

**South Central Zone  
Fall Meeting 2015 Minutes**

**Date: September 15, 2015**

**Location: Strathmore Civic Centre**

**Attendance: 52**

1.0 Meeting called to order by Sandy Green at 10:12am.

1.1 Adoption of Agenda

Addition to Agenda 3.5 AIAAA

Moved by Shane Hansen– Beiseker

Seconded by Robbie McNabb– Cochrane

Carried

1.2 President's Remarks

Sandy Green welcomed everyone back to the 2015-16 school year, welcomed new and old faces back. Reported that there has not been any real issues and thanked everyone for their part in making the executives job much easier.

**1.3 Remarks from ASAA – Please see attached information after the Zone Minutes**

1.4 Adoption of minutes

Moved by Shane Hansen – Beiseker

Seconded by Robbie McNabb

All in favour – Carried

2.0 Business Arising From the Minutes

No business arising from the Spring 2015 minutes.

3.0 Reading of Communications

3.1 Zone Cross Country information. Presented by Jennifer Jackson & Stephen Adams

3.2 Provincial Track and Field funds to be used towards the purchase of photo timing system. Adam Hogarth was not in attendance to present.

3.3 JV Girls school representation – Corey Cowper – Foothills Athletic Council has declined allowing multiple teams in their league so this is not an issue to be reviewed at the zone level.

3.4 Canadian Rockies Public Outdoor Learning Centre – Wade Jarvis presented a learning opportunity for winter and summer programs that involve activities such as avalanche safety and paddling. For information contact Colleen Lee, [crolc@crps.ca](mailto:crolc@crps.ca) or visit the website at [www.olc.crps.ca](http://www.olc.crps.ca)

3.5 AIAAA – Shauna Vaughn is our South Central Zone representative. On line courses or courses in conferences and workshops will be at West Edmonton mall this year.

4.0 Financial Report

Moved by Shane Hansen – Beiseker

Seconded by Carrie Westgard– Strathmore High

All in favour - Carried

As of meeting date there are 10 schools ineligible due to outstanding fees. Reminder to please return tournament statement forms at the end of any zone championship. Be sure to check your cross-country registrations for correct information, golf championships need to include the school, athletes name, handicap and their zone score when reporting to me for registration to provincials.

#### 5.0 Selection of Delegates to the Fall Planning Meeting in Red Deer December 3 & 4, 2015

Leigh Bretzlaff– Oilfields

Matthew Hassteff– Holy Trinity

Sandy Green – Cochrane

#### 6.0 Unfinished Business

##### 6.1 Transfer policy discussion

- Recruiting , club team connections
- What will happen to students in grade 12, not fair to sit out
- 2 formal recruiting complaints in the last 10 years.
- Possible coach or team suspension for one year.
- Any issue about grade 9 students transferring to a different school for grade 10?

##### 6.2 Provincial Track and Field Funds

- Purchase of photo timing system
- Ken Zelez suggested purchase of AIAAA courses for all schools, Tyler may be able to come up with a survey to try and decide which courses should be offered.

#### 7.0 Notices of Motion

##### 7.1 Jr. High Alignment

Submitted by: Dave Wooldridge – Red Deer Lake School

Seconded by: Lynn Ross – Chestermere Lake Middle School

With regard to the Calgary Independent Schools now forming their own separate zone here is what we propose

Currently:

There are 8 distinct areas operating as Junior High Divisions in SCZ

They are (with the schools registered at each J size):

Acadia/Badlands	(4-1J, 2-2J)
Bow Valley	(2-1J, 2-2J, 1-3J, 1-4J)
Chinooks Edge	(2-1J, 3-2J, 4-3J, 1-4J)
Foothills	(2-1J, 2-2J, 4-3J, 3-4J)
Grasslands	(7-1J, 2-3J, 1-4J)
Rocky View	(4-1J, 1-2J, 6-3J, 6-4J)
Three Hills	(5-1J, 1-2J, 1-3J)
Wheatland	(3-1J, 1-2J, 1-3J, 1-4J)

The issue is qualifying for Volleyball and Basketball Zone competition. Cross Country, Badminton, Track and Field can all maintain qualifications as they have already been set out for their zone competitions

Please keep in mind that even though these divisions have schools registered, not all schools compete in Volleyball and basketball zones. For example large Rocky View schools rarely comes to zones as their students play Junior Varsity. Similarly some smaller 1J schools don't always field teams for a variety of reasons.

Here is the proposal:

For 3J and 4 J Volleyball and Basketball Zones the divisions remain as they are. 3 J and 4J have sufficient teams to hold a quality zone completion, and teams at lower divisions can opt up to join these levels.

For 2J competitions:

Three Hills will Join Acadia Badlands.

Bow Valley will Join Chinooks Edge and,

Rocky View 2J schools will join with Bow Valley and Chinooks Edge to determine qualifiers for Zones

For 1J competitions:

Three Hills will Join Acadia/Badlands

Bow Valley will Join Chinooks Edge

Rocky View 1J schools will join with Wheatland to determine qualifiers for zones

By joining these areas together the 2J and 1 J numbers are more balanced and these areas are relatively close together geographically. This will mean a pre-zone tournament/completion will need to be held the weekend before zones with the winner and potentially the second place team having positions held in the zone competition

Zone Competition for Volleyball and Basketball (for 1J and 2 J School Classifications)

	6 Team Zones	7 team Zones	8 Team Zones
Acadia/Badlands/Three Hills 1 Rep	1 Rep		1 Rep
Bow Valley/Chinooks Edge/Rocky View (2J) 1 Rep	1 Rep		1 Rep
Foothills 1 Rep	1 Rep		1 Rep
Grasslands 1 Rep	1 Rep		1 Rep
Wheatland/Rocky View (1J) 1 Rep	1 Rep		1 Rep
	Plus Host		Plus Host
Plus Host			

For 7/8 Team Draw a 2<sup>nd</sup> team

from Host Region

For 8 Team Draw Host Region gets 2<sup>nd</sup> team and region with most registrations also receives 2<sup>nd</sup> team

Zone Handbook Changes:

Page 10 Areas – Geographic Areas for Junior High Volleyball and Basketball

1J and 2 J	3J and 4 J
Acadia/Badlands/Three Hills	Acadia/Badlands
Bow Valley/Chinooks Edge/Rocky View (2J)	Bow Valley
Foothills	Chinooks Edge
Grasslands	Rocky View
Wheatland/Rocky View (1J)	Foothills
	Three Hills
	Grasslands
	Wheatland

Page 24 Basketball-

Regional Competitions are to be held where required and are to be completed the Saturday before the Zone Competition. The Regions for Basketball Zones are as follows:

1J and 2 J	3J and 4 J
Acadia/Badlands/Three Hills	Acadia/Badlands
Bow Valley/Chinooks Edge/Rocky View (2J)	Bow Valley
Foothills	Chinooks Edge
Grasslands	Rocky View
Wheatland/Rocky View (1J)	Foothills
	Three Hills
	Grasslands
	Wheatland

Representatives for each region for 1J and 2J Zones are as follows:

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For 8 Team Draw Host  
Region gets 2<sup>nd</sup> team and  
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registrations also receives 2<sup>nd</sup>  
team

Joint Regions are required to organize and hold qualification tournaments when needed

Representatives for 3 J and 4 J zones are as follows:

Ideally the Zone Basketball Competition will be an 8 team Oregon Draw. Should there not be 8 teams who wish to compete then the host is allowed to modify the format to best suit all schools participating in the tournament.

The tournament teams shall be:

1 representative from each Region including the Host.

Should 1 region not have a representative then a second team from the host region will qualify.

Should the Zone competition still not have 8 teams then a second representative will be entered from the region with the most registered schools at that Classification Size (3J/4J)

Should there still be room for teams to join the competition then all regions may submit their schools and if there are more submitted than required a challenge game determined by the zone host based on anecdotal (or actual game) rankings will be played between the lowest seeded schools to enter the last spot (spots)

Page 30 Volleyball

Regional Competitions are to be held where required and are to be completed the Saturday before the Zone Competition. The Regions for Volleyball Zones are as follows:

1J and 2 J	3J and 4 J
Acadia/Badlands/Three Hills	Acadia/Badlands
Bow Valley/Chinooks Edge/Rocky View (2J)	Bow Valley
Foothills	Chinooks Edge
Grasslands	Rocky View
Wheatland/Rocky View (1J)	Foothills
	Three Hills
	Grasslands
	Wheatland

Zone Competition for Volleyball (for 1J and 2 J School Classifications)

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from Host Region

For 7/8 Team Draw a 2<sup>nd</sup> team

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Region gets 2<sup>nd</sup> team and  
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Representatives for 3 J and 4 J zones are as follows:

The tournament teams shall be:

1 representative from each Region including the Host.

Should 1 region not have a representative then a second team from the host region will qualify.

Should the Zone competition still not have 8 teams then a second representative will be entered from the region with the most registered schools at that Classification Size (3J/4J)

Should there still be room for teams to join the competition then all regions may submit their schools and if there are more submitted than required a challenge game determined by the zone host based on anecdotal (or actual game) rankings will be played between the lowest seeded schools to enter the last spot (spots)

**Motion Defeated**

**For: 3 Opposed: 17**

## 7.2 Girls and Boys 2A Volleyball

Submitted by: Oilfields, Didsbury, Hugh Sutherland (Presented by Leigh Bretzlaff)

Seconded by: Darren Jones Acme

- Current 2A Volleyball Policies – pages 51 and 52;

1. All 2A schools are eligible for the Zone competition.
2. If there are more than 12 teams registered, there will be a regional playoff. East and West play off to determine the eight teams that will play at the Zone championship. Regional games are to be held one week prior to the Zone competition. The Zone host must be one of the eight teams. Rankings for the Zone tournament can come from seasonal play and the regional playoff. The dividing line between regions is Highway 2.

East	West
Acme	Banff
Beiseker	Oilfields
Hanna	Carstairs
Oyen	Cremona
Siksika	Crossfield
Prairie	Didsbury
Three Hills	Strathcona Tweedsmuir
Trochu	Sundre
St. Joseph's	

3. Two courts are required for both the boys and girls Zone competitions.
4. Competition for boys and girls shall be two sections of round robins. Round-robin matches shall consist of the best two of three games.
5. 2A Girls representation at zones shall be 6 teams from the East region and four teams from the West region. (to be reviewed annually) (Spring 2007)
6. Upon completion of the round robin, the top three teams from each section will South Central Zone Sr. High Policy Handbook Page 52 advance to an elimination match. First place teams from each section receive a bye; second place teams play third place teams from the other section. The winners of the two matches play the first place teams to determine the finalists. The finals and semi-finals will be the best two out of three games (played to 25 points for the first two, played to 15 points for the final game, with no cap on any games).

### **Proposed Policy:**

- 1. All 2A schools are eligible for the Zone Competition.**
- 2. 2A Boys and 2A Girls Zone Competition will each be a 12 team event. Representation at the Zone Competition shall be an equal number of teams from the East region and West region. Each region will be represented by 6 teams with**

additional berths awarded to a region if the other region cannot fill all 6 of their spots. If needed, the region sending more than the normal 6 teams will hold a regional playoff one week prior to the Zone Competition.

3. If there are 12 or less teams registered to participate in the Zone Competition, there will be no regional playoff. The zone host will accommodate all teams that are registered and create a two pool draw as necessary. See structure below in; (6. Pools are played according to the following:).

4. The Zone host must be one of the 12 or less teams. Rankings for the Zone Competition can come from seasonal play and the regional playoff. The dividing line between regions is Highway 2.

5. Two courts are required for both the boys and girls Zone Competitions.

6. Pools are played according to the following:

- a. If there are seven or fewer teams there will be a full round robin. The Commissioner and host will try to fill the eighth spot.
- b. If there are eight or more teams there will be two pools with the highest ranked team playing in the pool with the fewest number of teams.
- c. If at all possible the ranking of pools should be as follows:
  - i. Pool A: 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 12
  - ii. Pool B: 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, and 11
- d. If there are nine teams, the highest rank team will be placed in the pool of four.

7. Game play is formatted with the following:

- a. All matches shall consist of rally point scoring to the best two of three games. The first two games are played to 25 points with no cap. The third game to 15 points with no cap.
- b. Upon completion of round-robin play, the top three teams of each section advance to an elimination match. The first place team from each section receives a bye; the second place teams play the third place teams from the other section. The winners of the two matches play the first place teams to determine the finalists.
- c. If there are seven or fewer teams in the Zone Competition, the following playoff format will be followed. Upon completion of round-robin play, the top four will make the playoffs. The first place team will play the fourth place team and the second place team will play the third



**place team, with the winners advancing to the final and the losing teams playing for third place.**

- d. Tie breaking procedures:**
  - i. Follow the Volleyball Canada tie-breaking procedure.**

**Rationale:**

To provide clarity and equity in the Boys and Girls divisions.

To provide clarity and equity in the East and the West regions.

To establish a policy that is more in line with the rest of the categories within the zone.

To give clarity to the zone host when preparing for the zone tournament.

To have a plan in place in case we have an uneven number of teams from each region.

To become more in line with the provincial body – hosting a 12 team event at the zone level will be advantageous in the planning, coordinating and bidding for a provincial host opportunity.

There is also a relevant distinction between teams registered with the ASAA and teams registered to participate in the zone competition. If there are more than 12 teams registered, then a Regional Tournament would take place (8 or 10 teams - not clear in the current policy). If registered teams decide not to participate in the zone tournament and the number of resulting teams is equal to or less than 12 teams, then according to the current policy, there would be no need for any Regional Tournament.

There are currently 8, 2A eligible schools in the East region (Holy Cross Collegiate, Prairie Christian Academy, Drumheller, Hanna, Three Hills, Siksika, Oyen and St. Joe's) there are currently 8, 2A eligible schools in the West region (Strathcona Tweedsmuir, Oilfields, Banff, Carstairs, Crossfield, Didsbury, Notre Dame and Sundre). This motion was supposed to be re-visited annually.

**Analysis drawn from the Policy Handbook:**

The Policy Handbook indicates that there could be a 12 team tournament. In the same paragraph it then refers to an 8 team tournament and later it refers to only 2A girls having regional tournaments that establishes 6 representative teams from the East and 4 representative teams from the West, which implies a 10 team tournament (even though the policy handbook indicates 9 possible teams from the East and 8 possible teams from the West, that suggest a numerical balance). This can cause confusion and needs to be clarified.

- Policy Handbook page 49, #2. If there are more than 12 teams registered, there will be a regional playoff. East and West play off to determine the eight teams that will play at the Zone championship. Regional games are to be held one week prior to the Zone competition. The Zone host must be one of the eight teams. Rankings for

the Zone tournament can come from seasonal play and the regional playoff. The dividing line between regions is Highway 2. (12, 8 teams?)

Policy Handbook page 49, #5. 2A Girls representation at zones shall be 6 teams from the East region and four teams from the West region. (to be reviewed annually) (Spring 2007) Is this 12, 8, or 10 teams?. The ASAA website indicated that there is a balanced number of teams registered from the East and West.

#### **Analysis drawn from the 2013 senior girls zone tournament results:**

- Consisted of the 6 teams from the East and 4 teams from the West. The previous week, the East region had 8 teams participating in a regional play-down and the West had 6 teams participate in a regional play down.

- 3 teams from the East and 3 teams from the West advanced to the playoffs with the West team winning first and the East team coming in second (both teams advancing to provincials).

- 3 of the 4 teams that did not advance into the playoff round were teams from the East.

- 3 of the 4 teams from the West advanced to the playoff round.

- 3 out of 6 teams from the East advanced to the playoff round.

#### **Motion Carried**

**For: 14 Opposed 2**

#### **7.3 Volleyball Policy - Housekeeping**

Submitted by: Leslie Larson, Carrie Westgard, Shauna Vaughan & Nathan Hodgson

Tabled: to Small groups for feedback and input!

Changes that came from small group discussion will be amended in zone policy handbook. Changes were agreed upon and specific to school classifications.

#### **7.4 JV Volleyball 3A/4A Zone Alignment**

Submitted by: Carrie Westgard – Strathmore High School

Seconded by: Darren Olson – Foothills Composite

Proposed:

The 3A/4A JV Volleyball tournament will consist of 10 teams:

- a. 4 Rockyview
- b. 2 Foothills
- c. Brooks, Canmore, Olds, Strathmore
- d. Host school comes from with the regional berth

Current:

3. The 3A/4A JV Volleyball tournament will consist of 10 teams:
  - a. 4 Rockyview
  - b. 3 Foothills, including Strathmore
  - c. 3 Other schools who do not belong to Rockyview or Foothills
  - d. Host comes from within the regional berth

Rationale:

Strathmore High no longer participates in the Foothills Junior Varsity Volleyball league so is unable to qualify via their league.

**Amended:**

Keep policy the same but have Strathmore play off versus the third place team from the Foothills league.

**Motion Carried**

**For: 13 Opposed: 0**

#### 8.0 Small Group Discussion

##### 8.1 Selection of New Commissioners

Commissioners need to be reported to Leslie Larson to be recorded. If no commissioners are chosen, the zone host will act as the commissioner for that championship.

##### 8.2 Zone Host Vacancies

There are still a few vacant zone host spots. Please look on the South Central Zone Website to see all hosts and vacancies.

#### 9.0 New Business Arising From Small Group Discussions

9.1 Need for a change in the realignment of the Jr. High areas to reorganize areas and rotations for zone hosts in the handbook. Lynn Ross (Chestermere Middle School) & Kristine Houle (WG Murdoch)

9.2 Create a committee and have zone cover the cost of committee to meet and revamp Jr. High zone policy.

9.3 Need for a 2 day Sr. High Zone Track and Field Championship or just one day and have the few involved in Pentathlon compete over 2 days. Try to book an evening at the Calgary track either before or after the zone meet.

9.4 All-Star games at the 1A/2A levels in Volleyball and Basketball will be eliminated and replaced with nominations of All-Stars at the zone championships. (All Grades considered) All awards to be given out prior to playoffs. All were in favour of this change.

10.0 Spring South Central Zone Meeting Date: April 26, 2016 in Strathmore at 10am

#### 11.0 Adjournment 2:20pm

Moved by Nathan Hodgson- Bassano

Seconded by Shane Hanse— Beiseker

## ASAA to zone meetings – Fall 2015

Welcome back from the Executive and staff of the ASAA for another great year of high school athletics. If you have not received your ASAA mailing, please contact the office ASAP.

<b>Deadlines:</b>	September 12	Golf Opting-Up and Registration Deadline
	September 30	School enrollment taken to determine ASAA Classification
	October 1	Volleyball Registration Deadline Football Registration, Declaration and Opt-Up Deadline Nominations for Zone Award of Merit Deadline
	October 5	Cross Country Registration Deadline
	October 10	School Registration Deadline
	October 10	Completion of Fundamental of Coaching Deadline
	October 15	Volleyball Opt-Up Deadline
	November 1	Bid application for vacant Spring 2015 Provincials
	December 15	Basketball Registration Deadline



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**Transfers:** Some reminders for online transfer system:

1. If you are getting those email reminders it is because something is missing, it is important to remind students and/or parents to complete their required fields.
2. If you are the sending school, you must complete your part.... You cannot sit on it. If you disagree with the transfer information submitted, you can say as such, but you need to then provide your reasons, which will be available to the other school.
3. Please be sure to select the proper type of document from the drop down menu when uploading required documents so that all users know where to find the information they need. You can always call the office at 780-427-8182 if you need any assistance.
4. Transfers/Appeals site will require a password reset from all users.
5. Policy change surrounding the "red shirt" aspect of transfer system that was approved by ASAA board has been postponed until next year. See Memo on ASAA website for more info.

**New ASAA Website:** We are in the process of re-developing the ASAA website. All functionality will be the same but the look and feel will be different. It will be cleaner and hopefully easier to navigate. It will take place in two stages with the public facing site to change first, followed by the back end (ExNet/student registration) later this year.

**Policy Changes/highlights:** New policies are noted in grey shading in the policy handbook – please take time to review them and other key policies. Some of the major changes that may affect your zone include:

- There is now a recommended minimum number of practices that students should participate in before first competition in the policy handbook. This recommendation is on page 58 of the new handbook and is broken down sport by sport.
- ASAA is now requiring healthy food offerings exclusively be provided at provincial championships. All food and beverages sold and provided at ASAA provincial championship events held in member school facilities must fit within the 'Choose Most Often' and 'Choose Sometimes' categories of *Alberta Nutritional Guidelines for Children and Youth*. This does not apply to outside facilities and their existing canteens.
- Cheerleading provincials date moved from third weekend in March to second weekend in April.
- Rugby will now be divided into **three** tiers as follows: Tier I: 1250+, Tier II – 600-1249, Tier III – 599 or less.
- ASAA is now running, as part of Track & Field provincials, para-athletic and events for students with Intellectual and Physical disabilities.

**Return of Trophies to Hosts at Provincials:** Every year is a constant battle with schools to return the 'perpetual' championship plaques to the host so that they have all plaques ready and available to present at provincials. The ASAA Executive Committee has determined that there will be fine of \$100 to any school that does not return their perpetual plaque to the host school in time for the respective championship. The school being fined will also have to send the plaque, at their own cost, to the winning school. The funds collected from this initiative will be directed to the ASAA Scholarship fund. (can be found in the Appendix section of policy handbook – page 153). A reminder that if you win an ASAA plaque, you must have your school name and year engraved at your cost before you return it.

**Online Coach Courses:**

**SchoolCoach.ca:** Mandatory course completions continuing this year. You do not need to redo course if you already finished last year, but if you have staff/coach turnover, then someone needs to take required courses to become compliant. Compliance will be enforced again this year.

- *Fundamentals of Coaching* – required to be taken by one staff member per school at this time, although we recommend all coaches take it. Deadline for completion of the course by at least one onsite teacher coach: Oct. 10, 2015.
- *Concussions in Sport – What You Need to Know:* (only takes 30 minutes) Required by one coach with **every** school team, for both 'team' and 'individual' sports. Coaches who have completed this course on the NFHS site **SINCE** it has been available on ASAA site will need to complete it on SchoolCoach.ca to get credit for completing it.
- New Courses: *Coaching Volleyball Fundamentals* and *Coaching Basketball Fundamentals* are live. Track & Field course will be launching in spring 2016.
- \$50 ASRPWF Rebate for taking Courses: The Alberta Coach Education Voucher is still available. This rebate is limited and is valid towards cost of all PAID courses, not just Fundamentals of Coaching as it was in the past. Check ASAA.ca or email [michael@asaa.ca](mailto:michael@asaa.ca) for more info.

**IMPACT Student Leadership Workshops:** We are running the IMPACT workshops again this year. The North workshop takes place on Monday, September 21 at Harry Ainlay High School in Edmonton. Contact Josh if you'd like to register.

**SUBWAY/Milk Fundraiser Cards:** The Peel-a-deal card fundraiser program is back for another year. If you placed an order it is in the mail today and you should receive it this week. New orders can be placed at [www.asaa.ca/subwaycard.htm](http://www.asaa.ca/subwaycard.htm) but act fast! Cards are over 75% sold out already.

**New Athletic Directors/ExNet:** For those who are new Athletic Director's, please do not hesitate to contact the ASAA office with ANY questions or if you need your username and password for exnet. You are encouraged to ask other Athletic Directors in your area for advice, and we ask the more experienced Athletic Directors to reach out to assist new AD's in their role. Please be sure to update any school information on our ExNet system for the 2014/15 school year. Some schools may have new Athletic Directors or Principals, it is important to reflect this on our registration system so all communication from the ASAA office is getting to the appropriate person within your school. Registration deadlines are noted on the ASAA calendar and reminders are constantly on the ASAA website. Missing registration deadlines comes with a fee that can range from \$150-\$500 – be aware of them!  
Also as a new AD, we will need to make sure your information is current and up-to-date so we can reflect that on our transfers/appeals website so all information is being received by the correct person and transfers can be dealt with more expediently.

**Provincials:** congratulations to all zone teams who attended provincials and especially to those who took home a medal or sportsmanship banner. Thanks to those schools that hosted provincials last year and those who have stepped up to host this year.

**Athletic Director Initiatives:** The CIAAA will be hosting its first National Athletic Director's Conference right here in Alberta from June 16-18, 2016 at the Fantasyland Hotel in the West Edmonton Mall. The conference fee was significantly lowered this year to \$150. Visit [www.ciaaa.ca](http://www.ciaaa.ca) for information and registration details.

As of September, Grace College's Master of Science in Athletic Administration had over 30 Canadian Athletic Directors making their way through the program. This program is designed specifically for Canadian AD's where students take LTP courses through the AIAAA and complete online project work with the university. Program feedback has been outstanding.

The AIAAA will be hosting a session on "Hosting Quality Athletic Events" at the various winter teacher conventions throughout the province. Consult your convention calendars when they are released for dates/times.

**ASAA Policy Highlights Guide for Schools and Parents:** To better assist member schools, administrators, athletic directors, coaches, students and others in being aware of "must know" ASAA Bylaws and Policies, the ASAA now has a highlights brochure that each of you should have received in your ASAA mailout. We included 5 per school so you can share them with your coaches.

A separate resource, geared toward parents that outlines key ASAA policies was also included this year. 5 were sent to each school of the parent brochure as well. We feel that by providing schools with as many resources to educate all involved, policies that directly impact students can be better addressed and understood.

**Unified Sports Program:** ASAA received a grant from ASC to fund the development of a *Unified Sports* program. Unified sports is defined as the promotion of social inclusion through shared sports training and competition experiences, and is accomplished through joining people with intellectual disabilities on the same team as their peers without a disability. It was inspired by a simple principle: training and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. Funding is for four years with a new position being created to oversee program development. Keep an eye on the ASAA website and newsletters for more info as we proceed with this exciting program.

**ASAA Executive Positions 2016/17:** We encourage your involvement in the management of the ASAA by serving on the ASAA Executive Committee. In May 2016, the following positions are up for election: Athletic Director (3 year term – could be a male or a female), Vice-President (4 year term – to ascend to president in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years, and past-President in 4<sup>th</sup> year). In addition, the following Commissioner positions will be opening up: Curling, Football, Golf Track & Field, Sportsmanship.

**ASAA Staff:** Michelle Ross has unfortunately moved on from her position of Deputy Director and has taken over for Norma Smith in running Metro Athletics in Edmonton. Josh Boyd has been hired on to take over for Michelle in running provincial championships. Be sure to welcome Josh when you get the chance! We have also hired a young woman named Shanna Kurylo to take the lead on the new Unified Sports program in the new position of Program Coordinator – Unified Sports.

**ASAA Executive:** Your Executive Committee this year is ready, willing and able to lead us through the next year. As a staff, we thank them for the personal incredible commitment the following individuals on the Executive make to the ASAA:

President: Tom Christensen, Principal, Olds Jr/Sr. High School  
Past-President Dave Jones, Principal, Harry Ainlay High School (replacing Garrett Doll)  
Member at Large Joyce Loucks, Foothills Composite (replacing Marg McCuaig-Boyd)  
Athletic Director Hank Smid, AD, St. Paul Regional High  
Athletic Director Heather Bartling, AD, Bonnyville Centralized High School  
Athletic Director Michael Vaughan, Three Hills School (also Boys Vball commissioner)

***Best wishes for 2015/16 from the ASAA Executive and Staff***