

SECTION VI ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING November 19th, 2013

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.0 **CARRIED** September 18th, 2013 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes
- 5.2 **CARRIED** Senior All-Star Contests applications a & b as presented
- 5.3 **CARRIED** Outside Agency Contest applications a through I as presented
- 5.4 **CARRIED** De-merging Holland and East Aurora for Indoor Track
- 6.1.3 **CARRIED** Don Scholla as Section VI Treasurer, effective December 2013
- 6.1.4 **CARRIED** Proposed Section VI Expense Report form
- 6.1.5 **CARRIED** The hospitality room request proposal, where reimbursement is not to exceed \$150 per sport, per year and is to be funded by Section VI luncheon/meeting sponsors
- 10.0 **CARRIED** The Spring 2014 Pre-Season Reports with the exception of Softball

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

November 19th, 2013

Roll Call (* indicates attendance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Jeff Rabey *
President-Elect	Brent Banker*
Supt Rep/Past Pres.	Mike Wendt*
Principals Rep	Jim Spanbauer*
Boys Rep	Don Scholla*
Girls Rep	Cindy Bullis*
Executive Director	Timm Slade*
Treasurer	Mark DiFilippo
Admin. Asst.	Beth Fadeley*
Admin. Asst.	Pauline Turski*
Parliamentarian	Ron Black

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Chem. Awareness	Matt McKenna
Extended Eligibility	Jerry Baldelli
Finance	Mark DiFilippo
Modified (Boys)	Adam Stoltman
Modified (Girls)	Katie McGowan*
NYSAAA	Brett Banker*
Policy Handbook	Cindy Bullis*
Safety	Fred Thornley
Sect./Intersectional	Timm Slade*
Sportsmanship	Doug Ames*/J. Graczyk*
Transfer Chairman	Ron Black
Veterans	Jim Trampert

Guests

Marc LaMorticella (Tapestry)

Please report any changes of your league representation to the Section office

LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

BUFFALO

Superintendents Rep/AD	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	TBA
Principals Rep	Kevin Eberle, Intl Prep	TBA
Girls Rep	Andrea Norton, Emerson	TBA
Boys Rep	David Thomas Jr., Intl Prep	TBA

CHAUTAQUA CATTARAUGUS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (CCAA)

Superintendents Rep	Steve Penhollow, Falconer*	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley*
Principals Rep	Al Gens, Dunkirk	TBA
Girls Rep	Paul Ksionzyk, Olean*	Lynne Bemis, Clymer
Boys Rep	Rick DeKay, Retired*	Mel Swanson, Sherman

ERIE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC CONFERENCE (ECIC)

Superintendents Rep	Matt McGarrity, Orchard Park	Sandy Anzalone, Eden*
Principals Rep	Mike Gallagher, Hamburg	Mark Graff, Eden
Girls Rep	Marisa Fallacaro, Eden*	Bobbi DelBello, JFK
Boys Rep	Jim Graczyk, Pioneer*	Chris DeMarco, Sweet Home

NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE (NFL)

Superintendents Rep	Chris Roser, Lew-Port	TBA
Principals Rep	Paul Casseri, Lew-Port	Todd Sukdolak, Lockport
Girls Rep	Jon Roth, Grand Island*	Scott Townsend, Lew-Port*
Boys Rep	Patrick Burke, Lockport*	Jon Roth, Grand Island*

NIAGARA ORLEANS (NO)

Superintendents Rep	Jeff Evoy, Medina	TBA
Principals Rep	Mark Kruzynski, Medina*	Leslie Stauss, Albion
Girls Rep	Joel Reed, CSAT*	Randy Knaak, Albion
Boys Rep	Dave Carson, Barker	Doug Ames, Newfane *

Superintendent Representation by BOCES

Erie 1 BOCES	Deborah Ziolkowski, Maryvale	TBA
Erie 2 BOCES	Pete Morgante, Pine Valley*	TBA
ON BOCES	Michelle Bradley, Lockport	TBA
CA BOCES	Mark Ward, Ellicottville*	TBA

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
1.1 Pledge of allegiance
- 2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
2.1 Lockport- Spring 2013 Scholar/Athlete Team Champion Boys Lacrosse
Coach Scott Reddinger with students Andrew Bronson and Nick Garlock
- 3.0 **MINUTES** J. Rabey jrabey@depew.wnyric.org
Motion: To approve the September 18th, 2013 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes.
CARRIED
Banker/Bullis
- 4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
4.1 **Seeding Policy**
Concern was expressed pertaining to the terminology used in the policy manual regarding the seeding policy. Currently, the seeding policy refers to "league" games. An action item will be added to the January athletic council meeting requesting that the policy be altered to include the terms "league/division" games. The need for this request stems from the fact that coaches in the ECIC and CCAA are counting all matches, including those contests that fall outside of division play.
- 4.2 **WNYSO Contract Update**
Payment, minutes, and all other pertinent information was sent to the state office to begin the Fact Finding process. R. Stulmaker, NYSPHSAA Assistant Director, to update T. Slade as the process moves forward.
- 4.3 **Section VI Wall of Fame Update**
J. Dunnigan, chairman and B. Banker, assistant chairman of the Section VI Wall of Fame committee, began the planning process for the 1st Section VI Wall of Fame induction ceremony. They are modeling the nomination application after the state association's application. The 2014 Football Championships at Ralph Wilson Stadium have been chosen as the venue to recognize the selected candidates. T. Slade to e-mail each league requesting a representative to sit on the wall of fame committee. Deadline dates for receipt of nomination applications and candidate selections will be announced during a future meeting.
- 4.4 **Wrestling Litigation Update**
T. Slade to be deposed in March 2014 regarding the lawsuit pertaining to the Starpoint class wrestling tournament where a student athlete contracted herpes gladiatorum. T. Slade to update as the process moves forward.
- 4.5 **Disability Insurance/Compensation Update**
As per the requirement of The New York State Insurance Fund, Section VI purchased an insurance policy for Section VI sports chairpersons as they are considered employees of the Section. Currently, there are two audits being conducted with Section VI, one with worker's compensation and one with disability insurance to ensure all Section affairs regarding insurance are in order.
- 4.6 **Sport Chairperson Face-to-Face State Meetings**
The state association recently approved face-to-face meetings for state chairpersons and their committees. As a result, Section VI sports chairpersons are now required to attend state face-to-face meetings.

The state association will absorb the travel expenses of section chairpersons to attend these meetings. As a result, Section VI representatives expressed their concern regarding the impression of partiality between fiscal concerns.

Note: The state association will only pay for one travel reimbursement. For example, if boys and girls soccer meetings are scheduled together, the boys and girls chairmen must travel together.
- 4.7 **Boys Volleyball Semi-Final Change**
Section VI was unable to secure Lakeshore High School or Cleveland Hill High School as the boys volleyball semi-final venue in place of Orchard Park HS. As a result, T. Slade made the decision to hold the contests at the higher seed.

4.8 Sectional Scheduling

Concern was expressed regarding post season scheduling conflicts (ie: Boys & Girls AA Soccer playing on the same day at venues 2 hours away from one another). It is impossible to avoid all conflicts, but T. Slade will meet with sport chairpersons to review the scheduling process to avoid potential conflicts.

4.9 Combining of Schools End of Season Report

- a) As a result of the new combining of schools formula, the combining of schools end of season report was re-instituted. Host schools of a combined team, are asked to submit this report at the end of the season. Currently, there are 144 schools in 75 combined teams within Section VI.
- b) In addition, flexibility will be given regarding the timeline for the submission of combining of schools applications when schedules for the sport involved are **not** affected.

5.0 Classification Committee

R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, was directed to establish a classification committee. Classification numbers have changed, where teams may be significantly impacted regarding season performance outcomes. P. Burke was chosen as the Section VI representative to sit on this committee.

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS

T. Slade tslade@e1b.org

5.1 Approval of Combining of Schools applications [13-14](#) [14-15](#)

No application requests were received for approval.

5.2 **Motion: To approve Senior All-Star Contests applications a & b as presented**

- a) Boys & Girls Basketball, Niagara-Orleans Genesee Region Senior All-Stars, 3/7/14, at Albion HS, co-sponsored by Genesee Region Section V
- b) Girls Basketball, Cheektowaga Lions Ladies HS Basketball Classic, 3/22/13, at Cheektowaga HS, co-sponsored by Cheektowaga HS (pending state signature)

CARRIED

Scholla/Spanbauer

5.3 **Motion: To approve Outside Agency Contest applications a through l as presented**

- a) Niagara Falls HS Festival of Lights Bowling Tournament, at AMF Thruway Lanes, co-sponsored by AMF Thruway Lanes, 12/30/13
- b) Pendleton Lions Club Vision Beyond Sight, JV/V Boys Basketball, at Starpoint HS, co-sponsored by the Pendleton Lions Club, 12/27/13 & 12/28/13
- c) Wrestling, Alden State Bank Duals, 1/10/14 & 1/11/14, at Alden MS, co-sponsored by Alden State Bank
- d) Boys Ice Hockey, Cataract Hockey Classic, 12/27/13 & 12/28/13, at Hyde Park Ice Rink, co-sponsored by Niagara Falls Educational Foundation
- e) Boys Basketball, Cataract City Classic, 12/6/13 & 12/7/13, at Niagara Falls HS, co-sponsored by Niagara Falls Educational Foundation
- f) Girls Basketball, Hae Jude Tip-Off Tourney, 12/6/13 & 12/7/13, at Silver Creek HS, co-sponsored by Hae Jude Signs
- g) Boys Basketball, Southwestern Christmas Classic, 12/21 & 12/22/13, at Jamestown Community College, co-sponsored by Southwestern HS
- h) Boys & Girls Basketball, United Way Tip-Off Basketball Tournaments, boys 12/13-14/13, girls 12/20-21/13, at Jamestown HS, co-sponsored by United Way of Southern Chaut. County
- i) Boys Ice Hockey Williamsville North L&M Financial, 11/29-11/30/13 at Northtowns Center co-sponsored by Williamsville North HS
- j) Girls Basketball, Matt Colpoys Memorial Tournament 12/26-27/13 at Kenmore West HS co-sponsored by Kenmore West HS
- k) Boys Basketball, Five Guys Invitational Basketball Tournament, 12/27-28/13 at Williamsville North HS co-sponsored by Roc-N-Burgers and Williamsville HS
- l) Boys Basketball, Joylan Theatre Tip-Off Tournament, 12/5 & 12/7/13 at Gowanda HS co-sponsored by Joylan Theatre and Gowanda HS.

CARRIED

Wendt/Banker

5.4 **Motion: To approve de-merging Holland and East Aurora for Indoor Track**

CARRIED

Ward/Wendt

6.0 **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6.1 **Finance Committee October Report**

M. DiFilippo

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6.1.1 **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented with assets totaling over one million dollars.

6.1.2 **Proposed 2014-2015 Section VI Budget**

T. Slade noted that indoor track and ice hockey were pulled out of the fund balance as they are encumbered funds.

League representatives are requested to share the proposed 2014-2015 Section VI budget with their respective leagues as it will be an action item for approval at the January 15th athletic council meeting.

6.1.3 **Section VI Treasurer**

The finance committee was asked by the executive committee to make a recommendation for the treasurer's position. A job description was created, applications were accepted, and interviews were held November 13th, 2013. The finance committee recommends Don Scholla for Section VI Treasurer.

Motion: To approve Don Scholla as Section VI Treasurer, effective December 2013

CARRIED

Wendt/Burke

It is recommended that M. DiFilippo complete his term as treasurer by December 1st, 2013. Due to the time restrictions of M. DiFilippo's new position, the finance committee recommends bringing L. Ratajczak, former Section VI Treasurer, in for training purposes. The duration of training will be limited to a maximum of 10 days and will be reimbursed similar to a supervisor's fee.

6.1.4 **Expense Report**

A formal request for expense reimbursement is needed to provide consistency for meals, lodging, etc. including caps for meal expenses. In addition, the proposed form offers standardization of expense requests that is office friendly for issuing payment and auditor friendly for the annual review of Section VI financial practices.

Motion: To approve the proposed Section VI Expense Report form as presented

CARRIED

Reed/Banker

6.1.5 **Hospitality Room**

Some Section VI chairpersons have requested reimbursement for hospitality rooms when officials/chairpersons are working at all day events, particularly at regionals, sometimes at sectionals.

Motion: To approve the hospitality room request proposal, where reimbursement is not to exceed \$150 per sport, per year and is to be funded by Section VI luncheon/meeting sponsors

CARRIED

Scholla/Graczyk

6.2 **Sectional/Intersectional October Report**

T. Slade

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6.2.1 **Motion: To approve the proposed Section VI Sports Season Calendar 2014-2015**
Burke/Reed

Discussion: Interest was expressed to begin the 2014-2015 winter and spring seasons a week later from the start dates stated in the proposal.

Motion: To approve the proposed 2014-2015 Section VI Fall Season start dates only

CARRIED

Ksionzyk/Bullis

Section VI Athletic Council representatives are asked to review the winter and spring 2014-2015 starting dates with their leagues as direction will be requested at the January athletic council meeting as to how to proceed.

6.2.2 CCAA Modified Start Date 11/1/13 (early bird)

If leagues wish to start on a date that is different from what was approved, a formal written request must be submitted to the Section VI office. The CCAA winter modified season start date of 11/1/13 has been approved.

6.3 Safety

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6.3.1 Lacrosse Balls ("Meet NOCSEA Standard")

As per an e-mail from R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, NFHS NOCSEA approved lacrosse balls must be used for lacrosse games. There is no formal language stating that NFHS NOCSEA must be used during practices, however, members are cautioned to use their best judgment and encouraged to use the same balls for practices as are used for games.

6.4 Modified Report

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Nothing to Report

6.5 Policy

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Nothing to Report

6.6 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent

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Nothing to Report

b) Principal

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Nothing to Report

c) Boys Rep

D. Scholla globe614@msn.com

Girls Rep

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6.6.1 NCAA 30 second shot clock rule change to 35 seconds, Girls Basketball (May action item)

Girls basketball plays by the NCAA rules, where a new 10 second count rule was instituted. This new rule initiated a proposed shot clock rule change to 35 seconds instead of the current 30 second shot clock. Section VI league representatives are asked to discuss this item with their respective leagues in order to provide the Section VI boys and girls representatives direction for the May state association meeting.

6.6.2 Consider all NYSPHSAA sports to use NFHS rules (May action item)

Currently, three NYSPHSAA sports use NCAA. T. Slade to work with Section VI sports chairpersons to compare and contrast between NFHS and NCAA rules as direction will need to be given to the Section VI boys and girls representatives as to how to vote regarding this action item at the May state association meeting.

6.6.3 NYSPHSAA website

Note: The updated NYSPHSAA website now posts state association meeting minutes and approvals. T. Slade will also attach state association meeting minutes to all Section VI Executive Director monthly reports when applicable.

6.6.4 BEDS

The elimination of calculating ungraded students in enrollment numbers was approved. As a result, there will be a significant impact on larger and smaller Section VI members schools.

6.6.5 Senior All Star Contests

Senior All-Star Contest rules have been modified to state that "A contestant may participate in any approved senior all-star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year".

d) **NYSPHSAA Ad Hoc Committee**

Cheerleading

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6.6.3 Section VI Cheerleading Invitational

February 16th, 2015 is the tentative date for the Section VI Cheerleading Invitational. T. Slade to contact leagues who have yet to offer representation on this committee.

6.7 Extended Eligibility

G. Baldelli

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Nothing to Report

- 6.8 **Chemical Awareness** M. McKenna mmckenna@lackawanna.wnyric.org
Nothing to Report
- 6.9 **Transfer/Foreign Student** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
Report was e-mailed to the executive committee
- 6.10 **Sportsmanship** J. Graczyk jgraczyk@pioneerpsd.org
D. Ames dames@newfane.wnyric.org
Nothing to Report
- 6.11 **Veterans** J. Trampert jtramOPspt@aol.com
Nothing to Report
- 6.12 **Mixed Competition** J. Spanbauer jspanbauer@nfschools.net
Nothing to Report
- 6.13 **Nominations** B. Banker bbanker@kenton.k12.ny.us
- 6.13.1 **NYSPHSAA Boys Representative (Sept. 2014- Aug. 2016) - Open Position**
D. Scholla will step down from his position as NYSPHSAA Boys Representative for Section VI at the January 15th, 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting. Applications for nominations will be accepted up until December 13th, 2013 is for this position.
- 6.13.2 **Section VI President-Elect (July 2014-June 2016) - Open Position**
By constitutional amendment, the next Section VI president-elect must come from the CCAA. Applications for nominations will be accepted up until March 14th, 2014. Approval of the selected candidate will be sought at the May 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting.
- 6.14.2 **Section VI Winter Sports Chairpersons**
Current winter sports chairpersons' terms are set to expire June 30th, 2014. Applications for nominations will be accepted up until March 14th, 2014. Approval of selected candidates will be sought at the May 2014 Section VI Athletic Council meeting.

***Note: Nominations may be sent to B. Banker directly or the Section VI office, which will then be forwarded on to B. Banker. A league or individual may submit a nomination.

- 6.14 **Corporate Sponsorship** T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
- 6.14.1 **Time Warner Cable & Spalding Select**
Currently, Section VI has contracts with corporate sponsors (ie. Time Warner Cable & Spalding Select). R. Zayas, NYSPHSAA Executive Director, is seeking to secure corporate sponsors, state-wide, for regionals and beyond where sponsorship funds will be reimbursed back to the sections. In addition to the current funds Section VI receives for sectional championships, Section VI will be reimbursed from the state corporate sponsorship deal. However, if R. Zayas secures a state-wide deal, Section VI may lose their current sponsorship contracts.

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete G. Kaszubski gkaszubski@clarenceschools.org
- 7.2 Charter Schools T. Slade tslade@e1b.org
Nothing to Report

8.0 STATE and SECTION SPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 8.1 Ice Hockey M. DiFilippo/R.Hopkins [Report from State Meeting 9/20/13](#)
- 8.2 Wrestling M. DeBarbieri/I. Martinez [Report from State Meeting 9/26/13](#)
- 8.3 Boys Basketball L. Jones [Report from State Meeting 9/27/13](#)
- 8.4 Girls Basketball C. Durr [Report from State Meeting 10/11/13](#)
- 8.5 Girls Golf R. Wargala [Report from State Meeting 10/29/13](#)
- 8.6 Softball J. Hall [Report from State Meeting 11/6/13](#)

9.0 **GUEST REPORTS**

9.1 **NYSPHSAA**

Nothing to Report

9.2 **NYSAAA Report**

B. Banker

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- The Saratoga Conference will be held March 12-14, 2014
- Awards chairman P. Burke is accepting nominations for athletic director of the year, non-athletic administrator of the year, community service, and secretary of the year.
- NIAAA essay nominations are currently being accepted.

10.0 **SPRING SPORTS REPORTS**

Motion: To approve the Spring 2014 Pre-Season Reports with the exception of Softball

CARRIED

Roth/Banker

Discussion: Concern was expressed regarding the softball committee approving a coin flip for sectional playoffs. The softball committee also reported that they approved to never split divisions again. T. Slade to meet with J. Hall, Section VI Softball Chairman to resolve these issues.

11.0 **OLD BUSINESS**

12.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

J. Rabey, Section VI President was recognized by Daeman College as distinguished alumni.

13.0 **GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn

CARRIED

Wendt/Banker

Respectfully Submitted,



Beth Fadeley
Administrative Assistant