

**WADA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA)**

**► MINUTES ◀**

**Sunday, January 9, 2011 – WIAA Office, Stevens Point – 3:00 p.m.**

**Attendance:**

x	President	Linzi Gronning, CMAA	Holmen
x	President Elect	Luke Francois, CMAA	Middleton
x	Vice President	Bryan Yager, CAA	Reedsburg
x	Past President	None	
na	Treasurer	None	
na	District 1	Ray Kosey	Superior
x	District 2	Greg Harvey	Wausau East
x	District 3	Randy Johnson (Gen. Rep)	Durand
x	District 4	Otis Chambers	Bayport
x	District 5	Brian Smith	Waunakee
x	District 6	Signe Schecher	Mayville
x	District 7	Corey Golla	Brookfield East
a	Information Director	Mike Bates	Appleton
x	Retired AD Liaison	Jim Scandin	Madison, retired
x	NIAAA Liaison	Vickie Dahl, CAA	Mineral Point
x	WIAA Liaison	Deb Hauser	WIAA Associate Director
x	Middle Level Liaison	Ryan Anderson	Menomonee Falls N. MS

**1. Call to Order** -- by Linzi Gronning CMAA of Holmen and WADA President at 3:15 p.m.

**2. Minutes – Nov 9, 2010 WADA Board meeting -- Mike Bates:**

Approval to be delayed until March 2011 meeting

**3. Information Director’s Report -- Mike Bates:**

Mike Bates absent will have report in March 2011.

**4. Treasurer’s Report -- Joe Beran:**

Joe Beran was excused from the meeting. Expenses for Board members will be handled via envelopes as distributed. Linzi Gronning WADA President reported that the board will receive a recommendation for a person to fill the office of treasurer later in the agenda. Joe Beran will work with this individual to get up to speed with policy, procedures and info related to the treasurer position.

**5. WADA Interviews and recommendation to the board to fill positions:**

Treasurer: Recommendation to hire Ted Knutson AD at LaCrosse Aquinas  
First- Signe Schecher  
Second- Corey Golla  
Motion passed unanimously

Executive Director: Recommendation to hire Greg Smith AD at West DePere  
First- Brian Smith  
Second- Corey Golla  
Motion passed unanimously

Put in a residency clause in the contract for executive director.

First- Ray Kosey  
Second- Signe Schecher  
Motion failed 2-8

Past President: Recommendation to come to the board at March meeting

**6. Correspondence:**

- 6a. Bruce Brown: Donated \$500 back to our scholarship fund**  
Scholarship committee will discuss how to handle the donation.
- 6b. WADA received a letter of accommodation from the NIAAA**  
At the president's breakfast at the national convention in Orlando for increasing membership.
- 6c. Esco will not charge us for the president's ring that they had made for the Pam. \$1200 value**

**6. Liaison Reports:**

- 6a. WIAA and Sports Advisory Report -- Deb Hauser:**  
Deb Hauser, the WIAA Liaison to the WADA Executive Board, responded to questions regarding the WIAA Sports Advisory Committee meeting to be held January 10, 2011. Topics included: State swimming awards and entries. Proposal to move the new AD Workshop in the middle of July rather than first week of August to get information to New AD's sooner before they start. Middle school amendments will only be voted on by middle school reps. New online training for coaches for Meds administration mandated by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
- 6b. WIAA Board of Control Report – Luke François:**  
Matters discussed a conference realignment matter & amendments to the constitution for 2011.

## 6. Liaison Reports: (cont.)

- 6c. **NIAAA Liaison Report – Vickie Dahl:**  
New timeline presented for this liaison, new LTC course proposals, NIAAA accommodation for Wisconsin, Endowment fund contributions, Electronic certifications and deadlines must be posted on our website, DSA recognition for NIAAA for the State encouraging renomination, future dates/locations for national NIAAA convention are Indianapolis 2011, San Antonio 2012, Anaheim 2013, Washington DC 2014, Nashville 2015 & Orlando 2016. Board discussion related to bus trip to Indianapolis in 2011 or other travel options.
- 6d. **Retired AD Report -- Jim Scandin:**  
Retired AD's were for the most part happy about their use/responsibilities at the November convention. Thanks to all retired AD's that worked the AD convention, for their time, energy and talent.
- 6e. **Officials Advisory – Bryan Yager of Reedsburg**  
Information was discussed related to duties & responsibilities of coaches and refs related to the Ref Ranking program. Official representatives were interested in the AD & Conference Commissioner's perspective. Ref Ranking average ranking will be distributed to conference commissioners and creating a ranking of base "L" certified officials moving from L1 to L2 would be moved to L if did not take test or watch sports video.

## 7. District Rep Reports -- The following four reports were presented:

- 7a. **District 1 – Ray Kosey. Of Superior**  
Football early start was a big topic. Executive director discussion both positive and negative.
- 7b. **District 2 - Greg Harvey of Wausau East**  
Football early start discussion.
- 7c. **District 3 – Randy Johnson of Durand (gender rep).** No Report
- 7d. **District 4 - Otis Chambers of Bayport**  
Importance of being present at the WIAA annual meeting was discussed as well as being involved.
- 7e. **District 5 - Brian Smith of Waunakee.**  
Summer institute discussion, Change in WIAA forum format, positive discussion of Executive director, opposition to the early start, assembly during the school year, not in support of a state-wide code but would like

to see WIAA to go to % of season for suspensions, coaching contact during the summer and windows of opportunity.

**7d. District 6 - . Signe Schecher of Mayville**

Wanted to see data on 3 games in 10 days related to concussions, wanted to know what other states have for start dates, contact issues with enforcement. Exceptional athlete requests to keep the same, not in support of a statewide code but the WIAA should go to % rather than games for suspensions.

**7e. District 7 - Corey Golla of Brookfield Central**

No discussion related to football, nothing new to add.

**8. Middle School Rep Report – Ryan Anderson of Menomonee Falls N. MS:**

Only 10 members at the November meeting at WADA Convention. Less than 100 member middle schools in the WIAA. Dual sport participation was discussed. Season limitations for contests may be discouraging membership. Cost does not to be a factor that is limiting membership. Also there was discussion of eliminating WIAA middle school affiliation.

**Note:** Deb Hauser’s recommendation is to put a discussion topic on the March agenda related to issues facing the sponsorship of athletics.

**#Reminder#:** For all caucus reps to get their fall caucus minutes to be emailed to Mike Bates WADA information director to be posted on the website.

**9. 2010 Workshop Review**

- 9a. Attendance / Meals report will be finalized in March by Joe Beran
- 9b. Speakers – all speakers were well received on Survey except some thought Alvarez was too brief.
- 9c. Speakers for next year were discussed.
- 9d. Some common suggestions for improvements at the WADA convention in November were discussed. WE did a lot of good things and our membership holds the board to a high standards or performance and service at this convention. A suggestion was made to combine the round table discussions with the Caucus meetings. A suggestion was made to give more time and flexibility for attendees but schedule less (mini sessions). A comprehensive summary will be put in the e-newsletter for all AD’s to read. GREAT JOB and complements to Ryan Anderson (middle school liaison) on entering the surveys and the utilization of Survey Monkey.
- 9e. Suggestion to have the newly hired Executive Director and form a committee of board members and the membership to plan the convention.
- 9f. Suggestion to change the name to “conference” rather than workshop. This will be brought to the planning committee or officers for a decision.

- 9g. Full report of LTC offerings will be given by Todd Sobrilsky at March meeting.

**10. WADA Scholarship Procedures/Information – Greg Harvey**

- 10a. One representative is needed on the committee from District 4. All recipients for the 2010 scholarship have been notified and checks can be mailed. It is noted the due to the Bruce Brown contribution of \$500, WADA may have the ability to present one additional scholarship in 2011.

**11. WADA Awards Update -- Brian Smith:**

There was discussion, and candidates were identified regarding these awards:

- 11a. Frank Kovaleski Award-** this award is presented annually to an NIAAA member who has made significant contributions in professional development at the national level. Nominee must have earned their CMAA.

**Scott Lindgren** of Kenosha was nominated  
Motion by Signe Schecher  
Seconded by Vickie Dahl.  
Motion passed unanimously.

- 11b. National Distinguished service award:** to a NIAAA member in recognition of contributions in athletic administration at the local, state level and national level.

**Mark Kryka** of Verona High School was nominated  
Motion by Corey Golla  
Second by Signe Schecher  
Motion approved unanimously.

- 11c. NFHS Citation: Kathy Bates  
Motion: Otis Chambers  
Second: Ryan Anderson

- 11d. NIAAA state award of merit: Jeff Sitz  
Motion: Ray Kosey  
Second: Brian Smith  
Motion approved unanimously.

- 11e. NIAAA Hall of fame Dr. John Olson  
Motion: Corey Golla  
Second: Randy Johnson  
Motion approved unanimously.

- 11f. Retired AD award of merit      Gary Kolpin  
Motion: Jim Scandin  
Second: Luke Francois  
Motion approved unanimously.

**11g. Special Services award proposal (Luke Francois)**

Each AD will have the ability to nominate one person to receive the award at the local level only. WADA will cover the cost of these awards to issue one per school. If an AD wishes to order more than one in any given year, they must order them directly through the vendor and pay for them directly. AD's MUST fill out paperwork and turn it in at the Spring caucus to district reps. District reps will forward forms to District 5 rep to order awards. Awards will be issued at the start of the next school year or at the WADA Fall District meetings.

More information to be shared at the March meeting

**11h. Lifetime achievement or WADA Hall of Fame award (Luke Francois)**

Jim Scandin to pull together a committee to explore / develop the vision.

**12. Strategic Planning Update / Report – Linzi Gronning:**

The officers were directed look over the plan in its entirety and bring suggestions in areas that we are deficient to the March board meeting. Recommendation of committing a flow chart of committee structure for us to work with in March.

**13. Old Business:**

**13a. Handbook Revisions – WADA Job Descriptions:**

The WADA officers will be conducting a complete review of District Rep job duties and bring the presentation to the entire board at later date  
Procedure of the assignment of voting delegates to the national convention must be updated in the handbook.

**13b. NIAAA certification and promotion**

Jeff Sitz will provide a report in March

**13c. WADA Website recommendations**

Need to be emailed to the officers for discussion with the new executive director.

**13d. Need news articles for the e-newsletter.**

District news reports. District reps solicit happenings in school districts in their district. Ideas that work: fundraising, parent communication, and recognitions, based on themes.

**14. New Business**

14a. **Summer board retreat**

All board members review personal calendar and check dates for 2011.  
Bring calendars and ideas for retreat.

14b. Volunteers to serve in the WADA/WIAA booth at State School board convention.

Jan. 19 8am-4pm Corey Golla, Brian Smith

Jan. 20 8am-12:30pm Luke Francois

Linzi will order "Role of the athletic administrator booklets" and Coaches Handbooks to distribute at the booth.

Motion to approve reasonable expenditures to order books

Motion- Luke Francois

Second- Corey Corey Golla

Motion approved unanimously.

**15. Adjourn** -- motion by Bryan Yager WADA VP , second by Greg Harvey of Wausau East 8:09 pm

***Up Coming Events:***

July 13 -- WADA Golf Outing, Wisconsin Rapids.

***Meeting Dates:***

Thursday, March 17, 2011 WADA Officers Meeting – Madison – 6-9pm

Friday, March 18, 2011 WADA Board Meeting -- Madison -- 8:00 a.m.

WADA Officers –Madison -- 12 p.m.