

MIAA Educational Athletics Committee  
April 7, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Derrick Beasley, Paul Daigle, Avery Esdaile, Thom Holdgate, Scott Hutchison, Ryan Ford, David Mahery, Brian McNally, Michael O'Connor, Sylvia Stepien, Michael Vaughan, Kelly Wolff, Peter Smith

Regrets: Mitch Finnegan, Dee King, Naomi Martin, Peter Schafer

Meeting called to order at 10:05am.

The minutes of the June 9, 2020 committee meeting were approved 11-0.

#### Election of Chair

Ryan Ford was elected as Committee Chair. Approved 11-0.

#### Proposal to Recognize Graduating High School Seniors Entering the Armed Forces

The committee reviewed a proposal for MIAA/MSAA recognition of graduating seniors who are entering the Armed Forces. Through the proposed program, schools would receive certificates to provide to their students at end-of-year activities. In addition, the names of the students would be posted on the MIAA and MSAA websites during the week of Flag Day, June 14, 2021. The committee voted 11-0 in favor of supporting the initiative.

#### Educational Athletics Program Update

Peter Smith provided a review of Educational Athletics programs that have been conducted since the summer of 2020. The review included an overview of adjustments that have been made to deliver programs virtually and alternatives for award presentations.

#### Future Program Delivery

The committee discussed options for providing Educational Athletics programming in a hybrid model next school year. Further brainstorming and discussion on this topic will continue at the next meeting in planning for the 2021-22 calendar.

#### Ongoing Initiatives

Virtual Student Leadership Workshops for Leagues and Districts - Free virtual student leadership workshop opportunities are available for leagues and districts before the end of the school year. A list of potential workshop topics is available at [this link](#). Leagues are encouraged to contact their MIAA District Liaison for additional information about scheduling a workshop.

Committee Structure – Options for a formalized structure will be explored and discussed at the next meeting.

Program Survey - A survey to obtain feedback regarding the current programming needs and recommendations of member schools will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:23am.

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 18 at 10:00am.