

**REGION 1 FALL MEETING**  
**March 16, 2016**  
**Alaska Airlines Arena, Anchorage**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Lester at 9:05 A.M. on March 16, 2016, at the **Dresser Board Room** in Anchorage.

**II. Roll Call**

			Roll Call	
Amy Mack	Aleutians East Borough S.D.	member	yes	
Jeff Erickson	Bering Strait School District	member/ES	yes	
Paula Singley	Bristol Bay Borough	member	yes	
Dan Schrock	Dillingham City Schools	member	yes	
vacant	Iditarod School District	member	yes	
Ulric Ulron	Kashunamiut School District	member	yes	
Wayne Boggs	Kuspuk School District	member	no	
Ed Lester	Lake and Peninsula Schools	member	yes	
Josh Gill	Lower Kuskokwim Schools	member	yes	
Byron Ulak	Lower Yukon School District	member	yes	
Patrick Callahan	Nome City Schools	member	yes	
Jeremy Goodwin	North Slope Borough Sch. Dist.	member	no	
Craig McConnell	Northwest Arctic School Dist.	member	yes	
Michael Baldwin	Pribilof School District	member	no	
Dewayne Bahnsen	St. Mary's School District	member	yes	
Cody McCanna	Southwest Region School Dist.	member	yes	
Jim Wilson	Unalaska City School Dist.	member	yes	
Severin Gardner	Yupit School District	member	yes	

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

Guests: Sharon Wegner (LKSD), Billy Strickland (ASAA), Brett Slaathaug (NWABSD), Mikia Alcott (New Stuyahok); Conor Mewhiney (BET), Rick Luthi (BB).

**IV. Order of Agenda**

Minor changes and additions were made to agenda:  
Cody M. moved to approve the agenda; second by Jim W. motion carries.

**V. Approval of Minutes, December 10, 2014 Meeting**

Cody M. moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2014; second by JW.; motion carries.

**VI. Communications**      None other than business items

**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 \$117,032.89 (\$66760.81 in high yield savings) BU moved to approve the financial report as presented; second by WW motion carries.

Banner costs will push Trophies/Awards over budget. Also took out page in State BB program to announce All-Conference teams - \$300.

**VIII. Old Business**

- a. **Academic Excellence Awards – Informational – May 1 deadline  
Brett S – possibly do at BB Conference Tournaments?**
- b. **Endowment Committee Report – 4 applications received/approved  
Use social media (FB, Twitter) to create awareness. Also, make a report to hand out.**
- c. **Tournament Directors Handbook – Change “2 entries/weight division to conference tournament” (BrS)**

**IX. New Business**

- a. **Review of ASAA Meetings – BS & EL**  
Revised TAD policy – 3<sup>rd</sup> offense is 6 month/4<sup>th</sup> and higher is calendar year;  
Must also do the education pieces, drug/alcohol assessment, complete programs they might require, letter from them to show completion, go to local school board to ask for their endorsement to be eligible. (Effective 7/1/16)

Eagle River Christian – new 2A school  
Redington – 3A

Officials could be selected for both state tournaments

DDF – 2/23-25

World Language – March 4-5

Increased 1A All Tournament awards to 16 players

ASAA can fine for coaches even post-ejection

ASAA need “Administrator” to cover State teams

Upcoming items:

Possible movement of berth in 3A volleyball

Moving toward online version of ASAA Handbook

Easy to make corrections/changes

Use of high school age students at State Tournaments

Mixed 6/2A volleyball & Wrestling

**If R1 has officials who would help with time/score ASAA would pay way in and hotel (RAVN).**

**Use uniform scorebook**

**Ed will ask for action for non-HS scorers**

**XCrun – no split of 1A/2A runners with opt-up option**

**Recognize top finishers in classifications**

**Hall of Fame – Don Erickson (Unalakleet) inducted this year**

**Wrestling Seeding changes – TW results/ASAA will seed using**

**Seed results posted online**

**Wrestling Weight Cert section change – don’t lose cert if you move up/down; allow re-cert.**

**Request to move Unalaska to Region 2 for XCrun only**

**Foreign Exchange – F1 visas are okay but must pay tuition; ineligible for calendar year**

**Region 5 proposing that 2A State VB uses 3A/4A VB format – true double elimination.**

**Encourage district boards to deal with transgender issue**

**b. Basketball Tournament Reports**

Handouts and report receipts if profit.

Discussion about what happens when a 2<sup>nd</sup> place team is NOT sent to State – who fills that site.

LKSD: Problem with allowing “ineligible” players playing up to the conference tournament and upsetting strength of team at conference tournaments. They had team that wouldn’t go to conference due to key player.

Severin suggestion about cook/maintenance costs being deducted from gate. Decision to wait to see how we sit financially in Fall 2016.

**c. Music Festival update**

Kotzebue – April 27 – 30

Adjudicator fees? Nome will get numbers.

**d. Coach of the Year awards**

Election results:

XC Run: David Gibson - Unalaska  
Wrestling: Riel Anderson – Bristol Bay  
Mixed 6 VB – Nick Hanson - Unalakleet  
Girls VB – Megan Shlagel - Dillingham  
Girls BB – Eric Boring - Teller  
Boys BB – Kent Russell - Unalaska  
Student Gov't – Dana Bartman - Manokotak

**e. 2016-17 Tournament Site Selection**

List updated.

**f. Region 1 Scholarship Report**

Boys;  
Josh Blom; Tanalian  
Ross Enlow; Unalaska  
Talon Erickson; Unalakleet  
Rex Marquardt; Unalaska

Girls  
Charis Alsworth; Tanalian  
Reanna Marquez; Unalaska  
Sarah Schroeder; Dillingham  
Emerson Winters; Unalaska

**g. Basketball Tournament issues**

Severin: Can conference tournament choose alternate format to what is in Handbook?

**i. R1 Executive Board election**

Ed Lester – Chair/Craig McConnell – Vice Chair/Pat Callahan – At Large  
Unanimous consent

ASAA board seat is 6 year seat max – R1 bylaws state R1 chair is ASAA board

**j. Gold Pass Selection – Carlton Kuhns (CM/JW)**

**k. 2017 2A Southwest BB tournament site change (presently Unalaska)**

Proposal from Dillingham to move sites due to expense.

Anchorage as a site possibility. Multiple schools willing to host.

Unalaska still wants to host – and went through the Reg1 process. Would only support a 4 year commitment to tournament in ANC. Prefers to stay in Region 1, not move to R2.

Discussion about skipping conference tournament and expand the state 2A tournament field to 16.

Rick Luthi : It is emotional to make **any** decision, but there is so much uncertainty in financial future.

Brett SI: Some changes we're making will drop costs for XC, Wrestling, VB and those savings **could** help basketball costs.

Pat C: If only pulling from Unalaska, then other sites contribute to Unalaska travel.

Dan S: Would Unalaska pay some of travel cost?

Jim: Would NOT support a move to any other conference site as it would impact parents/fans. WOULD possibly give financial support to incoming teams. \$5000/school.

MOTION - JW/DS – Unalaska reluctantly makes a motion to move 2A Southwest BB tournament to Anchorage in 2017. If rotation is reinstated Unalaska would be first site to host the tournament as rotation begins again, unless Region 1 board decides otherwise.

- l. Dues for Districts that have limited, or no participation –**  
Pribilofs didn't participate in any Region 1/ASAA events  
Iditarod "accidentally" participated in Mixed 6 only.

MOTION (CM/SG) Any participation of a member school district during an activity year will constitute membership and full dues will be accrued. If there is no participation during an activity year no dues are expected. If no dues received then the district is not a member of R1 and is not eligible for scholarships or endowment grants. (Passed unanimously)

- m. Classification Issues (UU)**

Request for teams with geographic challenges to be allowed to apply for a waiver to participate in a lower classification.

DeWayne: Too big of a size disparity (Hooper Bay) – would be against a move of Hooper Bay and Chevak to LYSD 1A

Billy : Need to keep the "competitive" piece in the discussion; must be supported by all members in that conference; Region must endorse;

Ulric: This is a financial decision – not competitive decision. Will have to make drastic cuts to regular season if tournament is in Pt. Hope.

Byron: supports the possible move of Chevak/Hooper down to 1A if ASAA allowed

Brett: will be in same situation with Selawik moving up – would support the waiver; need to make change to ASAA classification system with tournament berths

Jeff: If no waiver does LYSD/Chevak have alternate plan for 2017? (Ulric – no alternate plan)

Billy: Is there a discussion about an alternate plan for 2017 2A Great Northwest tournament. If geographic exemption passes – it would be a 2 team conference with 2 state bids.

Cody: Could make a decision regarding competitiveness level of teams and whether to send to conference tournament or not.

- n. Wrestling Conference Split Proposal**

MOTION – (JW/CMc) In light of current economic concerns, it is proposed that the wrestling berths for region 1 – Great Alaskan Conference - be split into 2 conferences with schools having the option of participating in

conference tournaments located in the “South” and “Central” regions. The “South” conference would be awarded 2 berths and the “Central” conference would be awarded 2 berths. Berths can and should be shared amongst the schools where appropriate. This will provide schools an opportunity to have more students participate in the conference tournament, while also providing a cost savings to member schools.

Discussion about how berths split: CoMe noted that the central group has almost double participation. JW asked whether that was due to the host site and financial decision on how many traveled to conference site historically.

3<sup>rd</sup> TrackWrestling setup will be purchased for the new conference and sent to Dillingham. BrSl brought up the desire to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> set up in the “North” to lessen the shipping movement of the present unit. (JWilson moved/CoMc second – motion carried)

**o. 1A/2A Volleyball Proposal**

ExSecy will submit letter to ASAA board (delivered by ELester) regarding changes to the state tournament.

Eliminate use of high school students as officials

Stoppage of play for “Player of Game” awards

Curtain dropped to eliminate balls crossing to other court

Adoption of double elimination format similar to 3A/4A

(restructuring of state berths to return to 8 teams would help)

**p. XC Run state qualification proposal**

Proposal to have Region 1 XC state qualifiers broken up into more regional/district championships. ASAA would allocate a certain number of “Region 1” berths to be divided amongst all new conferences. Upside is a huge financial savings and potentially higher student participation. Downside is potential for fewer Region 1 “teams” competing at the State meet.

**X. Public Comment - none**

**XI. Date and Site of next meeting : October 2 – 900am – University Lake SH Suites**

**XIV. Adjournment**

CM. moves/ JW. second – unanimous.