



### **WIAA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS**

Ed Laulainen (Washington State Coaches Association (WSCA)), Kevin McKay (Association of Washington School Administrators (WASA)), Eric Anderson (Association of Washington School Principals (WASSP)), Nick Reykdahl (Association of Washington Middle Level Principals (AWMLP)), Dave Tikker (Washington State Secondary Athletic Administrators Association (WSSAAA)), Rick Skeen (Washington Federation of Independent Schools (WFIS)), and Joe Keller (District Directors).

### **WIAA STAFF**

Mike Colbrese, Executive Director; and Cindy Adsit, Andy Barnes, John Miller, and Brian Smith, Assistant Executive Directors.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Pat McCarthy convened the WIAA Executive Board meeting at 10:45 AM on Sunday, March 17, 2019.

### **CONSENSUS ISSUES**

Pat McCarthy presented the agenda; minutes from the January 21, 2019, conference call; minutes from the January 27, 2019, meeting; and consensus items.

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to approve the agenda, minutes from the January 21, 2019, conference call; minutes from the January 27, 2019, meeting; and the consensus items. MOTION PASSED.

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Calendar Events and Handbook Committee**

John Wallwork covered the following topics as discussed during the Calendar Events and Handbook Committee discussion:

1. The 2019-20 Association calendar. Changes from the 2018-19 school year were shaded. Cindy Adsit shared that WIAA follows the NFHS standardized calendar, with the first full week in July as week #1. The beginning and ending dates for all WIAA sports and activity programs have a designated week. For instance, football practice begins on the Wednesday of week #7 with Gridiron Classic ending on the Saturday of week #22. Every five (5) to seven (7) years, the NFHS standardized calendar appears to jump ahead, and then works back into more traditional dates. During the 2019-20 school year, many events will be one (1) week later. Even with the jump, semifinal football will continue to be held on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend while the spring state events will be held the weekend after Memorial Day. Brian Smith also

recommended that each Board member check the tentative date scheduled for the fall workshop.

- a) The 2019-20 Association calendar also includes changing the deadline date for cheer academic achievement from February 7 to January 24 (same as bowling) for presentation at State Cheer, rather than at State Basketball (Attachment #1.)
- b) State Cheer is scheduled for February 8, 2020, which is the same date as the Universal Cheer Association (UCA) Nationals. The Washington State Cheer Coaches Association (WSCCA) requested the WIAA Executive Board move State Cheer to the first Saturday in February, in order to avoid the conflict for approximately 15 school teams that traditionally compete in UCA Nationals. Cindy Adsit shared that while the date for State Cheer has fluctuated over the past several years, the date was due to facility availability, and not because of another cheer event. Since a "home" has been secured for State Cheer at Battle Ground High School, the beginning and ending season dates can be locked in on a specific NFHS week, the same as for all other WIAA state events. State Cheer is set to end on NFHS week #31, the same as State Bowling. February 8 is the Saturday of NFHS week #31.

The Board felt it was paramount to maintain the integrity of the NFHS standardized calendar in providing quality events for the member schools of the WIAA and that it was not appropriate to change the date of a state event due to a conflict with an outside event.

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to change the date from February 8 to February 1, 2020. MOTION FAILED. The 2020 State Cheerleading Championships will continue to be held on Saturday, February 8, and will extend into Friday, February 7, if needed.

- c) 2020 State Gymnastics: February 20-21-22, 2020  
Cindy Adsit reported that Sammamish High School is a great facility for this premier event. The State Gymnastics will need to be held on either NFHS week #33 or #34, depending upon the Bellevue School District calendar, so that the event can be held while Sammamish High School is closed during its mid-winter break.

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to approve the 2020 dates for State Gymnastics. MOTION PASSED.

## 2. Recommended timeline for recalculating allocations

- a) The four (4) 1B Washington schools will not join the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) until the 2020-21 school year, so there is no need to readjust the 1B allocations. The allocations will be determined through the regular process of verifying programs during the next cycle.
- b) Staff is planning and preparing for a State Slowpitch Softball Championship Tournament in the fall of 2019, which will be the second year of the current allocation cycle, so the one (1) year allocations will be determined next fall. The number of schools that offer slowpitch softball will determine whether the Association will sponsor an eight (8) or 16-entry tournament.

3. Ambulatory exhibition division at State Cross Country  
Brian Smith reported that the ambulatory division was added in 2015 in the 100 and 200 meter sprints at State Track and Field. The Cross Country Coaches Association recommended adding the ambulatory exhibition division at State Cross Country with a shortened race involving one (1) loop instead of two (2) that able-bodied runners complete. He added that the number of ambulatory athletes needs to be verified and that a qualifying standard needs to be determined.
  - **Lindgren/Kredit** moved to add the ambulatory exhibition division to the State Cross Country Meet, beginning in 2019. MOTION PASSED.
4. Change 2019 1B/2B boys and girls soccer draws  
Brian Smith shared that the 1B/2B boys and girls soccer brackets are eight (8) entry brackets, and due to the low number of schools participating in the sport, the same teams typically play each other several times during a season. He recommended switching the quarter brackets to prevent teams from playing each other (again) in the semifinals in 2019, and that the draw criteria be revised for the future cycle.
  - **Kredit/Caples** moved to approve that the 1B/2B boys and girls soccer quarter brackets be adjusted in order to prevent the same teams from playing each other in the semifinals (Attachment #2). MOTION PASSED.
5. Three (3) proposed editorial changes and nine (9) proposed Q & A for the handbook were reviewed. John Wallwork added that the Executive Board has the authority to make editorial changes to correct a typographical error, change wording to reflect current interpretations, if changes have been made in the RCW, WAC, or are the result of a court order.
  - **Lindgren/Kredit** moved to approve the editorial changes and new Q & A for the 2019-20 WIAA handbook (Attachment #3). MOTION PASSED.
6. Potential amendments to be proposed by the Executive Board for 2020 were discussed. Amendments to be submitted will be determined during the September meeting, with the specific language finalized during the January meeting.
  - a) The transfer amendment that was proposed in 2018, dealing with students that transfer schools for athletic reasons if they have had involvement with a non-school program
  - b) Basketball shot clock – utilizing the same amount of time and rules for both boys and girls. Andy Barnes shared that adding a shot clock has been proposed as a NFHS basketball rule change.
  - c) Add lacrosse, E Sports and possibly robotics to WIAA jurisdiction.
7. Review of WIAA Handbook Rule 17.7.0, off season conditioning. It was suggested that this rule be discussed during upcoming league and district meetings for additional feedback. Staff was also directed to include the league president and district director in any correspondence dealing with an alleged violation of this rule with a member school for transparency and accountability.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Greg Whitmore and Leah Francis covered the following:

1. Financial planning – Scott Chamberlain will chair a committee that will consider alternative funding events and sources.
2. The proposed member school fee increase was submitted to the membership during the Winter Coalition and the new fee was determined at that time. The fee will be voted upon during the online voting process. He recommended that the power point that was presented during the Winter Coalition also be provided directly to Rep Assembly members, Board members, league presidents and district directors.
3. Preliminary winter tournament summary  
Leah Francis shared that the staff develops a budget for each tournament for revenue and expenses, which is included in the overall Association budget ever year. This past winter the events other than basketball had an increase in attendance by 2,000 spectators and revenues were slightly higher than the budget target. While basketball was better this year than last year, it was significantly below revenue projections, and overall, winter tournaments are approximately \$60,000 below revenue marks. She added that there is a significant decrease in regional basketball attendance, down by about 9,000 since 2015-16. It was suggested that a basketball format review committee be reestablished, with Pat McCarthy, Tim Thomsen, and Greg Whitmore overseeing. Kevin McKay recommended that financial information be shared with all stakeholders as early as possible.
  - **Malich/Thomsen** moved to approve a special committee to review the state basketball tournament format. MOTION PASSED.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### YEAR-TO-DATE

Leah Francis presented the year-to-date financial report.

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to approve the year-to-date financial report. MOTION PASSED.

### 2019-20 ASSOCIATION BUDGET

Leah Francis presented the 2019-20 Association budget for second reading. Adjustments were made in the tournament revenue projections, more closely reflecting this year's actual revenue. Salaries, insurance, tournament expenses and other minor adjustments will be made for third reading. Some additional potential changes could be made to Gridiron Classic, NFHS travel, fact finders, discretionary/emergency fund, grants to affiliate groups, committees and Winter Coalition. She shared that the finance subcommittee supported a discounted ticket price be offered for active and retired military, with the price being the same as for seniors and students with ASB card. She added that the increased membership fees, if passed, will help to balance the budget.

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to approve on SECOND READING the 2019-20 Association budget. MOTION PASSED.

## REQUESTS FOR ACTION

**SECOND READING REGARDING A ROTATION OF VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULES FOR 2A, 3A, 4A**

Cindy Adsit shared feedback received regarding a six-year rotation between Saint Martin's University and the Yakima Valley SunDome, where two out of six years each (2A, 3A or 4A) classification would play at Saint Martin's and four out of six years would be in the SunDome. If approved, the rotation would begin with the 2020-21 school year. Staff will provide a proposed rotation schedule for the June 2, meeting.

- **Lindgren/Wyborney** moved to approve on SECOND READING. MOTION PASSED.

**THIRD AND FINAL READING ON THE 2019-23 WIAA/WOA STATEWIDE AGREEMENT**

Tim Thomsen presented the 2019-23 WIAA/WOA Statewide Agreement for review, which lists background check requirements for officials and also allows for the assessment of late fees that meets state law.

- **Wyborney/Chamberlain** moved to table third reading on the 2019-23 WIAA/WOA Statewide Agreement until the June meeting. MOTION PASSED.

**REQUEST FROM WMEA**

Jim Rice provided an update on the potential for a small schools music event. Since all schools within a region compete at the same qualifying events, WMEA has constructed a process which would allow for a small school event and a potential site has been secured. Even with the increase in participant fees to \$40, however, the fees provide only about one-half of the cost of the event, so it is on hold at this point.

Jim Rice also presented the proposed changes to rules and regulations for the State Solo and State Ensemble Contests, effective with the 2019-20 school year. The changes have been vetted and approved by the WMEA.

Proposal #1: All members of an ensemble must be from the same school. *If at any time an ensemble member is no longer attending that school, that ensemble member is no longer eligible.*

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to approve proposal #1. MOTION PASSED.

Proposal #2: ~~Small ensemble personnel must be the same as those who qualified at the regional event. If any participants are unable to be at state, the ensemble may not participate.~~ An large ensemble may participate with fewer students than participated at the regional level as long as the new size does not change the ensemble category or division and each individual student participates in the same category as he/she qualified (no substitutions allowed.)

- **Lindgren/Whitmore** moved to approve proposal #2. MOTION PASSED.

Proposal #3: *If a state qualifying soloist moves to a school outside the region they qualified from, they are no longer eligible for the state contest.*

- **Lindgren/Kredit** moved to approve proposal #3. MOTION PASSED.

**PETITION FROM SOAP LAKE HIGH SCHOOL TO OPT DOWN IN FOOTBALL ONLY**

John Miller reported that the District Directors heard petitions via conference call from Liberty Bell, Soap Lake and South Bend High Schools to play eight-person football for the 2019 season. Those petitions were denied. Football coach Tony Blankenship and athletic director Keith Laughlin appealed for Soap Lake High School to play eight-person football in 2019. While the enrollment has waivered from 90 to 110, it now appears to be fairly stable at 94 with 85% on free and reduced lunch. Foreign exchange students bumped the school into the 2B ranks during the previous cycle. Soap Lake High School has been 50-50% win/loss with its football program for the past few years, but the league has changed and some of those 2B schools have already been approved to play 1B. Keith Laughlin shared that he believes the morale of the school would improve if they could play 1B with playoff potential, but the school is committed to play 1B football regardless of the decision of the appeal and projected enrollment numbers will put them in 1B for all sports in the next cycle. Greg Whitmore shared that the 1B and 2B leagues in Districts 5,6 and 7 are prepared to schedule games for all of their schools, seeking competitive equity.

- **Lindgren/Wyborney** moved to approve the request of Soap Lake High School to play eight-person football for the 2019 season. MOTION FAILED. Note: Miles Caples abstained from voting.

**2019-20 SPRING ALLOCATIONS**

Andy Barnes presented the 2019 and 2020 spring allocations. Team golf represents the only change for this cycle.

- **Malich/Kredit** moved to approve the 2019 and 2020 spring allocations. MOTION PASSED.

**2019 and 2020 SPRING DRAWS**

Andy Barnes reported that the spring draws will be sent via email. Following approval, the spring soccer and baseball draws will be posted. The softball and tennis draws will be posted on Sunday, May 19.

**2019 STATE TRACK AND FIELD MEETS**

Brian Smith presented the proposed qualifying standards and the schedules for the state meets at Eastern Washington University and Mt Tahoma High School. He shared that both have been vetted through the Track and Field Coaches Advisory Council, and the meet directors.

- **Kredit/Caples** moved to approve the qualifying standards. MOTION PASSED.
- **Kredit/Thomsen** moved to approve the track and field schedules. MOTION PASSED.

**PROPOSED CHANGES TO WIAA HANDBOOK RULE 22.2.8, THE GLUE**

Pat McCarthy presented proposed changes to the glue rule. Since there is another year in the allocation cycle, Mike Colbrese recommended Board members share the proposals with the schools in their respective districts and be prepared to take first reading on a proposed policy change during the June meeting.

## **REGION A EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER POSITION**

Mike Colbrese shared that since the Region A executive board position is open, Districts 1 and 2 were notified. Four (4) nominations have been received (two (2) candidates from District 1 and two (2) candidates from District 2.) Wendy Malich (chair), John Wallwork and John Cerna will interview the candidates and will recommend to the full Board the final candidate within 14 days.

## **PLANNING**

### **PARENT COMMITTEE**

Mike Colbrese reported that the most common question from discussions with state legislators was whether or not the Association had ever considered a parent committee. He shared that a Parent Advisory Committee was in place at one time, but interest waned and the committee was disbanded. Based upon a renewed interest, however, a new committee will be formed.

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **E SPORTS**

Mike Colbrese shared that the fastest growing sport, both in terms of participants and spectators, is E Sports. He suggested that the Board proceed cautiously but consider submitting an amendment to add E Sports to WIAA jurisdiction.

### **LACROSSE**

Mike Colbrese reported that a state legislator is supporting lacrosse as an interscholastic sport, and recommended that the Board submit an amendment to add lacrosse to WIAA jurisdiction. Rich Rouleau recommended that a financial feasibility study be conducted to determine sustainability before any activity would be considered.

## **SPRING TOURNAMENT PLANNING**

Cindy Adsit provided the list of spring tournaments for Board members to sign up to present awards.

## **STATE FOOTBALL SITE SELECTION**

John Miller reported that 2018 was the final year of the current contract with the Tacoma Dome, which represents a great time to evaluate Gridiron Classic. He added that the Tacoma Dome renovations had a bigger impact than anticipated. With the new bleachers, the first row is now 16 feet from the football playing surface, the slope of the seats has been decreased and the sideline was visible only from the first five (5) rows. The entire field was visible only from endline seating and families can no longer meet with teams on the field after games. If the Dome is not used, the games could be played outdoors as is done with semifinals. He suggested that the stakeholders (coaches, administrators and community groups) need to be notified soon, and gather feedback on the potential on where to play in the future. Mike added that he had a preliminary conversation with the Tacoma Dome personnel, who are aware that the games might be moved outside. Staff was directed to send notice to the league presidents to discuss the issue during upcoming league meetings.

## **REPORTS, UPDATES and OTHER INFORMATION**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **WINTER COALITION/REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY REVIEW**

Mike Colbrese summarized the 2019 Representative Assembly and Winter Coalition meeting. He congratulated Pat McCarthy and Greg Whitmore for great organization that day. He encouraged Board members to continue to promote the amendments regarding the fee increase and governance issues.

**WINTER EVENTS REPORT**

**BOWLING** – John Miller shared that State Bowling is a great event that involves a group of students who typically do not participate in other sports. He also suggested that Sandy Nelson be recognized at some point for managing every state event since it became a WIAA sanctioned sport.

**CHEERLEADING** – Cindy Adsit reported that, despite the measles outbreak in Clark County, the expanded State Cheerleading event held at Battle Ground High School was a great success.

**BOYS SWIM/DIVE** – Andy Barnes shared that some qualifying events were cancelled due to weather but it was a great state event, with several state records broken.

**MAT CLASSIC** – Brian Smith acknowledged that it was a bold step to cancel regionals, but it was the right thing to do based upon weather conditions around the state. He added that while the split session on Friday was extremely positive, the long hours at Mat Classic were extremely difficult on mat crews, officials, fans and the wrestlers themselves. Reactions have been mixed from coaches. He has a meeting scheduled with the Mat Classic managers on March 21, to fully evaluate the event and recommend feasibility for future formatting.

**GYMNASTICS** – Cindy Adsit reported that Sammamish High School turned out to be a fabulous site for the State Meet, and recommended the event continue to be held there.

**BASKETBALL** – Andy Barnes shared that the deadline for the completing of qualifying events was extended due to inclement weather. One team was unable to reach its game on Friday due to the pass being closed, so the game was rescheduled for Saturday. He added that the Tacoma Dome changes work well for basketball. He also provided the history of doubles.

Mike Colbrese shared the basketball viewership report provided by EliSports and the NFHS Network. He added that the financial return from NFHS network is based upon viewership, with Washington's viewership being the highest in the country at this point.

Cindy Adsit provided the violation report provided by the Renton School District for the violation of WIAA handbook rule 20.7.0 (negative commentary to the media) by the Renton High School boys basketball coach following a semifinal loss.

- **Wyborney/Lindgren** moved to table the decision until the June meeting. MOTION PASSED.

Ken Lindgren complimented WIAA staff members John Miller and Casey Johnson for dealing with a high profile case in Spokane.

**DANCE/DRILL** – Cindy Adsit reported that everything is on track for a great event.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS****DIVERSITY**

Pat McCarthy shared that the committee's charge is to remove barriers for kids to participate, hoping to line up free physicals for students.

**RPI COMMITTEE/FOOTBALL SEEDING COMMITTEE**

Greg Whitmore reported the RPI committee met on March 10, 2019, with five (5) recommendations submitted to the Board for consideration.

- **Lindgren/Thomsen** moved to approve the five recommendations submitted by the RPI Committee following the March 10, 2019, meeting (Attachment #4.) MOTION PASSED.

**GOVERNANCE**

Ken Lindgren reported that the committee meeting scheduled for February 11, 2019, was cancelled due to inclement weather. Another meeting will be scheduled.

**CLASSIFICATION**

Rich Rouleau reported that while the two (2) classification amendments presented by the committee passed, the work of the committee will be ongoing.

**SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

John Miller summarized the work of the committee during its meeting on March 7, 2019. He shared that a number of the committee members have been nationally and internationally recognized for their contributions in sport medicine. He shared that a WIAA Safety in Sport Initiative will become a new tab on the WIAA website for coaches and parents, posting the most up-to-date information on each of the topics listed. Due to ongoing confusion over state versus federal air quality standards, a subcommittee will finalize and consolidate information by the June meeting. He provided a return to play protocol as a recommended document to be used by schools. The committee is also recommending that, in addition to having an AED on site (and knowing how to use it), emergency action plans should be developed to deal with heat, head and heart issues. The committee continues to support a standardized Pre participation exam form, even though the proposal has been denied twice by the Representative Assembly. The committee reviewed the proposed amendments and determined that it could not support Amendment #6 (practices in one sport can transfer to another sport during the same season.) The committee recommended that if it passes, the Board modify language to allow up to five (5) practices to be waived in all sports except football due to skills progression and heat and hydration issues. He added that the schools should be notified about this safety issue before the amendment voting period begins.

- **Kredit/Lindgren** moved to notify the schools about the health and safety issues dealing with Amendment #6 prior to voting on the amendments. MOTION PASSED.

**UPDATES FROM STAFF****EASTSIDE CATHOLIC FOOTBALL**

Mike Colbrese summarized an unfortunate incident that occurred following the conclusion of the 3A championship football game. He shared that the situation has been handled with the students and between the two schools.

**COACHES EDUCATION**

John Miller reported that planning is in the works for the 2019 WIAA Coaches School, as a place where coaches can receive all required training for the Coaches Standards except the online rules clinic requirement.

## EJECTION REPORT

Brian Smith provided a summary of the ejection report to date.

## AFFILIATE GROUP REPORTS

**Eric Anderson (WASSP)** reported that the principals have not met since the last meeting.

**Nick Reykdahl (AWMLP)** shared that a separate middle level section of the WIAA handbook is being developed in conjunction with WSSAAA.

**Dave Tikker (WSSAAA)** reported that a number of former WIAA Executive Board members who were unable to attend the retirement party for Mike Colbrese on March 16 are planning to attend the WSSAAA celebration of him on Tuesday, April 30. Anyone interested in attending should contact Dave Tikker. The conference will be held at the Tri Cities Convention Center beginning with the 2020 conference.

**Kevin McKay (WASA)** reported that the last meeting was cancelled in Olympia due to inclement weather. The discussions taking place in the state legislature is the focus. Superintendent's Advisory will vote on the amendments in the near future.

**Rick Skeen (WFIS)** shared that the WFIS board had not meet since the last meeting.

**Ed Laulainen (WSCA)** reported that the WSCA Board and sports reps will meet on Monday, March 25, at the WIAA office.

**Jim Rice (Fine Arts)** shared that last year the Lynnwood High School TriM received a regional NFHS Heart of the Arts award. This year the Chiawana Marching Band was nominated and received a section award for its "Just another Brick" routine.

**Joe Keller (District Directors)** shared that the directors will meet in June. Mike added that the group has done great work in hearing a number of appeals regarding opting down in football only.

## LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Mike Colbrese reported that there have been no new cases filed against the Association. He added that, although Dr. Stan Herring is advising him otherwise, a state legislator is attempting to include concussion data collection with the Lystedt Law.

## NFHS

Mike Colbrese provided the list of topics discussed during the recent NFHS Winter Meeting and reported that the NFHS summer meeting information is available.

## REVIEW OF MARCH BOARD MEETING ACTION

Andy Barnes reviewed action taken by the WIAA Executive Board during this March 17, 2019, meeting.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to go into executive session for an update on legal matters at 11:55 AM. MOTION PASSED.

- **Lindgren/Kredit** moved to come out of executive session at 12:19 PM. MOTION PASSED.
- **Wyborney/Malich** moved to go into executive session at 3:04 PM. MOTION PASSED.
- **Kredit/Wyborney** moved to come out of executive session at 3:53 PM. MOTION PASSED.

### RESUMPTION OF OPEN MEETING

- **Kredit/Thomsen** moved to accept the contract for Mick Hoffman as the new WIAA Executive Director, with July 1, 2019, as the beginning date and the transition period to be mutually determined by him and Mike Colbrese. MOTION PASSED.

### MEETING CONCLUSION

- **Kredit/Wyborney** moved to adjourn at 3:56 PM on Sunday, March 17, 2019. MOTION PASSED.

Submitted by:  
Pat McCarthy, WIAA Board President  
Mike Colbrese, WIAA Executive Director  
Cindy Adsit, Recorder

Next Meeting: June 2, 2019