

VIRGINIA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE  
1642 STATE FARM BOULEVARD  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22911

SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**TIME:** Tuesday, September 18, 2007

12:00 p.m. Foundation Board – **VHSL Office**

2:00 p.m. New Member Orientation – **VHSL Office**

5:00 p.m. Sub Committee Meetings – **DoubleTree Hotel**  
Finance  
Operations and Personnel  
Policy and Programs  
Technology

Wednesday, September 19, 2007 -- **DoubleTree Hotel**  
8:30 a.m. Full Committee

**PLACE:** DoubleTree Hotel  
990 Hinton Heights Road  
Charlottesville, Virginia

I. **Roll Call:** Pete Koste, Jim Stemple, Bill Clendaniel, Mike Lane, Nelson Simpkins, Bill Owen, Rob Arnold, E. G. Bradshaw, Jim Whorley, Lawrence Whiting, Gene Kotulka, Vanessa Wigand, Charles “Mike” Harris, Dave Stuckwisch, Robert Luttrell, Randy Thomas, Anthony Brads, Don Stowers, Jim Thornton, Wes Saxon, Pat Ferguson, Connie Minnick, Clay Moran, Denise Bowman-Scott, John Hall and Ken Tilley.

Members absent: Cynthia Watson, Paul McKendrick and Bob Tata.

Also attending were VHSL staff Tom Zimorski, Jim Garman, Joyce Sisson, Tom Dolan, Hannah Catherine Munro, Mike McCall, Lora Bickley and intern Haley Burton; as well as Buck Smith, Warren County Schools; Mike Patierno, Skyline High School; Jim Grooms, Warren County High School; Jerry Gaines, Chesapeake City Public Schools; Yvonne Bunn, Home Educators Association of Virginia; Craig Wood, VHSL legal counsel, and Cathy Train, United Way.

II. **Agenda Approval:** Wes Saxon moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve the agenda as presented.

III. **Minutes:** Bill Owen moved, Bill Clendaniel seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve the May 2, 2007, Executive Committee minutes as presented.

IV. **Announcement of Chairman-elect Selection Committee (Handbook Section 12-1-3) and Action on recommendation therefrom:** Randy Thomas moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve the unanimous recommendation of the Group A Selection Committee of Nelson Simpkins, Region C representative and principal of Eastern Montgomery High School, as the chairman-elect.

V. **Announcements and Call for New Business:** League Chairman Pete Koste introduced the new Executive Committee members, reviewed the Executive Committee notebook, referred to the chairman’s letter, room arrangements for the remaining meetings, travel vouchers, committee schedule and procedures, phone/email listing, alternates, principals and athletic directors listings by regions and the status of BoardDocs.

VI. **Public Comment:** Yvonne Bunn, Home Educators Association of Virginia, addressed the committee and indicated a desire to work directly with the VHSL to consider legislation that would allow homeschool students to participate in VHSL athletics/activities. Ms. Bunn noted that 17 states now have some type of legislation in place that allows homeschool students to participate in athletics/activities in their states.

VII. **Consent Agenda:** Wes Saxon moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to remove B1 (placement of Eastern View High School) and approve the Consent Agenda which included A through G below:

- A. **Emergency Amendment (NFHS Board of Directors):** In July a mail ballot indicated unanimous support for the following By-Law change to Handbook Section 12-1-1 Executive Committee Membership – “.... Terms for members of the Executive Committee are limited to a maximum of four consecutive years, except the term of a member shall be extended as necessary for the member to serve a full term on the National Federation of State High School Associations Board of Directors.” With ratification of this amendment, as indicated in the previous July communication, Mike Harris will represent the VHSL on the NFHS Board of Directors for a full four-year term beginning in 2007-08. Note: This item is included as part of the consent agenda since ballots are not binding actions until ratified at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee.
  
- B. **Assignment of New Member Schools:** Handbook Section 10-1-2 provides that, "any school which begins its initial year of operation shall be assigned by the executive director to its appropriate district and group according to its first year's projected membership."
  - 2. Kettle Run High School, in Fauquier County, will open in the fall of 2008 with approximately 1050 students with assignment to Northwestern District, Region II, Group AA.
  
- C. **VHSL State Basketball Tournament Format for 2008 and 2009:** In order to accommodate the expanded VHSL State Basketball Tournament format, various options were presented for membership consideration. The 5-day format below will be in effect.

| <b>BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT</b>                                  |              |                   |             |                   |                 |                   |                |                   |                |
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| <b>VHSL 5-Day Tournament (Actual times subject to change)</b> |              |                   |             |                   |                 |                   |                |                   |                |
| <b>TUES</b>                                                   |              | <b>WED</b>        |             | <b>THURS</b>      |                 | <b>FRI</b>        |                | <b>SAT</b>        |                |
|                                                               |              |                   |             |                   |                 | <b>SESSION #1</b> |                | <b>SESSION #1</b> |                |
|                                                               |              |                   |             |                   |                 | <b>10:30</b>      | A2 Girls SF    | <b>10:00</b>      | A1 Girls Final |
|                                                               |              |                   |             |                   |                 | <b>12:15</b>      | A2 Boys SF     | <b>11:45</b>      | A1 Boys Final  |
|                                                               |              |                   |             |                   |                 | <b>2:00</b>       | A2 Girls SF    | <b>SESSION #2</b> |                |
| <b>SESSION #1</b>                                             |              | <b>SESSION #1</b> |             | <b>SESSION #1</b> |                 | <b>3:45</b>       | A2 Boys SF     | <b>2:15</b>       | A2 Girls Final |
| <b>2:00</b>                                                   | AAA Girls SF | A1 Girls SF       | AA Girls SF |                   |                 |                   |                | <b>4:00</b>       | A2 Boys Final  |
| <b>3:45</b>                                                   | AAA Boys SF  | A1 Boys SF        | AA Boys SF  | <b>SESSION #2</b> |                 | <b>SESSION #3</b> |                |                   |                |
| <b>6:00</b>                                                   | AAA Girls SF | A1 Girls SF       | AA Girls SF | <b>6:30</b>       | AAA Girls Final | <b>6:30</b>       | AA Girls Final |                   |                |
| <b>7:45</b>                                                   | AAA Boys SF  | A1 Boys SF        | AA Boys SF  | <b>8:30</b>       | AAA Boys Final  | <b>8:15</b>       | AA Boys Final  |                   |                |

- D. **October and March Meeting Schedule:** Format and schedule for the 2007-08 VHSL Group Boards and Membership Meetings:

**Wednesday, October 10, DoubleTree Hotel, Charlottesville**

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast/Registration (Coaches Ed Recertification; Finances)  
Silent Auction
- 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Group Board Meetings
- 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Breakout sessions  
Suggestions: Orientation; Academic Activities; District Chair; VIAAA;  
Playoff Event Kits; Coaches Ed Overview
  
- 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. Membership Meeting including guest speaker (NFHS Executive Director Bob Kanaby)

**Thursday, March 13, Holiday Inn Select, Richmond**

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| 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.   | Breakfast/Registration |
| 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.  | Group Boards           |
| 10:45 - 11:30 a.m. | Breakout Sessions I    |
| 11:45 - 12:30 p.m. | Breakout Sessions II   |

**Friday, March 14**

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| 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. | Breakfast/Registration |
| 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. | Membership Meetings    |

- E. **VHSL State Volleyball Changes:** Last year was our first experience in combining all classes of the state volleyball competitions at a single site, VCU's Siegel Center. The experience was extremely well received with the lone exception being concerns relative to court configurations in attempting to play two simultaneous matches. The following schedule will be used to play single-court matches:

**Thursday November 15, 2007**

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| AAA Boys Semi-final  | E1 vs C2        | 1:00 |
| AAA Boys Semi-final  | C1 vs E2        | 3:00 |
| AAA Girls Semi-final | C1/NW2 vs E1/N2 | 5:00 |
| AAA Girls Semi-final | NW1/C2 vs N1/E2 | 7:00 |

**Friday November 16, 2007**

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| AA Girls Semi-final | I1/II2 vs IV1/III2 | 1:00 |
| AA Girls Semi-final | II1/I2 vs III1/IV2 | 3:00 |
| A Girls Semi-final  | A1/B2 vs D1/C2     | 5:00 |
| A Girls Semi-final  | B1/A2 vs C1/D2     | 7:00 |

**Saturday November 17, 2007**

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| AAA Boys Final  | 1:00 |
| AA Girls Final  | 3:00 |
| A Girls Final   | 5:00 |
| AAA Girls Final | 7:00 |

- F. **Approval of 2007-08 Advisory Committee Appointments:** Handbook Section 12-3-1 provides that the Executive Committee "shall be empowered to appoint such advisory committees as it may deem necessary. Membership on such advisory committees shall not be restricted to League membership." Staff will provide a handout listing proposed 2007-08 committee appointments. Advisory committee appointments for 2007-08 will be made subject to approval of the region councils.
- G. **Scholastic Bowl calendar date change:** Change the 2008 VHSL State Scholastic Bowl championship date from February 23 to March 1 due to availability of facilities at William & Mary.

**Note regarding B1:** Staff then noted that Eastern View High School had requested to be placed in Northwestern District, Region II, Group AA at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. Staff recommended deferring this item until respective districts and regions could consider it. Gene Kotulka moved, Dave Stuckwisch seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to table VII, B1.

- VIII. **Legal Report:** Legal Counsel Craig Wood addressed the committee on their responsibilities as Executive Committee members as it relates to appeals. He noted that we completed another year without having to go to court. This is attributed to the VHSL having clearly defined criteria for appeals and applying those criteria in a consistent manner. He also commented that Virginia's defined criteria for appeals are being mirrored in other states due to our success in staying out of court.

Officials background checks: Craig Wood and staff are working together in dealing with questions, primarily from officials, in regard to Virginia statute §22.1-296.1 stipulating that local school boards are required to obtain statements of contractors and prospective employees regarding their criminal history.

Cathy Train, President of the Jefferson Area United Way, conducted an orientation session for the full Executive Committee.

IX. **Legislation:**

**EMERGENCY**

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| 12-1-1 | <b>Executive Committee Membership</b><br>To extend an Executive Committee member's term on committee in order to serve on the National Federation Board of Directors. | Adopted 24-0<br>(Saxon moved,<br>Bowman-Scott seconded) |
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| 113-7-1; 114-4-1;<br>115-4-1; 116-11-1 | <b>Forensics</b> – remove option of allowing three weeks to reverse outcome for late discovery of rules violation. | Adopted 24-0<br>(Saxon moved,<br>Stemple seconded) |
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| 112-3-1 | <b>Extemporaneous</b> – in state competition, topics are to be dated no more than 60 days old; the same does not apply for districts and regions. | Adopted 24-0<br>(Saxon moved,<br>Stemple seconded) |
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| 112-5-3<br>114-2-4 | <b>Extemporaneous and Impromptu</b> – 30-minute prep time begins when topics are drawn. | Adopted 24-0<br>(Saxon moved,<br>Stemple seconded) |
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| 117-9-3 | <b>Debate (Student Congress)</b> – Mandate four sessions at state (a fifth Super Session if any group split) with time policies clarified at regionals and state. | Adopted 24-0<br>(Saxon moved,<br>Stemple seconded) |
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| 114-4-4 | <b>Forensics</b> – To designate number of judges used. | Adopted 24-0<br>(Saxon moved,<br>Stemple seconded) |
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| 116-5-1; 116-6-1 | <b>Serious Dramatic Interpretation &amp; Humorous Dramatic Interpretation</b> – Clarifies selection may not be a collection of pieces, but only one. | Adopted 24-0<br>(Saxon moved,<br>Stemple seconded) |
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| 117-9-1 | <b>Debate (Student Congress)</b> – Clarifies procedure for submitting bills and resolution to Student Congress website. | Adopted 24-0<br>(Saxon moved,<br>Stemple seconded) |
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**First-vote Legislation**

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| Various Sections | <b>Homeschool legislation.</b> | Tabled 23-1<br>(Stuckwisch moved,<br>Thomas seconded,<br>Stowers voting no) |
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| 54-8-1 | <b>Wrestling Contest Limitation – amended to read:</b> | Rec. 23-1 (as amended)<br>(Simpkins moved,<br>Bowman Scott seconded,<br>Koste voting no) |
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| <u>In wrestling, each individual is limited to 40 60 mat appearances prior to the culminating.....</u> | Rec. 22-1-1 as amended<br>(Saxon moved,<br>Simpkins seconded,<br>Koste voting no;<br>Simpkins abstaining) |
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126-9-2; 126-9-7

**Scholastic Bowl** – Remove 10-second limit and provide a designated time limit (up to 30 seconds) for difficulty of questions and math computation questions.

Rec. 24-0  
(Bowman-Scott moved,  
Clendaniel seconded)

X. **Committee Reports:**

A. **Finance:** Chairman Rob Arnold reported on his committee's findings and recommendations. It was noted that the Foundation currently has a balance of \$723,143 and as soon as the Foundation hits \$1 million, we can begin using endowment funds to support schools and their programs.

1. Reviewed the Income and Expense Report and Balance Sheets for the VHSL as of June 30. These reports indicated the VHSL completed FY2007 with a \$325,971 surplus (the best year financially).

Rob Arnold moved, Bill Owen seconded and the committee voted 23-0 (Kotulka absent for vote) to transfer \$325,000 from the Operating Fund to the Contingency Fund.

2. The audit has been completed with no concerns. Random districts and regions were audited with several problems encountered.
3. Rob Arnold moved, Randy Thomas seconded and the committee voted 23-0 (Kotulka absent for vote) to approve expending up to \$100,000 for technology upgrades from the Operating Fund subject to approval of the Executive Director, League Chairman, and chairmen of the Finance and Technology Subcommittees.
4. Recommended the renewal of the Gatorade contract.
5. Recommended the following members to be appointed to the VHSL Foundation Board of Directors as follows: Pete Koste, Nelson Simpkins, Bill Owen (by principals); Mark Krebs (superintendents); Dean Ehlers (by VIAAA); David Paxton (by other representatives)
6. Recommended to deny a request from Northumberland High School to waive the fine for late submission of two sanction requests.
7. Recommended approval of a request to decrease the membership fee for Mount Rogers High School from \$600 to \$300 and pay \$25 for each activity for the 2007-08 school year in view of their small enrollment figures – 30 students – and limited programs (forensics and JV girls basketball).

Jim Stemple moved, Nelson Simpkins seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve the Finance Committee's report.

B. **Personnel:** Chairman Pete Koste reported this committee's findings and recommendations:

1. Recommended approval of the Goals for the Executive Director for the 2007-08 school year:
  1. Develop a written budget timeline which affords all standing committees the opportunity to receive and provide necessary communication, documents, and any other relevant materials to make sound and informed decisions.
  2. Link staff responsibilities in year one of the strategic plan to their goals for evaluation in 2007-08.
  3. Continue prioritization for years two and three of the strategic plan.
2. In efforts to improve the VHSL meetings, the sub-committee will meet the night prior to the Executive Committee in order to handle business and report findings to the full committee.

The format for the October and March Membership meetings will include professional development sessions. This information and schedule will be published in Weekly Updates.

3. Staff evaluations for the administrative staff will be revamped to be evaluated as management by determined objectives.
4. In compliance with the provisions of Strategic Planning in regard to personnel, Tom Zimorski was promoted to Deputy Director and Mike McCall was hired as the new Information and Communications Specialist and Denise Marshall was hired as the new part-time bookkeeper.

Pete Koste moved, Bill Owen seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to accept the Personnel Committee's report as presented.

C. **Policy:** Committee chairman Mike Lane reported his committee's findings and recommendations:

1. Continue to emphasize the sportsmanship initiatives.
2. Recommended approval of Option A for the expanded basketball playoffs and the volleyball format as presented.
3. Reviewed the Sports Medicine and Coaches Education minutes with no recommendations.
4. Recommended no action on the homeschool legislation, but continue to have dialogue and discussion at region meetings.
5. In the wrestling under legislation 54-8-1 change, the number of mat appearances from 40 to 60.

Mike Lane moved, Dave Stuckwisch seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve the Policy Committee's report and recommendations.

D. **Technology:** Committee chairman Jim Stemple reported the following from his committee:

1. Standing Partnership Plan: Hannah Catherine Munro and Mike McCall presented an overview of the VHSL's Strategic Communications Plan, including the objectives, audiences and messages.
2. Recommended that the VHSL move forward with the Special Claudia Dodson Recognition Award.

Randy Thomas moved, Wes Saxon seconded and the committee voted 23-0 (Stemple absent for vote) to approve this committee's report and recommendations.

E. **Crisis Management:** This committee was noted and reminded that it could act expeditiously with any potential crisis that may have statewide implications.

F. **Redistricting and Reclassification:** Nelson Simpkins moved, Bill Owen seconded and the committee voted 21-3 (Kotulka, Whiting and Whorley voting no) to use three classifications for the next R&R cycle (2009-10 and 2010-11) and to remove items #4 and #5 from the R&R Survey to be distributed to the membership.

XI. **Action Agenda:**

A. **Football Division Appeals:**

1. Bill Owen moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 22-0-2 (Ferguson, Minnick abstaining) to deny a request from Clover Hill High School to be placed in Division 5 for the 2007 and 2008 schools years based on its declining enrollment with the opening of Cosby High School.
2. Gene Kotulka moved, E. G. Bradshaw seconded and the committee voted 12-9-3 (Stuckwisch, Whorley, Brads, Luttrell, Thornton, Stemple, Ferguson, Saxon and Minnick voting no: Lane, Simpkins and Kotulka abstaining) to approve the request for three Region D schools to be placed in Division 1 based on their enrollment being at least 50% smaller than that of the largest school in that region's Division 2 (68-8-3 (4)): Castlewood (308), Clintwood (329), and Coeburn (396).

- B. **Re-examine the spring sports season:** Dave Stuckwisch moved, Denise Bowman-Scott seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to deny a request by the Winchester School Board to re-examine the schedule for district, region and state playoffs and/or the spring sports season and consider making a commitment that all high school league activities be completed by June 1 of each year in order to not create conflicts with Advanced Placement testing, SOL testing, and senior commencement activities.
- C. **Culpeper High School Classification Change Request:** Dave Stuckwisch moved, Wes Saxon seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to table this request.
- D. **Confirmation of 2008-09 State Playoff Sites:** Wes Saxon moved, Bill Clendaniel seconded and the committee voted 24-0 to approve the following sites for 2008-09.

| Sport                  | 2007-08                            | 2008-09                                        |
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| Cheerleading           | Siegel Center, VCU                 | Siegel Center, VCU                             |
| Cross Country          | Great Meadows                      | Great Meadows has expressed interest           |
| Field Hockey           | National Training Center, VA Beach | National Training Center, VA Beach             |
| Football -- Division 6 | Scott Stadium, UVA                 | TBD – Scott Stadium, UVA or Lane Stadium, Tech |
| Football -- Division 5 | Scott Stadium, UVA                 | TBD – Scott Stadium, UVA or Lane Stadium, Tech |
| Football -- Division 4 | Liberty University                 | Liberty University has expressed interest      |
| Football -- Division 3 | Liberty University                 | Liberty University has expressed interest      |
| Football -- Division 2 | Salem Stadium                      | Salem Stadium                                  |
| Football -- Division 1 | Salem Stadium                      | Salem Stadium                                  |
| Golf, AAA              |                                    | Central Region Hosts                           |
| Golf, AA               | Fincastle                          | Region II Hosts                                |
| Golf, A                | Botetourt Country Club             | Region D Hosts                                 |
| Girls Open Golf        |                                    | Zone 3 – Regions B, C, II, Central Hosts       |
| Volleyball             | Siegel Center, VCU                 | Siegel Center, VCU                             |
| Basketball             | Siegel Center, VCU                 | Siegel Center, VCU                             |
| Gymnastics             | <b>Central Region, TBD</b>         | Northern Region Hosts                          |

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| Indoor Track, AAA      | George Mason University                     | Eastern Region Host – George Mason University has expressed interest |
| Indoor Track, AA       | Liberty University                          | Liberty University has expressed interest                            |
| Swim & Dive, AAA       | George Mason University                     | Northwest Region Hosts                                               |
| Swim & Dive, A & AA    | George Mason University Freedom Ctr.        | Region C/Region III Hosts                                            |
| Wrestling, AAA         | Oscar Smith High School                     | Oscar Smith High School                                              |
| Wrestling, A & AA      | Salem Civic Center                          | Salem Civic Center                                                   |
| Lacrosse               | Westfield High School                       | Westfield High School                                                |
| Spring Jubilee, AAA    | Westfield High School                       | Westfield High School                                                |
| Spring Jubilee, A & AA | Radford University                          | Radford University                                                   |
| Outdoor Track, AAA     | Todd Stadium                                | Todd Stadium                                                         |
| Outdoor Track, AA      | Harrisonburg High School                    | Harrisonburg High School has expressed interest                      |
| Outdoor Track, A       | Radford University                          | Radford University has expressed interest                            |
| Theatre, AAA           | <b>Need Site</b>                            | PVCC (?)                                                             |
| Theatre, A & AA        | MLK Performing Arts Center, Charlottesville | MLK Performing Arts Center, Charlottesville                          |
| Scholastic Bowl        | William & Mary                              | William & Mary                                                       |
| Forensics              | Harrisonburg High School                    | Harrisonburg High School                                             |
| Debate                 | Liberty University                          | Liberty University                                                   |

XII. **Discussion and Information Agenda:**

- A. **Pairings for VHSL Group A Girls State Soccer:** Joyce Sisson met with Group A officers to modify the brackets for Group A Girls State Soccer to accommodate the addition of a Region A qualifier.

- B. **Transfer Rule Legislation:** Staff will likely present first draft language for discussion purposes dealing with possible modifications to the Transfer Rule.
- C. **Public Forum Debate:** Public Forum debate is practiced on the national level in both NFL and NCFL. As VHSL has several schools that participate in these leagues, there is growing interest among coaches to add Public Forum to the current VHSL debate offering. Public Forum is also a hot topic at NFHS meetings. Some would say that policy debate in particular is endangered. In an effort to save debate from total extinction, other states have adopted Public Forum and are seeing increased participation. While some feared that Public Forum would wipe out policy debate altogether, the initial reaction is that it actually helps sustain policy. Like policy, Public Forum involves a two-person team. Unlike policy, Public Forum offers several topics over the course of a given year where policy offers only one. A group of VHSL coaches is interested in submitting a proposal to the executive committee in support of adopting Public Forum. In an effort to have this proposal go through a thorough research and development process, Assistant Director Lisa Giles will facilitate discussion with speech coaches.
- D. **Sports-Law Enforcement Working Group:** Ken Tilley joined NFHS Chief Operating Officer Bob Gardner in representing the national high school community on a Sports-Law Enforcement Working Group that met in May to explore ways to combat the use of illegal performance enhancing substances. Also represented were Major League Baseball, the NBA, the NHL, the NFL, the USOC, the NCAA, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. The meeting focused on continuing efforts to improve education, cut off the supply and curb use of specific illegal substances.
- E. **NFHS Summer Meeting:** All administrative staff and League Chairman Pete Koste attended.
- F. **Hall of Fame:** The Banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m., and we encourage Executive Committee members to attend. The ten honorees are Bruce Bowen, Carol Chory, Wayne Cosby, Dell Curry, Jerry Deviney, Sandy Hadaway, Terry Kirby, Dennis Kozlowski, Chris Slade and Harry Ward.
- G. **Awards:** The following Region Awards of Merit will be presented at the October membership meeting.

**Region A**

**Administrator:** Mark Dorsey, principal, West Point HS  
**Coach:** Al DeWitt, baseball coach, Mathews HS  
**Contributor:** Barbara Thomas, SLM Inc

**Region B**

**Administrator:** Dr. Frank Morgan, Goochland County  
**Coach:** Sidney "Chip" Chappell, football coach, Central-Lunenburg  
**Contributor:** Ronald G. Wilkerson, Riverheads HS

**Region C**

**Administrator:** Greg Nelson, athletic director, Grayson County HS  
**Coach:** Stephen Ragsdale, football coach, Giles County HS  
**Contributor:** Robert Anderson, reporter, *The Roanoke Times*

**Region D**

**Administrator:** Danny Grear, former principal, Coeburn HS (posthumous)  
**Coach:** David Sutherland, boys basketball coach, Haysi HS  
**Contributor:** Donald Ratliff, vice-president of Alpha Resources, contributor to Region D football finals

**Central Region**

**Administrator:** Bob Bralley, athletic director, Highland Springs HS  
**Coach:** Stanley Morgan, track and cross country coach, Midlothian HS  
**Contributor:** William Knott, 42-year football announcer, Dinwiddie HS

**Northwest Region**

**Administrator:** Jim Qualls, athletic director, C. D. Hylton High School  
**Coach:** Don Thompson, basketball coach, Halifax County High School (posthumous)  
**Contributor:** Lee Burton, George Washington High School

**Northern Region**

**Administrator:** Paul Jansen, student activities and athletics coordinator, FCPS  
**Coach:** Wendell Byrd, boys basketball coach, South Lakes HS  
**Contributor:** Pat Delaney, high school activity driver, Annandale HS

**Eastern Region**

**Administrator:** Debbie Berry, former athletic director, Heritage HS (posthumous)  
**Coach:** Lew Johnson, football coach, Western Branch HS  
**Contributor:** Suzi Williams, eastern region recording secretary

**Region I**

**Administrator:** Tom Dolan, former athletic director, Jamestown HS  
**Coach:** Rick Holcomb, baseball coach, Courtland HS  
**Contributor:** Mike Neville, reporter, Channel 3 of Fredericksburg

**Region II**

**Administrator:** Carroll Bickers, athletic director, Charlottesville HS  
**Coach:** Harry Terrell, girls basketball coach, Charlottesville HS  
**Contributor:** Steve Murray, district and region cross country host

**Region III**

**Administrator:** David Blevins, former principal, Hidden Valley HS  
**Coach:** Joe Curcio, Staunton River HS  
**Contributor:** Tom O'Meara, Allegheny HS

**Region IV**

**Administrator:** Brent Vann, former principal, Fieldale-Collinsville HS

- H. **T-Mobile Invitational:** Hampton High School's girls basketball team (2007 VHSL Group AAA State Champion) is one of four girls and four boys teams invited to participate in the second T-Mobile Invitational national high school basketball tournament sponsored by the NFHS December 28-29, 2007, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- I. **FIRST Robotics:** VHSL has been approached by representatives of this group to see if there might be some way to give an endorsement to their efforts to promote high school club teams around the state taking part in engineering design competitions.
- J. **2007 NFHS National Student Leadership Conference:** Ken Tilley and Hannah Catherine Munro accompanied seven VHSL students (Kate Collins, Nelson County; B. J. Gibson, Bland; Edward Griffin, Cosby; Mariya Ilyas, West Potomac; Andrew Midgette, Kempsville; Alexis Smith, James River (C); and Devante Tucker, Riverbend) to this event which was a rewarding and worthwhile learning experience. It can be the basis for engaging more students in VHSL awareness and advocacy this year and beyond.
- K. **VASSP Conference:** Approximately 35-40 administrators attended a VHSL orientation presentation ("What Every Principal Should Know About the VHSL) given by Ken Tilley at the Annual VASSP Summer Conference. Bill Owen provided comments on the session and indicated he hoped this would become an annual session as the VASSP Conference. Several member school principals were instrumental in supporting the need for this session, which also fulfills one of the VHSL Strategic Plan Operations Goals.

XIII. **Consideration of New Business Items:** None

XIV. **Business from the Floor:**

Approved the following as awards recipients:

Martha Akers, Don Bock and Lou Tonelson as Torch of Honor award recipients.

Joe Breinig, Sr., Drew Bright and David Rasnake as Lifetime Achievement award recipients.

XV. **Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.