ATHLETIC COUNCIL
MINUTES

May 14, 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

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10.1 **CARRIED:** Winter 24-25 post season reports: Cheerleading, Unified Bowling, Bowling, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Rifle, Boys Swimming, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling, Indoor Track, and Alpine Skiing (Appendix H)

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1.0 **CALL TO ORDER** (D. Lilleck)

Commenced: 11:32am

2.0 **INTRODUCTIONS & AWARD PRESENTATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

2.1 Winter State Champions
a) Panama Boys Basketball
b) Frewsburg Girls Basketball

2.1 Student-Athlete Essay Award Winners
a. Maxim Stinner – Kenmore West
b. Maddie Marzec – Kenmore West

2.2 NYSAAA Awards
a. Judith Ann Knight, Positive Change Award - Marissa Dauria
b. Liam Frawley, Emerging Athletic Administrator Award - Jason Iwankow
c. Community Service Award - Frank Wolf & Tom Prince
d. Judith A. Martens Secretarial Award of Excellence - Julie Scull
e. Distinguished Service Award - Terry McMahon
f. Athletic Administrator - John Grzymala

3.0 **MINUTES** (D. Lilleck)

3.1 ***Motion to approve the March 24, 2025 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***
CARRIED
Penhollow/Zirkle

3.2 ***Motion to approve the May 5, 2025 Section VI Athletic Council meeting minutes***
CARRIED
Taylor/MacSwan

4.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (M. DiFilippo)

Agenda items 4.1 through 4.3 are informational.
4.1 Fall Start Date - August 18, 2025
4.2 Fall Mandatory AD Workshop – August 19, 2025 at Erie 1 BOCES
4.3 Fall Mandatory Coaches Meetings - August 13, 2025

4.4 25-26 Indoor Track Commitment Forms Due June 5, 2025
These forms were emailed to school districts. Invoices will be emailed July 2025.

4.5 May 12th Participation Survey Due
The deadline to submit the participation survey is past. Section 6 has several schools that did not submit. M. DiFilippo will reach out to those schools once a confirmed list is received from the state office.

4.6 Spring 7-Day Rule Waived
The 7-day waiver was approved. Teams can practice and compete 7 consecutive days.

4.7 Track Representation Rule
Track athletes will only need to participate in 4 regular season events to be eligible for class meet participation.

5.0 **COMMUNICATIONS** (M. DiFilippo)

Informational – 3 Girls Soccer for BPS which were approved as V & JV at JAN AC will be JV only with new program in BPS with City Honors hosting all Girls Soccer Varsity teams a) I-Prep, with Culinary Arts, Emerson, b) Lafayette with Performing Arts & c) L DaVinci with McKinley
Football **Chautauqua Lake**, Westfield, Brocton add JV level to program approved at 1/15/25 AC

5.1 ***Motion to approval of Combining of Schools Applications, numbers (1 through 58)***
CARRIED
Ljiljanich/Zirkle

FALL:

1. Football, New, **Allegany-Limestone,** Hinsdale, V, 7/8/9, 269, D
2. Football, New, **Southwestern,** Frewsburg, V, JV, 349, C
3. Cross Country BG, New, **Silver Creek,** Forestville & Dunkirk, V, 612 B
4. Cross Country BG, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 7/8, 1427, A
5. Cheer GameDay, **Franklinville,** Ellicottville - Waiting for new paperwork, V, 7/8/9, 180, C
6. Cheer GameDay, New, **Frewsburg,** Southwestern, v, 349, C
7. Cheer GameDay, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, 7/8 ONLY, 1133, A
8. Field Hockey, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V. JV, 1196, A
9. Field Hockey, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 7/8/9, 1133, A
10. Field Hockey, **Wilson,** Royalton-Hartland MODIFIED ONLY, 7/8/9 ONLY
11. Golf B, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1427,
12. Gym G, **Williamsville East**, Sweet Home, V, 1505
13. Gym G, New, **Williamsville North**, Starpoint, V, 1556
14. Gym G, **Williamsville South**, Amherst, V, 1286
15. Soccer B, **Cassadaga Valley,** Falconer, V, 7/8/9, 314, B
16. Soccer B, **Silver Creek,** Forestville , V, 789, 246, C
17. Soccer B, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, JV & 7/8, 1427, AAA
18. Soccer G, New, **City Honors,** All BPS , V, JV, 7615, AAA
19. Soccer B, **Silver Creek,** Forestville , V, 789, 246, B
20. Soccer G, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, JV, 1427, AAA
21. Swim G, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, 1522, tba
22. Swim G, **Southwestern,** Jamestown, V, 1398
23. Swim G, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1427, tba
24. Tennis G, New, **Frewsburg,** Southwestern, v, 364, Team-Small
25. Tennis G, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1133, Team-Large
26. Volleyball B, New, **City Honors,** Leonardo DaVinci, V, JV, 618, D2
27. Volleyball G, **West Valley,** Franklinville, V, JV, 78, 137, D

WINTER:

28. Basketball G, **Tapestry ,** WNY Maritime, JV ONLY, 368, A
29. Bowl BG, **Clymer,** Sherman, V, 148, D2
30. Bowl BG, **Hinsdale,** Cuba-Rush, Friendship, V, 232, D2
31. Bowl BG, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, JV, 1522, D2
32. Bowl BG, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1133, D1
33. Hockey B, **Lockport,** Niagara Falls, V, 2674, D1
34. Hockey G, **Amherst (CASH),** Clarence & Sweet Home, V, 2390, one division
35. Hockey G, **Frontier,** Orchard Park, Lake Shore & Franklinville, V, 2534, one division
36. Hockey G, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, Grand Island, Lockport, V, 3234, one division
37. Indoor Track B/G, **Dunkirk,** Silver Creek, Forestville, V, 790, tba
38. Indoor Track B/G, **Fredonia,** Westfield, V, 532, tba
39. Indoor Track B/G, **Holland,** East Aurora, V, 573,
40. Rifle, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, 1522
41. Swim B, **Fredonia,** Dunkirk, Forestville (same program different host), V, pending application,
42. Swim B, **Frewsburg**, Jamestown, Falconer, Southwestern V, 1791
43. Swim B, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, JV, 1522
44. Swim B, **Panama,** Clymer, Sherman, V, 274,
45. Swim B, New, **Olean,** Allegany-Limestone, Franklinville, Portville, V, 999, TBA

46. Swim B, **West Seneca West,** West Seneca East, V, 1427, TBA
47. Swim BG, **Roy-Hart,** Barker, V, 438, TBA
48. Wrestling B, New, **Akron,** Alden, pending application, ,
49. Wrestling B, **Chautauqua Lake,** Panama, Clymer, Westfield, V, 789, 546, D2
50. Wrestling B, **Fredonia,** Forestville, Silver Creek, V, 560, D1
51. Wrestling B, **Franklinville,** Hinsdale, West Valley, V, JV, 78, 175, D2
52. Wrestling B, **Gowanda,** Pine Valley, V, 789, 260, D2
53. Wrestling B, **Olean,** Allegany-Limestone, V, 78, 553, D2
54. Wrestling B/G, **Eden,** North Collins, V, &7/8, 350, D2
55. Wrestling B/G, **Kenmore East,** Kenmore West, V, JV, 1522, D1 Boys
56. Wrestling B/G, **Roy-Hart,** Barker, V, 362, D2
57. Wrestling G, **Chautauqua Lake,** Panama, Clymer, Sherman, Brocton, Westfield, V, 779, 1 class
58. Wrestling G, **Fredonia,** Forestville, Silver Creek, V, 667, One Division

5.2 ***Motion to approve of Senior All Star Applications, letters (a) through (d)***
CARRIED
Hack/Croft
a) Softball, Senior ALL-Star Game, 5/23/25, D'Youville College, Buffalo Public Schools
b) Baseball, Senior ALL-Star Game, 6/2/05, Sahlans' Field, Buffalo Public Schools
c) Lacrosse Girls & Boys, Exceptional Sr Lacrosse Game, 6/18/25 at Eden HS
Girls 5pm & Boys 7 pm, USA Lacrosse & Boys- Coach Assc. Girls - Clarence Coach
d) Softball & Baseball Sr All Star SB Monday 6/16 & BB 6/17 at Hamburg HS co-hosted by WNY Athletics pending application

5.3 ***Motion to approve Outside Agency Application, letter (a)***
a) Boys JV Volleyball Grand Finale, 10/25/25 at The Rock, hosted by West Seneca West.
CARRIED
Wiles/McDuffie

5.4 ***Motion to approve of independent status for the following teams for the 25-26 school year***
CARRIED
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Dimitroff
- Lafayette Wrestling (combined team)
- City Honors Girls Soccer (combined team)
- City Honors Girls Volleyball
- City Honors Softball
- Global Concepts Varsity Girls Basketball
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6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Combining of Schools Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.1.1 ***Motion to Approve to move Chautauqua Lake/Panama/Clymer Westfield Boys Wrestling to Division 1 for the team duals ONLY for the 25-26 school year.***
CARRIED, 3 Opposed
Salisbury/Fallacaro-Dougherty

S. Penhollow, on behalf of the combined team, wanted to make sure the Combining of Teams Committee is aware that even at 100% of BEDS for all schools in the combination, the combined team still falls within Division 2 status. The combined team asks for consideration of the BEDS numbers and requests to remain at Division 2.

J. Sortisio acknowledged the emails sent by the representatives of the combined team. The Combining of Schools Committee met in person on April 1st. There was a consensus to recommend the action item set forth, which was based on policy and speaks to dominance, not BEDS. BEDS numbers are

not reflected in combining of schools policy at all and so, that was not considered regarding the recommendation.

The combined team was Dual Meet champions for 3 consecutive years. They had an overall record of 21 and 6 record overall and were Section 6 Class B champions. Should all athletes return next year, only 2 are graduating seniors.

The recommendation is for team duals only. Individual competition would stay at Division 2. There is no language in the policy pertaining to individuals.

It was reiterated to the council the purpose of combined teams is to give athletes an opportunity to participate, not an opportunity to win championships. In addition, this is a Section 6 Policy. Not all sections across the state operate in this manner.

6.1.2 ***Motion to approve to move EA/Holland Boys and Girls Indoor Track to medium school classification.***
CARRIED
Dimitroff/Fallacaro-Dougherty

Both boys and girls had multiple years in a row of being of being medium or small school champs.

Indoor Track has 1 classification, so only the team class meets are affected by this recommendation.

6.2 Charter Schools Classification Committee (J. Sortisio)

6.2.1 ***Motion to Approval to move Health Sciences Boys Basketball from AA to AAA for the 25-26 school year.***
CARRIED
McDuffie/Reynolds

Health Sciences continues to have a dominant Boys Basketball program, winning games by 40 or more points throughout the season.

6.3 Finance Committee (S. Penhollow)

6.3.1 ***Motion to approve of the Treasurer's Report*** (Appendix A)
CARRIED
Zirkle/Taylor

6.3.2 Girls Ice Hockey Participation 25-26 Fee: Increase from $5500 to $6250
Each year, the profit/loss margin is reviewed per sport. Facilities and contractual obligations of officials have significantly increased in the sport of Girls Ice Hockey. The $750 increase should offset some of those increased costs

ECIC and NFL league representatives were asked to share this increase with their member schools.

6.4 Sectional/Intersectional (M. DiFilippo)

6.4.1 ***Motion to approve to extend the Split Classifications after opt out pilot for 1 additional year, 25-26, in the sports of Girls Basketball, Baseball, and Softball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball.***
CARRIED
Wiles/MacSwan

The rational for the extra year is research. At present, there is not a consensus among committee members and respective leagues regarding a universal policy or sport specific policy.

The S/I Committee will present a final recommendation to the Athletic Council by the January 2026 Athletic Council meeting.

6.4.2 ***Motion to approve of Girls Wrestling, Alpine Skiing, Girls Gymnastics, Rifle, and Girls Ice Hockey to hold competition for a sectional championship (per Policy 220.1).***
CARRIED
Penhollow/Roth

Per Policy 220.1, in order to have competition for a Sectional Championship, there must be a minimum of 15 member schools competing in that sport. All exceptions to the minimum number must be approved by the Athletic Council.

6.4.3 ***Motion to approve to make the 4, 5, 6 Point System pilot permanent policy in the Section VI Policy Manual for all league based sports***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Roth

6.5 Safety (M. McKenna)

6.5.1 April 8, 2025 Committee Report

Highlights found in Appendix B.

6.6 Modified Committee (L. Bergman, M. Librock)

6.6.1 Rolling Agenda
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X_iVIWi-nmrYKJ5C3IaJsbgWXMoZuray1XyZb79uuto/edit?usp=sharing

6.6.2 Spring NYSPHSAA Modified Meeting

As it currently stands, the Promotion Rule states modified athletes cannot be promoted to a higher level after the completion of 50% of their season.

In the fall, the committee will be voting whether or not to make it a sectional to rule to decide.

6.7 State Executive Committee/Central Committee

a) Superintendent (J. Sortisio)

Nothing to report

b) Principal (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

c) Female Rep./Male Rep. (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty/J. Roth)

The following are action items for the June 18, 2025 athletic council zoom meeting to provide direction for M. Fallacaro-Dougherty, Female Representative, and J. Roth, Male Representative at the July 2025 NYSPSHAA Central Committee meeting (Appendix C)*:*

6.7c1 Increase High Cost Venue Ticket Prices Beginning in Fall 2025

6.7c2 Increase Ticket Prices Beginning in Fall 2025

Both 6.7c1 and 6.7c2 stem from an effort to stay in balance with rising costs.

6.7c3 Budget/Audit – NYSPHSAA Budget

6.7c4 Championship Advisory Committee – Girls Wrestling Fees and Policies

6.7c5 Handbook Committee: Appeal – Prescribed Penalty

6.7c6 Handbook Committee: Practice Session – Minimum Practices

6.7c7 Handbook Committee: Max Number of Contests Penalty – No Attendance at Games

6.7c8 Modified – Junior High Principal Rep

6.7c9 Modified – Field Hockey Coordinator

6.7c10 Modified – Boys Basketball Coordinator

6.7c11 Modified – Revises Sports Standard Chart and Time Interval in the NYSPHSAA Handbook

Most modified sports require 2 nights rest. Approval of this proposal will allow for one night rest.

6.7c12 Boys & Girls Tennis – Revise Lineup Rule for Team Competition (Stacking)

a) Would allow for all practice matches in UTR, which would help with the number of appeals being submitted
b) Wording on the appeals would be delineated if there is a protest

6.7c13 Boys Volleyball – Revise NCAA Two Libero Rule

6.7c14 Girls Volleyball – Waiver of Administrative Red Card (Uniform)

6.7c15 Girls Volleyball – Amend current 15 point tiebreaker in deciding set at state tournament (to Advance to finals only)

The tiebreaker would only be used if move to the finals.

6.7c16 Gymnastics – Revise Scoring Changes to Technical Handbook

Approval would change point values for hand spring vault and give coaches the opportunity to place more matting for the floor exercise and add more matting for the landing area for the vault.

6.7c17 Boys Wrestling – Increase to 14 Weight Classes

If approved, all the weight classes up to 190lbs. would change. Rationale is to spread the weight classes more evenly.

6.7c18 Boys Ice Hockey – Game Protocol

If approved, language regarding a 12-minute warm-up will be added that is not already addressed in the handbook.

6.7c19 Boys Ice Hockey – Goal Differential – Mercy Rule

6.7c20 Boys Ice Hockey – Players in Uniform

Approval would add clarifying language to the handbook about falling below the required number to start the game during the game.

6.7c21 Boys Ice Hockey – Regular Season OT Procedure

6.7c22 Girls/Boys Bowling – Establish At-large rotation for Division 1 from 2026-2034

6.7c23 Indoor Track & Field – Expand State Tournament to Two Days

6.7c24 Indoor Track & Field – Reduce Relays from 8 to 6 Athletes for the State Meet

This proposal does not affect Section 6 because we do not allow alternates at state championships.

Updates resulting from the May 7, 2025 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting are as follows:

- Cheerleading Proposal, Carried
- Fall & Spring Start Dates, Carried
- Baseball Scrimmage after the 6th Practice, Carried
- Three Nights Rest Rule, Defeated
- 3-Region Concept, Tabled

R. Zayas answered a question why "draft" is left on the proposal.

- "Draft" was left on the proposal because in February 2025 when NYSPHSAA Executive Committee met, there no indication that the 3-region rotation would start in fall 2025, but rather potential implementation Fall of 2026. On February 5, 2025 Section 7 brought off the floor a motion to start the 3-region rotation in the Fall of 2025, which expedited the amount of work needed to be done. With how quickly things had progressed, R. Zayas wanted to make sure Executive Directors and sport coordinators were aware some items within the proposal were not completed.

R. Zayas answered why this proposal was created.
The proposal creates a system that's objective, allows sections can plan in advance, and provides balance of travel across sections. Sections 1, 4 and 9 have always been on a 3-section rotation at regionals. By them being a 3-section rotation, they always play a subregional, traveling more, missing more school time, and spending more on travel. The proposal treats Sections 1,4 9 similar to what 5 and 6 and 8 and 11 have.

R. Zayas answered a question about establishing a committee for review of this proposal comprised of representatives from all sections.
R. Zayas and the NYSPHSAA officers are concerned that if a committee is created now to review the 3-region concept in preparation for the July meeting, it may complicate things further. The committee would need to have all work done by mid-June so everyone can meet at league and conference levels to discuss prior to the vote in July 2025.
Section VI representatives reiterated if NYSPHSAA is a membership driven organization, all sections should have a representative on the subcommittee.

A reminder was given that only sports where 9 or more sections participate are a part of the 3-region concept.

At the February 5, 2025 NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting, 7 sections voted in support to start the 3-region concept Fall 2025.

R. Zayas stated there is nothing he can do as Executive Director to remove the tabled motion of the 3-region rotation from the May 7, 2025 by NYSPHSAA Executive Committee meeting. However, a motion could come from the floor to remove the tabled motion or the motion could be voted down by the Central Committee. In addition, R. Zayas stated there is a possibility the 3-region concept could be approved to start Fall 2025.

Section VI representatives asked how can we protect ourselves from motions from the floor that are systemic changes across the state, which could have significant budgetary and scholastic impacts.

R. Zayas stated discussion(s) at one meeting and voting at following meeting(s) is NYSPHSAA's process because there is nothing they can do to prevent motions from the floor.

6.8 Extended Eligibility (M. DiFilippo)

Nothing to report

6.9 Chemical Awareness (J. Grzymala)

6.9.1 Applications for rising Sophomore - Deadline was May 12th
Multiple applications were received. K Jadin will notify J. Grzymala who is selected as Section VI representative.

6.9.2 Section VI SAAC Committee with League Representatives will meet in June and this summer.

6.10 Transfer/Foreign Student (M. DiFilippo)

Reports were emailed to the Executive Committee

6.11 Sportsmanship (J. Graczyk, D. Ames)

No report

6.12 Veterans (J. Trampert)

6.12.1 The annual Veterans Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 16th at The Ridge Restaurant on Orchard Park Road in West Seneca.

6.13 Mixed Competition (C. Alvarez)

Nothing to report

6.14 Nominations (B. Banker)

6.14.1 ***Motion to approve of Jeff Roth as Male Representative Position, term July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2029***
CARRIED
Sortisio/Salisbury

6.14.2 ***Motion to approve of Jeff Helmbrecht as Baseball Chairperson Interviews (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028 term)***
CARRIED
McDuffie/Dimitroff

6.14.3 ***Motion to approve of spring sport chair position renewals for the July 1, 2025-June 30, 2028 term: Walt McLaughlin (Girls Outdoor Track & Field, Justin Craddock (Boys Outdoor Track & Field), Ed Greenway (Boys Lacrosse), Jacob Reimer (Boys Golf), Joe Biondo (Girls Golf), Marissa Dauria (Flag Football), Terry McMahon (Boys Tennis), Alex Chambers (Boys Tennis), Doug Ames (Unified Basketball), Jay Hall (Softball), Rick Schmitt (Girls Lacrosse)***
CARRIED
Grzymala/Alvarez

6.15 Corporate Partners (K. Schon)

Nothing to report

6.16 Hall of Fame (J. Dunnigan)

The deadline for 2025 nominations is today, May 14. The selection process will take place summer 2025.

6.17 Policy Committee (K. Schon)

6.17.1 Proposed changes to the Policy Manual (Appendix D)
(*June 18th, 2025 AC Action Item)

The goal of this school year was to review the current Policy Manual, which was last updated in 2028, and revise outdated language. In addition, hyperlinks were used to streamline the document and ensure reflection of the most up-to-date information, pulling from the original source. It was noted the Combining of Schools Committee put forth some changes to strengthen the process of review. All league representatives have a copy of the draft and very asked to review it with their respective leagues.

6.17.2 ***Motion to approve to Change Chemical Awareness Committee to Student Leadership Committee in the Section VI ByLaws***
CARRIED
Grzymala/Salisbury

7.0 SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 All WNY Scholar Athlete (J. Roth)
Winter 24-25 results are posted. Spring nominations will be accepted through May 27, 2025.

7.2 Schools Without Boundaries Ad Hoc Committee (M. Fallacaro-Dougherty)

7.2.1 April 28, 2025 Committee Report (Appendix E)

A proposal for a NYSPHSAA oversight committee regarding placement of catholic schools is anticipated soon.

7.3 DEI Committee (A. Lloyd)

7.3.1 March 25, 2025 Committee Report (Appendix F)

- DEI definition passed at the state level.
- The Big 5 proposal for representation was defeated and returned to the DEI committee for revisions.
- Representation from member leagues for the Section 6 DEI Committee was requested.

8.0 STATE COMMITTEE REPORTS (informational only) Appendix G

a) Girls Volleyball, March 25, 2025
b) Boys Volleyball, March 26, 2025
c) Gymnastics, March 27, 2025
d) Boys Golf, April 10, 2025
e) CAC, April 16, 2025

9.0 GUEST REPORTS

9.1 NYSPHSAA (R. Zayas & T. Nelson)

- In light of the February 5, 2025 executive order from President Trump, NYSPHSAA continues to abide by NYS anti-discrimination laws pertaining to transgender student participation. R. Zayas advised student-athletes should be places on the team that most appropriately aligns with their gender identity.
- Budget Audit Committee

The committee felt it best to propose raising ticket prices not only for sports with high cost venues, but across all sports together, at the same time.

9.2 NYSAAA Report (J. Lehmbeck)

9.2.1 Summer Leadership Conference, August 5-7, 2025, Binghampton

9.2.2 National Athletic Administrator Association bring back the summer conference June 29-July 2

10.0 SPORTS REPORTS

10.1 ***Motion to approve the following winter 24-25 post season reports: Cheerleading, Unified Bowling, Bowling, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Rifle, Boys Swimming, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling Indoor Track, and Alpine Skiing (Appendix H)***
CARRIED
Zirkle/Taylor
*Boys and Girls Basketball 24-25 post season reports are not included at this time.

11.0 OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

12.0 NEW BUSINESS

12.1 Coaches First Aide and CPR certification (Matt Librock)
There is a proposal to the board of regents for significant changes for coaches certifications wherein coaches/schools will be responsible to obtain certifications through nationally recognized organizations. If approved, implementation begins July 30, 2025. Current certifications will carry through to their expiration date.

13.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/ADJOURNMENT

13.1 The June 18th athletic council meeting will be held at 11:30am via Zoom.

13.2 Jon MacSwan was congratulated on his retirement and recognized for his service to the athletic Council.

13.3 ***Motion to adjourn***
CARRIED
Fallacaro-Dougherty/Roth