Attendees:

Carl Weigner  Gus Kalikas
Sharon Hughes  Scott Ferry
Ann Clifton  Greg Bauer
Louis Papa  Jamy Thomas
John Fraraccio  Tony Mitchell
Carl Buffalino
Michael Pellegrino  Rich Roche
Brad Bauer  Bud Kowal
Steve Jenkins  Kevin Murphy
Steve Gazdek  Buddy Micucci
Dan Smith  Derryk Sellers
Andy Fitz
Tim Liddy  Daniel Uszari
Denis Nelson  John Germano
Dave Pepe  Howie O’Neil
Ken Schoudt  Bill Librera

Steven J. Timko

- Steve opened up the meeting with introductions of all the directors and attendees. Steve welcomed the newest NJSIAA Assistant Director Al Stumpf to the committee and also thanked Colleen Maguire for all her hard work organizing the improvements to the NJSIAA office over the summer months.

Team Life Representatives

- Jack DuBois introduced the Founder and President of Team Life, James C. Schatzle. Mr. Schatzle made a brief presentation of what Team Life can offer to your school. They provide all levels of training in CPR/AED/First Aid and team building exercise and presentations. They are an AED Distributor & Supplier. All units arrive at the school rescue ready and comprehensive site assessments are included in the service. More information on this program can be found on [www.teamlife.com](http://www.teamlife.com) or by calling 732-946-4243.
Wrestling Proposal

- Steve Timko addressed the officers letting them know that the proposal was “not” subject to debate. He informed the officers, wrestling region presidents and committee members that the purpose of bringing them into the meeting today was so that they heard the proposal first hand as opposed to reading it in the newspaper. The original realignment proposal was vetoed by the Commissioner, however, a change still needed to be made. The following proposal will be voted on by the Executive Committee in September and if it passes the realignment will begin this year and will be in effect for 2 years. One of the changes made were allowing 8 teams to qualify for team tournaments verses 6 in the past. Home sites will pick up all costs on Monday and Wednesdays for the quarterfinals and semifinals. The NJSIAA will cover the sectional finals on Friday and the Group Finals on Sunday in Toms River, NJ. The wrestling committee approved a 4th place region winner to advance to the States in Atlantic City. (Additional 112 wrestlers). The wrestling committee and a subcommittee worked on this proposal for 5 months to make these changes. Kim DeGraw Cole outlined the proposal to the committee, she emphasized that this change will make progress and balance in the sport of Wrestling. The main goal is to make the sport better. She went into detail on how they came up with the new proposal with the 8 regions. Discussions ensued on various topics of the proposal. Some conferences had positive feedback and others did not.

Conference Topics

- **Tri County Conference**
  - Question regarding using endzone camera angle in game on sideline. Is this permitted or just press box view (due to limitations of coaching box)? Yes, it is legal.
  - Hiring guidelines in Constitution/By-Laws. Are these updated to current NJ Code? No, page 87 & 88 of the Constitution will be addressed and needs to be updated.
  - School physician approval of physicals. Is there some history to this code? Why are we requiring a physician that has never seen a student to approve what another physician has approved? Seems to be a bit redundant and physicians groups in our area are not bidding on contract and major concern is assuming this liability for a student when they haven’t seen the student. Jamy Thomas brought up an issue at a particular school in the Tri County Conference where they are having trouble hiring an onsite physician. A discussion ensued as to the pros and cons of having a school physician make the final decision on whether or not a student is cleared to play a sport. Steve Timko suggested sending him an email that he will forward to Jack Kripsack on the NJSIAA Medical Advisory Committee to see if he has any insight or guidance on the above situation.

- **Carl Weigner**
  - Does the NJSIAA have a policy on Opiods? No, we have guidelines, we do not have a policy.
Larry White Report

- A handout was provided as to the NJSIAA Officials Public Service Announcements and an additional handout with an explanation of Trimesters. Please make copies of these handouts and provide it to the schools in your conferences.
- Part 2 of FAQ’s – Eligibility “The Eligibility Waiver Process” was provided to all of the officers to handout to their schools.
- Larry White provided a detailed report of his sports for the 2016-2017 school year. Girls Volleyball, Gymnastics, Bowling, Boys Volleyball, Boys/Girls Basketball and Baseball. If you have any questions pertaining to these specific sports please contact Larry White at lwhite@njsiaa.org

Jack DuBois Report

- Basic First Aid Certification is required for all coaches starting the 2016 school year upon renewal of their CPR/AED Certification. With the implantation of this first aid requirement no coaches will be grandfathered from this requirement.
- Sportsmanship Banners will be presented at the November League & Conference Meeting this year. If you have not provided us with your schools please email Jenny Yelle at jyelle@njsiaa.org as soon as possible so that the banners can be distributed to the well deserving high schools.
- Please check the website for the following upcoming workshops:
  - Wednesday August 17, 2016 NJSIAA/DAANJ Athletic Directors Course held at the NJSIAA Office.
  - Tuesday September 13, 2016 or Monday September 26, 2016 Eligibility, Policies and Procedures held at the NJSIAA Office.
  - Tuesday September 20, 2016 Unified Sports. Please see Al Stumpf’s Report for information pertaining to this workshop
- All Registration Forms are available on our website, please be sure to register prior to the deadline.
- This year’s Football Championship schedule will go as follows.
  - 10 Games at MetLife Stadium
  - 4 Games at Kean University
  - 4 Games at Rutgers University
  - 5 Games at Rowan University

Kim DeGraw-Cole Report

- School Manager and the AD Forum will now allow access to Assistant Athletic Directors, Secretaries, etc. Permission to access the above will be at the discretion of the Athletic Director.
- Please be sure to update your coach’s emails in school manager. We would like to launch a forum for coaches. Several schools have the generic email “abc.com.” It is very important that this information is up to date and complete.
- All dates for the upcoming fall season are posted on our website.
- Athletic Director Sports Committee Representatives by Conferences need to be sent in to Jenny Yelle at jyelle@njsiaa.org as soon as possible. A chart was provided to the officers showing what slots have been filled and what slots need to be filled.
- Classifications for the Fall Season are available on the website.
• A copy of the General Tournament Regulations was provided. All of the sport specific regulations will be posted on the website under that particular sport.
• A handout was provided with an up to date list of dates for Kim’s sports for the 2016-2017 school year. Girls/Boys Tennis, Softball and Girls Lacrosse. Please contact Kim DeGraw Cole at kcole@njsiaa.org with any questions.
• Please provide your Conference Alignments to our office as soon as possible. You can forward that information to Jenny Yelle at jyelle@njsiaa.org
• Site Changes will be posted on the AD Forum.
• The Softball Tournament of Champions has been approved for the 2017 Season.
• Girls Lacrosse Classifications Proposal will be voted on in September. If passed, it will change the Tournament Dates due to the awarding of a Sectional Title in addition to the Group and ToC.

Bill Bruno Report

• Bill Bruno provided a handout as to some important changes for the 2016 XC Season.
• The Entry Procedure has changed. Directions were provided on page 2 of the handout. Entries will now be made at nj.milesplit.com
• Entry Deadlines will now be the same for both Public and Non-Public Schools. The deadline is October 19, 2016.
• Rule Change
  Section 10. Jewelry.
  Effective September 1, 2016 we will adhere to the NFHS Rules and Regulations as to watches. Watches will be permitted, please refer to NFHS Rule 4-6-5 Note #2. *The use of a watch worn around the wrist is not considered an aid for racing.* Religious medals and medical alert medallions must be taped to the body.
• Team Qualifications for the Meet of Champions will now include a wildcard team, we will not add 10 more overall individual runners to this year’s Meet of Champions as previously discussed.
• Classifications are online. Please visit our website at www.njsiaa.org click on schools and individual sports for Classifications.
• XC Dates have been provided in your handout.

Al Stumpf Report

• Al Stumpf went over the Unified Sports Program which is a partnership between the NJSIAA and NJ Special Olympics. This program is a work in progress. Al has attended a few meetings over the summer at the NJ Special Olympics office to become better acquainted with the program and what is has to offer. The main goal for this upcoming school year are 3 championship events. Fall 2016-Soccer; Winter 2017-TBD; Spring 2016-Track & Field. A hand out was provided with more specific details.
• A workshop will be held at the NJSIAA Office on September 20, 2016 at 9:30 am titled “Legal Liability and Athletics: Inclusive Athletics and Physical Education for ALL Students: Best Practices and Legal Requirements” The application to attend this event is due on September 16, 2016. Any questions please contact Al Stumpf at astumpf@njsiaa.org
Mike Zapicchi Report

- Compliance Update: A handout was provided of the 2015-2016 Report on Compliance Initiative. The handout included specific details on how the program works, schools visited, a list of schools that had new athletic directors and the goals achieved during the first year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mike Zapicchi at mzappichhi@njsiaa.org
- This year we will have 2 new site monitors, Frank Noppenberger and Stan Fryczynski.
- Please provide via email a list of all new athletic directors in your conference. It is very important that we have this information so that our site monitors schedule a visit to all new AD’s.
- Constitution Update: Changes are being made to the Constitution and will be implanted for the 2017-2018 School Year. There will be no change to the content of the Constitution, this effort is to solely update the current information.
- Please send your Conference Constitution & By-Laws to Jenny Yelle at jyelle@njsiaa.org as soon as possible. Our attorney, Steve Goodell has requested this information.

The next League & Conference Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016