

## GOVERNING BODY

### Arkansas Activities Association Governing Body Meeting Tuesday, August 4, 2009

Wesley Berry, Vice President of the Arkansas Activities Association, reported that a quorum was present and called to order the annual meeting of the AAA Governing Body on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at the Statehouse Convention Center, Little Rock. Bobby Acklin, Assistant Superintendent of the North Little Rock Schools and member of the AAA Board of Directors, gave the invocation.

**MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2008 Governing Body meeting were unanimously approved as published.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Bobby Acklin, Treasurer, reported on the overall financial status of the AAA. A summary of the AAA audit is included in the September Bulletin. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

**RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS** – The president recognized two retiring board members and thanked them for their service to the association on behalf of the member schools. Plaques were presented for Dr. Bobby New, Fayetteville, who was unable to attend and to Danny Sample, Harrisburg.

**ACTIVITY DISTRICT CITATIONS** – Nine AAA Citation awards were presented to recognize individuals who were named by their activity districts as administrators who have had a long standing and distinguished record of involvement and support of school activities programs. Citations were presented to:

<u>Act. Dist.</u>	<u>Citation Recipient</u>	<u>Act. Dist.</u>	<u>Citation Recipient</u>
<b>District 1E</b>	George Sitkowski, Mountain Home	<b>District 5</b>	Steve Anderson, Lake Hamilton
<b>District 1W</b>	Dick Johnson, Fayetteville	<b>District 6</b>	Dr. Matt McClure, Cross County
<b>District 2</b>	Dan Foley, Southside, Batesville	<b>District 7</b>	Bill Blackwood, De Queen
<b>District 3</b>	Milton Washington, Osceola	<b>District 8</b>	Charles Hardy, Lake Village
<b>District 4</b>	Scott Stone, Ozark		

**SPORTSMANSHIP AND ACADEMIC AWARDS** – AAA- Sportsmanship and Academic Award Banners for the 2008-09 school year were presented to the selected schools.

### SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

<b>7A</b>	Springdale Har-Ber HS	<b>3A</b>	Cave City HS
<b>6A</b>	Mountain Home HS	<b>2A</b>	St. Joseph, Conway
<b>5A</b>	Greenbrier HS	<b>1A</b>	Alpena HS
<b>4A</b>	Gentry HS		

### ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS

<b>Baseball</b>	Greenwood	<b>Girls Golf</b>	Mountain Home
<b>Boys Basketball</b>	Van Buren	<b>Girls Track</b>	Greenwood
<b>Boys Bowling</b>	Siloam Springs	<b>Girls Bowling</b>	Siloam Springs
<b>Boys Soccer</b>	Hot Springs Lakeside	<b>Girls Basketball</b>	LR Christian
<b>Boys Golf</b>	LR Christian	<b>Girls Cross Country</b>	LR Christian
<b>Boys Cross Country</b>	LR Christian	<b>Girls Swimming</b>	LR Christian
<b>Boys Swimming</b>	LR Christian	<b>Girls Tennis</b>	LR Christian
<b>Boys Tennis</b>	LR Christian	<b>Girls Soccer</b>	Southside, Batesville
<b>Football</b>	LR Christian	<b>Volleyball</b>	Southside, Batesville
<b>Wrestling</b>	LR Christian	<b>Softball</b>	Ridgefield Christian
<b>Boys Track</b>	LR Catholic	<b>Competitive Dance</b>	Hot Springs Lakeside
		<b>Competitive Cheer</b>	Benton

**PROPOSALS** – Proposals to be voted on were mailed to each voting representative in June. The director announced that there would be an explanation of each proposal and that questions and discussion would be permitted prior to voting on each. He further explained that each vote would be taken by a written ballot as provided when the voting delegates checked in for the meeting. Ballots would be counted by the AAA's

administrative staff members. Joe Couch served as the Parliamentarian for the voting procedures. Proposals adopted will become effective immediately unless otherwise noted.

The motion to vote on each proposal as a Do Pass recommendation was approved.

Proposals and results of voting were as follows.

**Proposal #1 - Sportsmanship Handbook – PASSED** – States that bands are not to be used to disrupt an opponent's game and disallows playing when the opposing team is inside the opponent's twenty-yard line moving away from their own goal at a football game. (For – 271, Against – 18) Effective immediately.

**Proposal #2 - Out-of-State Events – PASSED** – Permits interscholastic participation by AAA member schools in sanctioned events in states that are not contiguous to Arkansas if the event is located within a 300-mile radius from the individual school in Arkansas. (For – 202, Against – 4) Effective immediately.

**Proposal #3 - Golf Classification and Qualifying Procedures – PASSED** – Provides for seven classifications in the sport of golf with a maximum of six conferences in each. Establishes state qualifying procedures for 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A with three or four players with the three lowest scores determining team score. Top two teams from each of the six conferences plus the four individuals with the lowest score who are not a member of a qualifying team. (For – 181, Against – 0) Effective 2010-11 school year.

**Proposal #4 - Classification of Schools – FAILED** – Would have provided that nonpublic schools having 80 or more students in grades 9-11 would be moved up one class when classifying schools. (For – 42, Against – 164)

**Proposal #5 - Baseball and Softball Beginning Season – PASSED** – Sets the beginning of softball and baseball season as week #35 and the end of the season as week #46 of the AAA calendar. (For – 191, Against – 11) Effective immediately.

**Proposal #6 – Benefit Games – FAILED** – Would have permitted an additional preseason benefit football game for senior highs. (For – 27, Against – 175)

**Proposal #7 - Tournament Competition – FAILED** - Would have established two categories for all AAA-sponsored championships with Division 1 being schools whose varsity athletes do not receive need-based financial aid and Division 2 being those schools whose varsity athletes may be recipients of need-based financial aid. (For 93, Against – 114)

**Proposal #8 – Non-Public Transfer Rule – PASSED** – Requires that students enrolling at a nonpublic school must do so by July 1 before entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade to be immediately eligible for interscholastic competition. When a nonpublic school does not offer grades 7 and/or 8, the student may become immediately eligible by enrolling by July 1 prior to the lowest grade offered provided a CASP form is signed. Students enrolling after the period for immediate eligibility shall be ineligible for 365 days. (For 247, Against-25) Effective immediately.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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President/Chair

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Secretary

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Date