

MINUTES**NDHSAA Annual Membership Meeting
North Dakota High School Activities Association
January 27, 2014 - Bismarck, North Dakota**

The Representative Assembly Meeting of the North Dakota High School Activities Association was held Monday, January 27, 2014 at 8:00 A.M. at the Bismarck Ramkota Inn. President Olson welcomed the membership, called the meeting to order, and declared a quorum had been established.

Olson gave the membership a state of the association overview. The partnership with the NFHS Network has broadened our viewership for state tournaments well beyond our state. The NDHSAA television contract is off to a great start. All events are broadcast in high definition and they have done a great job of getting background information before each tournament. Their efforts make each broadcast professional and they have a great working relationship with NDHSAA and our tournament managers. NDHSAA entered into a new supporting sponsorship this year with ND Department of Transportation through the ND Department of Counties. Their support will focus on seat belt use and texting while driving. The Constitution & By-laws committee has been working throughout the year making changes to academic eligibility. We are in the process of hiring a new executive secretary. The combined tournament committee met in December to make state tournament site recommendations to the Board of Directors. There is an ongoing shift toward preferred tournament sites. Bismarck is the preferred site for swimming and diving, Grand Forks for tennis and hockey and Fargo for football.

In closing, Olson thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve.

President Olson introduced the Board of Directors and staff to the membership and thanked the membership for their dedication to North Dakota students.

On behalf of the Canvassing Committee, chair Kirsten Baesler reported the results of the ballots for NDHSAA Board positions.

1. Membership to the Board of Directors from the Class B Northeast for a four year term - Jeff Manley, Cavalier Public Schools Superintendent
2. Membership to the Board of Directors from the Class A East Region for a four year term - Andy Dahlen, Fargo North High School Principal

Staff Member Fetsch presented the approved football plan for 2015 and 2016. There will be 16 teams in Division AAA, 16 teams in Division AA, 24 teams in Division A and the balance of teams, approximately 45, in the 9-Man division. The assignment of teams to divisions will be approved in October 2014 and presented to the membership at the October general assembly. According to the October survey results, there was not an overwhelming interest in 6-Man football. The Board approved a waiver process for allowing the male enrollments of colony schools to be dismissed from the overall enrollment count.

Staff member Fletschock shared an example of an NFHS Network production. All our state championships were either live broadcast or tape delayed the fall of 2013. Fletschock shared the volleyball championship match had 1200 page visits and each volleyball match had at least 1000 page views. Tournament coverage through the NFHS Network will continue through the winter and spring sports and activities. This has been a very positive experience for NDHSAA. We are reaching a much broader audience with our broadcasts. Each ND member school has an opportunity to showcase their own school activities through participation in the NFHS Network School Broadcast program. A subscription to this program includes a laptop and software, allowing schools to produce their own regular season broadcasts.

Steve Hall, Constitution & By-Laws committee chair, reported on committee progress concerning academic eligibility. Member schools will be surveyed to gather baseline data with surveys sent to main school contacts on January 27, 2014. The survey will be open for 2 weeks and member schools are urged to complete the survey. Survey results will be reported to principals and athletic directors as the process continues.

NFHS/NDHSAA/NDIAAA Public Service Announcements were played for the membership by staff member Schell. Every radio station in North Dakota received these announcements. Member school support of these announcements in home communities is appreciated. Public service announcements are available on the NDHSAA website.

President Olson thanked the membership for their attendance and attention. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
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