



MIAA Board of Directors Meeting December 9, 2020

The MIAA Board of Directors (BOD) held a virtual meeting on December 9, 2020. The meeting consisted of approximately 60 participants representing the BOD, MIAA staff, guests and media.

COVID-19 Task Force Update: The current focus is on preparations for the Fall II season. Identified sports (Indoor Track, Football/Fall Cheer/ Unified Basketball) will work on modifications in accordance with current EEA guidelines.

Clarification regarding the most recent restrictions from Governor Baker and how this impacts athletics, as well as clarification for schools identified in the high risk red zone and the number of people allowed on a playing surface will be forthcoming from the EEA. Information will be shared with membership as soon as it is available.

Pete Rittenburg, Brookline HS Athletic Director spoke on revisiting the process that occurred to allow basketball to move from a roster of 12 participants to 15 participants without approval from the Sports Medicine Committee (SMC) at the recent special Board meeting in November. A letter on behalf of the SMC will be shared with Board members. Bill Gaine will respectfully respond to this correspondence.

Motion: To reconsider the vote made by the Board on November 20, 2020 that moved the Basketball roster from 12 to 15 participants (S. Sibley/B. Callaghan) **DEFEATED 9-11**

The Basketball roster will remain at a maximum of 15 participants, allowing for local decision regarding the final basketball roster number.

Winter Sport Preparations: Approved winter sport Town Hall meetings concluded December 9, 2020. A total of five sport meetings and a Sports Medicine Committee meeting were recorded and can be found [HERE](#). An officials meeting also took place but was not recorded.

An updated Frequently Asked Question document will be presented shortly to membership.

Educational Athletics: MIAA Associate Director Peter Smith updated the Board on recent wellness workshops, coaching education clinics and solicitation of nominations for [Coach of the Year](#), [Official of the Year](#), [NFHS Spirit of Sport](#), [NFHS Heart of the Arts](#), and [Student-Athlete of the Month](#).

Student Advisory Committee (SAC) co-chairs *Julia Trager* from Wahconah Regional High School (District 1) and *Emma Dahl* from Foxborough High School (District 7) shared an update on discussions and activities from the Student Advisory Committee, as well as an overview of the SAC Footprint. Please view their presentation [HERE](#).

Communications: District Dispatches were disseminated on December 8, 2020. Thank you to all DAC chairs who assisted with content. Please tag the MIAA in upcoming winter photos using #MIAA #OneTeamOneMIAA or @MIAA033 and remember to nominate a coach, official, staff member and student-athlete for one of the many #MIAA recognition awards.

Sister Associations

MSSADA: The NIAAA virtual conference is on-going. This is a great opportunity for the Athletic Directors to increase their professional learning. MSSADA will review and analyze how the NIAAA runs their conference to assist in planning for the spring MSSADA conference. Presented by Thom Holdgate.

MASC: School Committees continue to support their school districts in this challenging time. Deb Davis will conclude her presidency at the end of 2020. Ellen Holmes, Ashburnham Westminster School District is slated to be the next MASC president. Presented by Deb Davis.

M.A.S.S.: Superintendents are focused on the upcoming MCAS schedule. Appreciation was given for being kept “in the loop” with regards to MIAA happenings and communications. Presented by Jeff Granatino.

MSAA: Committee work continues in the Association. There is a strong sense of prioritizing self-care for their members this year. Presented by Brian McCann.

Strategic Planning: The status of the MIAA Strategic Planning Committee remains on hold at this time.

MIAA Constitutional Amendment: Information found in MIAA Handbook on pages 16 and 119:

Motion: To amend current representation on the MIAA Board of Directors to increase M.A.S.S. and MASC representatives from 2 to 3 representatives respectfully (L. von Holtz/C. Conefrey) **APPROVED 20-0**. The next step is to bring this request to the assembly for ratification at the Annual Meeting.

Urban Athletic Directors Request: Avery Esdaile (Boston) presented on behalf of his colleagues the request is to establish an MIAA Urban Schools Athletic Directors Ad-Hoc Committee. Please read the request [HERE](#).

Motion: Accept the request for an Urban Schools Ad Hoc Advisory Committee (T. Arria/S. Sibley) **APPROVED 20-0**

Finance and Personnel Committee:

MIAA Vice-President Lindsey von Holtz presented a summary of the FinCom meeting:

The FY '20 Audit may be viewed in full [HERE](#). The audit was approved at the November 2020 Board meeting.

Positive movement was made in the collection of Institutional Dues. Lindsey gave thanks to MIAA staff for their diligence in contacting schools with large variance in number of teams submitted with their registration.

The Institutional Dues Ad Hoc committee met recently and collaborated on some potential adjustments to the association dues structure. A survey will be sent to membership to provide opportunity for input as well as determine progress made in some areas identified from the 2018 Culture, Climate and Communication survey.

Richard Pearson presented on behalf of the Middle Level Committee on a potential MIAA Middle Level athletic membership. More information to membership will be forthcoming.

The Finance Committee voted to have Thom Holdgate, Athletic Director Duxbury HS as the next MIAA Vice President and Chair of the Finance Committee effective July 1, 2021.

Motion: To support the appointment of Thom Holdgate as MIAA Vice President and Chair of the Finance Committee. (B. Callaghan/B. McCann) **APPROVED 18-0**. The next step is to bring this request to the assembly for ratification at the Annual Meeting.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2021

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