



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 and David Blakney (District 5), Miles Caples (District 6), Lori Wyborney (District 8), Ken Lindgren (District 9), Tim Burse (Region A), Wendy Malich (Region B), and John Wallwork (At Large).

HONORARY BOARD MEMBERS

Ed Laulainen (Washington State Coaches Association (WSCA)), Dave Tikker (Washington State Secondary Athletic Administrators Association (WSSAAA)), Jim Rice (Fine Arts), and Don Wilkins (District Directors).

WIAA STAFF

Mike Colbrese, Executive Director; Mick Hoffman, incoming Executive Director; Leah Francis, Director of Finance; and Cindy Adsit, Andy Barnes, John Miller, and Brian Smith, Assistant Executive Directors.

GUESTS

John Olson, WIAA legal counsel; Todd Link, WIAA intern; Paul Beattie and John Caparulo, Eli Sports Network.

CALL TO ORDER

Following a work session and sub-committee meetings, Pat McCarthy convened the WIAA Executive Board meeting at 11 AM on Sunday, June 2, 2019. He thanked outgoing members Rich Rouleau and Lori Wyborney for their years of service to the board, and wished them well in future endeavors. New member Tim Burse was welcomed, and incoming member David Blakney was introduced.

AUDIENCE

JoAnne Daughtry, athletic director at Kentwood High School and Kim Kawachi, Vice President of the Washington State Cheer Coaches Association

CONSENSUS ISSUES

Pat McCarthy presented the agenda; minutes from the March 17, 2019, meeting; and consensus items.

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to approve the agenda, minutes from the March 17, 2019, meeting; and the consensus items. MOTION PASSED.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Calendar Events and Handbook Committee

Miles Caples covered the following topics as discussed during the Calendar Events and Handbook Committee discussion:

1. The 2019-20 Association calendar. While the NFHS standardized calendar puts the Executive Board meeting and Winter Coalition on the last Sunday and Monday in March, a member school requested the meetings be scheduled a week earlier in order to avoid conflicts with spring break.

Miles Caples shared that spring break is negotiated in teachers contracts, and that many of the school districts on the eastside have it scheduled for the first week in April. He added that moving the date could prevent a conflict for a number of Representative Assembly delegates.

- **Kredit/Lindgren** moved to schedule the Executive Board meeting for Sunday, March 22, and Winter Coalition on Monday, March 23, 2020. MOTION PASSED. (Attachment #1)
2. **2A, 3A, 4A State Volleyball Tournament Site Rotation**

Cindy Adsit reported that the State Volleyball Championships are generally held on NFHS week #19 at various sites. The Yakima Valley SunDome offered to make its facility available for two successive weekends, yet is charging the Association for only one of the two weekends. The 1B, 2B, and 1A State Volleyball Championships will continue to be held during NFHS week #19 and two other classifications during subsequent NFHS week #20. A rotation of the 2A, 3A and 4A Volleyball Championships between Saint Martin's University and the Yakima Valley SunDome has gone through two (2) readings during previous WIAA Executive Board meetings. She shared that while there is support to minimize travel expenses to the participating schools for at least a portion of a six (6)-year period, the combined classification leagues would prefer that all state volleyball tournaments be held on the same weekend. While preferred, it is not possible with the current sites available. The proposed rotation schedule will coincide with scheduling and allocations of each two (2)-year cycle, and will eliminate the cross over into the winter sports season for four (4) of the classifications each year. If approved, the rotation would begin with the 2020-21 school year.

 - **Kredit/Wyborney** moved to approve the rotation proposal through the 2024-26 school years, with a comparable rotation in subsequent years. MOTION PASSED. (Attachment #2)
 3. **Middle Level Initiative:** Brian Smith shared that he serves on the NFHS Middle Level Committee which during its last meeting, in the future will include a middle level section. He added three states are currently offering middle level state championships in some sports, and suggested that the Board organize discussion on the topic. In Washington, there are a number of outside organizations already sponsoring middle level state tournaments. He reported that during his most recent meeting with representatives of the middle level state principals, the Association was requested to add middle level state events since it could serve as an incentive for students to participate in school programs versus non-school programs. He requested this item be placed on the agenda for the next middle level committee meeting.
 4. A member school requested that cheer and dance/drill be included in the Scholastic Cup points. There are six categories in dance/drill with up to five trophies presented in each category. There could be considerably more categories in cheer since size of squad is also a consideration within each of the four categories. Due to the multiple categories, and a possibility for one school to earn as many as three first place trophies, the proposed points for including cheer and dance/drill in Scholastic Cup standings are quite different from points earned in other sports, but does allow both to be included.

Proposed Scholastic Cup Points

1st - 16

2nd - 14

3rd - 12

4th - 10

5th - 8

Qualify for State – 2

- **Thomsen/Kredit** moved to approve the proposed points to include cheer and dance/drill for the Scholastic Cup beginning with the 2019-20 school year. MOTION PASSED.
5. Based upon a recommendation from the Medical Aspects of Sports Committee, the Representative Assembly was informed during the Winter Coalition that if ML/HS Amendment #6 passed, the WIAA Executive Board would exempt football from the rule. The amendment did pass, with the proposed revision presented (proposed change is underlined.)

ML/HS AMENDMENT #6

17.12.4 PRACTICE REGULATIONS, page 22

17.12.4 Practice shall be limited to each sports season as defined under each sport. ~~Practices in one (1) sport cannot be transferred toward the number of practices required in another sport.~~ **Up to five (5) practices from one (1) sport may be transferred to another sport except football in the same season provided practice in the succeeding sport begins immediately following the last practice in the previous sport.**

- **Lindgren/Kredit** moved to exempt football from WIAA handbook rule 17.12.4. MOTION PASSED.
6. Nine (9) proposed editorial changes for the 2019-20 handbook were reviewed. Miles Caples 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 for the 2019-20 WIAA handbook excluding the Q & A request by the Kingco League. (Attachment #2). MOTION PASSED.
7. In keeping with the goal of the committee to review a WIAA handbook rule during each meeting, the committee reviewed 17.25.0, International Competition. No changes were recommended, but they did emphasize that it was important for the process to be followed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE and FINANCIAL REPORTS

Greg Whitmore and Leah Francis covered the following:

YEAR-TO-DATE

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

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

FINAL WINTER TOURNAMENT REPORT

- **Malich/Kredit** moved to approve the final winter tournament report. MOTION PASSED.

PRELIMINARY SPRING REPORT

Since financial reports will continue to come in through mid-June, the final spring tournament report will be provided during the September meeting.

2019-20 ASSOCIATION BUDGET

Leah Francis presented the 2019-20 Association budget for third and final reading which had been adjusted based upon the approval of the Representative Assembly to increase the member school fees. Increasing the cost of all state tournament programs to \$7.00 had also been incorporated into the budget. Three options were provided to balance the budget. John Miller addressed option one regarding the site for the football championships. Mike Colbrese noted that Tacoma has been a great host for all WIAA sports over the years.

- **Thomsen/Kredit** moved to approve option one to move the state football championships to outdoor facilities. MOTION PASSED.
- **Wyborne/Thomsen** moved to approve on THIRD AND READING the 2019-20 Association budget. MOTION PASSED.

REQUESTS FOR ACTION

WSCCA APPEAL OF DATE FOR 2020 STATE CHEER: JoAnne Daughtry, athletic director at Kentwood High School and Kim Kawachi, Vice President of the Washington State Cheer Coaches Association, appealed to the Board to change the date of the 2020 State Cheerleading Championships to February 1, 2020, in order to avoid a conflict with the UCA National Cheerleading Championships that will be held on February 7-8, 2020 in Florida (UCA Nationals are always held on the second weekend in February, which is a conflict only during the years that the NFHS calendar places WIAA state events a week later than they are generally held.) Kim Kawachi added that any teams that finish in the top three at UCA Nationals are invited to participate in the World Championships the following year. A concern was raised that shortening the season by one week would reduce the number of qualifying events from six to five during the competitive season, a change that could have a far greater impact on many more teams. Andy Barnes added that a number of individuals involved with IB testing requested schedule accommodations during the recent spring state championships. In all cases, the tournament schedule was not changed. 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 any state event due to a conflict with an outside event.

- **Thomsen/Rouleau** moved to approve the request of the WSCCA to change the date from February 8 to February 1, 2020, in order to avoid a conflict with a national event. MOTION FAILED.

RENTON HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACH VIOLATION

Cindy Adsit summarized the timeline and events of the WIAA handbook rule 20.7.0 violation by the Renton High School Basketball Coach during the 2019 2A State Basketball Championship tournament, and the recommended action submitted to the Board. The WIAA Executive Board determined that Coach Powell committed a level one rules violation of WIAA handbook rule 20.7.0 when he made negative comments about the officiating to the media and on a facebook post following his state tournament game on Friday, March 1. A level one rules violation is one that is un-willfully committed, is the first violation committed by the individual, and is self-reported to the appropriate level. The violation fits that criteria, and was quickly and appropriately handled by the school and school district. As a result, the WIAA Executive Board determined the lowest level penalty should be levied to Coach Powell, which is a one-year probation, effective beginning today.

- **Lindgren/Thomsen** moved to put Renton High School Coach Powell on probation for a period of one (1) year beginning June 2, 2019. 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, allows for the assessment of late fees, and also raises officials fees by \$2.00 for high school varsity and \$1.00 for high school subvarsity and middle level.

- **Kredit/Burse** moved to approve on THIRD AND FINAL READING the 2019-23 WIAA/WOA Statewide Agreement. MOTION PASSED.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO WIAA HANDBOOK RULE 22.2.8, THE GLUE

Pat McCarthy presented proposed changes to WIAA handbook rule 22.2.8, “the glue rule.” Don Wilkins shared that the District Directors reviewed the proposal during the meeting on October 30, and felt the current process should remain in place. Tim Thomsen added that the Governance Committee has been requested to review the qualification process.

SELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITION

Mike Colbrese provided the application submitted by John Wallwork to continue during this subsequent three-year term as the Combined District representative on the WIAA Executive Board

- **Thomsen/Wyborney** moved to approve John Wallwork for this subsequent three-year term as the Combined District WIAA Executive Board member. MOTION PASSED.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT and VICE PRESIDENT

Pat McCarthy shared that the final meeting of the year is when the subsequent president and vice president of the board are elected.

- **Lindgren/Burse** moved to approve Greg Whitmore as the 2019-20 WIAA Executive Board president. MOTION PASSED.
- **Rouleau/Lindgren** moved to approve Tim Thomsen as the 2019-20 WIAA Executive Board Vice President. MOTION PASSED.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE 2019-20 BOUND FOR STATE REGULATIONS

Cindy Adsit presented the proposed changes to the 2019-20 Bound for State Regulations.

- **Kredit/Wyborney** moved to approve the proposed changes. MOTION PASSED (Attachment #5.)

FALL TOURNAMENT PLANNING**STATE FOOTBALL SITE SELECTION**

2019 STATE SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: John Miller reported that, in anticipation of a multi-classification event, Kiwanis Park in Yakima has been secured for the State Slowpitch Championships on November 1-2, 2019. He added that program offerings will be verified by the school at the end of the third week of the fall sports season.

- **Malich/Thomsen** moved to approve Kiwanis Park in Yakima as the site for the 2019 State Slowpitch Championships. MOTION PASSED.

EXPERIMENT REQUEST TO ALLOW SIXTH GRADERS TO PARTICIPATE

On behalf of the Plateau Middle School League consisting of eight schools, Tim Thomsen requested that the middle schools in that league be allowed to utilize sixth graders in all sports except tackle football. The league has agreed to follow all WIAA rules for sixth graders, including physical exam requirements and the out-of-season coaching rules which currently do not apply at the sixth grade level, and will submit an amendment for the 2020 Representative Assembly. He added that incorporating sixth graders into existing seventh and eighth grade teams would actually reduce costs because those schools would no longer offer separate programs for sixth graders.

- **Lindgren/Wyborney** moved to approve the request for experiment by the Plateau Middle school League. MOTION PASSED. NOTE: Any other middle level league interested in participating in the experiment will need to contact Cindy Adsit.

Since this request was approved, a decision regarding the separate request submitted on behalf of the West Sound Middle School League to utilize for the second year the experiment to allow sixth graders to participate with seventh and eighth graders in cross county and track and field was not needed.

FUTURE OF MARIACHI AS A CATEGORY AT STATE ENSEMBLE

Jim Rice requested that, after a two-year experiment demonstrating 100 percent (%) growth in the number of Mariachi bands participating in the State Ensemble Contest, and with full support of the Washington Music Educators Association (WMEA), Mariachi become a recognized category for the State Ensemble Contest

- **Wyborney/Malich** moved to approve Mariachi as a permanent category for the State Ensemble Contest, beginning with the 2019-20 school year. MOTION PASSED.

PLANNING

PARENT ADVISORY 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, he recommended a new committee be formed.

SUMMER CONTACT ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS

A sheet was routed around for Board members to update their summer contact information.

ECVI ON SEPTEMBER 6 AT MERCER ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Cindy Adsit reported that the Emerald City Volleyball Invitational will be held at Mercer Island High School on Friday, September 6. The four (4) participating schools will be Ferndale, Lynden Christian, Mercer Island, and Seattle Prep.

STATE BASKETBALL FORMAT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Pat McCarthy reported that a survey will be sent to the membership requesting feedback regarding state basketball, with a committee to be formed to make recommendations to the Board based upon that information. Any proposed changes would be reviewed by the WIAA Executive Board during the June, 2020 meeting.

AMENDMENTS

2019 PASSED AMENDMENTS

Feedback generated on the website: Mike Colbrese shared that over 1,000 individuals provided feedback on the WIAA website regarding the proposed amendments. During their meeting, the District Directors recommended that information be provided to the Representative Assembly members prior to the voting period.

Voting: Andy Barnes shared that the voting period will always flex with the WSSAAA Conference, with the first day of voting on the Wednesday of the conference.

Interpretation HS Amendment #5: Mike Colbrese reported that the two amendments concerning authority of the WIAA Executive Board that were submitted on behalf of the Governance Committee passed. He shared that modifying the constitution will require the endorsement of the Representative Assembly, while the classifications would be modified directly by the WIAA Executive Board.

Timeline for appeals in HS amendment #9: Greg Whitmore requested that since the amendment passed that will allow schools to appeal their classification in football only, he recommended that the appeals coincide with the two-year allocation cycle.

- **Lindgren/Thomsen** moved that schools could appeal their classification in football to coincide with the allocation cycle. MOTION PASSED.

POTENTIAL BOARD AMENDMENTS

Mike Colbrese presented potential amendments to be proposed by the Executive Board for 2020 were discussed.

- 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) Consider adding lacrosse, E Sports and robotics to WIAA jurisdiction.

REPORTS, UPDATES and OTHER INFORMATION

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

SPRING EVENTS

Baseball – Cindy Adsit reported that the Board had previously determined that if two eastside schools qualified for the 1B State Baseball Championship, that game would be played on the eastside. Parker-Faller Field in Yakima had been reserved on a contingency basis, and eventually wound up being the site for the championship game between Almira Coulee Hartline and Odessa. She added that the schools and their fans were appreciative of the Board's willingness to move the site as a means to minimize their travel costs, especially since the ACH fans dashed over to Kiwanis Park in Yakima to watch their softball team in its championship game as well.

Soccer – John Miller suggested that the staff gather feedback from the schools and soccer coaches about whether the third/fourth place games should be played during the state championships, or if the both teams that lose the semifinal matches on Friday night should receive a third place trophy, similar to what we currently do for football.

Fastpitch Softball – John Miller reported that weather was problematic in Spokane, which pushed the majority of the tournament into just one (1) day on Saturday. Due to the lateness of play on Saturday, and with support from both schools, the 3rd/4th place game was not played and both teams were awarded a third place trophy.

Tennis – Andy Barnes shared that the office received three (3) requests for accommodation for students involved in IB testing. The schedule was maintained. Each students defaulted his/her first round match, which is within USTA rules, but made it to the tournament sites for the second round. Mike Colbrese added that two (2) families that honor the Saturday Sabbath have requested accommodation at the state tennis tournament.

Team Golf – Andy Barnes reported that the first year of team golf went well at all sites.

Track and Field – Brian Smith shared that, despite the inclement weather, several state records were set at both sites.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

DIVERSITY

Pat McCarthy shared that the committee met on Friday, May 31. The committee is focusing on contacts and content for awareness training for staff, eligibility and other committees, etc.

RPI COMMITTEE/FOOTBALL SEEDING COMMITTEE

Greg Whitmore shared the listing of the 2019 Football Seeding Committee members. The committees will meet on August 19, and will then meet again on November 10 to seed the brackets.

GOVERNANCE

Ken Lindgren reported that the Governance Committee met during the WSSAAA Conference and requested feedback from attendees. That feedback will generate discussion during the next committee meeting to be held in the fall.

CLASSIFICATION

John Miller reported that all schools have been sent the initial enrollment data available from OSPI to date. He anticipated that all schools will know their classification by late June.

UPDATES FROM STAFF

COACHES EDUCATION

John Miller reported that the Coaches School is on par and once again will also include specific required training (cheer and dance/drill stunt certification, pole vault certification, and potentially First Aid Water Safety Instruction).

FALL WORKSHOPS

John Miller shared that the dates have been set, are posted on the WIAA website and that registration has already begun.

2018-19 ELIGIBILITY REPORT

John Miller complimented the work of the eligibility chairs, as well as each member of the eligibility committees. He indicated that the eligibility committees should reflect the communities that they serve, and that eligibility committee members do not necessary need to be a school employee.

EJECTION REPORT

John Miller provided a summary of the ejection report to date. Baseball continues to be "on notice." Some leagues are considering using video evidence to eject players who have not been ejected during the contest. Cindy Adsit added that an additional penalty may need to be levied based upon conduct and abusive language that often occurs after an ejection.

2018-19 VIOLATION REPORTS

John Miller shared that each of the District Directors will submit their year-end violations summary to the staff, which will then be presented to the Board during the September 22, 2019, meeting, for action.

REQUESTS AND INFO FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR MEETING ON MAY 30

Don Wilkins presented the following recommendations from the May 30 District Directors meeting: That amendments be distributed to the membership as early as possible, that debaters be scheduled for each amendment during the Coalition meeting, and that the survey results/comments from coaches, public, etc should be provided to delegates earlier; that the Board define a league in order to prevent #9 - #16 teams from the same league playing each other in the first round of state basketball; that additional language be included in the handbook to outline the authority of the Independent Review Committee; that coaches and schools be polled for their input regarding the potential to switch the boys and girls swim season; and that regional formats be considered for qualifying for State.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

John Olson shared that the parents of students from two different schools have requested the Association accommodate students at state tennis who observe the Saturday Sabbath. He added that

staff went before a judge when a parent attempted to file a temporary restraining order following the disqualification of a runner during a district qualifying track meet.

NFHS

Mike Colbrese reminded members who will be attending the NFHS Summer Meeting to register and make their lodging and travel arrangements. Wendy Malich added that a reception will be held during the conference to honor Mike's years with the Association.

Mike Colbrese added that he and Pat McCarthy jointly presented the Jace Malek award to a student at Chief Sealth High School.

Mike Colbrese added that the Section 7/8 will be September 15-17 at the Mayflower Hotel in Seattle. The schedule will be based upon feedback from the participating states and should be wrapped up soon.

REVIEW OF JUNE BOARD MEETING ACTION

Andy Barnes reviewed action taken by the WIAA Executive Board during this June 2, 2019, meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Malich/Kredit** moved to go into executive session for an update on staffing at 3:54 PM. MOTION PASSED.
- **Lindgren/Thomsen** moved to come out of executive session at 4:40 PM. MOTION PASSED.

MEETING CONCLUSION

- **Lindgren/Malich** moved to adjourn at 4:42 PM on Sunday, June 2, 2019. MOTION PASSED.

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

Next Meeting: September 22, 2019