At 4:05 p.m., Thursday, December 12, 2013, James T. Zack, President, called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square ............................................................. District   1
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville ..................................................................... District   1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ................................................................. District   2
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ......................................................................... District   3
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown.................................................................... District   3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ......................................................................... District   4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ............................................................................... District   5
Dean M. Rossi, Hollidaysburg ........................................................................... District   6
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls ....................................................................... District   7
Dr. Bart Rocco, Elizabeth .................................................................................. District   7
Scott M. Seltzer, Pittsburgh ............................................................................... District   7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ........................................................................... District   8
James B. Manners, Brockway ........................................................................... District   9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard .................................................................................... District  10
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., Whitehall ...................................................................... District  11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ...................................................................... District  12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia..................................................................... District  12
David F. Bitting, Hummelstown
Representing ...................................................... Member Junior High/Middle Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
Rep resenting .......................................................... Department of Education
Nathan G. Mains, Mechanicsburg
Representing ...................................................................................................... PSBA
Julie K. Swartfager, Franklin
Representing ...................................................................................................... PSBA
Dr. Frederick Johnson
Alt. Voting Representative Representing ............................................................ PASA
Dr. David A. Crumrine, Martinsburg
Representing ...................................................................................................... PASSP
Gerald B. Schwille, Dillsburg
Representing ...................................................................................................... PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
Representing ...................................................................................................... PCA
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Elisabeth M. Wilson, Emmaus
   Representing ................................................................. Female Officials
Terry M. Diehl, Bedford
   Representing ................................................................. Male Officials
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Hermitage
   Representing ......................................................... Member Private Schools
Gayle L. Huffman, Sugar Run
   Representing ................................................................. Female Parents
Robert J. Taylor, Oil City
   Representing ................................................................. Male Parents

MEMBER ABSENT

Beth L. Schulze, Athens
   Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Executive Director ........................................ PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Chief Operating Officer ........................................ PIAA
Melissa N. Mertz, Associate Executive Director ................................... PIAA
Patrick B. Gebhart, Assistant Executive Director ............................... PIAA
Gregory G. Biller, Director of Business Affairs ..................................... PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs ............................ PIAA

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
Andrew Goodman ................................................................. PIAA Legislative Counsel
Matthew S. Wildasin, CPA ............................................................. Boyer & Ritter
David Manbeck, CPA ................................................................. Boyer & Ritter

GUESTS PRESENT

Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary ................................................. District 1
Scott D. Heinauer, Alternate Voting Representative ............................. District 7
Rodney Frisco, Webmaster ............................................................... District 3
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education .................. Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director .................................. PSFCA
David Bohr, Sports Writer ................................................................. Patriot-News
Robert L. Vlasaty, Principal ............................................................... Northern Lehigh High School

INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Zack introduced the following Alternate Voting Representative:

- Dr. Frederick Johnson for Dr. Emilie M Lonardi, PASA Representative
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes, of the Wednesday, October 2, 2013 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Andrew Goodman of Milliron Associates reported on various legislative issues and shared with the Board that a meeting of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Council is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Capitol.

BOYER AND RITTER, P.C., CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND CONSULTANTS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Board of Directors received the PIAA audited financial statements and the PIAA (Headquarters Only) audited financial statements, and a brief oral report summarizing the audit, for the year ended June 30, 2013, as prepared and presented by David Manbeck, CPA and Matthew S. Wildasin, CPA of Boyer and Ritter, P.C., Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, as set forth in Attachments 1 and 2.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to grant the requests of the following schools to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2013:

- District I - School Lane Charter Middle School
- District III - Lemoyne Middle School
- District XII - Greater Hope Christian Academy
- District XII - Hoper Charter School

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, conditioned upon PIAA District XII Committee approval, effective July 1, 2013:

- District XII - First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School

REQUESTS OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests to terminate cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

- District VII - Beaver County Christian School and Riverside High School – boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving
District XII - Academy of Palumbo and South Philadelphia – Furness High School – wrestling

REQUESTS OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests to terminate cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year.

District VI - Cambria Heights and Harmony Area High Schools – football, boys’ and girls’ golf, girls’ soccer, boys’ and girls’ track and field, and wrestling

District VII - Apollo Ridge, Homer Center, and Indiana Area High School – wrestling Freedom and Quigley Catholic High Schools – football and wrestling

District X - Jamestown Area and Reynolds High Schools – football Youngsville and Eisenhower High Schools – boys’ golf

District XII - Parkway West and West Philadelphia High Schools – girls’ volleyball

REQUESTS OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year:

District I - Friends Select School and Girard College High School – girls’ track and field

Districts IV - Southern Columbia Area High School and Columbia Montour Vo-Tech School – boys’ and girls’ bowling

Districts VI & VII - Blairsville, Ford City, and Marion Center High Schools – girls’ lacrosse

District VI - Bishop Guilfoyle and Hollidaysburg Area Junior High Schools – wrestling Bishop Guilfoyle and Tyrone Area High Schools – boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving

District IX - East Forest and Kane Junior and Senior High Schools – wrestling
REQUESTS OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year:

**Districts II & IV** - Benton Area and Northwest Area Middle Schools - football

**District VII** - Bentworth and Bethlehem Center High Schools – girls’ tennis and wrestling

Ford City, Kittanning, and West Shamokin High Schools – girls’ soccer

**District X** - Eisenhower, Sheffield Area, Warren Area, and Youngsville High Schools – boys’ and girls’ golf

Eisenhower High School and Warren County Christian School – boys’ and girls’ soccer

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to approve the following withdrawal of termination request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year:

**District VIII** - Obama Academy and Pennsylvania Science and Technology Academy, and University Prep Margaret Milliones to terminate baseball, boys’ and girls’ basketball, boys’ and girls’ cross country, boys’ golf, softball, boys’ and girls’ tennis, boys’ and girls’ track and field, and wrestling

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR THAT WILL EFFECT ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was voted to approve the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2014-2015 enrollment classification cycle (this approval will effect enrollment classifications):

**Districts II & IV** - Benton Area and Northwest Area High Schools – football

Motion passed: 27-yes, 2-no, and 1-abstention.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director of Business Affairs gave a status report on:

1) souvenir merchandise and apparel sales of the recently completed 2013 PIAA Fall Championships;
2) Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate decrease to $.56 from $.565, effective January 1, 2013;

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the financial summaries of the recently completed 2013 PIAA Fall Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for months ended September 30 and October 31, 2013.

PIAA TENNIS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Kennedy moved and Mr. Coleman a motion to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to approve a definition that Doubles Tennis Teams are an intact team and that such teams are not allowed alternates or substitutions to one of the partners for injury or illness.

Motion failed: 7-yes, 23-no.

The Board of Directors directed the Executive Staff to provide recommendation(s) at the January 22, 2014 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to address the handling of alternates or substitutions in Doubles Tennis Teams when one of the partners suffers an injury or illness and cannot compete.

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2014, 2015, 2016, and/or 2017 PIAA Girls’ Team Tennis Championships and the 2014, 2015, 2016, and/or 2017 PIAA Girls’ Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships, as set forth in Attachment 3.

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 5, 2013, as prepared and presented by the Director of Business Affairs, as set forth in Attachment 3.

PIAA VOLLEYBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted, due to the proposal's anticipated impact on the pairings/bracketing process, to table the recommendation of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee to approve a bracketing rule for volleyball which would prohibit schools from the same PIAA District from playing each other in the first round of PIAA Inter-Districts.

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to reject the recommendation of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee to adopt a policy pursuant to Rule 5-1-1 Note to permit the authorized official (Referee 1) to approve the host school to use a line judge from the opponent, by league adoption.
On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2014, 2015, 2016, and/or 2017 PIAA Girls’ Volleyball Championships, as set forth in Attachment 4.

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 5, 2013, as prepared and presented by the Director of Business Affairs, as set forth in Attachment 4.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on:

1) number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2013 Regular Season and Postseason Contests by state high school association recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of field hockey (8), football (185), soccer (430), and girls’ volleyball (0); and

2) the soon to be completed 2013 PIAA Football Championships weekend.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on the enrollment reports and classifications updates.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was voted to accept the request of Northern Lehigh High School, PIAA District XI, to correct an error in their enrollment numbers that were reported electronically.

Motion passed: 21-yes, 9-no.

Discussion was held regarding classifications in lacrosse and competitive spirit. It was requested that the Executive Staff create classification parameters in both sports and develop different categories for the size of squads in competitive spirit, to be presented at the January 22, 2014 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors.

PIAA FIELD HOCKEY STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Johnson, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2014, 2015, 2016, and/or 2017 PIAA Field Hockey Championships, as set forth in Attachment 5.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 5, 2013, as prepared and presented by the Associate Executive, as set forth in Attachment 5.
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, it was unanimously voted to approve the proposed Request For Proposals (RFP) for 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 PIAA District and Inter-District Championships “Official Ball” designation in the sports of soccer, tennis, volleyball, football, basketball, baseball and softball.

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Dr. Johnson, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Chief Operating Officer to change number of entries (qualifiers) and corresponding brackets (pairings) for the 2014 Baseball Championships due to a change in the number of schools from District I that occurred after the Board of Directors’ adoption.

PIAA COACHES’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PENNSYLVANIA COACHES’ ASSOCIATION (PCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Following a third reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee and the Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA), to amend ARTICLE XIV COACHES, of the PIAA By-Laws, to support a PIAA/PSADA initiative to implement coaching education and require all coaches to complete the NFHS Core Courses, or equivalent courses, effective July 1, 2016, as follows:

ARTICLE XIV COACHES

Section 1. Who may Coach.
A. A Coach is a person (including volunteer high school alumni, professional athletes, and citizens of the community) engaged, either for an entire season or any part thereof, by a school to provide Coaching to a Team. PIAA does not impose any requirements or limitations on the retention or hiring of paid or volunteer Coaches in either public or Private Schools.

B. Neither the Public School Code nor the Regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) currently place restrictions on the hiring or qualification of persons employed as Coaches in public schools. Upon satisfactory compliance with applicable laws relating to completion of required background checks, schools may engage as Coaches any persons who meet their local criteria.

C. To encourage the hiring of individuals who have knowledge of the skills needed to Coach interscholastic sports, all coaches engaged by a PIAA member school, are required to successfully complete the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS) Core Courses, or American Sport Education Program (ASEP) comparable courses, or course equivalents, effective July 1, 2016. All coaches must complete this requirement within two-years of the effective date. All newly engaged coaches must complete this requirement within two-years of their date of engagement.

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C. To encourage the hiring of individuals who have knowledge of the skills needed to Coach interscholastic sports, PIAA endorses the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Coach Education Program and recommends that individuals hired as Coaches successfully complete this or a similar certification program designed to prepare Coaches in their respective sports.
PIAA GOLF STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to approve the scheduling of the golf Regional events on a common date. For the 2014 PIAA Golf Regional, the proposed date is Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to permit schools to certify six names for their team, and permit coaches to play any five of the six players in the finals competition.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2014, 2015, 2016, and/or 2017 PIAA Golf Championships, as set forth in Attachment 6.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee that for the 2014 and 2015 seasons to permit District I and District VII to advance a second girls’ team qualifier, on a rotating basis, if needed, if another self-contained District or Region does not advance a girls’ golf team to the PIAA Girls’ Team Golf Championships.

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee meeting of Tuesday, October 22, 2013, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 6.

PIAA SOCCER STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2014, 2015, 2016, and/or 2017 PIAA Soccer Championships, as set forth in Attachment 7.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was voted to reject the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON, Table I – Schedule of Fall Sports, to advance the First Regular Season Contest date to the 15th day of the Fall Sports’ Season from the 19th.

Motion passed: 27-3

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee meeting of Thursday,
On a motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2014, 2015, 2016, and/or 2017 PIAA Cross Country Championships, as set forth in Attachment 8.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was voted to reject the recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee to amend the Spectator Decorum Rule for outdoor events.

Motion passed: 23-yes, 7-no.

Mr. Tommasini moved and Mr. Hartman seconded, to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee to not apply the spectator decorum rule (specifically the body paint provision for spectators) to District and Inter-District Cross Country Championships due to the unique nature of having to marshal spectators over an open 3.1 mile venue.

Motion failed: 12-yes, 18-no.

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 5, 2013, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 8.

PIAA 100th Year Anniversary and Celebration Committee

The Executive Director announced the winners of the 100th Anniversary logo contest in which PIAA received 481 entries. The Board of Directors directed the Executive Director to send appropriate correspondence to the respective schools.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA 100th Year Anniversary and Celebration Committee meeting of Thursday, November 14, 2013, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 9.

Executive Director’s Reports and Recommendation

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to accept the Executive Director’s recommendation to move the First Regular Season Contest Date to Thursday, March 24, 2016 for spring sports from the originally scheduled date of March 25, 2016 (Good Friday).
PIAA FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) to host the 2014, 2015, 2016, and/or 2017 PIAA Football Championships, as set forth in Attachment 10.

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee and to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook, to adopt language to address the site selection process of non-contiguous districts that the site will be selected in consultation with the respective District Football Chairmen and the PIAA Tournament Director. The PIAA Tournament Director will select the site if a dispute arises.

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee, on a first reading basis, to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON, Table I – Schedule of Fall Sports, to extend the football season from the 83rd day to the 86th day to accommodate sub-varsity programs and grant them the opportunity to complete their schedules.

Motion passed: 15-yes, 14-no.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee, on a first reading basis, to modify the language in the Code of Ethics, of the PIAA By-Laws, to address a school cancelling, scheduling or rescheduling a game to gain competitive advantage.

Motion passed: 28-yes, 1-no.

On a motion by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Rocco, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Football Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 5, 2013, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 10.

PIAA LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Bitting, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Long Range Planning Finance Sub-Committee meeting of Thursday, October 3, 2013, and forward a copy to the PIAA Budget Committee, for their consideration as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 11.

On a motion by Mr. Schwille, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Long Range Planning Championships and Competition Sub-Committee meeting of Thursday, October 3, 2013, and forward a copy to the PIAA Long Range Planning Committee, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 11.
On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Long Range Planning Operations Sub-Committee meeting of Thursday, October 3, 2013, and forward a copy to the PIAA Long Range Planning Committee, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 11.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 4, Regional Panel or District Committee Review, A, Certification of Principals, subsection 2, to reflect the correct sections, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

Section 4. Regional Panel or District Committee Review.
A. Certification of Principals.
2. A certification from the Principal of the school from which the student transferred that (a) that school's Principal has interviewed the Director of Athletics for that Principal's school and, if possible, the transferring student; (b) none of the twelve illustrations set forth in Section 4ED or the thirteen illustrations set forth in Section 87B of this ARTICLE are applicable; (c) the information from the school from which the student transferred, as set forth on the PIAA Athletic Transfer Waiver Request form, is true and correct; and (d) upon completion of the investigation, the school's Principal believes that the Transfer was not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table II – Schedule of Winter Sports, Notes, 6E, to update language to agree with the National Federation of State High School (NFHS) Wrestling Rules Book, effective immediately, to read as follows:
ARTICLE XVI
SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON
RULES AND REGULATIONS

NOTES:

6. A PIAA member school is permitted to participate in a maximum of twenty-two (22) Regular Season wrestling Contests based on the following method of counting Regular Season wrestling Contests:

   e. All of the foregoing must be compliant with NFHS Wrestling Rule 1, Competition, Section 4, Representation, Article 2, which provides for no wrestler to represent that wrestler’s school in more than one weight class in any meet or compete in more than five matches (championship or consolation), including forfeits in any one day.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director on a suspended protocol basis, to amend the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook, and adopt a modification to the NFHS Wrestling Rule 11-1-4 Interpretation, to permit a wrestler to weigh-in for any class in a multiple day dual event if their Minimum Wrestling Weight (MWW) makes them eligible for that class, effective immediately, to read as follows:

WRESTLING: Adopt the 2013-2014 NFHS Wrestling Rules Book, which includes the following 14 weight classes: 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220, and 285. Adopt Rule 1-5-2, hydration testing with a specific gravity not greater than 1.025, which immediately precedes the body fat assessment, to determine a minimum wrestling weight (MWW), pursuant to the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC); modify Rule 1-5-2, Rules 4-2-3, 4, and 5, and Rule 8-2-4 (Concussion Rule), to clarify that “an appropriate health-care professional” is a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine (MD or DO); pursuant to Rule 4-2-3, adopt the NFHS Medical Release Form for Wrestler to Participate with Skin Lesion(s); and pursuant to Rule 4-4-4, authorize a two (2)-pound growth allowance on or after December 25, at all levels (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition; Modify the interpretation of Rule 11-1-4 to permit a wrestler to weigh-in for any weight class in a multiple day dual event if their MWW makes them eligible for that weight class.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director on a suspended protocol basis, to amend the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook, and adopt a modification to the NFHS Wrestling Rule 11-1-4 Interpretation, to provide as follows:
MULTI-DAY TEAM ADVANCEMENT TOURNAMENTS
In team-advancement tournaments that do not evolve into individually bracketed events and there are no individual awards, more than one wrestler may weigh-in at each weight class. All wrestlers must weigh-in each day of the multiple day event and may weigh in at any weight class their Minimum Wrestling Weight (MWW) determined by the Optimal Performance Calculator (OPC) makes them eligible. This includes weighing in at either a lower or higher weight class than presented on a previous day of the event. NOTE: This includes all Regular Season and Postseason dual meet Tournament series.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Schwille, seconded by Mr. Blucas, in was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, on a first reading basis, to clarify that conditions of probation may focus on a particular Team, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII
PENALTIES

Section 7. Probation.
In addition to, or in lieu of, such other discretionary penalties as provided by these By-Laws, a school may be placed on probation.
Probation is an intermediate penalty which may be imposed:
1. upon a finding of a violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of PIAA,
2. to ensure that steps are taken by schools to minimize the risk of future violations by a school of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of PIAA, and/or
3. to address deficiencies in administrative oversight of the interscholastic athletic program or particular Team at a school.
If probation is imposed, it must be for a specified period of time of not less than one year.
The District Committee, Regional Panel, and/or the Board of Directors may identify conditions that a school must satisfy during a probationary period. Such conditions shall be designed on a case-by-case basis to focus on the school's administrative weaknesses detected in the case and must include, but not be limited to, written reports from the school pertaining to areas of concern to the District Committee, Regional Panel, and/or Board of Directors. Conditions of probation may focus on a particular Team. If the school placed on probation fails to satisfy one or more conditions of probation, the District Committee, Regional Panel, and/or Board of Directors may reconsider the penalties in the case and may extend the term of probation and/or impose additional applicable penalties on the school and/or a particular Team.
On a motion by Mr. Schwille, seconded by Mr. Blucas, in was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, on a first reading basis, to address mixed gender participation, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVI
SEASONS AND OUT-OF-SEASONS RULES AND REGULATIONS

Section 4. Mixed Gender Participation. PIAA strongly supports and encourages participation by both boys and girls in interscholastic athletics. Based upon real and demonstrable physical and competitive differences between similarly aged and trained high school boys and girls in athletic performances, PIAA recognizes that combining genders for competition purposes would have a chilling effect on female participation in interscholastic athletics. PIAA further recognizes that, historically, girls' participation has been much more limited than boys' participation. To promote participation by the historically underrepresented gender in a fair competitive environment, PIAA, therefore, classifies sports by gender and limits mixed gender participation as follows.

A. If a school has a Boys' Team in a sport, boys at the school are not eligible to play on the school's Girls' Team in that sport. If a school has a Girls' Team in a sport, girls at the school are not eligible to play on the school's Boys' Team in that sport.

B. Girls may play on a Boys' Team if the student's school does not sponsor a comparable Girls' Team in that sport. NOTE: softball and baseball are not viewed as being comparable sports. Despite differences in rules, boys' volleyball and girls' volleyball, as well as boys' lacrosse and girls' lacrosse, are viewed as comparable sports.

C. Boys may play on a Girls' Team if (1) the student's school does not sponsor a Boys' Team in that sport, (2) the Principal determines that the overall boys' athletic program at the student's school provides fewer opportunities for boys to participate than for girls, and (3) the Principal determines that the boy would not displace any girl on the Team and would not provide his Team with an unfair competitive advantage. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, boys are permitted to participate on a Spirit Team without Principal approval.

D. Because PIAA does not have a Mixed Gender classification, for Post Season purposes, Mixed Gender Teams (other than in the sport of Spirit) shall compete in the sport classifications designated for boys. For enrollment classification purposes, a Mixed Gender Team’s classification shall be based on the By-Law and Policies and Procedures provisions used to determine male enrollment of the school.

E. In the sport of Spirit, all Teams, including Mixed Gender Teams, shall compete as Girls' Teams during Post-Season competition.

F. Where a student's gender is questioned or uncertain, the decision of the Principal as to the student's gender will be accepted by PIAA.

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GLOSSARY

BOYS’ TEAM: A Team consisting of all boys.

GIRLS’ TEAM: A Team consisting of all girls.

MIXED GENDER TEAM: A Team consisting of both boys and girls. Participation of both boys and girls on a Team in any Contest during a season causes the Team to be considered as a Mixed Gender Team for that season.

The Board of Directors directed Executive Staff and Legal Counsel to discuss ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 3, How Absence Affects Eligibility, of the of the PIAA By-Laws, Interpretations, and make a recommendation at the January 22, 2014 Board of Directors’ meeting to provide for a clarification of how school are to count days in which students are serving an in-school suspension.

HARMONY AREA HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST OF WAIVER OF ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 7, OF THE PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Dr. Crumrine, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was voted at the request of Harmony Area High School, PIAA District VI, to waive ARTICLE VIII, Section 7, of the PIAA By-Laws.

Motion failed: 5-yes, 25-no.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The following items were discussed at the meeting and were considered as informational items, with no further action taken at this time:

1) To include jurisdiction over sixth grade athletic participation.
2) Concerns of Bishop McCort High School not participating in the appeals process. The Executive Director has sent Bishop McCort HS correspondence regarding this issue and requested PIAA District VI inquire of Bishop McCort their position on this matter. PIAA District VI will meet with Bishop McCort at an upcoming District VI meeting and report their findings to the Board of Directors’ at their January 22, 2014 Board of Directors’ meeting.
3) The counting of a percentage of the total Charter and Cyber Charter School enrollments, since they have a high percentage of students not participating in athletics and the counting of them in classification numbers places schools in higher classes than they possibly deserve. This was referred to the Long Range Plan committee for their consideration.
4) A request to eliminate the participation fees charged to schools for the PIAA Golf Championships. This may have an impact on the budget and was referred to the Budget Committee for its consideration.
REQUEST BY PIAA DISTRICT XII TO MOVE 2014 SPORTS PHYSICAL DATE

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, to accommodate Philadelphia School District-wide physical examinations, it was unanimously voted to grant relief from the Sunday, June 1 sports physical date and allow physicals for the 2014-2015 school year to be conducted as early as to Saturday, May 31, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 p.m. President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where legal and personnel matters were discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 7:20 p.m. President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zack adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 7:25 p.m., Thursday, December 12, 2013.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22; AND (IF NEEDED) 8:00 A.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director