

New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.

STAFF

Robert J. Zayas, Executive Director
Robert E. Stulmaker, Assistant Director
Todd Nelson, Assistant Director
Joe Altieri, Director of Marketing & Media
Jeanette Neven, Treasurer



OFFICERS

Eileen Troy, President
Stephen Broadwell, 1st Vice President
James Osborne, 2nd Vice President
Mark J. Ward, Past President

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS

July 31-August 1, 2012 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center, Lake George

ACTION ITEMS

1. P4 Approved the May 2012 Executive Committee Meeting minutes.
2. P5 Approved changing the authorized signers on the First Niagara account by deleting Regina Van Erk and adding Robert J. Zayas effective September 1, 2012.
3. P5 Approved the removal of Kathy Higle and appointed Jeanette Neven retroactive to June 1, 2012 as Trustee of the NYSPHSAA Money Purchase Plan and remove Regina Van Erk and appoint Robert Zayas, effective September 1, 2012, as Trustee of the NYSPHSAA Money Purchase Plan.
4. P5 Approved requiring all NYSPHSAA member schools, including non-public schools, to comply with the standard established by NYSED for the Concussion Management Regulations.
5. P6 Approved the Section Sports Seasons for the 2012-2013 school year.
6. P7 Approved the 2012-2013 State Championship site changes for Girls Tennis, Girls Gymnastics and Boys Lacrosse.
7. P7 Approved Glens Falls Civic Center (2) as the site for the 2014-2016 Boys Basketball Championships.
8. P7 Approved Tom Wells (3) as the Boys Outdoor Track & Field State Coordinator effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017.
9. P7 Approved recognizing students that obtain a GPA of 90% and above, as well as the Scholar/Athlete State Champion by providing Pins for 95% and up, Certificates-94.999% to 90% and a State Champion Banner for the highest average statewide.
10. P10 Approved the retirement, with regret, of Executive Director Nina Van Erk effective August 31, 2012.
11. P10 Approved Jeanette Neven as Treasurer retroactive to June 1, 2012.
12. P10 Approved Robert J. Zayas as Executive Director effective September 1, 2012 with a three year contract expiring August 31, 2015.
13. P10 Approved to amend the Employee Handbook to reflect the post-retirement health benefits apply only to Employees hired prior to July 31, 2012.
14. P11 Approved the guidelines for the NYSPHSAA East and West Cheerleading Invitationals for the 2012-2013 school year.
15. P11 Approved in Girls Gymnastics to only permit handspring and twisting vaults if a facility does not have the appropriate runway length and no Salto type vaults will be allowed.
16. P11 Approved the use of metal hair fasteners to secure hair for safety reasons in Girls Gymnastics.
17. P11 Approved a waiver of the NCAA Sportsmanship Rule for coaches that allows an official the discretion to issue a yellow card to the coach for unsportsmanlike behavior in Boys and Girls Volleyball.
18. P11 Approved in Boys and Girls Basketball an extension of the waiver with Section approval to allow schools to experiment with two (2) 16-minute halves in tournaments and non-league contests during the 2012-2014 seasons.
19. P11 Approved in Boys Basketball a waiver of Rule 2-12 to require the officials' scorer to wear a striped shirt only in NYSPHSAA Semi-finals and Finals.
20. P11 Approved the qualification standards for the 2012-2013 Boys Swimming and Diving Championship meet.
21. P15 Approved as Friend and Neighbors: **The Hallen School (1), Holy Family School (4), Twin Tiers Christian Academy (4), Archangel School (5), New Life Christian School (6), Elmwood Franklin School (6), Southern Tier Catholic School (6), Faith Christian Academy (9).**
22. P15 Approved as Friend and Neighbors pending Section 2 approval: **Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs (2), St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus RCS (2).**
23. P15 Approved as a New Member: **Genesee Country Christian School (5).**

24. P15 Approved the amended 2012-2013 NYSPHSAA budget.
25. P16 Approved to change the Softball Regional format for Classes B and C from double headers to single games playing on different days for Sections 1, 8, 9 and 11.
26. P16 Approved the Safety Committee's recommendation of a language change to the NFHS Wrestling Skin Infection Form indicating an appropriate health care provider for our member schools to be a physician, physician assistant or a nurse practitioner.
27. P17 Approved for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years, with section/league approval, up to 50% of the maximum number of games permitted for each modified level sport may be designated as scrimmages.
28. P17 Approved to enter into Executive Session on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 3:00PM for discussion on employee benefits.
29. P17 Approved to end the Executive Session at 3:30PM.
30. P17 Approved the Compensation Committee as a Standing Committee.
31. P18 Approved the Compensation Committee report from the July 23, 2012 Compensation Committee meeting as amended.
32. P18 Approved to amend the Money Purchase Pension Plan to change the employer contribution rate from 25% to 15% of the individual employees' salaries effective September 1, 2012.
33. P18 Approved to amend the Money Purchase Pension Plan to change the employer contribution rate from 15% to 8% with up to 4% matching contribution effective September 1, 2013.
34. P18 Approved James Osborne, Secretary/Treasurer of Section 9, as 2nd Vice President in the officer rotation.
35. P21 Approved the Chief School Officers recommendation to create a committee to thoroughly review the issue of combining of teams as it effects classification with an emphasis on creating opportunities for students and to have a preliminary report by December 2012.
36. P23 Approved Nina Van Erk as an Honorary Past President.
37. P23 Approved adjournment.

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

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center-Lake George

July 31-August 1, 2012

The Central Committee was called to order by President Mark Ward at 2:40PM. A moment of silence was held for Roger Bell, long time Boys State Swimming/Diving Coordinator and Todd Heimer, Executive Director of Section 8 who both passed away this year. Executive Director Nina Van Erk introduced members of the Central Committee and took attendance as follows:

Officers & Staff

President Mark Ward
First Vice President Eileen Troy
Second Vice President Stephen Broadwell
Past President Patrick Pizzarelli
Executive Director Nina Van Erk
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker
Assistant Director Todd Nelson
Director of Marketing & Media Relations Joe Altieri
Treasurer Jeanette Neven
Counsel Renee James
Director of Government Relations Kevin Baner
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents

Kathryn Faber
Michaela Kasner
Karen Lopez
Dr. James Tolle

Section Representatives

Section 1: Scott Mosenthal, Karen Peterson, Kenneth Mitchell, David Goddard
Section 2: Elizabeth Hemstead, Robert McGuire, Paul Jenkins (proxy for Joseph Murphy-Tues.), Joseph Murphy (Wed.), Peter Bednarek
Section 3: Michael Carboine, Barbara Felice, John Rathbun (proxy for Michael Cring), Joseph Rotella
Section 4: Julie Bergman, Ben Nelson (proxy for Edward Redmond), Tom DeLaurentiis (proxy for Gordon Daniels), Terry Heller
Section 5: Dennis O'Brien, Kimberly Henshaw, Gary Mix, Merritt Holly
Section 6: Donald Scholla, Cynthia Bullis, James Dunnigan, Michael Wendt
Section 7: C. Joseph Staves, Patricia Ryan-Curry, Mike Graney, John McDonald
Section 8: Dominick Vulpis, Chris Ceruti, Neil Connolly, Patrick Pizzarelli (proxy for Henry Grishman)
Section 9: Roberta Greene, James Wolfe, James Osborne (proxy for David Bernsley), Robert Thabet (proxy for Raymond Castellani)
Section 10: Lori Brewer, Paul Harrica, Anthony Bjork, Mark Passamonte
Section 11: Lisa Lally, Timothy Mullins, Patricia Sullivan-Kriss, Nicolas DeCillis (proxy for John Dolan)

Section Presidents

Paul Jenkins (2), Jeff Rabey (6), Fred Hooper (7), Paul Harrica (10), Jeremy Thode (11)

Section Secretaries & Treasurers

Jen Simmons (1), Wayne Bertrand (2), John Rathbun (3), Ben Nelson (4), Tom DeLaurentiis (4), Ed Stores (5), Jackie Meyer (5), Timm Slade (6), Loren Ratajczak (6), Karen Lopez (7), George McElroy (8), Bob Thabet (9), Jim Osborne (9), Carl Normandin (10), Martha Slack (10), Ed Cinelli (11), Donald Webster (11)

Ex-Officio & Consultants

Alan Mallanda, Ex. Director-NYSAAA
Steve Young, President-NYSAAA
Tom McGuire, Ex. Director-Pupil Benefits Plan

Darryl Daily, NYS Education Department
Jim Rose, President-NYS COA

Standing Committees

Robbie Greene, Handbook Coordinator
Patti Murphy, Life of an Athlete Co-Coordinator
Thad Lawrence, Life of an Athlete Co-Coordinator

James Rose, Modified Co-Coordinator
Paul Weatherup, OCF Chairman

Guests

Marbry Gansle, G. Cross Country & Gymnastics State Coordinator
Cathy Allen (Wed.), Softball State Coordinator
Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator
Cathy Gallagher, former Executive Director-Section 11

A **motion to approve** the May 2012 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written **carried**. Ceruti/Scholla

ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

President Mark Ward

- Introduced Paul Jenkins, President of Section 2, who welcomed the group to Fort William Henry Hotel & Conference Center in Lake George.
- Through a Power Point presentation, reviewed the accomplishments and highlights of the Association during the 2011-2012 school year.
- Reported he was a moderator at the NFHS summer meeting in Nashville, TN and found it interesting that the topics discussed are issues shared across the country.
- Reported he had fallen short in attending all the State Championships during his two years as President but that he hoped to attend all of them by the end of his term of office.
- Thanked the sport coordinators, state tournament directors and volunteers for all their work in running great state championships.
- He thanked the officers he served with during the past two years as well as the Association office staff for their hard work, dedication and professionalism to the Association.
- He thanked the Central Committee for their confidence and support over the past two years.

1st Vice Eileen Troy

- Welcomed the group to Lake George.
- Stated she is looking forward to the next two years serving the Association as President.

Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of May through July.

Mandatory Athletic Director Workshops

- The NYSPHSAA requires all school district athletic directors to attend an annual mandatory NYSPHSAA Eligibility Workshop to be eligible for all sectional, regional and state competition.
- Workshops are scheduled in each of the 11 sections along with a workshop at the NYSPHSAA. Athletic directors may attend the workshop that best fits their schedule. Sport Coordinators are encouraged to attend the workshops also. Please contact the Section Executive Director to inquire about available space.
- The dates and sites for the workshops are:
 - August 27 – Section 6 – Erie 1 BOCES
 - August 28 – Section 5 – Victor HS
 - September 13 – Section 11 – Holbrook Golf Club
 - September 14 – Section 8 – Robert E. Lupinskie Center, Nassau BOCES
 - September 19 – Section 7 – Olympic Training Center, Lake Placid
 - September 20 – Section 10 – Cheel Arena, Clarkson University, Potsdam
 - October 1 – Section 1 – Ramada Inn, Fishkill
 - October 2 – Section 9 – Walikill HS
 - October 9 – Section 4 – Johnson City HS

October 10 – Section 2 – Van Patten Golf Club, Clifton Park

October 11 – Section 3 – Rusty Rail, Canastota

October 16 – NYSPHSAA Office, Latham

2012-2014 NYSPHSAA Handbook

- The 2012-2014 version of the NYSPHSAA Handbook is available in print and on-line.
- The most recent changes are shaded.
- The Handbooks will be delivered to all athletic administrators at the fall eligibility workshops.
- The Handbook will continue to be updated after each NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting so the most current information is available to the membership.

Treasurer Position

- She introduced and welcomed Jeanette Neven as the new Treasurer of the Association. Jeanette began her work with the Association the last week in May and has made great strides getting acquainted with the position.

First Niagara Bank Resolutions

- With the closing of the local HSBC bank branches, we needed to switch to First Niagara Bank.

A **motion to approve** changing the authorized signers on the First Niagara account by deleting Regina Van Erk and adding Robert J. Zayas effective September 1, 2012 **carried.** Mitchell/Dunnigan

Pension Plan Trustees

- Due to changes in Association staff, two new Pension Plan Trustees need to be approved.

A **motion to approve** the removal of Kathy Hagle and appoint Jeanette Neven retroactive to June 1, 2012 as Trustee of the NYSPHSAA Money Purchase Plan and remove Regina Van Erk and appoint Robert Zayas, effective September 1, 2012, as Trustee of the NYSPHSAA Money Purchase Plan **carried.** DeCillis/O'Brien

Concussion Management Law

- When the AED requirement was implemented by the State Education Department, the NYSPHSAA required all member schools, including non-public schools, to comply. To ensure uniformity within the Association, it is recommended the same standard be established for the Concussion Management Regulations that went into effect July 1, 2012.

A **motion to approve** requiring all NYSPHSAA member schools, including non-public schools, to comply with the standard established by NYSED for the Concussion Management Regulations **carried.** Lally/Harrica

Office Space

- BA Construction Services gave notice of their intention to vacate our additional office space as of July 31, 2012. In April, we entered into a contract with British American Realty to serve as our agent to find a new tenant. So far, the building has generated limited interest but we are hopeful that a tenant can be secured in the next few months.

Conflict of Interest Statement

- At the December 2009 Executive Committee meeting, the Association adopted a Conflict of Interest policy that calls for all voting members, sport coordinators and approved proxies to fill out and sign a Conflict of Interest Statement. The forms were distributed at the meeting. Please complete the form for the 2012-2013 school year and return to Sandy Schanck.

NYSPHSAA Passes

- New two year NYSPHSAA passes are being distributed to current volunteers serving on NYSPHSAA committees. The "Lifetime Pass" has been created and distributed to those who have qualified to receive one. There are many individuals who have qualified for a pass but their service with the Association has ended and we do not have a current mailing address. They may request their "Lifetime Pass" by simply contacting the office.

CSIET Advisory List

- A link to the 2012-2013 Advisory List is available at our web site www.nysphsaa.org.

Directory Information

- The 2012-2013 Directory Information form included in the meeting packets needs to be completed and returned by September 7, 2012.

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 2016:

Section 1	Dave Goddard	Male Athletic Representative
Section 2	Peter Bednarek	Principal Representative
Section 3	Joe Rotella	CSO Representative

Section 4	Terry Heller	Principal Representative
Section 5	Gary Mix	CSO Representative
Section 6	Jim Spanbauer	Principal Representative
Section 7	Patricia Ryan-Curry	Female Athletic Representative
Section 8	Dom Vulpis	Male Athletic Representative
Section 9	Robbie Greene	Female Athletic Representative
Section 10	Tony Bjork	Male Athletic Representative
Section 11	Tim Mullins	Male Athletic Representative

New Central Committee members welcomed were:

Section 5	Merritt Holly	Principal Representative (2015)
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Section Sports Seasons

A motion to approve the Section Sports Seasons for the 2012-2013 school year carried. O'Brien/Ceruti

Participation Survey

- The 2011-2012 Participation Survey is completed. A copy of the report is included in the meeting packet.
- She noted that since the 2010-2011 school year, there has been a decrease in participation. In that year, there were a total of 588,462 participants while in 2011-2012 the number declined to 583, 106 participants. That reflects a decrease of 5,356 participants. The number of total teams also decreased within that time frame going from 32,367 to 31,993, a change of 374 teams across all programs. The number of programs offered in the majority of sports on all levels declined. Presumably this occurred because of budget cutbacks, but it should be noted that the student population declined as well. In comparing the BEDS numbers (students in grades 9-11 plus ungraded) from October 2010 and October 2011 there were 15,203 less students available to participate in our member schools programs.

Executive Committee Meetings

- In January 2012, the NYSPHSAA held the Executive Committee meeting in the office rather than at the Holiday Inn on Wolf Road. An analysis of the cost savings showed a savings of over \$6,500. Future meetings will be scheduled at the office unless directed otherwise.

Future Meeting Dates

- **Executive Committee:**
 October 21-22, 2012 – NYSPHSAA Office
 Sunday – 2:30PM to 5:00PM Monday – 9:00AM to conclusion
 (Lodging will be at the Marriott Hotel on Wolf Road, Albany)
 January 29, 2013 – Conference Call – 9:00AM
 May 3-4, 2013 – NYSPHSAA Office
- **Central Committee:**
 July 30-August 1, 2013 – Woodcliff Resort and Spa, Fairport (5) (Tuesday-Thursday)
- **Feedback Requested**
 CONSIDERING FOR 2014 - High Peaks Resort, Lake Placid (7)
 July 29-31 (Tuesday – Thursday)
 August 5-7 (Tuesday -- Thursday)

Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker

2011-2012 State Championships

- A summary as of July 23, 2012 of the Championship Financial Report and a comparison to previous years was included in the meeting packets.
- Oceanside Awards (formerly Conference Medal/Trophy Co.) Replica Plaque program returned \$795.00 from the sales of 265 replicas of the NYSPHSAA award. Royalties totaling \$10,812.00 have been received in the 13 years of this program.
- Emergency measures (crowd control and AED) were effective at all 2011-2012 State Championships and will continue to be in place for 2012-2013.

2012-2013 State Championships

- A master schedule of dates and sites, as approved by the Executive Committee in January 2012, was included in the meeting packets.

A motion to approve the following 2012-2013 State Championship site changes carried: Heller/O'Brien
Girls Tennis Tri-City Tennis Center, Latham (2) – November 3-5, 2012 and through 2014
Girls Gymnastics Smithtown East HS, Smithtown (11) – March 2, 2013
Boys Lacrosse Finals at St. John Fisher College (5) – June 8, 2013

A motion to approve Glens Falls Civic Center (2) as the site for the 2014-2016 Boys Basketball Championships carried. McGuire/Mitchell

- A list of 2012-2013 National Exam Dates showing championship date conflicts was included in the meeting packets.
- Future Dates/Sites of state championships planned for 2013-2014 and beyond was included in the meeting packets. An approval vote for the 2013-2014 schedule is scheduled for the January 2013 Executive Committee meeting.

State Sports Coordinators

A motion to approve Tom Wells (3) as the Boys Outdoor Track & Field State Coordinator effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017 carried. Scholla/Osborne

- State Sports Coordinators with appointments/reappointments scheduled during 2012-2013 are: Baseball, Boys Bowling, Boys Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Boys Swimming & Diving, Wrestling, Girls Bowling, Field Hockey, Girls Soccer, and Girls Indoor Track & Field.

Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program

- The Scholar/Athlete Team Award program concluded its 21st year with a decrease in the number of teams by 9 and a decrease in the number of athletes by 252.
- A list of the Spring 2012 Scholar/Athlete State Champions and award presenters was included in the meeting packets.
- Thank you to Pupil Benefits Plan, Inc. for their 17th year of sponsorship.
- The budget for the Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program has been reduced to \$10,000. We will still be recognizing students that obtain a GPA of 90% and above, as well as the Scholar/Athlete State Champion.

A motion to approve recognizing students that obtain a GPA of 90% and above, as well as the Scholar/Athlete State Champion by providing Pins for 95% and up, Certificates – 94.999% to 90% and a State Champion Banner for the highest average statewide carried. Staves/Felice

School of Distinction

- A list of the 2011-2012 School of Distinction Award Winners was included in the meeting packets.
- Thank you to Lee's Trophies Co., Schenectady, NY for sponsoring the awards.
- 2012-2013 instructions and application forms are posted on the NYSPHSAA website.
- 2011-2012 Scholar/Athlete and School of Distinction Record Book was available for review at the Central Committee meeting.

NYS Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association

- 2012-2013 officers are: President: Bob Stulmaker, PHSAA; Vice President: Mary Jane Quigley, AISAA; Secretary: Tom Murray, CHSAA; Treasurer: PSAL.
- After serving 5 years as Executive Secretary, Walter Eaton has retired. Thank you, Walter, for serving in this position.
- 2012-2013 meeting schedule is as follows: Fall: September 28, 2012; Winter: January 15, 2013 (January 30, 2013 snow date); Federation Basketball Planning Meeting: March 22, 2013; Spring: May 13, 2013.

Community Service Challenge

- There were 19 projects statewide.
- 7 out of 11 Sections submitted a local winner.
- Congratulated the 2012 State Winner – Ossining High School (1).
- 2013 Deadlines: May 1 – Sections; June 1 – NYSPHSAA office
- A special thanks to Murphee Hayes, Athletic Administrator from Whitney Point High School (4) and Student Leadership Advisory Coordinator and the student leaders for help in selecting this year's winner.

Assistant Director Todd Nelson

Classification

- The Association office staff will work with the State Education Department and the SIRS department to collect BEDS numbers for all of our member schools. Last year was the first year that we collected the data from the SIRS department. We are anticipating that this year the time table for receiving the information will be much quicker. We hope to have a preliminary report by December and the final report in January before our Executive

- Committee meeting. We will work with the Section Executive Directors to help verify the information before we present to the Executive Committee.
- In August and September, he will be meeting with the sport committees that have variation cut-off numbers to review them. A recommendation for any changes to the variation cut-off numbers will be presented to the Executive Committee at their October meeting. Sports with variation cut-off numbers include Cross Country, Girls and Boys Volleyball, Field Hockey, Girls and Boys Lacrosse, Ice Hockey and Football. Football will continue with the current cut-off numbers for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. The recommendations will be based on the 2011-2012 participation survey and the 2012-2013 classification numbers for our member schools.
- He reminded that the 2013-2014 five class cut-off numbers were approved at the May 2012 Executive Committee meeting. They are: Class AA: 910-Up; Class A: 480-909; Class B: 280-479; Class C: 170-279, Class D: 0-169.

Professional Development for Coaches

- The NYSPHSAA has always been committed to professional development for the coaches of our member schools. Over the past few years, the attendance has declined for all of our coaching clinics. In an effort to better serve our membership in the area of professional development, we will begin to use technology, through webinars and on-line videos, to provide education to our coaches across the state. The office staff will be working with the clinic committees to develop these new initiatives.

Assistant Director Joe Altieri reported on his attendance at various meetings, championships and conferences during the months of May through July.

Championship Programs (He stated due to the bills and revenues not all being submitted, his report was somewhat incomplete and an update would be given at the October Executive Committee meeting.)

- **Spring Report** - An estimated loss of \$972.30 for Spring Championship Programs is predicted due to low program sales. Revenue figures from program sales and program advertisements are incomplete.
- **Annual Report** for 2011-2012 – Due to some of the spring sports not yet submitting checks, program sales and advertisement revenues are incomplete. He stated we are in the black with approximately \$85,000 in advertising and program sales.

Championship Media/Broadcasting

- The Association saw revenues of \$6,750 for championship radio and internet broadcasts and \$26,400 for championship TV broadcasts in 2011-2012 in addition to the revenue received from our partnership with Time Warner Cable.

Vendor/Souvenir Sales were reviewed for 2006 through 2012. Sales continue to do well as we continue to see a steady increase in income for spring and overall annual incomes from souvenir sales.

Online Ticket Sales

- The Association sold 250 online tickets for spring sports.
- We continue to build our online ticket sales. For the year, 1,464 tickets were sold online, an increase from 2010-2011.

Corporate Sponsorships

- A summary of NYSPHSAA Corporate Sponsorships for 2011-2012 and a Year-By-Year Sponsorship Revenues (gross) summary beginning 2001-2002 through 2010-2011 were included in the meeting packets.
- **Time Warner Cable** – Discussions are in progress for a long-term deal with Time Warner Cable for potentially significant annual revenue, possibly for 10 years. Since the contract includes our Regional events run by Sections, he has had a face-to-face meeting and a conference call with the Section Executive Directors to discuss any issues that may involve Regional games. It is expected we will have an agreement in place by September.
- **Sports Authority** - A new one-year agreement has been reached for a “Bronze” sponsorship, cash and in-kind. They will provide 120,000 NYSPHSAA branded admission tickets for Regionals and State Tournaments. They will also be providing more than 210,000 Section branded admission tickets for 6 out of our 11 Sections participating in the program. At the end of the year agreement, we will evaluate our partnership and possibly look at a long term contract.
- **CSEA** – A meeting is scheduled with CSEA to discuss a renewal for a “Bronze” sponsorship. If CSEA agrees to renew, this would be the 10th consecutive year they would sponsor NYSPHSAA. We are also in the process of determining the finalists and winner of the 3rd annual Excelsior Award, an award created and presented by NYSPHSAA & CSEA in 2010.
- **Jostens** – A new in-kind “Bronze” sponsorship agreement starting this September for the next three years is currently being reviewed. Jostens would continue to sponsor our Hall of Fame with inductee rings and watches,

and also provide the official Champion ring for teams and individuals at our state tournaments at a discounted price.

General

- The following sponsors provided "Contributing" sponsorships in cash and/or in-kind for our spring championships: MF Athletic Co., Navy, and Coaches vs. Cancer.
- Thank you to Coaches vs. Cancer who sponsored breakfast at the Central Committee meeting on Wednesday, vs. Cancer events across the state. Anthony Marino, Division Director and Meredith Noonan, Division Manager gave a brief presentation on the Coaches vs. Cancer program. A flyer announcing our partnership with Coaches vs. Cancer was included in the meeting packets.
- The Association is proud to provide a new nonprofit service to assist families in being properly educated about the athletic collegiate recruiting process. The 501 (c) (3) nonprofit Recruiting Education Foundation Inc. is providing the NYSPHSAA with free NCAA/NAIA/JUCO Eligibility and Recruiting Webinars for New York high school athletes and their families. The free webinar can be accessed through our website. He encouraged schools and parents to check it out.

Marketing

- Radio campaigns were executed for the sports of baseball (Binghamton) and softball (Glens Falls) resulting in more than 400 spots combined this spring. TV campaigns were executed for boys and girls lacrosse in which 500 spots were run for each tournament. Poster campaigns were also conducted to market championships in various communities. More than 500 posters were designed in house, printed and mailed for baseball, softball and girls lacrosse.

Media

- We continue to have medial credential requests available online on our web site eliminating staff time and resources in the office. He asked to please let your local media know they can visit our web site to access the online form for all state tournament medial credential requests. Last year we processed over 700 requests.

Public Relations/Marketing

- Press releases have been distributed statewide for the following: Community Service Award winner, Sportsmanship Promotion Award winners, Medial Advisory (credentials), Hall of Fame Inductions and the Association's new Executive Director.
- A copy of the press release announcing Robert Zayas as the new NYSPHSAA Executive Director was enclosed in the meeting packets.

Treasurer's Report -- Nina reviewed the report highlighting:

- She reported the Association is in good financial health. Even though the report is incomplete, the Association is doing significantly better than budgeted due to cutting some committee/ program expenses and holding the line on others.
- Figures for Spring Championships are still incomplete as all expenses have not yet been received. We are still awaiting some revenues from program and souvenir sales.
- We have opened an operating checking account with First Niagara Financial Group because all of the local HSBC branches were either closed or converted to First Niagara after their merger in June 2012. Our HSBC account will be closed before the fiscal year end of 8/31/12 because it is relatively inactive.
- The Association is currently using two software programs for our accounting needs. In the fall, we will be converting from Peachtree to Quickbooks. This will eliminate double entry as well as minimize errors and reconciling accounts on both systems.
- Dues for 2012-2013 will be at the actual dollar amounts paid for in 2011-2012. No adjustments will be made for changes in student numbers.
- The reduction in the annual membership fees amount on the spreadsheet is due to member schools not renewing their membership.
- Marvin & Co. has given the Association a clean audit for 2011. Copies of the audit were available at the meeting. The 990 for 2011 has been completed and is also available.

Counselor Renee James

- Reported on Immaculate Heart Central's (3) pending lawsuit which involves their classification as a non-public school. Nina was deposed in the case which went well. A motion to dismiss the case without going to trial has been filed. If successful, we will have two Federal Court decisions, two State Court decisions and the Commissioner

of Education's decision supporting our classification of non-public schools. She will keep us updated.

- Reported on the lawsuit brought by a soccer official who was removed from the official organization of which he was a member. His claim against the Association states the Association should have been more involved and helped him. A motion to dismiss has been filed.
- Reported there are two Sections at impasse regarding their officials' contracts and will be going to Fact Finding.
- Reported she made a recommendation for the Association to make a motion to limit the current Post Retirement Health Benefits to current employees.
- Reported, at the suggestion of our auditors, the Association will have an Actuary come in and review our Post Retirement Health Benefits and how the liability is calculated.

Director of Government Relations Kevin Banes

- Gave a recap on the legislative session for the past year.
- Stated the Association will need to show the impacts that budget cuts, state funding and the property tax cap could have on school sports programs.
- Reported he and Nina had met with Senator Lee Zeldin and Assemblyman Steve Englebright, potential sponsors for a uniform policy to provide guidelines to schools to help prevent skin infections specific to the wrestling program, to ensure the Association is included in discussions. The bill passed in the Senate and was help up in the Assembly.
- Stated that as this is an election year, the Association should pay close attention and when the elections are over to start building relationships with the new leadership in charge.
- He thanked Nina for her leadership on legislative issues, especially with the Concussion Management bill. He stated it is a model program other states will use to develop their legislation around.
- He thanked the Executive and Central Committees for their support and advocacy stating it had been a pleasure to work with them. He stated the Association has a legislative program to be proud of and is moving in the right direction.

STAFFING UPDATES. Mark Ward

A **motion to approve** the retirement, with regret, of Executive Director Nina Van Erk effective August 31, 2012.

Bergman/Ceruti

A **motion to approve** Jeanette Neven as Treasurer retroactive to June 1, 2012 **carried**.

DeCillis/Ryan-Curry

A **motion to approve** Robert J. Zayas as Executive Director effective September 1, 2012 with a three year contract expiring August 31, 2015 **carried**.

McGuire/Bullis

A **motion to amend** the Employee Handbook to reflect the post-retirement health benefits apply only to employees hired prior to July 31, 2012 **carried**.

Harrica/Lally

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cheerleading Committee. Nina gave the report highlighting:

- The committee had put together a draft booklet on the guidelines for the East & West Cheerleading Invitationals for the 2012-2013 school year.
- She stated cheerleaders who intend to participate in this invitational tournament will need to follow all NYSPHSAA Rules and Regulations.
- All Commissioner of Education regulations will be followed.
- Coaches will need to complete the coaching requirements for First Aid and CPR and the AACCA Safety Course to be able to compete.
- NFHS Spirit Rules will be followed.
- Classification will be based on small teams (minimum of 5 competitors, maximum of 12), medium teams (minimum of 13 competitors, maximum of 20), large teams (minimum of 21 competitors, maximum of 35) and co-ed teams (minimum of 12 competitors, maximum of 24).
- The Invitationals will be winter events: the West Regional Invitational will be held on February 23, 2013 at RIT; the East Regional Invitational is tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2013 at Hofstra, pending confirmation of their basketball schedule.
- Schools will need to submit entry forms.
- The committee has agreed on a rubric for scoring, panel score sheets and score sheets for the safety judges.

A **motion to approve** the guidelines for the NYSPHSAA East and West Cheerleading Invitationals for the 2012-2013 school year **carried**. Greene/Brewer

SPORT COORDINATORS

- **Girls Gymnastics.** Marbry Gansle, Girls Gymnastics State Coordinator presented the Girls Gymnastics' Committee's recommendation on the vault runway length if a facility does not have the appropriate runway length as stated in the NYS Women's High School Gymnastics Rulebook and their recommendation to change the wording for safety of hair control.

A **motion to approve** in Girls Gymnastics to only permit handspring and twisting vaults if a facility does not have the appropriate runway length and no Salto type vaults will be allowed **carried**. DeCillis/Harrica

A **motion to approve** the use of metal hair fasteners to secure hair for safety reasons in Girls Gymnastics **carried**. DeCillis/Brewer

Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the following Sport Committees requests for waivers:

- **Boys and Girls Volleyball**

A **motion to approve** a waiver of the NCAA Sportsmanship Rule for coaches that allows an official the discretion to issue a yellow card to the coach for unsportsmanlike behavior in Boys and Girls Volleyball **carried**. Bjork/McGuire

- **Boys and Girls Basketball**

A **motion to approve** in Boys and Girls Basketball an extension of the waiver with Section approval to allow schools to experiment with two (2) 16-minute halves in tournaments and non-league contests during the 2012-2014 seasons **carried**. Dunnigan/Wolfe

- **Boys Basketball**

A **motion to approve** in Boys Basketball a waiver of Rule 2-12 to require the officials' scorer to wear a striped shirt only in NYSPHSAA Semi-finals and Finals **carried**. Osborne/Rathbun

- **Boys Swimming and Diving.** Assistant Director Bob Stulmaker presented the Boys Swimming and Diving Committee's recommendation for qualifying standards for the 2012-2013 Championship meet.

A **motion to approve** the qualification standards for the 2012-2013 Championship meet **carried**. Greene/McDonald

SECTION CONCERNS AND INPUT

Section 2 voiced a concern brought to them by Marty Sherman, Wrestling State Coordinator. He would like the Central Committee to revisit the elimination of Section uniforms in all sports that was approved at the May 2012 Executive Committee meeting. He requested a one year waiver of the motion as Section 2 and several other Sections have an abundance of Section uniforms left over and would like to be able to use them.

A motion was made in individual sports; student athletes have the option of wearing school or Section uniforms at State Championships. The motion did not carry as there was no second.

Section 3 reported their Rifle Coordinator had a concern with a motion the Rifle Committee voted on and passed at their meeting at the March Regionals allowing an alternate relay shooter to be eligible for all contests. Bob Stulmaker stated he had contacted George Hathaway, Rifle State Coordinator for a clarification. This will be brought to the Rifle Committee meeting in the fall for clarification. They also brought up a member school's concern where a number of students leave school during the winter and transfer to either a skiing or ice hockey academy and then transfer back to their home district and want to play a spring sport. Under our current Transfer Rule, they are allowed to do this one time. They would like us to look at and address the rule.

Section 4 wished Nina well in her new job.

Section 8 welcomed Nina to Section 8.

Section 9 thanked Nina for all her hard work and wished her well in her new job.

Section 10 wished Nina well in her new job and wished Robert good luck in his position as the Association's new Executive Director.

Section 11 voiced a concern with coaches meeting with their players in small groups to get the required number of practices. They inquired as to what constitutes a practice. They wished Nina luck in her new position and stated they looked forward to being a good friend and neighbor.

SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS CONCERNS AND INPUT

The Section Executive Directors voiced a concern with officials' contract negotiations. Should the Section Executive Director be on the negotiations team when their Section is negotiating officials' contracts?

COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2012-2013 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS	SPORT
1	Ramapo & Spring Valley	G. Soccer B/G Cross Country G. Swimming G. Tennis B/G Skiing Ice Hockey Wrestling
	John Jay Cross River & North Salem	G. Swimming Wrestling (Mod.) B/G Skiing
	West Lake, Pleasantville, Briarcliff & Valhalla Ardsley & Hastings Lakeland & Walter Panas	G. Swimming B/G Swimming G. Swimming B/G Cross Country Wrestling B/G Indoor Track Ice Hockey Gymnastics B/G Lacrosse B. Golf Track/Field
	Clarkstown North & Clarkstown South	B/G Swimming Gymnastics Fencing B/G Bowling B/G Skiing G. Golf
	Beacon & Haldane Croton & Hendrick Hudson	G. Swimming G. Swimming B/G Skiing
	Sleepy Hollow, Irvington, Edgemont & Hastings Haldane & Garrison All Yonkers Schools	G. Swimming Football (Mod.) Volleyball Wrestling (V) G. Lacrosse B. Tennis
	Mount Vernon, Thorton & Mandella Valhalla, Pleasantville, Byram Hills, Westlake & Briarcliff Lakeland, Walter Panas & Putnam Valley Pleasantville, Westlake, Valhalla & Briarcliff Roy C. Ketcham & John Jay East Fishkill	All Programs B. Swimming B. Swimming Ice Hockey Gymnastics B. Swimming G. Golf B/G Lacrosse
	Harrison, Blind Brook & Rye Neck Eastchester, Bronxville & Tuckahoe Sleepy Hollow & Irvington Hawthorne Cedar Knolls & Linden Hill Somers & North Salem John Jay Cross River, North Salem & Brewster	Ice Hockey Ice Hockey Ice Hockey B. Basketball Ice Hockey (V, Mod.) B. Swimming

	Putnam Valley & JFK Dover & Pawling Rye & Blind Brook Briarcliff & Edgemont	Ice Hockey Ice Hockey B. Swimming Gymnastics
2	Northville & Mayfield Schoharie & Duanesburg Bishop Gibbons & CBA Hudson Falls & South Glens Falls Gloversville & Mayfield Doane Stuart & Rensselaer New Lebanon & Berlin Mohonasen & Schalmont Ft. Plain & Canajoharie Guilderland & Voorheesville Johnstown & Wheelerville Johnstown & Fonda St. Johnsville & Oppenheim	B. Golf (V) Football (JV) B. Soccer (V, JV) G. Swimming (V) G. Swimming (V) B. Soccer (V) G. Volleyball (V, JV) G. Swimming (V) G. Swimming (V) Cross Country (V, Mod.) G. Swimming (V) Football (Mod.) B. Soccer (Mod.) G. Swimming (V) B/G Soccer (V, Mod.)
6	West Valley & Pioneer Kenmore East & Kenmore West Westfield & Chautauqua Lake Portville & Olean Portville, Allegany-Limestone & Olean Olean, Portville & Allegany-Limestone Brocton & Westfield Ellicottville & Franklinville Chautauqua Lake & Panama Oracle Charter & Buffalo Academy of Science Charter Maritime Charter & Tapestry Charter	Field Hockey Field Hockey G. Swimming G. Swimming B. Swimming Bowling B/G Soccer G. Swimming B. Swimming B. Soccer B. Soccer G. Volleyball
7	Beekmantown & Chazy Wells & Lake Pleasant Minerva & Newcomb Indian Lake & Long Lake Beekmantown & Saranac Plattsburgh & Seton Catholic Plattsburgh & Lake Placid Peru & Saranac	B. Ice Hockey Modified Sports as needed All Interscholastic Sports All Varsity Sports Modified Sports as needed G. Gymnastics B. Ice Hockey Football G. Gymnastics G. Swimming
8	Southwoods MS and HB Thompson MS Valley Stream Central, Valley Stream South & Valley Stream North Elmont Memorial, Floral Park, H. Frank Carey, New Hyde Park & Sewanhaka Elmont Memorial, Floral Park, H. Frank Carey & Sewanhaka H. Frank Carey & Sewanhaka Carle Place & Wheatley Plainview-Old Bethpage	B/G Swimming (Mod.) G. Gymnastics (V) G. Fencing (V) B. Golf (V) G. Swimming (V) G. Tennis (V) Field Hockey (V, JV) Football (V, JV, Mod.) Football (Mod.)

8 cont'd.	Malverne & East Rockaway	G. Swimming (Mod.) G. Tennis (V) B/G Soccer (V, JV)
	Turtle Hook JHS & Lawrence Road JHS Calhoun, John F. Kennedy & Mephram Division Avenue & MacArthur	G. Swimming (Mod.) G. Swimming (V) B. Volleyball G. Swimming G. Swimming (V)
	East Meadow & Clarke	
9	Fallsburg & Tri-Valley	B/G Alpine Skiing B/G Tennis
	Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hyde Park & Rhinebeck Roscoe & Downsville	Football (All Levels) Football (All Levels) B/G Soccer (All Levels) B/G Cross Country (All Levels)
	Marlboro & Highland F.D.R. & Highland	G. Swimming B. Swimming
11	East Hampton, Bridgehampton & Pierson Central Islip & Commack will not be combining in G. Swimming Ross & Pierson will not be combining in B/G Winter Track	G. Lacrosse (V, JV)

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	06-20-12	Section 1 Sr. All-Star Game-B. Lacrosse
2	06-03-12	WAC Senior Baseball Game
4	11-07-12 11-08-12 03-05-13	MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-B/G Soccer MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-G. Volleyball MAC Sr. All-Star Classic-B/G Basketball
5	06-05-12 06-05-12 06-08-12 06-10-12	Livingston County Sr. All-Star Contest-Softball Finger Lakes West Senior Game-Baseball Allegany-Steuben Senior Game-Baseball Monroe County Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball/Softball
6	06-12-12 06-13-12 11-05-12 11-11-12	Section 6 Sr. All-Star Game-G. Lacrosse Senior All-Star Lacrosse Game-B. Lacrosse Section 6 Sr. All-Star Game-G. Soccer Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Games-B/G Soccer
7	06-07-12	CVAC Senior Game-Softball/Baseball
10	06-12-12	Section 10 Sr. All-Star Game-Baseball/Softball

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**. (Expiring August 2014).
Bullis/McDonald

Section 1

The Hallen School
97 Centre Avenue
New Rochelle, NY 10801
Grades 7-12

Section 4

Holy Family School
17 Prospect Street
Norwich, NY 13815
Grades 7-8

Section 4

Twin Tiers Christian Academy
PO Box K, 640 Main Street
Breesport, NY 14816
Grades 7-12

Section 5

Archangel School
95 Stanton Lane
Rochester, NY 14617
Grades 7-12

Section 6

New Life Christian School
PO Box 102, 102 West Forest Avenue
Olean, NY 14760
Grades 7-12

Section 6

Elmwood Franklin School
104 New Amsterdam Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14216
Grades 7-8

Section 6

Southern Tier Catholic School
208 N. 24th Street
Olean, NY 14760
Grades 7-8

Section 9

Faith Christian Academy
254 Spackenkill Road
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Grades 7-12

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status pending Section 2 approval **carried**. (Expiring August 2014).
Murphy/Rathbun

Section 2

Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs
122 Regent Street
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866
Grades 7-12

Section 2

St. Mary's/St. Alphonsus RCS
10-12 Church Street
Glens Falls, NY 12801
Grades 7-8

NEW MEMBERS

A **motion to approve** the following applications for NYSPHSAA Membership status **carried**. Mix/Bergman

Section 5

Genesee Country Christian School
4120 Long Point Road
Geneseo, NY 14454
Grade 7

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

Budget Committee. 1st Vice President Eileen Troy reviewed the 2012-13 budget passed at the May 2012 Executive Committee meeting.

- Reported the budget had been amended to include the adjusted Executive Director's salary and Benefits and Pension figure.

A **motion to approve** the amended 2012-2013 budget **carried**. Harrica/McGuire

Life of an Athlete. Patti Murphy and Thad Lawrence, Co-Chairs

- The committee thanked Nina for her insight, encouragement and patience in allowing them to change the Action on Target program to the Life of an Athlete program and developing the 5 year program presented throughout the State.
- Patti reported she had attended John Underwood's summer session in June at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid. She was amazed at how this program has spread across the country and been added to school athletic

- programs across the country.
- Reported the committee will be looking into prevention programs in the state and people they can contact who could help our Sections receive grants to fund programs in their Section.
- Reported they have talked to Joe Altieri regarding the use of Public Service Announcements about commitment to lifestyles and becoming the best athlete you can be by possibly using our own athletes, especially some of our professional athletes.
- The committee thanked Bob Stulmaker for his help in getting representation from each Section on the committee. They also encouraged each Section representative to participate in all meetings and conference calls to make sure their information is being distributed statewide.
- Reported the committee will be looking to update their information and materials to become more age and gender appropriate. An area they feel needs to be addressed is the female athlete. They will be working on this during the upcoming year.
- The Life of an Athlete website for New York State will be up and running for the Fall athletic season. It will serve as a clearinghouse of information for educators, students and parents. Individual Sections that have had a representative attend a LOA update will have the ability to add all Life of an Athlete information to their Section website.
- Reported they would like to make available on the website the 5 year program of Life of an Athlete and to develop a PSA for use by any Section or during the state championships.
- The Fall meeting will be held by teleconference on Monday, October 15 at 10:00AM. The Spring meeting will be held at 3:00PM on Thursday, March 14 at the NYSAAA Conference in Saratoga.

Championship Advisory Committee. Jim Tolle, Chairperson, presented the report.

- Reported the committee met on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 via conference call and reviewed and discussed the following:
 - The Softball Regional proposal was presented. It is to change from the super regional format of having a double header in Classes B and C and return to single games with Sections 8-11 and Sections 1-9 with the winners of those games playing another single game on a different day.

A **motion to approve** to change the Softball Regional format for Classes B and C from double headers to single games playing on different days for Section 1, 8, 9 and 11 **carried.** Ryan-Curry/Connolly

- The committee thanked Jim Tolle for all his years of dedicated service to the Championship Advisory Committee and for all that he has done for the Association. He served 25 years on the Championship Advisory Committee, the last 3 years as Chairman.
- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2012 at 9:30AM via conference call.

Safety Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report highlighting the following:

Concussion Management

- On July 1, 2012 the Concussion Management and Awareness Law went into effect for all public and charter schools in New York State. A copy of the information sent to our member schools on the new law was included in the meeting packets.
- The Association has developed the 2nd Edition of the Concussion Management DVD *"The Invisible Injury"*. It will be distributed to all member schools in August. Schools are encouraged to use this DVD at pre-season coaches and parent meetings.
- The Association sponsored a Concussion Management Law Webinar on August 8, 2012 at 12:00PM. Components of the Law were discussed.

Wrestling Skin Infection Form

A **motion to approve** the Safety Committee's recommendation of a language change to the NFHS Wrestling Skin Infection Form indicating an appropriate health care provider for our member schools to be a physician, physician assistant or a nurse practitioner **carried.** Scholla/Sullivan-Kriss

Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness

- This summer we have been facing extremely high temperatures which may extend into the early parts of our fall season. Schools are reminded to take a proactive approach to prevent heat illnesses and field issues due to the lack of rain causing hard grounds.
- The NYSPHSAA Heat Index procedure and some resources to help minimize the risk of our student athletes this fall can be found at:

- NYSPHSAA Heat Index Procedure – www.nysphsaa.org/safety
 - NFHS Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Course – www.nfhslearn.com (Free Course)
 - National Athletic Trainers Association Recommendations – <http://www.nata.org/health-issues/heat-acclimatization>
- The Safety Committee will be discussing the Athletic Trainers recommendations on heat acclimatization and early season practices. The committee will include the sport committees that may be affected, such as football.

Girls Lacrosse

- He attended a discussion forum on Lacrosse at the NFHS Summer Meeting in Nashville, TN. During the discussion, it was shared that NOCSAE has responded to the request made by US Lacrosse to develop a standard for a hard shell helmet specific to the rules of girl's lacrosse. NOCSAE has stated that the standard would be the same as the standard for boy's lacrosse. Another concern that has arisen for both the boys and girls is that manufacturers of the lacrosse ball may not be meeting NOCSAE standards or that after use the ball is not up to the standards. More information will be forthcoming by the NFHS and US Lacrosse.
- Some states have asked the NFHS to discuss why the NFHS is not writing the rules for girl's lacrosse but is for boy's lacrosse. The NFHS staff will bring this discussion forward. He will continue to monitor and keep us informed.

Modified Committee. James Rose, Co-Coordinator, presented the report.

- The committee met on October 14, 2011 and March 30, 2012.
- Reviewed items approved during the 2011-2012 year:
 - In Modified Softball, with section/league approval, innings 1-6 may be completed at five (5) runs or three (3) outs. The seventh inning shall be played as a normal inning with three (3) outs and no run restriction for that inning.
 - In Modified Track and Field, with section/league approval, the height of the hurdle in the 55m modified boys' hurdle may be increased from 30 inches to 33 inches.
 - In Modified Track and Field, with section/league approval, a six (6) pound shot put may be used for modified girls' track and field rather than the 4K shot put.
 - With section/league approval, Modified General Eligibility Rule #10 shall be edited to allow multi-school contests and invitationals to award place ribbons to the top competitors.
 - An editorial change for Modified Eligibility Rule #1, "Schools, leagues and sections may organize Modified Program competition by age, grade, geography and/or ability levels with the limitations of the NYSPHSAA Eligibility Rules to ensure safe and equitable competition."
 - An editorial change in Football Game Rule #2, "Motion is allowed towards the two receiver sides of the formation, provided the ball is snapped before the player in motion crosses the midline of the formation."
- Reviewed the early Modified Sport Season Start Dates for Sections 3, 5 and 10:
 - Section III – Fall starting date of Monday, August 22, 2012 for Modified Football. Winter starting date of Monday, October 29, 2012 for Modified Volleyball only.
 - Section V – Fall starting date of Wednesday, August 29, 2012 for Livingston football, soccer, volleyball and cross country; Genesee Region for football; Allegany County for football, soccer and volleyball. Winter starting date of Monday, October 22, 2012 for: Livingston for girls' basketball and wrestling; Wayne for boys' basketball.
 - Section X – Fall starting date of Monday, August 27, 2012 for all fall sports.

A **motion to approve** for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years, with section/league approval, up to 50% of the maximum number of games permitted for each modified level sport may be designated as scrimmages **carried**.

Felice/Greene

- The Modified Committee will meet on Friday, October 5, 2012 and Friday, April 12, 2013 in the NYSPHSAA office.

A **motion** to enter into Executive Session on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 3:00PM for discussion on employee benefits **carried**.

Harrica/Bergman

A **motion** to end the Executive Session at 3:30PM **carried**.

Harrica/O'Brien

President Mark Ward resumed the Central Committee meeting at 3:40PM.

A **motion to approve** the Compensation Committee as a Standing Committee **carried**.

Mix/Wendt

A **motion to approve** the Compensation Committee report from the July 23, 2012 Compensation Committee meeting as amended **carried**. Connolly/Bullis

A **motion to amend** the Money Purchase Pension Plan to change the employer contribution rate from 25% to 15% of the individual employees' salaries effective September 1, 2012 **carried**. Dunnigan/Harrica

A **motion to amend** the Money Purchase Pension Plan to change the employer contribution rate from 15% to 8% with up to 4% matching contribution effective September 1, 2013 **carried**. Dunnigan/Harrica

Past Presidents/Nomination Committee. Patrick Pizzarelli

A **motion to approve** James Osborne, Secretary/Treasurer of Section 9, as 2nd Vice President in the officer rotation **carried**. Pizzarelli/Greene

Officials Coordinating Federation. Paul Weatherup, Chairman, presented the report.

- The Officials Coordinating Federation met on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 via conference call.
- Effective July 1, 2012, there is a change to Step No. 3 of the Officials Agreement. The new arbitration panel will consist of three (3) members: one (1) representative from the NYSPHSAA, one (1) representative from the officials, and one (1) arbitrator from the American Arbitrators Association (AAA).
- Reported Sections 2 and 5 are at impasse with their officials contracts.
- Reported attendance at recent OCF meetings has been light from the Sections.
- The next meeting of the OCF will be Sunday, October 21, 2012 at 9:00AM in the NYSPHSAA office.

Sportsmanship Committee. Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

Sportsmanship Promotion Award

- Congratulated the schools who received the Sportsmanship Promotion Award banner at the Central Committee Annual Banquet: Center Moriches Union Free School District (11) and Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School District (2).
- Congratulated the Section Plaque Award winners. Twenty-nine schools will be presented their award in the fall at Section meetings.
- The Sportsmanship Committee will be examining the Sportsmanship Promotion Program and possibly will recommend some changes for our member schools.

Hazing Webinar

- Schools are encouraged to visit the Association website and use the hazing webinar to increase the awareness for students, coaches and parents on the dangers of hazing. The webinar can be viewed by clicking on www.nysphsaa.org/safety.

Creating a Safe and Respectful Environment

- The NFHS has released another free course to help coaches and administrators educate themselves on the dangers of inappropriate, harassing and abusive behavior. The course will also cover hazing, bullying and cyberbullying. These courses are professionally produced and are available on-line. This is an excellent resource for your coaches. Please visit www.nfhslearn.com to find more information on this and many other courses.

Be Loud Be Proud Be Positive

- Member schools and Sections are encouraged to use the PA announcement developed by the Sportsmanship Committee. This announcement is geared toward the spectators of your contests and differs from the sportsmanship card that is read to all of the athletes by the officials prior to the start of the contest. The announcement can be found in the Sportsmanship Brochure which will be updated this October.

REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS

State Education Department. Darryl Daily

Concussion Management

- The new guidelines for Concussion Management can be found at the following website: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/documents/ConcussionManageGuidelines.pdf>.
- He thanked Nina and Todd for all their input and efforts regarding the Concussion Management and Awareness Act.
- A guidance handout for the Concussion Management and Awareness Act was included in the meeting packets. It highlights the Concussion Management Guidelines for PE Directors, Athletic Directors, Physical Education teachers,

- coaches, nurses and athletic trainers.
- For any questions regarding the Concussion Management and Awareness Act, please email Darryl or Karen Hollowood.
- Todd Nelson requested that Darryl go back to SED and advocate for the National Federation Concussion Management Course to also be offered to our schools. The CDC, also a government agency, approves and endorses the course and it would be much more efficient and controllable to allow school districts the option to choose either course.

Regents Reform Agenda Items

- Please see the NYSED website (<http://engageny.org/>) for continuous updates and clarifications information with Common Core Standards, data-driven instruction, Student Learning Objectives or teacher and leader effectiveness.
- Specific Regents Reform Agenda questions go to Regents Fellows at NYS Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234, phone 518-474-3862, fax 518-473-2056, email address: info@engageny.org.

Pay to Play

- He reminded school districts cannot institute a “pay to play” policy for athletics.

Selection/Classification Waiver Requests

- He stated the process will remain the same this year until further notice.

Applying to be an Approved Agency/Instructor for Coaching Courses

- For information on how to become an approved agency to provide the coaching courses, contact Darryl Daily at ddaily@mail.nysed.gov.

Student Teacher and Coaching (now in effect)

- It was recently requested that clarification be made by the NYS Education Department as to whether a student teacher in physical education needs to obtain a temporary coaching license. It has been brought to NYSED’s attention that a number of schools are currently requiring this process for student teachers.
- Student teachers, who are required to coach as part of their student teaching experience, are **not** required to be certified as a temporary coach. If a student teacher is hired and being paid for coaching, then it would be expected that the student teacher would have secured a temporary coaching certification and be approved by the local Board of Education.

Dignity for All Students Act

- The Dignity for All Students Act went into effect on July 1, 2012.
- The Dignity for All Students Act Student Discrimination, Harassment, and Bullying Prevention and Intervention Sample Local Policy Guideline is posted on the Dignity Act web site at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/documents/localDASAModelPolicyFINAL.pdf>.

Cyberbullying Act

- The Cyberbullying Act goes into effect July 1, 2013.
- Highlights of the act include requiring schools to act when cyberbullying occurs; ensuring proper protocols are in place to deal with cyberbullying; and setting training requirements for school employees to help identify and prevent cyberbullying.

Updates to Coaching Course Requirements for First Aid/CPR/AED

- Updated information on courses accepted as of August 2012 to meet the coaches First Aid and CPR requirement was included in the meeting packets.

Contact Information

- Email: ddaily@mail.nysed.gov
- Phone: 518-474-5922
- Physical Education Website: www.emsc.nysed.gov/ciai/pe/

Pupil Benefits Plan. Tom McGuire, Executive Director

- Reported their biggest challenge balancing an education system that is stretched as thin as it can go and trying to coordinate a health care system that has an oversized sense of entitlement and because of these they are seeing the costs of premiums increase for students. Some schools are paying close to \$30.00 per student. One school district has an annual premium of \$260,000.
- Reported the single reason that is driving up costs as high as they are is because student accident insurance is being forced into primary rolls as a payer due to Emergency Room orthopedic doctors not participating in a student’s HMO which causes Pupil Benefits to become the primary insurance; some insurance plans excluding any injuries that occur while a student is in school which forces Pupil Benefits into the primary roll; and Child Health

Care Plus is now a secondary insurance to any other form of insurance that exists on a student.

- Reported Pupil Benefits Plan has picked up 40 new school districts for next year which represents over 100,000 students.
- Stated if there is anything Pupil Benefits Plan can do to increase the visibility of the Scholar/Athlete program, don't hesitate to contact him.
- Reported the partnership between Pupil Benefits Plan and the NYSPHSAA will be celebrating its 80th anniversary this fall.

NYS Athletic Administrators Association. Steve Young, President

- The dates for the annual conference are March 13-15, 2013 in Saratoga. Conference information and registration can be found on their website, www.nysaaa.org. They are also looking for Workshop speakers. If interested, a form is available on their website.
- The NIAAA Conference will be held in San Antonio, TX December 14-19, 2012.
- Announced Otis Sennett will be inducted into the NIAAA Hall of Fame at the NIAAA National Conference. He will become the 30th AD from New York to be honored
- Announced Denny Fries will be the recipient of the NIAAA's Award of Merit, the Association's highest award.
- Announced the NYSAAA Board approved the creation of the NYSAAA Hall of Fame which will begin with inductions in 2014. Nomination forms are available on their website.
- Announced the Spring issue of their newsletter can be found on their website.
- Stated the NYSAAA appreciates the support and partnership it has with the Association.
- Stated the NYSAAA wishes Nina the best in her future endeavors.

NYS Council of Administrators. Jim Rose, President

- Reported he has been very busy during his first seven months as President dealing with issues of AAPR and Common Core Standards.
- Reported he had recently attended a project meeting in Cortland developing an outcomes project working with teachers and administrators. The first part of the project, teachers put together some Student Learning Objectives samples which appear on the NYSAHPERD website. They are now working on developing outcomes for directors to help them develop their own Student Learning Objectives over the next year.
- Announced their annual conference will be held November 13, 14, 15, 2012 at Turning Stone. Lisa Sherman will become their new President.
- Thanked Nina for her leadership and wished her the best in her future.

GROUP MEETING REPORTS

CHIEF SCHOOL OFFICERS. Patricia Sullivan-Kriss

Should the NYSPHSAA assist the NYSED in defining "significant adverse effect" when determining a student's eligibility under the Mixed Competition Guidelines?

- The group felt the language was ambiguous for a reason.
- They recommended the Association Counsel send the Commissioner of Education a letter and ask him for a clear definition in writing of what he believes the guidelines are for a significant adverse effect.

What ideas do you have to improve the NYSPHSAA current website?

- They recommended inviting a student/athlete representative from each Section look at the website and then give their feedback on contents that would be helpful to them on the website. Possibly this could be done through social media instead of attending meetings.

What educational programs would you like the NYSPHSAA to implement in the future?

- The group felt the Association should increase its advocacy efforts on behalf of student/athletes and the Association.
- They felt there was a need for advocacy to focus on the positive effects of physical education and athletics on the scholastic achievements of students.
- The group felt there needed to be more support for how our physical education teachers can use student data to support student learning and evaluate each student specifically focusing on grades 5 through 9.
- They felt working with our teachers to get involved in personal outreach with students who are struggling is very important.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?

- They inquired do we make the most of our Scholar/Athlete team award winners in terms of public relations and having our communities understand how wonderful it is to have scholar/athletes. They asked the Association to conduct a survey on how school districts around the State recognize their Scholar/Athlete award winners.

For the Good of the Order

- The group had much discussion on the combining of teams as it effects classification and their desire as educators to maintain opportunities for their students particularly in athletics.

A **motion to approve** the Chief School Officers recommendation to create a committee to thoroughly review the issue of combining of teams as it effects classification with an emphasis on creating opportunities for students and to have a preliminary report by December 2012 **carried**. The committee will review the issue relative to economics, declining enrollment, emerging teams and declining participation. Sullivan-Kriss/Rotella

- An Ad Hoc Committee with one representative from each Section will be formed. Nina will send out a memo to the Section Executive Directors asking them to choose a representative from their Section willing to serve on this committee.

PRINCIPALS. Neil Connolly

- The group thanked Jim Dunnigan, Section VI, for his years of service as a Principal's Representative on the Central Committee.

Should the NYSPHSAA assist the NYSED in defining "significant adverse effect" when determining a student's eligibility under the Mixed Competition Guidelines?

- The group strongly feels the NYSPHSAA should assist the NYSED in defining "significant adverse effect" when determining a student's eligibility under the Mixed Competition Guidelines.
- They agree that the "physical nature" of the male athlete should not place a female athlete in an unsafe situation. Safety is of paramount importance.
- Relative to "level of ability", the skill level of a male athlete should not impact on his ability to participate.
- They agree that the S/C is just one factor to consider in determining student eligibility.

What ideas do you have to improve the NYSPHSAA current website?

- Continue to update and expand the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website.
- Should create short video presentations on various rules and topics that may confront new Ads, areas with multiple infractions, emerging issues and best practices.
- Create a hyperlink where questions can be posed by coaches, AD's, etc. which are directed to the office.

What educational programs would you like the NYSPHSAA to implement in the future?

- Set up programs for the recruitment of officials focusing on high school and college athletes as the audience.
- Work with colleges and universities to promote students to pursue programs as athletic trainers.
- To compile effective models currently used throughout the State to evaluate coaches.
- Assist schools who are interested in creating a Hall of Fame in their districts.
- Provide a workshop or webinar for all new Central Committee members.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?

- The group felt the Association has done an excellent job with communication.
- They encouraged all Central Committee members to share the Association's monthly Office Report with their schools.
- Communicate on a regular basis with all new athletic directors to ensure that they are successful and avoid the common pitfalls as a new AD.

For the Good of the Order

- They recommend the dates of July 29-July 31, 2014 for the 2014 Central Committee meeting.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVES. Tony Bjork

Should the NYSPHSAA assist the NYSED in defining "significant adverse effect" when determining a student's eligibility under the Mixed Competition Guidelines?

- After lengthy discussion, the group was not in favor. They wanted State Ed to be more proactive.

What ideas do you have to improve the NYSPHSAA current website?

- A link for results on regional, sub-regional and state championship contests.
- A link or drop down box to other Sections websites.
- Would like one centralized website for coaches to use regarding courses, certificates, etc. or provide a link or drop

down box for coaches. There is some confusion when visiting the Association website and the NYSED website.

- Highlight student achievements. Showcase Scholar/Athlete Award winners, Community Service Award winners, etc.

What educational programs would you like the NYSPHSAA to implement in the future?

- They proposed the NYSPHSAA assume the responsibilities of the on-line coaching courses needed for a coaching license. The fees that colleges charge are cost prohibitive. Most non-teacher coaches work a set daily schedule and it's hard for them to meet at a designated site.
- Set up programs for the recruitment of officials.
- The AD's like the webinars. They don't have to lose time from school.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?

- The group unanimously was in favor of the monthly Office Report as a communication tool. They felt it should be forwarded to coaches also.
- Please keep up scheduling the webinars.

For the Good of the Order

- The group wanted to thank Nina for her dedication, time and service to the Association. They wanted to extend their congratulations and best wishes in all of her future endeavors.

SECTION EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS/TREASURERS. Timm Slade

Should the NYSPHSAA assist the NYSED in defining "significant adverse effect" when determining a student's eligibility under the Mixed Competition Guidelines?

- The group recommends NYSPHSAA pressure SED for definition of adverse condition.

What ideas do you have to improve the NYSPHSAA current website?

- Would like to see a tab on the homepage for each sport for rule changes or anything directly related to that sport.
- Develop a question page with a hyperlink for written answers.
- Clarify the Friends and Neighbor directions regarding the application process.
- Would like to see a tab for a site regarding Regional contest information.
- A Roster on the website that would be accessible by all.

What educational programs would you like the NYSPHSAA to implement in the future?

- Continue to make educational workshops available through webinars.
- New Central Committee members attend the mandatory athletic workshops in their Section so they have a good understanding of what their athletic administrators deal with on a day-to-day basis.

What ways can the Association improve service to our member schools?

- Continue to have the Executive Director and Assistant Directors attend Section meetings.

For the Good of the Order

- President Eileen Troy is working on four goals for the new Executive Director and would like this groups input.
- Continue with the monthly conference calls with the Section Executive Directors.
- Continue with the monthly Office Report.
- Meet with State Ed on Mixed Competition and Cheerleading.

SECTION PRESIDENTS. Jeremy Thode

Should the NYSPHSAA assist the NYSED in defining "significant adverse effect" when determining a student's eligibility under the Mixed Competition Guidelines?

- The language needs to change.
- Keep health and safety as primary objective with strong emphasis on fair competition for athlete, teammates and the opposition.
- Create a drop down menu on the website for choices that define what an adverse effect is.
- Criteria should be adjusted and added to assist a Section in the re-evaluation process of a student who has already been approved for mixed competition such as watching games, films or some additional form of evaluation so that it is not a rubber stamp approval for a second year.
- In addition to NYSED defining a significant adverse effect, get a definition from the Office of Civil Rights to cover ourselves legally.

What ideas do you have to improve the NYSPHSAA current website?

- It would be a great opportunity to obtain sponsors to create revenue by selling banners, having scrolling messages and highlights on the homepage.

- In the Hall of Fame section, include the inductees' pictures and bios.
- Create tabs for information that applies to coaches, administrators, parents, students, etc.
- Create tabs for survey results.
- Highlight community service opportunities.
- Highlight success stories, teams, worthwhile programs, etc.

What educational programs would you like the NYSPHSAA to implement in the future?

- Expand the new AD toolkit that is Section specific.
- Online coaching courses.
- Video reports and any way Sections can interact.

PAST PRESIDENTS. Pat Pizzarelli

Should the NYSPHSAA assist the NYSED in defining "significant adverse effect" when determining a student's eligibility under the Mixed Competition Guidelines?

- Yes, we should be involved. We should get in touch with the State Education Commissioner and attorneys to give us a definition.
- The following criteria should be considered in determining the athletes eligibility to play: safety; psychological impact.

What ideas do you have to improve the NYSPHSAA current website?

- They are in agreement with the other groups suggestions for ways to improve the current website.
- It needs to be made more user friendly.
- They felt the tournament brackets should be on the same page.

What educational programs would you like the NYSPHSAA to implement in the future?

- They felt the programs we now have were good.

For the Good of the Order

A motion to approve Nina Van Erk as an Honorary Past President carried.

Pizzarelli/Greene

President Ward announced Nina's retirement party will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2012. Details to follow.

A motion to approve adjournment of the July 31-August 1, 2012 Central Committee meeting at 5:05PM on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 carried.

Vulpis/Murphy

Respectfully submitted,



Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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