BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Ken Axelson (District 1), Vice President Al Falkner (District 8), Craig Olson (District 2), Chris Bigelow (Region A), Ed Ploof (District 3), Steve Frucci for Henry Karnofski (District 4), Wendy Malich (Region B), Rich Rouleau (District 5), Jim Evans (District 6), Joe Feist (District 7), Ken Lindgren (District 9), George Juarez (Region C), Michele Webb (At Large).

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS: Mike Burton (Fine Arts), Cherie Carroll (MLPA), Peter Bentley (WSDDA), Ross Hjelseth (WFIS), Ed Laulainen (WSCA), Dave Lutes (WSSAAA), Steve Smedley (WASA) and Todd Stordahl (WOA)

DISTRICT DIRECTOR: Jim Piccolo (District 1).

The Executive Board meeting was preceded by a committee work session

Call to Order
WIAA Executive Board President Axelson opened the Executive Board meeting at 2 PM, Saturday, January 20, 2007. Mr. Axelson welcomed members of the Board and thanked them for attending. Vice President Falkner led the members of the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLSON/MALICH moved to approve the agenda, the minutes of the December 3-4, 2006, Executive Board meeting and consensus issues. MOTION PASSED

Audience – Request on behalf of Melissa Watkins for entrance into the 2007 Boys Mat Classic State Tournament. Terry Cavender, Athletic Director, Camas High School.
Mr. Cavender outlined the request on behalf of Melissa Watkins, included her wrestling history. He distributed a letter written by Ms. Watkins to members of the Executive Board outlining her request to be allowed to qualify for the tournament event, even though she does not meet the criteria for participation set by the Board i.e., participation in the 2006 Mat Classic.

Mr. Cavender shared that Ms. Watkins has been encouraged to participate in the inaugural girls tournament and told of the historical significance of being the first girls state champion. He relayed that Ms. Watkins will refuse to participate in the girls tournament if her request to be allowed to qualify for the boys tournament is denied.

Affiliate Group Reports
State Principals Association (AWSP)
No report. A new representative from AWSP has yet to be named. [Mr. Colbrese has met with AWSP and an individual will be in place for the March meeting.]
State Principals Association Middle School (AWMLP)
Ms. Carroll reported that members of the AWMLP will be meeting in the next week, and she will provide a comprehensive report at the March Executive Board meeting.

State School Directors Association (WSSDA)
Mr. Colbrese introduced Mr. Peter Bentley as the new WSSDA liaison. Mr. Colbrese reported that Mr. Bentley is a member of the Bellevue School District Board and a member of the WSSDA Executive Board.

Mr. Bentley reported that the WSSDA Executive Board had met on Saturday, January 19-20, 2007. He shared that WSSDA is focusing during the upcoming legislative session on the proposed legislation that would allow for a simple majority to pass school initiatives and bonds. Mr. Bentley shared that WASL testing is also a focus during this legislative session and reported that school districts will be determining the need to file waivers and find solutions to meet the 1000 hours of instructional time that was interrupted by school closures for inclement weather. Mr. Bentley will have his first meeting with the IAC on February 10, 2007.

State Superintendents Association (WASA)
Dr. Smedley reported that instructional waivers due to inclement weather are not as easy as to obtain as first thought. He noted that school districts will be tied to local bargaining agreements when determining instructional alternatives. Dr. Smedley also shared that funding for transportation and special education are continuing.

State Athletic Directors Association (WSSAAA)
Mr. Lutes reported the 2007 WSSAAA Conference will be held April 12-15, 2007. Dave Cullen, conference coordinator, has run into a few roadblocks but everything is working out. Mr. Lutes reported that Washington State was well represented in December at the NIAAA conference in Anaheim, CA. He also shared that WSSAAA is examining the need for an executive director.

Washington Officials Association (WOA)
Mr. Stordahl thanked Mr. Colbrese for supporting the WOA with regard to the officiating issue that generated from the NFHS T-Mobile Basketball Tournament. He announced that, due to the treatment of Washington officials, the WOA will no longer consider joining the NFHS National Officials’ Organization. Mr. Stordahl also shared that he will be corresponding with the Oregon Officials Association about the Oregon Association’s participation in the T-Mobile Basketball Tournament.

Mr. Stordahl shared that the WOA is working with the WIAA lobbyis, Mr. Olson, in lobbying for legislation that would designate officials as independent contractors and not employees of schools/school districts. He reported this is in response to the Washington State Employment Securities investigation of the payment of officials and the payment of employment securities fees. Mr. Stordahl stated that L & I has similar concerns.
Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS)
Mr. Hjelseth shared information he garnered while attending the recent National Football Coaches Association meeting. He commented that the trend is for more events like the WIAA Emerald City Kickoff Classic that include the participation of out-of-state schools. He also shared concerns from the conference about gambling and high school students, as well as the need for coaches to become father figures to male athletes.

Fine Arts
Mr. Burton shared that the fine arts contests will be held on the weekends before and after the WASL. He stated that there is the anticipation that a number of sophomores will not be participating because of WASL testing.

State Coaches Association (WSCA)
Mr. Laulainen reported that the State Football Coaches Association Mid-Winter Conference was held on January 12-13, 2007, and there were approximately 350 coaches who participated. He shared that approximately 340 people attended the Football Coaches Hall of Fame banquet.

Financial Reports
Year-to-Date
Ms. Francis reported that, as of January 17, 2007, the finances of the Association are in due order. There are no significant or material issues to report outside the scope of anticipated receipts and expenditures at this point of the year. Ms. Francis continued that, while the WIAA is up in numbers in both revenue and expense amounts compared with last year, it is important to compare where the Association is in terms of budgeted amounts for 2006-07. She stated that the WIAA has received 41 percent of the budgeted amount in revenues and expenses are at 34.3 percent of the budgeted amount. Both areas are comparative to the numbers from 2005-06.

Tournament Financial Report
Ms. Francis reported there is a positive showing in the overall net income due in large part, to the success of the fall events in terms of net income and attendance. She shared that, for budget purposes, each tournament season has a projected revenue and expense target; the closer the tournament seasons are to meeting their targets, the more likely the Association will meet its overall budgeted amounts for tournament revenues and expenses.

Ms. Francis reviewed the projected amounts compared to the actual amounts. She noted that projected revenues were $600,849.62 and actual revenue was $674,395.70 for an overage of $73,546.08. Projected expenses were $256,185.00 and actual expenses were $268,122.83 for an overage of $11,937.83. Ms. Francis shared that the result is a net income that is $61,608.25 higher than expected.

Members of the Board inquired of both Ms. Francis and Mr. Hanson about the financial and public relations benefits of Emerald City Kickoff Classic. Mr. Hanson responded that media across the state, as well as some national outlets, are counting on the event and
the Association is seen as forward thinking in hosting the event. Ms. Francis commented that the event continues to register a profit for the Association.

**FALKNER/OLSON** moved to approve the year-to-date financial report as presented. MOTION PASSED

**Readings**

**Second Reading**

_A separate track team trophy would be awarded for able-bodied athletes and a team trophy for the combined points of able-bodied athletes and the wheelchair athletes beginning with the 2006-07 school year track season._

Ms. Fisher outlined the meeting she and Mr. Colbrese hosted with Teresa Skinner, Tami English and Bill Kemp representing wheelchair athletes. She reviewed the agreed upon details for scoring and eligibility. Ms. Fisher stated that all wheelchair athletes must meet the rules established by the WIAA, and individual school districts and all wheelchair athletes must qualify for the state meet through the district meet procedure. Ms. Fisher shared that the wheelchair athlete must meet or exceed the minimum standards established by the WIAA at the qualifying district meets. (Chart 1)

Ms. Fisher continued that each competitor is limited to four events. Ms. Fisher stated a wheelchair athlete will compete for individual and team honors in the school classification and gender in which his/her school competes. She shared that, if a wheelchair athlete competes against another wheelchair athlete of the same gender, same classification and finishes first, two points will be awarded to his/her team. The second place finisher receives one team point. She continued that if three wheelchair athletes participate then the points will be awarded three, two and one. (Chart 2)

Ms. Fisher reported that, if the wheelchair athlete is competing solo against the standards established by the WIAA, then he/she will be awarded one team point for meeting or exceeding the standards for that event.

Ms. Fisher reviewed for members of the Board the equipment requirements and specifications: A wheelchair should have a minimum of three wheels, the diameter of the two largest wheels shall not exceed 28 inches, only one push rim shall be attached to each large wheel and the chair’s seat, including cushion, shall not exceed 25 inches in height.

Ms. Fisher also reviewed the field equipment - an athlete may throw from his/her wheelchair or a throwing frame, both must comply with the following standards: The throwing frame sitting surface, including the cushion, must not exceed 75 cm in height; if the frame has a holding bar, it must be fixed; no part of the throwing frame or wheelchair may be outside the circumference of the circle; the size of the discus, shot, and javelin for wheelchair participants shall be the same as for all other male and female participants.
Board members shared that there was support at the district level for wheelchair participants to score team points, but there was continued concern about the cost to schools and the precedent that may be set and potentially carry over into other sports.

Members of the Board discussed if there needed to be a minimum number of teams and the potential for increased costs for participating schools. Ms. Fisher stated that both Ms. Skinner and Ms. English represent organizations that are willing to assist schools with equipment procurement to minimize the cost to schools as well as coaches training.

Board members continued to express that this is a positive move for the Association and that there is potential for an increase in wheelchair student participation.

**OLSON/FEIST** moved on **SECOND AND THIRD READING** to approve the adoption of a separate team trophy to be awarded for able-bodied athletes and a team trophy for the combined points of able-bodied athletes and the wheelchair athletes at the state track meet with implementation for the spring of 2007. **MOTION APPROVED**

**All Classifications of the 2007 State Baseball Championships to be played at Safeco Field**

Ms. Hettinger reported that she had sent a request to all past regional and state baseball tournament managers for feedback on the proposal to have all classifications of baseball played at Safeco Field. Ms. Hettinger reported that there was not enough information received to make a definitive recommendation.

Members of the Board reported that discussion on the district level involved concerns about the need to play games on Sunday; the increased cost and an additional day out of school that would occur if Sunday play was eliminated and the tournament extended through Tuesday; the impact the extension would have on eastern Washington graduation schedules and the desire of baseball coaches to continue to have the consolation games played. Members also discussed the anecdotal benefits of having the opportunity to play at Safeco.

Board members continued to voice concern about gender equity i.e., not having a premiere venue to host the softball championships.

**OLSON/PLOOF** moved on **SECOND AND THIRD READING** that all classifications of the State Baseball Championships in 2007 be played at Safeco Field. **MOTION DEFEATED**

The 3A, 4A State Baseball Championships will be take place at Safeco Field as originally planned. (The 1B, 2B Championships will be held at Parker Field in Yakima; the 1A, 2A Championships at Paul Tazier Field in Wenatchee.)

**Requests for Action**

**Approval of WMEA rule changes**

**FALKER/PLOOF** moved to approve the WMEA requested rule changes for the 2007-08 school year. **MOTION PASSED**
District 6 and District 7 request for two games in one day during the Regional Basketball Tournament.
Mr. Colbrese shared the letter from WIAA District Director Russ Brown on behalf of Districts 6 and 7 requesting permission for two games to be played during the 1A girls and boys regional basketball tournament on Saturday, February 24, 2007. Mr. Colbrese shared that this arrangement is necessary due to the odd number of allocations when Districts 6 and 7 combine for regional play and would prevent an additional day of travel for the teams playing for the third allocation.

FALKNER/PLOOF moved to approve the request from Districts 6 and 7 to play two games in one day for this season only. MOTION PASSED

Request on behalf of Melissa Watkins for entrance into the 2007 Boys Mat Classic State Tournament
Members of the Board discussed the request by Camas High School on behalf of Ms. Watkins and reviewed the decision to grandfather the female participants from the 2006 Mat Classic. They agreed that the precedent was set when WIAA implemented a girls golf tournament. At this time girls could qualify for the state championships only through competition against girls.

FEIST/BIGELOW moved to approve the request of Camas High School and allow Melissa Watkins access to the 2007 Boys Mat Classic. MOTION DEFEATED

Conflict of Interest Language
Mr. Axelson presented a draft of conflict of interest language for Board consideration:
WIAA Executive Board members must recuse themselves from voting on an issue that would constitute a conflict of interest or the appearance of such.

Such issues would include, but not be limited to, any issue that could provide any possible personal or professional gain due to the outcome of a decision.

Conflict of interest would also include any Executive Board member who voted on an appeal issue that had been acted upon at a lower level or any Executive Board member whose school is directly involved in an appeal or will be directly impacted by a decision of the Executive Board.

Members of the Board discussed when to make the determination to recuse themselves at the league and district levels and discussed the draft wording and parameters of recusal.

LINDGREN/OLSON moved to approve on FIRST READING the recusal language as presented. MOTION PASSED

Wilbur-Creston Request
Ms. Hettinger reviewed the history of the request. Ms. Hettinger shared that Wilbur-Creston will not have enough interested students to field a baseball team for the 2007 season. She shared that there is one student from Creston who would like to play for a
neighboring school. She continued that if Wilbur-Creston were to combine with either neighboring schools - Odessa or Almira-Coulee/Hartline – adding the enrollments together would raise the school’s classification from 1B to 2B for one student to participate.

Ms. Hettinger stated that Wilbur-Creston is requesting a one-year waiver, for baseball only, to have the Wilbur-Creston enrollment not counted toward the enrollment count for Almira-Coulee/Hartline in order to allow the one Creston player an opportunity to play baseball and Almira-Coulee/Hartline to retain the opportunity for postseason play at the 1B level.

The Board members discussed the situation of this young man; however, they agreed that the tenets of the WIAA classification system and the combined agreement policies must be upheld.

FALKNER/EVANS moved to approve the request of Wilbur-Creston and allow a one-year waiver, for baseball only, to have the Wilbur-Creston enrollment not counted toward the Almira-Coulee/Hartline enrollment count. MOTION DEFEATED

2007-08 Executive Board Meeting Dates
Mr. Colbrese shared that the National Federation meeting calendar continually prevents one staff member from attending the WIAA January Executive Board meeting. Mr. Colbrese stated his belief that WIAA staff attendance is crucial at both the NFHS and WIAA meetings and recommended scheduling the January WIAA Executive Board meeting one week later. He also shared that the date of the April meeting causes similar conflicts.

Members of the Board instructed staff to investigate alternative dates for the January and April board meetings that do not conflict with the NFHS meeting schedule, proposed spring school breaks and other holidays for the presentation at the March executive board meeting.

Board Committee Reports
Budget/Financial Committee
Mr. Falkner reported that the Association is in good financial shape. He continued that in the future the committee will be examining membership fees, the status of the reserve accounts and school reimbursements. Mr. Falkner stated that the goal of the committee during future meetings is to develop a five-year financial plan and a public relations program for member schools explaining the costs and benefits of membership.

Calendar/Culminating Events
Mr. Olson reported the committee is examining the season start and end dates, length of seasons and Board meeting dates. He shared that during future meetings the committee with be determining if flexibility is needed in deciding the end of a season - should the season fit the availability of a preferred site or should the Association find sites that may be less desirable but fit the season ending dates.
Mr. Olson also shared that the committee will be examining alternative dates for the July Executive Board meeting and the WIAA Coaches School.

**Handbook Committee**
Mr. Ploof reported the committee determined that the WIAA Handbook and the WIAA Q & A Book will continue to be two separate books because the committee found value in keeping the books separate. He relayed the committee recommendation that the handbook continue to be offered online, but that a search feature be added.

Mr. Ploof also reported the committee recommended that the table of contents and index be expanded and the handbook become more user-friendly. He noted that the Committee directed staff to provide samples for consideration during the March Board meeting.

**Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

**Transfer/Scholastic Report**
Ms. Fisher reported that she and Mr. Meyerhoff met with the Transfer/Scholastic Committee for the second time on January 16, 2007, and during the meeting the committee formulated a plan of action to seek information regarding both the transfer and scholastic rule. Ms. Fisher shared that Mr. Meyerhoff will be leading an exercise during Winter Coalition to determine the positive and negative aspects of both rules as they are presently written.

**Sportsmanship/Crowd Management Report**
Mr. Barnes reported that the committee met in November and, after reviewing the ejection rule, was discouraged about the number of ejections that are taking place, but they determined no change would be made at this time.

Mr. Barnes shared that the committee has established a checklist for event managers to evaluate acceptable and unacceptable behaviors. He noted that copies of the checklist will be made available to schools, and it is the committee’s intent to publish the names of schools that display appropriate behavior and good sportsmanship.

Mr. Barnes also reported unsportsmanlike behaviors that have been tolerated in the past (holding up newspapers or students turning their backs and facing the other way during introductions) will not be tolerated, and introductions will be stopped and events postponed until appropriate behavior is demonstrated.

Ms. Hettinger shared that the goal of the committee is for this checklist to be used as a training tool and be applied at all levels of competition. She noted that the committee determined the appropriateness of face-painting, signs and attire at the league level will be left up to each school.

Members of the Board asked Mr. Barnes and Ms. Hettinger if the committee addressed cheers and verbal personal attacks. Ms. Hettinger and Mr. Barnes shared that the committee did not make any recommendations or take action regarding specific cheers,
though the committee hopes these issues are being discussed at the league level. Board members also addressed the need for administrators at state tournaments to identify themselves to tournament staff and that school supervisors should be willing to enforce the behavior expectations.

Members of the Board recommended evaluating school supervisory personnel and sending the evaluation to the school district superintendent along with a report on the participating schools’ behavior. Members also discussed requiring schools that demonstrate unacceptable behaviors to appear before the WIAA Executive Board to present a plan for improvement. Board members also agreed that discussions need to take place at the community level about acceptable behavior at school events.

Mr. Colbrese shared that the AWSP has voiced concerns about the sportsmanship and supervisory issue; he will present the recommendations of the committee to the AWSP at the AWSP Representative Council on January 27, 2007.

**Winter Coalition, January 22, 2007**

Members of the Board reviewed the agenda for the January 22, 2007, meeting and the amendments that will be presented to Representative Assembly members and league representatives. Mr. Colbrese shared that his goal for the meeting is to create discussion and interaction.

**Proposed Editorial Changes**

Ms. Hettinger reviewed each of the proposed editorial changes including clarification of the language requested by District 6 for districts with one allocation.

Members discussed each of the proposed editorial changes. Members of the Board agreed to postpone the decision on the definition of a squad (17.10.0) until further discussion takes place during the March Board meeting.

**OLSON/PLOOF** moved to accept the editorial changes, excluding 17.10.0. - Definition of a Squad. MOTION PASSED

**Special Events**

**Salute to Spirit**

Ms. Hettinger reported that the event will take place on January 27, 2007. She noted her disappointment in the number of schools participating. Ms. Hettinger reviewed that the event did not register a profit last year and she does not anticipate a profit this year. She discussed with the Board the intent of the event – to provide a showcase event and increase the revenue stream.

Ms. Hettinger shared that there are two cheer competitions taking place the same weekend that are sponsored by outside groups, one is an All-Star competition at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall and the other at Wenatchee High School, which is being advertised as the Eastern Washington State Cheer Championships.
Ms. Hettinger will be asking the Board for direction regarding future sponsorship of the Salute to Spirit at the March Board meeting.

Members of the Board discussed the sanctioning of events that are sponsored by outside groups. Board members shared concerns about how the Association is perceived if schools are assuming the Association is sanctioning events. The Board also discussed mandating that schools only participate in sanctioned events and protect member schools from less than reputable organizations that are sponsoring events. Members also discussed what has become the business of high school sports.

Members of the Board agreed that the concern about outside organizations is within the mission of the Association.

PLOOF/ROULEAU moved to direct the staff to create a task force for examining the sanctioning of events that involve WIAA member schools. MOTION PASSED. Mr. Ploof and Mr. Falkner volunteered to participate as members of the task force.

2007 Emerald City Events
Mr. Barnes reported that the event preparations are on schedule. He noted that he and Mr. Hanson will be making visits to the participating schools to assist in promoting the event at the schools and surrounding communities.

Mr. Barnes shared that there is a date conflict in 2008. Washington State University is scheduled to play a home game at Qwest Field. He noted that previously, when there was a conflict, playing on Monday did not affect the attendance numbers. Mr. Barnes recommend that the Board make a decision the date confirmation for the 2008 ECKC at a Board meeting in the future.

State Events
Winter Season Events Updates
Basketball
Ms. Hettinger reported that the events are on schedule.

Bowling
Mr. Barnes reported that the tournament will take place at Lynnwood Lanes. He shared that there has been one voice of concern about the format of the tournament and a desire that the format be a double elimination tournament.

Mr. Barnes reviewed all the proposed bowling tournament formats that were previously presented to the Board. The Board discussed the options that were proposed and determined that the approved format aligns with other state tournament formats. He reiterated that the committee supported the format change.

Boys Swimming
Mr. Barnes reported that there will be a combined 2A, 3A tournament resulting in the event being scheduled as a two-day championship.
Cheer and Dance/Drill
Ms. Fisher reported that she and Ms. Hettinger met with the tournament manager and facility representatives on January 15, 2007. She shared that preparations for the event are on schedule.

Gymnastics
Ms. Fisher reported that she has met with the tournament manager and the 4A classification will be an 8-entry event, while the 3A classification will be a 16-entry event.

Wrestling
Ms. Fisher reviewed Mr. Meyerhoff’s enclosure and noted all information has been distributed to schools and is presently on the WIAA Web site.

Spring Season Events Updates
Baseball, Golf, Soccer, Softball and Tennis
The WIAA Staff reported that these events are on schedule and, presently there are no issues.

Tennis
Ms. Hettinger reported that she has met with the new manager of the Yakima Tennis Center, who has been involved with the tournament during the last two years.

Track
Mr. Colbrese reported that the officials have been selected and the events are on schedule.

Mr. Colbrese presented to the Board two options for event schedules for the 1B, 2B and 1A, 2A track championships. He shared that Rob Phillips has been the liaison working with the smaller schools and has developed a meet schedule that is workable for both sites that is similar to the 3A, 4A meet schedule. Ms. Fisher reported that the schedule was presented to members of the Track Coaches Association and was met with support.

FEIST/MALICH moved to approve the state 1B, 2B and 1A, 2A meet schedule as supported by the state Track Coaches Association. MOTION PASSED

Pole Vault Certification
Ms. Fisher reported that the pole vault certification clinics have been scheduled and are posted on the Web site. She shared that registration for the clinics will take place at the clinic site. Mr. Colbrese noted for the Board that coaches who were certified the first year of certification are now required to be re-certified.

2007-08 Fall Season Events Update
Members of the Board agreed to table the following until the March Executive Board meeting: Proposed changes to the Bound for State Regulations.
REPORTS, REVIEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Just Play Fair!
Ms. Hettinger reviewed the Coaches Ejection report update.

Scholastic Cup
Mr. Barnes reported that the fall totals are in and, with the implementation of new state championship events, cheerleading and girls wrestling have been added to the point system.

Coaches Education
Ms. Fisher reported that the NFHS has launched the online education program. She shared that train-the-trainer sessions will take place in March. Ms. Fisher reported that Mr. Meyerhoff, along with Tom Doyle, Joe Richer and Wendy Malich, participated in the training at the NIAAA conference in Anaheim this past December.

WIAA Hall of Fame
Mr. Barnes reported that he is finalizing the list of inductees. He shared that the committee will be meeting to standardize the voting process. Mr. Barnes asked members of the Board to solicit nominees for the future. Mr. Barnes shared that there are far more people who deserve being recognized than are being nominated. He noted that the banquet will take place in Yakima on April 18, 2007, and that he will consider at other locations for the 2008 banquet to minimize travel in the future.

Marketing, Promotions and Corporate Sponsorship
Mr. Hanson reported that an agreement has been reached for the broadcast rights for the 1B basketball tournament, and he is meeting shortly to work out the agreement for the 2B basketball tournament.

Mr. Hanson provided an update on the Future Champions program. He shared that the Seattle Seahawks were pleased with the exposure received during Gridiron Classic and the Sonics have partnered with the Association for the 3A, 4A basketball tournament. Mr. Hanson reported that Ms. Johnson is discussing the program with the Seattle Mariners with the anticipation that the Mariner organization will partner with the Association for baseball.

Mr. Hanson reported that he is looking for a title sponsor for both the Emerald City Volleyball Invitational and Emerald City Kickoff Classic. Mr. Hanson presented the video that has been prepared for each of the corporate sponsors.
Legal Report
Mr. Olson provided an update of legal action in which the Association is involved.

Mr. Olson reviewed that there are two transfer cases involving students from the Yakama and the Lummi tribes.

Mr. Olson also shared that a case involving the Central Kitsap school district has received a ruling and that the judge has denied plaintiffs’ request for reconsideration and the student remains ineligible at the varsity level.

Mr. Olson reported that the case involving the Skyview gymnastic athletes is still pending. Mr. Olson shared that he and Mr. Colbrese have met with the parents of the athletes involved, and the parents proposed the athletes give up their individual medals earned the first day of competition but allow the team to receive the team trophy. Mr. Olson stated that the parents said that they never intended to have the athletes miss the event.

Members of the Board discussed the Skyview High School issue from all aspects, reviewing the Board’s previous discussion. Ms. Hettinger reviewed the competition schedule and how team scores and trophies are determined. She reported that alternates are not moved forward if someone chooses not to participate in the individual finals. Ms. Hettinger reminded the Board that the two-day meet is considered to be one meet, Friday is not separated from Saturday.

The Board agreed to continue to support the initial decision.

NFHS
Mr. Colbrese reported on the NFHS T-Mobile Basketball Tournament that took place over the winter holiday break. He shared that the basketball teams from O’Dea High School and Issaquah High School did a wonderful job of representing Washington State. Mr. Colbrese reported that all the schools participated in a community service and received paid transportation and a postgame meal event. He shared that the NFHS has signed a three-year agreement with T-Mobile to continue the tournament, which will take place in different states throughout the contract. Mr. Colbrese did note that the event was televised and that on-site attendance was disappointing. Mr. Colbrese also shared that the opportunity to promote the message of high school athletics was not capitalized during the broadcast.

Mr. Colbrese shared that Kent Andersen from Royal had contacted him, asking that the members of the WIAA Executive Board reconsider the interpretation of the amateur rule. After discussing the request, members of the Executive Board agreed to uphold the current interpretation.

OLSON/PLOOF moved for adjournment at 1:20 PM. MOTION PASSED.
Respectfully submitted,
Ken Axelson, WIAA Board President
Mike Colbrese, WIAA Executive Director
Jeananne Tescar-Burcham, Assistant to the Director

Next Meeting(s):
March 25-26, 2007               Yakima
April 21-22, 2007               WIAA Office
April 23, 2007                  Representative Assembly
July 23-24, 2007                Wenatchee
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