

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

September 19, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS

****Section VI Congratulates
NYSPHSAA Schools of Distinction: Clarence and Wilson
Good Sports Award Winners: Olean, Frontier, Lew-Port and Medina**

- 3.1 Finance:
- The Financial Procedure for girls basketball has been changed to be the same as boys basketball.
 - Admission for boys and girls basketball finals was increased from \$5 to \$6.
- 4.4 Approved: Friends and Neighbors, Combining Schools for Winter Sports, Outside Agency and Senior All-Star contests.
- 5.3 Resignation notices received.
- 6.2 Excessive game changes made by schools are creating assigners concerns.
- 7.2 Schools are asked to submit the School Physician Form to NYSPHSAA (posted on the Section VI website). Click on *Forms & Info*
- 8.1.2 Central management of Officials timeline:
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| Schedules finalized for import | North Sept. 24 | South Oct. 9 |
| Assigning to begin (V & JV) | North Oct. 9 | South Oct. 23 |
| Round Table | North Oct.18 | South NA |
- 10.1 Awards are available for pick-up by Sportchairs.
- 10.5 Approved: Appointments to the following positions:
- Girls Lacrosse and Boys Golf Sportchairs
 - Girls Modified Chairperson
- League nominations requested: Girls Sports Representative to the Central Committee
- 10.9 Approved: Girls Swimming in-season state qualifying procedure.
- 10.11 Schools are reminded of the new Transportation Policy.

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Roll Call (* indicates attendance)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President * Chuck Amo
 President-Elect * Mike Wendt
 Superintendents Rep * Jeff Rabey
 Principals Rep * James Dunnigan
 Boys Rep * Don Scholla
 Girls Rep TBA
 Exec. Secretary * Robert A. Dinse
 Asst. Exec. Secretary * Cindy Szczesny
 Treasurer * Loren Ratajczak
 Officials Coordinator * Tom Cowan
 Parliamentarian * Ron Black
 Past President * Frank Nicotra

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Awards * Jim Trampert
 Chem. Awareness * Doug Ames
 Ext. Eligibility Jerry Baldelli
 Finance * Loren Ratajczak
 Media Leo Kaminsky
 Modified (Boys) * Adam Stoltman
 Modified (Girls) TBA
 Nominations Len Kosobucki
 NYSAAA Brett Banker
 Policy Handbook Mark Ward
 Safety Tim Marong
 Sect./Intersectional * Robert Dinse
 Sportsmanship * Doug Ames
 Transfer Chairman * Ron Black
 Veterans * Jim Trampert

SPORTCHAIRS

Jim Zubler * Cross Country
 Pete Szymanski * Indoor Track

GUESTS

Cheryl Idzik, AD * Oracle Charter
 John Ashwood * Oracle Charter
 Molly Holiday * Tapestry Charter

TO BE UPDATED FOR 2007-08

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>ALTERNATE</u>
BUFFALO		
Superintendents Rep/AD	* David Thomas	Andrea Norton, City Honors
Principals Rep	Aubrey Lloyd, Emerson	David Bakes, City Honors
Girls Rep	Andrea Norton, City Honors	Dale Yoder, Buffalo Arts
Boys Rep	David Bakes, Hutch-Tech	Beverly Reczek, South Park Aubry Lloyd, Hutch Tech
CATTARAUGUS		
Superintendents Rep	Diane Munro, Allegany-Limestone	TBA
Principals Rep	Bonnie Smith, West Valley	TBA
Girls Rep	* Paul Ksionzyk, Olean	Bill Weigel, Franklinville
Boys Rep	* Rick DeKay, West Valley	Mike DeBarbieri, Portville
CHAUTAQUA		
Superintendents Rep	* Stephen Vanstrom, Frewsburg	TBA
Principals Rep	TBA	Todd Crandall, Fredonia
Girls Rep	* Donna Kubera, Dunkirk	Robin Borstoff, Southwestern
Boys Rep	* Mel Swanson, Sherman	Bill Wiggers, Sherman
E.C.I.C.		
Superintendents Rep	* Frank Nicotra, Lake Shore	Tom Coseo, Clarence
Principals Rep	* Michael Baumann, Frontier	Jim Biryła, Holland
Girls Rep	* Nancy Riccio, Amherst	Timm Slade, West Seneca
Boys Rep	* Jim Graczyk, Pioneer	Dan McGrath, Depew
NIAGARA FRONTIER LEAGUE		
Superintendents Rep	* Vincent Vecchiarella, N.Tonawanda	TBA
Principals Rep	* Jim Spanbauer, Niagara Falls	Mark Laurrie, Niagara Falls
Girls Rep	* Mark DiFilippo, Niagara Wheatfield	Jon Roth, Grand Island
Boys Rep	* Patrick Burke, Lockport	B.Banker, Ken-Ton (for P.Lyons)
NIAGARA ORLEANS		
Superintendents Rep	Paul Bona, RoyHart	Robin Zymroz, Akron
Principals Rep	* Steve Burley, Newfane	John Hoar, Barker
Girls Rep	* Ken Stoldt, Akron	Jim Conley
Boys Rep	* Bill Stedman, Barker	Charlie Jufer, Wilson

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Presentation of Awards:

- Lloyd Mott, Assistant Executive Director NYSPHSAA, presented the 2006-2007 NYSPHSAA School of Distinction Award to both Wilson and Clarence.
- Doug Ames, Sportsmanship Coordinator, presented the Section VI Sportsmanship Awards to Frontier, Medina and Lew-Port. Olean was congratulated for achieving the State Sportsmanship Award which was presented to their district at the annual state meeting in August.

1.0 **CALL TO ORDER/ Introductions** President Chuck Amo

The following Charter School representatives were introduced and welcomed:

- Oracle Charter School: Cheryl Idzik, AD; John Ashwood, Dean of Students
- Tapestry Charter School: Molly Holiday, Asst. Principal

2.0 **MINUTES:** May 16, 2007 R.Dinse *Motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2007 meeting with the following correction under Combining Schools for 2007-08..... Ellicottville with Franklinville for **B & G Girls only** Cross Country **CARRIED** Stedman/Dunnigan*

3.0 **TREASURER/ FINANCE REPORT** L.Ratajczak Received* **Dunnigan/Wendt**

3.1 Finance Committee report:

- A new formula is being considered to reduce the Fund Balance
- Boys Swimming sectionals will be conducted at ECC. The college site, though more costly, is safer than high school sites because of increased deck space.
- The Budget for 08-09 will include the cost for the conversion of the Section 6 website to the new BOCES server and the required website format.
- Girls basketball will now have the same financial procedure as boys.
- Admission for boys and girls basketball finals will be increased from \$5 to \$6.

4.0 **EXEC. SECRETARY'S REPORT** R Dinse

4.1 Injury Management: The UB Sports Medicine bid was accepted at a cost of \$1,000 less than last year.

4.2 Transportation Bid: The bids from bus companies to transport athletes to state competition for individual sports will be opened and reviewed this week. A report will be given at the next meeting.

4.3 Violations of Selection Classification by Section 6 member schools in Indoor Track 06-07:

- Two schools were placed on probation (Exec Minutes 8/1/07)
- To prevent further violations, the Indoor Track Chairmen have proposed that an individual be hired to review S/C documentation of 7th and 8th graders before each meet. B.Dinse will meet with the chairs to review implementation of the plan.

4.4 Friends and Neighbor: *Motion to approve Friends and Neighbor status for Northern Chautauqua Catholic **CARRIED** Kubera/Riccio*

Combining Schools 2007-2008:

*Motion to approve the following requests for combining schools for 2007-08 **CARRIED***

Baumann/Dunnigan

- Allegany-Limestone and Portville with Olean for Boys Swimming & Diving
- Chautauqua Lake with Panama for Boys Swimming
- Clymer with Panama for Wrestling
- Hinsdale with Olean for Wrestling
- Olean with Allegany-Limestone for Indoor Track *pending receipt of application*

Outside Agency Contests:

*Motion to approve the following Outside Agency Contests **CARRIED***

Ksionzyk/Stedman

- Cross Country: WNYT&CC Invitational, 9/22/07 at Beaver Island State Park, cosponsors G.Island Schools, NFL and WNYT&CC Officials

Senior All-Star Contests 2007-2008:

*Motion to approve the following Senior All-Star Contests **CARRIED***

DeKay/Burke

- B&G Soccer: Chaut. Co. SrAllStar, 11/11/07 at Red Raider Athletic Complex, Jamestown; Co-sponsor Jamestown City Schools
- G Soccer: Five Star Bank SrAllStar, 11/7/07 at Portville HS; Co-sponsors Portville Central & Five Star Bank
- B Soccer: 11/11/07 at Amherst HS – Turf at Westmoreland; Co-sponsor Amherst Central

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5.0 COMMUNICATIONS: R.Dinse

- 5.1 A letter was received from A.Noman, previous Lackawanna soccer coach, regarding comments made by soccer official J.Kramer in a Newsweek article. President Amo responded that this was not a Section issue since the district did not file a complaint. The Section VI attorney responded in a similar manner to Olia Latif, the NYS Chapter of Islamic Relations, when questioned on this issue.
- 5.2 Eden appealed the Exec Committee decision (6/13/07) that their golfer be ineligible for sectional competition during his next competitive season in boys golf. The appeal was denied.
- 5.3 The following resignation notices were received with regret:
- Pam Maryjanowski, Girls Sports Central Committee Representative
 - Dawn Bak, Girls Modified Chairman.
 - Dave Gilson, Boys Golf Chairman.
- 5.4 Oracle and Tapestry Charter schools have requested information on membership in Section 6.
- 5.5 Sportchair Reports from the State Committee meetings:
- Cross Country - J. Zubler: The classification numbers will be reviewed after the 2007 state meet. Sectionals will be held at Elma Meadows.
 - Indoor Track – P. Szymanski: There will be a slight change in the order of events at the state meet at Cornell Univ: Girls compete 9am-1pm; boys compete 2pm-6pm. This is the last year for competition at Cornell. The Armory in NYC is a strong contender for 2009. The Indoor Track schedule is finalized. We are currently waiting for the site contracts.
 - Outdoor Track – P. Ksionzyk: A proposal is going to the CAC in Oct. that separate standards be used for Div 1 and Div 2 to qualify a 2nd athlete in each event from each division for state competition.
Motion to support the above proposal provided that the same standard be used for each division CARRIED
Scholla/Vecchiarella

6.0 OFFICIALS COORDINATOR REPORT T.Cowan

- 6.1 Officials Contract 2007-10: When all required signatures have been obtained, the document will be posted on the website.
- 6.2 Excessive game changes being made by schools throughout the Section are causing serious assigner concerns. Schools should be aware that, as per the 07-10 Contract, if game changes are made within 7 days of the contest for an invalid reason and the assigned officials cannot be reassigned, they may file a Form X to claim a half-fee from the offending school. A possible solution to reduce these occurrences and potential additional fees paid by member schools is to require that late game changes be submitted to the assigner in writing with the Superintendent's signature. No action was taken.
- 6.3 The Soccer Sportsmanship red/yellow card policy was revisited by the Sportsmanship Committee. It was agreed that the policy will remain the same for 2007.
- 6.4 The contract with Boys Lacrosse assigner has been verbally approved and will be sent for signature.
- 6.5 All districts are reminded that care should be taken to safeguard officials' vouchers with Social Security numbers.

7.0 NYSPHSAA REPORT: Lloyd Mott, Assistant Executive Director Report received*

Additional notes:

- 7.1 Video conferencing for state meetings will be available in the near future
- 7.2 Each school is asked to submit to the state the on-line form emailed from the Section office indicating the name and email address of your school physician so that pertinent health and safety information can be distributed. The form is also posted on the Section 6 website- click on *Forms & Info*.
- 7.3 The next meeting of the Structure and Policy Review Committee is September 25. All are encouraged to contact Greg Kaszubski with any recommendations.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1 Investigation of an illegal Iroquois 5th-year student participating in football resulted in their football championship being revoked. The school will be notified.

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Old Business continued

8.2 Centralized Management of Officials:

8.2.1 Fall sports

Northern Leagues:

- The following sports were auto-assigned by the Section office for all levels: F.Hockey, B & G Volleyball, B & G soccer, G Swimming and Cross Country. The Round Table reviewed assignments. Recommended changes were made and assignments published by each league assigner. Re-assignments of turnbacks are in process.
- Problems: The following complaints were received from G.Volleyball leadership and officials: Officials who did not enter availability correctly were assigned contests they could get to in time; Initial assignments if declined, blocked officials leading to a shortage of officials; Excessive schedule changes by schools are creating major concerns.

Southern Leagues:

- S.Tier assigners are using TheArbiter successfully
- Excessive schedule changes by schools are creating major concerns

8.2.2 Winter sports: Rosters/rankings for Northern organizations have been entered and are being collected from Southern organizations. Timeline:

Winter Sports Timeline	Buff, ECIC,NFL, NO, MM	Chaut, Catt
Draft schedules complete	Mon. Sept. 10	Mon. Sept. 24
Schedules complete (including non-leagues)	Mon. Sept. 24	Tues. Oct. 9
Begin import of schedules to TheArbiter	Wed. Oct. 3	Wed. Oct. 17
Begin Assigning Var & JV	Tues. Oct. 9	Tues. Oct. 23
Begin Assigning Mod	TBA	TBA
Release assignments to OBR's for review	Mon. Oct. 15	NA
Round Table to review assignments	Thurs. Oct 18	NA

A training session for assigners on TheArbiter will be held September 27.

8.2.3 BOCES: Section VI schools in Chaut, Catt, ECIC, NO and NFL leagues are using ScheduleStar. Service Agreements and Cross Contracts for subscriptions were sent to non-participating districts via the annual BOCES participation agreement.

9.0 **CENTRAL COMMITTEE/ STATE REPORTS**

- 9.1 Superintendent J. Rabey
The Superintendents Committee on Section VI Office Structure and Policy Review has been waiting to hear from BOCES regarding more effective operation of Section 6. Suggested updates to the Section VI Constitution and By-laws were submitted by J.Montesanti, BOCES Policy Services, at the Executive Committee meeting today. These updates will be reviewed by the Superintendents Committee and a report will be made at the next meeting.
- 9.2 Principal J. Dunnigan Ideas discussed at the annual meeting in August:
- Accepting boot camp as training for fall sports is unacceptable.
 - Interscholastic competition for students with physical impairments is increasing.
 - Assessing penalties for violations of state guidelines is being addressed
- 9.3 Boys/Girls Representative D. Scholla/ TBA See NYSPHSAA report (item 7.0)
- 9.4 NYSAAA B. Banker No Report

10.0 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 10.1 Awards J. Trampert Plaques and patches for 07-08 are available for pick-up at the Section office. Sportchairs are asked to verify that you have all the awards needed for your sport since inventories were consolidated before the order was placed. Please call the Section office before coming in and sign-off on receipt of the order. Contact Jim Trampert 440-0998 (c) if there are discrepancies.
- 10.2 Chemical Awareness D. Ames
The date for the Year 4 Workshop date is still TBA. John Underwood will be contacted for potential dates. T.Marong, Safety Chairman will work with D.Ames to conduct the annual mandatory safety meeting on the same date. Once the date is confirmed, the location can be established and AD's and Superintendents will be notified that attendance is mandatory.

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Committee Report continued

Sportsmanship: Schools receiving the Sportsmanship awards today will be congratulated. State Sportsmanship meeting will be held the end of October.

10.3 Extended Eligibility G. Baldelli No Report

10.4 Media L. Kaminsky No Report

10.5 Nominations L. Kosobucki

10.5.1 Leagues should submit nominations for the Girls Sports Central Committee Representative to the Section office in writing. The position will be appointed at the November 14 meeting. Current nominations include:

- NFL nomination: Cindy Bullis, Lew-Port

10.5.2 **Motion to appoint Rich Schmitt, W.Seneca East & Janet Battaglia, Amherst as Girls Lacrosse Co-Chairpersons to a 3-year term to expire 6/30/10 CARRIED** *Dunnigan/Burke*

10.5.3 **Motion to appoint Kevin Rice, Silver Creek as Boys Golf Chairperson to a 3-year term to expire 6/30/10 CARRIED** *Thomas/Nicotra*

10.5.4 There were two nominations for Girls Modified Chairperson: **Katie McGowan, Wilson and Bobbi Lin Meyer, JFK**. Katie McGowan was appointed.

10.6 Modified – Boys/Girls A. Stoltman/ TBA

10.6.1 Two notices were sent to Athletic Directors with the following information: "Section 11 was given permission to develop a **two-year pilot program allowing the use of two wide receivers in modified football**" **Section 6 along with many other Sections will participate in this pilot.**

10.6.2 The Section reps are asked to pursue permission for use of spikes in modified track.

10.7 Policy Handbook M. Ward See item 9.1

10.8 Safety T. Marong No Report

10.9 Sectional/Intersectional R.Dinse Report received*

10.9.1 **Motion to approve the proposed Girls Swim in-season state qualifying procedure CARRIED** *Graczyk/Ksionzyk*

10.9.2 It was noted that this committee should be notified of issues for input and review before decisions are made by the Executive Committee.

10.10 Transfer R.Black Report received

10.11 Transportation R.Dinse

- Individual Sports: The Section office will arrange transportation to state competition for individual sports only. The sportchairs should contact L.Ratajczak at the Section office for assistance in arranging lodging and/or meals.

- The new Transportation Policy is posted on the Section 6 website. Click on *Forms & Info*

10.12 Programs P.Boggan No Report

10.13 Mixed Competition J. Dunnigan No Report

11.0 COMMITTEES (SPECIAL)

11.1 Corporate Sponsor T. Slade No Report

11.2 Veterans (Retirees) J. Trampert

The annual Veterans Recognition dinner was held Sept. 12 at Danny's South. Attendance was lower than in previous years. Thanks were extended to T.DeBolski who stepped down as Chairman for this event after many years. J.Trampert will be the new chair.

11.3 Ad Hoc Committees:

11.3.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete Award G.Kaszubski/ N.Riccio
Nomination forms are available on the Section 6 website and must be received at the Section office by November 15 for fall sports.

11.3.2 Sportsmanship G.Kaszubski See item 6.3

11.3.3 NYSPHSAA Structure and Policy Review G.Kaszubski

The next meeting of the committee is September 25. Please contact G.Kaszubski with input.

11.3.4 Section VI Operations and Office Review F.Nicotra

11.3.5 Placement of Charter Schools R.Dinse

- o The Ad Hoc Committee will meet to review the procedures for league placement.
- o Superintendent participation on the Ad Hoc Committee is encouraged. J.Rabey volunteered.
- o The Ad Hoc Committee will contact NYSPHSAA to review the process as advised by L.Mott.

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Page 512.0 **FALL SPORTS REPORTS:** No Reports Due Pre-Season (May) Post-Season (Jan)
12.1 Football – C. Funke

- The state proposal to change the classification numbers for football in 2008 would adversely affect Section 6 because of the large number of Class D schools in our section. **Motion to disapprove the state proposal CARRIED Ksionzyk/Rabey** Anyone with ideas for an alternate re-alignment of the 5 classes please contact Chuck Funke at 821-7262 cfunke@e1b.org
- All were reminded that the deadline for opting out of a 9th football game is Monday Sept. 24.

12.0 **WINTER SPORTS PRE-SEASON REPORTS:** Received*

12.1	Boys Basketball	J. Walker
12.2	Girls Basketball	L. Kaminsky
12.3	Boys & Girls Bowling	T. Berdzik, L. Marcantonio, J. Zloty
12.4	Ice Hockey	B. Banker
12.5	Indoor Track	P. Szymanski, E. Mancini
12.6	Rifle	P. Borkowski
12.7	Boys Swimming	A. Fritzinger, J. Graczyk
12.8	Wrestling	M. DeBarbieri

13.0 **SPRING SPORTS REPORTS:** No Reports due Pre-Season (Jan) Post-Season (Nov.)

14.0 **NEW BUSINESS**

In an effort to save money and labor, reports for future Athletic Council meetings that are emailed to members or posted on-line, will no longer be printed for distribution at the Athletic Council meetings.

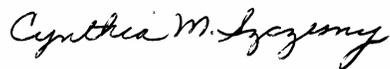
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Dunnigan/Wendt

Congratulations were extended to:

Dr. Ron Black, Akron Wall of Fame Inductee and Mr. Bob Dinse, Wilson Wall of Fame Inductee

* Reports are posted on the website along with the minutes.
Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Recording Secretary