



## MIAA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights February 11, 2021

The MIAA Board of Directors (BOD) held a virtual meeting on February 11, 2021. The meeting consisted of approximately 60 participants representing the BOD, MIAA staff, guests and media.

**COVID Task Force Update:** Thom Holdgate, Co-Chair, stated a recent meeting with EEA representatives took place to review recent changes to EEA guidelines and to provide guidance for MIAA Fall II sports.

Richard Pearson, Sports Medicine Committee (SMC) Liaison shared discussion points the SMC had regarding the updated EEA guidelines. A major focus included the number of participants allowed with indoor activity. View the PowerPoint presentation [HERE](#).

*Motion:* Adhere to the SMC recommendation to maintain no more than 25 players can be on an indoor playing surface/playing area for team/group sports. **APPROVED 20-0-0**

**Educational Athletics:** Peter Smith, MIAA Educational Athletics liaison provided a healthy update on all programming, activities and recognitions made available to students and adults since January. You may view the presentation [HERE](#).

**Communications:** Tara Bennett, Director of Communications shared recent NFHS PSAs that were sent to schools and media outlets. Schools are encouraged to listen to the PSAs (found on the MIAA website [HERE](#)) and share with school programs as well as local TV and radio outlets.

**Annual Meeting:** The **MIAA Annual Meeting on April 9, 2021** will be held through a virtual format. A planning sub-committee will be created and organization for the meeting will commence immediately.

### Sister Associations:

**MSSADA:** Thom Holdgate shared how a regional presentation for recent MSSADA Awards Recipients is a potential option. Congratulations to all recipients.

**MASC:** Deb Davis stated that MASC is seeking knowledge of any resignations or vacancies from MASC committee members. MASC also asks of the possibility for the Eligibility Review Board Hearings to remain virtual in the future to allow students to remain in school on hearing days.

**M.A.S.S.:** Jeff Granatino expressed how gaining access to vaccinations for teachers and staff is a major priority for M.A.S.S.

**MSAA:** Brian McCann shared about the value of on-going meetings with the Commissioner, Summer Institute will have a new location with an announcement

coming after vacation and a virtual EdCamp on March 29, 2021 is being organized.

**Change in League Affiliation Waiver:**

*Motion:* To approve the change in league affiliation waiver of 2-years of Lynn Classical and Lynn English from Northeast Conference to Greater Boston League. (T. Holdgate/D. Davis) **APPROVED 21-0-0**

**NFHS Winter Meeting:** Bill Gaine shared information from the recent NFHS Virtual Winter Meetings. You may learn more [HERE](#).

**Congratulations to MIAA Associate Director Sherry Bryant recipient of the NFHS Section 1 Citation.** This recognition is well deserved!!



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**Finance and Personnel Committee**

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

Comparing financial numbers is a bit challenging at this time due to the pandemic. The Association will see negative impact in coming months due to the lack of revenue from championship tournaments.

Fortunate to have secured PPP and EIDL loans in the past year to help bridge the gap. Waiting on a response to a second PPE loan application which was recently submitted by Sherry Bryant and the MIAA Accounting team. Association expenses are being minimized.

The Institutional Membership Dues Ad-Hoc committee survey was recently shared with all Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors. Deadline for survey submission is February 24<sup>th</sup>.

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