

NEVADA INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING
Wednesday and Thursday, June 20 & 21, 2007
Atlantis Casino Resort

Item 1. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rick Borba
Dan Carne
Lee Koelliker
Nat Lommori
Larry Mason
Ray Mathis
Shelia Moulton
Dan Phillips
Keith Roman

LIAISONS PRESENT:

Bill Darrow
Bill Garis
Warren Hagman
Elmer Porter
Charlie Walsh
Bret Walter

GUESTS:

Robert Davis, Beaver Dam High School
Pat Dolan, Level II Hearing Officer
Dan Eckles, Sparks Tribune
Justin Lawson, Reno Gazette Journal
John Noel, Beaver Dam High School
Dave Nolte, Athletic Coordinator, WCSD
Dale Norton, Asst. Superintendent, Nye County
Sally Nieman, Athletic Director, Bishop Gorman High School
Robert Perea, Reno Gazette Journal
Samantha Presley, Student
Theresa Presley, Parent
Steve Ranson, Lahotan Valley News
Steve Yingling, Tahoe Tribune
Numerous Individuals from Tonopah, Fallon, South Tahoe, Carlin,
Yerington, Smith Valley, Elko, Laughlin, Moapa Valley, Wooster and
Zephyr Cove
A list of all spectators is available for review at the office of the NIAA

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dan Carne (Thursday)

Item 2. Approval of March 7 & 8, 2007 Minutes:

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Lommori to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Phillips.
Motion passes.

Item 3. Call for Additional Agenda Items:

No additional items were added to the agenda.

Item 4. Approval of June 20 & 21, 2007 Agenda:

Mr. Bonine requested that the agenda be flexible to accommodate individuals who wish to speak to specific items.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Lommori to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Koelliker.
Motion passes.

Item 5. Lifetime Pass Requests:

The following individuals were recommended for a lifetime pass: Rich Carter, Athletic Administrator, Reno High School; Pat Griffin, Coach & School Official, Reed High School; Al LaRocque, Coach, Western & Durango High Schools; Harvey Munford, Teacher & Coach, Clark County School District; Bill Penaluna, Coach & Teacher, Reno High School; Ed Shepard, Athletic Administrator & Coach, Hug High School; Gwen Anne Thacker, Administrator & Coach, Owyhee High School

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Phillips to accept the nominations as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Roman.
Motion passes.

Item 6. Current Financial Reports:

Mr. Beesemyer reviewed the current financial statements for the NIAA, Special Projects and NASC.

ACTION: Motion by Mrs. Moulton to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Phillips. Motion passes.

Item 7. 2007-2008 Budget Proposal:

Mr. Beesemyer shared with the Board a first reading of the 2007-2008 budget. The finalized budget with the adjustments will be presented for approval at the September 2007 meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Phillips to accept the proposed budget as presented with final approval to be given at the September 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Mrs. Moulton. Motion passes.

Item 8. 2007-2008 Liability Insurance:

Mr. Bonine explained that Jim Ellett solicits different companies for insurance bids and that the company we have worked with in the past is the Dissinger Company. At the time of this meeting the NIAA had received two bids for liability insurance. It is Mr. Bonine's recommendation that the NIAA continue working with Mr. Ellett and take the bid from Dissinger.

Action: Motion by Mr. Lommori to accept the Dissinger Insurance Coverage. Motion seconded by Mrs. Moulton. Motion passes.

Item 9. 2008-2012 Realignment:

Mr. Bonine reviewed the realignment process and the history of how realignment has progressed from realignment to realignment. The numbers for each class were reviewed for the board and spectators. Mr. Borba stated that WCSD is not in favor of Hug and Wooster being moved to the 3A. Mr. Lommori asked if the realignment committee had considered Title IX when making their recommendation.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Lommori that those individuals wishing to address the Board be allowed 5 minutes each. Motion seconded by Mr. Roman. Motion passes.

Numerous individuals (parents, students & school representatives) from Carlin, Churchill County, Elko, Laughlin, Lowry, South Tahoe, Tonopah, Wooster and Yerington High Schools made presentations to the Board regarding their school's position in the NIAA 2008-2012 alignment.

Mr. Bonine made a recommendation that the realignment be organized by the 2006-2007 enrollment numbers and in accordance with NAC 386.667. Those schools who wish to petition up or down must make a written request on or before August 13, 2007 to the NIAA Board of Control for presentation at the September 2007 meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Mason to accept Mr. Bonine's recommendation. Motion seconded by Mr. Borba. Motion passes (Mr. Lommori and Mr. Phillips voted against this recommendation.).

Item 10. Tournament Formats:

Mr. Bonine reviewed the proposed tournament format and survey results. He suggested that the Board review the format changes and table this item to the September 2007 meeting so that he can review the possible change with the state school superintendents.

ACTION: Motion by Mrs. Moulton to table this item until the September 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Lommori. Motion passes

Item 11. National Federation Travel Allowance for Board Members 2007-2008:

Mr. Bonine reviewed the travel allowances for the board president and vice president to attend the NFHS Summer meeting in Palm Springs, California and for the board president to attend the Section 7-8 meeting in Park City, Utah.

ACTION: Motion by Mrs. Moulton to approve the travel allowances. Motion seconded by Mr. Koelliker. Motion passes.

Item 12. Executive Director and Staff Travel Proposal for 2007-2008:

Mr. Bonine reviewed the proposal for staff travel to various NFHS meetings.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Phillips to approve the staff travel allowance. Motion seconded by Mr. Lommori. Motion passes.

Item 13. Nevada Association of Student Councils:

Mr. Bonine recommended that the Board accept the changes made to the NASC constitution at their May 2006 meeting.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Phillips to accept the NASC constitution changes as presented. Motion seconded by Mrs. Moulton. Motion passes.

Item 14. Nevada State Officials Association – Constitution Revisions

No changes were made to the Officials Constitution.

Item 15. 2007-2008 Activity Schedules – Final Revision:

Mr. Roman requested that the NIAA staff amend calendars to show dates when schools may hold scrimmages.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Roman to accept the calendars with changes. Motion seconded by Mr. Phillips. Motion passes.

Item 16. Notice of Revision of Regulations:

Mr. Bonine reviewed the policy changes as follows:

- A. NAC 386.628 - Board Composition; role; non-voting members

ACTION: Motion to by Mr. Koelliker to include non-voting liaisons for the southern and northern 4A areas. Motion seconded by Mr. Phillips. Motion passes. (Attachment A)

- B. NAC 386.693 - Approval by Association of competition when each member of all-star team is eligible to participate in sanction sport.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Koelliker to approve the regulation to state that all-star competitions may not be held during another sanctioned sport. Motion seconded by Mrs. Moulton. Motion passes. (Attachment B)

- C. NAC 386.696 – Restrictions on participation in out-of-season activities relating to sanctioned sport.

Mr. Bonine recommended that the Board consider dead periods for all seasons to be 14 consecutive days from the date of the first practice.

ACTION: Motion by Mrs. Moulton to accept the regulation as written and that the dates for dead periods be returned to the board for final approval. Motion seconded by Mr. Koelliker. Motion passes. (Attachment C)

Item 17. Hall of Fame:

Mr. Bonine recommended that individuals who are retired coaches, officials and administrators, even though they have returned to the work place in another capacity, be allowed possible induction to the NIAA Hall of Fame.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Phillips to honor this recommendation. Motion seconded by Mr. Koelliker. Motion passes.

Item 18. Membership Requests:

Mr. Bonine reviewed the process to become a member of the NIAA.

- A. Beaver Dam: Beaver Dam is requesting independent status. Mr. Darrow did a survey of all 2A schools regarding the membership of Beaver Dam – the vote was 12 yes / 1 no. Mr. Lommori stated that it is the belief of the State School Superintendent's that the NIAA not allow schools from Arizona to become NIAA members. Bill Garis offered another perspective - Adding schools from Arizona would increase the number of schools in the 2A and give the league more integrity. These students were being served by Virgin Valley High School prior to the opening of Beaver Dam. This is a new high school and 75% of the students are Nevada residents. Mr. Bonine recommended that we go along with the superintendent's request.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Mason to deny Beaver Dam membership in the NIAA. Motion seconded by Mr. Lommori. Motion passes.

- B. Excel Christian Academy: 1A voted 18 yes / 3 no for Excel Christian to become a full member of the 1A. Currently Excel just basketball and it is the belief of this board that they should have at least one boys and one girls sport in each of the three seasons.

ACTION: Motion by Mrs. Moulton to allow Excel Christian Academy a full membership in the 1A league. Motion seconded by Mr. Mason.

Mrs. Moulton requested that we table Excel's membership until the Board is sure all safety issues have been taken care of. Motion seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion passes

- C. Horizon Academy: Mr. Darrow stated that the 2A voted 2 yes / 11 no against Horizon's 2A membership. It is the belief of the 2A that Horizon Academy needs to have a wider variety of sports. Horizon currently does not have athletic facilities. Mr. Bonine recommended that we support the league recommendation and deny them membership.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Lommori to deny Horizon Academy membership in the NIAA. Motion seconded by Mr. Phillips. Motion passes

- D. Sky View Academy: Mr. Porter stated that the majority of 1A schools would allow Sky View Academy independent membership. The 1A has concerns regarding Sky View's facilities and the number of sports they provide. It was recommended that Sky View's membership be tabled until the Board / league is able to do a site visit and verify that programs will be available for all 3 seasons.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Koelliker to table Sky View's membership. Motion seconded by Mrs. Moulton. Motion passes.

- E. Sage Ridge High School is already a full member of the 1A league but is requesting independent status in basketball. A request to participate in basketball does not need to be approved by the Board.

Item 19. Finalized Salary Adjustments:

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Lommori to go into closed session. Motion seconded by Mr. Mason. Motion passes.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Mason to return to open session. Motion seconded by Mr. Lommori. Motion passes.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Phillips to accept the salary scheduled as presented effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Motion seconded by Mrs. Moulton. Motion Passes

Item 20. Approval of Executive Director's Contract

The final draft of Mr. Bonine's contract was presented for Board approval.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Koelliker to approve the contract as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Phillips. Motion passes.

Item 21. Personnel Session:

- A. Mr. Mathis presented to the Board the Goals and Directives for Mr. Bonine and the NIAA staff. (Attachment D)
- B. Mr. Mathis reviewed the evaluation document with the board.
- C. The Consultation fee for Dr. Hughes was reviewed by the Board.

ACTION: Motion to Mrs. Moulton to accept the documents as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Koelliker. Motion passes

Item 22. Class Reports:

Class 1A League: Mr. Porter congratulated the spring champions. He also stated that Keystone academy is closing and their students will now be attending Sandy Valley K-12 school.

Class 2A League: Mr. Darrow congratulated the 2A spring champions.

Class 3A League: Mr. Walsh congratulated the 3A spring champions and thanked Faith Lutheran for a great job on the baseball / softball tournament. The 3A has a concern about realignment and the lack of teams in their league.

Class 4A North: Mr. Borba and Mr. Sullivan were introduced to the Board. Congratulations were given to the 4A spring champions.

Class 4A South: Mr. Garis congratulated the 4A state champions. Mr. Garis stated that the south is discussing the possibility of a new girls sport – possibility girls wrestling in the winter or field hockey in the spring. There have also been talks of moving tennis to the spring in Clark County.

Private Schools: Mr. Walter congratulated all state champions and stated that things are going well for the private schools.

NADA: Mr. Hagman reviewed the number of athletic administrators and directors who have taken the CAA and CMAA exams. He also stated that the NADA conference was an expensive event to hold but that there is still money. Mr. Hagman will find out about purchasing the Hazing DVD for each schools and having the NIAA distribute.

Item 23. Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Bonine reviewed various items that are ongoing at the NIAA.

Item 24. Litigation Updates:

Mr. Anderson stated there is no current litigation involving the NIAA. He also reviewed the letter from the Attorney General's office regarding Chuck Hildebrand's filing of the Open Meeting Law violation. Mr. Anderson also reviewed the new legislation regarding the final and binding decisions by the NIAA.

Item 25. 2007 Legislative Report:

Mr. Bonine and Mr. Anderson reviewed the legislations that was passed during the 2007 Legislature that affects the NIAA.

Item 26. 2007-2008 Ticket Prices:

Mr. Bonine made a recommendation that NIAA post-season ticket prices remain the same. There was also discussion regarding post-season tournament passes and Mr. Bonine requested that the staff review this possibility.

Item 27. Post-Season Program Contract:

Donnie Nelson reviewed the program contract status and stated that he had contacted Ken Moen and Dave Kukulski regarding a bid for the 2007-2008 school year. It was suggested that we review the bidding procedures and make sure that we are within the guidelines provided in NRS.

Item 28. Coaches Education:

Jay Beesemyer reviewed the coaching education program and the program being presented by the NFHS. Mr. Hagman reviewed the difference between the two programs and suggested that for cost purposes we allow coaches to use the NFHS program. Sports first aid is a different program – still requires face to face with an instructor. The cost for the NFHS program is \$35.00 rather than \$95.00.

Item 29. Lake Mead Christian Academy Soccer Program:

Lake Mead Christian Academy is currently a full member of the 1A League and does not need board approval to add a soccer program.

Item 30. New Membership Applications:

Mr. Garis stated that Keystone Academy students will be attending Sandy Valley K-12 school and will be a Clark County school. This item will return as an action item at the September 2007 meeting where facilities and the number of sports per season will be discussed further.

Item 31. Proposed 4A Wrestling Tournament Changes:

Donnie Nelson reviewed the proposed tournament changes presented for the 4A wrestling program. This item will be reviewed as part of the tournament format change at the September 2007 meeting.

Item 32. Formal Complaint Filed – Silver State Spirit Championships:

Mrs. Presley made a presentation to the Board regarding the Spirit Championships and asked who governs the Spirit program and who the spirit program is accountable to. Mr. Bonine will set up a meeting with Terrie McNutt prior to September 2007 to discuss Ms. Presley's concerns.

Item 33. Summer Rules Clinics / Meetings:

The dates for the 2007-2008 rules clinic were presented to the Board for Review.

Item 34. Media Credentialing Procedures:

Donnie Nelson reviewed media credentialing. Mr. Lommori requested that the staff notify the new nevadaprep.com website owner of the NIAA's expectations.

Item 35. NIAA Transfer Forms:

Mr. Mathis explained the changes to forms and suggested that we continue with the Transfer Eligibility Form, the Sub-Varsity Transfer Form and the Hardship Appeal form.

Item 36. Notice of Items for Discussion:

NAC 386.695 – Period of season and first day of practice for sanctioned sports; prohibited and authorized out-of-season activities relating to sanctioned sport.

Mr. Bonine reviewed this regulation with the Board and recommended that it return as an action item at the September 2007 meeting.

NAC 386.851 – Appeal of certain determinations that impose hardship on pupil.

Mr. Bonine reviewed this regulation and the use of reverse financial hardship. The Board asked that Mr. Bonine review this change and have it return as an action item at the September 2007 meeting.

NAC 386.860 – Imposition of penalties by Executive Director; certain determinations and penalties not subject to appeal.

Mr. Bonine reviewed this regulation with the Board for information only.

NAC 386.861 – Imposition of additional penalties by Association or Executive Director or during appeal; approval of suspension by Board.

Mr. Bonine reviewed this regulation with the Board for information only.

NAC 386.786 – Pupil who transfers from public school private school, from private school to public school or from one private school to another.

Mr. Bonine explained that the regulations are different for private to public transfers than they are for public to private transfers. This item will return as an action item at the September 2007 meeting.

Item 37. Review of 2007 Top Ten Student Athletes / Model Coaches Banquets:

Mr. Bonine reviewed the Top Ten Student Athlete process and thanked the board members who attended this special event.

Item 38. Spirit Squads:

Mr. Bonine reviewed the legislation regarding the changes to Spirit Squads and noted that the Mrs. McNutt had provided a financial statement for the Silver State Spirit Championships.

Item 39. Private School Meeting Review:

Mr. Bonine reviewed the meeting held with CCSD and the private schools. The recommendation at the meeting was that they would meet twice each year following the fall and winter seasons.

Item 40. 2nd Impact – Concussion Management Program:

Mr. Bonine reviewed his meeting Dr. Coletti and the Summit that will be held in August with area doctors and Mickey Collins, Stacy Edwards and Thomas Kinsora.

Item 41. NCAA Sanctioning:

Jay Beesemyer will review sanctioning issues with the Board at the September 2007 meeting.

Item 42 – Sponsorship Updates:

Mr. Bonine and Donnie Nelson reviewed the proposed sponsorship agreements with Velocity Sports, Les Schwab and Farmers Insurance. These items will return to the September 2007 for final approval.

Item 43. Nevada Association of Student Councils:

Mr. Bonine reviewed the discussion he had with Sandy Ginger at the state student council conference and the possibility of allowing middle schools to participate in their association.

Item 44. Review of NFHS Legal Meeting:

Mr. Bonine discussed the legal meeting held in Indianapolis in April. A copy of the agenda was presented for the board's review.

Item 45. 2007-2008 NIAA Board of Control:

Mr. Bonine stated that Rick Borba had been named to replace him and that Bob Sullivan would be replacing Mr. Carne on the NIAA Board of Control.

Item 46. Board Comments / Suggestions for Future Meetings:

Mr. Mason suggested that we add an additional meeting during the year in an effort to cover all necessary items. Mr. Bonine made a recommendation that Board members travel to the meeting site the evening prior to the meeting and that the meetings would start at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will also be brought into the meeting on both days giving the Board additional meeting time.

Item 47. Public Comments / Suggestions for Future Meetings.

There were no comments from the public.

Item 48. NIAA Board of Control Future Meeting Dates:

The next meeting of the NIAA Board of Control will be held on Wednesday & Thursday, September 12 & 13, 2007 in Reno, Nevada.

The following items were presented to the Board as information items only. The Board was encouraged to review the items and contact the NIAA office with any questions or to request that an item be included in the September 2007 meeting.

- Item 49. Award of Excellence Final Results
- Item 50. Hall of fame Game Application Process
- Item 51. Radio / TV Update
- Item 52. Appeals Update
- Item 53. Courtesy Card Sales Report
- Item 54. Spring Gate Receipts
- Item 55. Winter Financial Reports
- Item 56. National federation Summer Meetings
- Item 57. Commissioners Summer Meeting
- Item 58. 2006-2007 Drug & Alcohol Policy
- Item 59. NIAA Office Bldg. Lease Information

Item 60. Related Information

ATTACHMENT A:

NAC 386.628 Board: Composition; role; nonvoting membership. (NRS 386.430)

1. The Board consists of nine members elected from the administrative regions established pursuant to NAC 386.627. The Board is the governing body of the Association.
 2. The president of:
 - (a) Each class established pursuant to NAC 386.667;
 - (b) A representative / commissioner from the 4A North and 4A South**
 - (b)(c)** The private schools elected pursuant to NAC 386.665; and
 - (e)(d)** The Nevada Athletic Directors Association or its successor organization,
- serve as nonvoting members of the Board. Each of those members serves for a term of 2 years.
(Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)

ATTACHMENT B:

NAC 386.693 Approval by Association of competition when each member of all-star team is eligible to participate in sanctioned sport. (NRS 386.430) If each member of an all-star team is a pupil who is eligible to participate in a sanctioned sport, the Association may approve any game, contest or meet in which the all-star team participates if:

1. Before the game, contest or meet is conducted, the National Collegiate Athletics Association or its successor organization and the National Federation of State High School Associations or its successor organization approve the game, contest or meet;
 2. Any money received from conducting the game, contest or meet is designated for a scholarship or other charitable purpose;
 3. The game, contest or meet is not held during the season for the sanctioned sport; **or during another sanctioned sport season.**
 4. The school where the game, contest or meet is conducted prohibits the athletic director or principal of the school, or a coach or teacher of the school, from providing assistance for conducting the game, contest or meet unless the school authorizes the athletic director, principal, coach or teacher to use personal leave to provide that assistance;
 5. Before the game, contest or meet is conducted, the school district in which the game, contest or meet is conducted and the National Federation of State High School Associations, or its successor organization, approve the use of any equipment or facility of the school district for the game, contest or meet; and
 6. The Board approves each sponsor, if any, for the game, contest or meet.
- (Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)

ATTACHMENT C:

NAC 386.696 Restrictions on participation in out-of-season activities relating to sanctioned sport. (NRS 386.430)

1. A person shall not require a pupil to participate in any athletic program for a sanctioned sport that is conducted before or after the season for that sanctioned sport.
2. Each team that participates in a sanctioned sport must be selected, and practices for that team conducted, during the season for that sanctioned sport.
3. A pupil may engage in any out-of-season activity relating to a sanctioned sport if:

- (a) He engages in that activity voluntarily; and
 - (b) The activity is conducted to improve his ability to participate in the sanctioned sport.
 - (c) The activity is not conducted between a school and another school, including, without limitation, any competition, scrimmage or practice for the sanctioned sport.***
- (Added to NAC by Nev. Interscholastic Activities Ass'n by R206-03, eff. 11-2-2004)

ATTACHMENT D:

GOALS AND DIRECTIVES

1. Keep all board members informed of all high profile, critical or potential legal issues.
2. Develop and maintain a positive rapport with all schools in the association.
3. Work closely with the office staff to evaluate and refine the current office management procedures.
4. Review and assess the following programs/procedures and make the necessary recommendations to the board.
 - Coaches Education Program (regulation)
 - Regulation Change Procedure
 - Realignment Procedures
 - Membership Requirements
5. Pursue additional sponsorships to assist in promoting the association's many positive student-oriented programs.