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PARLIAMENTARIAN

George Woolstrom

NSAA STAFF

Dr. Steve Shanahan, Interim Executive Director

Debra Velder, Associate Director

Jennifer Schwartz, Jon Dolliver, Bud Dahlstrom, Jim Angele, Nate Neuhaus, Ron Higdon

Assistant Directors

Jeff Stauss, Technology Specialist - Megan Huber, Business Manager

Cindy Callaway, Office Manager - Jen Blachford, Ronda Schmidt, Administrative Assistants

Meeting Time Agenda

- I. **8:00 A.M.**-Continental Breakfast Served For Delegates.
- II. **9:00 A.M. Call to Order**- Dr. Bob Reznicek, Vice Chairman
- III. **Report of Credentials Committee**-Dr. Jerry Bartee and Dr. Dallas Watkins

A three-fifths majority vote for each proposal is necessary to pass the body. Following is the vote total required, depending on the number of delegates present:

<i>Delegates--51</i>	<i>Votes Required—31</i>
<i>Delegates--50</i>	<i>Votes Required—30</i>
<i>Delegates--49</i>	<i>Votes Required—30</i>
<i>Delegates--48</i>	<i>Votes Required—29</i>

In addition to a three-fifths majority of the delegates, proposals dealing with the Constitution and/or Bylaws dealing with eligibility also must be sent to the membership of the Association for a referendum vote. Any proposal so referred shall become valid as a rule of the Association when approved by three-fifths of the member schools voting on the issue, provided the votes cast in favor of such proposal shall equal or exceed thirty-five percent of the total membership of the Association. See Article 1.5.3 of the 2011-2012 Yearbook.

- IV. **Introduction of Delegates and Reports of the NSAA Districts**--
District Chairperson.
- V. **Report of the Executive Director**—Dr. Steve Shanahan
- VI. **Business**-(See Agenda on following pages.) A space is placed after each proposal for amendments on votes and vote recording.

Additional proposals may be made from the floor and may be considered with the consent of a majority of the members of the Assembly. Any new proposals brought up shall be presented in written form with sufficient copies to provide one for each representative.

Any proposal heard from the floor and passed by the Assembly must pass a referendum vote of the member schools prior to being enacted.



2012 Delegates to the Representative Assembly



	Delegate	Alternate
1	Ryan Ruhl, Norris, Board of Director Alternate	
1	Wendy Henrichs, Lincoln East, Board of Director	Kim Carson, Lincoln Southwest
1	Dr. Bob Michl, Freeman, Chairman	Steve Borer, Seward
1	Dr. Pat Hunter-Pirtle, Lincoln Southeast, Vice Chairman	Jerry Dunn, York
1	Neal Randel, Beatrice, Secretary	Greg Hardin, Norris
1	Keith Muller, Wilber-Clatonia	Pat Gatzmeyer, Lincoln High
1	R. J. Metteer, Lincoln Southeast	Matt Davis, Lincoln East
1	Jerry Rempe, Southern	Jack Tarr, Malcolm
1	Steve Borer, Seward	Jerry Dunn, York
1	Mitchell Stine, Waverly	John Farrand, Lincoln East
2	Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town, Board of Director	Dan Novak, Elmwood-Murdock
2	Dr. Jerry Barteel, Omaha Public Schools, Board of Director	Dr. Peg Naylon, Omaha Public Schools
2	Dan Novak, Elmwood-Murdock, Chairman	Bob Dannenhauer, Omaha Public Schools
2	Bob Danenhauer, Omaha Public Schools, Vice Chairman	Bill Fitzgerald, Fremont
2	Tim McNamara, Platteview, Secretary	Marty Rogers, Blair
2	Holly McCoy, Omaha Mercy	Todd Halvorsen, Plattsmouth
2	Mike McMahon, Omaha Skutt	Jim Meister, Omaha Roncalli
2	Chris Loofe, Omaha Bryan	Kyle Rohrig, Omaha Burke
2	Tom Ramsbottom, Elkhorn South	Mike Zeplin, Elkhorn
2	Andy Fedoris, Lourdes Central	
2	Jeff Johnson, Papillion LaVista South	Chuck Johnson, Papillion-LaVista
2	Rick Hook, Millard West	Nolan Beyer, Millard South
2	Michelle Egr, Schuyler	John Heckenlively, Gretna
2	Dave Struebing, East Butler	Leah Bryant, Tekamah-Herman
2	Robin Groene, Howells	Mark Ernst, Clarkson
2	John Krogstrand, Columbus	Bill Fitzgerald, Fremont
2	Mike Lynch, Douglas County West	Merritt Nelson, Oakland-Craig
2	Kevin Broderick, Bellevue West	Greg Lamberty, Bellevue East
3	Jay Bellar, Battle Creek, Board of Director	Dennis Dolliver, Norfolk
3	Rocky Ruhl, Wayne, Chairman	Jeff Bellar, Norfolk Catholic
3	Dennis Dolliver, Norfolk, Vice Chairman	Mike Sanne, Clearwater
3	Jon Cerny, Bancroft-Rosalie, Secretary	Bill McAlister, West Holt
3	Eric Miller, West Point-Beemer	Sean Wickham, St. Edward
3	Gary Timm, Pierce	Sean Wickham, St. Edward
4	Dr. Brian Maher, Kearney, Board of Director	Dan Keyser, Sutherland
4	Mark Armstrong, Kearney, Chairman	Joe Kutlas, Grand Island
4	Carl Dietz, Ogallala, Vice Chairman	Kyle Hoehner, Lexington
4	Bill Mowinkel, Northwest, Secretary	Seth Ryker, Gothenburg
4	Teresa Rotert, Hershey	Howard Schumann, GI Central Catholic
4	Mel Shoemaker, Kearney	Sheri Chittenden, Paxton
4	Mark Skillstad, North Platte St. Pats	Jason Calahan, Hershey
5	Dr. Dallas Watkins, Dundy County-Stratton, Board of Director	Alan Garey, Medicine Valley
5	Vic Young, Wilcox-Hildreth, Chairman	Scott Schoneman, Holdrege
5	Alan Garey, Medicine Valley, Vice Chairman	Damon McDonald, Arapahoe
5	Craig Newcomb, Bertrand, Secretary	Carl Ashman, Minden
5	Galen Kronhofman, Alma	
6	Kent Halley, Mitchell, Board of Director	Troy Unzicker, Kimball
6	Bruce Parish, Hyannis, Chairman	Tim Wallace, Alliance
6	Robert Johnson, South Platte, Vice Chairman	Tim Wallace, Alliance
6	Kevin Thomas, Potter-Dix, Secretary	
6	Dan Brost, Mullen, Scottsbluff	Dave Pauli, Gering

I. Change in Constitution

A. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 1 Section: 5 Page: 2

1.5.4 Classification Caucus Committee

1.5.4.1 Each classification of member schools established pursuant to this Constitution shall form a caucus made up of member schools in such classifications which shall be referred to as a Classification Caucus.

1.5.4.2 Meetings. Each caucus shall hold a meeting each year.

1.5.4.2.1 A Classification Caucus may initiate proposals for adoption, amendment or repeal of Association bylaws, provided that any such proposal shall not affect student eligibility or materially affect Association finances. Each such proposal shall include a cost and revenue analysis, and the proposed effective date of the proposed adoption, amendment or repeal of an Association By-Law.

1.5.4.2.2 All proposals for the adoption of, amendment to or repeal of Association by-laws must be submitted by a Classification Caucus electronically to the NSAA no later than October 1.

1.5.4.2.3 After the October 1 deadline, the NSAA shall forward the proposals to the Classification Caucus Review Committee.

1.5.4.3 Classification Caucus Review Committee

1.5.4.3.1 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall be comprised of two representatives from each of the four (4) NSAA classifications representing Classes A, B, C and D qualified to serve under paragraph 1.5.1.4, and the Chairman of the NSAA Board of Directors. The NSAA Executive Director or designee shall serve in an Ex-officio capacity.

1.5.4.3.2 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall hold a minimum of two meetings each year. Minutes shall be taken of such meetings, and posted on the NSAA website. The first meeting shall be held between October 10 and October 31 and the second meeting shall be held between February 1 and February 20.

1.5.4.3.2.1 At the first meeting of the Classification Caucus Committee, the committee shall (a) review each submitted proposal; (b) take action to adopt comments and recommendations with regard to each submitted proposal; (c) and, return the proposal to the submitting Classification Caucus along with any adopted comments and recommendations. The Classification Caucus may consider the committee's comments and recommendations, and may submit amendments to the proposal on or before November 15.

1.5.4.3.2.2 At the second meeting of the Classification Caucus Committee, the committee shall consider all submitted proposals and any subsequent amendments thereto, and take action on all submitted proposals with amendments, if any.

1.5.4.3.3 The Classification Caucus Review Committee shall approve or disapprove proposed Classification Caucus proposals for the adoption of, amendment to, or repeal of Association By-Laws. To be approved, all proposals must receive an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) or more of the committee members present and voting on the proposal. Disapproved Classification Caucus proposals shall be referred back to the Classification Caucus submitting same with a statement from the committee of reasons for such disapproval. Approved Classification Caucus proposals shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors for action according to this article.

1.5.4.4 Each proposal approved by the Classification Caucus Review Committee will be posted on the NSAA website as an approved Classification Caucus proposal, and each such proposal shall be presented as an information item at the annual NSAA Representative Assembly meeting.

1.5.4.5 Following the annual representative Assembly meeting, the Board of Directors shall direct the Executive Director to conduct a referendum on the Classification Caucus proposal which shall be submitted to the members Classification Caucus participating in the activity subject to the proposed By-law Change. The Classification Caucus proposal shall be accompanied by a statement of the rationale for such proposal. Each Classification Caucus proposal must be ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the member schools voting in such referendum. The Classification Caucus proposal shall become a part of the Association By-Laws on the effective date set forth in the approved proposal.

Cost Analysis of Proposal: There will be no cost associated with this proposal that is not approved by the Class Review Committee. All costs associated with any proposal made must be stated in writing and include a specific dollar figure that cannot be exceeded.

Rationale for the proposed change: As a result of a yearlong study by a 26 person committee representing member schools, it was unanimously approved by the committee that this proposal be forwarded to the membership allowing each individual classification of schools, through a "caucus" and subsequent review committee, to move forward proposals that affect that classification only. The key component to this proposal is that "class only proposals" may be approved by that class of schools and will not be subject to a Representative Assembly vote.

Representative Assembly Vote			Representative Assembly Vote			
For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain

II. Change in Athletic Bylaws

A. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 3.2.3 a. Page: 2,3

3.2.3 a. Football and Soccer. An organized practice in 11-man football shall mean more than seven students under direct supervision of a sponsor. An organized practice in 8-man football shall mean more than five students under the direct supervision of a sponsor. If more than one group is practicing at the same time, it shall be called an organized practice. The only pieces of general equipment shall be footballs, shoes, helmets, kicking tees, and hand held dummies and there shall be no contact with a mechanical training devices or blocking sleds or with another player.

Cost Analysis of Proposal: Cost would be zero to the NSAA and to each high school.

Rationale for the proposed change: The safety changes and recommendations that have been placed on the game of football in the past several years have increased greatly. We now follow acclimatization recommendations for heat, use the first two days of practice to get acclimated to practicing, and follow newly adopted guidelines for concussions. All of these changes are for the safety of the participants which are needed and completely agreed with. We need to go one step further – at these school sponsored camps, the participants should be able to use hand held dummies as an additional safety precaution.

All the recommendations are aimed at eliminating the potential for injury and limiting the amount of time practices can be held. Why not allow participants to be taught safely and correctly against a hand held bag/dummy instead of another body – let's eliminate the potential for injury by placing a pad between bodies.

Football is an 11 man sport – while camps and clinics are held where quarterbacks/running backs/receivers and linebackers/defensive backs can use a ball to work on their technique, how are offensive and defensive linemen supposed to work on theirs?

By allowing hand held dummies to be used during school sponsored camps and clinics, you are allowing all participants to work on and improve techniques which gives them a greater chance for success and safety.

Recommendation

Member schools may conduct school sponsored camps and clinics and while the no-contact rule between bodies is in effect – member schools are allowed to use hand held dummies only to protect participants from potential injury. The use of hand held dummies for tackling is prohibited. The use of blocking sleds and other mechanical devices are prohibited.

Representative Assembly Vote			Representative Assembly Vote			
For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain

B. The proposal deals with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 3.2.8.2 Page: 4,5

3.2.8.2 D. If a summertime school-sponsored camp/clinic is held in football, contact shall be allowed with the use of hand held dummies only. The no-contact rule shall prohibit contact with mechanical or training devices, as well as with other players. The use of blocking sleds, and other mechanical devices are prohibited. The not-contact rule does not preclude incidental or inadvertent contact, or the touching of a ball carrier with the hand(s). The only pieces of general football equipment shall be footballs, shoes, helmets, kicking tees and hand held blocking dummies.

Cost Analysis of Proposal: Cost would be zero to the NSAA and to each high school.

Rationale for the proposed change: The safety changes and recommendations that have been placed on the game of football in the past several years have increased greatly. We now follow acclimatization recommendations for heat, use the first two days of practice to get acclimated to practicing, and follow newly adopted guidelines for concussions. All of these changes are for the safety of the participants which are needed and completely agreed with. We need to go one step further – at these school sponsored camps, the participants should be able to use hand held dummies as an additional safety precaution.

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Representative Assembly Vote

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For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain

III. New Business

A.

Representative Assembly Vote				Representative Assembly Vote		
For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain

B.

Representative Assembly Vote				Representative Assembly Vote		
For	Against	Abstain		For	Against	Abstain