

# MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Video Conference Meeting, September 3, 2020

### Members Present:

Eric Albright, Midland  
Jay Alexander, Detroit  
Nicole Carter, Novi  
Scott Grimes, Grand Haven  
Vicky Groat, Battle Creek  
Kyle Guerrant, Lansing  
Don Gustafson, St. Ignace  
Kris Isom, Adrian  
Sean Jacques, Calumet  
Karen Leinaar, Bear Lake  
Mark Mattson, Maple City  
Will McKoy, Romulus  
Jason Mensing, Ottawa Lake  
Vic Michaels, Detroit  
Chris Miller, Gobles  
Steve Newkirk, Clare  
Chris Riker, Portage  
John Thompson, Brighton  
Alex Tiseo, Marquette

### Also Present:

Scott Eldridge, Lansing  
Bill Zaagman, Lansing

### Staff Members Present:

Tony Bihn  
Jordan Cobb  
Sam Davis  
Andy Frushour  
Nate Hampton  
Dan Hutcheson  
Cody Inglis  
John Johnson  
Geoff Kimmerly  
Cole Malatinsky  
Andi Osters  
Tom Rashid  
Brent Rice  
Adam Ryder  
Mark Uyl (Recorder)  
Kathy Westdorp  
Karen Yonkers

**Accounts of Meetings** – Motion by Karen Leinaar, supported by Steve Newkirk, to approve the minutes of the Representative Council meeting of Aug. 28, 2020. Adopted.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Representative Council and UP Athletic Committee Elections** – Because there are no positions being contested for the elections in September, the staff recommended that no ballots be sent to schools and the meeting of the Board of Canvassers be cancelled for 2020. This would save significant money in mailing costs for both schools and the MHSAA. In the 2011 elections, the Executive Committee declared elected all uncontested positions on the Council and UP Athletic Committee. One ballot was sent for a contested position on the UP Athletic Committee and the staff counted the ballots submitted for that election.

Motion by Don Gustafson, supported by Jason Mensing, to declare **elected** all of the following candidates for uncontested positions on the Representative Council and Upper Peninsula Athletic Committee. Adopted.

- Northern Section, Lower Peninsula – Class A and B Schools: **Eric Albright**, Athletic Director, Midland High School
- Southwestern Section, Lower Peninsula – Class A and B Schools: **Chris Riker**, Athletic Director, Portage Northern High School
- Southeastern Section, Lower Peninsula - Class A and B Schools: **John Thompson**, Athletic Director, Brighton Area Schools
- Upper Peninsula - Class C and D Schools: **Sean Jacques**, Athletic Director, Calumet High School
- Northern Section, Lower Peninsula – Class C and D Schools: **Mark Mattson**, Athletic Director, Maple City-Glen Lake High School

- Statewide At-Large: **Scott C. Grimes**, Assistant Superintendent, Grand Haven Area Public Schools
- Junior High/Middle Schools: **Steve Newkirk**, Principal, Clare Middle School
- Private and Parochial High Schools: **Vic Michaels**, Director of Physical Education & Athletics, Archdiocese of Detroit

#### **UP ATHLETIC COMMITTEE CANDIDATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020**

- Athletic Coach: **Mike Berutti**, Principal/Athletic Director/Football Coach, Iron River-West Iron County High School
- Class D Schools: **Jack Kumpula**, Athletic Director, Lake Linden-Hubbell High School

#### **ONGOING BUSINESS**

**COVID-19 Update** – The Council discussed the following:

- Executive Order 176 opens indoor facilities for swimming and volleyball effective Sept. 9 in Regions 1-5 and 7.
- EO 176 allows all soccer competition to begin effective immediately in Regions 1-5 and 7.
- EO 176 that allows football practice and games to begin. Practice may restart on Sept. 8.

Motion by Jay Alexander, supported by John Thompson, to restart the fall football season on Tuesday, Sept. 8, and conduct a fall football tournament for schools that wish to participate. Fall schools will have two days of practice in “shells” (helmets and shoulder pads only) beginning on Sept. 8, followed by fully-padded practice after those two days of “shells” practice. From Sept. 3-7, it is a dead period for football activity with nothing allowed involving football students and coaches other than the issuing of equipment. No scrimmages in football are allowed at any time during the fall season. The competition season will consist of six regular-season games beginning on the Thursday-Saturday of Sept. 17-19. Schools should resume their schedules beginning with what would have normally been Week 4 of the season, filling schedule openings with other fall participating schools. Once the MHSAA has determined the number of schools participating in fall football, the postseason tournament will be organized, placing all teams in the first round of the playoffs on Oct. 30-31, guaranteeing all fall participating schools at least seven available varsity contest dates. More details on the MHSAA playoffs will be shared at a later date. Adopted.

**Future Meeting** – The next meeting will be held via video conference on Friday, Sept. 25, 2020.