

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 13, 2011

Flag Salute

Roll Call / Introduction of Press

The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at the NJSIAA Administration Building in Robbinsville, New Jersey, was called to order by the President, James Loper, at 11:25 am.

The following members were present: Gregory Bailey, Bill Bruno, Peter Bruno, Earl Clymer, Elizabeth Cresci, Douglas deMarrais, Tom Dowd, Marty Flynn, Dave Frazier, Joe Galliera, Arthur Griffa, Darren Groh, Abdul Hassan, Thomas Holt, Dr. Matthew Jamison, Dr. Mark Jones, Msgr. Michael Kelly, Joe Lennon, Laurie Markowski, Tony Mongelluzzo, Rona McNabola, Christopher Mullins, Patrick Murphy, Rod Sharpless, Paul Spaventa, and William Vacca. Also present: Steven Timko, Executive Director, Kim DeGraw-Cole, Larry White, Jack DuBois, Assistant Directors; Gary Zarrilli, Business Administrator/Accounting Manager; Dr. Johnson W. Harmon, Project Manager; and Michael J. Herbert, Esq., NJSIAA Counsel. The following sportswriters were in attendance: Darren Cooper, *Record*; Mike Moretti and Jackie Friedman, *Star-Ledger*; Mike McGarry, *AC Press*; Phil Anastasia, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and Steven Falk, *Asbury Park Press*. Also present: Paul Anzano of Pringle, Quinn, Anzano, P.C., and Kathryn Forsyth, NJSIAA Public Information Consultant.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Pete Bruno, seconded by Rona McNabola, to accept the minutes of the February 16, 2011 Executive Committee meeting. Motion passed with one abstention.

Out-of-State Competition/All-Star Games

A listing of Bordering State Sanctions and National Federation Sanctions was given for informational purposes.

Executive Committee President Jim Loper opened the meeting commending the Wrestling Committee and Directors for an enjoyable wrestling tournament in Atlantic City. Mr. Loper also had the opportunity to attend a number of tournament basketball games and felt they were some of the best he has ever seen. He praised the Directors for the amount of time and effort extended in order to make the winter tournaments enjoyable for all in attendance.

Executive Director Update – Steven J. Timko

Steve Timko introduced Gary Zarrilli, new NJSIAA Business Administrator/Accounting Manager, to the Committee. Mr. Zarrilli was chosen out of over 143 applicants for this new NJSIAA position.

Steve went over the results of the winter tournaments. (Results were distributed in reports by the Directors.)

In addition to our existing internal policy, setting forth rules designed to preclude conflicts of interest, the Finance Committee proposed that the NJSIAA develop and adopt a Code of Ethics. The first draft of the Code of Ethics was given to the Committee for their approval. Bill Bruno made a motion to approve the first reading of the Code of Ethics, Dave Frazier seconded. Motion passed to approve the first reading.

Steve explained to the Committee that the NJSIAA was one of thirteen states to enter into an agreement with a Licensing Resource Group about a year ago. This agreement stipulates that the Group would split a portion of its profits with the NFHS, NJSIAA, and NJSIAA member schools from the sale of certain merchandise with a particular hang tag sold in local Wal-Mart stores. Last year, a memo was sent out to Member Schools informing them that they would be included in this agreement unless we heard back from them that they did not want to participate. However, to continue in the program, schools will have to sign an agreement and return it to us by June 30th indicating whether or not they wish to participate in the program for the 2011-2012 school year. Wal-Mart will only carry the merchandise in areas that sign the agreement.

We recently received a check for \$10,000 from this Licensing Group; \$9,000 of which would go to participating member schools. Rather than send everyone involved a check, the NJSIAA proposes to give schools a credit for their outstanding financial obligations. If a school is clear of any debts, a check will be issued.

At this time, we need a golf course for the North Non-Public Sectional Tournament.

Steve thanked everyone for their cooperation during the steroid testing for the winter sports.

The Advisory Committee is planning to meet today and there are 18 pieces of legislation to review.

A motion was made to accept the following representatives as new members of the Advisory Committee for 2011-2012:

Mercer County	Ken Mason, Athletic Director, Lawrence High School
Bergen County	Tom Kaechele, Athletic Director, Northern Valley Reg. High School
Monmouth County	Randy Westrol, Athletic Director, Holmdel High School
Union County	Michael A. Sandor, Athletic Director, Union High School
Warren County	Gregory Troxell, Principal, Phillipsburg High School

Bill Bruno made the motion to accept, seconded by Marty Flynn. Motion passed.

Steve congratulated Bill Edelman for a great job in organizing this year's Directors of Athletics Workshop in Atlantic City. He and the other Directors felt it was exceptional with some of the best speakers and outstanding course offerings.

The NJSIAA is working with the Ray Festa Melanoma Foundation in getting information to our member schools about living sun smart and skin cancer prevention. Member schools are encouraged to support this initiative.

At this point in the meeting, Steve spoke of the confidential report mailed to members of the Executive Committee to update them on new findings regarding Assemblyman John Burzichelli, the SCI and the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA). On Sunday, a report was released in the newspapers indicating that Mr. Burzichelli communicated with officials from the NJSBA to devise a plan to phase in oversight of interscholastic athletics to the NJSBA well before the State Commission of Investigation (SCI) report was issued. The NJSIAA compiled the report with e-mail exchanges between Assemblyman Burzichelli, NJSBA Director of Governmental Relations, Michael Vrancik and NJSBS Executive Director, Marie Bilik, among others. The e-mails were obtained through an Open Public Records Act request by the NJSIAA, through our Attorney, Michael Herbert.

Since the State Commission of Investigation report came out, the NJSIAA has taken numerous steps to address the issues raised by the SCI. However, unless we can raise our tournament ticket prices, we will run out of money and the NJSIAA will no longer be able to operate. Discussion

ensued and many members had suggestions as to what we should be doing to spread the word about the positive things our organization does.

Assistant Director Reports

Due to the lengthy discussion that had just taken place, the Executive Committee was asked to review the Assistant Director's written reports which were included in the packet.

Finance Report

The checkbook register for February and March 2011 was not included with the Executive Committee mailing package sent out in advance of the meeting. It was decided at the last minute not to make 50 copies of each report (35 pages) for hand out on the day of the Executive Committee Meeting. Christopher Mullins from the Hazlet Board of Education objected that the copies were not provided. He commented that any check payments should be held until the Executive Committee approved the payments. Therefore, the motion to approve the checkbook for February and March was rescinded. It was decided to send copies of the checkbook via email and request approval of the checkbook via return email. The Finance Committee will discuss further the proper method of distribution in the future.

Adjournment - There being no further business, a motion was made for adjournment by Rona McNabola, seconded by Arthur Griffa. Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Timko
Executive Director

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