



## PROGRAM REVIEW PROPOSAL

To: NJSIAA Program Review Committee  
From: Colleen Maguire, Chief Operating Officer  
Date: October 13, 2020  
RE: NJSIAA 2019 – 2020 Annual Meeting Proposal

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### **Background:**

The 2019 – 2020 NJSIAA Annual Meeting was scheduled to be held on Monday, May 4, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on April 15, 2020, the Executive Committee officers approved the postponement of the meeting. The 2019-2020 Annual Meeting will now take place virtually on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. There is one piece of legislation to be voted on at the 2019 – 2020 NJSIAA Annual Meeting – see below.

Due to the restrictions on indoor gatherings, it will not be possible to host a traditional in-person Annual Meeting. Therefore, NJSIAA proposes the following plan for a virtual Annual Meeting and requisite precursor meetings.

### **Legislation:**

The NJSIAA Staff, in conjunction with the NJ Football Coaches Association, respectfully submits a proposal to remove the sentence in the NJSIAA Constitution that prohibits a state-wide champion in football.

NJSIAA Constitution (p. 32) Article IX, Championships

The Association may award trophies and prizes in such sports as deemed advisable, and determine State or District championships, when, in the judgement of the Executive Committee, it is deemed feasible and possible. ~~No state championship, however, shall be declared in football.~~

### **Sectional Meetings:**

Article XII (Amendments) of the Constitution requires that at least two (2) sectional meetings be held for the purpose of explaining the pending legislation and to allow for thorough discussion. Again, due to in-person gathering limitations, these meetings will be held virtually. The meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at 6 p.m., and Wednesday, December 2 at 1 p.m. The virtual sectional meetings will be available to all member schools.

### **Final Legislation:**

Article XII (Amendments) of the Constitution requires that the Executive Committee approve the final form and substance of the legislation to be placed on the ballot. The Executive Committee will review and recommend the final legislation at its December 9, 2020 meeting.

**Ballots:**

If the proposal is endorsed by the Executive Committee, the final ballots will be mailed to all principals immediately. The final ballots will also be posted to the AD Forum. Article XII (Amendments) of the Constitution requires that proposed legislation be sent at least ten (10) days before the Annual Meeting.

**Annual Business Meeting:**

As noted above, NJSIAA will host a virtual Annual Meeting on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Article XI (Annual Meeting) of the Bylaws, requires that a quorum must be present at the beginning of the meeting. Only those that attend the Annual Meeting will be allowed to cast ballots. In order to have its ballot count, the school must be a member in good standing. A member in good standing means that the school's annual dues have been paid, or submitted under an approved purchase order, and the Board Resolution card has been submitted.

**Voting:**

Signed ballots can be submitted via email, fax or mail. Ballots must be post-marked by Friday, January 8, 2021. The final vote totals, and a schedule of the votes, by school, will be shared with the Executive Committee and posted to the AD Forum no later than Wednesday, January 13, 2021.