included as a bordering state.

- Use the **NFHS Application for Sanction of Interstate & International Sanctioning Athletic Events** form for the following: any interstate event involving two or more schools which is co-sponsored by or titled in the name of an organization outside the high school community; non-bordering events if five or more states are involved; non-bordering events if more than eight schools are involved; and any event involving two or more schools that involves a team from a foreign country (exceptions are Canada and Mexico which are considered “bordering states”).
- A “NOTICE OF ENTRY” must be submitted in writing to the NYSPHSAA (Attn.: Barbara Hennessey) or by email to [bsacci@nysphsaa.org](mailto:bsacci@nysphsaa.org) by any NYSPHSAA member school planning to participate in an interstate contest involving four or more schools, or any interstate contest which is co-sponsored by an organization other than a member high school.
- All sanction forms and financial forms may be obtained from the NYSPHSAA website ([www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org)), the National Federation website ([www.nfhs.org](http://www.nfhs.org)) or by calling Barb Hennessey at the NYSPHSAA office at 518-690-0771.

#### **Co-Sponsorship Sanctioning Requirements**

- The **Application to NFHS for Sanction of Interstate Athletic Event form** should be used for any interstate competition involving two or more schools which is co-sponsored by an organization outside the high school community (e.g., a university, a theme park, a shoe company), must be sponsored by a member school, an approved school or a state association, and shall require sanction of the National Federation through the NYSPHSAA office. This form along with the fee should be filed more than 60 days prior to the event.
- The **Statewide Outside Agency Form** (with financial information) should be used for any New York competition involving two or more schools which is co-sponsored by an organization outside the high school community (i.e., a university, a theme part, a shoe company), must be sponsored by a member school, an approved school or a state association, and shall require approval of the host school’s Section Athletic Council. This form should be filed at least 60 days prior to the event.
- All initial sanctioning communication should go to Barb Hennessey – [bsacci@nysphsaa.org](mailto:bsacci@nysphsaa.org) or 518-690-0771. Please include date of contest, site, host school and host state in the communication.

#### **NYSPHSAA Sports Records Database**

- The process for collecting and placing sports records in our database is working very well in most sports. The success depends on the input from the schools and Section sport committee members.
- Encouraged the cooperation of our Sport Coordinators and sport committee members in updating the records database at the conclusion of each season stressing that we collect only records set by teams and individuals from our member schools.
- Forms for submitting NYSPHSAA records, as well as National records, are on the NYSPHSAA website.

#### **Coaching Certification Review Committee**

- Committee members are: Trish Kocialski, Jack Foley, Karen Lopez, Roger Brown, Bill Bryant, Carl Normandin, Wayne Bertrand and Lloyd Mott.
- The committee has completed the update of the Health and Science as Related to Coaching course outline this year.
- The committee recommends ASEP’s Successful Coaching, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, as the main textbook which may be purchased at a discounted rate through the NYSPHSAA Book Order process.
- The committee met with Tim Flannery from the NFHS in June who introduced the NFHS Coaching Certification Course which can be taken online or used in a blended approach with our courses. They will meet on October 20<sup>th</sup> to consider methods to include the NFHS Course within the NYS Coaches Education Courses.
- The NYSPHSAA/SUNY Cortland online coaching certification courses are serving well over 150 coaches per year. Our collaborative effort has been successful and easily administered.

#### **Rule Books and Publications**

- Schools are encouraged to place book orders online by going to [www.nysphsaa.org](http://www.nysphsaa.org) and click on the orange box on the left side of the home page – NYSPHSAA Online Store – which expedites the process.

#### **Assistant Director Todd Nelson**

- Reported on the various workshops he attended at the NFHS summer meeting in Washington, DC.
- Reported on his transition time for duties associated with his Assistant Director position.
- Would like to get a small group together to investigate the possibility having a cheerleading clinic in the spring. He asked the Sections if they know of anyone who is qualified and very good at organizing their cheerleading program to please give their names to him.

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

- **Spring Championship Programs** provided a net loss of \$718 due to program printing expenses.

- **Championship Programs** showed a profit of \$13,003 due to increased income from program sales at the state tournaments.
- **Championship Media/Broadcasting.** The Association netted \$10,000 for Spring championship television and radio broadcasts. This included \$8,500 in TV revenue from MSG and Time Warner Cable broadcasting the boys and girls lacrosse finals. Overall, the Association saw revenues of \$28,050 for all championship TV/radio broadcasts in 2007-2008 which was slightly lower than 2006-2007 but still our second highest ever.
- **Vendor/Souvenir Sales** were reviewed for 2006, 2007 and 2008.

#### **Corporate Sponsorships**

- **US Marines.** We have received a verbal agreement that the Marines will return as a “platinum” sponsor for 2008-2009. Final commitment and details will follow at the October Executive Committee meeting.
- **Holiday Inn.** We have concluded our final year of a three-year contract and are in negotiations with the Holiday Inn to extend the partnership as a “bronze” or “silver” sponsor. Due to the lack of corporate backing, the Hotel Marketing Association involved in the Holiday Inn sponsorship is looking at a different financial arrangement.
- **CSEA.** We have met with and begun discussions on sponsorship with CSEA for a bronze level sponsorship for the 2008-2009 school year.
- **Footlocker/Eastbay.** We have had several conference calls with Footlocker/Eastbay to develop a sponsorship for 2008-2009. Footlocker has indicated February would be the earliest we could partner with them.
- **State Farm.** We have had several conference calls with State Farm to discuss development of a sponsorship to cover additional championships this year, not only football (currently State Farm is the sportsmanship sponsor at football).
- **Worldwide Sport Supply.** After a conference call with Worldwide, we have a verbal commitment for a “contributing” sponsorship for girls’ volleyball this fall. Worldwide’s package will include souvenir sales as well as advertising at championships.

#### **Media**

- **Media Advisory Committee.** The committee is scheduled to meet August 28<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> at the Association office.
- **Media Credentials.** For the second straight year we are asking media to formally request credentials for our championships by having their editors/sports directors send a letter in writing. The process was very successful last year despite not all media making their requests in a timely manner.

#### **Public Relations/Marketing**

- **Press releases** have been distributed statewide for the following: New York Good Sports winners, Hall of Fame inductions, and appointments of our officers following this meeting.

#### **Other**

- **Reminder:** Pass along to your schools information on webcasting sports events for free. Information was included in the May Executive Committee meeting folders.

**Treasurer Kathy Hagle** reviewed the budget stating the financial condition of the Association is strong.

#### **Financials**

- The Association will finish the year \$21,000 better than budget due to an increase in sponsorship revenues of \$85,000 offsetting investment losses of \$86,000. Total expenditures were off by \$14,000 due to an overlap in wages of the Assistant Directors, auditing expenses, retirement related expenses due to Lloyd’s retirement in September, increased costs of the Scholar Athlete program due to the growth of the program and an increase in the Ad hoc committee expenses due to more Ad hoc committees.

#### **Audit**

- We received a clean opinion from our auditors, Marvin & Co., for 2006-2007. Copies of the audited financial statements are available. Auditing standard changes and significant changes in the IRS returns that we file, require more controls, information, accuracy and transparency in all of the activities related to NYSPHSAA. As we are a not-for-profit (501c3) corporation, maintenance of our federal tax exempt status requires ever increasing detailed disclosures of operational and financial information.

#### **Dues**

- There will be no dues increase for 2008-2009.

#### **Counselor Renee James**

- Reported the only litigation still pending is the bowling issue where a girl bowled on a boys team during the regular season wanted the ability to bowl on a girls Section All-Star team if her boys team didn’t qualify for States. This issue is still before the Commissioner.
- Reported on the soccer officials insurance issue in which an incorrect interpretation was distributed from Marsh USA stating that they would not provide insurance coverage if only one soccer official was officiating at a game. This was in response to a soccer official’s inquiry about insurance coverage liability because assignors were not assigning 2 or 3

officials to officiate at soccer games as required by their officials' agreement. She stated a letter would be sent out to the Section Executive Directors, the Boys and Girls Soccer Committees, the NYS Certified Officials of Soccer Association and to the OCF clarifying what the insurance policy states.

**Director of Government Relations.** Nina Van Erk

- Gave a summary of what was happening within the legislature relative to Gov. Patterson's address on the New York State budget woes.
- Reported the NYSPHSAA, NY School Boards, NYS Council of Superintendents and SAANYS will be working together to make sure that school aid is protected otherwise it will have a negative effect on the programs we are responsible for.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- **Modified Sports Standards Chart for Interschool Competition**

A **motion to approve** the edited Modified Sports Standards Chart for Interschool Competition was **defeated**.

Quimby/Broadwell

- **Buffalo City Schools – Football Request.** Mike Wendt, President-Elect-Section 6 submitted a written proposal from the Buffalo City Schools requesting permission to play one extra football game during the 2008 season to accommodate the "Harvard Cup" football game.

A **motion to approve** for the Buffalo City Schools a one year waiver in football of the 10 game rule to allow an 11<sup>th</sup> game for the two schools competing in the Harvard Cup Thanksgiving Day Championship **carried**.

Dunnigan/DeCillis

**AD HOC COMMITTEES**

**Task Force on Adapted Athletics.** Pat Pizzarelli

- Reviewed the Minutes of the June 11, 2008 meeting highlighting the framework written by Dr. Joseph P. Winnick of SUNY Brockport which enhances the development of interscholastic programs for individuals with disabilities.
- Stated the Association wanted to run its own adapted athletic program which will be called "Adapted Athletics", not have an outside group run it as is done in other states.
- Future plans include a conference call in late August and another meeting in October. Stated more volunteers are needed on the task force as not every Section was represented. If anyone is interested in being on the committee, please contact Nina.

**Sport Season Committee.** Jim Osborne

- Reviewed the Minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting.
- Stated the committee was reconvened because the Structure & Policy Review Committee indicated this issue was one of the four major concerns of the NYSPHSAA membership.
- A new sports season survey has been developed as a result of the committee's June 30<sup>th</sup> conference call meeting. The questions on the survey represent the current and future areas the committee has been asked to study. It will be presented and discussed with athletic directors at their mandatory AD workshop. The committee asks that the athletic director review the survey with their high school principal and the district superintendent and then sign the form. The committee members will collect and review the surveys to see what direction to take.

**SPORT COORDINATORS**

- **Softball.** Cathy Allen, Softball State Coordinator submitted the Softball Committee's written proposal requesting a permanent waiver to the rule change for the pitching distance in softball.

A **motion to approve** a permanent waiver in softball that the pitching distance will remain at 40 feet for the Varsity, JV and Freshmen levels **carried**.

Troy/Harrica

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 4 yes; Section 2: 3 yes; Section 3: 4 yes; Section 4: 4 yes; Section 5: 3 no; Section 6: 4 yes; Section 7: 4 yes; Section 8: 4 yes; Section 9: 4 yes; Section 10: 4 yes; Section 11: 4 yes. 36 Yes/3 No.)

- **Boys Volleyball.** Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator submitted the Boys Volleyball Committee's written proposal requesting a modification of the USA Rule Interpretation for the Libero player.

A **motion to approve** in Boys Volleyball an individual may have a different number when changing from a team uniform to a Libero shirt **carried**. A Libero shirt may not be passed among teammates. There should be no duplicate numbers.

Troy/Staves

- **Wrestling.** Don DeBadts, Wrestling State Coordinator submitted the Wrestling Committee's recommendation to use a physician release form for wrestlers to participate with skin lesion(s) developed by the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

A **motion to approve** the use of the revised NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee's physician release form for wrestlers to participate with skin lesion(s) with amended date of approval **carried**.

Sammons/Redmond

## DISCUSSION ITEM

### Draft of Penalties.

At the May 2008 Executive Committee meeting, Section representatives were asked to bring the Draft of Penalties document back to their Sections for review and discussion and then report their Section's feedback at the Central Committee meeting.

- **Section 1** suggested looking at the rules that punish kids. When that occurs the school district has the option of taking an additional school penalty and then the student athlete retains their eligibility unless the student was directly responsible for the incident.
- **Section 2** stated their Section felt the penalty should be dealt with within the individual school. Their schools felt coaches were employed by the school district and are bound by many contractual issues as far as the disciplining of its employees.
- **Section 3** voiced a concern with the smaller schools where athletic administrators are also teaching other classes or are part time and are not as well trained as they should be. Sanctions on the coaches while schools are struggling to fill these positions could be potentially difficult.
- **Section 5** inquired who would investigate the incidents.
- **Section 7** suggested looking at suspending a student/athlete instead of forfeiting a contest for some of the minor infractions.
- **Section 8** felt that if a school didn't take action, then it would be up to the Section to do so.
- **Section 10** voiced a concern with the use of public funds being used to pay for the fines assessed. They also were concerned with the possibility of contractual issues if a coach is penalized.

The above suggestions and concerns will be discussed at the next Handbook Committee meeting.

## SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

**Section 2** stated one of their Christian schools has a concern with participating in contests on Sunday. They inquired about the possibility of the Association picking up the cost of sending four coaches from every Section to help run the golf tournament. They stated they would like an area added on the CAC Championship proposals/changes form that would indicate a Section is aware and in favor of the proposal/change. They asked that any proposal brought before the Executive/Central Committee from a sport committee in which there is a financial impact be taken back to the Sections for discussion before being voted on. They inquired if the state tournament committees could include practice rounds, banquets, etc. in the state tournament packages as a way to reduce expenses.

**Section 3** thanked Renee James for her help with the volleyball officials association. They voiced a concern with making Cheerleading a sport.

**Section 3 & 11.** A motion to approve in Boys Volleyball a waiver of officials as linespeople in league play up to the semifinals carried. Cinelli/Troy

## SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONCERNS AND INPUT

The Section Executive Directors voiced the following concerns:

- The soccer officials' insurance issue.
- Sport Coordinators presenting proposals that financially impact Sections without Section input. Suggested the CAC proposal sign off form be revised to state any proposal from a State Sport Committee or Sport Coordinator has been discussed and voted on at the Section level.
- Travel costs – suggested looking into more geographic scheduling of contests. Also suggested using closer neighboring neutral sites for play off sites.
- Felt that in regional contests there should be at least a 48 hour notification in site and time changes.
- Look into the use of neutral officials at regional play.

## COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2008-2009 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS
2	Canajoharie & Fort Plain

SPORT
Cross Country-B/G
Swimming-B
Wrestling

	Cohoes & Green Island	Football (Mod.) Football
	Gloversville & Mayfield	Golf (V) Swimming-G (V) Alpine Skiing (V) Nordic Skiing (V)
	Green Island & Watervliet Guilderland & Voorheesville Hudson & Ichabod Crane Hudson Falls & S. Glens Falls Johnsburg & Warrensburg Johnstown & Fonda Johnstown & Wheelerville	Soccer-B/G (V, JV) Swimming-B/G Swimming-G (V, JV) Swimming-G Nordic Skiing Swimming-B/G Baseball (Mod.) Football (Mod.) Soccer-B (Mod.) Track (Mod.) Wrestling (Mod.) Wrestling
	Middleburgh & Schoharie New Lebanon & Berlin	Swimming-B/G Wrestling-B/G
	Niskayuna & Schenectady Schalmont & Mohonasen	Ice Hockey Swimming & Diving-B/G Ice Hockey (V)
	Shaker & Colonie Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake & Scotia-Glenville Lake George & Hadley-Luzerne Watervliet & Loudonville	Ice Hockey (V) Ice Hockey (V) Wrestling (V) Wrestling
3	Jamesville-DeWitt & CBA	Ice Hockey Swimming-B Wrestling (Mod.)
	East Syracuse Minoa & Central Square Auburn, St. Joseph, St. Peter & Paul & Tyburn Academy Fayetteville-Manlius & Jamesville-DeWitt Notre Dame, Rome Catholic, Oriskany, Oneida, Camden, Poland, West Canada Valley & Westmoreland Holland Patent & New Hartford LaFargeville & Alexandria Richfield Springs & Owen D. Young Bishop Ludden & Fulton Fowler & Henninger Onondaga, LaFayette & Corcoran Fowler & Corcoran	Ice Hockey All Modified Sports Gymnastics-G
	Corcoran, Fowler & Westhill Corcoran, Nottingham, Henninger, Institute of Technology & Fowler	Ice Hockey Gymnastics-G Football (V) Soccer-B (V) Swimming-B (V) Golf-B Soccer-B (V, JV) Soccer-G (V, JV) Lacrosse-B (V, JV) Swim-G (V) Volleyball-B (V, JV) Swim-B (V) Wrestling-B (V, JV, Mod.)
	Corcoran & Nottingham Nottingham & Henninger Madison & Hamilton	Golf-G Bowling-B/G Lacrosse-G (V, JV) Football (Mod.)
6	Westfield & Ripley Ripley & Westfield	Cross Country-B/G Soccer-B/G Football (V, JV)
	Hinsdale & Allegany-Limestone Hinsdale & Olean Portville, Allegany-Limestone & Olean	Swimming-G Wrestling Swimming-B

7	<p>Ellicottville &amp; Franklinville  Westfield &amp; Chautauqua Lake  Kenmore East &amp; Kenmore West  Williamsville East, Williamsville South &amp; Williamsville North  Indian Lake &amp; Long Lake  Chazy &amp; Beekmantown  Keene Valley &amp; Lake Placid  Wells &amp; Lake Pleasant  Beekmantown &amp; Saranac  Saranac, Peru, Elizabethtown &amp; Seton Catholic  Plattsburgh &amp; AuSable Valley  Lake Placid &amp; Keene  Minerva &amp; Newcomb  Chazy, Beekmantown, Plattsburgh &amp; Saranac  Long Lake &amp; Tupper Lake  Keene, Westport, Elizabethtown-Lewis &amp; Moriah</p>	<p>Swimming-G  Swimming-G  Field Hockey (JV only)  Golf-G  All Sports (except Mod. B. Soccer)  Ice Hockey  Ice Hockey  Modified sports as needed  Gymnastics-G  Ice Hockey-B  Ice Hockey-B  Ice Hockey-B  All Sports  Ice Hockey-G  Soccer-B (Mod.)  Swimming-G (V)  Tennis-B/G (V)  Track &amp; Field-B/G (V)  Ice Hockey-G</p>
9	<p>Tri-Valley &amp; Fallsburg</p>	<p>Tennis-B/G  Alpine Skiing-B/G  Golf-G</p>
10	<p>Holy Family &amp; Franklin Academy  Lisbon, Hermon-DeKalb &amp; Canton  Heuvelton &amp; Ogdensburg Free Academy    St. Lawrence &amp; Salmon River    Madrid-Waddington, Lisbon, Hermon-DeKalb &amp; Canton  Chateaugay &amp; Franklin Academy    Brushton-Moira &amp; Salmon River  Parishville-Hopkinton &amp; St. Lawrence  Lisbon &amp; Heuvelton  St. Lawrence &amp; Brushton-Moira  Edwards-Knox &amp; Canton  Lisbon, Hermon-DeKalb, Heuvelton &amp; Canton  Colton-Pierrepont &amp; Potsdam  Norwood-Norfolk &amp; Potsdam  Salmon River, Parishville-Hopkinton, Brushton-Moira &amp; St. Lawrence  Ogdensburg Free Academy, Madrid-Waddington, Lisbon &amp; Canton  Madrid-Waddington &amp; Canton    Hermon-DeKalb &amp; Edwards-Knox    Lisbon &amp; Madrid-Waddington  Lisbon, Hermon-DeKalb, Potsdam &amp; Canton  Brushton-Moira &amp; Franklin Academy</p>	<p>All Modified Sports -  (except Basketball)  Cross Country-B/G  Spring Track-B/G  Cross Country-B/G  Indoor Track-B/G  Spring Track-B/G  Ice Hockey-B (V)  Swimming-G (V)  Wrestling (V)  Cross Country-B/G  Indoor Track-B/G  Spring Track-B/G  Indoor Track-B/G  Spring Track-B/G (V, Mod.)  Ice Hockey-B  Ice Hockey-B (V)  Ice Hockey-B (V)  Lacrosse-B/G  Soccer-B  Football  Football  Football (Mod.)  Football  Football  Ice Hockey-G  Lacrosse-G  Swimming-G  Swimming-G  Volleyball-G  Golf  Wrestling  Wrestling</p>

### 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).

SECTION	DATE	CONTEST
1	06-16-08	HVGLCA Sr. All-Star Contest-Lacrosse-G 06-16-08 Section 1 Sr. All-Star Contest-Lacrosse-B
2	06-12-08	Foothills Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
3	06-19-08	OHSL Sr. All-Star Contest-Lacrosse-G
5	06-13-08	Allegany-Steuben Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
6	06-08-08	Section 6 Sr. All-Star Contest-Lacrosse-G 06-14-08 Chautauqua County Senior Game-Baseball

### FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**. (Expiring in August 2010)

Nickerson/Redmond

#### Section 2

St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus Regional Catholic School  
10-12 Church Street  
Glens Falls, NY 12801  
Grades 7-8

#### Section 5

Siena Academy  
2617 East Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14610  
Grades 7-8  
**(Expires October 2008)**

#### Section 5

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

#### Section 7

St. Mary's School  
Amherst Avenue  
Ticonderoga, NY 12883  
Grades 7-8

#### Section 8

Valley Stream Christian Academy  
12 E. Fairview Avenue  
Valley Stream, NY 11580  
Grades 7-12

### NEW MEMBER

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

Harrica/Heller

#### Section 3

Tyburn Academy of Mary Immaculate  
17 Clymer Street  
Auburn, NY 13021  
Grades 9-12

#### Section 5

Greece Christian School  
750 Long Pond Road  
Rochester, NY 14612  
Grades 7-8

A **motion to approve** the following application for NYSPHSAA membership status **carried**.

Simmons/Troy

#### Section 1

Keio Academy

3 College Road  
Purchase, NY 10577  
Grades 9-12

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

**Budget Committee.** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Pat Pizzarelli reviewed the 2008-09.

- Reported that the Association was planning for a deficit budget for 2008-2009 due to the suspension of the championship entry fees and no dues increase for 2008-2009.

**Modified Committee.** James Rose and Judy Salerno, Co-Coordiators, presented the report.

- The committee met on October 12, 2007 and April 4, 2008.
- Reported this will be the second year of a pilot program allowing the use of two wide receivers in Modified Football.
- Discussion items for the Fall 2008 committee meeting are: modified softball pitching distance and the request for a change in the rest period requirement between bouts in Modified Wrestling.
- The committee is in need of a Sports Coordinator for Girls Gymnastics and Girls Basketball. Please contact James Rose or Judy Salerno if you know of anyone who is interested.
- The meeting dates for the Modified Committee are scheduled for Friday, October 3, 2008 and Friday, April 3, 2009 at the NYSPHSAA office.

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

A **motion to approve** the Boys Basketball Committee's waiver of the Six Section Rule pertaining to 3 person officiating crews in the NYSPHSAA State Tournament (Regionals through the State Finals) for the 2009 season was **defeated**. Quimby/Wendt (The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 4 yes; Section 2: 4 no; Section 3: 4 yes; Section 4: 4 no; Section 5: 4 no; Section 6: 4 yes; Section 7: 3 yes, 1 no; Section 8: 4 no; Section 9: 4 no; Section 10: 2 yes, 1 no; Section 11: 4 no. 17 Yes/26 No)

- Announced Roger Bell was retiring from the committee and thanked him for all his years of service.
- Announced President Black had appointed Oscar Jensen to the committee for a 4 year term.
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

**Life Of An Athlete.** Mike Schwenk presented the report.

- Reported the trainings taking place across the state were successful.
- Thanked Joe Altieri for his work in securing sponsors for the t-shirts given out to students attending the trainings.
- Training for Year 4 "Student Athlete Leadership" was conducted in Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 9 and 10.
- Year 5 "Putting It All Together Stakeholders Unity" is completed and has been piloted in Sections 3 and 4.
- Requested all Sections to contact Patti Murphy by August 18<sup>th</sup> with their dates for their training for Year 5 so that they may be included on the website.
- Requested each Section Representative to contact Bob Stulmaker at least one week before their training to order the CD's on Year 5.
- The committee is asking for the names and email addresses of all new Ads so that they may send them information on Life of an Athlete and its trainings
- Future topics for trainings will include: 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.
- Congratulated Larry Jenne, Section 10 Representative on his appointment as Principal and thanked him for all his work on the committee.
- The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2008 at 10AM in the NYSPHSAA office with a planning meeting on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn-Turf at 5PM.

**Safety Committee.** Assistant Directors Lloyd Mott and Todd Nelson presented the report highlighting the following:

### **Concussion Management**

- The minutes of the Concussion Management Team's meeting on June 23, 2008 were included in the meeting folder.
- Senator Hannon has recommended a grant for 2008-09 to continue with our concussion management programs for education, proper protocol and the use of a tool such as IMPACT.

- The Concussion Management DVD has been mailed to all member schools. Please utilize the DVD at all preseason meetings with parents, coaches, athletes and athletic trainers.

#### **NYS Certified Athletic Trainers**

- Lloyd reviewed the value of having athletic trainers on the Safety Committee.
- Reported the Safety Committee is working with the NYS Athletic Trainers Association by helping to schedule presentations to various groups to encourage the hiring of certified athletic trainers.

#### **NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee**

Issues discussed at their meeting included:

- A concern with wearing soccer head gear as there is no proof the head gear protects a soccer player from head injuries, especially concussions.
- Mandating mouth guards in all sports.
- Field Hockey protective eyewear
- Contagious skin diseases
- Metal vs. wooden baseball bats – there is no conclusive data which supports that metal bats are more dangerous than wooden bats.

#### **Girls' Lacrosse**

- Reported a study done by RPI on the increasing number of head injuries and concussions in girls' lacrosse recommends rules to mandate helmets. A meeting has been scheduled with the researchers from RPI to discuss their findings.

#### **Wrestling**

A **motion to approve** a Parents' Awareness Form for the wrestling minimum weight certification to be required to be signed by the parent/guardian and the student and kept on file by the school athletic director **carried.** Westfall/DeCillis

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

- Efforts continue by the NYSPHSAA to assist Sections and Officials' Chapters to recruit more officials.
- Reported there was an Arbitration Hearing on July 2, 2008 involving Section I and the Rockland County Umpires Association.
- The Fall meeting of the OCF is scheduled for October 19, 2008 at 9AM in the NYSPHSAA office. The Spring meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2009 at 9AM at the Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, East Syracuse.

**Sportsmanship Committee.** Assistant Directors Lloyd Mott and Todd Nelson presented the report.

- 291 schools submitted the New York Good Sports Assessment forms and received New York Good Sports certificates.
- The schools who received the New York Good Sports Banner at the Central Committee Annual Banquet were Spackenkill High School (9) and Ossining Sr. High School (1).
- The NYSPHSAA Executive Committee approved the Sportsmanship Committee's proposal to mandate a Sportsmanship Workshop annually in each Section to be scheduled on the day of the Athletic Directors workshop. This year's theme is "Setting the Tone".
- The Citizenship Through Athletics Course to certify instructors will be offered on February 4, 2009 at the NYSPHSAA office. The CTA course can be scheduled by Leagues or Sections if at least twenty people are to attend.
- The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association has produced a DVD on hazing. To order, go to [www.niaaa.org](http://www.niaaa.org). The NYSPHSAA workshop, "Hazing: Definition and Prevention" may still be scheduled by Sections or Leagues. Contact Todd Nelson.
- Thanked the Sportsmanship Committee members for their work on the committee.

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

- The minutes of the Handbook Committee meeting on July 23, 2008 were reviewed.

#### **Sportsmanship Regulation**

- The committee recommends a clarification when a coach is ejected from the last contest of the sport season. The rule states that the coach is ineligible to coach that sport until the coach serves their penalty in that sport and at that level. The committee recommends adding to the sentence, "Disqualification from one season carries over to the next season of participation **in that sport.**" Their rationale was the additional language clarifies and supports a previous sentence in the rule. The penalty for the adult should be served at the sport and level where the ejection occurred. The committee requests support for this clarification by the Sportsmanship Committee prior to action by the Executive Committee.

#### **Foreign Exchange Students**

- The committee discussed the removal of "No member of the school's coaching staff or athletic director, paid or voluntary, shall serve as the host family." The consensus of the committee was to have the rule remain as written to avoid the possible recruitment of foreign exchange students into the high school athletic programs.

### **Military Training**

A **motion to approve** the committee's recommendation to add the following language to the Practice Regulation **carried**.  
Sammons/Wolfe

*"e. Upon returning from military training student athletes shall be eligible for participation in interscholastic athletics once they have completed the required number of practices. Eligibility for participation will also include meeting all eligibility requirements imposed by the Commissioner of Education and NYSPHSAA such as, but not limited to, health examination, age, grade, etc."*

### **Graduation Ceremonies Prior to State Championships**

- The committee has requested Trish Kocialski (NYSED) research this topic with the Office of Legal Counsel. They also directed Nina to send a letter to Trish requesting a clarification to help expedite the inquiry. The conversation was tabled until further information was received.

### **Transfer Rule**

- The committee is not interested in recommending a change in the Transfer Rule that would include students who are Selectively Classified into the high school athletic program. Feedback from the Cracker Barrel discussion at the Central Committee meeting will direct any future discussion.

### **Senior All Star Contests**

A **motion to approve** the committee's recommendation to add the word **Senior** to the definition and letter "a" and add the word **approved** to letter "d" to be placed before senior all star contests **carried**.

Broadwell/Scholla

- The committee recommended the removal of the last paragraph, "A student who participated in any unapproved all star contest shall be ineligible to compete in interschool athletics in all sports for a period of one year from the date of such participation."
- The committee requested feedback from the Section Executive Directors regarding any additional changes to the Senior All Star Contest that should be made.
- The next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Monday, September 29, 2008 at 9:30AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

### **Budget & Finance Committee.** Past President Pat Calnon presented the report.

- Reported the committee meets in the fall and the spring.
- At their March meeting, the committee reviewed the 2006-2007 budget reporting it was the best year ever due to investment income, record breaking championship revenues and over estimating the post retirement health benefits.
- They reviewed a recommendation from our auditors that we not budget for investment income and agreed to continue that process.
- Reminded that the Association had adopted the IRS reimbursement rate for mileage which is voted on in January for the upcoming year.
- Reported the committee will be expanding to include 3 Section Executive Directors, 3 Past Presidents and 2 Superintendents.
- Reported in response to Executive/Central Committee discussions and when looking at the budget performance, the committee recommended to not increase membership dues and to eliminate the championship entry fees for 2008-2009.

### **PRINTED AND/OR ORAL REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING STATE SPORT COORDINATORS:**

Ed Dopp, Baseball; William Higgins, Boys Basketball; Eileen Troy, Girls Basketball; Wayne Inman, Boys Bowling; Kathy Ferreri, Girls Bowling; Charles Wiltse, Boys Cross Country; Marbry Gansle, Girls Cross Country/Gymnastics; Bev Hooper, Field Hockey; Gary Van Derzee (proxy for Richard Cerone), Football; Doug Courtright, Boys Golf; Jamie Harter, Girls Golf; Mike Martin, Boys Gymnastics; Dennis Sadler, Ice Hockey; Jim Amen, Boys Lacrosse; Liz Parry, Girls Lacrosse; George Hathaway, Riflery; Dennis O'Brien, Boys Skiing; Bob Underwood, Girls Skiing; Mike Andrew, Boys Soccer; Charles Goehring, Girls Soccer; Cathy Allen, Softball; Roger Bell, Boys Swimming/Diving; Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming/Diving; Selina DeCicco, Boys Tennis; Chris Horgan, Girls Tennis; Donald Sauer, Boys Track & Field; Dan Doherty, Girls Track & Field; Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball; Peggy Seese, Girls Volleyball; Oscar Jensen, Boys Winter Track; Oscar Jensen (proxy for David Hennessey), Girls Winter Track; Don DeBadts, Wrestling.

All Sport Coordinator reports were received with commendation.

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

### **Pupil Benefits Plan.** Tom McGuire

- Due to many new people on the committee and to promote the uniqueness of Pupil Benefits Plan, he reviewed the origin and history of Pupil Benefits Plan.
- Stated the biggest problem facing their group was students losing their insurance. Five years ago in 82% of claims paid, students had other insurance coverage. Today it is down to 76%.

### **State Education Department.** Nina Van Erk reviewed the written report.

#### **Physical Education Profile**

- SED maintains a website devoted to updates on the Physical Education Profile at [www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/profile.htm](http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/profile.htm).
- Compatibility with VISTA/Microsoft Office 2007 is still an issue. NYSED will make available a compatible version as soon as possible. The PE Profile web page will post availability when it is ready.

#### **Update on Physical Education Compliance**

- A check list for the Office of the State Comptroller to use in their audits of physical education compliance and coaching certification has been completed and issued to all school superintendents by the Deputy Commissioner's office. A copy was included in the meeting folders.

#### **Required Instruction Compliance**

- **Elementary:** is considered to be grades K-6 in regulation. K-3 Daily PE for 120 minutes per week; 4-6 3X PE for 120 minutes per week. If any of the elementary grades (i.e. 5-6) are moved up to middle level, the requirement remains the same.
- **Secondary:** is considered to be grades 7-12 in regulation. Grades 7-12 are to have PE 3 times a week one semester and 2 times a week the other semester or every other day. Block schedules may be on a 1:4 day cycle as long as the time requirement is met. Time requirement for secondary is based on unit of study which in regulation is defined as 180 minutes per week or for PE it needs to be an average of 90 minutes per week.

#### **Standards Review – Health, Physical Education, Family & Consumer Sciences**

- Reported the H/PE/FACS learning standards are due for review by the Board of Regents in 2010 and asked if anyone is interested to work on a review committee for the learning standards to please email her with your name and contact information.

#### **Coaching**

- She reminded all Directors of Physical Education/Athletic Directors to continue their review of coaching qualifications for all their coaches as this is on the Office of the State Comptroller's check list.

#### **Selection/Classification**

- She stated she is still receiving Selection/Classification waiver requests that are incomplete. She highlighted the need to include the required forms, filled out completely and legibly, and to also include your email address somewhere on the forms for a quick response, otherwise it will come via U.S. mail. The following forms may be mailed or faxed to her: Individual Athletic Profile form; Special Approval Request Application; and Special Case Form (only if athlete is rated below required standard).

#### **Mixed Competition**

- Please email her if you do not have a copy of the Mixed Competition Guideline or you are unsure of how to use it. It has been reported that some schools do not follow the guidelines for Mixed Competition and are using the results of the Selection/Classification performance tests as a PASS/FAIL for entry onto a mixed competition team. This is incorrect. The performance tests are to be used as a guide for the Panel to see the fitness level of the athlete in relation to other athletes in the sport.

#### **Coaching Course Outline Revisions**

- All revisions are complete. Electronic versions were sent to agencies that provided email addresses and the rest were notified by U.S. mail with a request to notify SED of their email address. All future communication will be done electronically. Agencies that failed to respond with updated information will be removed from the approved list and will no longer be able to provide the coaching courses.
- SED with the assistance of NYSPHSAA has revised the requirements for becoming an approved agency/agency instruction to ensure that all instructors are qualified and have the appropriate experience to cover the outlines for the courses as described by SED. The requirements were included in the meeting folders.

#### **Contact Information**

- The most effective way to contact her is by email: [pkocials@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:pkocials@mail.nysed.gov).
- Phone: 518-474-5922
- Fax: 519-473-4884
- Address: Trish Kocialski, Associate in Physical Education-NYS Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Room 320EB, Albany, NY 12234.

**NYS Athletic Administrators Association.** Wayne Bertrand, President

- Announced next year's conference is scheduled for March 18-21, 2009.
- Announced one of the keynote speakers at their annual conference will be Tim Flannery from the NFHS.
- Thanked the Association for their partnership and continued support.
- Congratulated Lloyd Mott on his retirement and thanked him for his contributions to athletics in New York State and to the NYSAAA.

**NYS Coaches Association.** Tom Graham

- Reported they currently have 266 members in their Association.
- Stated the Association had revised some of their award programs. This year to get more physical education people involved, each zone will have an award winner that is a Phys. Ed./Health certified person. They will continue to give out awards to non Phys. Ed./Health certified people as they have done in the past.
- Announced Larry Glenz from Lynbrook High School was inducted into the NIAAA Hall of Fame for Boys Lacrosse.
- Thanked the NYSPHSAA for including them in our meetings.

**GROUP MEETING REPORTS**

**CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICERS.** John McDonald

**Elimination of Friends & Neighbor status at the high school level**

- The group understands the concerns but felt they needed more information regarding the impact it will have on the schools, Sections and students that would be effected.

**Should the Transfer Rule include students who have been selectively classified into the high school athletic program?**

- The group understands the issues but feel the rule we have is clear.
- Felt there is already ambiguity on transfer and residency, this change would make it more difficult.

**Change in eligibility requirements for the Empire State Games – new age restrictions**

- Felt this issue did not impact the Association, therefore believe that we should not be involved.

**Governance at the Section and Association levels**

- Felt Sections have their own governing systems that work.
- Felt that the Association should continue with its lobbying efforts and Nina's visibility with the legislators to make those who think our schools don't have a voice understand our structure and process.

**Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group**

- Increase communication by having three Central Committee meeting – January, summer, October in conjunction with CSO meetings.
- Continue lobbying efforts and visibility with legislators.

**For the Good of the Order**

- Commended Nina for her availability to explain the legislative issues and her presence at Section council meetings.
- Stated the athletic booklet developed for superintendents was very well done and a great tool for them to use.
- Stated that as a group we need to be better advocates among our own colleagues by being more visible within the Sections so those superintendents who do not have an athletic background can become better aware of the important role athletics plays in education.

**Other Concerns**

- Felt superintendents needed to be more involved in the decision making of the Association especially in terms of financial issues.
- They are concerned about the 4% tax cap proposed by the Governor.
- Believe that educational aid will be an issue regardless of what is being said.
- Superintendents are going to have to face budget constraints and do not want to cut programs.

**PRINCIPALS.** Richard Hunt

**Elimination of Friends & Neighbor status at the high school level**

- Felt the students at the Friend & Neighbor schools would suffer if they are not allowed to participate.

**Should the Transfer Rule include students who have been selectively classified into the high school athletic program?**

- Supported the rule as is.

**Change in eligibility requirements for the Empire State Games – new age restrictions**

- Consensus was why is this our problem?

**Governance at the Section and Association levels**

- Felt it was not an issue. Sections feel there is a bureaucratic process.

**Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group**

- Continue lobbying efforts and visibility with legislators.
- Support the Frequently Asked Questions booklet.
- Felt communication has improved.
- Support the mandatory athletic directors' workshops.

**Recommendations**

- Suggested developing a guideline for mentors of new athletic directors.
- Suggested a monthly webcast providing information for athletic directors emphasizing the Frequently Asked Questions booklet.
- Develop a certification course specifically for new athletic directors in New York State.
- Focus on communication with superintendents to keep them informed.

**ATHLETIC PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES. Jim Wolfe**

**Elimination of Friends & Neighbor status at the high school level**

- Fully support elimination.

**Should the Transfer Rule include students who have been selectively classified into the high school athletic program?**

- Consensus of group was to take this issue back to the Sections for discussion.

**Change in eligibility requirements for the Empire State Games – new age restrictions**

- Would like Nina to communicate that the restriction should go back to the way it was.

**Governance at the Section and Association levels**

- Keep it as is.
- The Chart on pg. 23 of the Handbook shows input at all levels.

**Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group**

- Update/reissue State passes
- Issue a Lifetime Pass when people leave the Association.

**For the Good of the Order**

- Recommended if a vote is not unanimous, then a roll call vote should be taken and record in minutes who dissented.
- Suggested NCAA workshops for eligibility either at the Section or County level to educate guidance counselors or principals so that student/athletes are treated fairly when applying to colleges.
- Inquired if all sport specific issues have to go through a committee or can it just go through the Section?
- Would like a half hour pre-meeting of Section reps at each Executive/Central Committee meeting to be able to discuss action items between themselves before the meetings begin.
- Would like the Cracker Barrel group meetings on the first day of the summer meeting.

**SECTION SECRETARIES/TREASURERS. Todd Heimer**

**Elimination of Friends & Neighbor status at the high school level**

- The group was in favor.

**Should the Transfer Rule include students who have been selectively classified into the high school athletic program?**

- The group had mixed reactions.

**Change in eligibility requirements for the Empire State Games – new age restrictions**

- Suggested to either change the name of “scholastic division” or follow NYSPHSAA rules regarding age and graduation.

**Governance at the Section and Association levels**

- The group was satisfied with their respective governance.

**Other items discussed**

- Three members of their group were interested in serving on the Budget & Finance Committee.
- BOCES relationship with the Sections.
- Reported Renee James is looking at media policies statewide.
- Thanked Nina and staff for their help.
- Congratulated and wished Lloyd well in his retirement.

**SECTION PRESIDENTS. Scott Mosenthal**

**Elimination of Friends & Neighbor status at the high school level**

- Not in favor. Felt it was up to the Section to decide.

**Should the Transfer Rule include students who have been selectively classified into the high school athletic program?**

- The group was in favor.

**Change in eligibility requirements for the Empire State Games – new age restrictions**

- The group felt it was not our issue.
- Suggested they go by grades.

**Governance at the Section and Association levels**

- Leave as is. They felt local autonomy is a good thing.

**Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group**

- Suggested receiving information on Action Items before voting on them at the Executive/Central Committee meetings.

**For the Good of the Order**

- Unanimously not in favor of the draft of penalties.

**PAST PRESIDENTS. Kathy Faber**

**Elimination of Friends & Neighbor status at the high school level**

- The group was ambivalent and wanted to hear the other groups' response.

**Should the Transfer Rule include students who have been selectively classified into the high school athletic program?**

- The group was in favor.
- Felt that once a student/athlete is on a high school team, they should commit to that team.

**Change in eligibility requirements for the Empire State Games – new age restrictions**

- Felt it was their organization and they should set their own rules.

**Governance at the Section and Association levels**

- Leave things as they are with each Section having their own autonomy in running their Section.
- Recommend that each Section review their governing procedures during an Athletic Director's meeting to see if current procedures are acceptable.

**Ways the Association can best serve its membership and this particular group**

- Thanked the Association for including them in meetings and involving them on committees.

**SPORTS COORDINATORS. Kathy Ferreri**

**Elimination of Friends & Neighbor status at the high school level**

- Felt there was not enough information to make a decision.
- Questions asked were: What are the ramifications of losing these teams and if we don't let them be a part of the Association, who will they play?

**Should the Transfer Rule include students who have been selectively classified into the high school athletic program?**

- In favor.

**Change in eligibility requirements for the Empire State Games – new age restrictions**

- Suggested that instead of an age requirement state that once you graduate you cannot participate in scholastic events.
- Suggested creating an open division for each sport that doesn't have one.

**Governance at the Section and Association levels**

- A majority of the group wanted to keep control at the Section level.
- Suggested investigating how Sections are different and see what policies are not being followed.
- Felt there were some issues that should be consistent across the state.

**Concerns**

- Balancing the need for volunteerism and the demands we are putting on our volunteers.
- Coaches are not getting the message that they as well as anyone in a supervisor capacity also need to sign a Code of Conduct.
- Voiced a concern about topics being brought up at the Central Committee meeting and this is the first time they have heard about it.
- Felt that it should be mandatory for the modified coordinators to attend the sport committee meetings. There is a need for better communication.

All Group Meeting reports were received with commendation.

The August 2008 Central Committee meeting adjourned at 4:15PM on Wednesday, August 6, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Nina Van Erk  
Executive Director

sms