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Annual Meeting
North Dakota High School Activities Association
January 29, 2007 - Bismarck, North Dakota

The Representative Assembly Meeting of the North Dakota High School Activities Association was held Monday, January 29, 2007 at 8:00 A.M. at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn. President Briggs welcomed the membership, called the meeting to order, and declared a quorum had been established. Dr. Wayne Sanstead was introduced as the parliamentarian for the meeting.

Following introduction of Board members and staff, President Briggs gave a short talk sharing his gratitude to the association for the experience of serving on the NDHSAA Board of Directors. On behalf of Schaible, Volesky and himself, who are leaving the Board in June, he thanked the membership for all their hard work.

The Executive Secretary presented the state of the association.

- The Sportsmanship Challenge program is still in existence but there is declining participation. 2005 142, in 05-06, 113 and 06-07 down to 97. This program represents administrative security via the plan being endorsed by the school's local school board.
- The philosophy of student participation
- District Chair recommendations as well as those from the coaches' advisory committees and Class A Advisory Committee will be reviewed and acted upon at the March Board meeting.
- The changing of the Century Code indicates schools cannot require employees of their district to attend including holding practice
- There is a concern that has been expressed over the lack of superintendent involvement in the District Chair meeting.
- The Michigan case concerning switch of seasons is drawing to a close
- Attention to Senate Bill # 2348 is being introduced by Sen. Ben Tollefson which names the NDHSAA and would require public hearing before tournament sites are selected. Currently, there is a Large Tournament Committee actively involved in the setting of sites four years into the future. The membership is encourage to study the bill and share your thoughts with your local legislators.
- Administrator meetings will be scheduled again this coming fall.
- The Board has authorized securing a full-time technology position.
- Budgets, the Board has approved a 4% increase in the officials' fees. The fee scale will be posted on the website and included in the fall mailing.
- The Executive Secretary thanked the membership for all their support and keeping activities in perspective. The All-Star rule is being studied to meet the concern for students that may be reaching the burn-out rate of specialized athletes.
- Schools are having a more difficult time filling coaching positions. There is a growing need to be able to provide coaches education. The National Federation has recently developed a coaches education program. There will be an on-line

component to provide education for these coaches. The Executive Secretary will be attending a training session at the National Federation office to be able to train trainers in our state. These trainers, in turn, will be able to train someone in your school. It is believed the major portions of the ejection of coaches are non-staff members.

- Another state is dealing with litigation with a school over playing time. This particular school was using a term, "Pay to Play". This term is causing problems and is taken literally. The membership is cautioned using this term. Issues over playing time has become a concern.

The ND School Board position on the NDHSAA Board has appointed Phil Eastgate of the Beulah School Board.

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Sanstead reported on behalf of the Canvassing Committee the ballots were tallied with the following results:

Membership to the Board of Directors representing a four year term will be:

Class B Northwest – Supt. Wayne Stanley, Stanley

Class A West – Supt. David Looyon, Minot

Motion by Supt. Paul Johnson, Bismarck to approve the report. Second by Supt. David Rust, Tioga and carried.

The Executive Secretary of the North Dakota High School Coaches Association, Gelaine Orvik spoke to the membership for a brief report on the coaches' association and the direction of their organization. He stressed the importance of all the organizations affiliated with the NDHSAA working together. Administrators are encouraged to support their coaches' attendance at the NDHSCA convention. Particularly beneficial to coaches are the segments prior to the convention in which professional development is emphasized.

The NDIAAAA President, Dave Nelson reviewed the process with which they have been working on a possible proposal for a three-class system for volleyball and boys' and girls' basketball.

The meeting was adjourned.

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