In compliance with Executive Order 107, the Executive Committee meeting was held remotely via Cisco’s WebEx Meetings platform. The meeting agenda was modified to address only critical updates and necessary measures to be voted on by the Committee.

Roll Call / Introduction of Press
The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, was called to order by the President, Mary Liz Ivins, at 11:00 am.

The following members identified themselves as being present: Mohammed Abdelaziz, Heather Andersen, Tom Berrios, Maureen Bilda, Joseph Bollendorf, Kevin Carty, Jason Corley, Joanne Dzama, Judy Finch Johnson, James Gaffney, Edward Grande, Robert Grauso, Oscar Guerrero, Robert Haraka, Kurt Karcich, Monsignor Michael Kelly, Raymond Kiem, Howard Krieger, Bill McDermott, Timothy McElhinney, Dominick Miletta, Tony Mitchell, Tom Mullahy, Michael Nitti, Leon Owen, Michael Pellegrino, Christopher Penna, William Quirk, Scott Ridley, Senator Paul Sarlo, Steve Shohfi, Vincent Smith, Frank Torcasio, Beverly Torok, Bill Vacca, Paul Vizzuso, Kathy Whalen, Denis Williams, Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly, and Dr. Brian Zychowski. Also present: Larry White, Executive Director; Kim Cole, Jack DuBois, Bill Bruno, Tony Maselli, and Al Stumpf, Assistant Directors; Colleen Maguire, Director of Finance; Michael Zapicchi, Project Manager; Steven Goodell, Esq., NJSIAA Counsel. Also present: Paul Anzano of Pringle, Quinn, Anzano, P.C., and Scott Miccio, Parker McCay P.A.

Members of the press were allowed to dial-in to listen, but were unable to identify themselves on the phone.

Winter Sports Update – Al Stumpf and Kim Cole
Basketball Update (Al Stumpf):
- Sectional Championships- Boys and Girls – 20 Sectional Titles were determined in the NJSIAA Basketball Tournament. The Non -Public Boys and Girls North and South Sectional Championships were completed on March 11, 2020.
- Play for the Public State Group Championships began on March 11 and 12 at the pre-determined sites.
- On March 12, 2020 at the pre-determined sites the following safety procedures were put into place- NO Spectators were allowed in the gyms. Only essential school personnel, officials, limited media and the teams were present in the gyms.
- All measures and precautions that were implemented for the March 12, 2020 games were in response to the information and practices that were recommended by the State Department of Health and the CDC.
- Late in the evening of March 12, 2020, the NJSIAA made the announcement to cancel the remainder of the Group Finals and Tournament of Champions. While a very difficult decision, we were dealing with very rapidly changing circumstances and due to the increasing uncertainties facing our member schools, our student-athletes and our host facilities, we no longer were able to see a viable path to the completion of the Group Championships during the upcoming weekend. Again, this was a difficult week and a very difficult decision to cancel the remainder of the tournament.
Wrestling Update (Kim Cole):
- Individual Tournament in AC 3/5, 6, 7. Due to the breaking news of the coronavirus outbreak (early stages), the NJSIAA followed the CDC guidelines, met with Boardwalk Hall management to follow CDC recommendations put practices in place to protect the wrestlers and spectators.
- It was evident that our attendance numbers were down from past years and certainly the breaking news of the coronavirus outbreak may have been one of the contributing factors.

Spring Sports Plans – Tony Maselli

On March 16, 2020, the governor issued Executive Order 104, which requires that “all public, private, and parochial ... secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, shall be closed to students beginning on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and shall remain closed as long as this Order remains in effect.”

There will be no interscholastic athletic competition until schools reopen. When they do, the NJSIAA will make every effort to take advantage of whatever part of the spring sports season remains, including holding championships. The NJSIAA remains committed to providing student-athletes as many opportunities as possible.

Spring Sports Plan
- Following the governors executive order
- Directors currently working out several scenarios
- NJSIAA is committed to provide some type of championships

Scholar-Athlete Luncheon Update – Jack DuBois

The 2020 NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete Luncheon is cancelled. Member schools are encouraged to submit their nomination. The submission deadline has been extended to Friday May 15th. Scholar-Athletes will receive a certificate and gift but no monetary award this year.

Office Status Update – Colleen Maguire

The NJSIAA office is currently operating in accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order 107. All staff have remote access to their email, and the Directors are working remotely. Limited staff come to the office only when necessary for critical functions.

Financial Status Update – Colleen Maguire

Earlier this morning, the Finance Committee hosted its own WebEx meeting. The key updates from this meeting are as follows:
- Total revenues and net income will be under budget for the fall and winter season. I do not have the final numbers for the winter season, but due to the cancellation of the B/G basketball tournament, I anticipate a substantial shortfall relative to the budget. The spring sports season is the Association’s most profitable season...total budgeted revenues are $615,000 while total budgeted net profit is $120,000.
- The Association’s current cash position is adequate but relies on cash inflows to help offset payroll and critical bill payments over the next three months.
- The collection of accounts receivable will slow; however, the amounts in the significantly aged categories are minimal relative to the total accounts receivable balance.
• The Association’s reserves will be depleted for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, it is too early to
tell just how much of the reserve balance will be used. However, a significant amount is
anticipated if there is no income from spring tournaments.

**Communication Plans – Tony Maselli**

All essential meetings will be conducted via Cisco WebEx. All non-essential meetings are
postponed, and each director will reach out with plan. Plan on using Cisco Webex more moving
forward and also plan on utilizing the exec conference room for virtual/recorded meetings.

**NFHS Update – Larry White**

Conducting all rules and board meetings via Zoom. NFHS Staff has not made a decision as to
Annual Summer Conference meeting or other summer meetings. The NFHS is in communication
with lobbyists in D.C. about stimulus package for small businesses, specific to state athletic
associations. Section 1 – currently hosting meetings via conference call and GoToMeeting on
Mondays. All of the states in Section 1 are still hoping to conduct spring sports seasons.

**Annual Meeting Update – Steve Goodell**

Scheduled for May 4, but it is likely it will not be an in person meeting, so starting to explore how
it can be done virtually. Questions to be addressed:

- Can we hold it virtually on May 4?
- If not, can we adjourn that meeting to a date in June?
- If it can’t be done in May or June, should we do it next September?

Important to get meeting in - marks the end of the year and three pieces of legislation need to be
voted on. Sectional meetings must be rearranged which are supposed to be in April. We will
have them virtually (most likely 3 of them – North, Central, South) and they will be done in some
form of virtual meeting. We will do everything we can do to get it in before the end of the school
year but must remain flexible.

**Emergency Powers Approval – Steve Goodell**

Motion from Vinny Smith and second from Bev Torok. Purpose of the Association is to provide
rules for smooth operation of sports. Now, smooth operation requires modification of those rules.
This resolution gives E.D. or his designee power to make certain emergency decisions, with
approval of the officers. Resolution also gives Director of Finance ability to take actions to keep
organization afloat, with check and balance of finance committee. Resolution is limited in time to
that period that the organization is not able to function normally.

A roll call vote was taken, the results were 37-yes, 0-no and 1-abstain.

**Proposed Legislative Changes – Steve Goodell**

Program Review committee met on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, and unanimously endorsed all
three proposals.

**Changes to Bona Fide Transfer Date (Bylaw Change – First Reading):**
Motion from Mohammed Abdelaziz and second from Billy Vacca. Kim Cole informed the
Committee that this legislation seeks to change the following bona fide transfer deadlines: fall
date from July 1 to August 1, winter date from October 1 to November 1 and spring date from
February 1 to March 1. These changes were in response to feedback from the member schools.
A roll call vote was taken, the results were 37-yes, 0-no and 1-abstain. Motion approved on first reading.

**Changes to transfer affidavit form:**
Motion from Steve Shohfi and second from Rob Haraka. Kim Cole informed the Committee that affidavit form needs to be changed in order to identify where the student-athlete lived prior to the transfer, and with whom. All present were in favor, there were no abstentions. Motion approved on one reading.

**Out of Season Participation Changes (Rules and Regulations Changes – First Reading):**
Motion from Billy Vacca and second from Mohammed Abdelaziz. Tony Maselli informed the Committee that the Out of Season Committee (OSC) is recommending approval of the following five amendments to the NJSIAA Rules and Regulations. The OSC solicited input from a number of athletic directors concerning coaches’ contact with student-athletes, strength and conditioning, open gym programs, faculty games, eighth grade contact and summer restrictions.

The five sections of the NJSIAA Program Regulations to be amended are:
- Intramurals strength & conditioning
- Open gym programs
- Faculty games
- Eighth grade contact additions
- Summer recess

The OSC formed two years ago is tasked to change and clarify various sections of the rules and regulations, specifically as it pertains to out of season guidelines for schools and coaches. The recommendations reflect the “does it make sense anymore” philosophy of the OSC committee.

A roll call vote was taken, the results were 37-yes, 0-no and 1-abstain. Motion approved on first reading.

**Questions and Concerns – Mary Liz Ivins**

Q: Will we extend season through end of June into July?
A: Steve Goodell – many problems will have to be overcome. Staff believes we can be creative if that is what members are asking for, but, i.e. school year ends June 30th. Don’t know if that will be waived. Will schools be in session? Will schools want to support or promote schools in the summer?
Comments: All budgets end on June 30th – if you go into July, will the BOE backload it? Not sure BAs will allow sports into July. Seniors on varsity teams that will graduate. Are we going to bring those kids back in July? Probably not. Wouldn’t be fair to them.

Q: Is EAC meeting on May 6?
A: Kim Cole – not sure yet. We have eligibility committee receiving cases next Tuesday, so we could have some appeals. We also have some potential athletic advantage appeals. We are keeping May 6 on hold, but it will be determined at a later date.

Q: Update on NCAA SAT requirement for graduating class of 2020?
A: Colleen Maguire – NJSIAA has not seen any updates from the NCAA but will post any information as soon as anything is announced.

Mary Liz adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:30pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Larry L. White
Executive Director