



MIAA Board of Directors
Wednesday, September 26, 2018
FULL BOARD MEETING

1. Meeting called to order by President Marilyn Slattery at 11:11am.
2. Executive Director Bill Gaine introduced and welcomed Gregg Brighenti, Principal of Lee Middle/High School who will be representing District G.
3. Attendance: Members present – Jim Antonelli, Tom Arria, Tim Brillo, Jeff Caron, Ray Cosenza, Keith Crowley, Jeff Granatino, Thom Holdgate, Naomi Martin, Brian McCann, Jim Pignataro, Stephanie Sibley, Marilyn Slattery, Gordon Smith and Greg Brighenti.
Members excused: Charles Flahive, Dave King, Wes Paul, Dan Shine, Mark Sullivan, Steve Trask and Lindsey von Holtz.
4. Executive Director Bill Gaine presented to each Board member with a history of the MSSAA “The Oldest Association in the Country. Board members also were also provided with a current 2018-2018 committee roster.
5. Finance Committee Chair Jeff Granatino reported on their meeting. Lindsey von Holtz has been appointed the Athletic Director representative on the Committee. Executive Director Bill Gaine announced the hiring of a new part-time Assistant Executive Director, Keith McDermott. Financials are looking good early on – not a lot of movement to date. Cash is down about \$400K from a year ago, due in large part to capital improvements as well as the downward trend in tournament revenue. The audit is currently underway and will report to the Board at the November meeting. Thom Holdgate addressed the Board with a District C request to have the Association handle ball agreements themselves and not pay an independent contractor to save the Association approximately \$60,000-\$70,000 per year – this will be an added agenda item at the next Finance and Personnel Committee meeting. Background checks for game officials is underway – it is estimated that approximately 6,300 officials will register for background checks this year.
6. Minutes of August 7, 2018 were approved – 10-3-0.
7. Members were provided at their place a current list of nominations for At-Large positions on our standing committees. It was voted unanimously to approve (see attached).
8. Executive Director Bill Gaine reported on the status of the current District Workshops. Five have taken place to date. Attendance has been excellent. Representation at the workshops included 43 principals from the 5 district workshops – 10 schools have not attended, communication has been sent with alternative dates. Superintendents have been invited to each district workshop – to date – approximately 4 superintendents have attended. All workshops have been more engaging than the immediate past workshops. Members of our committees have come forward

to report on their respective committee actions – for example the redistricting proposal from the MSSADA – Thom Holdgate has presented the current status at most workshops. Feedback is requested from each district as to which proposal will be brought to the Assembly for a vote in April. Charge of the TMC is also an agenda item at this year’s district workshops of which Committee members are also reporting on. A finance challenge report has been presented at each workshop with positive receptivity.

9. Associate Director Peter Smith reported on the Associations Educational Athletic programs. Each member received a calendar of upcoming Educational Athletics initiatives.
10. MSSADA Executive Board member Thom Holdgate reported on the current status of the redistricting proposal/process – this presentation has been presented at each district workshop by either Thom or another MSSADA member. Thom suggested any members with agenda items or topics for the March MSSADA Annual Conference should contact Andy Crisafulli.
11. Associate Director Sherry Bryant reported to the Board of the Blue Ribbon Committee updates: Golf: Gender references in both fall and spring formats have been removed and medalist awards will be given regardless of gender. The Committee established a handbook review Committee which is scheduled to meet October 3. Sherry clarified to the Committee regarding a recent update on mixed gender rules – the Blue Ribbon Committee suggested a clarification be brought to the Board and not combine enrollment for mixed gender teams - motion to approve support the proposal of rule 43 of the Blue Ribbon Committee to not combine enrollment for mixed gender teams – voted unanimously to approve.
12. Executive Director Bill Gaine reported on legislative/transparency – there is no new bills currently and no information to share as it impacts this Association.
13. MASC/M.A.S.S. November Conference presentation – the Association will be holding a session at their November joint conference on the subject of Blue Ribbon Committee and Association Core Values – “ – Jeff Granatino, Bill Gaine, Pam Gould will present.
14. Bill Gaine reminded members their Rule Change proposal voting will take place in May.
15. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 11:00am.
16. Meeting adjourned at 12:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,



William N. Gaine, Jr.
Executive Director