



**II. REPORTS****A. EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board met on Monday, January 6, 2014, at 4:00 pm, in the Section XI office. In attendance: J. Thode, D. Ferry, M.A. Jules, L. Lally, T. Mullins, P. Sullivan-Kriss, J. Dolan, P. Casciano, D. Gamberg, N. DeCillis, L. Light, K. Seaman, A. Groveman, D. Webster and E. Cinelli. (Absent: J. Polansky)

1. Welcome – President Jeremy Thode called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.
2. Finance Committee – Alan Groveman
  - A. The Section XI Finance Committee Chair, Alan Groveman, reviewed the December 3, 2013 Finance Committee meeting report, including the proposed 2014-15 budget.
  - B. Mr. Groveman announced that there is no increase in the Section XI Dues and Service Charges for member schools in the proposed 2014-15 budget.
  - C. Mr. Groveman reported that the Section XI Finance Committee unanimously approved the “Work Agreement” for the Section XI staff for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017.
3. President – Jeremy Thode
  - A. Internal Auditor’s Reports – President Thode provided the Board with the Internal Auditor’s reports for October, November and December, 2013.
  - B. Investigation of Admission Procedures – The Executive Director will continue to monitor the collection of admissions at Section XI events.
4. Executive Director Interview Procedures – Jeremy Thode reviewed the process for interviewing the final candidates. The interviews are scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 10:30 am.
5. Acting President – First Vice President Debra Ferry assumed the role of Acting President at this point during the meeting, as a result of President Jeremy Thode’s departure.
6. Treasurer’s Report – Larry Light
  - A. Mr. Light reviewed the Section XI Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period July 1, 2013 through December 27, 2013, and provided information regarding the income and expenses within that budget period.
  - B. Mr. Light reviewed the Tri-Party Collateral agreement dated October 28, 2013 received by BNY Mellon.
7. Counsel – Kevin Seaman
  - A. Spalding Contract – Mr. Seaman reviewed the Spalding Contract that will be in effect for the 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17 school years.
  - B. Section XI Code of Ethics – Mr. Seaman reviewed the proposed Section XI Code of Ethics that was approved by the Executive Board. The document will be distributed to the Executive Board, Athletic Council, Superintendents of member schools, Athletic Directors, Sport Chairs, Cullen & Danowski Accounting Firm, and the Section XI staff.
8. NYSPPHAA – Lisa Lally/T. Mullins
  - A. Ms. Lally and Mr. Mullins provided a synopsis of the October 24, 2013 NYSPPHAA Executive Committee meeting held in Troy.
  - B. The November and December 2013 editions of the *NYSPPHAA News* were provided.
  - C. A revised copy of the 2013-14 NYSPPHAA Championship Dates/Sites was distributed.

9. Sponsorship Update – Nick DeCillis reviewed the sponsorship initiatives with which he has been involved, including contact with various organizations with the hope of securing either sponsorship or advertising contracts with them.
  10. Team Total Update – Don Webster  
Don Webster provided the Executive Board with information regarding the numbers of Varsity, JV and JV2 teams for the 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years.
  11. Outside Agency Approval – The Executive Board retroactively approved the following outside agencies to conduct tournaments within Section XI:
    - Eastern Suffolk Officials Boys' Basketball Tournament – December 28-29, 2013
    - Western Suffolk Officials Boys' Basketball Tournament – December 27-28, 2013
  12. NYSPPHSAA Hall of Fame – The Executive Board provided a flyer informing the Board of the submission of the applications of Center Moriches Athlete Paul Gibson, Coach Joseph Cipp, Jr., and Bridgehampton Athlete Carl Yastrzemski for induction into the NYSPPHSAA Hall of Fame in August, 2014.
  13. Executive Director Goals and Objectives – Mid-Year Report – Ed Cinelli provided the Board with his mid-year report.
  14. Section XI Quarterly Expenses – Ed Cinelli provided the Executive Board with the Meals and Refreshment expenses for the period October 7, 2013 through January 5, 2014.
  15. Section XI Staff Changes – Ed Cinelli reviewed the staff changes due to the resignation of Amy Smith. The Section has hired Christina McKeveny in a part-time position and reassigned Lisa McManus to a full-time Sport Coordinator.
  16. Sport Chair Stipends – A motion was made and approved by the Executive Board to have the Finance Committee review the Sport Chair Stipends and make a recommendation to the Executive Board.
- B. NYSPPHSAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – L. Lally, T. Mullins  
At its meeting on October 24, 2013, the NYSPPHSAA Executive Committee effected the following:
1. Gymnastics
    - a. Approved SUNY Brockport (Sec V) as the site for the 2014 Gymnastics State Championship.
    - b. Approved an editorial change on page 2, #6 of the Apparatus Requirements in Girls' Gymnastics.
  2. Enrollment Numbers – Approved the elimination of calculating ungraded students in the school enrollment numbers.
  3. Modified Girls' Basketball – Approved the NYSPPHSAA waive the 10-second rule for girls' modified basketball for the 2013-14 season.
  4. Wrestling – Approved if a wrestler exceeds the six (6) permitted tournaments allowed within the 20-point limitation, said wrestler shall be ineligible for the remainder of the season.

5. Membership Dues – Approved the 2014-15 membership dues using the suspended calculation formula of \$810 per school and \$0.86 per student above 300, based on the 2013-14 school enrollment numbers.
6. Sport Committees – Approved allowing sport committees to meet face-to-face beginning with the winter and spring committees during the 2013-14 school year.
7. All-State Contests – Approved to modified All-Star contests to read, "*c. A contestant may participate in any approved senior all-star athlete contest in the same sport during the school year.*"
8. Softball – Approved changing the umpire rotation for the State Softball Championships.
9. Modified Boys' Lacrosse
  - a. Approved an editorial change to the Boys' Modified Lacrosse Game Rules (page 149, #8) to "*there will be no timed counts for advancing the ball*".
  - b. Approved an editorial change to the Boys' Modified Lacrosse Game Rule (page 149, #10) to "*a horn will be used to substitute players when the ball goes out of bounds*".
10. Modified Girls' Lacrosse – Approved an editorial change to the Girls' Modified Lacrosse Game Rule #4 (page 150) to use the US Lacrosse U-15 Checking Rule.
11. Spring Track – Approved the Promotion Regulation shall be waived for Boys' and Girls' Outdoor Track and Field, permitting schools with Section/League approval the option of running combined modified and varsity outdoor track and field meets, alternating events.

NOTE: Tim Mullins reported the approval of face-to-face meetings in the future. Expenses for those who attend will be paid for by the State Association.

### **III. COUNSEL – Kevin Seaman**

- A. Corporate Sponsorship – Mr. Seaman reviewed the three-year Spalding agreement that will begin in the 2014-15 school year. Nick DeCillis announced that the Section XI accounting firm of Cullen & Danowski will become a Section XI advertiser.
- B. Section XI Code of Ethics – Mr. Seaman reviewed the Section XI Code of Ethics that was approved by the Executive Board and distributed to Athletic Directors, Superintendents, Sport Chairs, Athletic Council members and the Section XI staff.

### **IV. NYSPHSAA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/INPUT**

#### **A. NFHS Rules**

1. Motion: T. Mullins                      Second: L. Lally  
To approve the following:  
"Shall the NYSPHSAA follow NFHS rules in all sports.."

Motion Defeated

**V. SECTION XI ACTION ITEMS****A. Placement**1. Combining

Motion: G. McCarthy                      Second: J. Pennacchio

To approve the following:

“Shall Sections G, H, and I of the Section XI Combining Policy be eliminated.”

Motion Approved

**B. Tournament**1. Wrestling

Motion: K. Masterson                      Second: R. Panariello

To approve the following:

“Shall a Section XI team tournament be held in Wrestling beginning in the 2014-15 school year as a one-year experiment.”

Motion Approved

**C. Modified**1. NYSPPHSAA/Modified Committee Discussion/Inputa. Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball

Motion: G. Curiale                      Second: J. Dolan

To approve the following:

“Shall with Section/League approval the 3-point shot may be used in modified boys’ and girls’ basketball.”

Motion Approved

b. Girls’ Basketball

Motion: M. Mensch                      Second: T. Combs

To approve the following:

“Shall with Section/League approval the 10-second rule may be used at the modified level in girls’ basketball.”

Motion Approved

**D. Finance**

Motion: D. Walker                      Second: K. Masterson

To approve the following:

“Shall the Section XI 2014-15 budget be approved.”

Motion Approved

Motion to Adjourn: M. Mensch

Second: G. Curiale

Motion Approved

Adjournment: 9:31 am

Respectfully submitted,

*Edward A. Cinelli*

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**SECTION XI**  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DONALD F. WEBSTER  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES****January 14, 2014****Section XI Office**

The Executive Board met on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 9:45 am, at the Section XI Office. In attendance: President J. Thode, J. Polansky, D. Ferry, M. A. Jules, L. Lally, T. Mullins, J. Dolan, D. Gamberg, P. Casciano, L. Light, K. Seaman, and N. DeCillis. (Absent: P. Sullivan-Kriss)

1. Section XI Executive Director – The Section XI Executive Board has approved the appointment of Donald F. Webster as the Section XI Executive Director effective July 1, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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