



MIAA Board of Directors

March 12, 2025

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by President Stephanie Sibley at 11:04am
2. Members present: Tom Arria, Dave Bouchard, Katherine Hennessy, Denise Hurst, Pat Mara, Mark Miville, Jim Quatromoni, Eric Scott, Devin Sheehan, Dan Shine, Stephanie Sibley, Gordon Smith, Mark Sullivan, Billy Terranova, Matt Trahan, Christine Vigneux, Lindsey von Holtz.
3. January 8, 2025 minutes approved unanimously
4. Finance Committee report
 - Quarterly financials were reviewed
 - Budget on target. The association has right sided but will not be cutting further.
 - Charlie Confrey was voted in as Finances Committee Chair and BOD Vice President for 2025-26- 2026-27
 - Nicole Bottomley voted as Finance Committee Vice President for 2025-26- 2026-27
 - Defined Benefits Plan – process is ongoing to shutdown plan – a vote will be taken at the May meeting.
 - Two new association staff hires: Jen Treacy – Tech Department and Shana Baima, Accounting Department
5. Executive Directors Report
 - Authority is in the hands of the MIAA Board of Directors, which has representation from the entire commonwealth.
 - Bob Baldwin presented a PowerPoint highlight five initiatives recommended by the membership. These will be vetted a several meetings and committee meetings. Some initiatives will be presented in detail at the May meeting. All has to be vetted through the TMC and Finance Committee to ensure it is fiscally possible.
 - Standardized Annual Calendar for Interscholastic Athletics
 - Start and End dates of the interscholastic calendar. August to June. Something we could accomplish at May meeting, to begin Fall 2026.
 - Then build the interior within those parameters. 1st contest dates, cut-off dates, bracket release dates and tournament dates, state finals and super bowls (2nd Saturday after Thanksgiving).
 - An objective process to adopt and/or remove a MIAA sponsored sports
 - Many sports/activities takes place in schools that are not MIAA sponsored. What if we create three tiers of status
 - School Sponsored Status

- Emerging Status- at least 10% of the membership offering the sport. In emerging status for a minimum of 2 years.
 - Championship Status- at least 15% of the membership offering the sport.
 - Removal of sports- If sports are not growing to meet the criteria of championship status, they will not have MIAA sponsored tournaments.
- Power Ranked Sports/Hybrid Sports
- Power ranked sports standards for number of Championship Divisions
 - If we have this criteria, we must follow it.
- Established a Division 1A component of the statewide tournament.
 - If offered in one gender for a sport, it must be offered in the other gender. So if Hockey supports a 1A, it would apply to both boys and girls ice hockey.
 - Objective criteria for establishing those participating in D1 A. Power ranking system would have to be in place.
 - Superbowl's cannot extend into winter beyond the 2nd weekend after Thanksgiving.
 - Whatever happens from here, will not be due to a lack of transparency. We are listening, learning and sharing with leagues and members across the Commonwealth.
- Power ranked sports standards for number of Championship Divisions
 - Will be handled by TMC
- Established a Division 1A component of the statewide tournament
 - Pat- confused about minimum of 5 games to state championship
 - Jim – Is 5 games just for champion and runner up?
 - Bob- Yes
 - Katherine – gender equity. If we do it for one gender of a sport, we must do it for another.
 - Bob- absolutely
 - Dan Shine- reasons for 1A 30 years ago is different today than it was back then. I think the current tournament is fabulous. We are really going to have to get into the weeds on how a 1A tournament benefits the Association.
 - Dan- one question will be is it optional for sports or mandated for all sports and what the format would be.
 - Bob- if we are to have an objective means to determine who is in 1A, you need objective criteria, such as MOV. If MOV is removed, cannot continue to discuss 1A as there would not be an objective criteria.
- Rule Clarifications

- Phil reviewed clarifying language to rules 34.6, 59.3 and 87. This clarification will be voted on at the May Board of Directors meeting.
- Receive on File: District Athletic Committees- Review of Cooperative and Middle Level
 - Keith reviewed the work of the DACs, including altering the maximum numbers by sport for Middle Level and Cooperative Team waivers. Needs to be clear that the numbers are for both, not just co-ops.
 - Field Hockey increases to 16
 - Football to 30 to 25
 - Soccer to 16
 - Lacrosse to 16
 - Wrestling from 15 to 20
 - Make up of host school would determine those eligible to participate from guest school.
- 6. League Changes
 - MA Charter School Athletic Conference- 17 schools listed. Would need to be assigned a district. Recommended to District 6. This has been tabled to the May meeting. Members of the Charter League will be invited to speak to members.
 - Barnstable High School – Move to Southeast Conference (SEC) with Dartmouth and Bridgewater-Raynham - approved unanimously.
- 7. Reminder of the MIAA Annual Meeting on April 2, 2025 at the Doubletree Hotel in Westboro. Agenda and supporting documents will be forwarded to those registered next week.
- 8. Sister Associations Communications/report:
 - a. MSSADA – final preparation for their annual conference.
 - b. MASC – Day on the Hill in May
 - c. MASS – discussion on recent Government changes
 - d. MSAA – Athletic Program Standards
- 9. Roll call to enter into Executive Session and adjourn meeting.