At 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 26, 2012, President W. Rodney Stone called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Doylestown ................................................................. District 1
Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square .................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ........................................................... District 2
Samuel S. Elias, Hershey ......................................................................... District 3
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ............................................................... District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ................................................................. District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ...................................................................... District 5
Raymond J. Wotkowski, Sidman ............................................................... District 6
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls ................................................................ District 7
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown .................................................................... District 7
Daniel J. Cardone, Pittsburgh .................................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh .................................................................. District 8
James B. Manners, Brookville .................................................................. District 9
Walter J. Blucos, Girard ............................................................................ District 10
John P. Wabby, Pottsville ....................................................................... District 11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ............................................................ District 12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia .......................................................... District 12
Kirk J. Scurpa, Sharpsville ...................................................................... District 12

Representing .............................................................. Member Junior High/Middle Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg ................................................................. PA Dept. of Education
Gary T. DeFlorentis, Mechanicsburg ........................................................ PSBA
Eric P. Wolfgang, York ........................................................................... PSBA
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, York ................................................................... PASA
Dennis F. Nemes, Emmaus ...................................................................... PASSP
Gerald B. Schwillie, Dillsburg ................................................................. PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside .................................................................. PCA
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

William J. Schoen, Scranton
Representing ................................................................. Male Officials
Kimberly L. Hubler, Morrisdale
Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Harold A. “Hal” Griffiths, Shiremanstown
Representing ........................................................... Member Private Schools
Marylou K. Billings, Girard
Representing ................................................................. Female Parents
Dale E. Myers, Glenville
Representing ................................................................. Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Bradley R. Cashman, Executive Director .................................................. PIAA
Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Associate Executive Director ................................. PIAA
Melissa N. Mertz, Assistant Executive Director ............................................. PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Assistant Executive Director ................................................ PIAA
Gregory G. Biller, Director of Business Affairs .............................................. PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs ................................. PIAA

GUESTS PRESENT

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ........................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary .......................................................... District 1
Matthew S. Wildasin, CPA .................................................. Boyer & Ritter, CPAs and Consultants
David J. Manbeck, CPA .................................................. Boyer & Ritter, CPAs and Consultants
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ........................................ Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Joshua E. Pollak, Esq. ........................................................... Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director ........................................ PSFCA
Stephanie Loh ............................................................................. Harrisburg Patriot-News

MEMBER ABSENT

Carla S. Smith, Clarion ................................................................. Female Officials

INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Stone introduced Dr. Michael A. Barber, Alternate Voting Representative for Dr. Randy A. Ireson, PIAA District I Vice Chairman; and Gary T. DeFlorentis, Alternate Voting Representative for Thomas J. Gentzel, PSBA Executive Director.

PUBLIC COMMENT

During the period allotted for public comment, Joshua E. Pollak, Esq., representing the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools, read a prepared statement relating to participation by Charter Schools as members of PIAA.
APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOLS APPLICATION

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mrs. Billings, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA District X Chairman to table the application for membership of Erie First Christian Academy.

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2012:

District XII - Eastern University Academy Charter School

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2011:

District VIII - Pittsburgh High School for Creative and Performance Arts

REQUEST OF WYOMING VALLEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL AND WYOMING SEMINARY FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Schoen, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Wyoming Valley West High School and Wyoming Seminary for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, effective the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

REQUEST OF CANONSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SAINT PATRICK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Cardone, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Canonsburg Middle School and Saint Patrick Junior High School for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in softball, effective the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year.

REQUEST OF ELK LAKE AND MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Schoen, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Elk Lake and Montrose High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, effective at least the duration of the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 enrollment classification cycle.

REQUEST OF ELK LAKE AND MONTROSE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Schoen, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Elk Lake and Montrose Junior High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, effective at least the duration of the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 enrollment classification cycle.
REQUEST OF WYOMING VALLEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL AND WYOMING SEMINARY FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Schoen, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Wyoming Valley West High School and Wyoming Seminary for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, effective at least the duration of the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 enrollment classification cycle.

REQUEST OF HARRISBURG ACADEMY AND TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Harrisburg Academy and Trinity High School for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in baseball, boys’ and girls’ cross country, football, boys’ and girls’ lacrosse, and boys’ and girls’ track and field, effective at least the duration of the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 enrollment classification cycle.

REQUEST OF FORBES ROAD AND SOUTHERN HUNTINGDON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Forbes Road and Southern Huntingdon Junior High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, conditioned upon PIAA District V and VI Committees approval, effective at least the duration of the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 enrollment classification cycle.

REQUEST OF ELDERTON AND FORD CITY HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Cardone, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Elderton and Ford City High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, effective at least the duration of the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 enrollment classification cycle.

REQUEST OF ELDERTON AND FORD CITY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Cardone, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Elderton and Ford City Junior High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, effective at least the duration of the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 enrollment classification cycle.

REQUEST OF AVELLA AREA AND BURGETTSTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Cardone, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Avella Area and Burgettstown Area High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ golf, effective at least the duration of the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 enrollment classification cycle.
AMBRIDGE AREA HIGH SCHOOL APPEAL FROM PIAA DISTRICT VII/WPIAL COMMITTEE DECISION NOT TO GRANT RELIEF FROM ENROLLMENT REPORT SUBMITTED TO PIAA, AS OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

Following a presentation by representatives of Ambridge Area High School appealing the decision of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee not to grant relief from the enrollment report submitted to PIAA, as of Monday, October 3, 2011, Mr. Zack moved, and Mr. Palumbo seconded, a motion to sustain the decision of the District VII/WPIAL Committee.

Motion passed: 19-yes, 11-no.

BLUE RIDGE AND GAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM ENROLLMENT REPORTS SUBMITTED TO PIAA, AS OF MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was voted to deny the request of Blue Ridge and GAR Memorial High Schools for relief from their enrollment reports submitted to PIAA, as of Monday, October 3, 2011.

Motion passed: 28-yes, 0-no, and 2-abstentions. PIAA District II Chairman and Male Officials’ Representative abstained from voting.

PIAA DISTRICT I COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION TO RE-ESTABLISH MULTI-CLASS SPORTS’ PARAMETERS FOR 2012-2013 AND 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Following a presentation by representatives of the PIAA District I Committee, Mr. Blucas moved, and Mr. Majikes seconded, a motion to deny the District I Committee request for consideration to re-establish multi-class sports’ parameters for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

Motion passed: 28-yes, 2-no. PIAA District I Chairman and Vice Chairman voted in the negative.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011, as prepared and presented by Boyer and Ritter, P.C., Certified Public Accountants and Consultants.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA (Headquarters Only) audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011, as prepared and presented by Boyer and Ritter, P.C., Certified Public Accountants and Consultants.
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director of Business Affairs gave a status report on the preparation and subsequent issuance of the 2011 Forms 1099-MISC.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the 2011 PIAA Fall Championships unaudited financial reports, as prepared and presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA (Headquarters Only) unaudited financial statements for the month ended December 31, 2011, as prepared and presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

PIAA TENNIS STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I - Schedule of Fall Sports, NOTES; and Table III - Schedule of Spring Sports, NOTES, both of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for a method of counting round robin or similar alternative forms of competition in the sport of tennis, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

NOTES:

6. A PIAA member school is permitted to participate in a maximum of eighteen (18) Regular Season tennis Contests based on the following method of counting Regular Season tennis Contests:
   One (1) Contest for each dual match.
   One (1) Contest involving more than two Teams and utilizing either a three standard six-game set or reduced play set.
   Two (2) Contests for each triangular match.
   Three (3) Contests for each quadrangular match.

SECOND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Second Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on the 2011-2012 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships, which are scheduled to be held on a regional basis on Monday, February 6 (preliminary round); and first round basis on Thursday, February 9; first round consolations, quarterfinals, second round consolations, and semi-finals basis on Friday, February 10; and third round consolations, fourth round consolations, consolation finals, and championships (finals) basis on Saturday, February 11, 2012, all at the GIANT Center, Hershey, PA.

PIAA SOCCER STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Blucas moved, and Mr. Elias seconded, to reject the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification From Next Contest(s), subsection A, General
Rule, sub-subsection 1, Mandatory Disqualification, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for disqualification from an additional Contest for any Coach and/or contestant who, while Coaching or competing for a PIAA-member school, is ejected from a Contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official in that sport for directing abusive and/or vulgar language toward an opposing Coach, opposing contestant, and/or Contest official.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 1-no.

**FIRST ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

The First Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on the 2011-2012 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships, which are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 14; Thursday, March 15; Friday, March 16; and Saturday, March 17, 2012 at Kinney Natatorium on the campus of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA.

**PIAA VOLLEYBALL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee to 1) adopt, on a second reading basis, a best three-out-of-five set match, single elimination format, for the 2012 and 2013 PIAA A, AA, and AAA Girls’ Volleyball Championships and for the 2013 and 2014 PIAA AA and AAA Boys’ Volleyball Championships, which would extend the championships (finals) by one week to a Saturday best three-out-of-five set match; and, as a result of the foregoing, 2) approve, on a second reading basis, the proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2012 and 2013 PIAA A, AA, and AAA Girls’ Volleyball Championships and for the 2013 and 2014 PIAA AA and AAA Boys’ Volleyball Championships.

Motion passed: 28-yes, 2-no.

**ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on 1) the results of the recently completed election for PIAA-Registered Officials’ Representatives to the odd-numbered PIAA District Committees; 2) the soon-to-be completed District and/or Chapter spring sports’ rules interpreters meetings/training sessions; 3) the Wednesday, February 29, 2012 deadline for payment of PIAA-registered sports officials’ registration fees, without late payment penalty; and 4) the 2011-2012 PIAA Wrestling Championships, which are scheduled to be held on a regional basis on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3, 2012; and on Thursday, March 8; Friday, March 9; and Saturday, March 10, 2012, at the GIANT Center, Hershey, PA.

**PIAA CROSS COUNTRY STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling; and the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of
Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball, to provide for an increase in the number of enrollment classifications in the sport of cross country from two to three, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

**POLICY FOR DETERMINING NUMBER OF ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE SPORTS OF CROSS-COUNTRY, SWIMMING AND DIVING, TENNIS, TRACK AND FIELD, AND WRESTLING**

In the individual sports of cross country, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling, each sport shall be entitled to one enrollment classification for every member senior high schools sponsoring that sport, or major fraction thereof. Adoption of this policy shall not produce a decrease in the number of enrollment classifications existing in any sport at the time of such adoption.

**POLICY FOR DETERMINING NUMBER OF ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE SPORTS OF BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, AND VOLLEYBALL**

In the Team sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, soccer, softball, and volleyball, each sport shall be entitled to at least one enrollment classification for every member senior high schools sponsoring that sport, or major fraction thereof. Adoption of this policy shall not produce a decrease in the number of enrollment classifications existing in any sport at the time of such adoption, and shall provide for a minimum of two enrollment classifications in each of the aforementioned sports.

Motion passed: 25-yes, 5-no.

On a motion by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee to adopt, on a second reading basis, an online rules interpretation meeting for all head Coaches of PIAA member senior high schools sponsoring the sport of cross country, effective July 1, 2012.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 1-no.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The Executive Director gave a status report on 1) his and the Associate Executive Director’s, First Assistant Executive Director’s, Second Assistant Executive Director’s, and Director of Business Affairs’ attendance at the Wednesday, January 18, 2012 PIAA District III Inter-League Council Meeting at The Press Room Restaurant, Lancaster, PA; 2) his and the PIAA Statewide Football Rules Interpreter’s attendance at the Saturday, January 21 and Sunday, January 22, 2012 NFHS Football Rules Committee Meeting in Indianapolis, IN; 3) his, the Director of Legal Affairs’, Legal Counsel’s, Legislative Counsel’s, and numerous members of the 2011-2012 PIAA Board of Directors’ attendance at the Wednesday, January 25, 2012 Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee Meeting in 60 East Wing of the Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA; and 4) the 2011-2012 PIAA Basketball Championships, which are scheduled to be held on a regional basis on Tuesday, March 6 (preliminary round); Friday, March 9 and Saturday,
March 10, (first round); Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 14 (second round); Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 (quarterfinals); and Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 21 (semi-finals). The championship (final) Contests are scheduled to be played on Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Bryce Jordan Center on the campus of The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to award the hosting of the 2012 and 2013 PIAA Golf Championships, which are scheduled to be held on Monday, October 22; Tuesday, October 23; and Wednesday, October 24, 2012; and Monday, October 21; Tuesday, October 22; and Wednesday, October 23, 2013, respectively, to Heritage Hills Golf Resort and Conference Center, York, PA.

PIAA FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 2, Rules and Regulations, subsection C, Football, sub-subsection 5, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify that participation on a community based non-school affiliated youth football team does not constitute a violation of sub-subsection 2, provided such participation is concluded by no later than December 31st of the same year, effective July 1, 2012:

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

Section 2. Rules and Regulations.

C. Football.
The following sport-specific rules modify the provisions otherwise set forth in this ARTICLE. To the extent any other provision in this ARTICLE is inconsistent with this Section, this Section controls.

1. For purposes of this Section, “Physical Contact” shall mean blocking and/or tackling. “Physical Contact” does not include contact with blocking and/or tackling dummies, shields, and/or sleds; and/or minimum risk “form” blocking or tackling.

2. Students who engage in Physical Contact at football camps and/or during clinics and/or drills, or similar or comparable functions or activities, and/or during Practices, Inter-School Practices, scrimmages, and/or Contests, outside the PIAA-defined football season, shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic football for a period of up to one year from the date of such participation. Coaches assisting and/or supervising in Physical Contact by students from PIAA member schools, outside the PIAA-defined football season, shall be ineligible to Coach interscholastic football at any PIAA member school for a period of up to one year from the date of such conduct.

3. Outside the PIAA-defined football season, the Principal may permit students of the Principal’s school to use the school’s helmets, shoulder pads, and shoes for non-Physical Contact skill related instruction supervised by school-
approved adults or at instructional camps. This provision is to promote student safety in football-related activities that do not include Physical Contact.

4. In recognition of the unique circumstances within those PIAA member schools that are absent of any junior high/middle school interscholastic football program, students enrolled in and attending those member schools in grades 7 and 8 may annually participate in the out-of-season interscholastic football program organized and operated as National Football League (NFL) Junior Player Development. A student’s participation shall be limited to a maximum of two weeks per year.

5. Nothing in this Section shall prevent any student from participating, up through the completion of 8th grade, on a community based non-school affiliated youth football programs team through December 31st of the same year completion of that team’s fall regular season and, if applicable, its fall postseason.

Motion passed:  27-yes, 3-no.  PIAA District VII Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer voted in the negative.

2012-2013 AND 2013-2014 PIAA FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS
PROPOSED NUMBER OF ENTRIES (QUALIFIERS), BY DISTRICT OR REGION, AND SELECTED BRACKETS (PAIRINGS)

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff to approve, on a first reading basis, the proposed number of entries (qualifiers), by District or by Region, to the 2012 and 2013 PIAA Fall Championships; and the proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2012 and 2013 PIAA Girls’ Team and Singles’ and Doubles’ Tennis, Girls’ Volleyball, Field Hockey, Girls’ and Boys’ Soccer, and Football Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff to approve, on a first reading basis, the proposed number of entries (qualifiers), by District or by Region, to the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 PIAA Winter Championships; and the proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 PIAA Team Wrestling and Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff to approve, on a first reading basis, the proposed number of entries (qualifiers), by District or by Region, to the 2013 and 2014 PIAA Spring Championships; and the proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2013 and 2014 PIAA Boys’ Team and Singles’ and Doubles’ Tennis, Boys’ Volleyball, Girls’ and Boys’ Lacrosse, Baseball, and Softball Championships.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA CONSTITUTION

Mr. Blucas moved, and Mr. Majikes seconded, to reject the recommendation of the Executive Director to present an amendment to ARTICLE VII, POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 1, Powers and Duties of Board of Directors, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2012
District Annual Meetings, to require a minimum number of schools within a District to have representation on the Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2014, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS
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Section 2. Membership of the Board of Directors.
  A. Each District having at least shall be entitled to one representative for the first fifty member senior high schools shall be entitled to one representative on the Board of Directors or fraction thereof. For each fifty additional member senior high schools or major fraction thereof, an additional representative shall be allowed. These representatives must be members of their respective District Committees and must be employed as a Principal, Athletic Director, and/or faculty member of a PIAA member school or as a school administrator of a public school district which has at least one member in PIAA.

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NOTE: The following PIAA Districts would be affected by the foregoing proposed amendment:

PIAA District II, which currently has 37 public senior high schools and 6 Private senior high Schools for a total of 43 member senior high schools;

PIAA District IV, which currently has 42 public senior high schools and 7 Private senior high Schools for a total of 49 member senior high schools;

PIAA District V, which currently has 20 public senior high schools and 1 Private senior high School for a total of 21 member senior high schools;

PIAA District VI, which currently has 43 public senior high schools and 6 Private senior high Schools for a total of 49 member senior high schools;

PIAA District VIII, which currently has 8 public senior high schools and 0 Private senior high Schools for a total of 8 member senior high schools; and

PIAA District IX, which currently has 32 public senior high schools and 5 Private senior high Schools for a total of 37 member senior high schools.

Motion passed: 19-yes, 11-no.

Mr. Cardone moved, and Mr. Myers seconded, to reject the recommendation of the Executive Director to present an amendment to ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 2, Membership of the Board of Directors, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2012 District Annual Meetings, to eliminate one of the two Board positions reserved for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, making it consistent with representation of other organizations, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS
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Section 2. Membership of the Board of Directors.
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C. A representative of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
D. A second representative of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), who is an elected member of a School Board at the time of appointment, shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Motion failed: 11-yes, 19-no.

Mr. Vallina moved, and Mr. Elias seconded, to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to present an amendment to ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 2, Membership of the Board of Directors, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2012 District Annual Meetings, to eliminate one of the two Board positions reserved for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, making it consistent with representation of other organizations, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

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ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 2. Membership of the Board of Directors.

   C. A representative of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

   D. A second representative of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA), who is an elected member of a School Board at the time of appointment, shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.
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The vote was 17-yes, 13-no, and 1-absent. As ARTICLE XII, AMENDMENTS, Section 2, Proposed Amendments, of the PIAA Constitution, requires approval of an amendment to the Constitution by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors (21 affirmative votes of the 31 members of the entire Board of Directors) before being submitted to the PIAA member schools, the motion failed.

Mr. Cardone moved, and Mr. Schoen seconded, to reject the recommendation of the Executive Director to present an amendment to ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 2, Membership of the Board of Directors, subsection I, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2012 District Annual Meetings, to eliminate one of the two Board positions reserved for sports officials, making it consistent with representation of other constituencies, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

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ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 2. Membership of the Board of Directors.

   I. One female registered sports official, who is on active status and in good standing with PIAA an active official, elected annually from among their own members by the female officials' representatives to members of the respective District Committees ("the Officials' Council"), and one male official, who is an active official, elected annually from among their own members by the male officials' members of the District Committee shall serve as a members of the Board of Directors. Each female
official so elected shall be succeeded by a male official. Each male official so elected shall be succeeded by a female official.

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Motion passed: 30-yes, 0-no.

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Blucas, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to present an amendment to ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 2, Membership of the Board of Directors, subsection I, and Section 3, Term of Office, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2012 District Annual Meetings, to 1) clarify and modernize Section 2I and 2) change the term limit for registered sports officials’ representatives from one-year to two years, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS
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Section 2. Membership of the Board of Directors.
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I. One female registered sports official, who is on active status and in good standing with PIAA, an active official, elected annually from among their own members by the female officials’ representatives to members of the respective District Committees (“the Officials’ Council”); and one male registered sports official, who is on active status and in good standing with PIAA, an active official, elected annually from among their own members by the male officials’ representatives to members of the respective District Committees (“the Officials’ Council”) shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.

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Section 3. Term of Office.

The members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a period of one year beginning July 1st next following their election, except the Junior High/Middle Schools’ representative, the representative of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors’ Association (PSADA), the representative of the Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA), the chairpersons of the Girls’ Athletics and Private Schools’ Steering Committees, and the representatives of the Parents’ Advisory Committee, and the representatives of the Officials’ Council, who shall serve for a period of two years.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 1-no.

RECESS

President Stone recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 10:15 p.m., Thursday, January 26, 2012.

RECONVENE

President Stone reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:05 a.m., Friday, January 27, 2012, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.
MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Doylestown ................................................................. District 1
Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square ....................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ............................................................. District 2
Samuel S. Elias, Hershey ......................................................................... District 3
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ............................................................... District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ................................................................. District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ...................................................................... District 5
Raymond J. Wotkowski, Sidman .............................................................. District 6
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls ............................................................... District 7
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown .................................................................... District 7
Daniel J. Cardone, Pittsburgh .................................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh .................................................................. District 8
James B. Manners, Brookville ................................................................. District 9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard .......................................................................... District 10
John P. Wabby, Pottsville ....................................................................... District 11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ........................................................... District 12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia .......................................................... District 12
Kirk J. Scurpa, Sharpsville
  Representing .......................................................................................... Member Junior High/Middle Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
  Representing .......................................................................................... PA Dept. of Education
Gary T. DeFlorentis, Mechanicsburg
  Representing .......................................................................................... PSBA
Eric P. Wolfgang, York
  Representing .......................................................................................... PSBA
Dennis F. Nemes, Emmaus
  Representing .......................................................................................... PASSP
Gerald B. Schwille, Dillsburg
  Representing .......................................................................................... PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
  Representing .......................................................................................... PCA
Carla S. Smith, Clarion
  Representing .......................................................................................... Female Officials
William J. Schoen, Scranton
  Representing .......................................................................................... Male Officials
Kimberly L. Hubler, Morrisdale
  Representing .......................................................................................... Girls’ Athletics
Harold A. “Hal” Griffiths, Shiremanstown
  Representing .......................................................................................... Member Private Schools
Marylou K. Billings, Girard
  Representing .......................................................................................... Female Parents
Dale E. Myers, Glenville
  Representing .......................................................................................... Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Bradley R. Cashman, Executive Director .................................................... PIAA
Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Associate Executive Director ................................ PIAA
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT (Continued)

Melissa N. Mertz, Assistant Executive Director ......................................................... PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Assistant Executive Director ............................................................. PIAA
Gregory G. Biller, Director of Business Affairs .......................................................... PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs .................................................. PIAA

GUESTS PRESENT

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ................................................................ PIAA Legal Counsel
John P. Milliron, Esq. ......................................................................................... PIAA Legislative Counsel
Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary ............................................................... District 1
C. Wendell Hower, Executive Secretary/Director .............................................. District 3
Joshua E. Pollak, Esq. ........................................................................................ Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools’

MEMBER ABSENT

Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, York ......................................................................................PASA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Stone called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss legal, legislative, and personnel matters. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where legal, legislative, and personnel matters were discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

President Stone returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

MIFFLIN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST TO AMEND ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, SECTION 2, WHEN A STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN A SEASON, AND SECTION 7, YEARLY SEASON LIMITATION, PIAA BY-LAWS

Following a presentation by representatives of Mifflin County High School relative to a proposed amendment to ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Section 2, When a Student Participates in a Season, and Section 7, Yearly Season Limitation, of the PIAA By-Laws, on a motion by Mr. Wolfgang, seconded by Mr. Myers, it was unanimously voted to refer the matter of a certain student desiring to participate in the Postseason in the fall sport of girls’ tennis and the Regular Season in the spring sport of boys’ tennis to the Executive Director, Director of Legal Affairs, and Legal Counsel for consideration, review, and a recommendation to be considered by the Board of Directors at its meeting of Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23, 2012.

PIAA-REGISTERED SPORTS OFFICIAL’S APPEAL OF SUSPENSION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Following the hearing conducted before the PIAA Board of Directors, at which a certain PIAA-registered sports official sought review of the decision of the PIAA Executive Director to suspend that sports official’s registration as an active registered official in the
sport of field hockey, the Board of Directors considered the written materials submitted to and by the Executive Director; the additional correspondence which occurred after the date of the Executive Director’s decision; and the documents presented, testimony given, and the arguments made at the appeal hearing.

On the basis of the foregoing, on a motion by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zack, it was unanimously voted to sustain the decision of the Executive Director to suspend a certain PIAA-registered official in the sport of field hockey and to impose the suspension for a term of one (1) year, effective January 27, 2012.

**FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTATION RELATIVE TO BOYS’ PLAYING FIELD HOCKEY**

The PIAA Board of Directors received a presentation by representatives of Fox Chapel Area School District relative to its request for PIAA to pursue with the Office of the Attorney General a request to modify the Commonwealth by Packel v. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Ass’n, 334 A.2d 839 (1975) injunction to account for changes in the law since 1975 and to address the ongoing issue of boys’ playing field hockey. The Board of Directors requested that the Executive Director, Director of Legal Affairs, and Legal Counsel investigate whether it is feasible to take further action at this time to address the concerns raised by Fox Chapel Area School District.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS**

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Cardone, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, Section 3, Permissible Awards, of the PIAA By-Laws, to add a provision authorizing PIAA member schools to address issues relating to "pay-to-play" policies, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE II AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS**

**Section 3. Permissible Awards.**

**F. Participation Fees:** Schools charging fees for students to participate in interscholastic athletics may reduce or waive such fees under the following circumstances: (1) the Principal may approve a reduction or waiver of the fee for an individual student who demonstrates financial need; (2) the Principal may accept a donation of all or part of the fee from a school-affiliated booster club for an individual student who demonstrates financial need; and/or (3) the Principal may accept donations from any party which are to be applied pro rata to all students participating in interscholastic athletics or to all students on a particular Team. Under no circumstance can any reduction or waiver be tied into the athletic ability of such students.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, Section 3, Permissible Awards, subsection F, Payments to Schools, of the PIAA By-Laws, to permit PIAA
member schools to receive donations of athletic equipment and/or product consistent with the existing authorization to accept payments to schools of Consideration, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

ARTICLE II
AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS

Section 3. Permissible Awards.

GF. Donations of Athletic Equipment and/or Product and/or Payments to Schools: Nothing in this Section should be deemed to prohibit a donor of athletic equipment and/or product and/or the sponsor of any athletic event or group of athletic events from providing to a school any Consideration, provided that such Consideration is not made with the assurance or understanding that all or some of such Consideration is to be then conveyed by the school to any individual student-athletes.

HG. College Recruiting: A student may accept from an institution of higher education which the student visits in connection with the student’s prospective or possible attendance there as a college student, reasonable expenses necessitated by such visit, and free admission to home athletic events of such institution which occur during such visit.

IH. Operation Gold: Consistent with NFHS policy, a student may accept monies under this program, which provides monetary rewards to athletes who place in the Olympic Games and/or World Championships in designated sports.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Myers, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, subsection B, Provisions Applicable to all Agreements, sub-subsection 2, Requests to Approve Agreements, sub-sub-subsection (b), and sub-subsubsection 3, Modification or Termination of Agreements, sub-sub-subsection (b), Grounds for Determination, of the PIAA By-Laws, to require that approved agreements be for a duration of at least a two-year enrollment reclassification cycle, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE

Section 11. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport.

B. Provisions Applicable to all Agreements.

2. Requests to Approve Agreements:

(b) For agreements between public schools within a single public school district, said requests for approval must include the approving resolution of the School Board having jurisdiction over the PIAA member schools. For all other PIAA member schools, said requests for approval must include the proposed agreement between the participating PIAA member schools. The resolution or agreement, as applicable, must fully delineate the terms and conditions that pertain to the Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport by the participating PIAA member schools, including at least the following:
(1) Introduction and purpose of agreement.
(2) Timeline for implementation.
(3) Duration of agreement (must be for at least a two-year enrollment classification cycle).
(4) Administrative responsibility, liability, and insurance.
(5) Team name and uniforms.
(6) Financial arrangements.
(7) Staffing.
(8) Operating procedures.
(9) Facilities.
(10) Transportation.

3. Modification or Termination of Agreements:

(b) Grounds for Termination.

(1) Agreements are for at least a two-year enrollment classification cycle period.
(2) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors prior to the expiration of a two-years enrollment classification cycle under the following conditions:
   (a) Closing of one of the schools;
   (b) Substantiated complaints from surrounding schools concerning recruiting by one of the participating PIAA member schools;
   (c) Substantiated complaints from parents, School Boards, and/or students in one of the participating PIAA member schools; and/or
   (d) Other valid reasons as determined by the PIAA Board of Directors.
(3) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors, after a two-years enrollment classification cycle, upon request by all parties to the Agreement and the request is absent good cause for not doing so.
(4) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors, after two, four two-years enrollment classification cycles, upon request by any participant in the Agreement and the request is absent good cause for not doing so.

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Schwille it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 3, Ineligible Students, and Section 4, Regional Panel or District Committee Review, subsection C, Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify the eligibility of transferring students in sports not played by that student within the past year, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING
Section 3. Ineligible Students.
A student not presumptively eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE shall be presumptively ineligible to participate in each sport in which the student participated
within one year immediately preceding the date of the student's Transfer. The student shall be presumptively eligible in all other sports.

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Section 4. Regional Panel or District Committee Review.

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C. Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility.

Notwithstanding Sections 2 and 3 of this ARTICLE, a Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, may, following a student's Transfer, and upon request of the Principal of a PIAA member school, or on its own initiative, after giving notice to the student's school and an opportunity to be heard to the student and the student's school, (1) declare any transferring student ineligible to participate in each sport in which that student participated within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of Transfer, if the Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose or would otherwise circumvent the purpose of the ARTICLE of deterring Transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose; and/or (2) if a finding is specifically made that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to specific sports, declare that the student shall be ineligible to participate in those sports for one year from the date of Transfer, regardless of whether the student actually participated in those sports for the year preceding the date of Transfer.

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Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 4, Regional Panel or District Committee Review, subsection C, Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility, of the PIAA By-Laws, to reorganize that subsection and rescind the provision that permits a student to regain eligibility after transferring again during an already imposed one-year period of ineligibility, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

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Section 4. Regional Panel or District Committee Review.

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C. Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility.

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D. Subsequent Transfer. A student who Transfers again during the one-year period of ineligibility shall remain ineligible, in the applicable sports, until the conclusion of that year, unless the student is declared eligible under this Section.

ED. Transfers which are motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose are those Transfers which would not have occurred but for a desire of the student or the student's family (1) to gain additional playing time; (2) to play for a particular school, Coach, or Team; (3) to avoid either playing for, or athletic sanctions imposed by, a particular school, Coach, or Team; and/or (4) to gain increased media or college exposure.

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Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE VII, FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS, Section 1, Foreign Exchange Student, subsection 6, and Section 2, International Student, subsection 4, of the PIAA By-Laws, to require a Foreign Exchange Student or an International Student, to meet the requirements of ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, of the PIAA By-Laws, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE VII**

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS

Section 1. Foreign Exchange Student.
A Foreign Exchange Student is a student who:

6. meets the requirements of ARTICLE I (the Age Rule), ARTICLE II (the Amateur Rule), and ARTICLE V (the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation [CIPPE] Rule) of the PIAA By-Laws; and

Section 2. International Student.
An International Student is a student who:

4. meets the requirements of ARTICLE I (the Age Rule), ARTICLE II (the Amateur Rule), and ARTICLE V (the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation [CIPPE] Rule) of the PIAA By-Laws; and

Following a third reading, consistent with the foregoing, on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) Foreign Exchange Student/International Student Eligibility Agreement, effective July 1, 2012.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XX, AMENDMENTS, of the PIAA By-Laws, to authorize the Executive Director to make technical, typographical, spelling, and grammatical changes to the PIAA By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations in order to assure editorial continuity with substantive changes approved by the Board of Directors, and to delete provisions which have become obsolete, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XX**

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Majority Approval Necessary.
Amendments to these By-Laws must be approved by a two-thirds majority of the PIAA Board of Directors.

Section 2. Non-Substantive Amendments.
The Executive Director is authorized to make technical, typographical, spelling, and grammatical changes to the PIAA By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations in order to assure editorial continuity with substantive changes approved by the Board of Directors, and to delete provisions which have become obsolete.

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PIAA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Following a status report by the President of PIAA on the Wednesday, January 25, 2012 Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee Meeting, on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, it was unanimously voted to defer until the Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23, 2012 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors a third reading of the following proposed amendments to ARTICLE XX, AMENDMENTS, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for 1) definitions of Boundary School, Non-Boundary School, Public School, and Public School District; and 2) amended definitions of Charter School, Cyber Charter School, Private School, and Private School’s School District, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

BOUNDARY SCHOOL: All Public Schools.

CHARTER SCHOOL: An independent public-schoo, which is organized as a non-profit corporation, established and operated under a charter from a local School Board.

CYBER CHARTER SCHOOL: An independent public school, which is organized as a non-profit corporation, established and operated under a charter from the Department of Education, in which the school uses technology to provide a significant portion of its curriculum and to deliver a significant portion of instruction to its students through the Internet or other electronic means.

NON-BOUNDARY SCHOOL: All schools that are not Public Schools.

PRIVATE SCHOOL: A non-public school that is not an Alternative School, a Charter School, a Cyber Charter School, a Magnet School, a Public School, or a Technology School.

PRIVATE SCHOOL’S SCHOOL DISTRICT: A Private School, including each Private senior high School’s and its Feeder Schools, shall have its own “school district.” Regardless of the location of its Feeder Schools, the geographic boundaries of the Private senior high School’s “school district” shall be considered the boundaries of the public school district in which it is geographically located. The Private School’s school district and the public school district are separate school districts.

PUBLIC SCHOOL: A school, which is owned and funded by a Public School District and governed by a School Board.

PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT: An entity created pursuant to the Pennsylvania Public School Code, which is charged with the responsibility of public education and which is authorized to assess taxes on properties located within its geographic boundaries.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, to read as follows:
ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

Preamble

The purpose of this ARTICLE is to deter Transfers and/or recruiting which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.

PIAA and its member schools believe that interscholastic athletics has a valuable role in the overall development of students and is a useful character building tool. PIAA and its member schools believe further that, despite increasing societal pressures to elevate the role of competitive athletics in society and in the educational process, athletics should remain subservient to academics. Students who make decisions as to what school to attend based upon factors relating to athletics defeat this objective. Further, such decisions are detrimental to efforts to maintain competitive integrity and equity, to prevent athletic recruiting, and to instill school loyalty.

PIAA recognizes the difficulty in preventing Transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. Experience has shown that students can often disguise athletically motivated Transfers and, in almost every situation, show at least some legitimate purposes for such Transfers. PIAA further recognizes that Regional Panels and District Committees, without subpoena powers or investigatory staffs, may not be able to consistently and effectively police athletically motivated Transfers. Further, efforts to measure how much of a factor athletics must play in a decision before it is considered improper is, while possible, also extremely difficult.

In light of the above stated important educational and organizational objectives, and the challenges presented in attempting to prevent athletically motivated Transfers, PIAA has adopted an approach that is intended to strongly discourage and deter students from transferring for athletic purposes. The Board of Directors recognizes that this approach may, on occasion, result in a presumption of ineligibility for students who may not have actually considered athletics as a factor in transferring, and may conversely not catch all students who actually considered athletics as a factor. Consequently, the following ARTICLE includes a provision which provides the Regional Panels and District Committees, within their respective jurisdictions, with the power, under appropriate circumstances, to change eligibility status to meet the objectives of this ARTICLE.

Section 1. Definition of Transfer.

A Transfer occurs in any situation in which a student seeks eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at a school other than the one at which the student was either enrolled or otherwise eligible.

A student who either enrolls at or otherwise seeks eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at a PIAA member school, other than the one at which the student was either enrolled or otherwise eligible, between the end of a school year and the first Practice day of fall sports for the next school year, as established under ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, of the PIAA By-Laws, but who neither Practices with nor attends that member school, shall, unless a request for determination of eligibility relating to that enrollment has first been ruled upon by a Regional Panels or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, be deemed for purposes of this ARTICLE VI not to have transferred to that member school.

Section 2. Ninth Grade Eligibility.

All students are eligible for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics (including Varsity competition) when they first enroll in 9th grade. The eligibility of students who Transfer schools and repeat 9th grade shall be determined under Sections 3 through 8, herein.
Section 2. Presumptive Eligibility.

Subject to Section 4C of this ARTICLE, a transferring student is presumed to be eligible if the student meets one of the following provisions:

Section 3. Restricted Eligibility for Transfer Students.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 4 or Section 5 of this Article, a student who Transfers after the beginning of 9th grade is ineligible to participate in any Contest (Varsity and junior Varsity) in each sport the student participated in within one year immediately preceding the Transfer. Said period of ineligibility shall end upon the completion, by the Varsity Team at that school, of a number of Contests equal to fifty percent (50%) of the maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that sport. Where the required number of Contests is not completed during the Regular Season, Postseason Contests shall apply. Where the required number of Contests is not completed by the end of the Regular Season and Postseason, the period of ineligibility shall carry over until the remaining Contests are completed during the immediately following season in that sport.

Section 3. Ineligible Students.

A student not presumptively eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE shall be presumptively ineligible to participate in each sport in which the student participated within one year immediately preceding the date of the student’s Transfer.

Section 4. Full Eligibility.

A student who Transfers after the beginning of 9th grade is eligible for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics (including Varsity competition) if the Transfer meets the criteria in one of the following subsections:

A. Change of Residence Upon Placement in, or Release From, a Juvenile Residential Facility. (i) The student has been committed to a placement in a juvenile residential facility and is attending school consistent with said commitment; or (ii) the student has been released from a juvenile residential facility and has transferred back to his/her home school district or to the school the student attended immediately before being placed in the juvenile residential facility.

B. School Closing. The school where the student has attended has been abolished.

C. Administrative Transfer.

For administrative, non-disciplinary purposes, the student has been transferred by executive action initiated by school administrative personnel to a PIAA member school within the same public school district or, if previously enrolled at a Catholic school, within the same Archdiocese or Diocese. An expulsion does not constitute an administrative Transfer under this subsection.

D. Promotion From a Traditional Junior High School. Where the highest grade of a junior high school is 9th grade, the student has completed the highest grade of that school, and the student thereupon Transfers to (i) a public senior high school in the same school district, (ii) the public senior high school in the student’s home school district; or (iii) a Private high School.

E. Natural Break Transfer.

Promotion from a junior high/middle school to a senior high school is considered a Transfer between schools. A student, who has made a Natural Break Transfer and who has not previously participated on a different senior high school Team in any sport, is presumptively eligible immediately for interscholastic athletics.

E. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement. A student participating in a sport pursuant to a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement is eligible to continue to participate in Varsity competition in that sport upon Transfer to
one of the other schools participating in that cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement.

F. Court or Governmental Agency Action. The student has been removed from the household and transferred to another school by order of a court or county agency due to abuse, neglect, or other similarly exigent circumstances.

G. Participation In Certain Sports. Subject to Section 7, a transferring student is eligible to participate in Varsity competition in any sport in which that student did not participate within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of Transfer.

Section 5. Conditions Under Which District Committee May Grant Full and Unrestricted Eligibility.

A student whose eligibility is limited per Section 3 of this ARTICLE may, through the student's Principal, apply for and be granted eligibility for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics by the District Committee if the student's Principal and the student demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District Committee that the criteria in one of the following subsections have been met:

AC. Change of Residence of Parent(s). (i) The student has moved with and resides with the student's natural or, if legally adopted, the student's adoptive parents; or with either parent and (2) has transferred to a PIAA member school in the public school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School; (ii) the student and the student's parents and family have completed a bona fide change of residence; and (iii) the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

Upon the separation of the student's natural or adoptive parents, the student has accompanied the parent departing from the family residence and resides with the departing parent in the public school district in which that parent establishes residence; and the student has transferred to a PIAA member school in the public school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

A student whose natural or adoptive parents are separated, and who has more than one Transfer from a public school district where one parent resides to a public school district where the other parent resides, shall have the student's eligibility determined under Section 4 herein.

BD. Change of Residence of Legal Guardian(s). (i) The student has moved with and resides with legal guardian(s), appointed by order of a Court of Common Pleas; (ii) the student and the student's legal guardian(s) and family have completed a bona fide change of residence; and (iii) the student has transferred to a PIAA member school in the public school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School and (3) the student's eligibility is approved by the Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions. If the appointment of a legal guardian is pending, the student will be eligible when such eligibility is approved by the Regional Panel or District Committee.

CE. Change of Residence of Foster Parent(s). (i) The student has moved with and resides with foster parents, with the approval of by order of a Court of Common Pleas or by the local child welfare organization; (ii) the student and the student's foster parents and family have completed a bona fide change of residence; and (iii) the student has transferred to a PIAA member school in the public school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

D. Change of Residence Upon Adoption. (i) The student has been legally adopted by order of a Court of Common Pleas within the past year; (ii) the student has moved into the residence of his/her adoptive parent(s); and (iii) coincident with the
move, the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the
student now resides, or to a Private School.

E. Change of Residence Upon Appointment of Legal Guardian. (i) A
legal guardian for the student has been appointed by order of a Court of Common Pleas
within the past year; (ii) the guardianship was necessitated by the death, incapacity, or
disability of the student’s parents, or abandonment by the student’s parents; (iii) the
student has moved into the residence of the court-appointed legal guardian; and (iv)
coincident with the move, the student has transferred to a public school in the school
district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

F. Change of Residence Upon Placement With Foster Parents. (i) The
student has been placed with foster parents, with the approval of the local child welfare
organization within the past year; (ii) at the time of the placement, the student has
moved into the residence of the foster parents; and (iii) coincident with the move, the
student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now
resides, or to a Private School.

G. Change of Residence Upon Divorce of Parents and Custody Award.
(i) The student’s parents have become divorced by order of a Court of Common Pleas
within the past year; (ii) the divorce decree or other order of court awarded permanent
custody of the student to one of the parents; (iii) the student moved into the residence of
the parent who has been awarded custody; (iv) the student has not previously
transferred for reasons relating to the separation or divorce; and (v) the student has
transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or
to a Private School.

H. Change of Residence Upon Death of a Parent. The student has
changed residence within one year following the death of one or both care-giving
parents and, for the student’s well-being and/or safety, has transferred to a PIAA
member school in the public school district in which the student now resides, or to a
Private School.

IG. Boarding School Students. The student has enrolled at, and resides on
the campus of, a boarding school. NOTE: This relates only to Transfers. Students
who are placed by court order or as a result of disability must still meet the applicable
requirements of ARTICLE III, Section 1, Where Enrolled for Attendance, and Section 9,
Students Placed by Court Order or as a Result of Disability, of the PIAA By-Laws.

J. Academic Withdrawals. A student Transfers following withdrawal from
another school due to an inability to meet the academic requirements of the school.
This provision is applicable only if the District Committee is provided with certifications
from the sending school that the Transfer is not motivated in any way by an athletic
purpose and that the student, but for the Transfer, would not likely advance to the next
academic grade. This exception is not intended to apply to students desiring a different
type of academic environment or classes, or to students desiring to improve academic
performance or ranking.

K. Transfer Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act. The public school
which the student had been attending has been identified for improvement, or has failed
to make adequate progress as required, under the No Child Left Behind Act and the
student has transferred because of that deficiency to another school pursuant to Section
6316 of the Act (e.g., to another PIAA member school in the same public school district
that is not identified for improvement).

L. Severe and Unusual Hardship. The Transfer was necessitated by a
severe and unusual hardship resulting from a substantial and compelling change in
circumstances beyond the control of the student and the student's parent(s), legal guardian(s), or foster parent(s).

This subsection is intended to provide District Committees with discretionary authority to deal with truly unusual and exceptionally extenuating cases.

This subsection is not intended to apply simply because a student is not eligible for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics under another provision of this ARTICLE. Only Transfers due to severe, adverse occurrences such as loss of full-time employment, death, or disability of one or more parents, court-ordered adjudication of involuntary bankruptcy, court-ordered eviction, and/or judgment of mortgage foreclosure, for example, may be considered under this subsection. Relief under this subsection will rarely be granted and will not be required under any given set of circumstances.

Section 6. Bona Fide Change of Residence.

For purposes of this ARTICLE, a bona fide change of residence shall mean a change in residence from one public school district to residence in another public school district - regardless of whether the school to be attended by the student is a public school or Private School - with the intent to make such new residence a fixed, final, and permanent domicile. Whether a move is a bona fide change of residence shall be determined by the District Committee based on the facts of each case.

A change of residence will not be considered bona fide or complete unless: (i) the original residence is abandoned as a residence and not used as a residence by the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s); and (ii) the student’s entire immediate family moves and takes with them all household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances.

NOTE: A District Committee may consider a temporary change of residence tantamount to a bona fide change of residence where: (a) the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) obtain new employment; (b) the new place of employment is located more than 25 miles from the prior residence; (c) the new residence is near the new place of employment; and (d) the move is (i) intended as an interim move pending purchase of a final place of residence near the place of residence, or (ii) tied into a specified period of employment at the new location, such as a four year job, with the expectation of a further move following completion of the term of employment. A temporary move of part of the family, while either of the student's parents or guardians remain in the original place of residence, may not be considered under this provision.

Section 7. Principals’ Certifications and District Committee Review

A. Requests for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics under Section 5 are to be submitted in writing to the District Committee and must be accompanied by:

1. Written information and documentation demonstrating that the student meets the specific criteria for full and unrestricted eligibility as set forth in Section 5.

2. A certification [or sign-off form in a format to be prescribed by PIAA] signed by the Principal of the school from which the student transferred and a certification signed by the Principal of the school to which the student transferred, stating whether or not, to the best of the Principals’ knowledge and information:
   
   (a) the student meets the specific criteria required under Section 5;
   (b) the Transfer was motivated, either in whole or in part, by an athletic purpose; and

3. A written explanation by each Principal (a) describing the nature and extent of the inquiry conducted by the Principal regarding the facts.
circumstances, and reason(s) for the Transfer; (b) stating whether or not the Principal has knowledge or information regarding the reason(s) for the Transfer other than the statement of the student and/or the student’s parents; and (c) identifying the sources and information relied on by the Principal in completing the certification form.

B. In determining whether the criteria required under Section 5 have been established, the District Committee may act on the basis of information and documentation submitted by the school and the student, including the Principals’ certifications. The District Committee also may convene a hearing, if deemed necessary, and request specific evidence, including, but not limited to, the following: (a) telephone and utility service operative at the new residence and terminated at the former residence; (b) vehicle registration listing the new address; (c) voter registration listing the new address; (d) real estate documents indicating and verifying a permanent change of residence (sale and purchase, for instance); (e) court documents indicating a permanent change of residence; (f) wage and income tax returns, wage and income tax receipts, real estate tax records; and (g) such other evidence or documentation as the District Committee deems pertinent or appropriate.

Section 4. Regional Panel or District Committee Review.

A. Certification of Principals.

Notwithstanding Section 3 of this ARTICLE, a Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, may grant eligibility where the Principal of the PIAA member school at which the student enrolls submits to the Regional Panel or District Committee a completed and properly executed PIAA Athletic Transfer Waiver Request Form, which includes:

1. A certification from the Principal of the PIAA member school to which the student transferred that (a) that school’s Principal has interviewed the transferring student and the Director of Athletics for that Principal’s school; (b) none of the eleven illustrations set forth in Section 4D or the thirteen illustrations set forth in Section 6B of this ARTICLE are applicable; (c) the information from the PIAA member school to 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 PIAA member school’s Principal believes that the Transfer was not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.

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 4E or the thirteen illustrations set forth in Section 7B 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.

B. Waiver of Ineligibility.

1. General Waiver. A student who is not otherwise eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE may, through the Principal of the school at which the student seeks eligibility, request that the Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, waive the period of ineligibility in all sports. Said waiver shall not be granted if the Regional Panel or District Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to all sports or if such determination would otherwise circumvent the purpose of
this ARTICLE of deterring Transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. If granted, eligibility shall be effective as of the date of Transfer.

2. Partial Waiver. A student who is not otherwise presumptively eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE may, through the Principal of the school at which the student seeks eligibility, also request that the Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, waive the period of ineligibility in those specific sports where the Transfer was not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. Said waiver shall not be granted if the Regional Panel or District Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to those sports or if such determination would otherwise circumvent the purpose of this ARTICLE of deterring Transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. If granted, eligibility shall be effective as of the date of Transfer.

C. Review and Rescission of Presumptive Eligibility. Notwithstanding Section 2 of this ARTICLE, a Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, may, following a student's Transfer and upon request of the Principal of a PIAA member school, or on its own initiative, after giving notice to the student's school and an opportunity to be heard to the student and the student's school, (1) declare any transferring student ineligible to participate in each sport in which that student participated within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of Transfer, if the Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose or would otherwise circumvent the purpose of the ARTICLE of deterring Transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose; and/or (2) if a finding is specifically made that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to specific sports, declare that the student shall be ineligible to participate in those sports for one year from the date of Transfer, regardless of whether the student actually participated in those sports for the year preceding the date of Transfer.

D. A student who Transfers again during the one-year period of ineligibility shall remain ineligible, in the applicable sports, until the conclusion of that year, unless the student is declared eligible under this Section.

Section 85. Termination of Team(s) for Budgetary Reasons.

Notwithstanding any other provision under this ARTICLE, a student enrolled at, or who would have otherwise been promoted to, a PIAA member school which ceases, primarily for budgetary reasons, to sponsor one or more of its Teams (the "Terminating School") may Transfer to, and be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at, another PIAA member school (the "Receiving School") under the following conditions:

a. Within one year immediately preceding the date of Transfer, the student must have been a member of the Team which was subsequently terminated primarily for budgetary reasons, by the Terminating School or, if being promoted, was a member of a Feeder School's Team in that sport;

b. The student, because of the termination of the Team primarily for budgetary reasons, Transfers to a public school or Private School located within the public school district of the student's residence or to such a school located in a contiguous public school district;

c. The student must submit to the District Committee of the student's residence a properly executed PIAA Member School Athletic Transfer Waiver Request Form specifying that the reason for the Transfer is the termination of the Team, primarily for budgetary reasons, by the Terminating School, accompanied by certification by
the Terminating School's Principal confirming that (1) the Team was terminated; (2) the Team was terminated primarily for budgetary reasons; and (3) the student participated within one year immediately preceding the date of the student’s Transfer on the terminated Team at the Terminating School or on one of its Feeder School Team's in that sport;

d. Upon receipt of the applicable Form and certifications, the District Committee shall provide confirmation to the student and the Receiving School's Principal that the student is eligible at the Receiving School in the sport which had been terminated primarily for budgetary reasons by the Terminating School;

e. A student desiring to play any other sports at the Receiving School shall so indicate such intention upon submission of the PIAA Member School Athletic Transfer Waiver Request Form (a supplemental Form may be submitted later if the student does not know at the time of the initial submission whether the student will participate in additional sports at the Receiving School). The applicable District Committee may conduct an inquiry as to whether the student's Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to that sport and, if it so finds, may declare the student ineligible to participate in sports other than the terminated sport for a period of one year immediately following the date of the student's Transfer. The student may, however, re-enroll at the Terminating School and remain eligible to participate in all sports at that school. Upon such re-enrollment, the student shall not later be entitled to eligibility under this Section should the student again Transfer for the same terminated sport.

f. Should the Terminating School reinstate the terminated sport in a future year, a student who has transferred shall be permitted to Transfer back to the Terminating School and shall, without further action, be automatically eligible to participate in all sports at the Terminating School.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to require any PIAA member school to accept a student requesting to Transfer to that school.

This Section shall not be applicable where the Terminating School has entered into a Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement with any other PIAA member school to permit participation by students at the Terminating School in the terminated sport.

Any PIAA member school, or affiliated personnel or persons, which in any way recruits students from a Terminating School shall be subject to the provisions of ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 7, Recruiting, of the PIAA By-Laws.

Section 9. Transfers for Athletic Purpose.

A. Notwithstanding Sections 4G and 5 of this ARTICLE, a District Committee may, upon request of a school or on its own initiative, after giving notice to the student's school and an opportunity to be heard to the student and the student's school, (1) declare any transferring student ineligible for a period of one year from the date of the Transfer in each sport in which that student participated within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of Transfer, if the Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose; and/or (2) if a finding is specifically made that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the Transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to specific sports, declare the student ineligible in those sports for one year from the date of Transfer, regardless of whether the student actually participated in those sports for the year preceding the date of Transfer.

B. Transfers which are motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose are those Transfers which would not have occurred but for a desire of the student or the
student's family (1) to gain additional playing time; (2) to play for a particular school, Coach, or Team; (3) to avoid either playing for, or athletic sanctions imposed by, a particular school, Coach, or Team; and/or (4) to gain increased media or college exposure.

C. The following is an illustrative, but not exhaustive, list of situations which may indicate athletic purpose:

1. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, is dissatisfied with the student's position or the amount of playing time which the student receives.

2. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, has a problem with a Coach or school athletic administration at either a personal or professional level.

3. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, seeks relief from conflict with the philosophy or action of an administrator or teacher relating to sports.

4. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, seeks to avoid or nullify the effect of actions or anticipated actions by the previous school relating to sports eligibility.

5. Except as provided for under Section 5 of this ARTICLE, there is no Team in the particular sport at the school from which the student has transferred.

6. The student follows the student's Coach or other student-athletes to another school to which the Coach or athletes have transferred or seeks to play for a particular Coach or with a particular athlete due to a prior relationship with the Coach or athlete (such as through club or AAU participation) or because of the reputation of the Coach.

7. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, desires that the student play on a less successful, smaller enrollment classification and/or lower profile Team in order to be ranked higher among the students on that Team.

8. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, desires that the student play on a more successful, larger enrollment classification and/or higher profile Team to gain a higher level of competition and/or more exposure to college scouts.

9. The student moves with one parent, one guardian, or one or more siblings, into a residence in the new public school district, especially where the student and/or the parent, guardian, or sibling returns to the family home in the evening and/or on weekends.

10. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, seeks out Athletic Personnel and/or student-athletes at the transferee school.

11. The student Transfers in the middle of a marking period and/or immediately before or after a sports season.

12. The student Transfers immediately after being cut from a Team in a particular sport.

Section 10.5. Feeder Schools for Private Schools.

Any member Private senior high School may submit to PIAA a list designating its Feeder Schools. Such submission is necessary for the schools to be recognized as Feeder Schools for a particular school. The list of designated Feeder Schools shall be signed and submitted by the Principal and shall be certified as correct (a) in the case of Catholic schools under either Archdiocesan or Diocesan jurisdiction, by the
Archdiocesan or Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, or (b) in the case of other member Private senior high Schools, by the Superintendent or by the President of the Board having jurisdiction over the member Private senior high School. Upon any change in its list of Feeder Schools, that member Private senior high School shall submit to PIAA a list of those changes, signed and certified in the same manner as is required for the original identification of its Feeder Schools. Upon submission, for purposes of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, this list shall constitute the schools in the member Private senior high School's “school district.”

Where a Catholic junior high/middle School under either Archdiocesan or Diocesan jurisdiction disagrees with its being designated as a Feeder School for a particular member Private senior high School, or where such a school is designated as a Feeder School by multiple member Private senior high Schools, the designation(s) by the Archdiocesan or Diocesan Superintendent of Schools shall control. If any other Private junior high/middle School disagrees with it being designated as a Feeder School for a particular member Private senior high School, the Private junior high/middle School shall so designate the member Private senior high School(s) for which it is a Feeder School and such designation shall control.

For the purpose of providing for participation at a member Private senior high School of seventh and eighth grade students enrolled at Feeder Schools of that member Private senior high School, such Feeder Schools may collectively apply for membership as a single Private junior high/middle School. In such instance, PIAA shall recognize the Principal of that member Private senior high School as the Principal of the collective member Private junior high/middle School created for this purpose.

Section 11.6. Recruiting.

One of the purposes of this ARTICLE is to deter recruiting which is materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. Recruiting for athletic purposes is directly contrary to fundamental interests of PIAA and its member schools and any school engaged in such conduct should do so with the expectation that it will be treated harshly upon proof of such conduct. Recruiting which is materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose is contrary to the fundamental objectives of (1) keeping athletics in their proper place and subordinate to academics; (2) protecting student-athletes from "exploitation" by adults and those having interests which might not be consistent with those of the student; and (3) maintaining competitive equity and a level playing field among PIAA member schools.

Recruiting which is materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose is defined as efforts by a school, or any of its employees, agents, or representatives, to engage in, support, or condone conduct whereby a motivating factor is to seek out one or more athletes to attend a particular school; to promote a school's athletic program or personnel other than as part of the overall program at the school; and/or, to provide preferential treatment or attention to prospective enrollees who are athletes.

A. Upon a Regional Panel's or District Committee's, within their respective jurisdictions, receipt of:

- either (1) a signed complaint from the Principal of a PIAA member school, or (2) otherwise credible information that (a) a representative of a school’s Athletic Personnel, or any other person affiliated with the school, influenced, persuaded, or attempted to influence or persuade one or more students, or one or more parents or guardians of such student(s), or an adult with whom the student(s) reside, to Transfer to, or otherwise obtain athletic eligibility at, that school for the purpose of participating in athletics at that school, or (b) the school, its Athletic Personnel and/or individuals affiliated with the school in other ways engaged in recruiting of students for an athletic
purpose, the Regional Panel or District Committee shall give notice to the school of such complaint or credible information and shall convene a hearing to consider whether any such individuals or the school, by itself or through its Athletic Personnel or other persons affiliated with the school, has engaged in recruiting of students for the purpose of participating in athletics.

B. The following is an illustrative, but not exhaustive, list of situations which may indicate recruiting which is materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose:

1. Placing an advertisement in a newspaper or other literature directed toward prospective recruits touting the athletic successes of a school's Teams and/or students. **NOTE:** A comprehensive brochure or comparable piece of literature discussing all or most aspects of the school, including, but not focusing on, the athletic program, will not be deemed to constitute recruiting for an athletic purpose.

2. Providing a student-athlete of another school, including a lower level school, other than a Feeder School of that senior high school, with free transportation, tickets, or admissions to a Contest, unless such free transportation, tickets, or admissions are made available to all students, or to all students at the same school, or to all students in the same grade level at the same school. To promote interest in youth sports programs, member senior high schools may also provide free, or reduced-price, admission to Contests for all members of youth sports Teams, provided that public senior high schools make such offer only to Teams based within the geographic boundaries of their public school district and member Private senior high Schools make such offer only to Teams affiliated with that school's sponsoring entities or organization(s) or where at least 50% of the Team members attend a Feeder School for that member Private senior high School.

3. Using AAU or other amateur athletic Coaches to steer students to a particular school.

4. Offering, to an athlete, scholarships or financial aid that is not available to other students at the school.

5. Encouraging the parents or relatives of an athlete attending a school, other than a Feeder School of that senior high school, to influence the student to enroll at that school to play sports there.

6. Promising playing time or a position on a Team to a student.

7. Meeting with athletes of a school, other than a Feeder School of that member senior high school, individually or as a group, to encourage them to enroll at a particular school. **NOTE:** This does not prohibit meeting with students who attend a school open house, which is open to all potential enrollees of that school. This also does not prohibit school personnel from visiting non-Feeder Schools of that member senior high school and speaking with entire classes, which may include athletes. The use of Athletic Personnel to engage in visits to non-Feeder Schools of a member senior high school is not prohibited but may be determined, following a hearing, to be recruiting for an athletic purpose if a focus of the appearance was on athletics, athletes, or promotion of the Athletic Personnel's role as a Coach or member or representative of the athletic department.

8. Providing transportation or other inducements to any prospective student-athlete to take a qualifying examination at a school or to meet with school officials, unless such opportunities are provided to all students at a particular school or grade level.

9. Athletic Personnel of a member senior high school directly, or through another person, encouraging a student or the parents of a student attending a school, other than a Feeder School of that member senior high school, to have the
student enroll at the school of the Athletic Personnel. **NOTE:** This restriction does not prohibit school personnel from responding to purely student - or student family - initiated inquiries to the personnel about athletic programs at the school.

10. Providing any item with school advertisement (such as shirts, pennants, caps, jackets, etc.) unless such offer is made to all students of a particular school or class.

11. Athletic Personnel of a member senior high school attending a lower level school Contest and, immediately before, during, or after the Contest, speaking to or with the players from one or both Teams. The Athletic Personnel are, however, permitted to speak to or with players from a Feeder School of the Athletic Personnel's school. **NOTE:** This restriction does not prohibit Athletic Personnel from simply attending and observing any Contest nor does it prohibit Athletic Personnel from having contact with students on a Team, if the Athletic Personnel's son(s) and/or daughter(s) is (are) on that Team.

12. Participation by a student in non-school athletics (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club settings, etc.) on a Team that is affiliated with any school other than the school which the student attends, or attended the prior year, followed by a Transfer by that student to the affiliated school. A Team affiliated with a school is one that is organized by and/or coached by any member of the Coaching staff at, or any other person affiliated with, that school; and/or on which the majority of the members of the Team (participants in Practice and/or competition) are students who attend that school.

13. Organizing, leading, or participating in a sports camp or clinic or speaking at a sports banquet or function are not, by themselves, considered to be recruiting for an athletic purpose. However, if the Athletic Personnel involved in the camp, clinic, or speech use the opportunity to promote their own school, such effort may be deemed to constitute recruiting for an athletic purpose.

**C.** If the Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, finds that the school, a representative of the school’s Athletic Personnel, or any other person, affiliated with the school, approached a student, or a parent or guardian of that student, or an adult with whom that student resides, and attempted to influence and/or influenced that student to Transfer to that school for the purpose of participating in athletics at that school, or otherwise engaged in recruiting which is materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose, the offending school will be subject to any of the penalties described in ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, of the PIAA By-Laws.

**D.** Any person determined to have engaged in recruiting which is materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose shall be disqualified from Coaching any athletic Teams of PIAA members for a period of at least one year.

### INTERPRETATIONS

**December 17, 2010.**

For purposes of this ARTICLE, participation in a sport is deemed to include seasons of participation by both genders in that sport. A student participating in girls’ soccer, for example, is deemed to have also participated in boys' soccer for that school year. The following sports are subject to this Interpretation: basketball, bowling, cross country, golf, lacrosse, rifle, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field (indoor and outdoor), volleyball, and water polo.

**January 29, 2010.**

A student who remains in the student’s present school after the student, the student’s parent(s), legal guardian(s), or foster parent(s), as applicable, has changed residence to another public school district shall retain eligibility at that school until such
time as the student seeks eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at another school.

**October 22, 1960; as amended January 31, 2004.**

A student, who upon release from a correctional institution to which the student was assigned by the court, returns to the school of the student’s home public school district, is eligible immediately.

**December 2, 1983.**

A student who Transfers to and attends a school upon the affidavit of a resident of the public school district is subject to ARTICLE VI to the same extent as any other student.

**Section 1. December 28, 1966; as amended July 25, 2008.**

A student enrolled on a full-time basis in a high school, who takes college courses on a part-time basis, is not considered to have transferred because of taking the college courses.

**Section 1. April 1, 1950; as amended January 31, 2004.**

A student who takes summer school courses is not considered to have transferred.

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**GLOSSARY**

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**NATURAL BREAK TRANSFER:** A Transfer occurring when the student:

1. has completed the highest grade of a public junior high/middle school and is thereafter promoted by the public school district to a public senior high school in the same public school district;
2. has completed the highest grade of a public or Private junior high/middle School and has enrolled in a Private senior high School;
3. has enrolled in the lowest grade of a public senior high school, after having completed the previous grade at a Private junior high/middle School; and/or
4. has enrolled in the lowest grade of a Private senior high School, after having completed the previous grade at a public junior high/middle school.

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**VARSITY:** The highest level of interscholastic competition in a sport sponsored by a school. This level is to be distinguished from junior Varsity and junior high/middle school competition.

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Motion failed: 12-yes, 12-no.

**PIAA DISTRICT V COMMITTEE REQUEST TO AMEND ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, TABLE I – SCHEDULE OF FALL SPORTS, PIAA BY-LAWS**

Mr. Palumbo moved to accept the PIAA District V Committee proposal to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I – Schedule of Fall Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for the reduction of the Regular Season and Postseason in the sport of football from 16 weekends to 15 weekends, effective July 1, 2012. For lack of a second, the motion was not presented for a vote.
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the 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 PIAA Board of Directors’ Committees, Advisory Committees, and Steering Committees, II, Advisory Committees, 3, Electronic Media Advisory Committee, (a) Subcommittee on cablecasting and telecasting, (b) Subcommittee on radio broadcasting, 5, Print Media Advisory Committee, and 6, Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, of the Policies and Procedures Section of the PIAA Handbook, to (1) consolidate the Electronic Media Advisory Committee, its respective subcommittees, and the Print Media Advisory Committee into one Media Advisory Committee and (2) provide for an annual meeting of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee prior to the March meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, all to read as follows:

PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ COMMITTEES, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, AND STEERING COMMITTEES

The PIAA Board of Directors has established various Board of Directors’ Committees; Advisory Committees, organized by constituency or according to subject matter; and Steering Committees, organized by constituency or with reference to particular sports in which PIAA member schools participate.

II. Advisory Committees

The following Advisory Committees have been established:

1. Coaches’ Advisory Committee  4. Parents’ Advisory Committee
2. Committee on Gender and Minority Equity  5. Print Media Advisory Committee
3. Electronic Media Advisory Committee:  56. Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
   (a) Subcommittee on cablecasting and telecasting
   (b) Subcommittee on radio broadcasting

Committee on Gender and Minority Equity

The purpose of the PIAA Committee on Gender and Minority Equity is to increase opportunities for women and members of minority groups for involvement in the various aspects of interscholastic athletics.

PIAA will act directly in those areas under its control, including the registration of sports officials and the retention of Contest management and administrative personnel, and will act in a recommendatory capacity as to those persons and positions under the control of PIAA member schools, such as student-athletes, Coaches, and athletic administrators.

The PIAA Board of Directors, in consultation with the Chairmen of the PIAA District Committees, shall select the members of the committee.
The committee shall meet at the call of the Executive Director.

Electronic-Media Advisory Committee:

Cablecasting and Telecasting Advisory Subcommittee

The purpose of the PIAA Media Cablecasting and Telecasting Advisory Subcommittee is to maintain open lines of communication between PIAA and the sports departments of cable television systems, and broadcast television stations, radio stations, and newspapers and magazines with regard to both cablecasting and/or telecasting, radio broadcasting, and print media coverage of Inter-District Championship Contests, and the coverage of such events for sports news purposes.

Membership on this subcommittee shall be as selected by the PIAA Board of Directors in consultation with the Pennsylvania Cable and Telecommunications Association, and the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters, Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers’ Association, and representatives of sports departments of newspapers, respectively. The committee shall meet not less often than annually at each odd-numbered year, at the PIAA Summer Workshop, and at such other times as may be determined by the Executive Director.

Radio Broadcasting Advisory Subcommittee

The purpose of the PIAA Radio Broadcasting Advisory Subcommittee is to maintain open lines of communication between PIAA and the sports departments of radio stations, with regard to both radio broadcasting of Inter-District Championship Contests, and the coverage of such events for sports news purposes.

Membership on this subcommittee shall be as selected by the PIAA Board of Directors in consultation with the Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters.

The committee shall meet not less often than each odd-numbered year, at the PIAA Summer Workshop, and at such other times as may be determined by the Executive Director.

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Print Media Advisory Committee

The purpose of the PIAA Print Media Advisory Committee is to maintain open lines of communication between PIAA and the sports departments of newspapers and magazines, with regard to coverage of Inter-District Championship Contests for sports news purposes.

Membership on this committee shall be as selected by the PIAA Board of Directors in consultation with the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers’ Association and representatives of sports departments of newspapers.

The committee shall meet not less often than each even-numbered year, at the PIAA Summer Workshop, and at such other times as may be determined by the Executive Director.

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Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

The committee shall meet not less often than annually, prior to the March meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at the PIAA Summer Workshop, and at such other times as may be determined by the Executive Director.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, the Policy Regarding Standardization of Reporting Procedures and Centralization of Accounting, to provide for a more practical interval for PIAA District Committees to report their operating activities to PIAA, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

**POLICY REGARDING STANDARDIZATION OF REPORTING PROCEDURES AND CENTRALIZATION OF ACCOUNTING**

All PIAA District Committees shall adopt and implement the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) Accounting and Procedures Manual and a modified version of its Chart of Accounts, to provide for the standardization of reporting procedures and centralization of accounting.

All PIAA District Committees shall report their operating activities to PIAA, no less often than quarterly monthly, to provide for the PIAA Board of Directors to fulfill its fiduciary responsibilities to the membership.

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVE REQUEST TO PROVIDE FOR WAIVER FOR STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY TO PARTICIPATE AT JUNIOR VARSITY LEVEL OF COMPETITION**

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Mr. Scurpa, it was unanimously voted to refer to the Executive Director, Director of Legal Affairs, and Legal Counsel for consideration, review, and a recommendation as to an adoption of a possible waiver for a Student With A Disability to participate at the junior varsity level of competition, said proposal to be considered by the Board of Directors at its meeting of Thursday, March 22 and Friday, March 23, 2012.

**PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Chairman of the PIAA Human Resources Committee gave a status report on 1) the Saturday, December 17, 2011 meeting of that Committee, which was held in Cocoa Suites 2 and 3 of The Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA; and 2) the Thursday, January 26, 2012 meeting of that Committee, which was held in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the report of the Saturday, December 17, 2011 and Thursday, January 26, 2012 meetings of the PIAA Human Resources Committee, as presented by the Vice President of PIAA; and approve, on a first reading basis, the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) Headquarters' Employee Handbook.
PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman of the PIAA Budget Committee gave a status report on the Thursday, January 12 and Friday, January 13, 2012 meeting of that Committee, which was held in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a first reading basis, the PIAA Operating Activities Budget for the year ending June 30, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Scurpa, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a first reading basis, the PIAA Cash Flows Budget for the year ending June 30, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, January 12 and Friday, January 13, 2012 meeting of the PIAA Budget Committee, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stone adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 12:30 p.m., Friday, January 27, 2012.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, MARCH 23 AND 8:00 A.M., FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2012, ASSEMBLY ROOM, THE NITTANY LION INN, STATE COLLEGE, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley R. Cashman
Executive Director