

## **REPORTS FROM CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES**

**Monday, January 26, 2009**

### **General**

- ❑ Chapter Representatives were asked to encourage fellow athletic directors to provide handouts for the Sparky Rector Drop-In Center at the March conference.
- ❑ The next meeting for Chapter Representatives will be at the state conference on March 19, 2009.

### **Chapter 1 (Rich Beckley: John Jay High School in Katonah)**

- ❑ The Chapter 1 winter meeting was held on January 23 at Crystal Bay in Peekskill. The agenda included vendor presentations from Net Return, Digital Signage, Digital Sports and Sports Ventures. Ms. Patricia Kennedy, Athletic Director and Compliance Officer at Mercy College, gave a presentation on NCAA recruitment regulations and guidelines. A professional development survey will be completed by the membership to help prepare future agendas for Chapter 1 meetings.
- ❑ Section I recently completed an alignment review and conducted a vote on a new alignment proposal for the 2009-2011 school years. This proposal places geography as the prime factor in the development of conferences and leagues for the next two school years. Section I is reviewing the tournament entry guidelines and seeding methods to determine if improvements are necessary.
- ❑ Section I is reviewing cost cutting measures from transportation to the number of teams each school offers. The Section has approved decreasing the maximum number of contests played during the regular season at all levels effective for the spring of 2009 and continuing into the next school year.

### **Chapter 2 (Scott Stuart: Queensbury High School)**

- ❑ Preliminary discussion regarding helmets for girl's lacrosse has been addressed. There does not appear to be a majority of schools in favor of using the helmets.
- ❑ A new contract for officials is being negotiated. Pay rates and mileage are the main issues.
- ❑ A two-part proposal for boy's soccer has been approved to take effect for the 2009 season. The proposal is intended to reduce the number of cards issued during regular season play. The first part would reduce the number of yellow cards from 5 to 4 before a penalty is assessed. The second part of the proposal states that a team assessed in excess of 20 yellow cards during the season will be disqualified from participating in the Section II tournament.
- ❑ The classification of private/parochial schools continues to be an issue due to the number of appeals, mostly in basketball.
- ❑ Finances have been a major area of concern. Currently, Section II pays expenses for teams who travel to regional and state competition. Discussion has been focusing on ways to decrease or cut these expenses. Section II has restricted the issue and use of passes for admission to contests. There was also an informal survey to determine

whether to award patches or medals at sectional competition. The current use of patches was supported overwhelmingly.

### **Chapter 3 (Bill Brown: Jamesville-DeWitt High School)**

- ❑ Financial concerns have Athletic Directors looking for ways to limit spending while maintaining programs.

### **Chapter 4 (John Goodson: Johnson City High School)**

- ❑ There has been much discussion about budget concerns and keeping costs down by possibly cutting programs, eliminating some games, and/or limiting travel outside of Section IV.
- ❑ The Southern Tier Athletic Conference has updated their sportsmanship policy.
- ❑ Section IV has successfully negotiated a new contract with officials.
- ❑ A Section IV Football Coaches Clinic will be held on March 7 at Johnson City High School.
- ❑ Jeff Manwaring from the Elmira City School District is the new Chapter IV President.

### **Chapter 5 (Peter Shambo, CAA: Penfield Central School)**

- ❑ Over 100 Athletic Directors attended the Chapter 5 professional development workshop on October 16 at Victor Central School. Topics included “Random Drug Testing for High School Athletes”, “Weight Training Programs for Males and Females”, “MRSA: What do you really need to know and do?”, “Effective Evaluations of Coaches”, “The Next Step – Turning Physical Education Assessments into a Grade”, and “How to Run Effective Meetings for Coaches”. At the conclusion of the workshop there was a review of the general standards for athletic codes of conduct.
- ❑ By-laws for Chapter 5 were reviewed and updated.
- ❑ The winter meeting and conference will be held on Monday, February 9 at Bristol Mountain Ski Resort. The conference gift for registrants will be a jacket. Items on the agenda include youth sports and identifying ways to link community programs.

### **Chapter 6 (Brett Banker: Kenmore-Tonawanda Schools)**

- ❑ Section VI continues to research the possibility of creating a full-time Executive Director position.
- ❑ Discussion regarding the establishment of a treasury continues along with plans to host a local mini-conference.
- ❑ A new Section VI Constitution was approved via a post card ballot.

### **Chapter 7 (Cathy Phillips: Peru Central School)**

- ❑ Athletic Directors are being asked by Superintendents to reduce the number of contests played and are seeking no increase in dues next year to help defray costs.

### **Chapter 8 (Denise Kiernan: Oceanside Union Free School District)**

- ❑ Financial concerns and developing ways to cut spending are being discussed.

### **Chapter 9 (Bob Siracuse, CAA: Goshen Central School)**

- ❑ Section IX is still without a Secretary. Jim Osborne, Section IX Treasurer and OCIAA League Athletic Coordinator is currently taking on that role until the position is filled.
- ❑ Section IX is reviewing the possibility of regional testing procedures for Selection/Classification.
- ❑ The Section IX Chemical Health workshop will be held on April 22 at Wallkill High School at 8:00 am.
- ❑ Potential savings measures in Section IX include: eliminate runner-up Section IX plaques; reduce the number of days for Section IX spring track meets to a two day meet (Class A and D on one day with Class B and C meets on another day); possibly reduce the spring track state qualifier from a two day meet to a one day meet; reduce the number of sectional qualifiers for tennis (boys and girls) and golf (boys and girls) to help reduce transportation costs for school districts; use a bid process to select transportation service for Section IX participants to NYSPHSAA events.

### **Chapter 10 (Eileen Kilcullen, CAA: Franklin Academy)**

- ❑ Section X is in the third season of hosting regional testing for the Selection/Classification and Mixed Competition screening program for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and other students. The process is working well and will continue to be evaluated to improve the program.
- ❑ Section X has reviewed a variety of ideas to cut costs for the next school year. All Section X Athletic Directors and Chief School Officers met in January to discuss concerns regarding league alignment and financial issues. Recommendations will be made to the Chief School Officers in February. The Section is looking at options to trim interscholastic athletics without negatively impacting opportunities for student-athletes.
- ❑ Section X is in the final phases of completing negotiations with officials.

### **Chapter 11 (Kevin O'Reilly, CAA: Brentwood High School)**

- ❑ Representatives of Sections VIII and XI will meet to discuss Section XI policies on placement and other issues that may be of interest to Section VIII.
- ❑ Fiscal concerns are being discussed to help deal with cost cutting measures.

- Increased attendance at all four Long Island football championship contests helped contribute to profit-making events.
- The Brentwood High School boy's soccer team completed its season ranked number one in the country. This was the first time in Section XI history that a public school was honored with such a high national ranking.
- The Chapter XI January meeting was held at Stony Brook University. The main topic dealt with NCAA Compliance issues for student-athletes. Guidance counselors who deal with the NCAA Clearinghouse were invited to participate.

**CHSAA (Don Scarola: Chaminade High School)**

- The NSCHSAA league has adopted a rule for basketball that there can be no noise during free throws at games of all levels. The was approved by the Principal's Council of the league.

Respectfully submitted,  
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