

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
May 2009 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved January 2009 Executive Committee minutes.
2. P5 Approved participation in the Partnership for a Drug Free America program.
3. P6 Approved Girls Swimming/Diving will be held at Webster-Schroeder High School (5), Boys and Girls Bowling will be held at Mardi Bob Lanes, Poughkeepsie (9), and Winter Boys Volleyball Regionals will be held at Whitesboro High School (3).
4. P6 Approved Section participation in 2009-2010 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as per NYSPHSAA Constitution, Article V, #5.
5. P6 Approved the appointments of Rich Bullis as Assistant Rifle State Coordinator and Patrick Ryan as Assistant Girls Swimming & Diving State Coordinator.
6. P7 Approved the adoption of a newly designed Association logo for use in all correspondence, web site, marketing and all other materials promoting and branding the NYSPHSAA.
7. P7 Approved a resolution by the Executive Committee or the establishment of a 403(b) Plan.
8. P8 Approved the NYSPHSAA Emergency Cancellation & Declared Emergency Policy.
9. P8 Approved in Field Hockey if a player is yellow carded during overtime, the offending team will play shorthanded.
10. P8 Approved in Boys Volleyball a request for a rule modification of the Center Line Rule.
11. P8 Approved a Boys Volleyball Championship will be held pending the required number of Sections. Commitment to participate is due by January 2010.
12. P8 Approved to take back to the Sections for discussion the Football Committee's proposal for a change in the practice requirements.
13. P9 Defeated the Football Committee's proposal for a 10th game as part of a Section sponsored/approved contest for teams not participating in Sectional Football Championship play.
14. P9 Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in Girls Golf in Section 10.
15. P9 Approved the start date for modified football practice in Section 6 will be August 24th for one year.
16. P9 Approved permission for a 10th football game for Buffalo City Schools to play the Harvard Cup in the Fall of 2009.
17. P9 Approved a waiver for the reduction of contests from 6 to 4 in Track and Field in the Frontier League in Section 3.
18. P13 Approved as Friends and Neighbors: **Annunciation School (1), The Montfort Academy (1), Horace Mann School (1), School of the Holy Child (1), Rochester School for the Deaf (5).**
19. P13 Approved as a New Member: **Holy Family School (10).**
20. P14 Approved to increase the travel reimbursement to schools from \$1.00 per mile to \$1.30 per mile.
21. P14 Approved to increase the ticket price of the Girls Basketball Tournament to \$10.00 per session beginning 2009-2010.
22. P14 Approved the 2009-2010 budget.
23. P14 Approved the appointment of Pat Levy (Section 1) as the Modified Boys and Girls Tennis Sport Coordinator.
24. P14 Approved the appointment of James Miller (Section 5) as the Modified Girls Basketball Sport Coordinator.
25. P14 Approved the appointment of Matt Wood (Section 4) as the Modified Boys and Girls Soccer Sport Coordinator.
26. P14 Approved extending the pilot program in Modified Football for the use of a wide receiver on each side of the offense formation shall be allowed, to a maximum of 10 yards outside the lineman through the Fall 2009 season.

27. P14 Approved three (3) person officiating crews in the Girls State Soccer Championships beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.
28. P14 Approved the Ice Hockey Committee's proposal for classification based on enrollment for the 2010-2011 season.
29. P15 Approved changing the Boys Lacrosse schedule format beginning in the 2011 season to Wednesday, Saturday, Wednesday semi-finals, Saturday finals.
30. P15 Approved to **take back to the Sections for discussion** the use of top officials from competing Sections in Boys Lacrosse beginning with the 2010 season if both Sections agree.
31. P15 Approved the criteria to determine the qualifying standards for 2009-2010 in Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving.
32. P15 Approved the Wrestling Advisory Committee's recommendations of nine (9) changes to the Minimum Weight Certification Program.
33. P16 Approved to allow students to wear wristwatches in practice only in Outdoor and Indoor Track & Field.
34. P16 Approved additional language to the Representation Regulation.
35. P17 Tabled new language for appealing the Sportsmanship Rule when a student is misidentified as the ejected player by an official. **WORDING OF THIS MOTION IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE.**
36. P17 Approved a language change to Eligibility Standard 27-Sportsmanship.
37. P17 Approved the implementation of the Ejection Free Program, pending securing of a sponsor.
38. P19 Approved adjournment.

ACTION ITEMS – AUGUST MEETING

Football – Change in Practice Requirements

Boys Lacrosse – Use of top officials from competing Sections if both Sections agree

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle

May 1, 2009

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Patrick Pizzarelli at 1:30PM on May 1, 2009. Executive Director Nina Van Erk thanked NYSPHSAA Director of Media and Marketing, Joe Altieri, for his efforts in arranging for CSG Coating to sponsor the Executive Committee lunch. She introduced and welcomed the new NYSAAA President, Harold Fried to our group. She also introduced and welcomed Rick Amundson, the new Superintendent Representative of NYSCOSS. She thanked John Rathbun, Executive Director of Section 3 for arranging with the Syracuse Convention and Business Bureau to sponsor a reception after the meeting. Executive Director Nina VanErk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

Officers & Staff

President Patrick Pizzarelli
First Vice President Mark Ward
Second Vice President Eileen Troy
Executive Director Nina Van Erk
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Assistant Director Joe Altieri
Counsel Renee James
Dir. Of Government Relations Kevin Banes
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents

Patrick Calnon (Fri. only)
Kathy Faber (Fri. only)
Karen Lopez
Bob Munn (Fri. only)
Dean Veenhof

Section Representatives

Section 1: Jennifer Simmons (proxy for Prin. Rep.), Karen Peterson
Section 2: Elizabeth Hemstead, Glenn Westfall
Section 3: Bruce Quimby, Evelyn Sammons
Section 4: Ed Redmond, Julie Maney (Fri. only)
Section 5: Dennis O'Brien, Kathy Smith
Section 6: Don Scholla, Cindy Bullis
Section 7: Karen Lopez (proxy for Joe Staves), Patricia Ryan-Curry
Section 8: Todd Heimer (proxy for Dominick Vulpis) (Fri. only), Laura Orticelle (Fri. only)
Section 9: Roberta Greene, Jim Wolfe
Section 10: Martha Slack (proxy for Stephanie Putney), Paul Harrica
Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis

Ex-Officio & Consultants

Robbie Greene, Handbook Coordinator
Murphee Hayes, Student Leadership Coordinator (Fri. only)
Trish Kocialski, SED (Fri. only)
Alan Mallanda, Executive Director-NYSAAA (Fri. only)
Harold Fried, President-NYSAAA
Rick Amundson-NYS Council of Superintendents

Section Ex. Directors

Jennifer Simmons (1)
John Rathbun (3)
Ed Stores (5) (Fri. only)
Bob Dinse (6)
Karen Lopes (7)
Todd Heimer (8)
Carl Normandin (10) (Fri. only)
Ed Cinelli (11)

Treasurers

Loren Ratajczak (6)
Jim Osborne (9)
Martha Slack (10)

Sport Coordinators

Dick Cerone, Football
Neil Zwierlein, Football (5)
Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball
Diane Hicks-Hughes, Girls Swimming/Diving
Tom Hall, Boys Lacrosse

Guests

Dave Thomas, AD-Buffalo City Schools (6)

A **motion to approve** the January 2009 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried**.

Heimer/Harrica

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Patrick Pizzarelli welcomed the group to Syracuse. He reported on his attendance at the winter championships for the sports of wrestling, girls gymnastics, indoor track and boys and girls basketball. He stated they were all run very professionally and thanked the staff, sport coordinators and local volunteers for making it a great experience for all the student-athletes in New York State.

1st Vice president Mark Ward reported on his attendance at the NFHS Section 1 meeting in Burlington, VT. He stated he found it very interesting to listen to other states that are having many of the same issues as New York State. He announced that Trish Kocialski from the State Education Department would be in Section 6 next week making a presentation on Physical Education Profile. He thanked the Executive Committee for all the work 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 February through May and presented the following items of interest.

- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame** - The 2009 Class of the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame will be inducted at the August Central Committee meeting at the Lake Placid Crowne Plaza, Section VII. The ten inductees are Ted Bondi (administrator), Robert Garrow (official), Daryl Johnston (athlete), Jack Jones (administrator), Gary Montalto (coach), Ron Montalto (administrator), Bernie O'Brien (administrator), James Pinkerton (coach), Howard Vogts (coach) and Sue Wicks (athlete).
- **Participation Survey** – The Participation Survey has been sent to all member schools. The Association will be collecting the usual sport participation data. In addition, questions regarding season placement, cheerleading and Mixed Competition have been added to the survey. Currently we are experiencing technical difficulties with the NYSPHSAA website. Any schools wishing to complete the survey may do so by completing the worksheet and faxing it to the Association office where the data will be inputted on their behalf.
- **Progress of NYSPHSAA Committees** – At the conclusion of committee meetings in the office, a synopsis of items, either for action or future consideration, is sent to all Section Executive Directors and committee members to aid in the communication process. The synopsis will also be sent to the Executive Committee. This is a supplement to the Albany Office Report. Another aid in the communication process will be a monthly conference call with all Section Executive Directors. The first conference call is scheduled for May 11th.
- **Government Relations** – The process of building strong relationships with members of the legislature continues under the direction of Kevin Baner. Meetings were scheduled with Assembly members Sweeney, Reilly, Weisenberg and Nolan and Senators Flanagan, Oppenheimer, Foley, Stachowski, Breslin, Johnson and Stavisky. He and Nina also met with Julie Marlette, the State Central Staff liaison.
- **Basketball Coaches Association of New York** – Letters from their Executive Director, Dave Archer, were included in the meeting folders regarding the Coaches Association position paper indicating their reaction to the reduction of contests and its effect on the sport of basketball and their proposal for the concept of an Endowment or Foundation Game similar to what occurs in North Carolina and Ohio. Nina will respond with a letter expressing the Executive Committee's reaction to the decision to reduce contests

and their proposal for an endowment or foundation game.

- **Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops** – The 2010 schedule is nearly complete for the mandatory workshop. Sections will have the opportunity to select key eligibility topics to be reviewed at their workshop. The schedule is: August 25 – Section 5; August 31 – Section 6; September 10 – Section 10; September 11 – Section 7; September 15 – Section 9; September 16 – Section 4; September 17 – Section 2; September 18 – Section 1; September 23 – Section 8; September 24 – Section 11; September 29 – Section 3.
- **Future Meetings** – The following meetings are scheduled to be held in the NYSPHSAA office.
 - Legal Meeting – May 8, 2009 (Friday) – 10:00AM
 - Transfer Committee Meeting – May 18, 2009 (Monday) – 10:00AM
 - Classification Meeting – June 9, 2009 (Tuesday) – 10:00AM
- **LRG (Licensing Resource Group)** – School districts will be receiving information regarding the licensing program that protects the marks of those schools that choose to participate in the program. This program will assist schools in generating revenue from the sale of merchandise being sold in retail stores.
- **The Partnership for a Drug Free America** – The Association has been approached by the Partnership and Major League Baseball Charities to provide banners, DVD's, posters and advertisements educating students about the dangers of steroid use. If approved, the Association will be responsible for mailing the materials to our member schools.

A motion to approve participating in the Partnership for a Drug Free America program **carried**.

Quimby/Smith

- **Congratulations President Patrick** – The United States High School Coaches Association has selected our president, Patrick Pizzarelli, as a finalist for the National Athletic Director of the Year. Congratulations!
- **Congratulations Al Doyle** – The Chenango County Court honored Al Doyle, former Executive Director of the NYSPHSAA, with the Liberty Bell Award in recognition for his contributions to the law, justice and citizenship focusing on student athletes. His dedicated service to education, law enforcement and the justice system focused on student athletes which improved the lives of several generations.
- **CSIET Advisory List**. The 2009-2010 CSIET Advisory List is now available on the CSIET website, www.csiet.org.
- **ING Run for Something Better** – A partnership with the National Association for Sport and Physical Education has created a new awards program that will provide fifty \$2,000 grants to schools that desire to establish a school-based running program or expand their existing program for students in grades 5 – 8. These grants are designed to increase moderate to vigorous physical activity and fight childhood obesity.
- **Future Meeting Dates** –
 - August 4-6, 2009 – Crowne Plaza – Lake Placid (7)
 - December 6-7, 2009 – Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany (2)
 - April 30 – May 1, 2010 – Binghamton TBA (4)
 - August 2-5, 2010 – Holiday Valley – Ellicottville (6)

Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker

State Championships/Regionals 2008-2009

- Financial summaries for the Fall and Winter season tournaments, as known to date, were included in the meeting folders.
- **Spring Championships – 2009**. The Federation Golf Championships will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2009 at Mark Twain Country Club in Elmira (4). The East Semi-finals in Boys Lacrosse will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2009 at Middletown High School (9).

State Championships/Regionals 2009-2010

- The updated schedule of known dates/sites for 2009-2010 was included in the meeting folders.

A motion to approve Girls Swimming & Diving will be held at Webster-Schroeder High School (5) on November 20-21, 2009, Boys and Girls Bowling will be held at Mardi Bob Lanes, Poughkeepsie (9) on March 6-7, 2010, and Winter Boys Volleyball Regionals will be held at Whitesboro High School (3) on March 6, 2010. **carried**.

DeCillis/Harrica

A motion to approve section participation in 2009-2010 NYSPHSAA Championships and Regionals as per

NYSPPHSAA Constitution, Article V, #5 was **carried**.

Slack/Sammons

- **Future Dates/Sites** projections known to date were included in the meeting folders.

State Sports Coordinators

A **motion to approve** the appointments Rich Bullis as Assistant Rifle State Coordinator to serve through August 31, 2010, and Patrick Ryan as Assistant Girls Swimming & Diving State Coordinator to serve through August 31, 2014 **carried**.

Greene/Heimer

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

- The totals for the Winter 2008-2009 season were 1,850 teams from 523 schools with 19,384 participants.
- A list of the Winter State Champions and their awards presenters were included in the meeting folders.
- The Spring 2009 deadline to apply for the Scholar/Athlete Team Award is **Friday, May 15, 2009**.
- The School of Distinction Award applications, in order to be placed on the NYSPHSAA "Academic Honor Roll" are to be completed following the Spring 2008 deadline and must be received no later than **June 30, 2009**. Award winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009. A discussion item on the agenda will be the possibility of combining the Federation Cross Country meet with the NYSPHSAA Cross Country meet.
- Congratulations to the Nanuet High School (1) Class A NYSPHSAA girls basketball team for being crowned the 2009 Girls Basketball Federation Tournament Champions.

Officials Coordinating Federation

- The next scheduled meeting is May 3rd at the Holiday Inn-Carrier Circle, Syracuse.
- A Fact Finders Hearing involving Section 2 and the Section 2 Officials is scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2009 at 10:00AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

NFHS National Student Leadership Conference

- The NFHS National Student Leadership Conference will be held July 16-19, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN.
- The application deadline has been extended to Friday, May 8, 2009.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

- **Clinics** – Our inaugural cheerleading clinic was held May 15th at the Holiday Inn-Liverpool. The last clinic of the year will be the soccer clinic held on May 29th at the Soccer Hall of Fame in Oneonta. Although our attendance has been down this year because of financial constraints on local school districts, we have made every attempt to keep our expenditures down to reflect the decrease in revenue. Eight new sponsors have been secured this year in addition to our six existing sponsors for a total of \$6300.00 of new sponsorship money to our clinics. The objective of our clinics has always been to provide professional development to our coaches, who then can provide the most up to date techniques of teaching their sport to our student athletes.
- **Sanctioning** – School districts continue to follow our guidelines and notify the office when they are traveling outside the state for competitions or hosting games. We would like to have a discussion at the NFHS summer meeting in regards to sanctioning events that include teams from other countries. We continue to work with the NFHS to ensure we are consistent in the application of our rules and regulations associated with the sanctioning requirements. He and Nina met with representatives from the KSA and discussed our policies and regulations regarding outside agencies. The NFHS hopes to roll out at their summer meeting in June a new online sanctioning process. Schools will be able to go online and complete the sanctioning information. All the information will be kept in a database which should make the process more efficient.
- **Coaching Education** – He attended a brief meeting with the Coaches Education Committee and Tim Flannery from the NFHS. Ways to include the NFHS coaching courses into the NYS required coaching classes continued to be discussed. Trish Kocialski has requested Dr. John Foley and Carl Normandin to begin blending the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching into our curriculum for Principles and Philosophy course. The committee will meet later in the spring to review the blending of these two courses. Instructors will have the option of using the old course outline or using the blended approach.
- **Rule Books** – Athletic Directors are reminded that they can order rule books through the NYSPHSAA on-line store.

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

- **Winter Championship Programs** showed a net loss of \$2,276 for 2009 winter programs due to a decrease in sales and advertising.
- **Championship Media/Broadcasting** - The Association netted \$16,100 for the 2009 Winter championship broadcasts. In addition, through our webcasting initiatives, live streaming of the boys basketball finals netted more than \$1,400.
- **Vendor/Souvenir Winter Sales** were reviewed for 2007 through 2009 showing an increase in revenue for the Association.

Corporate Sponsorships

- **American Dairy Association** – Verbally agreed to a one-year Silver sponsorship plus a Contributing sponsorship of an eligibility poster that we intend to distribute to schools at next year’s Athletic Director workshops.
- **CSG Sports Coatings** – Thanked Bob Madarasz and Kevin Smith of CSG for sponsoring the Executive Committee meeting’s luncheon. CSG is a sponsor of our wrestling state championships.
- The following were all contributing sponsors of our winter championships which were not reported at the January meeting: Journeyman Wrestling, Chertow Wrestling, Crowne Plaza, Hilton, CSG Sports Coatings and Defender Mouthguards.

Public Relations/Marketing

- **Hall of Fame Press Release** was distributed to the media statewide. A copy was included in the meeting folders. Thank you to Jostens and Pupil Benefits for sponsoring the program.
- **New Association Logo**

A **motion to approve** the adoption of a newly designed Association logo for use in all correspondence, web site, marketing and all other materials promoting and branding the NYSPHSAA **carried.** Orticelle/O’Brien

Spring Intern

- **Ms. Raechel Molo** has completed a spring internship with the Association. We thank her for her efforts over the last four months by assisting with marketing and sponsorship duties as well as helping at the various winter tournaments she attended.

Treasurer. Kathy Higle reviewed the report stating the Association is in good financial health. She highlighted the following:

- Increased championship revenue and sponsorship revenue
- Investment income was down but is slowly improving
- The Post-Retirement Health benefits and Benefits & Pension figures were lower due to a new health insurance plan which is less costly.
- The Association received a clean opinion for last year’s audit. Two handouts were included in the packet from Marvin & Co., our audit firm. The first handout was a basic responsibility letter and the second handout was a management letter which makes recommendations to the Association’s accounting system.

A **motion to approve** a resolution by the Executive Committee for the establishment of a 403(b) Plan was **carried.** Greene/DeCillis

Counselor Renee James

- Reported on two appeals pending before the Commissioner.
 - Wrestling – Two wrestlers missed the timeline for a hydration retesting date.
 - A student who claims they missed a season because they suffered from depression was denied an extended year of eligibility.
- Reported Title IX complaints continue to be an issue around the state and warned schools to be aware of their obligations to keep things equal.
- Asked if anyone had questions or issues to be discussed at the Legal Seminar being held at the NYSPHSAA on Friday, May 8th to please let her or Nina know.

Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes

- Reported he and Nina spoke to the Education Committee members regarding the Association’s Fiscal

Concerns Committee recommendations voted on and approved by the Executive Committee in reaction to the fiscal crisis.

- Legislation still concerned with:
 - **Mandatory steroid testing.**
 - **Steroid Prevention Education** – Senator Bill Stachowski has written an appropriation letter for funding for educating students about the harmful effects of steroids. At this time there is no news regarding this appropriation.
 - **Home schooling** and allowing home schooled students to participate in interscholastic sports.
- He and Nina will continue meeting with legislators to educate them about the Association and to continue building a strong relationship.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **H1N1 Influenza** – Assistant Director Todd Nelson, with the help of the NYS Health Department and the NYS Statewide School Health Services, put together a paper on the facts and prevention of H1N1 influenza which was included in the meeting folders. It will also appear on the Association website.
- **Emergency Cancellation & Declared Emergency Policy** – Using California's Emergency Cancellation & Declared Emergency Policy as a guide, Nina developed a guideline to help member schools when making decisions in relation to emergency cancellations and declared emergencies.

A **motion to approve** the NYSPHSAA Emergency Cancellation & Declared Emergency Policy **carried.**

Westfall/Redmond

The policy will be sent to all the Section Executive Directors and will also be put on the Association website.

SPORT COORDINATOR ISSUES & REPORTS

- **Field Hockey** – Bob Stulmaker presented the Field Hockey Committee's proposal for a change in the overtime procedure.

A **motion to approve** if a player is yellow carded during overtime, the offending team will play shorthanded **carried.**

DeCillis/Bullis

- **Track & Field** – Bob Stulmaker presented the Track & Field Committee's proposal to add the 5000 meter run to the list of accepted events that can be contested at track and field meets during the spring season. If approved, an athlete would be limited to the 5000M run and not be eligible for any other event during that meet. (No action was taken.)
- **Volleyball** – Judy Hartmann, Boys Volleyball State Coordinator, presented the Boys Volleyball Committee's request for a rule modification of the Center Line Rule and a proposal for a Boys Volleyball Championship.

A **motion to approve** a player may touch the opponent's court with hand(s) or feet, provided some part of the hand(s), foot/feet remain either in contact with or directly above the center line, and the penetration does not interfere with the opponents play **carried.**

Bullis/Quimby

A **motion to approve** a Boys Volleyball Championship pending the required number of Sections. Commitment to participate is due by January 2010 **carried.**

O'Brien/Greene

- **Football** – Dick Cerone, Football State Coordinator, presented two proposals from the Football Committee.

A **motion to approve** taking back to the Sections for discussion a change in the practice requirements **carried.**

Hemstead/DeCillis

The proposal is: The first day of practice must be non-contact, without the use of protective pads and blocking devices. Helmets may be worn. The next four days provide a transition from the conditioning phase to full contact. During this phase, players are permitted to wear a helmet and shoulder pads. Blocking dummies, sleds and similar devices are permitted. During this phase, player to player tackling drills, team scrimmaging, running full contact plays, etc. are not permitted. The following six days consist of contact practice with full protective equipment and the use of all training devices. Four additional practices must be completed by the individual and team prior to the first contest. Scrimmages may commence after 11 practices have been completed by the individual team. NOTE: For any violation of this rule, the head coach will be suspended from the next regularly scheduled contest. The coach may not be present at the game site nor communicate in any manner during the contest with any person present at the site. Not being present at the site means the disqualified coach

is not present in the locker room, on the sidelines, in the stands or site area before, during or after the game. A **motion to approve** the Committee's proposal that with Section approval, teams not participating in Sectional Football Championship play may participate in a 10th game as part of a Section sponsored/approved contest was **defeated**. O'Brien/Scholla

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 no; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 no. 16 No/6 Yes)

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

Section 10. A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests from 6 to 4 to be eligible for sectional or state competition in Girls Golf **carried**. Harrica/Lopez

Section 9 voiced a concern with the proposed changes in the Swimming/Diving qualifications specifically the number of athletes qualifying for championship events and qualifying during the season.

Section 8 inquired if NOCSAE shin guards for soccer have to be stamped. Nina reported the NFHS says they have to be stamped, tagged or marked. If the tag is worn out and not visible, then the shin guard becomes illegal. The tag meets the requirement until 2012. After 2012, the shin guards will need to be marked.

Section 7 voiced a concern about the regional rotation in Ice Hockey and would like the Ice Hockey Committee to review it. (This will be added to the agenda of the Ice Hockey Committee meeting.)

Section 6. A **motion to approve** the start date for modified football practice will be August 24th for one year **carried**. (Section 7 voted no.) DeCillis/Harrica

A **motion to approve** permission for a 10th football game for Buffalo City Schools to play the Harvard Cup in the Fall of 2009 **carried**. DeCillis/Harrica

(The votes were cast as follows: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 1 yes, 1 no; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 yes; Section 7: 2 no; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 no; Section 11: 2 yes. 15 Yes/7 No)

Their Athletic Council inquired about the possibility of revisiting the topic of reduction of contests. (This will be a topic at the Cracker Barrel session at the August Central Committee meeting.)

Section 5 voiced a concern with the Swimming/Diving qualifying standards.

Section 4 would like to revisit the topic of reduction of contests.

Section 3 voiced a concern with the reduction of contests and the length of the winter season and the possibility of starting the winter season later.

A **motion to approve** reducing the number of required contests to be eligible for sectional or state competition from 6 to 4 in Track and Field in the Frontier League **carried**. Quimby/Maney

Inquired when action items come to the floor, does the group have the ability to request a caucus? The answer is yes.

Section 2 would like to revisit the topic of reduction of contests at the August Central Committee meeting.

SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONCERNS AND INPUT

The Section Executive Directors:

- Thanked Nina and staff for their quick response to the H1N1 Influenza and the draft of the NYSPHSAA Emergency Cancellation & Declared Emergency Policy.
- Would like to see more direction given to Sports Committees as to what they can and cannot do by the representatives of the State Association.
- Would like Carl Normandin to attend the CAC meeting to possibly present a counter proposal for the Ice Hockey proposal based on enrollment.
- Would like an additional Section Executive Director be appointed to the CAC.

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2009-2010 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS	SPORT
3	LaFayette, Fowler, Fabius-Pompey & Corcoran Tyburn Academy & Jordan-Elbridge Oneida & Utica Proctor Madison & Hamilton Oppenheim-Ephratah & Dolgeville Richfield Springs & Owen D. Young Bishop Grimes & Bishop Ludden Hamilton & Sherburne-Earlvile Richfield Springs & Mohawk Fayetteville-Manlius & Jamesville-DeWitt	Lacrosse-G (V, JV) Lacrosse-G (JV) Lacrosse-B (V) Tennis-B (V) Softball (V, Mod.) Softball (V) Lacrosse-G Track & Field-G (V) Football (V, JV) Gymnastics-G (V)
7	Tupper Lake & Long Lake Northeastern Clinton & Northern Adirondack	Track & Field-B/G Golf-B
6	Ripley & Westfield	Track & Field
8	Lynbrook North & Lynbrook South Elmont, Floral Park, H. Frank Carey, New Hyde Park & Sewanhaka H. Frank Carey & Sewanhaka Lawrence Road & Turtle Hook Carle Place & Wheatley East Rockaway & Malverne South Woods MS & Thompson MS Plainview-Old Bethpage MS & H.B. Mattlin MS Bellmore-Merrick Elmont, Floral Park & Sewanhaka Carey & New Hyde Park Valley Stream North, Valley Stream South, Valley Stream Central & Valley Stream Memorial	All Sports Golf-B (V) Tennis-G (V) Swim-G (V) Bowling-B/G (V) Gymnastics (V) Swimming-B (V) Rifle (V) Field Hockey (V, JV) Swimming-G (Mod.) Football (V, JV, Mod.) Soccer-B/G (V) Tennis-G (V) Swimming-B/G Football Swimming-B/G Wrestling Lacrosse-B/G Bowling-B/G District Swim Team for Middle and High School Wrestling (West) (V, JV) Wrestling (East) (V, JV)
8 cont'd	Calhoun, Mephram & John F. Kennedy	B/G Lacrosse Rifle Rifle (V) Swimming-B (V) Bowling-B/G (V)
9	FDR & Rhinebeck FDR & Highland Marlboro & Highland	Football Swimming-B Swimming-G

11	<p>Southampton & Tuckahoe East Islip & Cleary Centereach & Newfield</p> <p>Smithtown East & Smithtown West</p> <p>Pierson & Bridgehampton</p> <p>Half Hollow Hills East & Half Hollow Hills West</p> <p>Greenport, Southold & Shelter Island East Hampton, Bridgehampton & Pierson</p> <p>Greenport, Southold, Mattituck & Shelter Island Easthampton, Bridgehampton, Pierson, Springs & Montauk</p> <p>Center Moriches & East Moriches Greenport & Southold</p> <p>Hampton Bays & Southampton Sachem East & Sachem North Newfield & Centereach</p> <p>Greenport & Shelter Island</p>	<p>All Sports (Mod. Level) All Sports (Mod. Level) Cross Country-B/G (V) Bowling-B/G (V) Winter Track-B/G (V) Golf-B (V) Track-B/G (V) Cross Country-B/G (V) Gymnastics-G (V) Swimming-B/G (V) Bowling-B/G (V) Cross Country-B (V, Mod.) Cross Country-G (V) Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.) Golf-B (V, JV) Soccer-B/G (V, JV, Mod.) Volleyball-G (V, JV, Mod.) Basketball-G (V, JV, Mod.) Baseball (V, JV, Mod.) Softball (V, JV, Mod.) Cross Country-G (V) Field Hockey (V, JV) Gymnastics-G (V) Soccer-B (JV2) Swimming-B/G (V) Volleyball-B (V, JV) Fencing-B/G (V) Badminton-B/G (V) Baseball (JV2) Lacrosse-B (JV9) Lacrosse-G (V, JV) Field Hockey (V, JV, Mod.) Football (V, JV) Swimming-G (V) Bowling-B (V) Swimming-B (V) Winter Track-B/G (V) Wrestling (V, JV) Tennis-B (V, JV, Mod.) Football (V, JV, Mod.) Football (Mod.) Wrestling (Mod.) Football (Mod.) Golf-B Volleyball-G (V, JV) Wrestling (Mod.) Gymnastics-G (V, Mod.) Gymnastics-G (V) Gymnastics-G (V) Tennis-B/G (V, Mod.) Lacrosse-B/G (V, JV) Soccer-B (JV, Mod.) Soccer-G (Mod.)</p>
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Southold & Greenport	Soccer-G (V, JV) Tennis-G (Mod.) Basketball-G (JV) Softball (V, JV) Tennis-B (V, JV, Mod.)
Ross & Shelter Island	Soccer-G (JV) Softball (V, JV)
East Hampton & Montauk	Soccer-G (Mod.)
Brentwood & Bay Shore	Swimming-G (V)
Sayville & Bayport	Swimming-B/G (V)
Deer Park & North Babylon	Swimming-B/G (V)
Central Islip & Commack	Swimming-G (V)
Southold, Shelter Island & Greenport	Tennis-G (V, JV)
East Hampton & Bridgehampton	Tennis-G (V, JV) Volleyball-B (Mod.) Lacrosse-B (V) Track-B/G (V)
Brentwood & Bayport	Fencing-B/G (V Boys Only)
Mattituck, Greenport & Southold	Wrestling (JV)
Mattituck & Greenport	Wrestling (V)
Accompsett, Great Hollow & Nesaquake	Gymnastics-G (Mod.)
Sagamore & Sequoya	Gymnastics-G (Mod.) Swimming-B (Mod.) Gymnastics-G (Mod.) Swimming-B (Mod.)
Seneca & Samoset	Gymnastics-G (Mod.) Swimming-B (Mod.)
Ross, Shelter Island & Pierson	Lacrosse-B (V, JV, Mod.) Lacrosse-G (V, JV)
East Hampton, Springs & Montauk	Lacrosse-B (Mod.)
Mattituck, Southold & Greenport	Lacrosse-B/G (V, Mod.)
Candlewood & West Hollow	Swimming-B (Mod.)
Nesaquake & Great Hollow	Tennis-B (Mod.)
East Hampton, Springs & Bridgehampton	Track-B (Mod.)
Ross & Pierson	Track-B/G (V)

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	03-22-09	Section I Sr. All-Star Contest-Ice Hockey
	03-28-09	WCBCA Sr. All-Star Contest-B. Basketball
	06-11-09	Section I Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
2	03-18-09	Big Ten vs. Suburban Council Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
	06-07-09	Suburban Council vs. Big Ten Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
	06-07-09	Section II Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
	06-12-09	Section II Sr. All-Star Contest-B. Lacrosse
3	06-06/07-09	Section III Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
	06-15-09	OHSL Exceptional Senior Game-G. Lacrosse
4	03-09-09	IAC Sr. All-Star Contest-G. Basketball
	03-10-09	IAC Sr. All-Star Contest-B. Basketball

5	03-14-09 03-28-09 06-14-09	Monroe County Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball McDonald Sr. All-Star Games-B/G Basketball City-Catholic/Private-Parochial Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
6	03-21-09 06-11-09	Silver Hoops Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball Section 6 Sr. All-Star Contest-Baseball
7	03-05-09	CVAC Sr. All-Star Contest-G. Volleyball

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**.
(Expiring in May 2012) Greene/Bullis

Section 1

Annunciation School
465 Crestwood Avenue
Crestwood, NY 10707
Grades 7-8

Section 1

The Montfort Academy
99 Valley Road
Katonah, NY 10536
Grades 9-12

Section 1

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

Section 1

School of the Holy Child
2222 Westchester Avenue
Rye, NY 10590
Grades 7-12

Section 5

Rochester School for the Deaf
1545 St. Paul Street
Rochester, NY 14621
Grades 7-12

NEW MEMBERS

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Membership status **carried**.
Slack/Wolfe

Section 10

Holy Family School
12 Homestead Park
Malone, NY 12953
Grades 7-8

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

Budget & Finance Committee. Bob Munn, Chairperson, reviewed the Committee’s March 21, 2009 meeting minutes highlighting:

A **motion to approve** the Committee’s recommendation to increase the travel reimbursement from \$1.00 per mile to \$1.30 per mile **carried**. Heimer/Harrica

- The Committee will be recommending a membership due increase of \$50 per school and \$.05 per student for the 2010-2011 budget. They suggested Kathy Hagle provide the background information for the dues increase at the summer meeting.

A **motion to approve** the Committee’s recommendation to increase the ticket price of the Girls Basketball Tournament to \$10.00 per session beginning 2009-2010 **carried**. (Section 3 voted no.) Nickerson/Slack

- The Committee also recommended to the staff when the venue permits, to begin to charge a ticket price of \$8.00 at championship events that currently do not charge an admission.
- The Committee is still looking for members. They are in need of two Superintendents and an outside financial professional.

Budget. 1st Vice President Mark Ward presented the proposed 2009-2010 budget and highlighted the following:

- Under Revenues, the proposed budget showed an increase in the Annual Membership Fees due additional charter and private schools joining the Association.
- Income from the Sports Clinics was decreased due to declining attendance at the clinics.
- Expenditures were decreased by 7.4% due to significant cost savings on a new health plan, savings on travel reimbursements due to conference calls and possible video conferencing, and other cost saving reductions taken.

A **motion to approve** the 2009-2010 budget **carried**.

Heimer/DeCillis

Modified Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

- **Surveys** – He asked to please disseminate the surveys to schools participating in Modified sports experiments/pilot programs. Surveys are required and will be available online in the Spring. For this year, the Modified representatives can still use the paper surveys. The Sections need to emphasize to their Modified coaches the importance of filling out the surveys as it is valuable information for the Modified Committee to assist them to with the evaluation of the experiment/pilot program.
- **Selection/Classification** – The committee discussed what happens to a modified athlete who is selectively classified to a JV program and the JV team dissolves. The athlete cannot be moved up to the varsity level nor can they be returned to the modified level. The committee took no action at this time. The committee felt it was the school and section’s responsibility to discuss this possibility with the student and the parents before the Selection/Classification testing and competition begins.
- He announced there were three vacant openings for Modified Coordinators: B/G Gymnastics, Girls Lacrosse and Softball. If anyone is interested, please contact him, Jim Rose or Mira Martincich.

A **motion to approve** the appointment of Pat Levy (Section I) as the Modified Boys and Girls Tennis Sport Coordinator **carried**.

DeCillis/Scholla

A **motion to approve** the appointment of James Miller (Section V) as the Modified Girls Basketball Sport Coordinator **carried**.

O’Brien/Scholla

A **motion to approve** the appointment of Matt Wood (Section IV) as the Modified Boys and Girls Soccer Sport Coordinator **carried**.

Redmond/Sammons

A **motion to approve** extending the pilot program in Football for the use of a wide receiver on each side of the offense formation shall be allowed, to a maximum of 10 yards outside the lineman through the Fall 2009 season **carried**.

DeCillis/Hemstead

- The Fall meeting of the Modified Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 2, 2009 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** three (3) person officiating crews in the Girls State Soccer Championships beginning in the 2010-2011 school year **carried**. (Section 11 voted no)

Harrica/Lopez

A **motion to approve** the Ice Hockey Committee’s proposal for classification based on enrollment for the 2010-2011 season **carried**.

Slack/Redmond

A **motion to approve** changing the Boys Lacrosse schedule format beginning in the 2011 season to a Wednesday, Saturday, Wednesday semi-finals, Saturday finals **carried**.

Nickerson/Sammons

A **motion to approve to take back to the Sections** for discussion the use of top officials from competing Sections in Boys Lacrosse beginning with the 2010 season if both Sections agree **carried**.

O’Brien/Harrica

A **motion to approve** the qualifying standards for 2009-2010 in Boys/Girls Swimming & Diving will be established using the 30th place preliminary time average over the last 2 years for individual events and using the 15th place preliminary time average over the last 4 years for team events **carried**. The 2009-2010 times will be adjusted using these criteria when the time is faster.

O’Brien/Greene

- President Pizzarelli will be appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to review the current Championship Philosophy. Items to be reviewed:
 - Reducing the number of classes and divisions in team and individual NYSPHSAA Championship competition.

- Reducing participants in NYSPHSAA Championships in individual and combination (team/individual) sports.
- The next meeting of the CAC will be Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 9:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Officials Coordinating Federation.

- A Fact Finders Hearing involving Section 2 and the Section 2 officials is scheduled for Friday, May 22, 2009 at 10:00AM in the NYSPHSAA office.
- The OCF Spring meeting was held on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle, East Syracuse, NY.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

Minimum Weight Certification Program

A **motion to approve** the Wrestling Advisory Committee's recommendations of nine (9) changes to the Minimum Weight Certification Program **carried.** Nickerson/Quimby

They are as follows:

1. Assessors will be able to practice on available student athletes, with the provision that no information will be shared with anyone during or after the training session. Section consultants will be able to provide instruction to the assessors during the training session.
2. In the assessor and school handbooks the sentence under **weight** on page 6 will read, "A certified digital scale (certified at the beginning of the school year) must be available."
3. In the assessor and school handbooks the sentence next to **Record Weight:** on page 6 will read, "An approved assessor must weigh each wrestler."
4. The Contract for Determination of Body Composition by Hydrostatic Weighing (underwater) will have the following two changes:
 - a. The first sentence on the third paragraph will read, "Dry body weight will be taken at the site."
 - b. The athletic director's signature will be added to the bottom of the form. The signature of the athletic director is required.
5. The minimum weight of a wrestler should be added to the team form (if the program can accommodate).
6. The hydrostatic testing results should be added to the website (if the program can accommodate).
7. The actual weight of the wrestler on the day of the assessment or the appeal will be used if the wrestler passes the hydration test.
8. The section consultants will verify if an assessor has worked a centralized site over the past three years.
9. Athletic Directors and assessors do not need to send their verification forms into the section coordinator of sectional consultant. All the information can be viewed on-line. Athletic Directors are still required to send their forms to their opponents.

Concussion Management

- The committee suggested that Section Concussion Management Team members attend coaches rules interpretation meetings or league coaches meetings to present the "Invisible Injury" DVD to the coaches directly because school districts not have provided an adequate awareness on concussion management to coaches. We have made great strides in educating administrators, parents, nurses, coaches, physicians and student athletes. Sideline cards, concussion management check list and posters could also be provided at these meetings.
- The committee encourages Section Concussion Management Teams to work with officials organizations to help them understand concussion management.

Heat Index

- The committee will be finalizing a proposal for a statewide heat index policy by the middle of May. It will establish procedures that school districts would follow to obtain the heat index for a particular day. The committee would recommend a mandated heat index level that prohibits practices and contests for that day and would also provide recommendations to school districts to follow if the heat index falls within certain ranges. The committee will share these recommendations with the Sections for discussion and then will make a recommendation for possible action at the August Central Committee meeting.

Girls Lacrosse Helmets

- The office has received phone calls from schools and parents regarding their concern for the safety of the

female lacrosse players. The committee is currently collecting data, specifically from New York State, through the NFHS injury surveillance system. They will examine the data collected and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee at the December meeting.

Track and Field Proposal

A **motion to approve** the Safety Committee's recommendation to allow students to wear wristwatches in practice only in Outdoor and Indoor Track and Field **carried**. Harrica/Scholla

Section 5 Tennis Request

- The Safety Committee recommended a request from Section 5 of a waiver of the three (3) matches in a day rule to be able to play four (4) matches in one day with modified scoring be taken to the Boys and Girls Tennis Committee for their input.

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

- The minutes of the Handbook Committee meeting on April 22, 2009 were reviewed.

Discussion Items

- **Representation Regulation** – Over the years there have been a few instances where student athletes in individual sports have qualified for the NYSPHSAA Championship event and later transferred to a new school. The student becomes ineligible to compete due to their failure to meet the Representation Regulation at the new school.

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

“NOTE: For the sports of golf and girls gymnastics, a waiver of the Representation Standard may be granted by the NYSPHSAA Executive Director when a student has qualified for participation in the current school year's NYSPHSAA championship event and has subsequently transferred to a NYSPHSAA member school. The athlete must meet all other eligibility standards, including transfer, to receive the waiver.”

- **Foreign Exchange and International Student** – The committee discussed the current rule which prohibits Foreign Exchange and International students from living with the athletic director or a member of the coaching staff. The committee has discussed this aspect of the rule frequently and believes the rule serves the intended purpose. No change is proposed.
- **Transgender Policy** – Renee will be gathering information to share with the committee. A sub-committee will convene in June to review other state association policies and seek advice from professional resources to provide guidance in establishing a NYSPHSAA policy. The Handbook Committee will review a proposed policy in July and bring it to the August Central Committee meeting with the intention that it would go back to the Sections for discussion. A possible vote would occur in December 2009.
- **Future Printing of the NYSPHSAA Handbook** – The committee discussed various options for providing the Handbook to member schools; paper, CD, electronic. One suggestion was made to place it on a “jump drive” and make it available for purchase. The new handbook will be printed for 2010-2012.

Future Meeting

- Wednesday, July 15, 2009 – 9:30AM – Conference Call

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

- Year 5 – Putting it all Together: Stakeholders Unity was presented in Section 3 on January 15th.
- The DVD's for Year 5 are available at the Association office. Please contact Bob Stulmaker to arrange for delivery.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2009 at 10:00AM at the NYSPHSAA office. A planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th at 6:00PM at the NYSPHSAA office.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

Sportsmanship Promotion Program

- He reminded Sectional representatives to submit names of schools for Section plaque recognition.
- The Sportsmanship Promotion Committee met on May 12th in the Association office to select schools for the Sportsmanship Promotion Banner Award.

Appeals of Sportsmanship Rule

- The committee discussed situations that may arise when a student athlete is misidentified as the ejected player by an official.

A **motion to approve** the following recommendation by the committee was **tabled** pending Counsel’s review of the language. Harrica/Greene

*****RENEE HAS A CONCERN ABOUT DUE PROCESS FOR THE STUDENT. LANGUAGE FOR THIS MOTION WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE NEXT HANDBOOK COMMITTEE MEETING ON JULY 15, 2009.**

The recommendation stated: “With Section approval, a school may appeal the penalty of our sportsmanship rule, only if the player has been misidentified, using an appeal process established by the Section. The school must be able to identify the student athlete that should serve the penalty of our Sportsmanship Rule. The use of video tape may be used with Section approval.”

Multiple Disqualifications in a single game

A **motion to approve** the committee’s recommendation for a language change to Standard 27 **carried**.

Lopez/Sammons

It shall read: “A coach or player who receives a *disqualification penalty* during a contest shall not participate in the next regularly scheduled contest.” The same language would be changed for a second and third disqualification penalty.

Ejection Free Program

A **motion to approve** implementing the Ejection Free Program, pending the securing of a sponsor, to recognize schools that finish an entire school year ejection free (players and coaches) at all levels for the entire year **carried**.

DeCillis/Westfall

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

State Education Department, Trish Kocialski

Proposed Commissioner’s Regulation Changes

- Summary of proposed changes:
- **Required Instruction** – Schools with grades 5 and 6 in a middle level building will have the choice to follow either the secondary days/times (Days: 3x one semester, 2x the other semester or every other day. Time: unit of study which must be an average of 90 minutes per week minimum) for these grades **OR** the elementary days/times (Days: 3x a week for a minimum of 120 minutes per week).
- **Coaching Requirements** - ALL (other than PE) teacher-coaches and non-teacher coaches, whether paid or non-paid must follow the regulations: First Aid/CPR and completion of the required courses:
 - Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics must be completed with two years of appointment.
 - Health Sciences Applied to Coaching and Theory & Techniques of Coaching (that is specific to the sport coached) must be completed within five years of appointment.
 - An extension of two additional years to complete the remaining two courses may be applied for to SED for appropriate reasons.
 - Coaches who have had a lapse in service (military leave, maternity leave, or accident/illness) and have not completed the coaching courses, may request an additional extension of time (maximum of 2 years) to complete the courses upon return to coaching.
- **5th Year of Athletic Eligibility** – This section has been revised to require the chief school officer to provide documentation on how the “accident, illness or other similar circumstance beyond their control” has resulted in additional semester(s) for the athlete to complete their requirements for graduation.
- The proposed changes to the Commissioner’s Regulations will go before the Board of Regents for a final vote at their June meeting. If approved, they become effective in July.

Temporary and Professional Coaching Certificates – Application Process Changes

- To ensure that qualified non-teacher coaching applications are accurately reviewed for issues of moral character, certification revocations, and fingerprint clearance, the State Education Department – Office of Teaching Initiatives will be processing all Temporary and Professional Coaching Certificate applications

through the TEACH system.

Selection/Classification

- Please remember to include the required forms (filled out completely and legibly) if you are applying for a selection and classification waiver to SED. Also please include your email address somewhere on the forms for a quick response; otherwise it will come via U.S. Mail. The following forms are required (at a minimum) and may be mailed or faxed:
 - Individual Athletic Profile form
 - Special Approval Request Application
 - Special Case Form (only if athlete is rated below required standard)

Mixed Competition

- If you do not have a copy of the Mixed Competition Guideline or you are unsure of how to use it, please email Trish. This document is also available on the PE web page at:
www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html.

Applying to be an approved agency/instructor for the coaching courses

- SED with the assistance of NYSPHSAA has revised the requirements for agency instructors to ensure that all instructors are qualified and have the appropriate experience to cover the outlines for the courses as described by SED. For information on how to become an approved agency to provide the coaching courses, contact Trish at pkocials@mail.nysed.gov.
- A list of approved agencies for on-line coaching courses was included in the meeting folders.

Website Information

- For physical education information, go to the physical education website:
www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/physed.html.
- An excellent website for medical issues is the School Health Services website:
www.schoolhealthservicesny.com.

Contact Information

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

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Harold Fried, President

- Reported the number of attendees and exhibitors was down for this year's conference. 275 Athletic Directors attended and 127 exhibitors.
- A new feature added to this year's conference was the Exhibit Hall Festival which was a social hour that drew athletic directors to the Exhibitor's Hall.
- Reported 60 registrants attended the Leadership Courses.
- Congratulated Bob Stulmaker who was presented with the NIAAA State Award of Merit.
- Congratulated Ray Waldron who received the Otis Sennett Award of Excellence
- Announced the March 2010 Annual Conference will be a Tuesday through Friday format.
- The Exhibitor Hall Festival will also be expanded upon.
- The NIAAA/NYSAAA dual membership forms will be mailed out in May.
- The Spring newsletter will be mailed out in May.
- Thanked the Association for its continued support and partnership.

NYS Council of Superintendents. Rick Amundson

- Reported school superintendents were happy with the Association's vote to reduce the number of contests to help reduce costs. He shared that prior to that vote, his conversations with other superintendents indicated that reductions in the athletic program would be tragic to athletes. Once the Association passed the reductions, cut backs were discussed, but in areas other than athletics.
- Felt the reductions were the appropriate thing to do at this time but encouraged that in the future when the fiscal crisis passes, the Association to come back and revisit the topic of reductions.

- He volunteered to be on the Budget & Finance Committee.

A **motion to approve** the adjournment of the May 2009 Executive Committee meeting at 10:05AM on Saturday, May 2, 2009 **carried.** Harrica/Greene

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nina Van Erk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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