

**MINUTES**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**North Dakota High School Activities Association**  
**January 30, 2012 - Bismarck, North Dakota**

The Representative Assembly Meeting of the North Dakota High School Activities Association was held Monday, January 30, 2012 at 8:00 A.M. at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn. President Swiontek welcomed the membership, called the meeting to order, and declared a quorum had been established.

President Swiontek introduced the Board of Directors and staff to the membership and thanked the membership.

The Executive Secretary introduced the 2011-2012 Distinguished Student, Ashley Barnhardt from Kenmare High School to address the General Assembly.

The Executive Secretary thanked Ashley and encouraged member schools to recognize a student within their school and select him/her for the Distinguished Student award, locally as well as state-wide.

Prin. Russell Ziegler of Richardton-Taylor introduced the amendment to Part Two, Article XIV, Section VIII:

SECTION V: He/she shall be doing passing work in at least twenty hours per week, the passing grade to be computed from the opening of the ~~semester~~ **quarter** and relative to such subjects only as severally and individually shall have a credit value of one-half unit per semester. If schools are unable to attend, electronic voting will be utilized. School representatives are reminded electronic votes will be counted in un-amended action only. If agenda items are amended, motion passage or failure will be determined by present representative votes. Electronic voting will be accepted until 8:00 a.m. CDT, January 25.

Motion by Ziegler to approve the amendment. Second by Supt. Darrel Remington of Belfield. A roll call vote results in 30 yes - 97 no, motion to the amendment failed.

The Executive Secretary stated in the future, the by-laws on scholastic eligibility and the process used to follow this by-law may need to be studied and clarified for the member schools.

Dr. Sanstead reported on behalf of the Canvassing Committee to announce the results of the ballots:

1. Membership to the Board of Directors from the Class B Southeast Region for a four year term – Steve Hall, Kindred
2. Membership to the Board of Directors from the Class A At-Large for a four year term – Jason Wiberg, Devils Lake
3. Membership to the Board of Directors from the NDIAAA for a four year term – Jim Roaldson, Jamestown

President Swiontek presented a report from the previous Coaches Education Committee. It was a concern of the committee to change the requirement of coaches from 7-12 programs to coaches

of 9 through 12 programs. The membership is invited to contact members of the committee for any input.

Moe presented the Football plan for the 2013 and 2014 football seasons. The plan that was approved by the Board at the January 28, 2012 meeting was made available as the membership entered the room.

Exec Sec report:

1. NFHS in partnership with the NIAAA and every member of the National Federation associations has created four radio spots that were presented to the assembly.
2. The Spirit of Sport selection this year that will go forward to the National Federation is from Hettinger High School.
3. Saturday the Board approved a proposal for softball and Class A baseball to increase the regular season limitation to 36 games and 23 dates.
4. The Board of Directors allowed a two-year experiment requested by the District Chairs of District 13 and District 14 for a region plan for basketball and volleyball. This will be for the 2012-2013 year.
5. The Combined Tournament Committee approved state tournament sites for 7 years out which corresponds with the calendar, which is 5 years out. With setting sites that far in the future, there are possible changes that will need to be made.
6. Approved officials fees of a 2 ½ % increase
7. In response to the hockey incidents in Minnesota, a survey was sent out that raised awareness. This will be on the agenda for the advisory committee as well as the National Federation Hockey Rules Committee.
8. BEK Communications will televise the State Wrestling finals.
9. Applications are being received for the Assistant to the Executive Secretary position that will be vacant July 1, 2012.
10. The Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled to meet February 22, 2012 at the NDHSAA office in Valley City. Members have been selected by their prospective organizations to represent them at this meeting.
11. Fastpitch Softball has grown to 15 Division B schools and 16 Division A schools with a state tournament being held for each division.
12. Thank you to the staff and board for their commitment as well as the membership for supporting student activities.

President Swiontek thanked the membership for their attendance and attention and declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheryl Solberg  
Asst. to the Exec. Sec.