

NEBRASKA SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY
Friday, April 7, 2017
NSAA Office, Media Room, Lincoln

Chairperson Wendy Henrichs called the 2017 Representative Assembly to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. George Woolstrum presided as Parliamentarian.

Dan Keyser and Troy Alan Garey, serving as the Credentials Committee, reported 51 delegates present. With 51 delegates present, it was necessary for an item of business to receive 31 favorable votes to pass.

The following delegates were in attendance:

District 1 – Mark Norvell, Fillmore Central; Wendy Henrichs, Lincoln East, Kevin Simmerman, Lincoln North Star; Ryan Ruhl, Norris; Neal Randel, Beatrice; Keith Muller, Wilber-Clatonia; Mark Armstrong, Lincoln Southwest; Jerry Rempe, Southern; Jack Tarr, Malcolm; Tim Huls, Hampton.

District 2 - Dr. Bob Reznicek, Boys Town; Nolan Beyer, Millard Public Schools; Marty Rogers, Blair; Bill Fitzgerald, Fremont; Tim McNamara, Yutan; Matt Koehler, Nebraska City; Mike Dempsey, Omaha Gross; Luke Dillon, Omaha Central; Dan Schinzel, Creighton Prep; Roger Ortmeier, Elkhorn South; Nick Wemhoff, Fort Calhoun; Jeremy Van Ackeren, Papillion-LaVista South; Chad Zimmerman, Millard North; Rob Geise, Louisville; Dan Novak, Elmwood-Murdock; Matt Metzger, Humboldt-Table Rock-Steinhauer; Rochelle Rohlf, Omaha Marian; Randy Wiese, Ashland-Greenwood.

District 3 – Jay Bellar, Battle Creek; Rocky Ruhl, Wayne; Mike Sanne, Clearwater-Orchard; Jon Cerny, Bancroft-Rosalie; Dennis Bazata, Randolph; Chuck Ross, Wisner-Pilger.

District 4 – Dan Keyser, Sutherland; Alan Frank, Adams Central, Matt Fisher, Northwest; Seth Ryker, Gothenburg; Jim York, Sandhills; Pam Helgoth, Burwell; Mike Apple, Ogallala.

District 5 – Alan Garey, Medicine Valley; Scott Schoneman, Holdrege; Jon Davis, Alma; Craig Newcomb, Bertrand; Galen Kronhofman, Alma.

District 6 – Dr. Troy Unzicker, Alliance; Mike Brockhaus, Sidney; Kari Gifford, Banner County; Tammy Tillman, Bayard; Glen Koski, Gering.

Wendy Henrichs presented the Caucus Committee Report.

Dr. Jim Tenopir presented the Executive Director's report.

The chairman announced that the items on the agenda would now be considered. A three-fifths majority vote for each proposal is necessary to pass. With 51 delegates present, 31 votes are required to pass.

A. It was moved by Bill Fitzgerald, seconded by Rocky Ruhl, to approve the proposal as printed dealing with: Yearbook: Article 2 Section: 5.1 and 7.6 (2, 5) Page: 25

2.5.1 Current Semester. To be eligible, the student must be continuously enrolled in at least twenty credit hours of instruction per semester at the school the student represents in interscholastic competition. Exempt or home school students from authorized Rule 13 schools must be continuously enrolled in a minimum of ten credit hours of instruction per semester at the school the student represents in interscholastic competition. Students enrolled in college classes at an accredited institution should be allowed to use those classes in meeting the 20-hour eligibility requirements. No student should be allowed to use more than two classes from an accredited institution in one semester. Proof of enrollment and payment of fees should be provided to the Athletic Director to verify they are registered and enrolled for the class(es).

2.7.6 Home School Transfers. The following shall apply in determining the eligibility for a student who has previously attended a home school and transfers to become a bona fide student at a member high school:

2.7.6.1 The home school, which the student previously attended, must have received acknowledgement from the Nebraska State Department of Education that the school conformed to the required statutes.

2.7.6.2 The student must be accepted by the member high school and placed in a grade level that will classify the individual as a high school student (grades nine, ten, eleven or twelve). The exempt or home school transfer student must be continuously enrolled in a minimum of ten credit hours of instruction per semester at the school the student represents in interscholastic competition.

2.7.6.3 If a student has been promoted from the eighth grade at a home school and is attending a member high school for the first time as a ninth grade student, he/she may select his/her high school and be eligible.

2.7.6.4 If the student is transferring from a home school and is accepted at a member high school as a tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade student, he/she is considered a transfer student and shall be ineligible for varsity competition for ninety school days unless the home school is located in the same school district as the high school to which the student is transferring.

2.7.6.5 If the student enters a member school as a tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade student, he/she shall have received, or be granted, twenty credit hours for the immediate preceding semester. The twenty credit hours must be accepted and entered on the records of the student as partial fulfillment of the school's graduation requirements. The member school shall determine whether the home school credits will be accepted to fulfill preceding semester scholastic requirements. Further, such home-school students who are enrolled in subsequent semesters in the member high school must have evidence of having successfully completed twenty credit hours of school work the immediate preceding semester, of which at least ten of those credit hours having been earned in the member-school setting.

2.7.6.6 Students who enrolled in grades nine, ten, eleven, or twelve at a home school and who transfer to a member high school, shall be credited with the number of semesters of high school membership in which they were a member of the home school. These students shall not exceed eight semesters of school membership beginning with the initial enrollment in grade nine or the equivalent of grade nine.

2.7.6.7 Students transferring from a home school to a member high school must meet the requirements of Section 2.2.

Motion Passed, 36 For (Norvell, Henrichs, Simmerman, Ryan Ruhl, Randel, Armstrong, Rempe, Tarr, Huls, Reznicek, Beyer, Rogers, Fitzgerald, McNamara, Dempsey, Dillon, Schinzel, Ortmeier, Van Ackerman, Zimmerman, Geise, Metzger, Rohlf, Wiese, Bellar, Rocky Ruhl, Sanne, Cerny, Ross, Hayes, Garey, Unzicker, Brockhaus, Gifford, Tillman, Koski) **15 Against** (Mueller, Koehler, Wemhoff, Novak, Keyser, Frank, Fisher, Ryker, York, Helgoth, Apple, Schoneman, Davis, Newcomb, Kronhofman)

This proposal is now referred to the membership of the Association for a referendum vote.

B. It was moved by Keith Muller, seconded by Scott Schoneman, to approve the proposal as printed dealing with: Yearbook: Article 2 Section: 5.1 and 7.6 (2, 5) Page: 25

2.5.1 Current Semester. To be eligible, the student must be continuously enrolled in at least twenty credit hours of instruction per semester at the school the student represents in interscholastic competition. Exempt or home school students from authorized Rule 13 schools must be continuously enrolled in a minimum of ten credit hours of instruction per semester at the school the student represents in interscholastic competition. Students enrolled in college classes at an accredited institution should be allowed to use those classes in meeting the 20-hour eligibility requirements. No student should be allowed to use more than two classes from an accredited institution in one semester. Proof of enrollment and payment of fees should be provided to the Athletic Director to verify they are registered and enrolled for the class(es).

2.7.6 Home School Transfers. The following shall apply in determining the eligibility for a student who has previously attended a home school and transfers to become a bona fide student at a member high school following district and activities rules of that district.

2.7.6.1 The home school, which the student previously attended, must have received acknowledgement from the Nebraska State Department of Education that the school conformed to the required statutes.

2.7.6.2 The student must be accepted by the member high school and placed in a grade level that will classify the individual as a high school student (grades nine, ten, eleven or twelve). The exempt or home school transfer student must be continuously enrolled in a minimum of ten credit hours of instruction per semester at the school the student represents in interscholastic competition.

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subsequent semesters in the member high school must have evidence of having successfully completed twenty credit hours of school work the immediate preceding semester, of which at least ten of those credit hours having been earned in the member-school setting.

2.7.6.6 Students who enrolled in grades nine, ten, eleven, or twelve at a home school and who transfer to a member high school, shall be credited with the number of semesters of high school membership in which they were a member of the home school. These students shall not exceed eight semesters of school membership beginning with the initial enrollment in grade nine or the equivalent of grade nine.

2.7.6.7 Students transferring from a home school to a member high school must meet the requirements of Section 2.2.

Motion Failed, 12 For (Muller, Armstrong, Rempe, Tarr, Zimmerman, Rohlfs, Wiese, Unzicker, Brockhaus, Gifford, Tillman, Koski) **38** (Norvell, Henrichs, Simmerman, Ryan Ruhl, Neal Randel, Reznicek, Beyer, Rogers, Fitzgerald, McNamara, Koehler, Dempsey, Dillon, Schinzel, Ortmeier, Wemhoff, Van Ackeren, Novak, Metzger, Geise, Bellar, Rocky Ruhl, Sanne, Cerny, Ross, Hayes, Keyser, Frank, Fisher, Ryker, York, Helgoth, Apple, Garey, Schoneman, Davis, Newcomb, Kronhofman) **Against 1 Abstention** (Huls)

C. It was moved by Jon Cerny, seconded by Nick Wemhoff, to approve the proposal as printed dealing with:

Yearbook: Article 2 Section: 13.2.1 Page: 25

2.13.2 Basis for Classification. A school's classification shall be based on its total enrollment for all activities with the exception of football that will be classified on boy enrollment only.

2.13.2.1 A school's total enrollment shall be the total boy and girl enrollment in grades nine, ten, and eleven according to the enrollment figures submitted to the State Department of Education on the last Friday in September of the preceding school year except for football that will be classified on boy enrollment only.

2.13.2.2 If, in a particular activity, the schools are classified for a two-year period, the total enrollment shall be the figures from the State Department of Education on the last Friday in September of the year which immediately precedes the two-year classification period.

Motion Passed, 51 For, 0 Against

D. It was moved by Galen Kronhofman, seconded by Rocky Ruhl, to approve the proposal as printed dealing with: Yearbook: Article 2 Section: 13.5 Page: 26

1. Member schools are generally placed in classifications for NSAA athletic activities according to the total boy-girl count from grades 9, 10 and 11 of the previous year, with such audited counts being provided by the Nebraska Department of Education.
2. In athletic activities, a member school in Classes B and below according to the previous year's grades 9-11 enrollment count shall be placed one classification above the classification dictated by their three-grade enrollment in a particular sport if the member school attains a designated level of success during the previous four seasons of that sport, as measured by the success factor formula calculated according to Sections 5-9 below.
3. Due to two-year classifications for football, the success factor formula for football shall be cumulative for a four-year period, but only for the four years immediately preceding each two-year classification period. Schools shall be moved up in football only in a new two-year classification period.
4. Schools shall attain success points for being one of the schools to qualify for the state tournament or meet in those sports that qualify eight schools for the state tournament or meet; finishing in the top eight schools (and ties) in its classification for sports in which more than eight schools qualify for the state tournament or meet; and for levels of success at the state competition level.
5. Success points are cumulative over each four-year period and shall be accumulated in the following manner:
 - a. A school shall be awarded one (1) point for being one of the eight schools to qualify for the state event or to be among the top eight (and ties) in the final results of the state event.
 - b. A schools shall be awarded one (1) additional point for winning/advancing at the state event or for finishing at least fourth (and ties) at the state tournament or meet where more than eight schools qualify for the state contest.
 - c. A school shall be awarded one (1) additional point for playing in the state championship contest or for finishing at least second (and ties) at the state tournament or meet where more than eight schools qualify for the state contest.
 - d. A school shall be awarded one (1) additional point for winning or tying for the state championship in the sport.

6. Schools accumulating ten (10) or more success points over a four-consecutive-year period shall meet initial qualifying standards for moving up in classification. Schools that meet initial qualifying status to move up in classification would then be subject to adjustments for demographic criteria per Section 8 below before a change in classification is determined.
7. For calculation of points for schools involved in a cooperative sponsorship, the demographic information for the school with the largest three-grade student population in the cooperative sponsorship shall dictate whether points will be added or deducted.
8. Schools that accumulate ten (10) success points as defined in Section 6 above over a four-consecutive-year period shall then have the point total adjusted according to the following demographic criteria as supplied by the NSAA and the Nebraska Department of Education:
 - a. A school shall be awarded one (1) additional point if the high school physical address is located within a fifteen (15) mile radius of the physical address of a high school with a three-grade, boy-girl enrollment of 850 or more;
 - b. A school shall be awarded one (1) additional point if fewer than 15% of the students enrolled at the school in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) qualify for free or reduced price lunches.
 - c. A school shall have one (1) point deducted if more than 40% of the students enrolled at the school in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) qualify for free or reduced price lunches.
 - d. A school shall be awarded one (1) additional point if fewer than 10% of the students enrolled at the school in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) receive special education services as reported by the Nebraska Department of Education.
 - e. A school shall have one (1) point deducted if more than 30% of the students enrolled at the school in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) receive special education services as reported by the Nebraska Department of Education.
9. Any school that has final point totals (success and demographic adjustments) equal or greater than 19 in that four-year period shall be moved up one classification in the particular sport in which the points were accumulated.
10. A school in Classes B and below according to the three-grade enrollment count, but which has been moved up one classification pursuant to the above criteria, will be moved back down to the classification dictated by their three-grade enrollment count in a particular sport if the school's team no longer qualifies by virtue of receiving 19 or more total points (success and demographic adjustments) in the immediate preceding four seasons of the sport.
11. Whenever reclassification in a particular sport occurs, no school team shall be moved up more than one classification above the classification in which the school would be placed according to its three-grade enrollment.
12. If a school has been moved up in classification pursuant to these success factor formula, but in a subsequent school year in which reclassification occurs for a particular sport, the school would be placed in that same higher classification as dictated by the school's three-grade enrollment count and shall not be moved up another classification in that school year. In those circumstances, the school will not be moved up in classification in any particular sport again under this rule unless and until the school's team again meets the criteria of this success factor formula.
13. If a school has been moved up in classification pursuant to this success factor formula, but in a subsequent year in which reclassification occurs for a particular sport and the school's three-grade enrollment count would place that school in a lower classification in that sport than what the previous year's three grade-enrollment count would have placed them, the school will then be moved down one classification.
14. If any school team is moved up in classification pursuant to this success factor formula or any other rule or policy, then the school with the lowest three-grade enrollment within that higher classification will be moved to the next lower classification in that sport, providing such sport is classified with a finite number of schools in a particular class. If in a subsequent school year a school is moved back down in classification in a sport, then the school with the highest three-grade count in that classification will be moved up to the higher classification in that sport, again providing such sport is classified with a finite number of schools in a particular class.

Motion Failed, 18 For (Muller, McNamara, Koehler, Rocky Ruhl, Ross, Keyser, Fisher, Ryker, Apple, Garey, Schoneman, Davis, Newcomb, Kronhofman, Brockhaus, Gifford, Tillman, Koski) **33 Against** (Norvell,

Henrichs, Simmerman, Ryan Ruhl, Randel, Armstrong, Rempe, Tarr, Huls, Reznicek, Beyer, Rogers, Fitzgerald, Dempsey, Dillon, Schinzel, Ortmeier, Wemhoff, Van Ackeren, Zimmerman, Geise, Novak, Metzger, Rohlf, Wiese, Bellar, Sanne, Cerny, Hayes, Fisher, York, Helgoth, Unzicker)

II. PROPOSED CHANGES IN NSAA BYLAWS FOR ATHLETICS

A. It was moved by Alan Garey, seconded by Jack Tarr, to approve the proposal as printed dealing with: 30 Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 3.1.1.2 Page: 1

Sport	Date of 1st Practice	Date of 1 st Contest	Close of Season
FALL			
Girls Golf	Monday, Week 6	Thursday, Week 7	State Championship
Girls Softball	Monday, Week 6	Thursday, Week 7	State Championship
Boys Tennis	Monday, Week 6	Thursday, Week 8	State Championship
Football	Monday, Week 6	Thursday, Week 8	State Finals
Boys/Girls Cross Country	Monday, Week 7 6	Thursday, Week 9 8	State Championship
Girls Volleyball	Monday, Week 7 6	Thursday, Week 9 8	State Championship

Motion Passed, 33 For (Norvell, Randel, Huls, Tarr, Reznicek, Beyer, Rogers, McNamara, Koehler, Dempsey, Dillon, Schinzel, Zimmerman, Novak, Metzger, Bellar, Sanne, Cerny, Ross, Frank, Fisher, York, Apple, Garey, Schoneman, Davis, Newcomb, Kronhofman, Unzicker, Brockhaus, Gifford, Tillman, Koski) **18 Against** (Henrichs, Simmerman, Ryan Ruhl, Muller, Armstrong, Rempe, Fitzgerald, Wemhoff, Van Ackeren, Ortmeier, Geise, Rohlf, Wiese, Rocky Ruhl, Hayes, Keyser, Ryker, Helgoth)

B. It was moved by Dan Schinzel, seconded by Luke Dillon, to approve the proposal as printed dealing with: Yearbook: Article 3 Section: 2.3 Page: 35-36

Swimming and Diving. An organized practice shall mean more than 3 students under the direct supervision of sponsor. ~~If more than one such group is practicing at the same time, it shall be called an organized practice.~~

Motion Passed, 32 (Norvell, Reznicek, Byer, Rogers, Fitzgerald, McNamara, Koehler, Dempsey, Dillon, Schinzel, Ortmeier, Wemhoff, Van Ackeren, Zimmerman, Geise, Metzger, Rohlf, Wiese, Bellar, Rocky Ruhl, Sanne, Cerny, Ross, Hayes, Frank, Fisher, York, Helgoth, Schoneman, Davis, Newcomb, Kronhofman) **For 17 Against** (Henrichs, Simmerman, Ryan Ruhl, Randel, Muller, Armstrong, Rempe, Tarr, Novak, Keyser, Ryker, Garey, Unzicker, Brockhaus, Gifford, Tillman, Koski) **2 Abstentions** (Huls, Apple)

III. PROPOSED CHANGES IN NSAA BYLAWS FOR SPEECH

A. It was moved by Tim Huls, seconded by Galen Kronhofman, to approve the proposal as printed dealing with: Yearbook: Article 6 Section: 6.6.3.3 Page: 53

In class D1 and D2 a student may enter and participate in three events. In all other classes a student may enter and participate in two events.

Motion Failed, 29 (Simmerman, Ryan Ruhl, Randel, Huls, Reznicek, Beyer, Rogers, Fitzgerald, McNamara, Dempsey, Dillon, Wemhoff, Geise, Wiese, Metzger, Keyser, Frank, York, Helgoth, Garey, Schoneman, Davis, Newcomb, Kronhofman, Unzicker, Brockhaus, Gifford, Tillman, Koski) **For 20 Against** (Norvell, Henrichs, Muller, Tarr, Huls, McNamara, Dillon, Schinzel, Ortmeier, Van Ackeren, Rohlf, Bellar, Rocky Ruhl, Sanne, Cerny, Ross, Hayes, Northwest, Helgoth, Apple) **2 Abstentions** (Zimmerman, Novak)

IV. PROPOSED CHANGES IN NSAA BYLAWS FOR MUSIC

A. It was moved by Ryan Ruhl, seconded by Mark Norvell, to approve the proposal as printed dealing with: Yearbook: Article 7

Large Ensembles

Large groups shall be bands, orchestras, *mixed choruses, madrigals/chamber choirs, jazz choirs, show choirs, and choruses and jazz bands.

7.7.6.2 Section: Vocal Ensembles

Vocal Ensembles:

Duet	Duet
Quartet	Trio
Octet	Quartet
Double Octet	Sextet
Barbershop Quartet	Octet
Triple Trio	Double Sextet

7.7.8.1 Section: Vocal Solos

(a) Soprano/Alto voice

(b) Tenor/Bass voice

7.7.9 Section: Time Limits

Bass Treble Chorus

Motion Passed, 42 For (Norvell, Henrichs, Simmerman, Ryan Ruhl, Randel, Muller, Armstrong, Rempe, Tarr, Huls, Reznicek, Beyer, Rogers, Fitzgerald, McNamara, Koehler, Dempsey, Dillon, Schinzel, Ortmeier, Van Ackeren, Zimmerman, Geise, Novak, Metzger, Rohlf, Wiese, Bellar, Rocky Ruhl, Sanne, Cerny, Ross, Hayes, Garey, Schoneman, Davis, Newcomb, Kronhofman, Unzicker, Brockhaus, Gifford, Tillman) **9 Against** (Wemhoff, Keyser, Frank, Fisher Ryker, York, Helgoth, Apple, Koski)

The Representative Assembly adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Debra Velder, Associate Director