

SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS
December 21, 2010 CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING
via Phone Conference

ACTION ITEMS

1. P2 Approved one year extension of Fiscal Concerns Items #1-7 with one exception; Item #6 will be changed to reinstate the original Executive Committee meeting schedule to October, January and May. The January meeting will be held by conference call.
2. P3 Approved a dues increase of \$30.00 per school district and \$.03 per student for the 2011-2012 school year.
3. P3 Approved Health Sciences Charter School (6) as a new member.
4. P4 Approved adjournment.

NEW YORK STATE PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

**CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
via Phone Conference
December 21, 2010**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Mark Ward at 10:30AM on December 21, 2010. Executive Director Nina Van Erk gave a health update on Bob Munn. Executive Director Nina VanErk 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
Assistant Director Joe Altieri
Treasurer Kathleen Higle
Counsel Renee James
Director of Government Affairs Kevin Banes
Secretary Sandra Schanck

Past Presidents

Patrick Calnon
James Tolle
Dean Veenhof

Section Representatives

- Section 1: Karen Peterson, Scott Mosenthal, Kenneth Mitchell, Jennifer Simmons (proxy for Male Athletic Representative)
- Section 2: Elizabeth Hemstead, Glenn Westfall, Charles Abba, Michael McCarthy (proxy for Joseph Murphy)
- Section 3: Barbara Felice, Michael Carboine, Joseph Rotella, John Rathbun (proxy for Richard Hunt)
- Section 4: Julie Maney, Ed Redmond, Gordon Daniels, Terry Heller
- Section 5: Kimberly Henshaw, Dennis O'Brien, Michael Simon, Gary Mix
- Section 6: Cindy Bullis, Don Scholla, Michael Wendt, James Dunnigan
- Section 7: Karen Lopez (proxy for Patricia Ryan-Curry), Joe Staves, Michael Graney, John McDonald
- Section 8: Laura Orticelle, Dominick Vulpis, Neil Connolly, Henry Grishman
- Section 9: Roberta Greene, James Wolfe, Ray Castellani, Al Wojtaszek
- Section 10: Lori Brewer, Paul Harrica, Tony Bjork, Mark Passamonte
- Section 11: Paula Nickerson, Nick DeCillis, Ed Cinelli (proxy for Lynn Schwartz), Mary Ann Jules (proxy for John Dolan)

Section Ex. Directors

Jennifer Simmons (1)	Karen Lopez (7)
John Rathbun (3)	Todd Heimer (8)
Ben Nelson (4)	Robert Thabet (9)
Ed Stores (5)	Carl Normandin (10)
Timm Slade (6)	Ed Cinelli (11)

Section Treasurers

James Osborne (9)

A special meeting of the NYSPHSAA Central Committee was convened to address the two motions brought forth from the Executive Committee meeting held on December 5-6, 2010.

FISCAL CONCERNS EXTENSION

A motion was approved to extend the Fiscal Concerns Items (number 1-7) for a period of one year (2011-2012) with one exception, Item 6, will be changed to reinstate the original Executive Committee meeting schedule to October, January and

May. The January meeting will be held by conference call. (41 Yes/2 No)

Fiscal Concern Items:

1. Support the use of telephone conference calls and video conferencing for NYSPHSAA meetings to reduce the travel reimbursements costs for the NYSPHSAA and Sections.
2. Support the use of officials from the host Section at all NYSPHSAA regional contests, except when the Sections involved mutually agree to use neutral officials. Effective with the 2009-2010 season and continuing to 2010–2011 school year.
3. Support a moratorium on the expansion of existing NYSPHSAA tournaments as it pertains to participation.
4. Centralized sites should be considered as part of the bid process for state tournament site selection when it can be proven that cost savings outweighs other criteria.
5. Support the reduction of the maximum number of contests permitted during the regular season. Sports with 24 contests will be reduced to 20, sports with 20 contests will be reduced to 18 and sports with 18 contests will be reduced to 16. Wrestling will be reduced to 20 points. Football will be reduced from 10 to 9. The 9th game is permitted, with section approval, for teams who do not qualify for sectional play. For the teams involved in the sectional tournament the maximum number of contests shall be 10. For the sections involved in the state championship three additional games are permitted for a total of 13 games for the season: 1 game for regionals, 1 game for semifinals, and 1 game for championships. Effective for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
6. As per the NYSPHSAA Constitution, the Executive Committee will meet three times per year in October, January and May. The January meeting will be conducted by conference call. (**Modified December 6, 2010**)
7. Support the establishment of a moratorium eliminating mandated attendance beginning with the 2009- 2010 school year at the following NYSPHSAA workshops: Safety, Life of an Athlete, Sportsmanship and Chemical Health workshops.

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

DUES INCREASE FOR 2011-2012

A motion was approved for a dues increase of \$30.00 per district and \$.03 per student for the 2011-2012 school year. (31 Yes/12 No)

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

OTHER ITEMS

NFHS National Championships

- At the December 5-6, 2010 Executive Committee meeting Executive Director Nina Van Erk requested feedback and direction to decide if NYSPHSAA should support or oppose NFHS sponsoring National Championships in the sports of golf and cross country. The feedback she received from Executive Committee members who were in favor stated it was a good idea, that we should explore the idea of National Championships to see what other State Associations are doing. There was much concern raised about the fiscal impact at this time and how it relates to public relations issues even though these events would not happen unless there was a sponsor to provide for the entire event including transportation, meals and lodging for the participants.
- As the majority of the feedback was negative, she will vote at the National Council meeting that New York is not in favor of a National Championship in golf and cross country.

New Member

A **motion to approve** Health Sciences Charter School (6) as a new member **carried.** Wendt/Harrica

January Executive Committee Meeting

- The January Executive Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 10:00AM via conference call.

Commissioner of Education’s Age 19 Eligibility Rule and Duration of Competition Amendment

- The Regents approved the permanent change in the regulation to permit a waiver of the Age 19 Eligibility Rule and the Duration of Competition Rule on Tuesday, December 14th effective immediately.
- A student with an IEP can request a waiver if they have exceeded the age limit of 19 and the duration of competition rules based on:
 - They have participated in the sport before and,
 - They are interested in participating in non-contact sports such as tennis, golf, bowling, swimming, track & field and cross country (the regulation is specific to what sports the student can participate in).
 - The student would not be scored during competition.
 - The student would have to be approved by the Chief Medical Officer of the school district and then be given approval by the Superintendent of Schools.
- Two accommodations were made to the language of the regulation change. SED removed the NYSPHSAA from the appeal process for schools that are not members of the Association. Also the Sections are not required to approve the waiver of the age and grade rule. The Regulation only requires the school superintendent’s approval.
- NYSED has indicated that the Association will be involved in the development of the guidance document.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Reminders

- **NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge Award**
 - The application, process and criteria rubric for the NYSPHSAA Community Service Challenge Award are available on the Association website.
 - The deadline for submitting the application to the Section is May 1st.
 - The deadline for the Section to submit the application to the Association office is June 1st.
- **Spirit of Sport Award**
 - We are supporting the NFHS Spirit of Sport Award. More information will be in the January Office Report.

Patrick Pizzarelli, Past President, reported he had just returned from the NIAAA Conference in Orlando, FL where Nina, as President of the NFHS, presided at the awards luncheon as Master of Ceremonies. He stated she did a great job. He also congratulated her on her remarks on high school athletics at the end of the ceremony.

A **motion to approve** the adjournment of the December 21, 2010 Central Committee at 11:12AM **carried**.

Orticelle/Hemstead

Respectfully submitted,



Nina Van Erk
Executive Director

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