



## *Meeting of the Executive Committee*

*August 13, 2015*

*1:00 p.m.*

*CIF Southern Section Office  
Los Alamitos, California*

### *Minutes*

<b>1. OPENING BUSINESS</b>	<b>DISPOSITION</b>	<b>ITEM</b>
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| A. Call to order by Reggie Thompkins, President of the Council 1:00<br>Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.   |                                    |     |
| B. Pledge of Allegiance   |                                    |     |
| B. Roll Call<br>All members were present except Chris Calderwood, Mike West, and John Costello.   |                                    |     |
| D. Introduction of Guests<br>Rob Wigod introduced the CIF-SS Administrative Assistants to the Executive Committee.<br>Thom Simmons introduced members of the media that were present– Eric Sondheimer, Los Angeles Times;<br>Aram Tolegian, Los Angeles News Group.<br><br>Reggie Thompkins introduced the new members of the Executive Committee: Dick Billingsley,<br>Mark Edgemon, Robert Kostopoulos, Dana Wilkerson, Paula Hart Rodas, and Mike West (absent).   |                                    |     |
| E. Adopt Agenda<br>Carter Paysinger made a motion to move 5A-5C to the beginning of the agenda in order to approve the new members and allow their attendance at the meeting. The motion was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjust the agenda and vote to appoint the following Executive Committee positions:<br><br>Coast Area Representative – Dr. Paula Hart Rodas – It was moved and seconded to approve her appointment. The motion carried unanimously.<br>Desert Area Representative – Robert Kostopoulos – It was moved and seconded to approve his appointment. The motion carried unanimously.<br>At-Large Representative – Dana Wilkerson – It was moved and seconded to approve her appointment. The motion carried unanimously.<br><br>Reggie Thompkins congratulated the new members and welcomed them to the Executive Committee. | Adopted Amended Agenda - Unanimous |     |
| F. Approval of Minutes<br><br>A motion and second were made to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. Before a vote was taken, Reggie Thompkins, for the benefit of the new members, asked everyone to introduce themselves and gave a special welcome for Terry Barnum returning to us. Then a vote was taken and the minutes were approved.   | Approved – 21-0-1                  | 1F1 |

## **2. PUBLIC HEARING SESSION**

- A. Recognition of anyone wishing to address the Executive Committee. Speakers must limit their remarks to three minutes.

There was no one present to address the Executive Committee.

## **3. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS**

There are no action items at this time.

### **B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS**

There are no action items at this time.

## **4. NON-ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS**

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| 1. Proposal Recommendation Change to Bylaws 1606, 2401, 2902, 2903 | Non-Action | STATE520 |
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Carter Paysinger reviewed bylaw change. There was no discussion.

### **B. SOUTHERN SECTION NON-ACTION ITEMS**

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| 1. Proposal Recommendation Change to Bylaw 1607 | Non-Action | SS519 |
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Reggie Thompkins reviewed the recommended bylaw change. Loren Kleinrock questioned why the determining factor was 40 points. Rob Wigod explained that current NFHS Rule in a lead of 40 points or more and the desire is to be able to run the clock earlier if the 40 point spread was achieved earlier in the game.

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| 2. Proposal Recommendation Change to Bylaw 2502 | Non-Action | SS521 |
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Reggie Thompkins reviewed the recommended bylaw change. Brandi Stuart reviewed earlier discussions regarding the desires of the softball community. In speaking with others through the NFHS, it was discovered that California is the only state having these discussions. The Softball Advisory Committee is simply asking for consideration that was not given to softball being a separate sport from baseball. Reggie Thompkins reminded the Executive Committee that the softball community feels it was lumped together in this rule with baseball without consideration for the differences between the sports. Jim Monico does not understand why it makes a difference and Jim Perry agreed. Monica Colunga chimed in as well as Dick Billingsley on the differences between the two sports. Loren Kleinrock brought up not only are hit balls a concern, but thrown balls as well. Reggie Thompkins clarified that the point is the softball community wanted the conversation that should have taken place before the rule went into effect.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS (These items were moved to the beginning of the agenda)**

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| A. Appointment of Coast Area Representative to the Executive Committee  | Action | 5A |
| B. Appointment of Desert Area Representative to the Executive Committee | Action | 5B |
| C. Appointment of At-Large Representative to the Executive Committee    | Action | 5C |



## **5. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)**

- A. Distribution of 2014-15 budget surplus to Southern Section member schools      Approved - Unanimously

Reggie Thompkins deferred to Rob Wigod regarding the budget surplus and the ability to return dues to the schools. Mitch Carty confirmed that the year ended as projected with a \$516,000 surplus and that \$475,250 would be rebated back to the schools, leaving a \$41,000 surplus for the 2014-15 school year. There was a motion to approve rebating the 2014-15 annual dues back to the schools. It was moved and seconded. Dana Wilkerson asked how much each school would receive? Mitch Carty answered with what each school paid last year in dues. Checks would be mailed to the principals and labeled to be opened by addressee only. Terry Barnum worried about the how this might make the Southern Section appear to the other Sections. Rob Wigod stated that the Southern Section is perceived as leaders in the State and applauded our ability to do this. \$1.8 million in total revenues was returned to schools from our \$4.8 million budget from the 2014-15 school year. Many things contributing to that figure include our TV/radio rights fees, our corporate sponsorships, championship event splits, and the dues refund. Reggie Thompkins reminded that the State CIF has done something similar. Dave Reid says CIF Sac-Joaquin Section has done this also. Mitch Carty reported that over 600,000 tickets a year are sold through all events and the \$1 ticket price increase last year brought increased revenues into the Section's budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rob Wigod thanked the Executive Committee for approving this historic gesture. A Message from the Commissioner will be mailed to each member school's principal, along with their checks tomorrow. Reggie Thompkins said this was the most exciting moment since he has been with this board starting in 2006.

- B. Reconsideration of Yeshiva Tech High School Membership for 2015-16      Approved Revisit – 21-0-1

Rob Wigod went over the steps that have brought this request forward. Their first year there was no response to the request regarding their athletic program from the year so they were placed on probationary for the 2014-15 school year. At the end of the second year, there was still no response to the request for information so the Executive Committee voted to rescind Yeshiva High Tech's membership for the 2015-16 school year. Then, the office received the information before you, asking for reconsideration. There was a motion and a second to reconsider to their membership for the 2015-16 school year based on the information submitted. Loren Kleinrock had done the original new member visit. Seeing the letter requesting membership into the International League, Loren Kleinrock asked what the league's feeling is regarding Yeshiva Tech or will they be a freelance member. Nancy Kelly asked to give consideration to the fact that the principal just came on board and inherited this situation. Jim Monico questioned if we have received all the information we need in order to consider even probationary membership. Monica Colunga stated that we are penalizing kids for the mistakes of adults and a new principal. Rob Wigod reiterated the minimum requirements for probationary membership. Terry Barnum wonders what harm is being done by reinstating them as probationary members. Jim Monico and Carter Paysinger asked for more information to see if they can meet the minimum terms of membership. Loren Kleinrock is willing to revisit the school. Jim Monico felt follow-up is needed either way the vote goes. Monica Colunga requested an amendment to the motion.

Monica Colunga's amended motion was to reconsider probationary membership for Yeshiva Tech pending a revisit to the school site to see if they can meet the minimum standard for probationary membership. There was a second. The amended motion was approved and superseded the original motion. Yeshiva High Tech's membership will be reinstated if they meet the minimum requirements for probationary membership.



## **5. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)**

### **C. 2016-17 Seasons of Sport Calendars for Fall and Spring Sports**

Rob Wigod

Rob Wigod distributed documentation showing the proposed 2016-17 sports calendar. He explained how this proposed calendar was created and the survey being conducted with the membership for start and end dates for the next two school years. Statewide, 91% of schools are starting before September 1<sup>st</sup>. 70% of schools statewide end school before June 1<sup>st</sup>. It is proposed to move fall and spring sports start dates up a week earlier for selected sports. This gives the opportunity to finish fall playoffs before Thanksgiving and the spring playoffs before Memorial Day weekend. Would like to have a proposal for first read in October so a vote can be taken in January for implementation for the 2016-17 school year. April is too late as many fall schedules are already set by then. The State CIF is already in talks regarding moving the football regionals forward. The next step is for the sport administrators to present this proposal to their advisory committees. Terry Orabona asked how does this effect students who are multi-sport athletes and their turn around from winter to spring. Rob Wigod reminded the Executive Committee that all the winter sports, except for water polo, have State Playoffs which establishes the winter calendar. Rainer reminded that the winter was moved up a week with the removal of the scrimmage date.

### **D. Return to Play Protocols/Sudden Cardiac Arrest**

Glenn Martinez

Glenn Martinez gave an overview of the return to play protocols for concussions and the sudden cardiac arrest procedures and where to find the information on our website. Sandy Gahring had a league meeting yesterday and the question came up as to how do we know the doctors making these decisions have been trained. Glenn explained that school personnel are to be assigned to oversee the return to play protocols and that each level has been met.

Break – 2:35- 2:48: Moved on to old business as there were some technical difficulties in the meeting room.

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Playoff Groupings – Competitive Equity**

Rob Wigod

Rob Wigod reviewed a memo from 2010 when Rob was an Assistant Commissioner regarding standardizing playoff groupings and commented how the staff was revisiting the issue. He distributed the recommended new language for the Blue Book and gave an explanation regarding the language. Loren Kleinrock asked for clarification of the football entries. Terry Barnum asked could a league champion in football not make the playoffs. Is there a reason we are not guaranteeing league champions? Rob Wigod explained in more detail how the divisions were determined under the new format. Glenn Martinez went into detail regarding the possibilities for football. Rainer Wulf talked about the changes to the basketball model and that over the past seven years, the formula has been changed six times. The key to this working is for everyone to do their part and to be patient as we work through the process. Rob Wigod wanted to get this in your hands for potential first read for Council in October and for vote in January, 2016 for implementation in the fall of 2016 using the previous two years of data. This would also be good for spring sports as we will be able to use two years of data which we have not been able to do in the past. Terry Barnum would like to see any Division 1 Championship school receive a banner in addition to the plaque.

Rob Wigod then explained that page two addresses the sports not covered under the new playoff grouping format and how those sports determine their groupings.

Does anyone object to staff moving forward to October Council meeting for first read? There were no objections.

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

### **A. Commissioner's Goals**

The Committee went into closed session from 3:30 p.m. to 3:43 p.m. The Executive Committee voted unanimously to accept the Commissioner's goals for the 2015-16 school year.



## LAST NEW BUSINESS ITEM

### H. Financial Report

Mitch Carty

Mitch distributed the 2014-15 financial report and gave an explanation of each page of the report.

## 8. REPORT SESSION

### A. President's Report

Reggie Thompkins

Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Glenn! Reggie had a great summer with family vacations and family athletics. He feels that high school athletic events are still about the purest place to be. He is excited about the upcoming high school season and implored the Committee to get out there and see these athletes perform.

### B. NFHS Summer Meeting Report

Carter Paysinger, Debi Weiss

Carter Paysinger has a fantastic time and was impressed with the event. Networking with other parts of the country is very interesting and confirms that Southern Section is the elite of not only the state, but the nation, being ahead of the curve in many areas of high school athletics.

Debi Weiss found the conference interesting from the activities director perspective. Other states have all the extra-curricular activities overseen by the athletic office. Debi attended one session regarding the leading a crowd and sideline cheerleading and another session on handling difficult conversations with parents, coaches, etc. All PowerPoint presentations from the conference can be found on the NFHS website.

Reggie Thompkins commented that the national focus is on safety.

### C. Treasurer's Report

Jeff Jordan

Jeff Jordan reported that the financial audit will be in two weeks. Reporting on sports fees, there are 584 member schools, 346 have created invoices, and 121 have paid their dues. That is a little behind this time of year last year. In 2015-16, there will be some capital improvements which includes enclosing the storage cages in back of the building.

### D. Commissioner's Report

Rob Wigod

Rob Wigod was happy the Committee liked the new jackets. Thanked the Committee for their continued support and is looking forward to another great year. Rob thanked the administrative staff for their hard work and dedication to the organization.

### E. Executive Committee Member Reports

President-Elect – Carter Paysinger – Welcome to new members.

Treasurer/Mt. SAC Area Representative – Jeff Jordan – Welcome to new members. Thank you for lunch and the new jackets. Reported that he has been promoted to the district office.

Superintendent Representative – Nancy Kelly – This is Nancy's third year on the Committee as the Superintendent rep and is now a veteran of the committee.

CSADA Representative - Dave Reid – Nice to be here and thanks for the jacket.

CAPSO Representative - Terry Barnum – Thanks for all the well wishes and glad to be back. Needs to delegate more, doctor's orders.

Activities Directors Representative – Debi Weiss – Processing students for the new year as school starts soon. Is running for Vice President of CADA. Thanks for the conference in New Orleans and for the jacket.

Foothill Area Representative - Loren Kleinrock – Assistant Commissioners are doing a great job moving us forward. Thank you.

At-Large Representative - Dana Wilkerson – Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee. Nice to be on the other side of the table.

CSBA Representative - John Norman – Thanks for the jacket. Excited to be here.



## **8. REPORT SESSION (Cont.)**

### **E. Executive Committee Member Reports (Cont.)**

Director of Communications – Thom Simmons – Talked about the improvements made to the conference rooms and the new electronic voting system for Council. The Fox games this year will have the Goodyear blimp flying overhead.

Assistant Commissioner – Glenn Martinez – Welcome to the new members and welcome back to returning members. He offered the opportunity to present awards at football championships to all members interested in doing so.

Assistant Commissioner – Brandi Stuart – Thanked the Committee for their support. She is planning on doing some new and different things with her sports and is looking forward to another great year.

Assistant Commissioner – Rainer Wulf – He is looking forward to great year. Looking forward to input from the new members of the Committee which in turn helps us continue to move forward. Cross-Country has a new venue for prelims this coming season in Riverside as Mt. SAC begins construction over the next couple of years.

Chief Financial Officer – Mitch Carty – The NFHS conference was great. They just started offering finance workshops a couple of years ago. There are very few states that do revenue share with their schools.

Assistant Commissioner - Kristine Palle – Discovered at the NFHS conference that we are one of a few states that does not fine for things, like forms being turned in late or dues being late. Had a great trip to New Orleans. Safety appeared to be the big concern of the conference along with some transgender information. Looking forward to the fall sports and getting through hardships.

CSADA Representative – Sandy Gahring – Thanks for coming to Azusa for the workshop this week. There were lots of new athletic directors and it was a really good workshop.

Coast Area Representative – Paula Hart Rodas – She is excited in her new role. In the 80's, she was an athlete, the 90's a coach, the 2000's a parent and now this.

CAPHERD Representative - Jim Perry – Thank you to the staff for all you do and the service you provide. Thank you Rob for the jacket. Had our administrative retreat in Rancho Mirage and Rob spoke and did a great job. It was exciting to have State boys high school volleyball hosted at one of our school sites.

CADA Representative – Todd Arrowsmith – Spent three weeks in Santa Barbara for CADA camps regarding spirit at athletic events. Thank you for the jacket. He is getting pulled into ice hockey league with the Kings and asks for support.

Small Schools Area Representative – Mark Edgemon – He is sad to see the ending of his kids playing sports. The people in this room are brilliant and he cannot wait to hear what they have to say and thank you for all you do.

Orange Country Area Representative – Monica Colunga – Thank you for garb. She is excited to start a new year and make new friendships

Northern Area Representative – Dick Billingsley – Thank you for allowing me to be on this committee. He worked with Carter Paysinger for nine years. He appreciates what the office does at the playoffs and the office does a fantastic job. Thank you for the blue blazer.

Girls' Athletic Director Representative - Terry Orabona – Thank you for all the office does. She remembered her first year on the Committee and being in awe of the Committee and the process. Santa Ana Valley demoed their athletic facilities last year. This year the district spent \$20 million on a new sports complex on campus. They will open the new stadium on August 28 and all are invited. The District is starting a Hall of Fame.

Executive Assistant – Sharon Hodge – This is an exciting time of year and she is enjoying attending all the eligibility workshops in order to show support and leadership to the athletic administrative assistants in the Section. She will be sending out invitations for the Champions for Character Dinner, Hall of Fame/Distinguished Service Award lunch and the January Executive Committee Retreat. Reggie Thompkins announced the retreat would be at the Temecula Creek Inn. Sharon also mentioned that her department was gearing up for the girls' golf season and that she would send out the updated Executive Committee Handbook within the next week.

Past-President - Jim Monico – Welcome to the new members. He wanted to stress something – Representation at NFHS members of the office staff being on various committees is a feather in our cap and for the State and you should be commended on that achievement.

## **9. ADVANCE PLANNING**

### **A. DATES**

1. September 28, 2015 – Champions for Character Award Dinner, The Grand, Long Beach, California, 6:00 p.m.
2. October 1, 2015 – Executive Committee Meeting, CIF Southern Section Office, Los Alamitos, California, 1:00 p.m.
3. October 6, 2015 – CIF Southern Section Council Meeting, The Grand, Long Beach, California, 9:00 a.m.
4. October 14, 2015 – CIF Southern Section Hall of Fame/Distinguished Service Luncheon, The Grand, Long Beach, California, 11:30 a.m.
5. October 19, 2015 – Athletic Administrators Summit, Pomona Fairplex Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Pomona, California, 7:30 a.m.

### **B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no suggested agenda items for the next meeting.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

### **A. Time of Adjournment**

A motion and second for adjournment were made and a unanimous vote to adjourn was entered at 4:39 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Hodge  
Executive Assistant

Approved by:



Rob Wigod  
Commissioner of Athletics