

**REGION 1 FALL MEETING  
November 28, 2018  
The Lakefront - Turnagain Conference Room, Anchorage  
8:30 A.M.**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Lester at 8:35A.M. on November 28, 2018, at the **The Lakefront - Turnagain Conference Room** in Anchorage.

**II. Roll Call**

			Roll Call
Paul Barker	Aleutians East Borough S.D.	member	yes
Jeff Erickson	Bering Strait School District	member/ES	yes
Paula Singley	Bristol Bay Borough	member	yes
Karl Clark	Dillingham City Schools	member	yes
Vacant	Iditarod School District	member	no
Richard Sparrow	Kashunamiut School District	member	yes
Severin Gardner	Kuspuk School District	member	yes
Ed Lester	Lake and Peninsula Schools	member	yes
Joshua Gill	Lower Kuskokwim Schools	member	yes
Byron Ulak	Lower Yukon School District	member	no
Patrick Callahan	Nome City Schools	member	yes
Jeremy Goodwin	North Slope Borough	member	yes
Craig McConnell	Northwest Arctic School Dist.	member	yes
<del>Michael Baldwin</del>	<del>Pribilof School District</del>	<del>member</del>	<del>no</del>
Dewayne Bahnsen	St. Mary's School District	member	no
Deb Forkner	Southwest Region Schools	member	yes
Jim Wilson	Unalaska City School Dist.	member	yes
Steve Craft	Yupiit School District	member	no

\*voting member for this meeting

**III. Introduction of New Members & Guests**

Guests: Sharon Wegner, Billy Strickland (ASAA), Mickia Walcott (New Stuyahok); (NSBSD), Zach Medlock (NWABSD), Sei Pili (NWABSD), Paul Saltzman (LKSD)

**IV. Order of Agenda**

Minor changes and additions were made to agenda:  
KC moved to approve the agenda; second by JW. motion carries.

**V. Communications**

None

**VI. Approval of Minutes, September 28, 2018 Meeting**

Deb F. moved to approve the amended minutes of September 28, 2018; second by JG.; motion carries.

## **VII. Financial Report**

Jeff Erickson, Executive Secretary, presented the Financial Report, with register for the year and breakdown of inflow/outflow. At the present time, Region 1 has a cash balance of \$92,841 (\$66867.90 in high yield savings) JWilson moved to approve the financial report as presented; second by KC. motion carries.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- a. **Academic Excellence Awards - Informational**
- b. **Music Festival Update (Dillingham) – Dates moved to 4/4-6 JG moved/DF second – motion carries unanimously**
- c. **Scholarships – Informational**  
**Committee: DeWayne Bahnsen/Paula Singley/Richard Sparrow (Sharon Wegner)**  
**Max of 2 applicants/gender/school – principal screens them**  
**2 scholarships/school – unless there aren't enough qualified apps**  
**4 boys and 4 girls scholarships**  
  
**Endowment – Informational**  
**Committee: Jim Wilson/Josh Gill/Severin Gardiner**  
  
Deb F. gave short report on Togiak endowment grant for band equipment.
- d. **TDH update – nothing at this point**
- e. **Tournament Site Selections/Verifications/VB Tournament receipts?**

## **IX. New Business**

- a. **Review of ASAA Meetings – BS & EL**
  - Aspen Hotels (7 hotels statewide) offering \$1/room/night – paid quarterly – flyer emailed
  - New “At Large/Seeding” process - to replace WPI – hopefully encourage playing between classifications
  - State Cheer Competition: Division 1 – 501 and up/Division 2 – 500 and fewer; Div. 2 has max of 12 members and no run/tumbles
  - Volleyball geographic exemption: Request from SE 4A Volleyball to move to 3A. It is a policy not a by-law so board can vote on it. S. Pili supported idea. Travel distances would be the challenge. CM said it would be okay if it was available to all but not just for SE volleyball. JG worried about transportation costs. SG commented on possible increase in Mt.Edgecumbe’s exposure. JW spoke to Unalaska’s need for this exemption in the past. BS spoke about California’s system – but they have

roads and can change conference structure easily. EL: R1 is in favor of geographic exemption but not this specific move. Three 3A members vote against it – dies. BM – this is a policy not a bylaw so ASAA Board can change this. Classification isn't working that well. If the this request is voted down (move 3A line to 800) then it's almost certain that a vote on "geographic exemption" will happen next.

- State Tournament bids are out for Wrestling/DDF/Track&Field/Soccer; Wrestling bids from Carlson Center/Menard Center/Alaska Airlines – ASAA board is considering a rotation – not every three years, but try to get the tournament to FAI sometimes. Menard isn't the same quality as either of the others. AKAIR is best.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/Sudden Cardiac/Concussion no longer synced – due every 3 years
- Western Conference Girls Volleyball will add Houston and Redington; with "at-large" berths mandatory reporting will be necessary/"pool play" – should it be counted/reported
- Region 1 – 2A Basketball "at large" selection committee: Ed/Pat/Severin
- State XC changes: 3 divisions (4A, 3A, 1/2A) – if only a few teams at 1A/2A then only 1<sup>st</sup> team award. JG asked about combining teams to make a district "all-star" team and run as a team. BS – would have to apply for a "co-op" team after the conference race. JW – against the idea since Unalaska fields their own team. BS – Nome/BRW/OTZ/BET need to make some decisions about their conference numbers to State.
- E-sports participation in Region 1/ASAA (request from Yukon/Koyukok) – Dillingham and Yupiit are competing – not using "Overwatch" KC-have purchased 7 gaming devices. PC – please call it an "activity" NOT a "sport"

**b. Tournament Site Selections – FY20**

List updated.

FY20 site selections made

BS – please send actual school names NOT airport codes or nicknames

**c. Wrestling Tournament Questions/Concerns:** Feedback on handbook that changed a little bit, but most current was sent out pre-tournaments.

**d. Volleyball Tournament Questions/Concerns**

SG – move to pool play? The pools this year are very imbalanced. JE: Need to seed the 12 or get to 8. BS: the seeding process is kind of subjective based on historical strength – wouldn't be perfect, but better CM: Need to get to 8. Bethel is the issue. JG: Impossible from our standpoint SG: Do it like your BB tournament BS: Would Kuspuk/Yupiit be willing to go to Peninsula? EL: Could we seed the top 8 of 12 after pool play? BS: Dimond doesn't want tournament lengthened – Dimond basketball teams are hurt with no practice time ZM: How about going to 16 teams? Consensus that there aren't that many more teams districts would send. EL: Eliminate practice times and do pool play then and 8 team double Th-Sa. If not, seed the pools...the best you can. PB: Sand Point/King Cove exploring Mixed 6 for next year

**e. Reg III Conference update : EL:** Houston/Redington wants to move to 3A Western Conference. JG: Believes it should be on record vote of the 4 teams. CM: Deadlocked after discussion so it should stay status quo JG: Kenai is going to propose another conference and take a berth from Western Conference. He and Pat propose ACS and Grace go down into SE conference. BS: Sometimes

we have to look at what's best for ALL kids...not just for OUR kids. PC/BS: Ed needs to have direction but also freedom to get "best deal" for R1 if things fall apart. BS: Hard to get the private schools up to 4A since they are already playing up at 3A. If Western Conference drops to 1 berth it will be even more difficult for them to get home games. Many states go to a "competitive level" for setting classifications...has nothing to do with student enrollment numbers.

- f. **Waiver approvals** – CM: Robert Sheldon (Noatak) moved to Kotzebue, went to camps and said he planned to move to ANC to play for Chugiak to play better competition. He went and played team camps with the Chugiak team and coaches...which is against bylaws. School starts and Sheldon is living with last years Chugiak assistant coach. Clearly recruiting but waiver was approved and I don't understand it. Brand new principal (Noatak) was neutral but didn't oppose move. 2<sup>nd</sup> case: Kotzebue kid's mom decides to send him to Pt. Hope. Waiver denied. Applies for hardship and it was approved. Purely a basketball move. BS: Discussed some of reasons for the waiver approvals. **(Off the record)** A denial response is what will be used in the court case so there have to be specific/clear information. Every case has opportunity to provide additional information. In Kotzebue case that happened and school couldn't deny it so waiver passed. Another thing that happens is when transfer is between classifications and sending principal doesn't really care since they won't impact their team/school. PC: Maybe sending principal shouldn't be on there – a direct questioning of the kid would be better.

X. **Public Comment** – JE: Heath Day is now working for GCI Education Department – I emailed his information and a forwarded an email from him.

XI. **Date and Site of next meeting : Tuesday, March 12, 3pm – (1p for other discussion/committees)**

XIV. **Adjournment 12:55p**

JG moved JW second