



### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

President Eric McCurdy (Region A), Vice President Lori Wyborney (District 8), Harlan Kredit (District 1), Pat McCarthy (District 2), Tim Thomsen (District 3), Mick Hoffman (District 4), Rich Rouleau (District 5), Miles Caples (District 6), Greg Whitmore (District 7), Ken Lindgren (District 9), Wendy Malich (Region B), Pam Veltri (Region C) and John Wallwork (At Large.)

### **HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS**

Dave Tikker (WSSAAA), Ross Hjelseth (WFIS), Ed Laulainen (WSCA), Lori Oviatt (WSSDA), Joel Aune (WASA), Eric Anderson (WASP), T.J. Greene (Tribal Schools), Lois Gorne (Fine Arts), Joe Keller, Tim Graham and Tim Trimble (District Directors.)

### **WIAA STAFF**

Mike Colbrese, Executive Director; Cindy Adsit, Andy Barnes, John Miller and Brian Smith, Assistant Executive Directors; Leah Francis, Director of Finance and Operations; Andy Knapp, Director of Marketing, Promotions and Corporate Partners; Casey Johnson, Sports and Activities Information Director; Cam Taylor, Project Coordinator; Katie Davis, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director; and Sam Brown, WIAA intern.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD WORK SESSION**

On Sunday, September 25, the Board held a work session to review the 2016-17 Board Goals and the recommendations of the special committee regarding the State Basketball Tournament Format and Seeding Criteria.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

WIAA Executive Board President Eric McCurdy convened the Executive Board meeting at 1:20 PM on Sunday, September 25, 2016, and Lori Wyborney led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting resumed at 8:30 AM on Monday, September 26, 2016.

### **CONSENSUS ISSUES**

Eric McCurdy presented the agenda, minutes from the June 5, 2016, and August 5, 2016 meetings, and consensus items.

- **Malich/McCarthy** moved to approve the agenda, the June and August minutes and the consensus items. MOTION PASSED.

## SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

### CALENDAR AND CULMINATING EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Wendy Malich summarized the following topics:

#### 1. **SITE FOR 2017 STATE CHEERLEADING**

Since the University of Washington is not available this year during any of the potential Saturdays in late January or early February, Xfinity Arena was secured for the 2017 State Cheerleading Championships.

- **McCarthy/Lindgren** moved to approve Xfinity Arena as the site for the State Cheerleading Championships on Saturday, January 28, 2017. MOTION PASSED.

#### 2. **SITE AND PROJECTED SCHEDULE FOR 2017 STATE BOWLING**

The number of schools offering bowling continues to increase, and staff anticipates that the 2A, 3A and 4A classifications will each qualify for eight-entry events. Based on the current format, those three tournaments cannot be squeezed into just two days, so a projected three-day schedule was developed for the current site at Narrows Plaza in Tacoma. Even with three days being utilized, each classification would rotate through the Thursday-Friday schedule versus Friday-Saturday schedule once every three years. Andy Barnes shared that Narrows Plaza has the ability to bring in bleachers which is not possible in most other venues. He added that Narrows Plaza has requested a decision as soon as possible, due to the impact on adult and youth leagues that are played both during the week and on weekends in that facility.

Staff was directed to provide a breakout of schools by classification and by district along with other potential state bowling sites for the December meeting.

- **Thomsen/Caples** moved to approve Narrows Plaza as the site for 2017 State Bowling and the proposed schedule for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 2-4, 2017, if dictated by allocations. MOTION PASSED.

#### 3. **POTENTIAL SCHEDULE FOR 2017 STATE GYMNASTICS AND CONSIDERATION FOR FUTURE SITE CHANGE**

Brian Smith reported that, based upon the number of schools in each classification that meet the team definition in gymnastics, the State Gymnastics Meets are currently formatted with the 4A allocated four teams and the equivalent number of individuals while the 2A/3A allocated eight teams and the equivalent number of individuals. He added that the addition of just one more school could require an eight-entry event for both. He has developed a three-day schedule similar to the bowling schedule and has scheduled a meeting in the near future to meet with the Gymnastics Coaches Advisory Committee for additional input regarding not only the schedule, but other potential facilities as well.

#### 4. **4A TENNIS**

Andy Barnes reported that while Richland continues to be available as a site, staff is working to secure a school administrator as manager.

**5. 2017 3A, 4A STATE BASEBALL SITE**

Cindy Adsit shared that the Mariners will be out of town on May 26-27, 2017, which means Safeco Field is potentially available. Based upon past practice, whenever Safeco Field is available, the 3A and 4A State Baseball Championships have been held in that facility.

- **Lindgren/Kredit** moved to approve Safeco Field as a State Baseball site for 2017 if available and directed the staff to investigate the potential for including other classifications. MOTION PASSED.

**6. SPLITTING SPRING TOURNAMENTS**

There was discussion to pursue the potential to hold some of the spring state events either a week earlier or a week later, in order to ease the burden on schools and families with all spring championships being held on the same weekend. In many cases, nonleague softball games are played to fill in the time period following the conclusion of the regular season and the beginning of the state tournaments. Since the WIAA Executive Board sets season dates while the Representative Assembly determines contest limitations, there was agreement to gather feedback from the membership regarding a change in dates. Mick Hoffman shared that in the Vancouver School District, the ASB cannot be utilized to fund students once they have graduated.

- **McCarthy/Hoffman** moved to have Wendy Malich chair a subcommittee to pursue the splitting of the spring state tournaments. MOTION PASSED.

**HANDBOOK SUB-COMMITTEE**

Harlan Kredit summarized the following proposed changes:

**1. Review of WIAA handbook rule 4.7.0.C**

While WIAA handbook rule 4.7.0.C requires that the enrollments of all schools involved in a combine be included, there was a question about whether combined programs should be required to include the names of all schools involved. Combining schools for certain sports can provide participation opportunities for students, but the name of the program can be quite cumbersome. John Miller indicated that there may be some issues with billing, and will check with other WIAA staff responsible for that function in order to provide a recommendation for the November meeting.

**2. Review of 18.20.0**

With the restructuring of 18.20.0 and the utilization of eighth graders in high school programs, one clause was inadvertently omitted in the 2016-17 WIAA handbook. Cindy Adsit recommended that the following statement be included, not only in the interpretation, but also in the language of the handbook as an editorial change for clarification.

- **Kredit/Lindgren** moved to add that “combining contests in both the middle level and high school level, an eighth grader may participate in up to the maximum number of high school contests. Also refer to the specific sport sections in this WIAA handbook to verify daily, weekly or season limitations.” MOTION PASSED.

3. Review of WIAA handbook rule 17.27.0  
Currently a minimum of three teams are required to play in a jamboree and each school is required to play at least two opponents. During every season, however, there are situations where one school withdraws from the jamboree, leaving only two teams remaining and insufficient time to find a replacement. The staff was directed to be flexible and creative when schools find themselves in this position and to develop an amendment for that purpose for the 2017 Representative Assembly.
  - **Kredit/Malich** moved for staff to work with schools on an individual basis to allow a jamboree to be held when only two schools remain after one or more of the other schools opt out. MOTION PASSED.
4. Review of WIAA handbook rule 17.5.8.A  
Following a violation of the WIAA out-of-season coaching rule, clarifying language was suggested in order to prevent a similar occurrence involving a coach coaching his/her child.
  - **Kredit/Malich** moved that “A coach may coach his/her child at any time **provided no other students who attend or feed into that school are involved, individually or as members of a team**” as an editorial clarification. MOTION PASSED.
5. Review of WIAA handbook rule 18.11.00  
Yakama Tribal School requested to be considered as a five year high school. Because entry level is considered either ninth or tenth grade by rule, every student as an eighth grader (at Yakima Tribal School) is a transfer student since the school does not offer a middle level and in many cases, does not offer junior varsity. Since tribal schools are considered private schools, the request would allow for eighth grade to be entry level at that school. T.J. Greene added that the funding provided to tribal schools does create some challenges, and that the situation at Yakama Tribal School is unique even among tribal schools.
  - **Malich/Kredit** moved to allow Yakama Tribal School to be considered as a five year high school with eighth grade as entry level. MOTION PASSED.
6. Review of WIAA handbook rule 18.11.2  
High-ranking military personnel are required to live on base. Currently the military compact allows deadlines to be waived in terms of student eligibility, but some military personnel are requesting that the transfer rule also be waived so that these students could attend a school other than their resident school and be considered varsity eligible. At this point in time, Missouri is the only state that allows eligibility for the children of high-ranking personnel to be eligible at any school. John Miller added that these cases are going through the eligibility committee process and the student must be able to verify a hardship. Pam Veltri added that this could also be perceived as an equity issue, and could pit one school against another. There was no motion to change the current process. Mike Colbrese added that he and John Miller have been working with legislators, school personnel and military personnel to resolve the issues.

## FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Rich Rouleau provided updates on the following topics:

1. **Funding plan**  
Due to the increased expenses for fact finding, investigations and litigation, which are considered to be expenses outside the scope of normal business activities, there is now a line item in the WIAA budget. There have been discussions about who should bear the brunt of the cost – the schools, leagues, WIAA districts, and/or the WIAA. The WIAA position/philosophy has been that if a school requests fact finding, the Association is responsible for those costs so it is not perceived as that school “buying” the outcome. The Association will need to determine how to fund such fact findings when the costs exceed the amount on the annual Budget.
2. **Review of new state basketball tournament format**  
While there is concern about a potential shortfall with new state basketball tournament format, it appears as though the proposed format will provide net revenue to the Association with the additional games being played on Wednesday.
3. **Six year revenue plan**  
During this 2016-17 school year, there will be a scheduled \$1 ticket price increase for students and seniors. A membership fee increase, as scheduled for 2017-18, will be presented to Rep Assembly for voting in March of 2017.
4. **Ongoing goals**  
In order to maintain the financial goals of the Association, some significant changes have been implemented with the belief that the savings and/or additional revenue could be substantial: the westside semifinal football games were moved out of the Tacoma Dome and will be played, instead, in pre-approved sites; the new basketball format; the Hall of Fame being held every other year; and the Emerald City Kickoff Classic (ECKC) being held only when the University of Washington is available.
5. **Comparing staff salaries with other states**  
Staff salary review will be included in the six year plan for fair compensation.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mike Colbrese presented the year-to-date financial report for discussion and review.

- **Kredit/McCarthy** moved to accept the year-to-date financial report. MOTION PASSED.

Mike Colbrese presented the 2016-17 tournament budgets. Rich Rouleau added that the tournament managers’ fees will increase by five percent (5%) as laid out in the tournament manager’s salary schedule.

- **McCarthy/Veltri** moved to accept the 2016-17 tournament budgets. MOTION PASSED.

## REQUESTS FOR ACTION

### SCHOOLS WITH EJECTIONS

Brian Smith distributed the list of schools that had five or more ejections in 2016-17 and summarized his meetings with each of the schools that had five or more ejections for two or more years. Each of the schools is working to involve different student groups to better assist with the culture of sports at their school.

- **Kredit/Malich** moved to accept the plans for improvement submitted by the schools. MOTION PASSED.

Brian Smith also provided a list of ejections by district and by sport for review. While baseball coaches have been “on notice” to reduce the number of ejections for foul and abusive language, staff requested that the ejections of coaches for foul and abusive language in all sports be studied throughout the year, with the potential that a greater penalty might be implemented in the future for all sports.

## AUDIENCE

### CHEER COACHES APPEAL FOR BOARD TO RECONSIDER ACTION TAKEN IN JUNE

Stephania Gullickson, Washington State Cheer Coaches Association (WSCCA) President; Kim Westerberg, WSCCA Treasurer; and Dani Yorkston, WSCJA President, requested the Board reconsider its action taken during the June meeting, and consolidate the non-tumbling category. WIAA has had jurisdiction over the State Cheerleading Championships beginning with 2006-07. Staff provided a history of participation by category through the years (Attachment #1.) It was noted that the national cheerleading events include a non-tumbling division as well even though the non-tumbling division eliminates an exciting component of competition. Some of the tumbling squads find that they are the only one in that category at regular season competitions, and sometimes at state, even though squads of the same size elect to compete in non-tumbling.

### BOUND FOR STATE UPDATES

#### CHEER COACHES REQUEST

Cindy Adsit summarized the request of the cheer coaches association to reconsider their request to consolidate the non-tumbling category. With no motion to reconsider previous action taken, the staff was directed to analyze state cheer events held in other states to determine if changes might make the competitions more equitable.

- **Thomsen/Malich** directed staff to continue to work with the WSCCA to make the state event more equitable to other state championship events. MOTION PASSED.

### GOLF TEAM SCORING

Andy Barnes summarized the request of the Golf Committee following a conference phone call on September 22 regarding team scoring. After much time and effort devoted to the topic, the committee was disappointed that the proposal was defeated and recommended that the team format for 3A and 4A be reconsidered. Lori Wyborne added that she has had several golfers, coaches and even superintendents requesting that the team golf concept be revisited. Tim Thomsen added that responses have been similar in District 3 and requested that consideration be given to guarantee the best golfers qualify, whether as an individual or as a member of a team.

Andy Barnes reported that the committee also requested the Board to remove the limit of the number of golfers per school, in order to allow the top golfers to qualify, rather than limiting the number per school and ultimately qualifying a less qualified golfer. He shared that removing the limit would not change the allocations, nor would it change the scoring. He added that some districts are currently allowing for more, while some are limiting the number.

- **Veltri/Thomsen** directed the staff to meet with the golf committee to determine if a different team format could be developed that would meet concerns regarding who might be eliminated due to the additional team members being added, and equity, while continuing to focus on 3A and 4A golf. MOTION PASSED.
- **Wyborne/Malich** moved to remove the limit on the number of golfers to qualify for state from one (1) school but maintain that only the top six (6) golfers will score in the team scoring when determining the team championships. MOTION PASSED.

#### **EARNING A TEAM TROPHY AT STATE CROSS COUNTRY**

Brian Smith team shared that seven (7) individuals qualify with each allocation in cross country. With this additional allotment, a group of individuals could earn a team trophy even if they didn't qualify as a team. He recommended that "any five (5) individuals could earn a team trophy" be added to the Bound for State Cross Country Regulations.

- **Malich/Thomsen** moved to approve that "any five (5) individuals could earn a team trophy" be added to the 2016-17 Bound for State Cross Country Regulations. MOTION PASSED.

#### **GYMNASTICS**

Brian Smith shared that the same situation with individuals scoring enough points to earn a team trophy, could, and has, occurred at the State Gymnastics Meet.

- **Malich/Hoffman** moved to approve "any five (5) individuals could earn a team trophy" be added to the 2016-17 Bound for State Gymnastics Regulations. MOTION PASSED.

#### **DISTRICT BOARD'S 2015-16 ACTIONS FOR VIOLATIONS**

Brian Smith presented the summary of violations and actions by the leagues and WIAA District Boards for WIAA Executive Board review as required by WIAA handbook rule 25.7.0. He added that most districts will send notices of violations reviewed to the WIAA staff after each district meeting. This tabulation, however, is the annual summary for Board review. The staff is committed to strive for consistency in actions taken across the board as a result of similar violations, and encouraged members to have that same discussion during upcoming meetings. Tim Thomsen requested that a template be provided for leagues and Districts in terms of reporting violations. Brian Smith added that he is the liaison who works directly with the Penalty Review Council that makes recommendations for dealing with violations and encouraged league representatives to utilize that service. Tim Graham added that District 4 is tracking violations and actions to improve consistency.

- **Lindgren/Kredit** moved to accept the report. MOTION PASSED.

## BOARD GOALS

Eric McCurdy summarized the proposed 2016-17 WIAA Executive Board goals.

- **Hoffman/Lindgren** moved to approve the 2016-17 WIAA Executive Board goals (Attachment #2.) MOTION PASSED.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GOALS

Eric McCurdy shared that he and Vice President Lori Wyborney reviewed the goals proposed by WIAA Executive Director Mike Colbrese. He emphasized that any concerns need to be relayed to the president when they occur since he and Mr. Colbrese communicate on a weekly basis.

- **Malich/Lindgren** moved to approve the 2016-17 executive director goals. MOTION PASSED.

## WIAA DRAW CRITERIA LANGUAGE

Cindy Adsit reported that while the 2016-17 draw criteria was revised during the June meeting to include that “any districts that combine, whether by combination or by glue, will retain their true #1 teams for purposes of the draw”, staff mistakenly believed that a different step in the criteria regarding two teams from the same district being drawn to play one another in the first round had been removed and had erroneously shared that information during the fall workshops. She shared that this specific criteria had been applied 27 times during the 2014-15 and 2015-16 allocation/draw cycle, and in one case, involved two students from the same school playing against one another in the first round of tennis. With no support for change, “if a district has five or more allocations, the #5, #6, etc. teams will go into the draw as potential opponents for its #1 team.”

Andy Barnes asked for clarification due to the new criteria regarding the #1 teams, as draws are scheduled to be conducted immediately following this meeting, regarding preference for hosting in the second round in football and soccer based upon allocations (should a district with seven allocations be given any preference for hosting the second round versus a district with only one allocation) or should a #1 be considered a #1 regardless of the number of allocations.

- **Thomsen/** moved to have this specific criteria apply only to team sports (and not to individual sports.) Motion died for lack of second.
- **McCarthy/Thomsen** moved that there be preference for hosting in the second round (in football and soccer) based upon allocations. MOTION FAILED. NOTE: No matter the number of allocations, if a district generates an allocation, its #1 will be treated the same as a #1 team from another district with more allocations, and will be placed in the rotation to host in the second round.

## DISTRICT 5/8 REQUEST TO GLUE

Andy Barnes shared that Districts 5 and 8 in 3A are combined by rule. Since the combined district generates only one allocation, they are requesting to glue with District 4. District 4, however, already has a glue agreement with District 3. Based on past practice when two Districts are in consideration for accepting a glue, the Board has assigned the glue to the District involving a shorter distance between the two farthest schools in those districts. Pat McCarthy shared that District qualifying events have already been scheduled, with facilities locked in, and suggested that WIAA handbook rule 22.2.1 (deadline for determining district entries to state tournaments shall be midnight Saturday prior to the

week of the state-level events) be waived, in order to accommodate the glue no matter where placed. Rich Rouleau added that the glue creates difficult situations with travel and time loss from schools for all schools involved. Several options were discussed.

- **Thomsen/Kredit** moved that 3A District 5/8 be glued with District 2, allow a waiver of the deadline for district qualifying events (WIAA handbook rule 22.2.1), and encourage 3A and 4A schools in District 5/8 and District 4 to continue to work together for the next two-year allocation cycle. MOTION PASSED.

### **DISTRICTS 5, 6, 7 IN GIRLS SOCCER**

Both Districts 6 and 7, each of which has one allocation for 2016, are requesting to glue with District 5 in 1A girls soccer. District 5 is questioning whether that is fair, and if they can protect their #1 and #2 teams. Current WIAA rule 22.2.8 allows a District to protect its #1 team when another district glues with that district.

- **Thomsen/Malich** moved to combine Districts 6 and 7 for 2016, rather than allowing those Districts to glue with District 5. MOTION FAILED.
- **Veltri/Hoffman** moved to allow both Districts 6 and 7 to glue with District 5 in 2016 girls 1A soccer, and allow District 5 to protect its #1 and #2 teams. MOTION PASSED.

### **ALLOCATIONS FOR 2016 AND 2017 FALL SEASONS**

Andy Barnes presented the Fall Allocations. He added that the worksheets were sent to the district directors for review and adjustments were made based on their clarifications. In most cases the district directors forward the worksheets to their league representatives for review. The draws will be conducted during this next week. The football and soccer draws will be posted, while the draws in volleyball will not be posted until after all teams have qualified.

- **Kredit/Malich** moved to approve the 2016 and 2017 fall allocations. MOTION PASSED.

### **WMEA REGARDING STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE**

Mike Colbrese summarized the request of the Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA) to allow for a two-year pilot program which would add guitar ensembles to the State Solo and Ensemble Contest beginning with the 2016-17 year. It was not anticipated to add costs due to a decrease in the number of mezzo soprano contestants.

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to approve the request for the 2017 State Solo and Ensemble Contests. MOTION PASSED.

### **STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND RPI**

Pat McCarthy requested the Board approve the recommendation of the committee to adopt Option B for the state basketball format and to adopt the RPI for basketball, beginning with this upcoming 2016-17 season. Harlan Kredit requested the Board approve on first reading only, in order to allow leagues more opportunity for discussion. Tim Thomsen added that well over 70 percent (%) of the respondents requested a change in the state basketball tournament format this year. In order to accommodate a change, that left Options A and B remaining. Option B generated greater support. With additional games to be played, there is the potential for more revenue to be generated for the Association. Pam

Veltri suggested that we need to continue to work with schools, leagues, and districts to strive to increase attendance during the regular season, which would hopefully lead to increased attendance at the state events as well. The committee chairs felt that the 70% support for change this year was compelling data to recommend a change in the format. More information on each of the format options can be viewed on the basketball page of the WIAA Website.

The recommended RPI will be a modified NCAA formula and the same formula utilized by the Colorado High School Activities Association (25% win-loss, 50% opponents win-loss, and 25% opponent's opponents win-loss.) The formula will be simple to understand. Tim Thomsen clarified that the sample RPI posted on the WIAA Website included several factors that will not be included in the algorithm to finalize the RPI. Pat McCarthy shared that a mathematical consultant applied the formula to last year's data, including last year's state tournament results, and believes that the proposed algorithm will be appropriate. Tim Thomsen added that the RPI will be released on January 1, then updated weekly after that through the end of the regular season. The RPI will be reviewed after one year for potential adoption by all team sports in the future, although a different formula may be appropriate for different sports.

- **Rouleau/Whitmore** moved to approve Option B beginning with the 2017 State Basketball Championships (Attachment 4). MOTION PASSED.
- **Whitmore/Malich** moved to approve the recommended RPI for basketball for the 2016-17 season. MOTION PASSED.

#### **APRIL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DATE AND SITE**

Mike Colbrese reported that, with spring breaks, Easter, and the WSSAAA Conference, there is no open weekend in April for a meeting. With three Board members on the WSSAAA Board and also scheduled to present LTI classes during the conference, the meeting could be held in conjunction with the WSSAAA Conference, on Friday evening and/or all day Saturday.

- **Wyborne/Hoffman** moved to hold the April meeting on Saturday, April 22, 2017, in Spokane. MOTION PASSED.

#### **WIAA/WOA RTO COMMITTEE REPORT**

Tim Thomsen summarized the packet provided regarding measurable RTO goals and scheduled fee increases through 2018-19. The committee finalized the parameters for accountability for both schools and officials, and includes a rubric for regular and postseason officiating requirements. The projected fee increases include \$2.00 for regional and state contests in 2016-17; a \$1.00 for all postseason contests including league and district contests in 2017-18; and an additional \$2.00 for all postseason contests including league and district contests in 2018-19. The WOA Board approved this document in June. Mick Hoffman added that the schools believe that the "R" in RTO should also stand for recruitment, not just retention and that there should be an evaluation tool to determine if monies are appropriately being spent. Tim Thomsen shared that the plan is now in place, that procedural implementation will be next, and that an evaluation plan will follow.

- **Lindgren/Kredit** moved to approve the WIAA/WOA RTO document which includes the parameters, rubric, and fee increases through 2018-19. MOTION PASSED.

## **DIVERSITY COMMITTEE**

Pat McCarthy shared that the diversity committee is committed to assisting the member schools and the Association as a whole with social justice issues. The Board went through social justice training and staff training will be scheduled in the near future. Staff is providing data as requested to the committee, including the makeup of student populations around the state and the makeup of eligibility committees. The committee believes that it is relevant that there be some semblance of likeness in the members of eligibility committees for the students appealing their eligibility status. Committee updates were shared during the fall workshops. The committee is scheduled to meet again on October 28.

## **EIGHTH GRADE PARTICIPATION AT LIBERTY BELL**

Cindy Adsit presented the request on behalf of Liberty Bell High School to overrule the rule change approved by the 2016 Representative Assembly regarding the utilization of eighth graders at the high school level (i.e. 2B schools with an enrollment of 105 and above could potentially utilize eighth graders in order to save a varsity program but could not utilize eighth graders on subvarsity squads). Ken Lindgren added that there are options for eighth graders to be involved, even if not at that high school, where middle schools can combine to offer programs for eighth graders. The Board continues to support the action of the Representative Assembly and there was no motion to overturn the new rule.

## **BOARD POLICY MANUAL**

Mike Colbrese recommended that a special committee be formed for the purpose of reviewing and revising, where necessary, the WIAA Executive Board Policy Manual. The manual includes operational procedures for WIAA Executive Board members and meetings.

- **Malich/Kredit** moved to authorize some of the Board members to work with Mike Colbrese to review the WIAA Executive Board policy manual. Lori Wyborney agreed to chair this committee. MOTION PASSED.

## **EXPERIMENT REQUEST**

### **GSL MIDDLE LEVEL WRESTLING – John Miller**

John Miller summarized the request of the Greater Spokane League (GSL) to approve for a second year their experiment which allows for students from non-member schools to compete as one team against the GSL middle schools in wrestling. The GSL schools will resubmit an amendment for the 2017 Representative Assembly.

- **Kredit/Lindgren** moved to approve the request by the GSL to experiment. MOTION PASSED.

## **EXPERIMENT REQUEST**

### **Eastern Washington Athletic Conference (EWAC)**

Cindy Adsit presented the request on behalf of the Eastern Washington Athletic Conference (EWAC) to play a guaranteed five (5) sets in subvarsity volleyball matches, in order to provide participation opportunities for the few schools in the league with C squads. The officials fees for the additional two (2) sets has been negotiated with the WOA.

- **Kredit/Lindgren** moved to approve the request by the EWAC for a guaranteed five out of five sets in subvarsity volleyball for the 2016 season. MOTION PASSED.

## EXPERIMENT REQUEST

### INTERNATIONAL MIDDLE LEVEL LEAGUE REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL HITTER IN SOFTBALL

John Miller presented the request for experiment on behalf of the International Middle Level League to utilize an additional batter in softball. One designated player/Flex option player is already allowed by NFHS softball rule 3-section 1-article 1, so with this request, two additional batters would be permissible. The two additional batters will not add players in the field (will continue to be nine) but either one, or both, could substitute for a player in the field. Once substituted out of the field that player would continue to be a batter. The batting order once established will remain the same.

- **Whitmore/McCarthy** moved to approve the experiment request by the International Middle Level League to utilize two DP/Flex batters in softball. MOTION PASSED.

## PLANNING

### UPDATE ON STRATEGIC PLAN

Mike Colbrese reported that staff is working to develop the best practices document regarding Healthy Culture that will be distributed to all schools. He added that the school survey provided some interesting data, but that it needed to be evaluated to determine the appropriate future action. Wendy Malich offered to chair a committee that will evaluate the input on the school survey in order to determine action to take from this point forward.

### 2016-17 STATE EVENT UPDATES

The fall tournament worksheet was distributed for Board members to sign up for awards presentation (Attachment #3.)

## BASEBALL ISSUES

### PITCH COUNT

Cindy Adsit shared that new NFHS baseball rule 6-section 1-article 6 now mandates that each state association have a pitching restriction policy based on the number of pitches thrown to afford pitchers a required rest period between pitching appearances (a pitch count rule.) Since the proposed pitch count amendment was defeated by the 2016 Representative Assembly, the current pitching limitation rule is based upon innings pitched, rather than the number of pitches. If submitted again to the Representative Assembly, any new rule would not go into effect until the 2017-18 school year and the Association would lose the support of the NFHS if a pitch count rule is not implemented during this 2016-17 school year. It is interesting to note, that even without a pitch count rule, 70 percent (70%) of the Washington high school baseball scores reported on MaxPreps during the 2016 season included a pitch count report.

- **Thomsen/McCarthy** moved on first reading to adopt a pitch count in baseball and directed staff to work with the Baseball Coaches Advisory Committee to develop the parameters. MOTION PASSED.

### BASEBALL COACHES EJECTIONS

Cindy Adsit reported that while baseball has been on notice due to an unacceptable number of ejections for foul and abusive language, she recommended that rather than increase a penalty to baseball coaches, that the board consider a more restrictive penalty for all coaches (for foul and abusive language.) The staff will develop a proposal that could apply to the coaches of all sports beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

## HONORARY BOARD REPORTS

**Eric Anderson (WASP)** reported that the principals have not yet met this fall, although during the spring session there was a shared concern about a lack of teachers across the state, particularly since there are a significant number of teachers intending to soon retire. Principals are encouraged to meet on a league basis and that there are funds available for that.

**Lori Oviatt (WSDDA)** shared that WSDDA Legislative session recently convened where legislative proposals could be submitted for future consideration. WSDDA encourages school personnel to learn about the candidates for the OSPI position and to vote accordingly. Regional meetings, which are networking forums, will be held around the state in October. The fall conference in November will be in Spokane. The State Board of Education met in mid-September discussed the role of equity and social justice in schools.

**Joel Aune (WASA)** reported that some District Office Administrators, as well as superintendents, are WASA members. WASA is focusing on legislative accountability, specifically with the McCleary decision, but also including all educational initiatives.

**Dave Tikker (WSSAAA)** reported that there are approximately 35 new athletic directors this year. Scott Nordi will be the conference chair this year and a WSSAAA intern has been researching topics for presentation. Robert Polk has initiated the cohort program, the webinars have been scheduled, and Brian Smith has developed a middle level online athletic directors' workshop. The New AD Toolbox is posted on the WSSAAA Website; sport templates are being developed and materials will continue to be added. During a recent meeting of the executive directors, each accepted the challenge to bring communities together in their respective states under the umbrella of athletics.

**Ross Hjelseth (WFIS)** shared that the next WFIS meeting will be in October. He added that WFIS is a membership driven organization, but not all private schools are WFIS members. Private schools decide annually if they will join WFIS on a year-to-year basis. Private school representation is not guaranteed on the WIAA Executive Board and he suggested that one of the voting positions be dedicated to a private school representative.

**Ed Lauleinen (WSCA)** reported that the WSCA Board met in August and went through the passed amendments, the types of awards that are available to WSCA members, an operations manual, and revisions to the WSCA reimbursement policy (currently there is a \$10 reimbursement per membership to specific sport groups). He added that Greg Whitmore shared the progress of the Special State Basketball Tournament during that meeting. Next meeting will be December 4-5 at the WIAA office.

**T.J. Greene (Tribal Schools)** provided a written report summarized here. T.J. Greene echoed the concerns of Ross Hjelseth for tribal representation as a voting member on the WIAA Executive Board. While the number of students within tribal schools and communities may not be at the level of private school students, the interest in representation is the same. He commended the WIAA for its leadership with its work on diversity and social justice discussions that are ongoing within the strategic plan, goals and objectives, and encouraged the Board to consider a tribal representative for a voting position.

**Tim Graham (District Directors)** reported that the District Directors met with the WIAA staff on September 22. He added that there are a lot of similarities across district lines, but many challenges are unique, so the meetings are extremely beneficial to all.

**Lois Gorne (Fine Arts)** shared that there are many similarities between Fine Arts programs and athletics. The categories for debate has evolved and grown over the years which has involved many more participants. The goal of Fine Arts programs is to build confidence, team unity, and give all students an avenue for involvement. There has been good support from the University of Washington and Pacific Lutheran University in hosting high school events, with the fall conference involving 47 school districts. New coaches are encouraged to contact Ms. Gorne directly for information and support.

### **UPDATES FROM STAFF**

#### **Emerald City Volleyball Invitational (ECVI)**

Cindy Adsit shared that Mercer Island High School provides a great site for this event and expressed her appreciation for the continued opportunity to use the site. Mercer Island, Seattle Prep, Franklin and West Seattle High School participated in a fun volleyball jamboree on Saturday, September 3, that had good fan representation from each of those schools.

#### **Emerald City Kickoff Classic (ECKC)**

Andy Barnes reported that the University of Washington is available for the ECKC in 2017 and that he is contacting potential schools to participate.

### **COACHES EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

John Miller reported that a coaches education committee will meet in October to review the WIAA coaches standards that were developed several years ago to determine if updates are needed. The goal of this committee is to make the process easier for coaches to meet and for athletic directors to track.

### **LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

John Olson provided a summary of ongoing litigation regarding the request for accommodation at State Volleyball for schools that honor the Sabbath, potential litigation from a Bishop Blanchet parent, and suits filed by the Bellevue Booster Club, one of the former coaches and a tort filing by the head coach. A law firm has been selected to represent the Association for the Bellevue case.

### **WIAA WORKSHOP OFFERINGS**

#### **ELIGIBILITY UPDATES**

Brian Smith reported that about 93% completion of athletic director online eligibility workshop, which is an all-time high. Middle school athletic director online training workshop have been posted, although few have completed the clinic. Training sessions for the District Eligibility Committees was held at each of the fall workshop sites and the District Eligibility Chairs are scheduled to meet in October.

#### **FALL WORKSHOPS**

Brian Smith reported that scheduling the fall workshops for mid-August through the first week in September is challenging for staff but the dates work well for the schools. The workshops were well attended with great questions, including healthy discussions regarding state basketball.

## WIAA EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### ONLINE RULES CLINICS

Andy Barnes added that, in addition to the current online rules clinics, the coaches education committee will pursue different formats for coaches to meet the rules updates requirements. He added that hands-on clinics are still required for pole vault coaches, swim and dive coaches, cheer and dance/drill stunt certification. The fall online rules clinics are now posted on each specific sport pages, so that coaches, athletic directors, officials and anyone interested in those rules, can view those power points.

### COACHES SCHOOL

Cam Taylor reported that there was a great lineup of presenters for the 2016 Coaches School held in Yakima July 25-26. He added that feedback has been extremely positive, and he complimented the commitment on the part of coaches for continuing education. He shared that, despite a \$10 registration fee increase, 485 coaches attended this year, which represents an increase for three years in a row.

### MARKETING/MEDIA INFORMATION UPDATES and LEAP report

Andy Knapp and Casey Johnson presented a power point presentation highlighting media coverage throughout 2016-17 school year (Attachment #5) and presented a video introduction of the 2016-17 LEAP committee (posted on the WIAA Website.)

### NFHS

Mike Colbrese shared information regarding the NFHS summer meeting that was held June 28-July 2, 2016, and the Section 7/8 meeting, that was held September 18-20, 2016.

### FEATURES AND ARTICLES

A series of articles and features of interest were provided to the Board.

### REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING ACTION

Andy Barnes reviewed action taken by the Board during this meeting.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Lindgren/Whitmore** moved to hold an executive session at 4:30 PM on Sunday, September 25, 2016. MOTION PASSED.
- **Malich/Lindgren** moved to end the executive session at 5:45 PM on Sunday, September 25, 2016. MOTION PASSED.

### MEETING CONCLUSION

- **Malich/Whitmore** moved to adjourn at 1:20 PM on Monday, September 26, 2016. MOTION PASSED.

Submitted by:  
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Next Meeting: November 13-14, 2016