

**MINUTES**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**North Dakota High School Activities Association**  
**October 19, 2006 - Bismarck, ND**

The General Assembly of the North Dakota High School Activities Association met at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn on October 19, 2006. President Briggs called the meeting to order at 4:30 and declared a quorum. Dr. Wayne Sanstead was introduced as the parliamentarian.

President Briggs began with some opening remarks and introduced the NDHSAA Board of Directors and staff.

A moment of silence was held to honor Michael Mack, a 2006-2007 NDHSAA Distinguished Student finalist who had passed away this fall.

The Executive Secretary presented the 2006-2007 NDHSAA Distinguished Student, Thomas Seifert, a senior from Bismarck St. Mary's High School to address the assembly.

The assembly was referred to the yearbooks found at their tables for the minutes from the October, 2005 General Assembly meeting. Motion by Supt. Darrel Remington, Belfield to approve the minutes of that meeting. Second by Supt. Elroy Burkle and carried.

The minutes of the January, 2006 General Assembly meeting were addressed. Motion by Supt. Merlin Dahl, Finley-Sharon to approve the minutes. Second by Ath. Dir. Gary Mailloux of Fargo North and carried.

Supt. Jeff Lind, Rugby presented their nominations for the Northwest position on the NDHSAA Board of Directors. Nominated are Supt. Clarke Ranum of Des Lacs-Burlington and Supt. Wayne Stanley of Stanley. Motion by Supt. Lind to accept these nominations. Second by Supt. David Rust, Tioga and carried

Supt. Wilford Volesky, Mandan presented their nominations for the Class A West position on the NDHSAA Board of Directors. Nominated are Supt. John Jankowski of Bismarck St. Mary's and Supt. David Looyen of Minot. Motion Volesky to accept these nominations. Second by Athletic Director Pat McNally of Minot and carried.

Schaible presented the following amendments to the Constitution & By-Laws:

- a. Amend Section X, Paragraph a. (Transfer Rule), of Part Two, Article XIV to read as follows:** a. A student shall have been in attendance at the school which he/she **the student** represents for 90 **180** school days upon transferring from another school unless his/her **the student's** parents have become residents of the school district to which he/she **the student** transferred or unless the school from which he/she **the student** transferred does not offer work of the corresponding year in which he/she **the student** is ranked and **there is no evidence of recruitment or undue influence.** In the instance of a pupil transferring from a

public high school to a private or parochial high school in the same city, or vice versa, he/she **the student** shall not be eligible to represent the new high school in varsity competition for 90 **180** school days. Should a school district maintain more than one high school, residence shall be understood to refer to the territory assigned to a specific high school by the Board of Education, and any transfer by a student from one school to another within the school district without a corresponding change in parental residence shall result in a loss of eligibility in varsity competition for 90 **180** school days. If a student begins his/her **the student's** high school career in a school other than the one in the district of his/her **the student's** parents' residence or if a student who has previously transferred from one high school to another without a corresponding change in parental residence retransfers to the original school of eligibility, he/she **the student** shall be immediately eligible in said school if the retransfer is made at the beginning of the school year.

Motion Lyson to approve the amendment. Second by Jungling. Following a voice vote, a division of the house was called for. The roll call vote of member schools present indicated Yes – 106, No – 43.

- b. **Amend Section X, Paragraph b. (Hardship Rule), of Part Two, Article XIV to read as follows:** b. A student who, because of unavoidable circumstances, such as **hardship including, but not limited to**, broken home conditions, death of parents or guardians, abandonment or other exceptional or emergency reasons, finds it necessary to change schools, may be declared eligible for varsity competition by the Executive secretary, provided the investigation reveals the change was necessary and there was no undue influence or recruitment. The decision of the executive Secretary may be appealed pursuant to ue Process Procedures of Part Two, Article VI, sections X through XVII of these By-Laws. (October 2005)

Motion by Prin. Jeff Schatz, Grand Forks to approve the amendment. Second by Prin. Kim Knodle, Valley City and carried.

- c. **Amend Section XIII on page 35 of the By-Laws to read as follows: Part Two, Article XIV, Section XIII:** Any student or coach disqualified **ejected** from an interscholastic contest by game officials for **unsportsmanlike conduct, including but not limited to** flagrant, violent or verbal misconduct, will be ineligible for the next regularly scheduled game/meet at that level of competition and all other games/meets in the interim at any level of competition. When a non-typical schedule is involved, the ejection penalty may be administered on a case-by-case basis. Any subsequent violation **ejection** in that season's activity carries a four (4) regularly scheduled game/meet ineligibility. If penalties are imposed at the end of the sport season and no contest remains, the penalty is carried over in that particular sport until the next school year. In the case of a senior, the penalty will continue to the next sport season.

Motion by Prin. Mickey Jordan, Dickinson to approve the amendment. Second by Supt. Kurt Eddy, New Rockford and carried.

The membership heard a report from the Football Committee Chairperson, Lorell Jungling. Following the report, the floor was open for questions and discussion. A summary:

1. What was the discussion on three divisions?
2. What is the plan for number in each region to advance to post-season?
3. Need to mandate part of scheduling for scheduling partner.
4. Suggest first three weeks of the season as open dates prior to playing the region teams.
5. Partner regions and let them schedule on their own. In favor of scheduling partners.

The membership was asked for a show of hands in favor of scheduling partners for the A Division – majority favored. The membership was asked for the same in 9-man. A majority indicated they did not want scheduling partners.

6. What might be the ramifications if programs drop because they don't want to be in a division? Teams may go to an independent schedule and this would not be considered a violation of the by-laws.

The Executive Secretary spoke to the TMCHS situation of being in the AAA division..

7. Has there been any consideration to having 12 in the AAA division? Is there an intent to move toward a three-division plan in the next round? Something for future Board to consider.
8. How does a host school handle a coop in which there are no members from the other school? It was clarified the enrollment is counted toward divisioning.
9. Is Trinity Christian planning a JV schedule and going independent?

The Executive Secretary presented his report:

1. Wrestling schools received a mailing October 10<sup>th</sup> containing information concerning the weight management program. Once a school is signed up, any other student may use the program. A \$30 fee will be charged per school.
2. Yesterday, the Board of Directors discussed the need for a staff member to handle the growing technology needs. The Board authorized the Exec. Sec. to study the possibilities in this area.
3. A reminder of the no-shirt rule, appropriate shirts are required at all district, regional and state events. If violated, the person will be asked to leave and no refund.
4. Picture and cut line is working out well. Reminder three weeks into the winter season that this must be done. Some schools have opted to not place their picture on the website. This is allowable but will not be placed in the program for any post-season booklets.
5. There was a review of the open gym guidelines.
6. NDOA Board has recommended a 4% increase for regular and post-season officials' fees for the 2007-2008 year.

7. The National Federation has re-established a Student Leadership Conference and is sponsoring students from each state to attend.
8. 2007-2008 is the centennial year and planning is in process.

In closing comments, the membership was encouraged to revisit the definition of success in their programs and are they a part of the educational process. They were also thanked for being part of providing the educational process for the students of North Dakota.

Motion by Prin. Jeff Schatz to adjourn the meeting. Second by Athletic Administrator Lorell Jungling and carried. President Briggs declared the meeting adjourned.

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