



Oregon School Activities Association
Student Activities Advisory Committee
Minutes
May 19, 2009 Meeting



PRESENT – Cori Mingear (DDCA), Jennifer Muller (OMEA), Marci Taylor (OMEA), Janet Fryback (OCCA), Michael Curry (OHSSLCA), Patrick Leahy (OHSSLCA), Mike Wallmark (OSAA Staff).

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairperson Patrick Leahy.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES – It was moved by Michael Curry, seconded by Marci Taylor and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2009, meeting.

OSAA REPORT – MIKE WALLMARK

1. Delegate Assembly/Board Actions:

- Mike Wallmark distributed and discussed a proposed 3A/2A/1A Contest Reductions amendment to Rule 6.3 due to financial considerations. A proposal to amend the original proposal to make these reductions at all classification levels was defeated by the Delegate Assembly. The Delegate Assembly then voted to table the proposal regarding the 3A/2A/1A schools. The 3A/2A/1A Contest Reduction amendment will be on the October, 2009 Delegate Assembly agenda.
- Mike Wallmark discussed the Delegate Assembly amendment to Rule 1.2 that requires all coaches who work with athletics or competitive cheer/dance be certified through the NFHS Coaches Education Program, the Fundamentals of Coaching. Online courses are available for a \$55.00 fee. This requirement does not apply to Choir, Band, or Speech.
- Mike Wallmark discussed the approved amendment in April by the Delegate Assembly of Rule 5.2.3, "Maximum Fine", to increase from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The maximum fine would be assessed for willful violations of OSAA Rules.
- Mike Wallmark distributed and discussed the approved amendment to Rule 8, a proposal for more stringent academic requirements. The rule defines minimum satisfactory progress requirements towards graduation. Schools with ineligible participants may be allowed to appeal to the Executive Director for a waiver of the rule in unusual circumstances. This rule modification will be discussed and explained at the 2009-10 Administrator Workshops conducted by OSAA staff in August and September throughout the state.
- Mike Wallmark distributed and discussed the approved addition to Participation Limitations to Provide Limitations on Competitive Cheerleading Participation for an individual. *A JV cheerleader may participate in both the varsity and JV performances at the same cheerleading competition no more than twice each school year. Under no circumstances may a varsity cheerleader participate in a JV team performance at any cheerleading competition.* The rule change was sponsored by the Executive Board after submission by the OCCA and endorsement by the OSAA Student Activities Advisory Committee.
- Mike Wallmark distributed and discussed Board Policy #38 – "Financing Options". The Policy defines and clarifies the requirement of school districts controlling the funds that support athletic and activity programs participating in OSAA events.
- Mike Wallmark distributed and reviewed the 2009-10 OSAA State Championships Calendar. The new Board Policy #53 – "Moratorium Week" is included on the calendar. The moratorium week is a seven-day time period during which there shall be no high school facility usage by administrators/coaches and students, and no contact between administrators/coaches and students.
- Mike Wallmark. discussed the OSAA Executive Board approval of the full membership application by Corbett Charter School.

2. Issues facing the OSAA:

- Mike Wallmark discussed the progress of the Classification and Districting Committee. Cori Mingear, the Activities Representative to the Classification and Districting Committee, shared that the committee is close to providing a recommendation to the Executive Board. Oregon is a geographically challenging state to organize athletic districts. The current proposal involves the creation of “hybrid leagues”- leagues in a geographic region with schools of various classification sizes competing together during the regular season. Also, schools will be allowed to petition to “Play Down” a classification in unusual circumstances.
- Mike Wallmark discussed the Championship Committee that will be put into place after the 2010 – 2014 Classification and Districting proposals are adopted by the Executive Board. There will be an Activities Representative on the committee.
- Mike Wallmark discussed the H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Policy. A school that closes due to the H1N1 flu will be allowed to make up games missed by the school closure. The OSAA used the same accommodation standards considered when a school is not able to participate due to religious reasons.
- Mike Wallmark reviewed the OSAA Student Activities Competition History and Participation numbers.
- Mike Wallmark reviewed the 2008-09 State Championships and Playoffs Expenses and Revenue.

3. Legal Update

- There were no qualifying Adventist students for Spring sub-round or championship competitions requesting accommodations, so no accommodations were necessary.
- A Reynolds HS choir participant attending school under the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act was denied eligibility as a 5th year student by the OSAA Executive Director. The OSAA Executive Board reaffirmed the denial of eligibility. An appeal was submitted to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the student was ruled eligible to participate. The OSAA Executive Board has the option to appeal that decision to the State Appeals Court.

REPORTS FROM EACH ACTIVITY

Cheerleading

The Proposed Participation Limitation to Cheerleading to provide limitations on Competitive Cheerleading Participation was passed. The rule limits participation on JV and varsity teams on the same day to two competitions each year.

Springfield HS won the 2008-09 Small Coed Cheerleading Championship. SAA member, Janet Fryback, is the cheerleading coach at Springfield HS.

Dance and Drill

The DDCA recently held their Spring General Assembly Meeting. There was much discussion regarding judging issues. The membership was informed that the OSAA would no longer use out of state judges at the State Championships. Some coaches expressed concerns that having more “in-state” judges may cause a “pre-disposition” of the judges based upon the performances judged throughout the season prior to the State Championships. The DDCA membership expressed a vote of no confidence for the current state contest video vendor. There is a two year history of poor service. Mike Wallmark requested that the reasons for the vote be provided to him in writing. School budgets have cut dance team funding. Molalla, Tigard and Tualatin dance teams may be “on the chopping block”. DDCA will be proactive with the State Championship Committee.

Band, Orchestra and Solo

State competitions are just completed. There was discussion regarding the possible conflict of impartiality of a judge who judged a group at a festival or conducted a clinic for a group, and later judged that group at the State

Championships. Mike Wallmark agreed that further discussion of the issue of judge objectivity would be helpful, and invited input from OMEA.

The Solo Championships had several issues that need to be addressed. Problems involving the lack of an information booth, results packets, tabulation, and room monitor confusion were mentioned.

Choir

The State Championships were completed recently. The event went smoothly. In response to an email Marci Taylor sent to all choir directors, there was one comment regarding using the gold, silver, and bronze awards reference instead of 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. There was one comment regarding the sight reading being too melodic. Several small schools are concerned about the impact of application of the OSAA academic eligibility requirements, and how those requirements may affect a choir and/or band performance.

Speech

The State Speech Championships went well at Western Oregon State College. Bandon HS won the 4A/3A/2A/1A Sweepstakes. College sites changing their event dates causing conflicts with previously existing competition dates on the speech competition calendar were discussed by the OHSSLCA. The 2010 Oregon Speech Educator of the Year is Marcia Stewart-Warren from Butte Falls HS.

ROTATION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kristi Maley, Cheerleading representative and Linda Sheron, Dance and Drill representative are ending their 3 year terms. Tracy Coyle, Tualatin HS cheerleading coach, will be the new representative for the OCCA. The DDCA has not chosen a replacement for Linda Sheron.

CONFIRM FUTURE MEETING DATE AND TIME September 22, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. at the OSAA office in the U.S. Bank Board Room.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, it was moved by Michael Curry, seconded by Janet Fryback, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.