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May 3, 2013 Executive Council Meeting Minutes

Members Present: June Sargent, President, Dean Stearns, President-elect, Madeline Young, Past President, Pat Burke, NASSP Representative, Linda Kelly, Ed Webbley, Tom Bochanski, Wayne Howe, Nancy Erickson, Laurie Singer (NAESP rep, non-voting member), Dick Kraemer

Members Absent: Andre Messier, Bonnie Johnson-Aten, Bill Rivard, Becky Read, Jeff Moreno

Administrators present: Ken Page, Bob Johnson, Dave Cobb

Approval of March 29, 2013 Minutes- Motion by Dick Kraemer 2nd by Laurie Singer. Minutes approved as amended. 8 in favor, 2 abstentions.

Guide to Middle Level School Activities and Athletics: Pam Arnold and Amy Molina came to discuss the process and walk the EC through the proposed document. The Document has been approved by the AC and forwarded to the EC for approval. Process started about two years ago. The AD's felt that the policies needed to be updated and teased out of the HS policies. The general feeling was the MS were more guidelines than policies. This document clearly separates the High School and Middle School policies. Discussed removing the word by-laws from the document, suggested coaching requirements should be applied to volunteer coaches as well, suggested that language be added around 8th graders playing on HS teams are no longer eligible to play on a MS team. It was requested that the web page be updated to reflect different tabs for MS and HS with copies of documents.

Motion to accept this draft policy with the discussed changes by Ed Webbley, 2nd by Linda Kelly 9 in favor 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Standards Board follow-up: initial principal licensure: Ken presented the document that was sent to members for feedback. Tom spoke about the process that was undertaken, and to represent the commentary at the January meeting and the teleconference that was held. The process for our committee to offer information was cumbersome and not well defined. It was discussed that there needs to be a clearer process. The process was to present the concerns based on the

discussion of the meetings. Laurie spoke against the inclusion of the indicators and the use of the ISSLIC standards in general. The EC discussed the process that was undertaken, at length. More clarity will be offered to committees/members in the future.

By-Laws and Policy Revision Committee Update

Policy Draft Discussion:

- Enforcement and Appeals Policy-Met with ASC to work on language changes within the review and enforcement policy. Changes will be presented at the Annual Meeting for approval by the membership.
- Coordination with National Principals Associations Policy-Motion to approve the VPA policy on coordination, Wayne Howe, 2nd Ed Webbley, effective July 1st 2013 9 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstaining.
- VPA Standing Committees' Meeting Policy-Discussion around terms and committee make-ups. ASC and EC discussions will be combined and approved once combined.

Meeting suspended at 12:00 PM for Lunch with ASC and the Service Learning Presentation group

Meeting reassembled at 1:00 PM with ASC to draft wording changes to Enforcement and review policy.

Setting meeting dates for the 2013-14 school year-As presented, Friday August 7th at Killington Grand Hotel (Joint meeting with ASC) Friday 11/1 at VPA Office 10:00-3:00, 1/23/14 at VPA 10:3:00 (Legislative meeting 3:30-5:30), 3/28/14 Site TBD 10:00-3:00, 5/2/14 Site TBD 10:00-3:00.

Professional Learning and Support Committee-Committee discussed ways to get the new committee up and running. It was decided that a small group of existing members will convene to set up the committee. The development director will be working closely with this committee. Current members that were suggested were the mentor coordinators, three EC members, Laurie Singer, Madeline Young, Bonnie Johnson-Aten, who would move to the committee, and possibly ASC members as well.

Nominating New EC members-Ken will send out an email to members looking for volunteers.

Remaining Principals of the Year Selections:

VIRCO/NASSP Assistant Principal of the year:

-Motion to recognize Steve Sampson as Assistant Principal of the Year by Dick Kraemer, 2nd Wayne Howe, unanimous approval.

MetLife NASSP Middle Level Principal of the Year:

Motion to recognize Heidi Lucas-Moccia as Middle Level Principal of the year by Dean Stearns 2nd by Dick Kraemer, Unanimous approval.

Committee Reports-supplied in writing

Other business –August meeting discuss and approve new members to EC. November agenda-look at process for legislative meeting, discuss team award process for nomination cycle. Fill NAESP and Federal relations coordinator. Discuss web site management, Fill 5 seats on EC.

Ed Webbley offered a verbal report on the educator quality committee around the current proposals. Concerns voiced around supervision limits and non-licensed employees. Appreciate the way that the Principals job is recognized and the difficulty that comes with the position. The committee has given credence to the position. Will this reflect what is reality in schools?

Motion to adjourn: Dick Kraemer, 2nd by Nancy Erickson Meeting adjourned at 3:24