

# New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc.

## STAFF

Nina Van Erk, Executive Director  
Robert E. Stulmaker, Assistant Director  
Todd Nelson, Assistant Director  
Joe Altieri, Director of Marketing & Media  
Kathleen Higle, Treasurer



## OFFICERS

Mark J. Ward, President  
Eileen Troy, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Stephen Broadwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Patrick Pizzarelli, Past President

## SYNOPSIS OF ACTIONS

January 22, 2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
NYS PH SAA Office - Latham

## ACTION ITEMS

1. P3 Approved October 2011 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
2. P4 Approved planning for a NYSPHSAA East and West Regional Cheerleading event for 2012-2013.
3. P4 Approved the 2012-2013 NYSPHSAA Championship Sites and Dates.
4. P4 Approved the Boys and Girls Volleyball Championships to be held at Glens Falls Civic Center (2) on November 17-18, 2012.
5. P4 Approved the Baseball Championships will be held in Binghamton (4) for the 2014-2017 seasons.
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10. P6 Approved the NYSPHSAA Technology Policy.
11. P6 Approved the NYSPHSAA Whistleblower Policy.
12. P6 Approved the NYSPHSAA Document Retention Policy.
13. P6 Approved the NYSPHSAA Hiring Procedure.
14. P6 Approved a referendum vote for proposed constitutional changes.
15. P7 Approved to amend wording to Proposition #5: Article III Central Committee – Handbook p. 32 Item 3a.
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24. P8 Approved in Girls Golf allowing competitors to use non-motorized push or pull carts during league, sectional or NYSPHSAA Championship competition.

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31. P9 Approved the reduction of the required number of contests in Girls Gymnastics from 6 contests to 4 contests for Section 9.
32. P11 Approved as Friend and Neighbor: **Yeshiva Derech Hatorah (8)**.
33. P12 Approved as a New Member: **Destiny Christian School (5)**.
34. P12 Approved a fee of \$300.00 for a telephone conference call appeal which will be paid for in full by the Appellant.
35. P12 Approved additional language to the College Rule.
36. P13 Approved a change in the required number of baseball practices for a team to 10 for a scrimmage and 15 for a game at all levels effective with the 2012 spring season.
37. P13 Approved the Class D realignment in Softball with the cut-off date of March 15 for Sections to announce if they will have any Class D schools.
38. P13 Approved the revised Girls Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2012 State Championships.
39. P15 Approved authorizing Executive Director Nina Van Erk to develop a Request for Proposal for quotes and bids for an internal audit of the Association.
40. P15 Approved the Association to contribute \$88,549.14 to the Money Purchase Plan by January 31, 2012.
41. P15 Approved the retirement of Kathleen Higle, NYSPHSAA Treasurer, effective May 31, 2012.
42. P15 Denied the request for payment of 75% of individual post-retirement health insurance premiums and emolument for service based on the lack of required ten years of service as per NYSPHSAA employee handbook.
43. P15 Approved directing the Executive Director to reduce the position of Treasurer to part-time and/or outsource duties of the position effective June 1, 2012.
44. P15 Approved adjournment.

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**NYSPPHSAA Office - Latham**

**January 22, 2012**

The Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Mark Ward at 11:05AM on January 22, 2012. Executive Director Nina Van Erk gave an update on the condition of Past President Ron Black who is recuperating from surgery. Condolences were extended to Assistant Director Todd Nelson on the passing of his father. Executive Director Nina VanErk introduced members of the Executive Committee and took attendance as follows:

**Officers & Staff**

President Mark Ward  
First Vice President Eileen Troy  
Second Vice President Stephen Broadwell  
Executive Director Nina Van Erk  
Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker  
Assistant Director Todd Nelson  
Assistant Director Joe Altieri  
Counsel Renee James  
Secretary Sandra Schanck

**Past Presidents**

Kathryn Faber  
Karen Lopez  
Robert Munn  
James Tolle  
Dean Veenhof

**Section Representatives**

Section 1: Karen Peterson, Scott Mosenthal  
Section 2: Elizabeth Hemstead, Robert McGuire  
Section 3: Barbara Felice, Michael Carboine  
Section 4: Julie Maney, Ed Redmond  
Section 5: Kimberly Henshaw, Dennis O'Brien  
Section 6: Timm Slade (proxy for Cindy Bullis), Don Scholla  
Section 7: Patricia Ryan-Curry, Joseph Staves  
Section 8: Chris Ceruti, Dominick Vulpis  
Section 9: Roberta Greene, James Wolfe  
Section 10: Lori Brewer, Paul Harrica  
Section 11: Lisa Lally, Nick DeCillis

**Section Ex. Directors**

Jennifer Simmons (1)	Karen Lopez (7)
John Rathbun (3)	Todd Heimer (8)
Ben Nelson (4)	Ed Cinelli (11)
Timm Slade (6)	

**Section Treasurers**

Roger Seward (2)  
James Osborne (9)

A motion to approve the October 2011 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as written carried.

Harrica/McGuire

## ORAL AND PRINTED REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND STAFF

### President Mark Ward

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Reported he is feeling well and appreciated all the well wishes he received after the October meeting.

Executive Director Nina Van Erk reported on her attendance at various conferences, meetings and championships during the months of October through January and presented the following items of interest.

- **NYSED Concussion Regulations** – The Association had the opportunity to provide feedback to SED on the Guidelines to Concussion Management in a School Setting. She was disappointed that we were not a part of the drafting of the language for the guidelines as required in the bill. We are anticipating these guidelines to be approved by the end of the school year for implementation next year.
- **Cheerleading** – Representatives from SED have informed us that, at this time, the Regents will not be acting on our request to include cheerleading as an interscholastic sport into regulation. Our Cheerleading Committee put in a tremendous effort to move cheerleading to be a recognized sport and their efforts should be acknowledged.

A **motion to approve** Executive Director Nina Van Erk to begin planning for a NYSPHSAA East and West Regional cheerleading event for the 2012-2013 school year **carried**. Harrica/Ryan-Curry

- **NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame** – The Screening Committee will be meeting in February to evaluate 19 applications; 6 administrators, 12 coaches, one official, and one contributor.
- **Future Meeting Dates** –
  - May 4-5, 2012 (Friday/Saturday) – Holiday Inn-Lake George (2)
  - July 31-Aug. 2, 2012 (Tuesday-Thursday) – Fort William Henry-Lake George (2)
  - October 21-22, 2012 (Sunday/Monday) – Holiday Inn-Wolf Road, Albany (2)

### Assistant Director Robert Stulmaker

#### **State Championships**

A **motion to approve** the 2012-2013 NYSPHSAA Championship Sites and Dates **carried**. Vulpis/Brewer

A **motion to approve** the Boys and Girls Volleyball Championships to be held at the Glens Falls Civic Center (2) on November 17-18, 2012 **carried**. Staves/Slade

A **motion to approve** the Baseball Championships will be held in Binghamton (4) for the 2014-2017 seasons **carried**. Maney/Staves

- Reported the Field Hockey Committee had submitted a letter requesting to go back to a Friday/Saturday format for their State Championships. The Executive Committee discussed the requested change and made no motion to change the format back to Friday/Saturday.

#### **State Sport Coordinators**

A **motion to approve** the reappointments of Chris Horgan as the Girls Tennis Coordinator and Selina DeCicco as the Boys Tennis Coordinator effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017 **carried**. O'Brien/Ryan-Curry

#### **Scholar/Athlete Team Award Program**

- The Winter 2011-2012 sports season deadline is Friday, March 2, 2012. Required filing continues to be electronic.

#### **Community Service Challenge**

- The deadline for schools to submit projects to the Sections is May 1, 2012.
- The deadline for the Sections to submit their winner to NYSPHSAA is June 1, 2012.
- Applications can be found on the Association website.

**Assistant Director Todd Nelson**

**Classification**

- Voting on the classification numbers of our member schools for the 2012-2013 school year could not take place because the BED’s numbers were received from SED late Friday afternoon.
- He met with the Section Executive Directors to develop a time line for the classification numbers to be presented to the Executive Committee for a vote.

A **motion to approve** the Executive Committee convene via conference call on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 10:00AM to approve the 2012-2013 classification numbers of our member schools **carried**. McGuire/Felice

**Sanctioning**

- There is a concern over the sanctioning of “showcase” or “shootout” events involving non-member schools. NYSPHSAA member schools are participating in events that also involve non-member schools. Our member schools do not compete against non-members but the non-members are part of the event.

A **motion to approve** the NYSPHSAA will approve events that have non-member schools participating provided there can be no direct competition with a non-member school **carried**. Slade/Carboine

- He reminded NYSPHSAA member schools may only compete against member schools or schools approved by their state athletic association.

**Coaching Clinics**

- The following coaching clinics are scheduled:

B/G Lacrosse	February 10, 2012	New Paltz
Baseball	March 2, 2012	Baseball Hall of Fame-Cooperstown
Track/Field & Cross Country	March 23-24, 2012	Holiday Inn, Liverpool
Volleyball	March 31, 2012	Burnt Hills HS (new location)
Cheerleading	April 28, 2012	John Jay HS – East Fishkill
B/G Soccer	June 1, 2012	Sports Plex – Clifton Park

- He encouraged watching the Association website for upcoming sports medicine webinars and CTA on-line courses. Hazing, skin infection and fueling performance webinars can also be found on the Association website ([www.nysphsaa.org/safety](http://www.nysphsaa.org/safety)). A webinar on ACL injuries in female athletes will also be held in the future.

**Director of Media, Marketing and Public Relations Joe Altieri**

**Sponsorships**

- Reported he had secured close to \$20,000 in sponsorships for our winter sports.
- Secured a one year **Contributing Level** sponsorship and payment with the Navy.
- Secured a two year **Contributing Level** sponsorship with MF.
- Secured a **Contributing Level** sponsorship with Albany Broadcasting.
- Currently in negotiations with Carnation Breakfast Drink for a one year **Contributing Level** sponsorship.
- Proposals have been sent to Crowne, Hilton, Ramada, Journeyman, Sanitech, Chertow Wrestling for tournament specific sponsorships.

**Championships**

- Currently working with Time Warner Cable to develop TV spots for a marketing campaign and a special one minute highlight video for the wrestling finals ceremony.
- Vendor bids are being reviewed for all winter championships.
- Time Warner Cable will broadcast the Boys and Girls Basketball Championships.
- A Quick Response (QR) Code has been developed which enables someone to scan with a smart phone and take them directly to our dates/sites web page and buy tickets for championships.

**Intern**

- **Shawn Ryan**, UAlbany graduate, began interning with our office this month. He studied communications at UAlbany and resigned a previous full time job to transition into a sports management career.

**Treasurer Kathy Hagle.** Executive Director Nina Van Erk gave the report.

- Announced drafts of the audited financial statements for 2010 have been received.
- Frank Venezia, an auditor with Marvin & Co. reviewed the financial statements in an Executive Session during the meeting.
- Fall championships were more than \$50K lower than expected primarily due to low attendance at our Football championships.

**CONSTITUTION AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

- Mark stated the charge of the committee was to review the NYSPHSAA Constitution and to develop policies to meet our future legal obligations as a 503(c)3 non-profit status.
- Nina gave a brief history on the Budget & Finance Committee and how it became the Long Range Fiscal Planning Committee and will now become the Budget & Audit Committee.
- Renee explained the membership structure and purpose of the new Budget and Audit Committee so that the Association meets its legal obligations and will be in compliance with IRS regulations.

A motion to approve the structure and purpose of the NYSPHSAA Budget and Audit Committee **carried**.

Harrica/Scholla

A motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Technology Policy **carried**.

DeCillis/Bergman

A motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Whistleblower Policy **carried**.

DeCillis/Carboine

A motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Document Retention Policy **carried**.

Wolfe/Ceruti

A motion to approve the NYSPHSAA Hiring Procedure **carried**.

Peterson/Slade

A motion to approve a referendum vote for the following proposed constitutional changes **carried**.

DeCillis/Harrica

- **Proposition # 1: Article I PURPOSE - Handbook p. 29 Item 7** – Delete ... “improve safety” replace with “minimize risk”. (Rationale: The term “minimize risk” best reflects current practices.)
- **Proposition # 2: Article II MEMBERSHIP - Handbook p. 29 Item 1 a** – Amend to read “The annual membership fee shall be based on the total school district enrollment of boys and girls listed on all attendance registers for Grades 7-12 inclusive from the latest enrollment data provided by NYSED. Annual membership fees shall be set by the Executive Committee. An alternative method for the calculation of member dues assessment may be adopted by the NYSPHSAA Executive Committee. (Rationale: Clarifies actual procedure and gives flexibility for future change.)
- **Proposition # 3: Article II MEMBERSHIP - Handbook p. 31 Item 4** – Add to second sentence....make recommendations to the “NYSPHSAA staff and” Executive Committee... (Rationale: Clarifies the avenue to recommend change.)
- **Proposition # 4: Article II MEMBERSHIP - Handbook p. 31 Item 5** – Add “Not-for-Profit” before the reference to Section 501 (c) 3. (Rationale: Clarifies what a 501 (c) 3 is for the membership.)
- **Proposition # 5: Article III Central Committee – Handbook p. 32 Item 3a** - Add the Immediate Past President and add the sentences. “Sectional representatives constitute the voting body of the committee and the first vice president, second vice president and immediate past president shall have

the right to vote when the Central Committee is in session". The president shall not be entitled to vote, except in the case of a tie."

(Rationale: This proposal was initiated on advice from counsel. When these officers serve on committees such as the Budget and Audit Committee and Compensation Committee, the Association will be in compliance with the IRS requirements for 501c3 Non Profit organizations. The requirement is for the majority of committee members to be voting members of the Association.)

**A motion to approve** to amend the above wording as follows **carried**: *"Sectional representatives and the first vice president, second vice president and immediate past president constitute the voting body of the committee and shall have the right to vote when the Central Committee is in session. The president shall not be entitled to vote except in the case of a tie."* O'Brien/Hemstead

- **Proposition # 7: Article IV Officers and Duties – Handbook p. 32 Item 1a** - Add the sentence "The president shall be an ex officio member of all NYSPHSAA committees".  
(Rationale: Clarifies the involvement of the Association's President.)
- **Proposition # 8: Article IV Officers and Duties – Handbook p. 32 Items 1 b 1 and 1 c 1** – Change the name of the Budget Committee to the Budget and Audit Committee.  
(Rationale: Reflects the changing title of the committee.)
- **Proposition # 9: Article IV Officers and Duties – Handbook p. 32 Items 1 b 2 and 1 c 2** – Strikes the reference to attending 5 Athletic Council meetings.  
(Rationale: Eliminate the reference to a specific number of Athletic Council meetings the officers would be expected to attend.)
- **Proposition # 10: Article IV Officers and Duties – Handbook p. 33 Item 1 d 3** – Add "Member of the Budget and Audit Committee" to the duties of immediate Past President  
(Rationale: Reflects current practices.)
- **Proposition # 11: Article IV Officers and Duties – Handbook p. 33 Item 1 d 3** – Add to the sentence, Officers "in consultation with the" staff,  
(Rationale: Reflects current practices and eliminates staff from the committee.)
- **Proposition # 12: Article V Executive Committee – Handbook p. 34 Item 4** – Add to the sentence Any action which needs the approval of the Executive Committee may be taken without a meeting if "authorized by the President" by conducting a mail "or electronic" vote.  
(Rationale: Addresses changing technology and eliminates approval of 2/3 of the Executive Committee.)
- **Proposition # 13: Article VII State Sports Committee – Handbook p. 35 Item 1 a** – Add to the sentence, The Executive Committee shall appoint a coordinator upon the recommendation of the members of that state sports committee "and NYSPHSAA staff" ....  
(Rationale: Reflects current practices.)
- **Proposition # 14: Article VII State Sports Committee – Handbook p. 35 Item 1 d** - Change the word "mailed" to provided in the sentence, Minutes of all meetings shall be "provided" to committee members, association officers and staff, section presidents and section executive directors/secretaries.  
(Rationale: Addresses changing technology.)
- **Proposition # 15: Article VII State Sports Committee – Handbook p. 35 Item 1 e** – Strike reference requiring an oral report and change the sentence to, The coordinator of the state sports committee

shall submit an annual written report to the Central Committee. "If requested to attend" the Central Committee meeting the necessary expenses to attend will be paid by the association.  
(Rationale: Reduces expenses and eliminates the need for the state sport coordinator to attend the Central Committee meeting.)

- **Proposition # 16: Article VIII Constitutional Amendments – Handbook p. 36 Item 2** – Strike the references to "senior high school members may vote on matters pertaining to the senior high school program and junior high school members may vote on matters pertaining to the junior high school program" and "the male representative of athletics, and the female representative of athletics". Change the sentence to, During a referendum, each school shall have one vote on a signed ballot. To be valid, this vote shall represent the collective judgment of and include the signatures of the chief school officer, "high school" principal, and the "director of athletics".  
(Rationale: Clarifies it is the high school principal and role of the director of athletics.)

A **motion** to enter into Executive Session on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 12:41PM so that Frank Venezia, a representative of Marvin & Co., could address the Executive Committee **carried**. Harrica/Redmond

A **motion** to end the Executive Session at 2:02PM **carried**. Harrica/O'Brien

President Mark Ward resumed the Executive Committee meeting at 2:05PM.

#### **SPORT COORDINATOR REQUESTS**

##### **NFHS Uniform Rule Waivers**

**Girls Lacrosse** - A **motion to approve** a waiver to rule 2-13, 3, "side panel and trim around the neck for the 2012-2013 seasons" **carried**. Scholla/Harrica

**Field Hockey** - A **motion to approve** a waiver to rule 1-5-1, player uniforms, for the 2012-2014 seasons **carried**. Felice/Ryan-Curry

**Soccer** - A **motion to approve** a waiver to rule 4-1-1 i.e.; goal keeper jersey for the 2012-2014 seasons and a waiver to rule 4-1-1b: home white jerseys for the 2013-2015 seasons **carried**. Mosenthal/Staves

**Football** – A **motion to approve** a waiver to rule 1-5-1b, 6 and 7 for home and visiting jerseys for the 2012-2014 seasons **carried**. O'Brien/Slade

**Wrestling** – A **motion to approve** a waiver to rule 4-1-5 to allow tape on the chin straps and straps on the top of the head gear **carried**. Brewer/Ceruti

**Wrestling** – A **motion to approve** a waiver of the uniform rule during the month of February to permit pink ribbon(s) on the uniform in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness initiatives **carried**. Henshaw/DeCillis

**Girls Golf** – A **motion to approve** allowing competitors to use non-motorized push or pull carts during league, sectional or NYSPHSAA Championship competition **carried**. McGuire/Greene

#### **SECTION CONCERNS**

**Section 1** made a motion to extend the current NYSPHSAA fiscal recommendations to the 2012-2013 school year.

A **motion was defeated** to postpone the vote to the May Executive Committee meeting on extending the current NYSPHSAA fiscal recommendations to the 2012-2013 school year so that it could be brought back to the Sections for discussion. O'Brien/DeCillis

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 no; Section 2: 2 no; Section 3: 2 no; Section 4: 2 yes; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 no; Section 9: 2 no; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 12 No/10 Yes.)



A **motion to approve** to extend the current NYSPHSAA fiscal recommendations to the 2012-2013 school year **carried**. Peterson/Harrica

(The votes by Section were: Section 1: 2 yes; Section 2: 2 yes; Section 3: 2 yes; Section 4: 1 yes/1 no; Section 5: 2 yes; Section 6: 2 no; Section 7: 2 yes; Section 8: 2 yes; Section 9: 2 yes; Section 10: 2 yes; Section 11: 2 yes. 19 Yes/3 No.)

**Section 2.** A **motion to approve** the reduction of the required number of contests in Skiing from 6 contests to 3 contests for Sections 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10 **carried**. Hemstead/DeCillis

**Section 3.** A **motion to approve** the reduction of the required number of contests in Indoor Track from 6 contests to 4 contests for Sections 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11 **carried**.

**Section 7.** A **motion to approve** the reduction of the required number of contests in Indoor Track from 6 contests to 3 contests for Section 7 **carried**. Staves/Henshaw

**Section 8** voiced a concern with reconditioned football helmets. Companies that sell reconditioned helmets are telling them that after ten years, reconditioned helmets are not safe and they need to buy new ones. They would like this concern brought to the National Federation.

**Section 9.** A **motion to approve** the reduction of the required number of contests in Skiing from 6 contests to 4 contests for Section 9 **carried**. Greene/Lally

A **motion to approve** the reduction of the required number of contests in Girls Gymnastics from 6 contests to 4 contests for Section 9 **carried**. Greene/McGuire

**Section 11** voiced a concern with uniforms and uniform waivers. Many in their Section feel any type of uniform change that will require them to spend money should be given a waiver. They requested the issue of eliminating all Sectional uniforms and let athletes wear their school uniforms at the State Championships be brought back to Sections for discussion with a possible vote at the May Executive Committee meeting. They also stated a number of their Athletic Directors and Superintendents are questioning the costs associated with participating in State Championships. They requested all the Sections to discuss their feelings on curtailing, eliminating or putting a moratorium on State Championships and bring the information to the May Executive Committee meeting for discussion. They also requested the Sections to discuss better ways of selecting sites for our State Championships; possibly a more centralized location. Nina will survey the Sections to determine how Sections and schools cover the expenses related to championship events.

### COMBINING OF SCHOOLS

The following combining school teams have been approved by their respective leagues and sections for the 2011-2012 school year, and are presented for your information. (Eligibility Standard #6)

SECTION	SCHOOLS	SPORT
3	Pulaski & Sandy Creek	B. Soccer (V) B. Swimming (V)
	Sandy Creek, APW, Pulaski & South Jefferson	Ice Hockey (V)
	Watertown & Immaculate Heart Central	Ice Hockey (V)
	Oriskany, Holland Patent & Poland	Alpine Skiing (V)
	Milford & Cooperstown	B. Swimming (V)
	St. Johnsville & Oppenheim-Ephratah	G. Volleyball (V, JV, Mod.)
	Hamilton, Morrisville-Eaton, Stockbridge Valley & Madison	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	Union Springs & Port Byron	Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.)
	Madison & Waterville	B/G Golf (V)
	Hamilton & Morrisville-Eaton	Field Hockey (Mod.)
	Faith Heritage & LaFayette	G. Basketball (Mod.)
	Norwich, Utica, Hamilton, Waterville, VVS, S-E, Otselic Valley, Oneida,	
	Oriskany & Madison	Ice Hockey (V)
	Jordan-Elbridge & Solvay	Ice Hockey (V)

	ITC & Fowler Skaneateles & Manlius Pebble Hill Nottingham & Town of Webb Frankfort-Schuyler & Herkimer Henninger & Nottingham	B/G Indoor Track & Field (V) Alpine Skiing (V) Nordic Skiing (V) Wrestling (V) Baseball (V, JV) B. Lacrosse (V, JV) G. Lacrosse (JV, Mod.) Softball (V, JV) B. Tennis (V) Baseball (V, JV) B. Lacrosse (V, JV, Mod.) G. Lacrosse (JV, Mod.) Softball (V, JV) B. Tennis (V) G. Lacrosse (V)
	Corcoran, Fowler & ITC	
	Corcoran, Fowler, Henninger, ITC & Nottingham	
4	Afton/Bainbridge & Guilford	Indoor Track & Field (V, Mod.) Spring Track & Field (V, Mod.) Wrestling (V, JV, Mod.) B. Basketball (V, JV, Mod.) G. Soccer (V)
	Andes & South Kortright	All Sports Football (V, Mod.) Wrestling (Mod.) Football (V, JV, Mod.)
	Corning East & Corning West (Corning Painted Post) Deposit & Hancock	All Sports B/G Swimming (V, Mod.) B/G Swimming (Mod.) Indoor Track (V) Wrestling (V, Mod.)
	Edmeston & Unadilla Valley Elmira Free Academy & Elmira Southside Seton Catholic & Binghamton Sidney & Bainbridge-Guilford Union Springs & Port Byron	
7	Beekmantown & Chazy Beekmantown, Plattsburgh, Chazy, Saranac, Peru & Northeastern Clinton	B. Ice Hockey G. Ice Hockey
8	Lynbrook North MS & Lynbrook South MS Elmont Memorial, Floral Park, Carey, New Hyde Park & Sewanhaka	All Sports B. Golf (V) B/G Swimming (V) G. Gymnastics (V) B/G Bowling (V) Rifle (V) G. Tennis (V) Field Hockey (V, JV) Football (V, JV, Mod.) Football (Mod.) B/G Swimming (Mod.) Wrestling (Mod.) B/G Bowling (Mod.)
	Elmont Memorial, Floral Park, Carey & Sewanhaka Carey & Sewanhaka Carle Place & Wheatley Mattlin MS & Plainview-Old Bethpage MS	

Malverne & East Rockaway  
G. Tennis (V)  
B/G Soccer (V, JV)

Calhoun, Mephram, John F. Kennedy  
Rifle (V)  
B. Swimming (V)  
B/G Bowling (V)

Turtle Hook & Lawrence Road  
Levittown Division & MacArthur  
Carey & New Hyde Park  
Elmont Memorial, Floral Park & Sewanhaka  
B. Swimming  
B. Swimming  
Wrestling (V, JV)  
Wrestling (V, JV)

9 Dissolve the merger of Livingston Manor & Roscoe for B/G Basketball – All Levels

11 Mattituck & Southold (Revision...was Mattituck/Southold/Greenport) B. Lacrosse (V, JV)  
East Hampton, Bridgehampton & Pierson B. Tennis (V, JV)  
East Hampton & Bridgehampton B. Tennis (Mod.)

#### 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
3	06-12-12	Gordon Ohstrom Senior All-Star Game – B. Lacrosse
4	11-23-11	Ernie Davis Section IV All Stars-Football
5	03-23-12	LCAA Sr. All-Star Contest-B/G Basketball
6	03-09-12 03-21-12 03-24-12	Niagara Orleans vs. Genesee Region Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball Chautauqua County Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball Cheektowaga Lions Sr. All-Star Contest-G. Basketball
7	03-13-12	CVAC Boys & Girls Senior Basketball Game
9	11-17/18-12	Section 9 Sr. All-Star Contest-Football
10	03-20-12 03-20-12	Section 10 Sr. All-Star Game-B/G Basketball Section 10 Sr. All-Star Game-B. Ice Hockey

#### FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOR

A motion to approve the following application for NYSPHSAA Friend and Neighbor status **carried**.

Vulpis/Carboine

#### Section 8

Yeshiva Derech Hatorah  
321 Avenue New York  
Brooklyn, NY 11210  
Grades 9-12

**NEW MEMBER**

A **motion to approve** the following application for NYSPHSAA Membership **carried.** Henshaw/Slade

**Section 5**

Destiny Christian School  
1876 Elmwood Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14620  
Grades 7-10

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

**Handbook Committee.** Chairperson Robbie Greene presented the report.

- The committee met on January 12, 2012 by telephone conference.

**Constitution Committee**

- The Handbook Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the NYSPHSAA, Inc. RECOMMENDATIONS (Handbook, pages 28-29) by the Constitution Committee and recommends approval by the Executive Committee.

**Appeal Process Fees**

- The committee discussed the Appeal Procedure cost sharing formula which states the Appellant pays for one half of the expenses incurred by the panel and the remaining half is paid for by the Section and NYSPHSAA. The current procedure does not address telephone conference appeals.

A **motion to approve** the committee's recommendation that a fee of \$300.00 be set for a telephone conference call appeal which will be paid for in full by the Appellant **carried.** Greene/Bergman

**Proposed Olympic Provision**

- The committee discussed the unique conflicts that a select number of student athletes are faced with when attempting to qualify for the Olympic Trials.

A **motion to approve** the following additional language to the College Rule **carried.** Greene/Lally

*"Prior to competition, the NYSPHSAA Executive Director may grant an exemption of the College Rule for an individual sport athlete when vying for a standard that would qualify them for the Olympic trials and/or Olympic Games when this opportunity is not offered through New York State Public High School Athletic Association and/or the National Federation of State High School Associations. The exemption would permit a student to participate as an "unattached" individual with no affiliation to their school team in a competition against open and college competitors in an approved competition set forth by the Olympic Committee without violating the College Rule".*

**Membership in NYSPHSAA**

- The committee discussed drafting language which would require all interscholastic athletic programs sponsored by NYSPHSAA member schools to compete within the NYSPHSAA structure and abide by all approved rules and regulations.

**Charter Schools**

- The committee is seeking input from the Sections to gauge if the current rules and regulations are working for their Charter School members.

### **Correspondence**

- The committee received suggestions for a Camp Rule for High Schools and Athletic Shopping. They will be discussing these topics at the next Handbook Committee meeting. The committee is seeking input regarding these topics from the membership.

### **Other**

- The Handbook Committee thanked Bonnie Smith for her 5 ½ years of service on the committee and wished her well in retirement. They also thanked her for her insight and positive contributions to the interscholastic athletic program.

### **Future Meeting**

- The next meeting of the Handbook Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 10:00AM via conference call.

### **Budget Committee.** Executive Director Nina Van Erk presented the report.

- Reported she is currently working on the 2012-2013 budget.
- Reviewed a list of ideas solicited from the staff for cost reductions and increased revenues.
- Asked if anyone had suggestions or other ideas to reduce expenditures or increase revenue to please contact her.

### **Safety Committee.** Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

- Reminded Sections to have a discussion with their safety and football representative regarding the nights rest rule for scrimmages. The Safety Committee has discussed four nights rest between scrimmages and games. The topic will be discussed in the Spring by the Safety Committee with input from the Football Committee.
- The Safety and Baseball Committees have recommended to change the required number of baseball practices for a team to 10 for a scrimmage and 15 for a game at all levels to be consistent with the number of practices required for the pitcher and catcher.

**A motion to approve** a change in the required number of baseball practices for a team to 10 for a scrimmage and 15 for a game at all levels effective with the 2012 spring season **carried.** Vulpis/Hemstead

- Reminded that with many league, sectional and state championship meets coming up in the sport of wrestling, school districts must continue to be diligent in preventing the spread of skin infections. A recommended guideline has been sent to all school districts to follow if they have a confirmed case(s) of a skin infection.

### **Modified Committee.** Assistant Director Todd Nelson presented the report.

- The following items will be discussed at the Spring Modified Committee meeting: Modified Football kick-off pilot; awards for Modified events that involve multiple schools; pitch count for baseball and the Modified/JV Pilot program.
- Every Section should have a discussion on each of these topics prior to the Modified meeting. Please include the Modified representative and any other representative that may be directly related to the topic. Contact Todd with any questions.

### **Championship Advisory Committee.** Past President Dr. James Tolle presented the report and recommendations of the committee.

- Reported the committee met on Thursday, January 12, 2012 via conference call.

**A motion to approve** the Class D realignment in Softball with the cut-off date of March 15 for Sections to announce if they will have any Class D schools **carried.** Slade/Felice

A **motion to approve** the revised Girls Swimming and Diving Qualifying Standards for the 2012 State Championships **carried**. Greene/Redmond

- The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 9:30AM via conference call.

#### **Transfer Committee.**

- The Committee met on December 6, 2011 and January 9, 2012.

#### **Multiple High School Districts**

- Members of the committee did not feel a language change was necessary regarding transfers in a multiple high school district. Therefore, any student living in a multiple high school district declares the district of residence once they enroll and enter the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Any subsequent transfer would be subject to the Transfer Rule.

#### **Hardship Waivers**

- The committee debated the purpose and the need for the current hardship waivers. Since the majority of financially based transfers fall under the District of Residence Waiver, the committee discussed that the Financial Hardship be eliminated from the rule. The committee will include financial hardship with the guidelines for undue hardship. Regarding academic hardship, the committee felt this is a topic of great concern. After considerable discussion and debate, the committee was split as to whether the Association should eliminate the Academic Hardship Waiver. A straw vote of the committee members was too close to move forward with a specific recommendation so committee members were asked to seek input from the schools in their respective Sections. The committee will meet in March to provide enough time for the representatives to present the pros and cons of this issue. This will enable the committee to make an informed recommendation to the Executive Committee at the May meeting.
- The next meeting of the Transfer Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at 9:00AM via conference call.

### **REPORTS FROM EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS**

**State Education Department.** Executive Director Nina Van Erk presented the written report.

#### **New Guidelines for Concussion Management**

- Guidelines are under review and due to come out before July 1, 2012.

#### **New Guidelines for Health Appraisals (Health Exams)**

- Anticipate release in early summer.
- Asking more detailed questions related to concussion and cardiac history on the health history recommended sample form.
- The process will not change.

#### **Advanced Athletic Placement (soon to be formerly known as Selection Classification)**

- Anticipate release in early spring.
- When it is released, communication will follow.

#### **Regents Reform Agenda Items**

- Please see NYSED website (<http://engageny.org/>) for continuous updates and clarifications on information with Common Core Standards, data-driven instruction, Student Learning Objectives or teacher and leader effectiveness.

#### **Pay to Play**

- Reminded school districts **cannot** institute a "pay to play" policy for athletics.

#### **Current Selection/Classification Requests**

- Reminded to include the required forms, filled out completely and legibly if applying for a selection and classification waiver to SED for an athlete.
- Please include your email address somewhere on the forms for a quick response, otherwise it will be

mailed.

- The following forms need to be included either by email attachment, mailed or faxed (518-473-4884):
  - Individual Athletic Profile form
  - Special Approval Request Application
  - Special Case Form (only if athlete is rated below required standard)

**Applying to be an Approved Agency/Instructor for the Coaching Courses**

- For information on how to become an approved agency to provide the coaching courses, contact Darryl at [ddaily@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:ddaily@mail.nysed.gov).

**NYSED Coaching and FA/CPR Approved Agency (Renewals)**

- In order to maintain status as an approved provider of the NYSED Coaching and FA/CPR courses, all agencies are required to submit an agency instructor evaluation form for each instructor in their agency. These are to be sent to SED every January to maintain agency approval status. If no classes have been taught this fall, a blank form should be sent indicating this and approval will be maintained. If your agency did not receive the form or did not send in, please contact Darryl ASAP. This is only required of those agencies issuing NYSED certificates.

**Student Teaching and Coaching**

- The process regarding Physical Education student teachers and temporary coaching requirements is currently under review at SED with the Office of Teacher Certification after receiving recent requests for clarification from NYSAHPERD, NYSCPPE and several colleges.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Internal Audit** - A motion to approve authorizing Executive Director Nina Van Erk to develop a Request for Proposal for quotes and bids for an internal audit of the Association **carried.** Henshaw/Lally

**Money Purchase Plan** - The Association was informed that contributions were not made on behalf of two employees who, by definition of our Money Purchase Plan, were eligible to participate in the plan. As a result, Marvin and Co. was notified to research the issue and determined we need to contribute \$88,549.14 to the Money Purchase Plan immediately.

A motion to approve the Association to contribute \$88,549.14 to the Money Purchase Plan by January 31, 2012 **carried.** Harrica/Felice

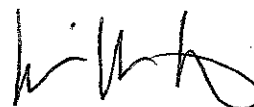
A motion to accept the retirement of Kathleen Hagle, NYSPHSAA Treasurer, effective May 31, 2012 **carried.** Bergman/DeCillis

A motion denying the request for payment of 75% of individual post-retirement health insurance premiums and emolument for service based on the lack of required ten years of service as per NYSPHSAA employee handbook **carried.** Carboine/Redmond

A motion to approve directing the Executive Director to reduce the position of Treasurer to part-time and/or outsource duties of the position effective June 1, 2012 **carried.** Scholla/Harrica

A motion to approve the adjournment of the January 2012 Executive Committee meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 3:20PM **carried.** O'Brien/Mosenthal

Respectfully submitted,



Nina Van Erk  
Executive Director