

**Arkansas Activities Association
Board of Directors Summer Workshop
Tuesday-Thursday, June 6-8, 2006**

The Board of Directors of the Arkansas Activities Association met for the Annual Summer Workshop Tuesday, June 6, through Thursday, June 8, 2006, at the AAA building with President Dr. Mike McSpadden, Alma, presiding. Also present were:

Bobby Acklin, North Little Rock	George Foshee, Jessieville	Danny Sample, Harrisburg
Max Adcock, Mineral Springs	Dr. Delena Gammill, Clinton	Don Smith, Cross County
Wesley Berry, West Memphis	Doug Graham, Nashville	Don Swiney, Bradford
Dr. James Bridges, Mountainburg	Alfred Hogan, Turrell	Andrew Tolbert, Warren
Joe Couch, Bergman	Carl Hughes, Cutter Morning Star	Johnny Tyler, Conway
Lewis Diggs, Centerpoint	Dr. Bobby New, Fayetteville	Fred Walker, Izard Co. Consolidated

Absent Wednesday - Tolbert

Present from the AAA staff were Jimmy Coats, Lance Taylor, Kathy Tadlock, Don Brodell, Joey Walters, Wadie Moore, Belle Summers and Annette Savage. Also present were Ed McCorkle, AAA attorney; Johnny Johnson, AHSAAA liaison; Mark Benton, ANSAA representative; and media representatives and other guests.

At the Thursday session, president McSpadden welcomed newly elected board member, Carl Easley, Wynne, who was a guest at the meeting. Terms for a new board member will begin July 1.

MINUTES – Minutes of the March 10, 2006, meeting were unanimously approved as furnished. (Motion: Hughes/Hogan, 19-0)

FINANCIAL/BUDGET - Belle Summers presented the preliminary financial report through May 2006. She reported that revenue from most of the spring sports had been received. The report was approved as presented. (Motion: Sample/Smith, 19-0)

Following discussion during the workshop, additions and revisions, building maintenance and replacement of equipment, the final proposed budget figures were unanimously approved. (Motion: Sample/Hughes, 18-0)

BANKING ARRANGEMENTS – Belle Summers requested official board action for the following banking arrangements. The board unanimously approved all bank accounts and authorized signatures as listed. (Motion: Smith/Acklin, 19-0)

ACCOUNT TYPE	BANK(S)	AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE(S)	
General	Regions Bank Bank of the Ozarks 1 st Security	Any two: Lance Taylor Kathy Tadlock Don Brodell	Joey Walters Wadie Moore Belle Summers
Payroll	Bank of the Ozarks	One signature: Lance Taylor Kathy Tadlock	Don Brodell Joey Walters
Certificates of Deposit	As designated	Lance Taylor	

REVIEW OF SPRING SURVEY – Lance Taylor reported on results of the spring survey items as presented and discussed at the Activity District meetings. Proposals were written on items that received sufficient interest and response. Board recommendations were determined for all proposals.

STATE FINALS TICKET PRICES - The board unanimously approved new state finals ticket prices. (Motion: Acklin/Sample, 19-0)

EVENT	AT THE DOOR	ADVANCE STUDENT
Basketball Finals	\$8.00	\$7.00
Football Finals	\$7.00	\$6.00
Baseball Finals	\$7.00	\$6.00
Softball Finals	\$7.00	\$6.00
Soccer Finals	\$7.00	\$6.00
Volleyball Finals (2007)	\$7.00	\$6.00

PROPOSALS FROM THE BOARD, STAFF AND ACTIVITY DISTRICTS - The board reviewed potential proposals based on spring survey results and others suggested by the staff and made recommendations to the Governing Body based on the projected effect on the association's member schools.

1. **VOTING REPRESENTATIVES** – (Activity District 5) Would add Athletic Director to the list of superintendent designees who may serve as a school's voting representative.
Recommendation: DO NOT PASS (Motion: Swiney/Foshee, 19-0)
2. **ACTIVITY DISTRICT PROPOSALS** – (AAA Board) Would require all activity district proposals to be submitted to the AAA office 72 hours in advance of the activity district meeting.
Recommendation: DO PASS (Motion: Diggs/Tyler, 19-0)
3. **NONPUBLIC SCHOOL MULTIPLIER** – (Activity District 5) Would change the multiplier for nonpublic school enrollment figures to 1.50. **Recommendation:** The board makes NO RECOMMENDATION (Motion: Foshee/Acklin, 19-0)
4. **ISOLATED SCHOOL RULE** – (AAA Board) Would permit an isolated school to request to move up in classification to alleviate excessive travel, with adjustments being made to maintain classification numbers. **Recommendation:** DO PASS (Motion: Hughes/Tolbert, 19-0)
5. **COMBINE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR REGULAR SEASON PLAY (7A-6A)**– (Activity District 1) Would combine classes for regular season play in all team sports except football and return them to their regular conferences at the end of the season for qualifying to state championship play.
Recommendation: The board makes NO RECOMMENDATION (Motion: Berry/Tyler, 17-2; Against- New, Tolbert)
6. **COMBINE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR REGULAR SEASON PLAY (5A-4A)**– (AAA Board) Would combine classes for regular season play in all team sports except football and return them to their regular conferences at the end of the season for qualifying to state championship play.
Recommendation: The board makes NO RECOMMENDATION (Motion: Smith/Foshee, 17-2; Against- New, Tolbert)
7. **COMBINE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR REGULAR SEASON PLAY (3A-2A-1A)**– (Activity District 7) Would combine classes for regular season play in all team sports except football and return them to their regular conferences at the end of the season for qualifying to state championship play. **Recommendation:** The board makes NO RECOMMENDATION (Motion: Bridges/Hughes, 13-6; Against- New, Tolbert, Diggs, Hogan, Walker, Adcock)
8. **OVERTIME TIE-BREAKING POINTS** – (Activity District 1) - Would add that the winning team in an overtime game would receive one (1) margin of victory point. **Recommendation:** DO NOT PASS. (Motion: Hughes/Swiney, 19-0)
9. **NINTH GRADE PARTICIPATION IN 7A** – (Activity District 1) -Would remove the handbook rule exception that prohibits 9th graders from moving up to sr. high participation if their jr. high has a program in that sport. **Recommendation:** The board makes NO RECOMMENDATION (Motion: Swiney/Hughes, 18-1, Against - New)
10. **NINTH GRADE PARTICIPATION IN 6A** – (AAA Board) Would remove the handbook rule exception that prohibits 9th graders from moving up to sr. high participation if their jr. high has a program in that sport. **Recommendation:** The board makes NO RECOMMENDATION. (Motion: Swiney/Tyler, 19-0)
11. **AAAAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFF BRACKET** – (Activity District 2) - Would designate that the conference winners or higher conference finishers always be the home team. If the paired teams have the same finish, the team on the top line of the pairings will be the home team.
Recommendation: DO PASS. (Motion: Berry/Diggs, 19-0)
12. **BASKETBALL WEEKLY LIMITATIONS** – (Activity District 5) - Would delete the two-game weekly limitation. **Recommendation:** DO PASS. (Motion: Diggs/Tolbert, 19-0)

BASKETBALL FINALS PRESENTATION – PINE BLUFF – Presenting on behalf of Pine Bluff were Bill Brumett, Bob Purvis and Sherry Storey.

BASKETBALL FINALS PRESENTATION – NORTH LITTLE ROCK-ALLTEL ARENA – Speaking on behalf of North Little Rock and Alltel Arena were Bobby Vint, Terry Hartwick, Michael Marion and John Dippel.

BASKETBALL FINALS PRESENTATION – ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY – Present to extend a bid from the ASU Convocation Center were Tim Dean, Heather Dickson, Kenny Brewer, Teresa Ryan and Lesa Carmack.

BASKETBALL FINALS PRESENTATION – HOT SPRINGS – Extending a bid to host from the Hot Springs Convention Center and Summit Arena were Steve Arrison and Craig Durmon.

CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE –The board unanimously accepted the bid of Ed Dissinger for a \$1,000,000 maximum plan for catastrophe insurance. (Motion: Foshee/Berry, 19-0)

AUDIT PROPOSAL – The board unanimously accepted the proposal for auditing the AAA books from John H. Chism and Company. (Motion: Hogan/Sample, 19-0)

AWARDS PROPOSAL – The board unanimously accepted the bid of A&M Products to provide championship awards for the next three fiscal years, through 2008-09. (Motion: Hughes/Berry, 19-0)

AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT – Board members unanimously approved the reappointment of Alfred Hogan, Superintendent of the Turrell Schools, to a three-year at-large board position. (Motion: Walker/Gammill, 19-0)

PROPOSED PRICE CHANGE FOR FACILITIES USE – The board unanimously approved an increase in the facilities use schedule to better cover the cost of maintenance and supplies. (Motion: Hughes/Foshee, 19-0)

AOA AND AHSCA MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT – The board unanimously approved a mileage increase from \$.25/mile to \$.30/mile to be paid to Executive Committee members of both organizations, as requested by each organization. Both organizations further agreed to a change in the AAA administrative fee to become \$24,000/year for each. (Motion: Sample/Swiney, 19-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The board adjourned to an Executive Session (Motion: Hughes/Tyler) to discuss personnel matters. Following the return to the open meeting (Motion: Smith/Swiney) the board unanimously approved all salaries. (Motion: Berry/Foshee, 18-0)

AOA – Don Brodell reported on the August conference in Memphis of the National Association of Sports Officials and requested that the board commit to share the expenses 50/50 with the AOA for those designated to attend. Following a discussion the board unanimously agreed to share this expense for the official representatives. (Motion: Acklin/Couch, 18-0)

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL – Don Brodell reported that, due to the increase in the number of classifications for baseball and softball, the number of games for the baseball and softball finals will increase and cannot be played in a single day. It will be necessary to play some games on Friday as well as all day Saturday, expanding the Saturday of Champions to the Weekend of Champions. Brodell also recommended that a limit of 20 names on a roster be adopted. The board accepted both recommendations unanimously. (Motion: Swiney/Hogan, 18-0)

Brodell also reported the loss of a significant number of teams in regional tournaments due to deciding not to participate. He will present a recommendation at a later board meeting to address a means of not losing these games by qualifying in a different manner.

CLASS A CONFERENCING – Basketball conferences for 2006-08 were approved along with pairings of conferences for regional play.

<u>1A - 1 West</u> Deer Jasper Kingston Mt. Judea St. Paul	<u>1A - 1 East</u> Alpena Bruno-Pyatt Lead Hill Omaha St. Joe Western Grove	<u>1A - 2 North</u> Evening Shade Mammoth Spring Mt. Pleasant Oak Ridge Central Viola Williford	<u>1A - 2 South</u> Calico Rock Cushman Izard Co. Melbourne Norfolk	<u>1A - 2 East</u> Bradford Concord GF West Side Mt. Vernon	
<u>1A - 2 West</u> Leslie Rural Special Shirley Timbo	<u>1A - 3 South</u> Armored Black Rock Delaplaine Maynard Ridgefield Christian Weiner	<u>1A - 4</u> County Line Fayetteville Christian Mulberry Oark Pleasant View Scranton	<u>1A - 5 North</u> Academics Plus Guy-Perkins Lisa Academy Nemo Vista PB St. Joseph Southside Bee Br Wonderview	<u>1A - 5 West</u> Fourche Valley Oden Plainview Sacred Heart	
<u>1A - 7 North</u> Acorn Umpire Van Cove Wickes	<u>1A - 7 South</u> Bradley Emerson Nevada Co. Taylor	<u>1A - 7 East</u> Delight Kirby Ouachita Sparkman	<u>1A - 7 West</u> Blevins Emmet Lockesburg Saratoga Trinity Christian	Region 1 Region 2 Region 3 Region 4 Region 5 Region 6 Region 7	1E-1W 2N-2S 2E-3S 5W-4 5N-2W 7S-7W 7E-7N

Each conference will qualify four teams to regional tournament.
Regions 1&2 will qualify three teams to the state tournament. All other regions will qualify two.

REGIONAL AND STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SITE SPECIFICATIONS - The board unanimously approved recommendations for required available seating for regional and state basketball tournament sites, based on recent increases in attendance and the need for more seating. (Motion: Bridges/Diggs, 18-0) Minimum seating requirements are based on the number of chair back seats and /or linear seating with an allowance of 18 inches per seat.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT SEATING

Class 1A – 800
Class 2A – 1000
Class 3A – 1200
Class 4A – 1400

STATE TOURNAMENT SEATING

Class 1A – 1200
Class 2A – 1500
Class 3A – 1500
Class 4A – 1800
Class 5A – 2000
Class 6A – 2200
Class 7A - 2200

2006 FOOTBALL FINALS SCHEDULE – The board unanimously approved the schedule for the 2006 football finals. (Motion: Berry/Hogan, 18-0)

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
6A	Saturday, November 25	12 noon
7A	Saturday, November 25	6:30 p.m.
5A	Saturday, December 2	2:00 p.m.
2A	Friday, December 8	7:30 p.m.
3A	Saturday, December 9	12 noon
4A	Saturday, December 9	6:30 p.m.

2007 BASKETBALL, BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FINALS SCHEDULES – The board unanimously approved schedules for the 2007 finals for basketball, baseball and softball. (Motion: Diggs/Sample, 18-0)

2007 Basketball Finals Schedule

Four games Thursday and Friday. Games will begin at 3:30 p.m. each day with the last game scheduled for 8:45 p.m.

Six games on Saturday. Games will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the last game scheduled for 7:45 p.m.

2007 Baseball Finals Schedule

Two games will be played on Friday. Games will begin at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Five games will be played on Saturday. Games will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the last game scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

2007 Softball Finals Schedule

Two games will be played on Friday. Games will begin at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Five games will be played on Saturday. Games will begin at 9:00 a.m. with the last game scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

2007 SOCCER FINALS SCHEDULE – The board unanimously approved the schedule for the 2007 soccer finals. (Motion: Berry/Smith, 18-0)

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
4A Girls	Friday, May 4	3:30 p.m.
4A Boys	Friday, May 4	5:30 p.m.
5A Girls	Friday, May 4	7:30 p.m.
5A Boys	Saturday, May 5	10:00 a.m.
6A Girls	Saturday, May 5	12 noon
6A Boys	Saturday, May 5	2:00 p.m.
7A Girls	Saturday, May 5	4:00 p.m.
7A Boys	Saturday, May 5	6:00 p.m.

TRACK – Kathy Tadlock reported successful state track meets this spring and credited the host schools with outstanding efforts. Although the conflicts with high school graduations have not been completely eliminated, fewer conflicts were reported this year. The board approved conducting the state track meets in the corresponding week in 2006 with preference being given to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 15, 16 and 17. The Meet of Champs, Wednesday, May 23, and Decathlon-Heptathlon, May 30-31, would follow the state meets. (Motion: Foshee, Swiney, 19-0) Invitations to host may be submitted at any time prior to the early January deadline.

AACCA SAFETY CERTIFICATION FOR CHEERLEADING COACHES – The board approved requiring that, beginning with the 2007-08 school year, each member school must have at least one cheerleading coach who is currently safety certified by the American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Administrators. A school’s safety certified cheer coach must be present at any practice, game or performance where any members of the team will be learning, practicing or performing partner stunts or tumbling. During the 2006-07 school year, the AACCA certification is strongly recommended for at least one cheer coach per member school. The AACCA safety certification remains in effect for each certified individual for a period of four consecutive years and a coach can recertify by repeating the course. (Motion: Sample/Smith, 18-0)

The board requested that the staff bring recommendations to the August meeting for enforcing the requirement for this certification.

The cost of the AACCA Safety Certification course is \$75 for the 4-hour course instruction, manual and testing. Successful completion earns a 4-year certification. This course is also a part of and is credited to

the NFHS Spirit Coaches Education Program toward earning levels of accomplishment for spirit coaches (Bronze, Silver and Gold).

GIRLS GYMNASTICS - In the 2005 summer board workshop, the sport of Girls Gymnastics was declared to be on Probationary status. This followed two years of monitoring the number of schools and athletes participating. Data from 2006 was added as well. When a sport is reduced to fewer than the minimum number of schools required to consider adding a new sport, is steadily losing in participation numbers and has had no appreciable growth in over 20 years, the trend appears unlikely to reverse itself and the practicality of continuing a program as in the past may not be realistic.

The board adopted the following measures, to become effective immediately, in preparation for the 2006-07 school year. (Motion: Foshee/Tyler, 15-3)

1. The AAA will continue to provide NFHS Girls Gymnastics rules books to any schools indicating they will continue to participate in the sport or that request to receive the rules book for the 2006-08 cycle, or while the supply already ordered is available.
2. The AAA will continue to list Girls Gymnastics as a sport under the jurisdiction of the AAA for an indefinite period, in order that schools continuing participation will have their athletes covered by the AAA's catastrophic insurance.
3. The AAA will discontinue conducting a state championship event, but would sanction such an event if the event is conducted by a recognized and reputable organization, and meets the sanctioning rules of the AAA.
4. The AOA will discontinue registering and training gymnastics officials and conducting gymnastics rules meetings, but will cooperate with a coaches or officials organization to make rules books and training materials available at the expense of that group after the current supply of such materials is exhausted.
5. Other administrative procedures necessary will be administered by the AAA staff.

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP REPORT – Wadie Moore reviewed the status of corporate sponsorship agreements with State Farm Insurance, Coca-Cola, Arkansas Specialty Care Centers, Gatorade, Wilson, Tyson, Greystone Golf Course, Davis-Pack Associates, Athletic World, American Business, Inc., Wal-Mart, Russell Athletic, Ihigh.com, Arkansas Athletic Trainers Association, Stone Links Golf Course, Alert Services, Lindsey and Associates, Regions Bank, Hot Springs Convention Center, Herff Jones/Brown's Graduation Supplies, Kessler's Team Sports and SBC/AT&T. Negotiations are continuing with First Security. A future relationship is being explored with Athlistics, an online stats and results site that offers free services to the school.

The board unanimously approved a 3-year contract with Championship Marketing, Inc. (Motion: Hughes/Foshee, 18-0)

BASKETBALL FINALS SITE SELECTION – The board selected the Hot Springs Convention Center and Summit Arena as the site of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 state basketball championship finals.

REGIONAL AND STATE GOLF AND TENNIS INVITATIONS – The board unanimously agreed to accept all single site regional golf invitations. (Motion: Smith/Acklin, 19-0) Region 2, 4A Girls, was unanimously placed at Mountain View. (Motion: Walker/Tyler, 19-0) Invitations for regional golf were accepted as follows:

Region	Conference	Host School
1	2A Boys	Shirley
1	2A Girls	Danville
2	2A Boys	Izard County
2	2A Girls	Melbourne
3	2A Boys	Jessieville
3	2A Girls	Poyen
4	2A Boys	Spring Hill
4	2A Girls	Caddo Hills
1	3A Boys	Pea Ridge

1	3A Girls	Salem
2	3A Boys	Hoxie
2	3A Girls	Corning
3	3A Boys	Pottsville
3	3A Girls	St. Joseph, Conway
4	3A Boys	Bismarck
4	3A Girls	Centerpoint
1	4A Boys	Farmington
1	4A Girls	Clarksville
2	4A Boys	Valley View
2	4A Girls	Mountain View / Valley View
3	4A Boys	Fountain Lake
3	4A Girls	Central Arkansas Christian

The board unanimously agreed to accept all single site state golf invitations. (Motion: Tolbert/Graham, 19-0) The invitation for 2A Boys Golf was accepted from Jessieville. (Motion: Hughes/Hogan, 19-0) Invitations for state golf were accepted as follows:

2A Boys	Jessieville / Parker's Chapel / Shirley
2A Girls	Melbourne
3A Boys	Riverview
3A Girls	Smackover
4A Boys	Highland
4A Girls	Mountain View
5A Boys	Hot Springs Lakeside
5A Girls	Hot Springs Lakeside
6A Boys	Mountain Home
6A Girls	Mountain Home
7A Boys	Cabot
7A Girls	Cabot

The board unanimously agreed to accept all single site state tennis invitations. (Motion: Hogan/Sample, 19-0) Invitations for state tennis were accepted as follows:

7A	Little Rock School District
6A	Little Rock School District
5A	Hot Springs Lakeside
4A	Valley View
3A	Bergman
2A	Shirley
Overall	Little Rock School District

STATE CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE – The board unanimously approved the time schedule for the state cross country meet. (Motion: Berry/Acklin, 19-0). Classifications will rotate each year with the class running last the previous year moving to the top of the schedule. The order of events for 2006 will be as follows:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
6A	9:00	9:30
7A	10:15	10:45
2A	11:30	12:00
3A	12:45	1:15
4A	2:00	2:30
5A	3:15	3:45

OFFICERS – All current officers will continue to fulfill their two-year terms through June 2007.

President	Dr. Mike McSpadden, Alma
1 st Vice President	Carl Hughes, Cutter Morning Star
2 nd Vice President	Johnny Tyler, Conway
Secretary	Andrew Tolbert, Warren
Treasurer	Danny Sample, Harrisburg

2006-2007 APPEALS SUBCOMMITTEES – The president shall serve as chairman for all appeals.

JULY-OCTOBER

McSpadden, Chair
Adcock
Berry
Foshee
Hughes
Sample
Tolbert

NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY

McSpadden, Chair
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Couch
Gammill
Swiney
Tyler
Walker

MARCH-JUNE

McSpadden, Chair
Diggs
Graham
Hogan
New
Easley
Acklin

CALENDAR – The board unanimously approved a hotel room allowance for board members of \$75, the quarterly meeting and holiday schedule through June 2007 and personnel salaries as recommended. (Motion: Foshee/Smith, 19-0)

QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE

July 31, 2006	4:00 p.m.	Prior to the Governing Body Meeting
August 1, 2006	10:00 a.m.	AAA Governing Body Meeting
October 19, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Fall Meeting
January 11, 2007	4:00 p.m.	Tournament Site Selection
January 12, 2007	9:00 a.m.	Winter Meeting
March 8, 2007	12:00 noon	Spring Meeting
June 5-7, 2007		Summer Workshop

SCHEDULE FOR AAA STAFF, INCLUDING HOLIDAYS

June 5 – August 4, 2006	Summer office hours – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday – 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
June 4 – August 3, 2007	Summer office hours – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Friday – 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
July 4, 2006	Independence Day
September 4, 2006	Labor Day
November 22-24, 2006	Thanksgiving
December 23, 2006 – January 3, 2007	Christmas/New Years
January 15, 2007	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
April 6 & 9, 2007	Good Friday / Easter
May 28, 2007	Memorial Day

RETIRING BOARD MEMBER – The president expressed appreciation for the service of the retiring board member Don Smith for his efforts and commitment during his tenures on the board. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

RENAMING OF THE MEETING ROOM – The president announced that, by consensus of the board, the room formerly known as the Hall of Fame meeting room will now be known as the Jimmy Coats meeting room in honor of the retiring executive director.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

President/Chair

Secretary

Date