

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION
January 16, 2019**

President Zittergruen called this administrative session of the Board of Directors to order at 10:00 a.m. Directors present: Zittergruen, Francis, Ebeling, Dufoe, Kroemer, Boehmer and Fadness. Absent: Seivert. Attending from the state office: Berger, Brown, Ihnen, Ross, Eslinger and Brinkmeyer.

Motion by Ebeling, second by Fadness to accept consent items: 1) November 8, 2018 Board of Directors' minutes 2) January financials 3) Swimming Advisory Committee minutes, December 5, 2018 4) Joint Committee minutes, November 8, 2018 and 5) Cross Country Advisory Committee minutes, November 28, 2018. One correction was noted in the Swimming Advisory Committee minutes. Minutes need to reflect that there were several divers entered into regional meets without having an 11-dive score. Motion approved by all Directors present.

Eslinger reviewed the basketball hall of fame nominees for 2019. **Motion by Francis, second by Kroemer and unanimously approved by all Directors present to approve the 2019 Basketball Hall of Fame nominees as presented.**

2019 BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Eavon Almquist, Pocahontas 1968

Jenny Noll, Muscatine 1992

Chelsea Poppens, Aplington-Parkersburg 2009

Eslinger explained the 2019 state swimming qualification standards are determined by taking the average of the 16th place (last scoring) time from the last five state meets. The Swimming Advisory Committee was shown two scenarios – the 16th place time from the state consolation and the 16th fastest time from the preliminary meet. The committee believed that utilizing the fastest time from each event of the two scenarios be used to determine 2019 time standards.

Three divers entered this year's diving regionals without an 11-dive score. There are safety concerns regarding this as divers are entering meets without successfully demonstrating that they can complete all of the dives necessary to take part in an 11-dive meet. Divers are allowed to compete in as many diving meets as swimmers, so there should be plenty of opportunities for competitors to take part in an 11-dive meet at some point during the season. Committee recommended and management agrees that all divers must have a valid 11-dive score before their regional meet. **Motion by Kroemer, Dufoe second and unanimously approved by all Directors present approving the 2019 state qualifying standards as presented and that divers must have an 11-dive score prior to the regional meet.**

Eslinger proposed Mike Mellecker, Iowa City West (boys' coach) and Xan Taylor, Johnston (girls' coach) be appointed to the Bowling Advisory Committee. Eslinger reminded Directors that the recommendation was before the Joint Committee in November for their approval. **Motion by Boehmer, Ebeling second and unanimously approved by all Directors present to accept the Bowling Advisory Committee appointments as presented.**

A basketball update was presented by Ross. Class 1A, 2A and 3A pairings will be released the week of January 21 and 4A and 5A the week of January 28. The Honor Team this year is Montezuma. Montezuma won the state championship 50 years ago. Chuck Brittain and observers throughout the state have been viewing games and narrowing down the officials that will be working the post-season including the state tournament. Feedback has been outstanding from the officials.

All four of the officials' coordinators (Tim Keating, Cathy Creighton, Chuck Brittain and Jim Albertson) recently met with Berger, Ross and Brinkmeyer to discuss challenges, commonalities and ideas in relation to officiating. The contract with Arbiter ends June 30 and it will not be renewed. The IGHSAU will be utilizing rSchool going forward. Brittain has been working with the staff at rSchool. Some of the pros and cons discussed by the group included 1) cost to assignors, schools are using rSchool for scheduling and additional features already 2) changes in schedules immediately available to officials, schools, and assignors 3) payment to officials 4) the staff at rSchool is very willing to accommodate the IGHSAU's needs and wants. The desire is to make the process much more effective for officials, schools and assignors. The assignors also talked about common methods of training the evaluators for evaluating officials in the different sports. A pre-game conference format that officials use in South Dakota was discussed by coordinators. These items are important for all parties to know in advance to the game being played (administrator, medical personnel available and the emergency program in place.) The staff is of the opinion that this would be important communication prepared in advance by the host school in the event of issues arising. Continuing education – currently officials in all four sports are required to attend a clinic every three years to work in the post season. Coordinators and staff will be looking at additional ways to enhance the clinics and make them even more meaningful. The idea of an "All Sport Summit" was discussed by coordinators and staff.

2019 state-qualifying bowling sites were presented by Eslinger. State-qualifying meets are scheduled for February 13 with the state meet February 18, 19 and 20. The state meet will again be held at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo.

Eslinger shared that he and staff members Tom Florian and Monte Wilson recently attend the NFHS Let's Connect Conference. This conference is for media, sports information and sports marketing staff members of state associations. Various topics were discussed. This was a great idea-sharing opportunity. Eslinger indicated throughout discussions he learned that the IGHSAU is going a lot of things well.

This is the 100th Girls' State Basketball Tournament. There are a number of events planned in celebrating this milestone. They include finding and celebrating the oldest Iowa Girl to play in the state basketball tournament, and a panel discussion breakfast held at the Iowa Hall of Pride involving four hall of fame coaches. The theme of the panel discussion: "What I would tell my former self", 6 on 6 game (half-time of the 1A championship game), there will also be an Iowa Governor Proclamation and kiosk of memorabilia – old rule books, basketball, uniforms, etc. among others.

Berger shared with Directors a review of the Athletic Union's investment portfolio. She is considering investing additional funds. Ebeling suggested she speak with different institutions to see if they offer a higher rate of return than what the Athletic Union is currently receiving. The gains could be used by increasing the supplement amount provided state qualifying schools for travel, meals, lodging, etc. Discussion ensued.

In response to the request from Senate Education Subcommittee, the four activity organization executive directors met in consultation with the Iowa Department of Education to address the scholarship rule and double jeopardy. The four activity organizations believe students should serve only one ineligibility, not multiple periods for different activities. The four executive directors will meet with the Senate Education Subcommittee and share that the majority of schools, when asked, support eliminating the current academic eligibility rules for Music and Speech activities and encourage the membership to adopt local policies that properly address the issue so that only a single period of ineligibility is served. It is the four executive directors' belief that schools already have policies in place to address academic eligibility in all other activities. They will recommend to the Senate Education Subcommittee that Music and Speech get absorbed into local policies and latitude be given to member schools so that a student only has to serve a single period of ineligibility. Discussion ensued

Brown informed Directors that during the NFHS summer conference, the four activity organization boards will meet to review AD Hoc Committee's recommendation and the next steps. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 1 at 1:30 p.m.

The date of the June annual meeting has been changed. The meeting will now take place on Wednesday, June 12. The time and location remain the same.

Berger reviewed the state swimming and state volleyball evaluation results. Questionnaires were provided coaches and participants following the respective championships. Overall, feedback was very positive.

Berger shared with Directors that the Iowa Hall of Pride would like to partner with the IGHS AU in redesigning the volleyball display at the IHOP. Executive Director Taylor Anderson has requested a five-year sponsorship of \$50,000 with payment options of a one-time payment or a multi-year pledge. Berger was asked to gather additional information and a year-by-year installment plan to share with Directors at a forthcoming administrative session.

Berger indicated her intent to attend the referred to girls' wrestling meet in Waverly-Shell Rock in the near future. She has also been invited to and plans to attend the Missouri Girls' State Wrestling Meet on Friday, February 15. Discussion ensued.

Directors were made aware of a potential soccer eligibility issue. It has been reported that several high school soccer players on a club team from western Iowa played against a college team. Additional information is being gathered at this time.

Renaë Chesnut, Dean of Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences along with Nathan Newman, Drake University's Athletic Training Program Director, provided a proposal for training services for the 2018-2019 state track and field championships and soccer championships. The educational opportunities that have been mutually agreed upon, which will begin this year, include: potential presentations at conferences and the future development of educational materials and programming for high school athletes, athletic directors, coaches, athletic trainers, parents and other potential target audiences. The Master of Athletic Training Program students will be supervised by a certified athletic trainer when providing coverage at the various state championships. Berger anticipates receiving a proposal for the state basketball tournament in the near future. If agreed upon, this will be a championship by championship agreement.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Karon Brown
Associate Director