

virtual workshop on Monday, March 16 at 6:30pm for coaches. All interested in coaching are welcome to register for the workshop. Information has been and will continue to be sent via an Alert email.

Six-month Polling Results – NJSIAA Bylaws require that any change to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations or Policies and Procedures approved by the Executive Committee are subject to polling approximately six months after approval. Last month, the association polled member school principals on the following two proposals, approved by the Executive Committee:

- o Allow ice hockey, swimming and bowling to start practice one week earlier – the proposal was passed in May 2025 and took effect this past season.
- o End of year updates to the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations to correct wording or other corrections needed to reflect the spirit of the rule – the proposal was passed in June 2025 and took effect at the start of this year.

Both proposals passed overwhelmingly with 95% approval, so Ms. Maguire commended the committee. The efforts of NJSIAA staff and the Executive Committee continue to be supported by member schools.

DAANJ Conference – General Session – March 11, 2026 – NJSIAA staff will be attending the DAANJ conference the week of March 9th. Ms. Maguire thanked Executive Committee member John Fraraccio and others serving on the DAANJ Executive Committee for their continued hospitality and opportunity to present updates from NJSIAA staff and Steve Goodell. During the conference, individuals sponsoring legislation for the upcoming annual meeting will also be in attendance to present their proposals and solicit feedback.

NJSIAA Hall of Fame/Awards Luncheon – March 29, 2026 – The annual luncheon will be hosted on Sunday, March 29 at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village. If anyone is interested in attending, they should contact Liz Nodeland no later than March 9th. Executive Committee member Steve Shohfi will be receiving the Award of Honor.

Lastly, best wishes were given to NJSIAA counsel, Alexis Smith, as she takes some time off for maternity leave.

Chief Compliance Officer Update (Paul Popadiuk)

Eligibility Updates – Spring eligibility waiver requests are due next week.

Cooperative Sports Committee Approvals – The Cooperative Sports Committee met in earlier in the month to review cooperative sports applications for fall sports. The committee approved the following applications.

1. Brick Memorial-Brick Township - Gymnastics
2. Piscataway-Middlesex - Gymnastics
3. Red Bank Regional-Rumson – Gymnastics

A motion was made by Russell Petrocelli, seconded by Dr. Gregory Troxell to approve the three gymnastics cooperative sports programs approved by the Cooperative Sports Committee in February 2026, for a four-year period starting with the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Operating Officer Update (Tony Maselli)

Ice Hockey Updates – Mr. Maselli thanked schools and all swimming, ice hockey and bowling hosting facilities for their cooperation in getting in tournament events. The snow has been wreaking havoc this season, and it's not always easy to reschedule events at third-party sites, which are used in swimming, ice hockey and bowling. The ice hockey finals are all set and the tournament is moving forward.

Player Audio/Video Devices – NFHS Rule Reminder – Staff became aware through Tik Tok that NJ athletes have been hooking up audio and video devices during NJSIAA matches, which is illegal. Mr. Maselli sent out two separate communications to schools reminding them that no audio devices are permitted during NJSIAA competition.

Al Stumpf, Assistant Director Update

Basketball Update – Snowstorms disrupted the state public school tournament schedule so Mr. Stumpf had to move around games for the first two rounds. Games should be back to the planned schedule by Round 3. There were no disruptions to the non-public tournament.

Fencing Update – The team finals were moved to Friday, and the individual finals, which has 240 fencers competing, will take place on 3/7.

Unified Sports Update – The Unified Bowling Championships will take place on 3/3 at Lucky Strike. 22 teams are competing, which is the most participants to date! In Unified Basketball, the north and south champion will play each other at the championship game at Rutgers on Sunday 3/15 at 10:30am.

Derryk Sellers, Assistant Director Update

Bowling Update – The team championships were moved from Tuesday, 2/24 to Friday, 2/27. The individual championships will take place on 2/26.

Winter Track Update – The Group Championships for Groups 1 & 4 schools were moved from Sunday, 2/22 to Saturday, 2/28. The Meet of Champions will take place on 3/8.

Sandy Mamary, Assistant Director Update (report given by Tony Maselli)

Swimming & Diving Update – Ms. Mamary was unable to attend today's meeting because she was at NJSIAA's team swimming finals at the Neptune Aquatic Center. The individual finals will take place over the weekend at GCIT. Diving had to be moved to Wednesday, 3/4, so Ms. Mamary thanked Montgomery HS for their flexibility and cooperation.

Finance Committee Update – Judy Finch-Johnson

Approval of Monthly Checks – The January 20, 2026 through February 23, 2026 checkbook was approved by the finance committee and all checks were approved per policy before they were disbursed. Dr. Gregory Troxell made a motion, seconded by Kurt Karchich, to approve the January 20, 2026 through February 23, 2026, check registers. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of Counsel (Alexis Smith) – There is one pending litigation. A student has appealed to the Mercer County Courts regarding a NJSIAA Eligibility Appeals Committee decision.

Old Business / New Business – none

Adjournment - There being no further business, a motion was made by Steve Shohfi, seconded by Russell Petrocelli at 11:23 am, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Maguire
Executive Director

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