

## GOVERNING BODY

### Arkansas Activities Association Governing Body Meeting Wednesday, August 1, 2012

Joe Couch, 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 Wednesday, August 1, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. at the Peabody Hotel, Little Rock. Bobby Acklin, Assistant Superintendent of the North Little Rock School District and member of the AAA Board of Directors, gave the invocation.

**MINUTES** – Minutes of the 2011 Governing Body meeting were unanimously approved as published.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Micky Pierce, Treasurer, reported on the overall financial status of the AAA. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

**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>	Bill Keaster, Harrison	<b>District 5</b>	Marc Davis, Fountain lake
<b>District 1W</b>	Kerwin Dees, Siloam Springs	<b>District 6</b>	Carl Easley, Wynne
<b>District 2</b>	Ronnie Coots, Batesville	<b>District 7</b>	Doug Graham, Nashville
<b>District 3</b>	Chad Jordan, Riverside	<b>District 8</b>	Johnnie Johnson, Cleveland County
<b>District 4</b>	Wesley White, Russellville		

**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS** – AAA- Sportsmanship Awards for the 2011-2012 school year were presented to these selected schools.

#### SPORTSMANSHIP WINNERS

<b>7A</b>	Rogers Heritage	<b>3A</b>	Arkansas Baptist
<b>6A</b>	Marion	<b>2A</b>	Hampton
<b>5A</b>	Magnolia	<b>1A</b>	Alpena
<b>4A</b>	Nashville		

**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. Rick McLaughlin served as the Parliamentarian for the voting procedures..

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

Proposals and results of voting were as follows.

**Proposal #1 — Spring Football Practice — PASSED** –Allows schools to select three (3) consecutive weeks for spring football practice for a maximum of 10 practices using regulation equipment for full contact drills. (For—120, Against – 1) Effective immediately

**Proposal #2 — Failure to Compete — PASSED** – States that any school failing to schedule a conference opponent or refusing to play a conference opponent during the regular season or in district tournament play without just cause shall forfeit the contest and shall not be eligible to compete for a championship in the sport. Any school refusing to play in a regional tournament without just cause shall forfeit the contest and will not be allowed to advance to the next round of championship play. ( For – 169, Against – 0) Effective immediately

**Proposal #3 — State Volleyball Tournament Date — PASSED** – States that the state volleyball finals will be played during Wee #17. In years when the national ACT date will conflict with the state volleyball finals, member school coaches, counselors, and administrators should schedule volleyball athletes to take the ACT during the

earlier or later examination periods to avoid this conflict. The state volleyball tournament and finals will NOT be moved. (For – 161, Against – 2) Effective 2013-14 School Year

**Proposal #4 — Class 7A 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Participation — PASSED** – Removes the exception to Section 7, Rule 1 from the Arkansas Activities Association Handbook, 9<sup>th</sup> grade participation. ( For – 11, Against – 5) Effective immediately

**Proposal #5 — Conference Assignments — FAILED** – Would have given the Arkansas Activities Association Board of Directors the power to assign 7, 8, or 9 teams to a conference in all classifications in all sports. ( For – 32, Against – 136)

**Proposal #6 — Classification: Competition by Numbers — FAILED** – Would have classified schools into six classifications based on enrollment so that no school played anyone more than twice its size. (For – 17, Against – 146)

**Proposal #7 — Home School Eligibility — PASSED** – Establishes guidelines for home-schooled students eligibility to participate in interscholastic activities in the public school district of the parent’s domicile. Home schooled students are not guaranteed participation in an interscholastic activity, only the opportunity to try out for an interscholastic activity if the student meets all home-school eligibility requirements as stated in the Arkansas Activities Association Handbook. For non-athletic competitive activities, the home schooled student must meet all the academic and co-curricular requirements of the class. (For – 155, Against – 82) Effective 2013-14 School Year

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