

## **Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Board of Directors Meeting – May 14, 2018**

**Absent:** Don King (Poland), John Rogers (Woodland), Bunky Dow (Associate Director for Awards and Communication)

The meeting called to order by President Jeff Ramich at 9:00 AM.

### ***Maine Principals' Association Report – Mike Bisson***

Mike Bisson and Mike Burnham attended the CNESSPA meeting last week.

Soccer – home uniforms are now dark and away uniforms are now white

MPA has approved the start date of soccer to Thursday, August 30 (after 3:00 PM) – no waiver is necessary.

Gerry Durgin is creating a template for leagues to enter information for golf qualifiers.

MPA is working with L.L. Bean on a potential partnership.

Game Day Cheer is coming to the state of Maine; it will be an exhibition activity for this fall with the goal of implementing as a state championship competition in the fall of 2019.

Game Day Cheer is “more traditional cheer” with no stunting.

The MPA was told that the Department of Education will share April numbers with the organization although they will not be reported statewide.

Currently there are six schools with populations of 1000+; at one time there were 27.

The MPA has contacted a number of Class B schools to move them to the South regional for one year to address an imbalance; the Interscholastic Management Committee has approved that change.

The MPA is investigating the possibility of moving back to the Augusta Civic Center for wrestling; costs have made being there prohibitive in recent years.

There is also conversation about having a girls wrestling tournament in Maine given the growth of numbers.

The schedule for the Portland basketball tournament will remain the same for next year.

The MPA Cheerleading Committee has voted to eliminate the 50% rule; it is now a local decision.

The MPA Swimming Committee is examining strategies to shorten state championship meets (ex. reduce cut times, off-site diving); there will be adjustments in the cut times for some events next year. The off-site diving decision will be deferred to another year.

The MPA Baseball Committee established a five-inning rule for doubleheaders; softball schools have asked for the same privilege as there are many long trips that involve both baseball and softball teams.

New England Student Leadership Conference – week of July 17-20 at Worcester State College.

MPA Officials Advisory meets three times annually to work through issues common to all groups:

1. Fingerprinting – Fall of 2019 – all officials will be DOE/CHRC approved

President Ramich asked Mike Bisson to share copy of his bullet points with athletic administrators to distribute.

## ***League Reports***

### **Aroostook League:**

- Request from softball assignor to allow varsity contests to be played with one umpire if there are no other options
- AD's have appreciated the five-inning option for baseball
- Ron Ericson has retired as the athletic administrator at Washburn.
- Budget issues at Washburn have put the future of that school and program in question

### **East/West Conference :**

- Annual athlete banquet on June 4

### **Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference:**

- Scholar-Athlete Banquet was held at the Augusta Civic Center
- Next league meeting is on May 17 at Natanis
- Tommy Hill is retiring at Messalonskee; Chad Foye will replace him.

### **Mountain Valley Conference:**

- Top Ten Honorees banquet was held in May
- Mandy Lewis is leaving Wiscasset to go to Brunswick and Alan Cayer is retiring at Mountain Valley – replaced by Tom Danylik.

### **Penobscot Valley Conference:**

- Kevin Reed has left Bangor Christian to go to the University of Maine; Jeff Benjamin is the current person in the AD position
- Annual Joe Paul PVC golf tournament on June 25
- Deer Isle-Stonington will be seeking a new AD

### **Southwestern Maine Activities Association:**

- Student-Athlete Summit in late March
- Citizenship Banquet on April 10 with Trevor Bates (Westbrook) of the New England Patriots as a guest speaker
- Gary Groves is leaving the athletic administrator position at Westbrook
- Gary Hoyt will be the next Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the conference
- Dennis Crowe will now be the basketball assignor for the conference

### **Western Maine Conference:**

- Kari Sawyer is stepping down at Sacopee Valley High School; Jim Walsh will now serve in this position

## ***MIAAA Assistant Executive Director's Report***

- *MIAAA News Update*
  - o 34<sup>th</sup> issue being completed
  - o Topics
    - Executive Director's Report/MIAAA Spring Conference Review
    - Leadership Training Coordinator's Report
    - Around the Horn
    - MIAAA President's Column
    - MIAAA Staff and Board of Directors

- Ten Questions with
  - MIAAA Spring Conference Highlights
  - MIAAA Budget
  - MIAAA Matching Quiz
  - NIAAA Membership Commendation
  - NIAAA Textbook Advertisement
  - Section 1 Summer Institute
  - Upcoming Events of Interest to MIAAA Members
  - Picture This” Trivia Quiz Answers
  - MIAAA Meeting Minutes
- Maine Basketball Commission Meeting of March 29
  - MIAAA Board of Directors concerned that the letter written by the group was not presented to the Maine Basketball Commission by the MPA Executive Director
- MIAAA Fall Conference Planning
  - Monday, November 5, 2018 – Augusta Civic Center
  - Proposed Theme: The “Maine” Event
    - Focus will be on current Maine interscholastic athletic issues and the Maine student-athlete
    - Return of the roundtable discussions that were renewed last year
      - Table-based topics – attendees can select what they want to talk about
      - Suggestions for discussion topics can be forwarded to Gary Stevens
- MIAAA Twitter Update
  - Currently the MIAAA has posted 1517 tweets since the inception of the project
  - The account has 462 followers
  - Recent Twitter activity:
    - Recognition of winter season champions
    - Promoting the MIAAA Spring Conference in the weeks prior to the event
    - Live tweets of activities that took place at the conference, including major general sessions
    - Recognition of MIAAA award recipients – thank you to John Rogers for the photographs
    - Reminders of MPA form deadlines
    - Live tweets of highlights from the Section 1 spring meeting that took place in Saratoga Springs, New York in April
    - Promotion of NIAAA programs, including the upcoming national conference in San Antonio
    - Retweets of NIAAA and NFHS news items that would be of interest to the membership
  - NIAAA frequently “likes” or “retweets” our content
  - Always looking for new ideas to incorporate into the Twitter feed

### ***Associate Director for Leadership Training and Certification Report***

- 69 total registrants for LTC courses at the MIAAA Spring Conference
- Encourage potential faculty to take LTC 790 – goal is to incorporate this course every three years at our conference
- Handout that Todd Livingston created was very well-received
- There is interest in being able to access feedback
- Three individuals (Chris Moreau, Brendan Scully, David Utterback) passed the CAA examination
- Jim Watkins is looking for national faculty members for a number of courses
- Summer webinars have been established for the fall
- Beginning January 1, 2019 LTC 503 will be required for RAA, RMSAA and CAA designations. . December 31, 2018 will be the last opportunity for candidates to pass the CAA exam without completion of LTC 503.
- Beginning January 1, 2019 LTC 510 will be required for CMAA designation and completion of a minimum of five LTI electives; one 600, one 700 and three additional electives from any level.
- Discussion related to use of NIAAA Leadership Training Courses at Forest Hills Consolidated School

### ***Associate Director for Awards and Communication Report***

- Minutes of March 12, 2018 minutes (Walker/Sirois) approved unanimously
- Questions:
  - o Do we need to give out a Past President's Special Achievement Award?
  - o Do we need to give out two print media awards?
  - o Should board members be exempt from all awards?

### ***Executive Director's Report***

- Review of checks written since the last Board meeting
- Spring Conference balance: \$14,613.46 – similar to last year
- Current balance: \$42,982.70
- MIAAA will be hosting Section 1 next spring
- Review of budget and expense reports
- Total picture of expense line should be good due to the fact that the Strategic Plan work was delayed for a year while the Executive Director position was in transition
- Financial Report (Buzzell/White) approved unanimously
- The Board examined five years of Spring Conference data
- Marty reported that there is one vendor that has not yet paid its fees (due April 4) and that two people owe money for Leadership Training Courses

- Spring Conference evaluations were strong – mostly excellent and good responses
- Marty reported that there remain a lot of questions about rolling out the blood drive suggested by the former National Emergency Network
- Transition Issues
  - o Marty will purchase his own computer moving forward and turn over his current computer to Gerry Durgin
  - o Gerry will consider whether or not he may need a new computer – Board approves up to \$800 to provide Gerry with a new computer if necessary
  - o Gerry Durgin may be using Key Bank for the MIAAAA accounts
  - o Hard copy materials that may be pertinent to the MIAAAA will be turned over to Gerry

***Next Year's Meeting Dates (Anticipated Site Indicated)***

August 21 – MPA Office

September 24 – UTC

November 5 – MIAAAA Fall Conference – Augusta Civic Center

November 13 – MPA Office

January 7 – UTC or WebEx

March 1 – Brewer High School

April 2-5 – MIAAAA Spring Conference – Samoset Resort – Rockport

May 13 – MPA Office

Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Stevens

Assistant Executive Director

