EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 12, 2018

Flag Salute

Roll Call - The meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at the NJSIAA Administration Building in Robbinsville, New Jersey, was called to order by the President, Vincent Smith, at 11:06 am.

The following members were present: Heather Andersen, Greg Bailey, Joseph Bollendorf, Dr. Brian Brotschul, Kevin Carty, Jr., Teri Connor, Suzanne Cooley, Jason Corley, Joanne Dzama, Judy Finch Johnson, James Gaffney, Dr. William George, Edward Grande, Robert Grauso, Robert Haraka, Mary Liz Ivins, Monsignor Michael Kelly, Chuck Klaus, Howard Krieger, Timothy McElhinney, Elaine McGrath, Tony Mitchell, Thomas Mullahey, Michael Nitti, Leon Owen, Michael Pellegrino, Sue Petrone, Paul Popadiuk, William Quirk, Philip Schaffer, Steve Shohfi, Beverly Torok, Bill Vacca, Todd VanOrden, Paul Vizzuso, Kathy Whalen, Denis Williams, Scott Wohlrab and Dr. Brian Zychowski. Also present: Larry L. White, Executive Director; Kim DeGraw-Cole, Jack DuBois, Bill Bruno, Al Stumpf and Tony Maselli, Assistant Directors; Colleen Maguire, Director of Finance; Michael Zapicchi, Project Manager; and Steven P. Goodell, Esq., NJSIAA Counsel. The following sportswriters were in attendance: Steve Falk, Asbury Park Press: Darren Cooper, NorthJersey.com; and Matt Stanmyre, NJ.com. Also present: Howie O'Neill, NJSIAA Wrestling Tournament Director and Chris Ayers, Princeton University Head Coach.

Gold passes were given to new executive committee members.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Phil Schaffer, seconded by Denis Williams, to accept both the minutes of the June 6, 2018 Executive Committee meeting and June 6, 2018 Reorganization meeting. Motion was approved with one abstention (Whalen).

Out-of-State Competition
A listing of National Federation and Bordering State Sanctions were distributed.

Executive Director Update – Larry L. White

Legislative Update (Paul Anzano) – Mr. Anzano was unable to attend today’s meeting, but he informed Mr. White that there is nothing major to report.

Steroids Final Report – Of the 498 tests (328 boys; 170 girls) that were conducted last year, there were zero positive results and seven negative endogenous records. Though 74 schools were selected to be tested, technically only 65 schools were tested since 9 schools were randomly chosen twice. The following four boys sports and six girls sports were chosen for testing (amount of athletes tested per sport is shown in parenthesis): Football (191), Ice Hockey (60), Baseball (47), Boys Basketball (30), Softball (40), Girls Basketball (30), Girls Lacrosse (30), Girls Swimming (30), Field Hockey (20) and Girls Volleyball (20). Due to a price increase from Drug Free Sports and the need to stay within the $100,000 budget, there will be a decrease in number of athletes tested (488 this upcoming year and 476 in 2019-2020). Mr. White will work with Mr. Anzano to see if the state legislature can budget more than $50,000 for this initiative.

Gymnastics – Plans for the tournament are set and regulations are posted. The sectional tournament is scheduled for the first Saturday in November (11/3), which is always a SAT date. Team finals will be on
11/8 with the Individual Finals taking place on 11/10 at Montgomery HS. Thanks to Exec Committee member, Paul Popadiuk, for hosting these two exciting championship events.

**NFHS Summer Meeting** – All NJSIAA directors attended this year with exception of Ms. Cole, who was injured. The conference was well attended and well run. Steve Timko was there to receive the Section I Citation Award, while Miller Bugliari, longtime Boys Soccer Coach from The Pingry School, was inducted in to the NFHS Hall of Fame. Next year’s meeting will take place back in Indianapolis, as the National Federation celebrates its 100th year anniversary.

**League/Conference Officers Meetings** – The first meeting took place on August 16, 2018. All future meetings will take place the day after an Executive Committee meeting, so officers can stay informed and address any concerns. There were three presentations. The first introduced a pop-up cooling tub that reduces core body temperature, the second was a presentation on Adapted Sports, and the last was from the NFHS Network about installing their pixellot cameras to broadcast schools’ sporting events.

**Executive Committee – Committee Appointments** – All committee members have been assigned to sub-committees and were asked to check the list to see which subcommittees they had been assigned.

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**Reports of the Assistant Directors**

**Kim DeGraw-Cole**

**Sectional Meeting Dates and Legislation** – Sectional meeting dates were distributed. Eight pieces of legislation, that were approved by the Executive Committee, will be presented for discussion at the following four sites Doubletree Hotel (Eatontown) on 9/21; PCTI on 9/25; Washington Twp. H.S. on 9/26; and Franklin HS on Tuesday, 10/2.

**Field Hockey** – There will be an additional booth timer at the Public State Semi-Finals and Non-Public Sectional Finals, with cost to the designated home team. There’s an overtime adjustment beginning with this round of play, which is outlined in the regulations. Tournament dates are group dependent, so schools should check the regulations but see dates below:

- **Cutoff:** 10/15; **Seeding:** 10/17
- **Public Tournament begins:** 10/22 & 10/22
- **Public Sectional Finals:** 11/1 & 11/2
- **Public State Semi-Finals:** 11/6, sites TBD: A.L. Johnson, Boonton, Robbinsville, Egg Harbor Twp.
- **Non-Public Dates:** by 10/27, on 10/31, by 11/3
- **Non-Public Sectional Finals:** 11/7
- **Group Finals:** 11/10 at Bordentown HS
- **Tournament of Champions:** Rancocas Valley HS: 11/12, 11/14
- **To of C Championship at Kean University:** on 11/16 at 6:30 pm.
- **Officials List Due 10/15/18**
- **Fall Tournament Refusal Designation:** Field Hockey, Due 10/15
- **Non-Member/Out of State Opponent Tournament Reporting Form:** Field Hockey must be completed online.

**Eligibility & Transfers** – During July and August there was an explosion of transfers, challenging the online transfer system and numerous paper forms as well. Many of the transfers required a tremendous amount of follow up. The Eligibility Committee reviewed twenty waivers (age, credit, semester) on August 23, 2018. The Eligibility Appeals Committee is hearing four appeals and two athletic advantage cases.

Ms. Cole thanked the Executive Committee and staff for their understanding and support while she recuperates from her injury.
Bill Bruno

**Cross Country** – The season is underway. Mr. Bruno thanked coaches for entering times in such a timely fashion.

**Winter Track Tournament Rules and Regulations** – The regulations will be posted next week.

**Spring Track Tournament Rules and Regulations** – This year’s tournament will return to all the same sites used in last year’s tournament.

**Wrestling Update** – The individual finals were moved from Friday, March 1 – Sunday, March 3, 2019, to Thursday, February 28 – Saturday, March 2. It'll be the same schedule, just bumped up one day to allow wrestling fans to attend the Big 10 collegiate championships at Rutgers on Sunday, March 3. NJSIAA signed a two-year contract with Boardwalk Hall for this Thursday – Saturday scenario, with an additional one-year option. Hotel room blocks have already been secured and are already available for fans/schools.

**NJSCA Hall of Fame** – The application to nominate a coach for the NJSCA Hall of Fame can be found on NJSIAA’s website. Deadline for nominations is 12/20.

**NJSCA National Federation Coach of the Year Nominees** – Coach of the Year nominees have been selected and were distributed to the Executive Committee. They will be forwarded to the NFHS Awards Committee.

**NJSCA Clinics** – 60 coaches attended the volleyball clinic. Upcoming coaching clinics include bowling, golf and baseball. The NJSCA Executive Committee will meet next Monday, 9/17.

Jack DuBois

**ShopRite Cup Presentations** – Mr. DuBois is traveling to the six Shop-Rite Cup recipient schools to award them the ShopRite Cup trophy. Immaculate Conception Lodi HS and Highland Park HS are first-time recipients. Below is the presentation schedule:

a. NPB – September 14th Immaculate Conception – Lodi-1pm Pep Rally
b. Group 3 – September 21st – Moorestown – Football Half Time- 8pm
c. Group 2 – September 27th – Haddonfield – BOE Meeting- 7pm
d. Group 1 – September 28th – Highland Park – Pep Rally – 2pm
e. Group 4 – September 28th – Ridge – Football Pre-Game - 7pm
f. NPA – October 3rd - Christian Brothers Academy – Breakfast – 8:15am

**NJSIAA Workshops** – There are two upcoming eligibility workshops taking place on 9/17 and 9/27. Guidance counselors, administrators and coaches can attend.

**Football Update** – A replay protocol has been set up. To date, eight football games have utilized the review protocol and of the eight reviews, only one was reversed. Clarity of the tapes have been very good. The United Power Ranking System (UPRS) will be online on Grid Iron after Week 3. The intent card will be available online beginning on 9/17 and will be due by 10/15.

**Corporate** – The association’s contract with MedExpress is expected to be renewed. Renewal contracts with both Investors Savings Bank and ShopRite are currently under review. Rothman Institute re-signed a two-year contract to be the official sponsor of wrestling and football.

**NJSIAA Hall of Fame** – Mr. DuBois announced the NJSIAA Hall of Fame Class of 2018. (more detailed information about each individual can be found on NJSIAA’s home page. List of inductees below):
Al Blozis, William L. Dickinson High School  
Erin Donahue, Haddonfield Memorial HS  
Todd Frazier, Toms River South HS  
Asjha Jones, Piscataway HS  
Lydell Mitchell, Salem HS  
Frederick Alfred "Rick" Porcello, Seton Hall Prep  
Willaim J. Raftery, St. Cecilia HS  
Mike Rozier, Woodrow Wilson HS  
Kristen Somogyi, St. Peter's HS (New Brunswick)  
James Spanarkel, Hudson Catholic Regional HS  
Brian Taylor, Perth Amboy HS  
Keiko Tokuda, Clifton HS  
Don Danser  
Eugene Chyzowycz, Columbia HS  
Tony Karcich, Bergen Catholic HS  
Stan Woods, Emerson Jr-Sr HS

Mr. DuBois restructured the Hall of Fame Committee to include more media representatives from throughout the state, including Phil Anastasia (Philadelphia Inquirer), Mike McGarry (Press of Atlantic City), Greg Tufaro (MyCentralJersey.com), Jim Hague (Hudson Reporter/Observer), Darren Cooper (The Record/NorthJersey.com) and Sean Reilly of Sideline Chatter. The committee met three times this summer before making their final selections. Mr. DuBois also hopes to change the direction of the Hall of Fame to include more athletes since there is already a coaching Hall of Fame through NJSCA and an administrator Hall of Fame through DAANJ. A motion was made by Greg Bailey, seconded by Beverly Torok, to accept the NJSIAA Hall of Fame Class of 2018. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. DuBois also announced this year’s NJSIAA Award of Honor recipient will be Executive Committee member and former NJSIAA President, Greg Bailey.

Approval of Cooperative Sports – A motion was made by Greg Bailey, seconded by Steve Shohfi, to approve the following cooperative sports programs. Motion carried with two abstentions (Nitti and Haraka).

a. Belvidere HS / North Warren HS – Boys Swimming, Girls Swimming  
b. Bogota HS / Ridgefield Park – Wrestling  
c. Freehold Boro HS / Raritan HS / Colts Neck HS – Ice Hockey  
d. High Point HS / Wallkill Valley HS – Boys Swimming, Girls Swimming, Boys Lacrosse, Ice Hockey  
e. Hopatcong HS / Mount Olive HS – Boys Bowling  
f. Lawrence HS / Ewing HS / Hightstown HS – Ice Hockey  
g. Sparta HS / Jefferson Twp HS – Ice Hockey  
h. West Milford HS / Pequannock HS – Ice Hockey  
i. W. Windsor Plainsboro South / W. Windsor Plainsboro North – Ice Hockey  
j. Mount Olive HS / Hopatcong HS / Hackettstown HS – Ice Hockey  
k. Morris Knolls HS / Morris Hills HS – Ice Hockey  
l. Wardlaw-Hartridge / Union Catholic HS – Boys Lacrosse

Unified Sports – 30 schools attended a Unified Sports workshop held by the Special Olympics of NJ in the summer. In 2018-2019, NJSIAA will host Unified championships in bowling, basketball, and spring track & field.

Girls Volleyball and Girls Soccer – Everything is set for the state tournament.
Basketball Rules Interpreter Meetings – NJSIAA staff will meet with basketball officials on the following dates (Please note change of date for Brick Memorial HS location):

a. Sept. 24 – 7pm – NJSIAA  
b. Sept. 26 – 7pm- Williamstown HS  
c. October 9 – 7pm – Brick Memorial HS- (was originally scheduled for 9/25)  
d. Oct. 10 – 7pm- Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Scotch Plains  
e. Oct. 15- 7pm- Morris Hills HS  
f. Oct. 17- 7pm –Steinert HS  
g. Oct. 22- 7pm- Union Catholic HS  
h. Oct. 24 – 7pm- PCIT HS

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Tony Maselli

Boys Soccer & Girls Tennis – Seasons for both sports are underway and sites/dates for the state tournament are set.

Online Forms – The association is trying to do away with using paper so the following five forms are now online, and the list will keep growing: Tournament Refusal Form, Non-Member Out-of-State Form, Football Card, DQs, and Participation Numbers Form.

DQ Report – A summary of the 2017-2018 Disqualification Report was distributed, while the full report was emailed to the committee. The version that was sent was missing some numbers (a column didn’t total.) It can easily be done manually but if you need a corrected report, please email Mr. Maselli for an updated version. Ice hockey numbers increased slightly while football decreased.

Officials Rules Meetings – The new registration process was explained at length. Officials now need background checks in order to be certified.

Arbiter – There were a lot of problems with the registration system, Arbiter, but each week the process is getting a little smoother.

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Michael Zapicchi, Project Manager

Compliance Initiative – Notice of New ADs – Visits have started. Mr. Zapicchi encouraged all conferences to keep informing NJSIAA of new Athletic Directors, so a site visit can be scheduled.

International Students Reminder – Due to the legislation passed, students must come through CSIET-approved agencies to be eligible for athletics. Approved agencies are posted online, but if you have questions, please contact Mr. Zapicchi who is happy to help.

Online Transfer Form Problems – The issues with the new online transfer form has been resolved. Part II was being held up, but now that it’s been resolved, it should now be forwarding to Athletic Directors. Once School 2 completes the form, School 1 should receive a notification. Any difficulties or concerns, please contact Mr. Zapicchi.

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Director of Finance Update – Colleen Maguire

FYE 06/30/18 Audit Report Status – Auditors were onsite in August and all went well. Final report will be shared in October’s Executive Committee meeting.
Spring Sports Financials Report – A handout detailing the spring financial results was distributed. While total revenues were consistent, net profits were down because of spring track, which had 10 sites for sectionals vs. the budgeted eight. Also, group meets were moved to a new location, which increased costs. All other sports came in line with the budget.

Broadcast Rights Update – In July, News 12 Varsity informed Ms. Maguire that due to corporate restructuring, they were not able to renew their primary rights broadcasting contract with NJSIAA, so the association reached out to those other companies that submitted RFPs. As a result, for the next two years, NJ Local Live will hold the primary rights for broadcasting NJSIAA events, while NFHS will continue to own the second-tier rights.

Student Ambassador Meeting – Ms. Maguire shared a press release with the committee detailing the new initiative. 115 students applied; 31 candidates were chosen. A kickoff meeting was held on 8/30, where students learned about NJSIAA, met with their peer leaders, and got to know each other. Mr. Fryczynski, one of the peer leaders, received feedback from students on areas they feel students need help, which included time management and finding time for nutrition, and having more free time in between seasons and during the summer.

Next week, paperwork for another student-driven initiative will be shared. This one is for a student advisory council member from each school. Council members will attend two meetings at the Woodbridge Community Center on 11/15 and 3/28. Ambassadors will serve as the liaisons between NJSIAA and the student advisory council. At the first meeting in November, speakers will include 1-Lee Rubin, motivational speaker from Manalapan HS, who will address NJSIAA’s sportsmanship policy; 2-Greg Bailey and Maureen Dzwill, NJSIAA Officials and Tournament Assignors, who will address the students about the roles of officials and the need to foster better relationships between students and officials; 3- Kalee Iacoangeli from Special Olympics to promote Unified Sports within the schools. .

Senior Leadership Summit – October 5th – The nomination form to attend this event is online and due 9/14. Each member school can nominate one senior. The summit is free to students and $45 for an accompanying adult attendee (coach/parent/AD). The following guest speakers are Gian Paul Gonzalez, Bob Hurley and Dr. Jarrod Spencer, who is known for his Mind of the Athlete mental health talk.

NJSIAA Handbook – A copy of the 2018-2019 handbook was distributed to all non-Athletic Director Executive Committee members. Ms. Maguire thanked Parker McCay for sponsoring the handbook. All member schools received a copy as well.

Finance Committee Update – Elaine McGrath

Approval of Monthly Checks – The June through September 2018 checkbook was approved by the finance committee and all checks were approved per policy before they were disbursed. Denis Williams made a motion, seconded by Beverly Torok, to approve the June 1 through September 1st check registers. Motion carried unanimously.

Program Review

Girls Wrestling – 1st Reading – It was approved unanimously by both the Wrestling Committee (7-0) and the Program Review Committee (9-0) to add a girls division to the state tournament in Atlantic City. Qualification for the state championship would be determined through a regional tournament held the Sunday of the boys individual district tournament. Chris Ayers, Princeton University Head Wrestling Coach, addressed the committee about reasons the girls should have their own division. The rationale is that there is the demand and enough girls. Also, it takes a lot of courage for girls to compete against the boys so if there is a girls division, there could even be an increase in amount of girl wrestlers. Also, girls receive some ridicule for wrestling the boys and the reward at the end is watching the boys compete in
the finals. Women’s wrestling is the fastest growing women’s sport. Over ten states have a girls-only state tournament including Texas, who has over 4,000 participants in their girls wrestling tournament. NJ currently has only 126 participating girls despite being considered one of the top states in high school wrestling. Mr. Ayers believe the numbers of females wrestling will spike if there is a girls-only tournament. Howie O’Neill, NJSIAA Wrestling Tournament Director, spoke about logistics of the proposal. There would be two regions – a north and a south, which will be divided evenly by amount of schools participating. Both regions will compete at one location. The top three place winners from each weight class (total of eight classes) will advance to the finals City. There is no extra cost/time. The girls can compete during the boys’ semifinals round, when there’s two extra mats. It is proposed that the girls compete on the center two mats so they can be highlighted in the middle. Then the girls’ finals can take place the next day, during the boys wrestlebacks round. The wrestling committee just needs to secure a different area for locker rooms and weigh ins. A motion to add a girls division to the state tournament in Atlantic City, determined through a regional tournament, was made by Bill Vacca, seconded by Joseph Bollendorf. Motion passed first reading unanimously.

**Report of Counsel (Steven P. Goodell)** – There were multiple transfer issues this summer so Mr. Goodell’s colleagues, Michael Herbert, Jr. and Dan Davidow, spent many summer hours in court for NJSIAA.

**Old Business / New Business** – none

**Adjournment** - There being no further business, a motion was made by Dr. William George, seconded by Timothy McElhinney at 12:00 pm, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry L. White
Executive Director

LLW: In