

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Sleepy Ridge
January 16, 2019
8:00 am

Members Present: Jim Birch, Chris Richards-Khong, Jason Smith, John Goldhardt, Tom Sherwood, Ryan Bishop, Rusty Taylor, Dave McKee, Robert Henke, Wade Woolstenhulme, Nan Ault, Alex Salvo, Craig Morris, Trevor Powell, Roberta Hardy, Jim Wood, Clayton Carter, Marc Hunter, Craig Hammer, Rob Cuff, Jeff Cluff, Brenan Jackson, Jan Whittaker and Jon Oglesby. Excused: Ryck Astle, David Dunn, Trever Wilson, Bruce Bean, Darin Jenkins and Jodi Kaufman. Minutes: Jeanne Widerburg

1. Welcome and Chairperson Business: Chair Hammer welcomed members to the meeting. He excused Ryck Astle, David Dunn, Bruce Bean, Trever Wilson, Darin Jenkins and Jodi Kaufman. He thanked Greg Wilkey, Greg Leavitt, Jim Langford and Jamie Sheetz who were substituting in their regions.

A. Reverence/Thought: Mr. Cluff shared his experience sitting on the edge of a cliff watching for elk reflecting on the circle of life. He also reflected on his position at the Association and the opportunities to participate with student athletes and sportsmanship in the officiating world. He felt humble for his job and the tasks in the future. There will be many opportunities for change and commends the members for the jobs they do and appreciates the chance to work with them. He then offered a prayer.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Woolstenhulme said in the city of Oakley, Utah, the 4th of July celebration is bigger than Christmas. He played a recording by John Wayne entitled, "Why I Love America." He then led the members in the pledge of allegiance.

C. Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 7, 2018 (summary on UHSAA website):

MOTION: Mr. Wood motioned to approve the minutes of November 7, 2018. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Academic All-State Deadlines, UHSAA Moratoriums, etc.: Mr. Hammer reminded members of deadlines and encouraged members to refer to the Ready Reference Calendar.

E. Updated Handbook on UHSAA Website.

F. Winter Sports Assignment Sheets: Ms. Whittaker distributed assignment sheets for help at the winter tournaments.

G. Distinguished Service Luncheon (p. 93): Mr. Cuff reviewed assignments and instructions for the luncheon. Mountain America was sponsoring the luncheon.

2. BOT Meeting Report: Mr. McKee reported the meeting.

A. November 15, 2018 (summary on UHSAA Website)

- Football endowment games revenue was 98K.
- BOT approved catastrophic insurance, schools will be reimbursed at 100%
- Fall activities

- Calendar
- Super Fans, Spirit of Sports, Heart of the Arts and Circle of Fame recipients were announced.
- BOT did not approve non-sanctioned lacrosse teams playing sanctioned teams
- Communication Committee and social media
- Winners of the Sportsmanship video competition were announced
- Student Leadership Conference will be held on June 13
- Three new high school applications were reviewed
- Coach certification
- BOT terms and January elections were discussed
- First consideration of classifications and bubble school were determined
- Realignment timeline was reviewed
- A discussion to establish an equity committee
- Legal report by Mr. Van Wagoner
- Distinguished Service Award winners were announced
- NFHS announced high school participation is for the 29th consecutive year

B. November 28, 2018: The BOT met and adopted the first consideration for region placement. A public hearing was scheduled for December 5 at Jordan High School.

C. December 6, 2018: The BOT finalized the region placement after hearing public comment the night before and online input. The second consideration for 2019-2021 was adopted.

Mr. Cuff reported that schools have ten days to appeal the final decision. He has received four petitions and online input is open for any feedback regarding the petitions. The schools petitioning are East HS, West HS, Milford HS and Park City HS. The four schools will be invited to appear before the BOT during their January 24 meeting. Any member can respond and the information will be shared with BOT.

3. **Fall Activities Report:** Mr. Cuff provided a list of fall sport winners on pp. 94-95. He congratulated winners.

4. **Calendar:**

A. 2018-2019 (pp. 96-99 and UHSAA website):

- (1) 4A Baseball: The tournament will be held at the Lindquist Field in Ogden.
- (2) Forensics: Two changes – 1A will be held at Salem Hills HS and 2A at Beaver HS. Classifications approved.
- (3) Boys' Soccer Tournament: Mr. Jackson stated they were finalizing semifinal sites.

B. 2019-2020: Item was moved to later in the agenda.

5. **UIAAA:** Mr. Hunter reported registration is open for the April Conference in St. George.

A. NIAAA Conference in San Antonio, TX: Mr. Hunter reported there were 44 Utah participants. Mr. Hammer felt the conference was very informative. He reported the high school football field they visited held 12,000. Football is king in Texas.

B. Theatre Ballot: Ms. Whittaker reported a theatre survey was sent out regarding changes on ballot. There was 87% in favor of changing the ballot with 83 school responses. The staff would recommend to approve the new ballot which mirrors more of the curriculum and is more detailed.

MOTION: Mr. Morris motioned to approve the new theatre ballot. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Track: Mr. Hunter reported track had three proposals: (1) 4x8 meter relay and 4x2 meter relay to change. Would not add time to the state meet. (2) Top 5 from 3 region classifications to qualify (3A, 4A). (3) Would like 5A/6A to have 8 qualifying meets instead of current 6. Mr. Hunter asked permission to survey schools. Mr. Oglesby stated there were some items that needed to be discussed with the proposals.

D. Volleyball: Proposal to adjust two-week moratorium. Mr. Hunter asked for permission to survey schools. Ms. Whittaker said they are proposing the best times for compliance – two weeks after championship and two weeks after the Christmas moratorium. Mr. Hammer wants the survey for the majority vote.

The members gave Mr. Hunter/UIAAA permission to survey the proposals for track and volleyball.

6. Staff Items:

A. Drill Team Items: Ms. Whittaker distributed the region schedule.

(1) 5A/6A Final Ticketing: There will be a draw for section ticketing. All seats will be reserved. The schools will receive two blocks of tickets following semifinals (Tuesday evening). One section will be premier seating facing the teams at \$10 and then a mirrored section across the floor will be general reserved tickets for \$5. Two complimentary tickets will be provided for each section for administration supervision. Schools will be invoiced for the tickets. Any unsold ticket needs to be returned to Ms. Whittaker on Friday at 9 am. Those tickets will be open for purchase. There are no refunds or reprints of tickets.

B. Sportsmanship Items: Ms. Whittaker stated the Student Leadership Conference will be held on Thursday, June 13, at Jordan HS. As part of the sportsmanship star, schools need to create a sportsmanship video to be shown at their school. This is part of the criteria to earn a star.

Mr. Cluff said the basketball officials' association has been dealing with issues with one high school. It was determined the officials would join together to bring awareness to sportsmanship the week of January 28 to February 2 and also support an initiative at the NFHS level. The officials will be wearing a blue wrist band with a triangle with a "S" in the middle. The corners of the triangle represent the coaches, fans and officials. Schools will receive a copy of an announcement to be read at all games and levels held that week. The Deseret News has agreed to do an article on sportsmanship. Mr. Cluff asked schools to arrange for someone to escort officials off the court or field when contest is complete and if necessary, walk them to their car. Please discuss this in regions.

C. Golf Items: Ms. Whittaker said 3A would be held at Roosevelt because they are willing to host and PGA could not find another site. There will be a golf rules clinic in

February/March. There are many changes and all coaches need to attend. Coaches were sent a link for training on the new rules.

Ms. Richards-Khong said there were concerns in 6A because of the early start this year. She asked if the scheduling issue has come up. Ms. Whittaker said the start date was July 25. Some feel it needs to be bumped back a week. The problem is the state tournament can't be adjusted and the season is already short.

D. Unified Sports (pp. 101-102): Mr. Oglesby said this an impactful opportunity for schools. Schools have until January 25 to declare participation in soccer/track. There is a new contact at USOUT – Courtney Wirthlin. She is doing an outstanding job. He encouraged schools to participate. Mr. Oglesby is the contact for Unified Track and Brenan Jackson is the contact for Unified Soccer.

E. Speech/Debate Items: The Coaches Association hosts a tournament. Occasionally, they have broken the tournament into two weekends. They are worried if the tournament is two weekends how that affects contest limitations. Ms. Richards-Khong said this was typical of speech/debate tournaments and she feels it should be considered as one event.

Mr. Oglesby said there are increasingly more sportsmanship issues in Speech/Debate. Students from other programs are sitting in the room and taunting participants. He felt regions needed to be reminded. Ms. Richards-Khong asked if it was coming from the gallery. Mr. Oglesby said it was from the gallery and not so much the participants. Ms. Richards-Khong felt judges could prep the rooms because many students coming to watch are unaware of the protocol.

F. Lacrosse: Mr. Oglesby reported the declaration process ended the following day. It appears there will not be more than 32 teams. Some districts have not made their decision. Once numbers are finalized, the EC can determine classification and regions. RegisterMyAthlete has added lacrosse and coaches can start familiarizing themselves with the process. Discussion on the process of hiring lacrosse coaches. Some are comfortable with the club coach, but club coaches were told there was no guarantee of hire. Mr. Morris said with spring lacrosse coming it would provide a great opportunity to observe the club coach. He said the current high school league will be closing at the end of this spring season. He is not sure what will happen with teams where schools have not picked up the program.

G. Track and Field Items: The Coaches' Association is increasingly becoming more vocal on how track and field is administered. They have presented at ADEC and trying to make changes in their policies. Mr. Oglesby said the staff will continue to work with them. The state track and field schedule is near completion for publication. 5A/6A will be on Thursday, 1A/2A/3A/4A will participate on Friday and then all finals will be held on Saturday. There has been no change to the "tent" issue. Teams will need to tear down tents each night. He is open to suggestions.

H. Officials Campaign Update: Mr. Cluff reported the NFHS ran a campaign entitled, "How to Become an Official." There were 114 people in Utah showing interest and of those, 82 signed up to officiate. It is difficult to find officials available for early games. The best recruits come from those working in the education field.

I. Ejection Report (pp. 103-105): Mr. Cluff reported 55 ejections in football including 4 coaches. All individuals followed the ejection protocol. Mr. Cluff will email the updated report.

There was a reporting issue with girls' soccer that needed to be resolved. There were no ejections in volleyball.

J. Spring Schedules (due January 15): Mr. Cluff reminded them that spring schedules are due. Please remind schools because they are subject to a fine if not entered. Mr Cluff sent an email reminder.

7. UHSAA Current Items:

A. Spirit of Sport Award and Heart of the Arts Award: Mr. Cuff said he had recently sent out a request for nominations. Nominations need to be to the NFHS by February 1.

B. NFHS Learning Center (p. 106): Mr. Cuff reminded members of the great source NFHS provided through their learning center - nfhslearn.com. Page 106 lists the courses offered and additional courses are being added. Many of these courses are free. They are excellent to use for parent night or team meetings. Mr. Jackson said they were adding a suicide prevention, sexual harassment and bullying educational videos. If the district signs off, these courses could become part of the coaches' certification. Schools and districts need to continue to be proactive certifying all coaches.

C. Wrestling Championships: Mr. Jackson said that all divisionals would be held February 1 and 2 except 4A which is being held on February 8 and 9. There have been challenges with the divisionals because of mistakes. A format needs to be developed on how to run a divisional if we continue with divisionals. Michelle Call will run and bracket TrackWrestling for divisionals. The divisional host will receive a bill for approximately \$85.

D. Music Items: Mr. Jackson announced Lois Faber from Eskdale was nominated and received the Outstanding Music Award. She will be honored at the UMEA Conference in St. George on February 1 and 2. All music region chairs should be in attendance to that conference and attend the training for Region Solo and Ensemble.

E. Football:

(1) Providence Hall: Mr. Cuff introduced Principal Nate Marshall and AD Brett Kettenring. They would like to ask for independent status for football. Mr. Marshall said the school is in Herriman and competes with Region 14 in 3A. Enrollment continues to grow and there is a significant interest in football participation. They are renovating their current field. They would not play home games because the facility is not ready. They would be requesting for JV and Varsity. Mr. Cuff said there are other current independent football schools. There would be a Memo of Understanding developed for independent status. They are an IB school for 9-12.

MOTION: Mr. Powell motioned to approve Providence Hall for independent status for football for 2019-2021. Mr. Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(2) State Tournament (Orem HS) (p. 107): Principal Lynn Gerratt, Assistant Principal Matt Rowe, AD Robert Steele, and Head Football Coach Jeremy Hill were in attendance. Mr. Jackson said that Orem was invited to address the Executive Committee to explain the changing of uniform colors at the 4A State Championship. He stated the NFHS has a rule for uniform colors. Coach Monkres said the uniform colors had been changed because he received a text from Coach Hill stating the UHSAA had given permission to change uniform colors. The UHSAA had not given permission. Mr. Cluff approached Coach Hill and asked

why they had changed colors and he stated his school administration had given him permission. Mr. Jackson said it was unsettling that inaccurate information was shared.

Principal Gerratt said he didn't realize there was an issue until kickoff. He was informed by his AD that Mr. Cluff had approached him. Mr. Gerratt did not realize the magnitude of the mistake. They did not have other uniforms on the bus. After receiving the letter from UHSAA, he had discussions with the AD and Assistant Principal. The coach wanted to wear white when named home team. Mr. Rowe was asked to contact the UHSAA, but that did not happen. Principal Gerratt said there was an agreement between the two coaches.

Coach Hill said he had talked with Coach Monkres about changing uniform colors. He stated that the text between he and Coach Monkres didn't state there was state approval. He said he didn't know the rules. He had left it up to Mr. Rowe. Mr. Cluff talked with him prior to the game and asked who had approve the color change. Coach Hill said he and Coach Monkres had talked and he had talked with his administration. Mr. Hammer asked again if his text to Coach Monkres insinuated approval from UHSAA. Coach Hill said there was nothing stating he had approval from UHSAA.

Mr. Cuff said he had read the text and Coach Monkres asked if permission was given for the change and Coach Hill said he had received approval from administration. Ms. Richards-Khong asked what protocols are sent to each team when they are participating in a state tournament. Mr. Jackson said the information is sent out and is posted on the UHSAA website. The information is sent principals, AD's and coaches. There was a coin flip to determine home and visiting team for the game. Mr. Jackson said if a team is changing colors for a special circumstance such as a cancer night, they receive permission from the UHSAA and that permission is for one game only. This is a NFHS rule. If the game is sanctioned by UHSAA it falls under the NFHS rules. Coach Hill said the athletes wanted to wear white because they get to keep that uniform. Principal Gerratt apologized and stated they want to follow rules. They weren't trying to manipulate, it was an internal communication breakdown.

Mr. Hammer thanked them for coming.

Mr. McKee said he was at the game. He was not pleased with the coaches' response today. He said the reason they wanted to change uniform colors was because last year's championship picture was in darks and they wanted to have white color uniform picture this year. Mr. Jackson said other teams have made the request and have been told no even the previous week. Mr. Jackson felt the Orem Coach orchestrated the switch on his own. Mr. Hammer said he had contact with the District AD, Mike May, and he was not aware of the situation. Mr. Hammer said he was concerned because the coach said he had asked the State Association. Mr. Taylor said it was wrong that Coach Hill misled Coach Monkres about the change. He feels it shows a lack of sportsmanship and administrative oversight. He feels it was intentional. Mr. Hammer said it was a state tournament and they need to follow the rules. Mr. Cluff said it is difficult to govern, but it is a direct violation of NFHS rules. Deviations or exceptions to the rule must be approved by the State Association and the staff approves very few. Mr. Hammer said the coaches that have been brought to the Executive Committee in years past have always tried to minimize the offense. He feels Coach Hill was blatant when he stated in his text that he has asked the State if they could wear white. Discussion on consequences.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to suspend the coach for the first two games next football season and fine the school \$500 from football gate receipts for lack of institutional control. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

F. Sports Medicine Advisory Update: Mr. Jackson said they would like a representative from each classification to attend a meeting with the Korey Stringer Institute. They have agreed to come to Utah to discuss the concussion protocol and heat exhaustion policies. The Institute will pay for mileage and hotel on March 6-7 at the University of Utah. There will be breakout sessions to work on specific recommendations and going through best practices. The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee will be invited.

6A – Carlson Boudreaux, West Jordan HS/Andee Bouwhuis, Bingham HS
5A –
4A – Rusty Taylor
3A – Nan Ault
2A – Trevor Powell
1A – Roberta Hardy

G. UHSAA Moratoriums (Summer: June 30 – July 6, 2019): Mr. Jackson reported no adjustment requests had been received.

8. Reports:

A. Female Equity and Emerging Sports Committee: Mr. Morris reported that two basic areas of focus have been reached: (1) Recommendation to immediately sanction girls wrestling and competition cheer and (2) Develop a policy for emerging sports.

Members discussed the recommendation to immediately sanction girls' wrestling and competition cheer. Mr. Morris said Utah would sponsor a competition cheer championship. Ms. Whittaker said it would be like the drill team championship. She reported there are about 50 schools that currently compete. She brought up certification that the Risk Management currently heads up. All cheerleaders and coaches are certified by Risk Management and it is a very expensive process. Ms. Whittaker said some of the benefits of sanctioning competition cheerleading are coaches would be certified and competition costs could be lower. Mr. Sherwood feels we need to recognize them as athletes. He feels there can be a separation between support and competition cheer. Discussion continued.

MOTION: Mr. Taylor motioned to create a sub-committee to look at sanctioning girls' competitive cheerleading and make the recommendation to the BOT for 2019-2020. Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion. Staff will need to meet with Risk Management. It was discussed that the coaches' association and others may not be in favor of sanctioning. Motion carried unanimously.

Members discussed girls' wrestling. If it is sanctioned girls would only be allowed to wrestle girls. Mr. Cuff said states have done exhibition and girls can decide to wrestle with boys or girls wrestle with girls. Some states award only medals and some states hold a state championship for girls. It was discussed that 152 girls did the hydration testing. It was felt the girls could have a one-day competition.

MOTION: Mr. Woolstenhulme motioned to create a sub-committee to look at sanctioning girls' wrestling and make the recommendation to the BOT for 2019-2020. Ms. Hardy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Morris then discussed the committee's desire to develop a clear path for emerging sports including in terms of gender. The process would have schools register with the UHSAA a sport

they are facilitating in their school. The information would be tracked and when numbers reach a certain threshold, they would become eligible for emerging sports. Then there would be further requirements or thresholds then they could petition the Board for sanctioning. The discussion becomes about the thresholds. It was suggested that to become an emerging sport, 10% of schools would need to be facilitating the activity for women and 20% for men's sports. At this point limited resources would be provided by UHSAA (RMA), by-laws and continue to grow the activity. The number would be 20% for girls/coed and 30% for boys to be considered for sanctioning. The committee want to continue working on the policy. It was discussed the earlier the school becomes involved working with the emerging sport the better to help manage the transition. Mr. Hammer said this would need to be discussed in the Constitution By-Laws Committee.

9. NFHS Summer Conference: Mr. Cuff announced the NFHS Summer Conference will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 28 - July 2, 2019. The Board of Trustees allows up to twelve Executive Committee members to attend the conference. He asked members to check their calendars and be ready to express their interest at the March meeting. This is the NFHS 100th year celebration.

10. For the Good of the Order:

A. BOT Election Results:

- (1) 2A School Board Member: Adam Britt, Millard School District
- (2) 5A School Board Member: Belinda Johnson, Murray School District

B. UHSAA Super Fans:

- 1A Stanford Parsons
- 2A Ferrell and Mona Phelps
- 3A Jerry and Cathie Lewis
- 4A Dr. Craig Booth
- 5A Paul Rosser
- 6A Mike Skogerboe

MOTION: Mr. Woolstenhulme motioned to approve the Super Fan nominations. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. UHSAA Circle of Fame: Mr. Cuff announced the Circle of Fame winners. He stated it is the highest honor of the Association. If anyone has someone that should be considered for nomination, please let him know so he can present them to the Selection Committee.

- Jeff Reeves, UHSAA Public Address Announcer
- Mel Roberts, Tooele Swim Coach/AD
- Larry Wall, Bountiful Football Coach

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood motioned to approve the Circle of Fame nominations. Mr. McKee seconded the motion. Motion carried.

11. Legal Report: Mr. Van Wagoner reported on the law suit regarding girls' football. Depositions were taken of all plaintiffs. They were interesting depositions. He felt they failed to prove there is a significant interest in girls' football in the three districts named in law suit or outside of those districts. He said he had received the rosters for all girls that played in the last three years. Most of the girls were not of high school age – only 86 were high school age.

Equal Protection precludes someone from refusing the opportunity to participate. It does not require that someone provide something that is not already provided. If the rule said only boys could play football and there was no girls football, we could be in violation. Since the plaintiff lost the motion on class certification of girls' athletics, Mr. Van Wagoner reported he has not heard much. There is a discovery cutoff deadline coming. Mr. Van Wagoner stated he feels Brent Gordon is well spoken and presented arguments well.

He discussed the meeting that was held with the Attorney General's Office, Risk Management, Superintendent's Association, and School Districts named in law suit. The Association agreed to produce a policy with measured standards for an emerging sport to be recognized for championships. Mr. Hammer told Mr. Van Wagoner that the Executive Committee had discussed the proposed standard for emerging sports. Mr. Cuff said the proposal needs to go to the Constitution By-Law Committee in April.

Mr. Hammer asked about the wording of a full and complete guardianship. Mr. Cuff said this needs to be discussed in Constitution By-Law Committee. Mr. Hammer said the discussion is surrounding an 18-year-old. The current rule states the student moves with their family. There can't be a full family move of one. Mr. Van Wagoner is concerned that guardianship has become a means by which to look for a transfer. The Association doesn't have access to court information, so we have no ability to examine what the issues are. There could be a family crisis and they may need a guardian.

12. State Tournament Qualifiers and Seeding: Mr. Cuff reported that during the realignment process, the Board of Trustees and staff discussed region placement and everyone's concern to be equal in size, competition, travel, etc. In order to put schools in close proximity, there needs to be a balance with the number of teams in region and the strength of the region. In 6A, there is one region of 8 and 3 regions of 6. With the current pairings, only four teams qualify. Region 4, arguably depending on the sport, have five of the strongest teams in 6A. Case in point, the top five 6A basketball teams that are ranked are in 6A. One of those teams will not be going to the state tournament because only four teams qualify from Region 4. In an effort to keep schools close geographically and still balance regions, the staff has been discussing using an RPI for qualifying and seeding. This is currently being used by some surrounding states. All teams would come to the tournament and seed is based on the RPI. Mr. Cuff said this would be a start but not a finished product in year one. The objective is to separate the alignment from qualifying and seeding for state tournaments.

RPI information was distributed to the members. Ms. Whittaker explained the proposal to the Executive Committee. RPI proposal could be adopted for all sports, specific sports, 5A/6A classifications or all classifications. This would be for team sports – basketball, football, soccer, lacrosse, softball, baseball and volleyball. The RPI would calculate based on teams wins and losses and strength of schedule. The RPI would be based on three types of winning percentages – 40% on team's winning percentage, 40% on winning percentage of opponent, 20% on opponent's opponent winning percentage. This is not a power ranking, but based on winning record for the current year. The advantage of the RPI is the best of the best would be playing for the title, more competitive matchups, more athletes will have opportunity to go to state and balance out regions. There would still be region winners and would add one more game to the season. The RPI would not be used for tennis, track, wrestling, and cross country. Golf, swim and drill may use a combination of region and qualifying times and scores.

Mr. Oglesby explained this is a paradigm shift for the UHSAA. Great effort has been made in looking into this process. He believes the RPI process would be fair and equitable for seeding state tournaments. It will take away the biggest criticism of how the tournaments are seeded. Mr. Sherwood said it will also help to ease the tensions assigning regions because there will be a more competitive balance at the tournament. Mr. Woolstenhulme felt the RPI would help the smaller, rural schools, too. Mr. Sherwood said the statistical programs are very accurate. It removes the human element that is perceived as gerrymandering the tournaments/regions. He feels this will be a much better system, but there will be a learning curve. Mr. Cluff compared the 2019 football bracket and the RPI formula. There was only one team according to the RPI who would have made the bracket who did not and that was Westlake. As a staff, they feel it important to have an all-comer tournament. All teams will have the opportunity to go to the state tournament and the RPI will provide for better matchups. The staff feels this is a great step in the right direction moving toward a “perfect” system. Mr. Cuff pointed out there would be no more region ties, no play in games and no more pairings.

Mr. Wood said 1A had Salt Lake schools refuse to travel to home sites for games, so they went to a neutral site. Mr. Cuff said that could be determined by classification. Mr. Wood asked about costs because there will be additional games and officials. He asked about the large regions that don’t have a chance to pick up many non-region games. Mr. Morris said RPI would give some flexibility because schools won’t be bound to play home and home games, which could allow schools to alternate. Mr. Wood said the stronger teams in 1A will be able to pick up games, but not want to play weak teams. Mr. Morris said a team might want to schedule a win. Mr. Morris said the experience he has had with RPI rankings in soccer was positive with the accuracy of the system and the quality of tournaments that were produced because of high quality matchups. The 2A Classification met last week and discussed the RPI proposal and voted almost unanimously to support the concept.

MOTION: Mr. Sherwood made the motion to recommend to the Board of Trustees the staff’s RPI proposal for state tournament qualifying for 2019-2020 for all classifications. Mr. Henke seconded the motion. Motion carried with one opposed.

Meeting adjourned and members went to the Distinguished Service Luncheon.