

NEVADA INTERSCHOLSTIC ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING  
December 1 & 2, 2005

**MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order by Ray Mathis, President, on December 1, 2005 at 10:45 a.m. The meeting was held at the Atlantis Casino Resort, Reno, Nevada.

**Item 1. Roll Call:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Eddie Bonine  
Dan Carne  
Mark Coleman  
Penny Elliott  
Bill Garis  
Nat Lommori  
Ray Mathis  
Fred Perdomo

**LIAISONS PRESENT:**

Rod Adams  
Bill Darrow  
Warren Hagman  
Steve Hansen  
Kevin Hickman

**GUESTS:**

Chris Bender, Jr. Ski Program  
Keith Boone, Principal, Lahotan Valley HS  
Mary Christian, Wrestling Parent  
Jim Ritter, USA NV Wrestling Program

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bill Garis (12/2/05)  
Nat Lommori (12/2/05)  
Larry Mason

**LIAISONS ABSENT:**

Kevin Hickman (12/2/05)

**Item 2. Approval of June 22 & 23, 2005 Minutes:**

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Garis to approve the June 22 & 23, 2005 minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Bonine. Motion passes (Mr. Carne, Mr. Lommori, Mr. Mason and Mr. Perdomo were absent for the vote).

**Item 3. Call for Additional Agenda Items:**

The following items were requested as additional agenda items:

44. Laughlin High School's 1A Status
45. Regulation 386.785 – Rebuttal of presumption of ineligibility of pupil
46. Regulation 386.795 – Foreign Exchange students

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the additional agenda items. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne, Mr. Lommori, Mr. Mason and Mr. Perdomo were absent for the vote).

**Item 4. Approval of December 1 & 2, 2005 Agenda:**

Dr. Hughes requested that we have a flexible schedule to accommodate individuals wishing to present to the Board.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the agenda as amended. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne, Mr. Lommori, Mr. Mason and Mr. Perdomo were absent for the vote).

**Item 5. Lifetime Pass Requests:**

The following individuals were recommended for a lifetime pass: Terry Badger, Coach, Basic High School; Grant Gillaspay, Coach, Basic High School; John Williams, Coach, Basic High School; and Rodney Poteet, SNOA Basketball Official.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Garis to issue a lifetime pass to all individuals. Motion seconded by Ms. Elliott. Motion passes (Mr. Carne, Mr. Lommori, Mr. Mason and Mr. Perdomo were absent for the vote).

**Item 6. Current Financial Reports:**

Jay Beesemyer reviewed the financial reports provided for the Board's review.

- NIAA
- NASC
- Special Reports

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the financial reports as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

**Item 7. 2004-2005 Audit / Post-Season Events Reports – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:**

Dr. Hughes explained that this is a second reading for these items. Mr. Beesemyer stated that it cost \$6500 for the NIAA audit and \$800 for NASC audit.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Lommori to accept the audit results as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdomo. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

**Item 8. Notice of Revision of Regulations:**

a. Classification and Alignment of Schools:

Donnie Nelson reviewed the history of this regulation and stated that this process is a fair and equitable process.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Garis to approve the classification and alignment of schools regulation as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Elliott. Motion passes (Mr. Lommori, Mr. Mason and Mr. Perdomo were absent for the vote).

b. Participation in a Sanctioned Sport:

Donnie Nelson reviewed the regulation and stated that this change was made to accommodate spirit squads.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Bonine to accept the regulation as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Coleman. Motion passes (Mr. Lommori, Mr. Mason and Mr. Perdomo were absent for the vote).

- c. Minimum amount of practice; Pupil.

Donnie Nelson reviewed the regulation and stated that this change was made to accommodate spirit squads.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Bonine to accept the regulation as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Carne. Motion passes (Mr. Lommori, Mr. Mason and Mr. Perdomo were absent for the vote).

- d. Drug, Alcohol & Tobacco Use by Coaches:

Dr. Hughes reviewed the proposed policy and stated that the Clark County School District previously requested that the Drug and Alcohol Policy include coaches.

ACTION: Motion by Mr. Bonine to table this proposal until after the February Superintendent's meeting when the Drug and Alcohol Policy will be reviewed. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Lommori, Mr. Mason and Mr. Perdomo were absent for the vote).

- e. Out-of-Season Participation:

Dr. Hughes reviewed the history of this policy change and shared comments made to him by coaches and athletic directors. Dr. Hughes stated that meetings regarding this change were held with coaches in both Reno and Las Vegas. A copy of the survey sent to all schools was presented with comments. Mr. Jim Ritter, representative from the USA Nevada Wrestling Program and Ms. Mary Christian, Damonte Ranch wrestling parent, spoke in opposition of this policy change for wrestling athletes, and Mr. Chris Bender, representative from the Jr. Ski Program, spoke in opposition for skiing athletes.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Garis to table this proposal until we can meet with the coaching committees to come up with an equitable dead period for all sport seasons. Motion seconded by Mr. Coleman. Motion passes (Mr. Lommori, Mr. Mason and Mr. Perdomo were absent for the vote).

#### **Item 9. Final Approval from Legislative Counsel Bureau**

Dr. Hughes reviewed with the Board that the following regulations have previously been discussed and approved by the Board. The regulations provided have been re-written by the Legislative Counsel Bureau for the NAC:

- a. Regulation 386.721 – Football: Required practice; Interschool scrimmage:

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Lommori to accept the policy as presented with only the following change: 2a should be changed to read 10 days rather than ten days. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

- b. Regulation 386.754 – Spirit Squads:

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the policy as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

- c. Regulation 386.780 – Maximum allowable participation by Pupil:

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the policy as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

- d. Regulation 386.782 – Residence of pupil: General requirements:

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the policy as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

- e. Regulation 386.804 – Academic Eligibility:

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the policy as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

- f. Regulation 386.851 – Reverse Financial Hardship:

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the policy as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

- g. Regulation 386.871 – Lifetime Pass:

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the policy as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

**Item 10. Girls Soccer - State Tournament in the Fall:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the history of girls soccer in Nevada. Dr. Hughes sent out a notification to schools regarding this issue and received one letter in opposition. If approved the schedule change would go into effect in the fall of 2008.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to approve girls soccer as a fall sport beginning in the fall of 2008. Motion seconded by Mr. Garis. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

**Item 11. 2006-2007 / 2007-2008 Activity Schedules:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the schedules and discussed holiday weekend competitions.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the schedules as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Coleman. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

**Item 12. Florida Sportsmanship Model:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the Florida Sportsmanship Model and stated that the Board previously passed the policy. After discussing the policy with the Florida contingent, Dr. Hughes is no longer comfortable with the program and asked the Board to reconsider the policy.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Garis to rescind the Florida Sportsmanship Model. Motion seconded by Mr. Lommori. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

**Item 13. Final Approval of NIAA Memberships:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the membership application for all schools and stated that 100% of schools are in compliance.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to accept the membership applications as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Coleman. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

**Item 14. Hall of Fame Selection Procedure:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the process and reminded the Board that all inductees for the 2006 Hall of Fame are from Northern Nevada.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Lommori to accept the inductees as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdomo. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

**Item 15. Executive Director's Evaluation Process:**

Dr. Hughes presented and reviewed the past evaluation process for the Executive Director's evaluation.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Garis to accept the evaluation process as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Coleman. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

**Item 16. Class Reports:**

Class 1A – Mr. Hansen, Principal at Pahrnagat Valley High School, thanked the NIAA for allowing the 1A to participate with larger schools at the larger state venues.

Class 2A – Mr. Darrow stated that everything is going well in the 2A and that the North Tahoe issue has been resolved. He congratulated Lincoln County for winning the football championship; and Whittell for winning the volleyball championship.

Class 3A – Mr. Adams congratulated Lowry High School for their wins in cross country and volleyball; Truckee for their win in football and boys soccer; North Tahoe for their win in girls soccer and Pahrump Valley for golf. He thanked the staff for letting soccer and football play at Mackay Stadium. Mr. Adams would like the 3A class football alignment to be discussed at the 3A class meeting and at the March 2006 board meeting.

Class 4A – North – Mr. Bonine stated that the WCSD is going to be putting turf on the football field at Damonte Ranch High School and this facility can be used as a regional facility for football in the future. He thanked the NIAA staff for the media blitz for Hug High School. Nevada Athletic Directors Association (NADA) information will be distributed December 5 or 6, 2005. Dr. Hughes asked that league presidents send a memo to all their schools regarding the NADA conference with times for league meetings.

NADA – Warren Hagman - distributed Professional Development program information and stated that the National Conference will be held in Orlando on December 15-18. Mr. Hagman will be on the NIAAA Board of Directors for the next three years.

**Item 17. NIAA Litigation Updates:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the history about the current litigation regarding two foreign students who are attending Bishop Gorman High School on F-1 Visa's. Mr. Hickman stated that he would answer any questions the Board may have. After discussion it was recommended that the Board go into a closed session.

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Coleman to adjourn to a closed session. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdomo. Motion passes (Mr. Carne and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to return to open session. Motion seconded by Mr. Perdomo. Motion passes (Mr. Carne, Mr. Garis and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

ACTION: Motion made by Mr. Bonine to have Mr. Anderson, Legal counsel, continue the case regarding the F-1 foreign students attending Bishop Gorman High School and that Dr. Hughes, Mr. Bonine, Mr. Garis and Mr. Mathis should request a meeting with the Dr. Sullivan, Principal of Bishop Gorman High School; Mr. Hickman, Athletic Administrator; and Dr. Richard Facciolo, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Las Vegas. Motion seconded by Mr. Lommori. Motion passes (Mr. Carne, Mr. Garis and Mr. Mason were absent for the vote).

**Item 18. Salary Adjustment Procedures:**

Dr. Hughes explained that this issue will be discussed at the March 2006 meeting and that the salary information enclosed is for the Board's review.

**Item 19. Citizenship Through Sports Handbook / 2005-2006 Emphasis:**

Dr. Hughes stated that this information was discussed with Athletic Administrators and Directors at the August meeting and asked that if Board members see any violations would they please call the NIAA Office. The goal for the 2006 Basketball Season is to create a positive atmosphere. Noisemakers at outdoor venues were approved for the 2005-2006 school year. Face painting is acceptable however there should be no body painting.

**Item 20. Notice of Items for Discussion:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the following policies with the board and stated that they would return to the March meeting as action items.

- a. Regulation 386.785 – Presumption of Ineligibility:

This policy was re-written to include hardship in paragraph 5.

- b. Regulation 386.816 – Sunday's Prohibited:

This policy was re-written to include no team practices, meetings, film sessions or general workouts on Sundays.

- c. Regulation 386.830 – Participation of an ineligible pupil:

This policy was re-written with the assistance of Paul Anderson, NIAA Legal Counsel and states that should a restraining order, court order or injunction be issued during a NIAA post season event, the event will be postponed until final judgment has been entered.

**Item 21. State Basketball Tournament Review:**

Donnie Nelson reviewed the schedule and stated that the 3A basketball semi-finals would be played at Spanish Springs High School.

**Item 22. NIAA Building Site / Lease:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the building site / lease information with the board and requested that the board give the NIAA staff direction on how they should proceed. The NIAA staff will investigate sites and have more information by the March meeting. This item will return as an action at the March meeting.

**Item 23. Idaho Academic Policy:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the Idaho Academic Policy and stated that the NIAA has four different options available to schools.

**Item 24. Student Travel to Post-Season Events:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the accident that took place during the state tennis tournament and requested that the Board review their individual county regulations.

**Item 25. NIAA Drug & Alcohol Policy:**

Dr. Hughes stated that this is the first year of the statewide drug and alcohol policy and that we will meet with the Superintendent's and a board member from each district in February, 2006. All Board members are invited to attend this meeting.

**Item 26. Nevada Coaching Education Update:**

Mr. Beesemyer reviewed the program and the financials. Dr. Hughes stated this program will be a big issue at the NFHS winter meeting and he will report back at the March meeting.

**Item 27. Legislative Concerns Update:**

Mr. Mathis has met with Senator Nolan on two occasions and noted that most of Mr. Nolan's issues were Clark County issues not NIAA issues. The second meeting was attended by Mr. Garis, Mr. Nolan and Mr. Mathis. It was suggested that the NIAA develop and pamphlet or handout to be inserted in all athletic packets which supplies parents information on how to contact the NIAA.

**Item 28. Fall Gate Receipts:**

Mr. Beesemyer discussed gate receipts with the board and will have a complete update at the March 2006 board meeting.

**Item 29. Finalized Budget as approved in September:**

Dr. Hughes explained that a clean copy of the budget was included in the board packet for final review.

**Item 30. Alternative Education Eligibility:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed the current policy on eligibility of students who attend alternative schools. It was agreed that students could participate at their home school with the approval of their home school and the alternative school. This item will return as an action item at the March 2006 meeting.

**Item 31. Javelin in Nevada Track Meets:**

Donnie Nelson explained that this is a request for a one-time event in April 2006. After discussion it was recommended that we deny this request since improper use of the Javelin can be very dangerous and would require practice time prior to the actual event.

**Item 32. 2006 NASC Tentative Conference Schedule:**

The NASC tentative conference schedule will be provided at the March meeting.

**Item 33. 2000 NASC Conference Report:**

Mr. Hagman stated that he would provide a copy of this report to the NIAA for the March meeting.

**Item 34. 2005-2006 Activities Planner:**

Mr. Nelson presented the updated activities planner for the winter and spring seasons.

**Item 35. 2005 Ideas from Section 7-8 Meeting:**

Mr. Beesemyer reviewed the use of on-line pre-season rules clinics and stated that he felt it was beyond the scope of the NIAA.

**Item 36. Appeals Update**

A breakdown of all appeals that have been reviewed by Mr. Bonine, Mr. Garis and the NIAA were presented.

**Item 37. Courtesy Card Sales.**

A breakdown of courtesy cards sold was presented for board review.

**Item 38. Radio / TV Update:**

Mr. Nelson stated there is no new information on radio / TV. The state football game was available for public viewing on the internet at KOLOTV.com.

**Item 39. Sponsorship Update:**

Mr. Nelson stated there are no new prospects for sponsorships. The NIAA will start re-negotiations with the Review Journal in January 2006.

**Item 40. Related Information:**

Dr. Hughes enclosed information regarding drug testing for the boards review.

**Item 41. Board Comments / Suggestions for Future Meetings:**

There were no comments from the Board.

**Item 42. Public Comments / Suggestions for Future Meetings:**

There were no comments from the public.

**Item 43. NIAA Future Meeting Dates:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the NIAA Board of Control is Wednesday and Thursday, March 8 & 9, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Item 44. Laughlin High School 1A Status:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed a letter received from Dr. Dick Edwards, Principal at Laughlin High School, wherein he stated the positives to Laughlin High School after their move to the Class 1A.

**Item 45. Rebuttal of presumption of ineligibility of pupil:**

Dr. Hughes explained this regulation and the revision proposed by Mr. Garis. This item will return to the March meeting as a discussion item.

**Item 46. Foreign Exchange Students:**

Dr. Hughes reviewed this regulation and revision proposed by Mr. Garis. This item will return to the March meeting as a discussion item.