

Section VI

ATHLETIC COUNCIL MEETING

May 21, 2008

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3.2 **Approved:** Sectional admission prices for 2008-09.
- 4.1 **Approved:** Date change for the Mandatory Athletic Director Workshop to August 25
- 4.5 **Approved:** Combining Schools requests, Outside Agency Contests and Senior All-Star Contests.
- 5.6 Two Section VI schools have achieved the State Scholar Athlete Team Award:
Southwestern High School's Boys Golf Team and Medina High School's Boys Tennis Team
Congratulations to both schools!
- 7.1 **Approved:** Sending the final draft of the updated Section VI Constitution to a post card ballot.
- 9.5 **Approved:** Appointments for Section VI President-Elect, Principal's Rep, and Sportchairs for winter sports and girls golf. Nominations are needed for Program Chairperson. Leagues are asked to submit names of potential candidates to the Section office.*
- 10.2 **Approved:** Annual Veterans Recognition Dinner to be held on Wed. Sept. 10 at the Columns Restaurant in West Seneca.
- 14.0 **Approved:** Section VI meeting dates for 2008-09:
- **Athletic Council:** Sept. 17, Nov. 19, Jan. 21, March 25, May 20
 - **Executive Comm:** Oct. 15, Dec. 17, Feb. 25, Apr. 22, June 17

*Please forward nominations to the Section VI office:
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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 * Cindy Bullis
 Exec. Secretary * Robert A. Dinse
 Asst. Exec. Secretary * Cindy Szczesny
 Treasurer * Loren Ratajczak
 Officials Coordinator * Tom Cowan
 Parliamentarian * Ron Black
 Past President * Frank Nicotra
 BOCES Rep * John Montesanti

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) * Katie McGowan
 Nominations Len Kosobucki
 NYSAAA Brett Banker
 Policy Handbook Mark Ward
 Programs Pat Boggan
 Safety Tim Marong
 Sect./Intersectional * Robert Dinse
 Sportsmanship * Doug Ames
 Transfer Chairman * Ron Black
 Veterans * Jim Trampert

SPORTCHAIRS

Chuck Funke Football
 Jim Walker Boys Basketball

GUESTS

TO BE UPDATED FOR 2007-08

LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE

ALTERNATE

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	Kevin Curan, Portville
Girls Rep	* Paul Ksionzyk, Olean	Bill Weigel, Franklinville
Boys Rep	* Rick DeKay, West Valley	Mike DeBarbieri, Portville

CHAUTAQUA

Superintendents Rep	* Stephen Vanstrom, Frewsburg	John O'Connor, Forestville
Principals Rep	* Steve Penhollow, Falconer	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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Reports are posted on the Section VI website along with the minutes.

- 1.0 **CALL TO ORDER/ Introductions** C.Amo
Joe Altieri, Assistant Executive Director was welcomed.
- 2.0 **Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2008 meeting CARRIED** **Dunnigan/Kubera**
- 3.0 **TREASURER'S REPORT** L. Ratajczak
- 3.1 Treasurer's Report was received.
- 3.2 Finance Committee Report: Minutes from meeting 4/24/08 are posted on the website:
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/Finance08-4.pdf>
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/State%20Competition%20Rpt.pdf>
- **Motion to keep sectional admission prices for 08-09 the same as 07-08 except for Track (increase from \$4 to \$5) and Football Regionals at UB (increase from \$7 to \$8) CARRIED**
Graczyk/Ksionzyk <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/Admissions-Venues%2008-09.pdf>
 - **Motion to upgrade P.Turski's position from Clerk typist to Senior Clerk Typist CARRIED**
Munro/Wendt
 - **Motion to approve the annual stipend for C.Szczesny for additional work on TheArbiter in 2007 CARRIED** **Smith/Dunnigan**
 - Report from March 19 meeting with Ice Hockey Federation: All finances of the Federation will be handled by Section VI. Expenses have been paid by the Section since 1/1/08.
 - Still to be addressed by the Finance Committee: Development of policies for the sale of goods at sectional and sectional sites management for all sports.
- 4.0 **EX.SECRETARY'S REPORT** R.Dinse
- 4.1 The Mandatory Athletic Director Workshop conducted by N. Van Erk is scheduled for Sept 4, the 2nd day of school. Districts are requesting a date change. **Motion to approve changing the date of the Mandatory Athletic Director Workshop to August 25 CARRIED** **Smith/Rabey**
- 4.2 Wrestling: A company to replace UB Sports Medicine to handle weight certification is being sought.
- 4.3 Programs: A chairperson is needed for the basketball programs. Leagues are asked to submit names of potential candidates to the Section office. Team photos will not be printed in 08-09. Elimination of the wrestling program is being considered. The Wrestling Committee will be asked for their recommendation on this issue at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- 4.4 Indoor Track: A meeting will be held in June to establish plans for site management. A report will be presented at the September meeting.
- 4.5 **Motion to approve the following requests to combine schools for athletic participation in 2008-09 CARRIED** **Wendt/Dunnigan**
- Westfield with Ripley for Boys and Girls Cross Country
 - Ripley with Westfield for Girls Soccer
 - Ripley with Westfield for Boys Soccer
 - Ripley with Westfield for Varsity and JV Football
 - Hinsdale with Allegany-Limestone for Girls Swimming
 - Hinsdale with Olean for Wrestling
 - Portville and Allegany-Limestone with Olean for Boys Swimming
 - Ellicottville with Franklinville for girls swimming
 - Westfield with Chautauqua Lake for girls swimming
 - Kenmore East with Kenmore West for Field Hockey JV only
 - Sweet Home with Amherst for Boys Gymnastics *pending receipt of signatures*
- Motion to approve the following Outside Agency Contests CARRIED** **Wendt/Munro**
- WNY HS Golf Tournament, 9/28/08 at Harvest Hill Golf Club, cosponsors W.Seneca Rotary, West Seneca Central *pending receipt of corrected insurance*
 - WNYT&CC Invitational, 9/20/08 at Beaver Island Park, cosponsors Grand Island Central and WNYT&CC Officials *pending receipt of insurance*

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Executive Secretary's Report continued

Motion to approve the following Senior All-Star Contests CARRIED

DeKay/Thomas

- Girls Lacrosse Senior All-Star contest, 6/8/08 at Nichols School, cosponsor Amherst Central
- WNY Boys Lacrosse Senior All-Star contest, 6/11/08 at Amherst HS, cosponsors Amherst Central and WNY Lacrosse Coaches *pending receipt of insurance and signatures*
- Baseball, Chautauqua County Senior All-star 6/14/08 at Strider Field, Jamestown, cosponsor Jamestown High School
- Baseball: NO & Genesee Region Senior All -Star 6/11/08 at Dwyer Stadium in Batavia (Section 5 host)

5.0 COMMUNICATIONS: R.Dinse

- 5.1 NYSPHSAA offered to present L.Mott's Hazing Awareness and Prevention Program to help guide districts through the process of developing a hazing policy. Districts interested should contact L.Mott at 866-598-2816. It was noted that anyone who has received the NYSPHSAA CTA training is qualified to present the workshop. ECIC will conduct this workshop on October 6.
- 5.2 NYSPHSAA has recently approved the development of a Task Force to study and make recommendations for a competitive adapted athletic program. If anyone is interested in serving on this Task Force contact the Section VI office The first meeting is Wed., June 11, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the NYSPHSAA office in Latham. NYSPHSAA will pay expenses.
- 5.3 A letter was received from D.Schwede, President of the NYSACFO, claiming that the Section 6 policy of charging each official \$10 for ID cards is a violation of the contract. It was noted that because the ID card is a condition of employment and the contract is silent on the issue it is not a violation. T.Cowan will respond to the letter.
- 5.4 NYSPHSAA has requested that Section 6 send a representative to serve on the Sports Season Committee. It was agreed that the previous representative Chris DeMarco, who is interested in serving on this committee again, will represent Section 6. The first meeting is June 18 at the State office.
- 5.5 Sportchair Reports from the State Committee meetings:
- **Boys Volleyball, Boys and Girls Swimming, Boys Golf NO REPORT**
 - Boys Basketball – Jim Walker: A waiver of the 6-section-rule has been requested so that 3 officials may be used at state finals. The State will provide runner-up plaques for regionals provided the participating sections pay for them. A request for separate post-season competition for non-public schools is on hold for 2 years until the final report is received from the Committee on Classification of non-public and charter schools. It was requested that NYSPHSAA pay Section expenses for travel to attend State meetings which are held in Albany. R.Black noted that these meetings will be held via video-conference in the near future.
 - Football – Chuck Funke: Tethers must be covered if worn by athletes. Regionals will be held at the University of Buffalo in 2008. **Motion to approve Rawlings as the official Section 6 football for play-offs CARRIED Wendt/ Nicotra**
- 5.6 NYSPHSAA announced that Section VI has 2 schools that achieved the State Scholar Athlete Team Award: Southwestern High School's Boys Golf Team and Medina High School's Boys Tennis Team. Congratulations to both schools!
- 5.7 **Motion to approve a Lifetime Pass for Pat Slater, Randolph CARRIED** **Burke/Stedman**

6.0 NYSPHSAA REPORT: Joe Altieri, Assistant Executive Director NYSPHSAA

- The May State report is posted on the website: <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/State%20Report%2008-5.pdf>
- 6.1 Congratulations was extended to Gene Masters NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame Inductee for 2008 as a Section 6 coach.
- 6.2 Todd Nelson has been appointed NYSPHSAA Assistant Executive Director effective 7/1/08

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 7.1 Proposed updates to the Section VI By-Laws and Constitution: J.Rabey will forward the final draft of the constitution to all members of the Athletic Council for review this week.
- Motion to approve the final draft of the constitution by post card ballot CARRIED Munro/Rabey**
- As per the constitution, this ballot will be distributed by the Executive Secretary. Completed ballots must be returned within 30 days of the mailing. The mailing date will be in early June and the ballot will be accompanied by a synopsis of the changes. It was noted that if the ballot is approved, the Athletic Council will determine the salary, duties and job description of the Executive Director position. The job description will detail the relationship of the Director to the independent side of Section 6 and BOCES which is COSER driven for aid purposes.

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Old Business continued

- 7.2 Report from State Handbook Committee – Bonnie Smith: Feedback received regarding the NYSPHSAA Proposed Penalties indicates that the penalties may be too severe. The proposal will be an action item for the Central Committee in August. All are asked to review the compete report from the Committee: <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/Handbook%20Committee%20Report.pdf>
- 7.3 NYSPHSAA denied the City of Buffalo's request for an 11th game for the Harvard Cup Championship. Buffalo will submit another request to the NYSPHSAA Central Committee in August.
Motion to support Buffalo in their effort to seek approval from the Central Committee for an 11th football game so that the Harvard Cup Championship football game can be played on Thanksgiving CARRIED Rabey/Wendt The Section will assist in preparing a more detailed request.
- 7.4 Centralized Management of Officials 2008-09
- Fall Sports: Fall officials have been notified to update availability on TheArbiter. Football officials will be notified by the end of May. Importing of fall schedules is proceeding and must be completed by May 30 (N) and June 13 (S). Central assigning in the north begins June 2.
 - Winter: Ice hockey officials are entered.
 - Training in TheArbiter was attended by 8 assigners including ice hockey and boys soccer chairperson. A session will be held mid-June for the S.Tier basketball and wrestling assigners and girls soccer sportchair. Soccer will pilot assigning sectionals in TheArbiter.

8.0 CENTRAL COMMITTEE/ STATE REPORTS

- 8.1 Superintendent J. Rabey See item 7.1
- 8.2 Principal J. Dunnigan No Report
- 8.3 Boys/Girls Representative D. Scholla/ C. Bullis Report from the State Exec. Committee Meeting: <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/State%20Mtg%2008-5.pdf>
- 8.4 NYSAAA B. Banker No Report

9.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 9.1 Awards J. Trampert
The order for 2008-09 will be paced end of May for delivery to the Section office Sept. 1. The cost for patches will remain the same. Plaques have increased in price 2.5%.
- 9.2 Chem.Aware/Sportsmanship D. Ames dames@newfane.wnyric.org
- 9.2.1 Chemical Awareness: Approximately 300 people, AD's and student athletes, attended the mandatory Life of an Athlete Workshop Year 4 – Selecting and Training Student Athlete Leaders on 4/28/08. Year 5 is being developed. Note: This mandatory seminar can be conducted by the leagues. The NO league will conduct the Year 5 Workshop. Contact D.Ames for information.
- 9.2.2 Sportsmanship: All WNY Good Sports for winter are in the newsletter. Spring sportchairs still need to submit names for spring sports. The Sportsmanship session of the Mandatory AD Workshop on Aug. 25 will be conducted by D.Ames. Contact Doug with recommendations/ideas. Leagues are encouraged to nominate a coach for the Annual Sportsmanship Award:
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/FormsInfo/sptsmsnhp%20award%20-%20coach.pdf>
- 9.2.3 Congratulations to the Section VI New York Good Sports Awards winners: Albion, Lockport, Iroquois, and Forestville. 87% of Section 6 schools submit the application.
- 9.3 Extended Eligibility G. Baldelli No Report
- 9.4 Media L. Kaminsky No Report
- 9.5 Nominations L. Kosobucki

Motion to approve the following appointments CARRIED

Burley/Wendt

Principals Rep to the Central Committee (4-year term 9/1/08 - 8/31/12): Jim Dunnigan

Girls Golf Chairperson (remainder of 3-year term 7/1/08 – 6/30/10) Betsy Ulmer

Winter Sportchairs (3-year term 7/1/08 - 6/30/11).

- Basketball (Boys)- Jim Walker, Assistant- Jon Roth
- Basketball (Girls)- Leo Kaminsky, Assistant- Chris Durr
- Bowling (Boys)- Dan Kaplan, Cheektowaga Bowling (Girls)- John Seeley, W Seneca East
- Ice Hockey- Mark DiFilippo, Niagara Wheatfield
- Indoor Track (Boys)- Peter Szymanski Indoor Track (Girls)- Emilio Mancino
- Rifle- Paul Borkowski
- Swimming (Boys)- James Graczyk, Co-Chairperson- Al Fritzing
- Wrestling- Mike DeBarbieri, Co-Chairperson-Israel Martinez

Section VI President-Elect (2-year term 9/1/08 - 8/31/10) Diane Munro was elected by written ballot

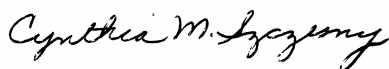
Program Committee Chairperson No nominations received

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- 9.6 Modified – Boys/Girls A. Stoltman/ K. McGowan
Report: <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/Modified08-5.pdf>
- 9.7 Officials Coordinating T.Cowan
- 9.7.1 Lackawanna Boys Soccer: A committee has been established to monitor the Lackawanna boys soccer program for 2008 season. They will meet with the AD and new soccer coaches to assist them in developing a sportsmanship program.
- 9.7.2 Spring Form X: only 3 were paid. This indicates a major positive result of the use of TheArbiter.
- 9.7.3 Contracts with football assigners: Received from the North assigner L.Michael. Not yet received from South assigner A.Feser.
- 9.7.4 Meeting with Northern league assigners: Summary is posted
<http://www.section9.7.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/N%20Assigners%20Work%20Session%20Fall08.pdf>
- 9.8 Policy Handbook M. Ward No Report
- 9.9 Safety T. Marong No Report
- 9.10 Sectional/Intersectional R.Dinse Minutes (4/30/08 meeting) are on the Section 6 website:
<http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/may/Seclntersec08-4.pdf> NOTES: The dual meet competition for NYSPHSAA which the state wrestling committee is proposing will be an additional cost for schools. The Boys Soccer report with the elimination of Item #4 on the sportsmanship policy was received.
- 9.11 Transfer R.Black Report emailed May 16
- 9.12 Transportation R.Dinse No Report
- 9.13 Programs P.Boggan No Report
- 9.14 Mixed Competition J. Dunnigan No Report
- 10.0 **COMMITTEES (SPECIAL)**
- 10.1 Corporate Sponsor T. Slade No Report
- 10.2 Veterans (Retirees) J. Trampert **Motion to approve expenditure for the Annual Veterans Recognition dinner CARRIED Baumann/ Vanstrom**
The event will be held 9/10/08 at the Columns Restaurant on Transit Rd in West Seneca.
- 10.3 AD Hoc Committees:
- 11.3.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete Award G.Kaszubski/ N.Riccio 338 applications for spring sports have been received. The Selection Committee will meet the week of May 19.
- 11.3.2 Sportsmanship G.Kaszubski
- 11.3.3 NYSPHSAA Structure and Policy Review G.Kaszubski
- 11.3.5 Charter Schools R.Dinse
- As of March 2008, sport reports are due as follows (changes are in red):
Pre-season: Fall-March 1; Winter-May 1; Spring-November 1
Post-season: Fall-January 1; Winter-May 1; Spring-September 1
- All sports reports are posted: <http://www.section6.wnyric.org/minutes/min0708/ACmay08.htm>
- 11.0 **FALL SPORTS:** Reports Due Pre-Season (March May) Post-Season (Jan) Received
Boys Soccer report with the elimination of Item #4 on the sportsmanship policy was received.
- 12.0 **WINTER SPORTS:** Reports Due Pre-Season (May) Post-Season (May) Received
- 13.0 **SPRING SPORTS:** No Reports Due Pre-Season (Nov) Post-Season (Sept)
- 14.0 **NEW BUSINESS**
- 14.1 **Motion to approve the following Section VI meeting dates for 2008-09 CARRIED Graczyk/Stedman:**
- **Athletic Council: Sept. 17, Nov. 19, Jan. 21, March 25, May 20**
 - **Executive Comm: Oct. 15, Dec. 17, Feb. 25, Apr. 22, June 17**
- Other pertinent dates:
- The NYSAAA Conference: March 18-21, 2009
 - Erie 1, Erie 2, CA Ellicottville and NO BOCES 2008-09 breaks: Winter: Feb. 16-20 Spring: Apr. 9-17
 - CA Olean and Buffalo: April 6-17, 2009
- 15.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ ADJOURNMENT
Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia Szczesny, Assistant Executive Secretary/ Recording Secretary