



## MIAA Board of Directors Meeting Highlights – September 29, 2020

The MIAA Board of Directors (BOD) held a virtual meeting on September 29, 2020. The meeting consisting of 24 participants representing the BOD, MIAA staff and members of the media.

**District Information:** District workshops this fall are scheduled with six of nine workshops completed. All workshops have had good attendance.

The District Athletic Committee was charged by the BOD to address the issue of vacancies on MIAA committees. The question to DAC members is should districts be removed from representatives on committees because of quorum needs?

*Motion:* Do not count vacancies against quorum for committee actions. (T. Holdgate/D. Davis) **APPROVED 19-0**

**COVID Task Force:** Recommendation is for winter sport committees to begin review of EEA guidelines and discuss modifications. Waiting for an updated flow chart from the EEA to determine levels of play. Adaptations based on updated guidelines which is anticipated in early November may be needed. November is a later release date than the Task Force originally thought. Representation from EEA stated the need to have four weeks of school data (most likely from Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> sport start date) to review and evaluate before making guideline recommendations for winter sports. Sport committees and schools should plan accordingly.

Town Hall Fall I Sport and Sports Medicine Committee Meetings took place from September 9-17<sup>th</sup>. The recorded sessions may be found on the COVID-19 Task Force page [HERE](#)

**Educational Athletics:** Virtual sessions have occurred for Coaches Education, Student Leadership workshop, Student Advisory Committee (SAC) orientation and MIAA workshops. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is working on an upcoming newsletter, video PSA, virtual programming and continued website updates.

You may find the MIAA Workshop calendar of events found [HERE](#)

**Handshake recommendation:**

*Motion:* To approve the handshake recommendation provided by the Sportsmanship Committee and Student Advisory Committee. **APPROVED 20-0** You may find the Handshake recommendation [HERE](#)

**Communications:** The 2019-2020 MIAA Annual Report was digitally presented. This will be emailed and posted on the website with a hard copy delivered shortly. The report may be viewed [HERE](#)

**Endowment Games:**

*Motion:* Postpone Endowment Game requests for the 2020-2021 school year. (T. Holdgate/C. Conefrey) **APPROVED 20-0**

**Rules Change Proposals 2021-2023:** The Board will take action on the 2021-2023 Rule Change Proposals on May 10, 2021. You may view the rules packet [HERE](#). This document will be updated accordingly as individual committees vote on the proposed rule changes.

**Constitutional Changes:** The recommendation for an additional Superintendent and School Committee member to be added to the Board of Directors will go in front of the Assembly at the Annual Meeting in 2021.

**Sister Associations:**

**MSSADA** – The NIAAA conference will be virtual this November. Discussion around what to do with MSSADA conference in March has begun with no decision at this time. Provided by Thom Holdgate.

**MASC**- The joint conference between MASC and MASS is postponed. Small professional development components via zoom are being organized. Provided by Deb Davis.

**MASS** – Meetings with Commissioner Riley continue on a regular basis. Schools have resumed using various models of educating students. Colleagues are a great source of information and guidance. Provided by Jeff Granatino.

**MSAA** – The BOD met on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> with Kathleen Duff remaining as President. The voice of administrators and educators continues to be a focus of the Association. Kuddos to Beth Wittcoff for her continued organization of Administrator Level Ring Central meetings which provide support, guidance and a platform to learn for all administrators. These meetings have moved to a monthly format. October is National Principals Month – give an awesome shout out to your Principal! Provided by Brian McCann.

**Other:**

**Increase in spectator number:** Thom Holdgate brought up the suggestion for the MIAA to reach out to the Governor requesting and increase in the number of spectators allowed for outdoor sporting events.

*Motion:* Ask Governor's office to revisit the regulation of 50 spectators for outdoor sporting events and potentially increase amount for stadiums and venues that can handle increased capacity and still maintain social distancing (D. Davis/T. Holdgate) **APPROVED 10-8**

Thom Holdgate brought up discussion about **Out-of-Season Coaching** challenges with an example of 7v7 Football. Further discussion developed around Out-of-Season Coaching.

*Motion:* To reconsider the vote on Out-of-Season Coaching taken at the August 2020 Board meeting. (S. Sibley/M. Miville). **DEFEATED 6-12**

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**Finance Committee:** The Committee anticipates forgiveness from the Small Business Association loan received through the Payroll Protection Plan which will assist in revenue challenges provided by the pandemic.

Institutional Membership Dues has been submitted by all but 19 member schools and some schools have not submitted for their full portfolio of provided sports. Finance Committee members advised when dues are not paid for a sport the school will no longer receive communication or information regarding that sport (surveys, alignment, schedules, etc.). Finance Committee Chair, Lindsey von Holtz is organizing and leading an Ad Hoc Committee to review the structure and formula of Institutional Membership Dues for future consideration. Included in the charge will be review of the current Board policy which suggests 20-25% of the Association's annual budget is derived from membership dues. Representation from all Districts is desired. Please contact Lindsey if interested in being a part of this Ad Hoc committee.

The October 29, 2020 MIAA Finance Committee meeting will include a review in detail of the MIAA Audit. A review will be provided at the full BOD meeting.

**Next meeting:** October 29, 2020



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