

**Arkansas Activities Association  
Board of Directors Summer Workshop  
Tuesday-Thursday, June 5-7, 2018**

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Activities Association met for the Annual Summer Workshop Tuesday, June 5, through Thursday, June 7, 2018, at the Holiday Inn, Airport with President John Ciesla, Greenwood, presiding. Also present were:

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| John L Colbert, Fayetteville   | Kelvin Gragg, Dumas                | Steve Anderson, Lake Hamilton |
| Jon Collins, West Memphis      | Gregg Grant, Danville              | Jerry Newton, Poyen           |
| Scott Embrey, Beebe            | Steve Green, Cave City             | Bryan Russell, Valley View    |
| John Estes, Palestine-Wheatley | Gary Hines, Emerson-Taylor-Bradley | Steve Straessle, Catholic     |
| Billy Adams, Lakeside, LV      | Jayme Jones, Ozark Mountain        | John Ward, Magnolia           |
| Brian Golden, Malvern          | Bryan Law, Farmington              | Benny Weston, Mena            |
| Kim Wilbanks, Jonesboro        |                                    |                               |

Present from the AAA staff were Lance Taylor, Joey Walters, Nick Lasker, Steve Roberts, Derek Walter, Christyal Holloway, Annette Savage, and Amber Balboa. Also present was Jeremy Muck with the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette.

**VARSITY SPIRIT** – Jamie Graham, Varsity Spirit, presented information to the board on a state association version of Game Day cheer competition.

**MINUTES** – Minutes of the March 8, 2018, meeting were unanimously approved as provided. (MOTION: Colbert/Gragg, 20-0)

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Amber Balboa presented the financial report through May 2018. The financial report was unanimously approved as presented. (MOTION: Gragg/Golden, 20-0)

**AUDIT PROPOSAL** – The board unanimously accepted the proposal for auditing the AAA books from Brian Breech, Certified Public Accountant. (MOTION: Weston/Colbert, 20-0)

**INSURANCE** – The board unanimously accepted the bid of Loomis & LaPann, Inc. for directors and officers liability insurance. (MOTION: Law/Newton, 20-0)

**MERCHANDISE** – The board unanimously extended the Image One contract for merchandise. (MOTION: Hines/Colbert, 20-0)

**BANK SIGNATURES** – Due to the retirement of Annette Savage, the board unanimously approved the following banking arrangements. (MOTION: Weston/Law, 20-0)

| <b>ACCOUNT TYPE</b>                       | <b>BANK(S)</b>                        | <b>AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S)</b>   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| General                                   | Bank of the Ozarks<br>Centennial Bank | <u>Any two:</u><br>Lance Taylor<br>Nicolaoas Lasker<br>Don Brodell<br>Joey Walters | Amber Balboa<br>Derek Walter<br>Steve Roberts |
| Payroll – if not deposited electronically | Bank of the Ozarks                    | <u>One signature:</u><br>Lance Taylor<br>Nicolaoas Lasker<br>Steve Roberts         | Don Brodell<br>Joey Walters                   |
| Certificates of Deposit                   | As designated                         | Lance Taylor   | Amber Balboa                                  |

**UNIFIED CHAMPION SCHOOLS** – Nick Lasker reported that the Unified Champion Schools basketball game continues to be a huge success with the athletes and the fans.

**STATE TRACK/MEET OF CHAMPS REPORT** – Nick Lasker reported that track had a great year with many new state records set.

**AHSAAA UPDATE** – Nick Lasker reported on the AHSAAA. There were a total of 163 members this year. The 2018 Winter Conference was held in Hot Springs and the 2018 Summer Meeting will be held In Conway at UCA during the AHSCA Clinic and All-Stars.

**COACHES EDUCATION** – Joey Walters reported that Arkansas is still leading the way in coaches education in the United States.

**8-MAN FOOTBALL** – The board unanimously approved recognizing 8-man football as a club sport covered by catastrophic insurance. (MOTION: Gragg/Law, 20-0)

**REVIEW OF SPRING SURVEY** – Lance Taylor reported on results of the spring survey items as presented and discussed at the activity district meetings.

**NFHS Network & Esports** – Mark Koski, NFHS, presented information on the NFHS Network and Esports. The board unanimously approved holding a summit to bring in schools interested in Esports. (MOTION: Green/Russell, 20-0)

The board unanimously voted to adjourn for lunch at 11:46 AM. (MOTION: Russell/Golden, 20-0)

Wednesday, June 6, 2018, AAA Board members Brian Golden and Kelvin Gragg were absent. AAA staff member Don Brodell was present.

**STATE CHEER SCORESHEETS** – The board unanimously approved the state cheer and game day score sheets as presented. (MOTION: Russell/Newton, 18-0)

**VOLLEYBALL AND FOOTBALL FINALS SCHEDULE** – The board unanimously approved the state volleyball and football championship finals schedules. (MOTION: Grant/Law, 18-0)

**2017 State Volleyball Championship Finals  
Saturday, October 27, 2018 – Hot Springs Convention Center**

| <b>Class</b> | <b>Time</b> |
|--------------|-------------|
| 6A           | 11 AM       |
| 2A           | 1 PM        |
| 3A           | 3 PM        |
| 4A           | 5 PM        |
| 5A           | 7 PM        |

**2018 Football Championship Schedule**

**Friday, November 30, 2018**

Class 5A 7 PM

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

Class 6A 12 Noon  
Class 7A 6:30 PM

**Friday, December 7, 2018**

Class 2A 7 PM

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

Class 3A 12 Noon

Class 4A 6:30 PM

**FALL CO-OP MEETINGS** – Lance Taylor reported that the fall meetings with superintendents at the co-ops have been well received, and the staff will continue with them during the next school year.

**AAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICERS** – The slate of officers was unanimously approved. (MOTION: Grant/Estes, 18-0) President: Gary Hines, First Vice President: Benny Weston, Second Vice President: Jon Collins, Secretary: John Ward, Treasurer: Steve Straessle, Parliamentarian: Bryan Russell.

**AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS** – The board approved appointing Billy Adams, Lakeside LV, to a first term as an at-large member of the board. (MOTION: Ward/Colbert, 18-0) .

**NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIPS** – Scott Charter School and eStem Junior High requested to join the AAA. Both requests were unanimously approved. (MOTION: Russell/Straessle, 18-0)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL** – The board voted to adjourn to an executive session to discuss personnel matters. (MOTION: Ward/Newton, 18-0) Following the return to the open meeting, the board unanimously approved the recommendation of the personnel subcommittee concerning personnel matters. (MOTION: Hines/Colbert, 18-0)

**AOA UPDATE** – Don Brodell presented updates from the Arkansas Officials Association. He reported there was an increase in registered officials. He also provided the board with Hall of Fame ticket order forms and encouraged them to attend.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE** – Lance Taylor reported that the legislative committee meeting went well and the committee will continue.

**AHSCA UPDATE** – Joey Walters reported that the AHSCA is working hard on the upcoming coaching clinic in Conway. The coaching clinic is June 20-23 this year.

**BASEBALL REGIONAL/STATE REPORT** – Don Brodell reported that the tournaments went well and there were very few complaints.

**SOCCER FINALS REPORT** – Joey Walters reported that state soccer finals had outstanding weather and that soccer is a sport that is continuing to grow. Soccer is only going to get bigger and has a great future.

**SOFTBALL REGIONAL/STATE REPORT** – Steve Roberts reported that the tournaments worked out well and we set an all-time attendance record for state softball finals.

**NFHS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER** – Davis Whitfield, NFHS Chief Operating Officer, reported on how the NFHS is serving our state associations. The NFHS is continuing with its motto of preparing tomorrow's leaders for the next level of life. He also reported on the NFHS Centennial Celebration that will be held during the Summer Meeting in Indianapolis in 2019.

**HARDING UNIVERSITY** – Jeff Morgan, Athletic Director, Harding University, presented a detailed report on the renovation of Harding University's gymnasium that included photos of the renovated facility.

**PROPOSALS FROM THE BOARD, STAFF AND ACTIVITY DISTRICTS** - The board reviewed proposals from Activity Districts and potential proposals based on spring survey results or prepared by the staff and made recommendations to the Governing Body based on the projected effect on the association's member schools.

**Proposal #1 – Sanctioning** – Amends and clarifies the sanction rules. **Recommendation:** DO PASS (MOTION: Green/Grant, 18-0)

**Proposal #2 – Dead Period** – includes non-athletics in the annual mandatory two-week summer dead period. **Recommendation:** DO PASS with Amendment. (MOTION: Wilbanks/Newton, 16-2) Gary Hines and Bryan Law voted against the proposal. Motion made to rescind the motion. (MOTION: Anderson/Green, 18-0). The board then voted to table the motion. (MOTION: Hines/Law, 18-0)

**Proposal #3 – Age Rule** – Aligns AAA Age Rule with the state attendance law. **Recommendation:** DO PASS (MOTION: Hines/Ward, 18-0)

**Proposal #4 – Allow Use of Football Dummies Year Round** – Allows coaches to teach safe practices all year round. **Recommendation:** DO PASS (MOTION: Green/Law, 18-0)

**Proposal #5 – Football Zero Week Scheduling** – Aligns scheduling opportunities for senior high and junior high. **Recommendation:** DO PASS (MOTION: Collins/Weston, 18-0)

**SPORTS MEDICINE UPDATE** – Joey Walters reported on Act 1013 of 2017 which requires parents and students to sign and return an information sheet regarding sudden cardiac arrest, development and implementation of guidelines when responding to sudden cardiac arrest, and requires all coaches to receive training in sudden cardiac arrest once every three years beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. He also presented Lightning Delay Procedures and outlined the Sports Medicine Initiatives since 2005.

**AAA CALENDAR** – The board unanimously approved the calendar as presented. (MOTION: Ward/Colbert, 18-0)

Thursday, June 7, 2018, board members Kelvin Gragg and Kim Wilbanks were absent.

**BUDGET** – Following review and discussion the proposed budget for 2018-19 was unanimously approved. (MOTION: Hines/Weston, 18-0)

**CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP REPORT** – Steve Roberts reviewed the status of corporate sponsorship agreements and discussed possible new sponsorships.

**STATE BASKETBALL FINALS SCHEDULE** – The board unanimously approved the 2019 Basketball State Finals Schedule. (MOTION: Grant/Golden, 18-0)

**TRANSFER REVIEW COMMITTEE** – The board unanimously approved the formation of a transfer rules committee to review the current transfer rules. (MOTION: Law/Colbert, 18-0)

**GOLF & TENNIS CONFERENCES** – The board unanimously approved the golf and tennis conferences as presented and authorized Joey Walters to place schools in conferences if declarations change. (MOTION: Green/Golden, 18-0)

## 2018 – 2019 Golf Conferences

### 6A

– same conference as basketball

### 5A

– same conference as basketball

### 4A

– same conference as basketball

### 3A

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| <b>1</b><br>Bergman<br>Elkins<br>Green Forest<br>Greenland<br>Lincoln<br>Marshall<br>Valley Springs<br>West Fork     | <b>2</b><br>Bald Knob<br>Cave City<br>Cedar Ridge<br>Clinton<br>Harding Academy<br>Mountain View<br>Palestine-Wheatley<br>Riverview<br>Rosebud | <b>3</b><br>Corning<br>Gosnell<br>Harrisburg<br>Hoxie<br>Manila<br>Piggott<br>Rivercrest<br>Trumann<br>Tuckerman<br>Walnut Ridge                                 |
| <b>4</b><br>Atkins<br>Booneville<br>Charleston<br>Lamar<br>Mansfield<br>Paris<br>Perryville<br>Two Rivers<br>Waldron | <b>5</b><br>Bismarck<br>Centerpoint<br>Fountain Lake<br>Glen Rose<br>Haskell<br>Jessieville<br>Prescott<br>Smackover                           | <b>6</b><br>Baptist Prep<br>Central Arkansas Christian<br>Dumas<br>Episcopal<br>Jacksonville Lighthouse<br>Lisa Academy<br>Mayflower<br>McGehee<br>Quest Academy |

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| <b>1</b><br>Cotter<br>Flippen<br>Haas Hall Academy, Bentonville<br>Haas Hall Academy, Fayetteville<br>Melbourne<br>Salem<br>Yellville-Summit | <b>2</b><br>Bigelow<br>Conway Christian<br>Hector<br>Nemo Vista<br>Quitman<br>South Side, Bee Branch<br>St Joseph, Conway | <b>3</b><br>Bay<br>Buffalo Island Central<br>Cross County<br>Marmaduke<br>Marked Tree<br>McCrary<br>Rector<br>Riverside      |
| <b>4</b><br>Acorn<br>Danville<br>Hackett<br>Lavaca<br>Magazine<br>Mountainburg<br>Westside, Johnson County                                   | <b>5</b><br>Carlisle<br>Cutter Morning Star<br>England<br>Hazen<br>Magnet Cove<br>Mauvelle Charter<br>Poyen               | <b>6</b><br>Dierks<br>Fordyce<br>Foreman<br>Gurdon<br>Harmony Grove, Camden<br>Junction City<br>Parkers Chapel<br>Springhill |

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| <b>1</b><br>Alpena<br>Bruno-Pyatt<br>Deer<br>Haas Hall, Rogers<br>Jasper<br>Kingston<br>Lead Hill<br>The New School | <b>2</b><br>Calico Rock<br>Concord<br>Izard County<br>Rural Special<br>Shirley<br>Westside, Greers Ferry<br>Viola | <b>3</b><br>Armored<br>Bradford<br>Crowleys Ridge<br>Hillcrest<br>Mammoth Springs<br>Ridgefield Christian                 |
| <b>4</b><br>County Line<br>Future School<br>Mulberry<br>Oark<br>Scranton<br>Western Yell                            | <b>5</b><br>Abundant Life<br>Brinkley<br>Guy Perkins<br>Midland<br>Mt Vernon Enola<br>Sacred Heart                | <b>6</b><br>Caddo Hills<br>Kirby<br>Mineral Springs<br>Mountain Pine<br>Nevada<br>Ouachita<br>Taylor<br>Trinity Christian |

# 2018 – 2019 Tennis Conferences

## 6A

– same conference as basketball

## 5A

– same conference as basketball

## 4A

– same conference as basketball

## 3A

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b></p> <p>Bergman<br/>Clinton<br/>Harding Academy<br/>Mountain View<br/>Riverview<br/>Valley Springs</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p> <p>Cave City<br/>Cedar Ridge<br/>Corning<br/>Harrisburg<br/>Newport<br/>Piggott</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p>Bismarck<br/>Booneville<br/>Fountain Lake<br/>Haskell<br/>Jessieville<br/>Paris</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p>Atkins<br/>Baptist Prep<br/>Central Arkansas Christian<br/>Episcopal<br/>Lisa Academy, NLR</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p> <p>Dumas<br/>Drew Central<br/>Lake Village<br/>McGehee<br/>Prescott<br/>Smackover</p> |  |

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b></p> <p>Acorn<br/>Future School<br/>Haas Hall, Bentonville<br/>Haas Hall, Fayetteville<br/>Haas Hall, Rogers<br/>Mulberry<br/>New School<br/>NW Arkansas Classical Academy</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p> <p>Brinkley<br/>Cross County<br/>Crowleys Ridge<br/>Earle<br/>East Poinsett County<br/>Marked Tree<br/>Ridgefield Christian<br/>Riverside</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p> <p>Conway Christian<br/>England<br/>Maumelle Charter<br/>Shirley<br/>Timbo<br/>West Side Greers Ferry<br/>Western Grove</p>   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p> <p>Emerson<br/>Gurdon<br/>Hampton<br/>Hermitage<br/>Murfreesboro<br/>Parkers Chapel</p>   |

**ARBITER SPORTS** – Don Brodell presented information about Arbiter Sports, a company that manages game officials by scheduling, paying and organizing officials.

**TENNIS BIDS** – The board unanimously approved the 2018 tennis state tournament sites.  
(MOTION: Newton/Law, 18-0)

## 2018 Tennis State Tournaments

| CLASSIFICATION | SCHOOL                            | SITE                            | DATE                 |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2A             | Haas Hall, Bentonville HS         | Bentonville Parks & Rec         | October 8 and 9      |
| 3A             | Bergman HS                        | Conway City Tennis Courts       | October 8 and 9      |
| 4A             | Pulaski Academy HS                | Rebsamen                        | October 8 and 9      |
| 5A             | Lakeside HS &<br>Lake Hamilton HS | Lakeside HS &<br>Hot Springs CC | October 8 and 9      |
| 6A             | Little Rock Central HS            | Burns Park                      | October 8 and 9      |
| Overall        | USTA Arkansas                     | Burns Park                      | October 15 and<br>16 |

**2018-2019 APPEALS SUBCOMMITTEES** – Assignments to the Appeals Subcommittee were presented. The president serves as chairman for all appeals. The subcommittees were unanimously approved. (MOTION: Ward/Jones, 18-0)

**JULY-OCTOBER**

Hines, Chair  
Colbert  
Embrey  
Golden  
Green  
Jones  
Ward  
Straessle

**NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY**

Hines, Chair  
Anderson  
Estes  
Law  
Newton  
Weston  
Wilbanks  
Straessle

**MARCH-JUNE**

Hines, Chair  
Adams  
Collins  
Gragg  
Grant  
Ciesla  
Russell  
Straessle

# *Arkansas Activities Association*

## QUARTERLY MEETING / HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 2018-2019

### **SUGGESTED QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE**

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| July 29, 2018    | Prior to the Governing Body Meeting @ 4:00 p.m. |
| July 30, 2018    | AAA Governing Body Meeting @ 12:30 p.m.         |
| October 17, 2018 | Fall Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.                       |
| January 10, 2019 | Tournament Site Selection @ 2:00 p.m.           |
| January 11, 2019 | Winter Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.                      |
| March 7, 2019    | Spring Meeting @ 12:00 noon                     |
| June 4-6, 2019   | Workshop  |

### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR AAA STAFF**

|   |                                    |
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| <u>Office Hours:</u>  |                                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</li> </ul> |                                    |
| July 4-5, 2018  | Independence Day                   |
| September 3, 2018   | Labor Day                          |
| November 21- 23, 2018   | Thanksgiving                       |
| Dec. 19, 2017 – Jan 1, 2019   | Christmas / New Years Day          |
| January 21, 2019  | Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday |
| February 18, 2019   | President's Day                    |
| March 18-22, 2019   | Spring Break                       |
| April 19, 2019  | Good Friday                        |
| May 27, 2019  | Memorial Day                       |



**STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL** – Steve Roberts reported on the work done by the Student Advisory Council. One student from each activity district was selected to serve on the council. The 2017-18 students were juniors and are serving a two year term. In 2018-19 an additional nine students will be selected for a total of 18 members. In the summer of 2018, the council will be taken to the National Student Leadership Summit in Indianapolis. The board unanimously approved the Student Advisory Council Mission Statement. (MOTION: Russell/Newton, 18-0)

**AAA Student Advisory Council  
Mission Statement for High School Athletics and Activities  
From Students' Perspective**

We believe that education based athletics and activities should facilitate the growth of the student through their experience. This experience should encourage dedication and work ethic as well as shape the student's overall character. As a result, these activities should maintain a balance between home and school life while also promoting the values that activities teach such as teamwork, pride, respect, perseverance, and sportsmanship. All activities should be viewed as equal and all members should be revered with the same level of respect. These activities should not solely be based on the titles and awards gained but also on the fun that comes with it.

**5A STATE SWIMMING SITE** – The board unanimously accepted the one-year bid from Russellville High School to host the 2019 5A State Swimming and Diving Meet. (MOTION: Weston/Law, 18-0)

**AETN Broadcasting** – Derek Walter reported that he is working with AETN to broadcast AAA events.

**BASKETBALL RECOMMENDATION** – The board unanimously approved changing the basketball head coach coach's box to 28 feet. (MOTION: Hines/Newton, 18-0)

**STATE DANCE** – The board unanimously accepted the bid from Lake Hamilton High School to host the 2018 state dance competition. (MOTION: Russell/Green, 18-0)

Motion to adjourn Ward/Colbert, 18-0

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President/Chair

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Secretary

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Date