At 2:05 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2013, James T. Zack, President, called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square ............................................................. District 1
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville ..................................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ................................................................. District 2
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ......................................................................... District 3
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown.................................................................... District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ......................................................................... District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ............................................................................... District 5
Dean M. Rossi, Hollidaysburg ........................................................................... District 6
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls ........................................................................ District 7
Pamela R. Cherubin, Pittsburgh ........................................................................ District 7
Scott M. Seltzer, Pittsburgh ............................................................................... District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ........................................................................... District 7
James B. Manners, Brockway ........................................................................... District 9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard ..................................................................................... District 9
W. Bradley Pensyl, Pocono Summit .................................................................. District 10
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ........................................................................ District 10
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia ................................................................... District 11
David F. Bitting, Hummelstown ........................................................................ District 11
Representing Member Junior High/Middle Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg ........................................................................... District 11
Representing Department of Education
Gary T. DeFlorentis, Mechanicsburg .................................................................. District 12
Representing PSBA
Julie K. Swartfager, Franklin ............................................................................. District 12
Dr. Emilie M. Lomardi, York ............................................................................ District 12
Representing PASA
Dr. David A. Crumrine, Martinsburg ..................................................................... District 12
Representing PASSP
Timothy Honeywell, Berwick ............................................................................ District 12
Representing PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside ........................................................................... District 12
Representing PCA
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

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

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

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

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
Andrew Goodman ................................................................. PIAA Legislative Counsel

GUESTS PRESENT

Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary ................................................................. District 1
Rodney Frisco, Webmaster ................................................................. District 3
Charles H. “Buss” Carr, Executive Secretary ............................................................. District IV
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ........................................ Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director ......................................................... PSFCA

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA EXECUTIVE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Executive and Compliance Committees, which will meet at the call of the President in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and the Executive Director:

*James T. Zack, PIAA President and District IV Chairman
Francis M. Majikes, PIAA Vice-President and District II Chairman
James B. Manners, PIAA Treasurer and District IX Chairman

*Indicates Presiding Officer
APPOINTMENT OF PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the **PIAA Budget Committee**, which is scheduled to next meet beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA; and if necessary, reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2014, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

- James T. Zack, Pres & Dist IV Chairman
- Francis M. Majikes, VP & District II Chrmn
- James B. Manners, Treas & Dist IX Chrmn
- Dr. Michael A. Barber, District I Chairman
- Ronald H. Kennedy, District III Chairman
- Virgil R. Palumbo, District V Chairman
- John B. Fullen, Sr., District VII Chairman
- Scott M. Seltzer, District VII Treasurer
- Robert F. Hartman, Jr., District XI Chrmn
- Michael W. Hawkins, District XII Vice Chrmn
- John J. Tommasini, PA Dept. of Ed Rep
- Julie K. Swartfager, PSBA Representative
- Dr. David A. Crumrine, PASSP Rep
- Gerald B. Schwille, PSADA Rep
- Elisabeth M. Wilson, PIAA Female Offs Rep
- Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Private Schools’ Rep
- Gayle L. Huffman, Female Parents’ Rep

*Indicates Presiding Officer

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the **PIAA Human Resources Committee**, which is scheduled to next meet beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2013, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA; and, if necessary, at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2013, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

- James T. Zack, Pres & Dist IV Chairman
- Francis M. Majikes, VP & District II Chrmn
- James B. Manners, Treas & Dist IX Chrmn
- Dr. Randy A. Ireson, District I Vice Chrmn
- Douglas M. Bohannon, Dist III Vice Chrmn
- Dean M. Rossi, District VI Chairman
- Dr. Bart Rocco, District VII Vice Chairman
- Michael A. Gavlik, District VIII Chairman
- Walter J. Blucas, District X Chairman
- Robert B. Coleman, District XII Chairman
- David F. Bitting, Jr High/Middle Schls’ Rep
- Gary T. DeFlorentis, PSBA Representative
- Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative
- Ronald J. Kanaskie, PCA Representative
- Terry M. Diehl, PIAA Male Offs Rep
- Beth L. Schulze, Girls’ Athletics Rep
- Robert J. Taylor, Male Parents’ Rep

*Indicates Presiding Officer

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following persons were appointed to the **PIAA Long Range Planning Committee**, which is scheduled to next meet beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 3, 2013, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

**Long Range Planning Subcommittees:**
- **Championships:**
  - *James T. Zack, PIAA President and District IV Chairman
  - Ronald H. Kennedy, PIAA District III Chairman
  - Virgil R. Palumbo, PIAA District V Chairman
  - John B. Fullen, Sr., PIAA District VII Chairman
  - Robert B. Coleman, PIAA District XII Chairman
  - Elisabeth M. Wilson, PIAA-Registered Female Officials’ Representative
  - Robert J. Taylor, PIAA Male Parents’ Representative
  - Robert J. Tonkin, PIAA Invited Guest
• **Operations:**
  *Francis M. Majikes, PIAA Vice President and District II Chairman*
  Dr. Michael A. Barber, PIAA District I Chairman
  Dean M. Rossi, PIAA District VI Chairman
  Robert F. Hartman, Jr., PIAA District XI Chairman
  John J. Tommasini, PA Department of Education Representative
  Gary T. DeFlorentis, PSBA Staff Representative
  Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Private Schools’ Representative

• **Financial:**
  *James B. Manners, PIAA Treasurer and District IX Chairman*
  Michal A. Gavlik, PIAA District VIII Chairman
  Walter J. Blucas, PIAA District X Chairman
  David F. Bitting, Junior High/Middle Schools’ Representative
  Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative
  Dr. David A. Crumrine, PASSP Representative
  Gerald B. Schwille, PSADA Representative
  Beth L. Schulze, Girls’ Athletics Representative
  *Indicates Presiding Officer*

**APPOINTMENT OF PIAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the **PIAA Nominating Committee**, which is scheduled to next meet beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2014, at The Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA:

Gary T. DeFlorentis, PSBA Representative
Julie K. Swartfager, PSBA Representative
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative
*Dr. David A. Crumrine, PASSP Representative
Gerald B. Schwille, PSADA Representative
*Indicates Presiding Officer*

**APPOINTMENT OF PIAA POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the **PIAA Policy Review Committee**, which is scheduled to next meet, if necessary, beginning at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

James T. Zack, **Pres** & District IV Chairman
Francis M. Majikes, **VP** & District II Chrmn
James B. Manners, **Treas** & Dist IX Chrmn
David F. Bitting, Jr High/Middle Schls’ Rep
John J. Tommasini, PA Dept. of Ed Rep
*Gary T. DeFlorentis, PSBA Representative
Julie K. Swartfager, PSBA Representative
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative
Dr. David A. Crumrine, PASSP Rep

Gerald B. Schwille, PSADA Representative
Ronald J. Kanaskie, PCA Representative
Elisabeth M. Wilson, PIAA Female Offs Rep
Terry M. Diehl, PIAA Male Offs’ Rep
Beth L. Schulze, Girls’ Athletics Rep
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Private Schools’ Rep
Gayle L. Huffman, Female Parents’ Rep
Robert J. Taylor, Male Parents’ Rep
*Indicates Presiding Officer*
APPOINTMENT OF PIAA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee, which is scheduled to next meet, if necessary, beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

*James T. Zack, Pres & District IV Chairman
Francis M. Majikes, VP & District II Chair
James B. Manners, Treas & Dist IX Chair
Dr. Michael A. Barber, District I Chairman
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, District I Vice Chairman
Ronald H. Kennedy, District III Chairman
Douglas M. Bohannon, District III Vice Chair
Virgil R. Palumbo, District V Chair
Dean M. Rossi, District VI Chair

John B. Fullen, Sr., District VII Chairman
Dr. Bart Rocco, District VII Vice Chairman
Scott M. Seltzer, District VII Treasurer
Michael A, Gavlik, District VIII Chair
Walter J. Blucas, District X Chair
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., District XI Chair
Robert B. Coleman, District XII Chair
Michael W. Hawkins, District XII Vice Chair

*Indicates Presiding Officer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes, of the Thursday, May 22, 2013 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as corrected and presented by the Executive Director.

INTRODUCTION OF RECENTLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF AND ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Zack introduced the following as recently elected members of the PIAA Board of Directors:

- Ronald H. Kennedy, PIAA District III Chairman
- Douglas M. Bohannon, PIAA District III Vice Chairman
- Scott M. Seltzer, PIAA District VII/WPIAL Treasurer
- Robert F. Hartman, Jr., PIAA District XI Chair
- David F. Bitting, Junior High/Middle Schools’ Representative
- Julie K. Swartfager, PSBA Representative
- Beth L. Schulze, Girls’ Athletics Representative

President Zack introduced the following Alternate Voting Representatives:

- Pamela R. Cherubin for Dr. Bart Rocco, PIAA District VII Vice Chairman
- W. Bradley Pensyl for Robert F. Hartman, Jr., PIAA District XI Chair
- Timothy Honeywell for Gerald B. Schwille, PSADA Representative.

CERTIFICATION OF RECENTLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 1, Board of Directors, of the PIAA Constitution, on a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to certify the recently elected members of the 2013-2014 PIAA Board of Directors.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND STATEMENT

Pursuant to the PIAA Conflict of Interest Policy, President Zack requested that each member of the 2013-2014 PIAA Board of Directors and PIAA Administrative Staff read, sign, and date the PIAA Conflict of Interest Statement and submit to the Executive Director for filing.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2013:

District II - West Scranton Junior High School

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following schools, effective July 1, 2013:

District V - Fannett Metal Middle School
District VII - Bentworth Middle School

RESCISSION OF REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FROM ONE PIAA DISTRICT TO ANOTHER

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to remove from the table the request of Leechburg Area High School and Leechburg Area Junior High School to transfer from the jurisdiction of PIAA District VII to the jurisdiction of PIAA District VI.

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

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

District I - Calvary and Phil-Mont Christian Academies – wrestling
District II - Wyoming Seminary and Wyoming Valley West High School (football)
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

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

District III - Lancaster Catholic and Lancaster Mennonite Junior High Schools – field hockey, conditioned upon District III Committee approval

District V - Johnstown Christian Middle School and Shade Junior High School – boys’ basketball

Districts V & VI – Fannett Metal and Southern Huntingdon High Schools – boys’ soccer
Fannett Metal Middle and Southern Huntingdon Junior High Schools – boys’ soccer

District VII - Burgettstown Area and South Side Area High Schools – boys’ soccer
Burgettstown Area Middle and South Side Area Junior High Schools – boys’ soccer, all conditioned upon District VII Committee approval

District VII - New Brighton and Rochester High Schools – boys’ soccer

District IX - Austin Area and Cameron County High Schools – boys’ golf, conditioned upon PIAA District IX Committee approval

District XII - George Washington High School, Arts Academy of Benjamin Rush, and Swenson Arts & Technology High School – girls’ lacrosse

District XII - Lankenau, Martin Luther King, and Parkway Northwest High Schools – baseball, competitive spirit, football, boys’ and girls’ soccer, boys’ and girls’ tennis, boys’ and girls’ track and field, girls’ volleyball, and wrestling

REQUEST OF JANUS SCHOOL AND LANCASTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Rossi, it was unanimously voted to suspend the application of ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, subsection A, Philosophy, sub-subsection 6, of the PIAA By-Laws, which relevantly provides for “[t]he public school districts of the participating PIAA member schools [to] be contiguous and/or overlap” and approve the request of Janus School and Lancaster Catholic High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in baseball, boys’ and girls’ basketball, field hockey, football, golf, boys’ and girls’ soccer, softball, boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving, boys’ and girls’ tennis, boys’ and girls’ track and field, and wrestling, effective the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 2:15 p.m. President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where legal and personnel matters were discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 2:25 p.m. President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

PIAA-REGISTERED SPORTS OFFICIALS
APPEALS OF SUSPENSION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Following a presentation by the PIAA Director of Legal Affairs to the PIAA Board of Directors relating to a request of a PIAA-registered sports official to review the decision of the PIAA Executive Director to remove that sports official's registration as an active registered official in the sport of wrestling due to the conviction by the official of a federal felony for income tax evasion, the Board of Directors considered the additional information at the appeal hearing.

On the basis of the foregoing, on a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was voted that removal was not required by statute or the By-Laws. The Board of Directors then considered a motion to modify the Executive Director's decision to remove a PIAA-registered official in the sport of wrestling and to impose certain probationary standards for an extended time period in which the official must adhere to the provisions as detailed by the Board of Directors, effective July 24, 2013.

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

Following a hearing conducted before the PIAA Board of Directors, at which a PIAA-registered sports official sought review of the decision of the PIAA Executive Director to suspend his registration as an active registered official in the sports of football, swimming and diving, and volleyball, 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 information made at the appeal hearing.

On the basis of the foregoing, on a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Rossi, it was voted to modify the decision of the Executive Director to suspend a PIAA-registered official in the sports of football, swimming and diving, and volleyball and to impose certain probationary standards for an extended time period in which the official must adhere to the provisions as detailed by the Board of Directors. Any violations of those provisions may result in either suspension or removal of the official, effective July 24, 2013.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 2-abstentions.
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS' REPORTS

The Director of Business Affairs’ gave a status report on:

1) Boyer & Ritter, PC’s recently issued request for PIAA District Committee audit and tax documentation for the year ended June 30, 2013;
2) The recently issued requests for PIAA District Committee financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2013;
3) The recently prepared and mailed invoices for PIAA member school dues; and
4) LRG payments to PIAA and PIAA-member schools per licensing agreements.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to approve the unaudited financial report relating to the 2013 PIAA Spring Sports Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to approve the unaudited financial statements for the months ended May 31 and June 30, 2013.

PIAA VOLLEYBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee 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 approve a pre-game warm-up procedure to provide for consistency at District and Inter-District playoffs, **effective immediately**.

The procedure will be a 6-7-7 warm-up format. For the first six minutes, both competing teams will share the full court, each occupying their own side. In the next seven minutes, the serving team has the full court. In the final seven minutes, the receiving team has the full court.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 1-no.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee to adopt, on a first reading basis, NFHS Volleyball Rule 5-9-4, NOTE 2, and require the use of flags by line judges beginning with the 2014 season.

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee Minutes as prepared and presented by the Director of Business Affairs, as set forth in Attachment 1.

RECESS

President Zack recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 4:45 p.m.
RECONVENE

President Zack reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 4:55 p.m.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on:

1) The Thursday, August 1, 2013 NFHS/PIAA Field Hockey Rules Interpretation Meeting and Clinic and Train the Trainers for District and Chapter Interpreters in all Sports; the Friday, August 2, 2013 and Saturday, August 3, 2013, 19th Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention; and the 25/35 Years of Service Banquet.

2) The number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2013 Regular Season and Postseason Contests by PIAA registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of baseball, boys’ and girls’ lacrosse, girls’ spring soccer, softball, boys’ and girls’ track and field, and boys’ volleyball.

PIAA OFFICIALS’ COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee to adopt the 2013-2014 NFHS fall, winter, and spring sports’ rules book and relevant state association adopts and modifications.

Mr. Fullen and Mr. Tommasini moved to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee to adopt the uniform change in the sports of field hockey, football, soccer and girls’ and boys’ lacrosse to permit the wearing of a black and white striped jacket in cold weather.

Motion failed: 5-yes, 15-no.

On a motion by Mr. Diehl, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to adopt the uniform change that home plate umpires in the sports of baseball and softball be permitted to wear a hockey style helmet as long as it is unadorned single solid blue or black in color.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee Minutes as prepared and presented by the Assistant Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 2.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on:

1) the Competitive Cheer Championships; and

2) her presentation at the NFHS 94th Summer Meeting.
PIAA LACROSSE AND SOFTBALL STEERING COMMITTEES AND
MEDIA AND GIRLS’ ATHLETICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mrs. Schulze, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes for the PIAA Lacrosse and Softball Steering Committees, the Media Advisory Committee and Girls’ Athletics Advisory Committee Minutes as prepared and presented by the Assistant Executive Director, as set forth in Attachments 3, 4, 5, and 6.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORT

The Chief Operating Officer gave a report on MaxPrep scholarships that will benefit Pennsylvania junior high/middle schools and the application process for schools to be part of this program.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Honeywell, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee and the Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA) to support a PIAA/PSADA initiative to implement coaching education and require all coaches to complete the NFHS Core Courses, or equivalent courses, effective July 1, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee and Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA) Board of Directors joint meeting of Thursday, June 20, 2013, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 7.

PIAA BASEBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 20, 2013, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Chief Operating Officer, as set forth Attachment 8.

PIAA TRACK AND FIELD STEERING COMMITTEE
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mrs. Schulze, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to adopt the proposed qualifying standards to the 2014 PIAA Track and Field Championships, as set forth in Attachment 9.

On a motion by Dr. Lonardi, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 20, 2013, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 9.
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PIAA MEMBER JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS’ STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Member Junior High/Middle Schools’ Steering Committee meeting of Friday, June 21, 2013, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 10.

PIAA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS’ STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Dr. Lonardi, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Athletic Directors’ Steering Committee meeting of Friday, June 21, 2013, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 11.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Executive Director thanked the PIAA Board of Directors for their support and the successful 2012-2013 school year and reported on the Saturday, June 23 to Thursday, June 27, 2013, 94th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting.

PENN-TRAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM THE FOOTBALL HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION PLAN

Following presentation of a request by Penn-Trafford High School appealing the Executive Director’s interpretation of the PIAA head acclimatization plan, the Board of Directors, on a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, voted to deny the request of Penn-Trafford High School to interpret the plan consistent with its interpretation. This plan, which was instituted by the Board of Directors on a suspended protocol basis on Thursday, March 20, 2013, and presented at each District spring meeting, has been posted upon PIAA Web site and listed in the 2013-2014 PIAA Rules and Regulations.

Motion passed: 24-yes, 3-no.

PIAA PARENTS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

After considerable discussion, the PIAA Board of Directors requested that the PIAA Executive Director contact Chester High School regarding the behavior of their fans during the playing of the National Anthem at 2013 PIAA Basketball Championships held at the GIANT Center, Hershey, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Parents’ Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, June 20, 2013, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 12.
PIAA 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND CELEBRATION
COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director noted that there was a request for an additional stipend for the 100th Year Anniversary and Celebration. The PIAA Board of Directors referred this request to the PIAA Executive Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA 100th Anniversary and Celebration Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 19, 2013, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 13.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of PIAA Legal Counsel to accept the non-substantive changes to modernize the language of the 2013-2014 PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, as set forth in Attachment 14.

Following a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 2, Presumptive Eligibility, Subsection G, Boarding School Student, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for clarification of a boarding school student, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE & RECRUITING

Section 2. Presumptive Eligibility
Subject to Section 4C of this Article, a transferring student is presumed eligible if the student meets one of the following provisions:

G. Boarding School Student.
The student has enrolled at, and resides in housing provided by and on the campus owned by of, a boarding Private School.

Following a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE VII, FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS, Section 5, American Dependencies and Foreign Student, Subsection B, Foreign Students, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for clarification of a foreign exchange students, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII
FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS,

Section 5. American Dependencies and Foreign Students.
B. Foreign Students. A resident of a foreign country who Transfers to a PIAA member school but who does not meet the requirements in Section 1 or Section 2 above is considered a Foreign Student. The eligibility of Foreign Students shall be determined upon Transfer to a PIAA member school under ARTICLE VI, Section 4 of these By-Laws and the student must meet all other PIAA eligibility provisions.

Following a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification From Next Contest(s), Subsection A, General Rule, Sub-subsection 2, Discretionary Disqualification, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for clarification of who has authorization to determination disqualification, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII
PENALTIES

Section 8. Disqualification From Next Contest(s).
A. General Rule.

2. Discretionary Disqualification. Upon the finding by a PIAA-Appointed Tournament Director, Contest Manager, District Committee, Regional Panel, or, if the conduct occurred in an Inter-District Contest, by the Executive Director or Board of Directors, within their respective jurisdictions, that a student-athlete, Coach, and/or Team, while Coaching or competing for a PIAA member school, engaged in flagrant misconduct while on the premises where a Contest is conducted, said student-athletes, Coaches, and/or Teams may be disqualified from participation in the next scheduled Contest following said determination.

Following a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, Section 2, How Persons May Become PIAA Officials Section 3, Duty to Report Offenses, and Section 6, Removal of Registered Sports Officials, of the PIAA By-Laws, to update language to reflect changes that have been developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV
OFFICIALS

Section 2. How Persons May Become PIAA Officials.
To become a PIAA-registered official in any sport, the applicant shall meet the qualifications and requirements and pass such examination as may be required by the PIAA Board of Directors.

Applicants shall be required to identify any crimes of which they have been convicted or have pled guilty or no contest. Any applicant who has been
convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e) shall not be registered by PIAA unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

The application of any individual convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, a felony more than ten years prior to applying shall be reviewed by the PIAA Executive Director. In considering whether to accept said application, the Executive Director shall consider the nature of the offense and whether the applicant poses a danger specifically to school students or is otherwise unsuitable for registration as an official. This factor is most paramount as to an applicant convicted of a sexual offense, especially an offense (especially one which would trigger registration under Megan's Law) involving sexual, physical or verbal abuse against a child. Other factors to be considered by the Executive Director include the following:

- The time period that has elapsed since the offense.
- Whether the offense was an isolated single event or was repeated.
- The presence or absence of a subsequent criminal history.
- Whether the offense bears a relationship to interscholastic athletics.
- Whether the person was involved in interscholastic sports when the crime occurred.
- Whether the conduct occurred on the property of a school or relating to sports.

Additionally, the Executive Director shall not accept the application of an individual convicted of an offense identified in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e) unless the PIAA Director of Legal Affairs certifies that he or she believes that the refusal to accept the application would likely be inconsistent with the applicant’s constitutional rights.

Applicants convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other felony of the first, second, or third degree shall not be registered by PIAA unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

Applicants convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree shall not be registered by PIAA unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

Applicants convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one first degree misdemeanor under 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 3802 relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance shall not be registered by PIAA unless a period of three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.
Applicants may also be rejected by the Executive Director if they have been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, forgery, fraud, embezzlement, perjury, and/or another offense which relates to or calls into question the honesty or veracity of the applicant.

The decision of the Executive Director to reject an application may be appealed by the applicant to the PIAA Board of Directors.

All newly registered sports officials, all sports officials registered for the first time with PIAA since April 1, 2007, and all sports officials whose registration have lapsed for more than one year, shall be required to obtain and submit to PIAA valid (obtained within the past year) copies of (1) a Pennsylvania State Police background check (Act 34 of 1985) report; (2) a Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare child abuse history (Act 151 of 1994) report; and (3) a FBI federal criminal history record (Act 114 of 2006) report. Expenses for obtaining and submitting said reports shall be borne by the registered sports official.

Section 3. Duty to Report Offenses.

Any registered sports official who has been either convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, any felony or misdemeanor of the first degree offense identified under 24 P.S. § 1-111(e) (see the current list of such offenses in the NOTE herein), shall so notify the Executive Director of such previous conviction or of such recent arrest for such charges or conviction by completing the form developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, a copy of which is published on the PIAA Web site at www.piaa.org.

Section 6. Removal of Registered Sports Officials.

A. Mandatory Removal.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pleads guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e).

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other felony of the first, second, or third degree unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one first degree misdemeanor under 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802 relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance unless a period of three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.
Any sports official removed from the list of registered sports officials under this subsection A may reapply for registration upon expiration of the period identified therein. Reinstatement is within the discretion of the Executive Director and, in any event, shall not be granted unless the removed sports official (1) meets all of the qualifications and requirements then in place and (2) passes such examination(s) as then may be required by the Board of Directors. In granting reinstatement, the Executive Director may place the official on probation for a defined period of time and under conditions deemed appropriate by the Executive Director.

In considering reinstatement of any individual convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, any felony or misdemeanor of the first degree, the Executive Director shall consider the nature of the offense and whether the applicant poses a danger specifically to school students or is otherwise unsuitable for registration as an official. This factor is most paramount as to an applicant convicted of a sexual offense, especially an offense (especially one which would trigger registration under Megan's Law) involving sexual, physical or verbal abuse against a child. Other factors to be considered in making the decision include the following:

- The time period that has elapsed since the offense.
- Whether the offense was an isolated single event or was repeated.
- The presence or absence of a subsequent criminal history.
- Whether the offense bears a relationship to interscholastic athletics.
- Whether the person was involved in interscholastic sports when the crime occurred.
- Whether the conduct occurred on the property of a school or relating to sports.

Additionally, the Executive Director shall not reinstate any individual convicted of an offense identified in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e) unless the PIAA Director of Legal Affairs certifies that he or she believes that the refusal to reinstate would likely be inconsistent with the individual's constitutional rights.

**B. Discretionary Removal.**

The Board of Directors may remove from the list of registered sports officials any person:

1. Whom the Board of Directors has determined to have been biased and/or consistently incompetent or unfair in the official’s decisions in Contests, or

2. Whose conduct on or off the competition surface renders the official unfit to act as a registered sports official, or

3. Who is convicted of forgery, fraud, embezzlement, perjury, and/or another offense which relates to or calls into question the honesty or veracity of the official, or
4. Who has been removed for misconduct by a national amateur or professional athletic organization or a state high school association that recognizes and/or registers sports officials, or

5. Who, while under suspension herein, engages in conduct defined in Section 7 below that would be additional grounds for suspension.

Any sports official removed from the list of registered sports officials under this subsection B may reapply for registration after no less than five school years have passed from such removal. Reinstatement shall be solely within the discretion of the Board of Directors and, in any event, shall not be granted unless the removed sports official (1) meets all of the qualifications and requirements then in place, (2) passes such examination(s) as then may be required by the Board of Directors, and (3), at a hearing before the Board of Directors, demonstrates, by clear and convincing evidence, that the reason(s) for removal have been satisfactorily addressed and that the official currently possesses the character, integrity, moral fitness, and competence to be registered. In granting reinstatement, the Board of Directors may place the official on probation for a defined period of time and under conditions deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

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On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mrs. Wilson, it was unanimously voted 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 accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to adopt ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, Section 9, Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD), of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide guidelines for PIAA staff when officials accused of criminal acts are given the opportunity to participate in an ARD program, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV
OFFICIALS

Section 9. Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)
A suspension imposed on an official pursuant to Section 7B of this ARTICLE will be lifted upon the official providing certification of his/her completion of an Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) program disposing of all the charges.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted 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 accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section B, Provisions Applicable to all Agreements, subsection 3, Modification or Termination of Agreements, sub-subsection 3 and 4, to assist in consistency with schools submitting enrollment numbers for classifications, effective immediately, to read as follows:
ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE

B. Provisions Applicable to all Agreements.

3. Modification or Termination of Agreements:
   (a) Procedure and Timing of Requests.

   (3) Such requests for modification or termination, which would affect the classification size of a Team, must be submitted on or before September 15th November 1st of any odd-numbered year to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors to be considered for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

   (4) Such requests for modification or termination, which would affect the classification size of a Team, must be submitted by the applicable PIAA District Committee to the PIAA Board of Directors by October 1st December 1st of any odd-numbered year to be considered for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Following a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. Diehl, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to adopt a Policy for Change in Numbers of Qualifiers, Brackets (Pairings) After the Three Reading Process is Approved, effective immediately, to read as follows:

POLICY FOR CHANGE IN NUMBERS OF QUALIFIERS, BRACKETS (PAIRINGS)
AFTER THE THREE READING PROCESS IS APPROVED

If the number of member schools in a PIAA District changes due to school closings, consolidations, and/or opening/creating new schools, the PIAA Executive Staff will review the number of qualifiers and brackets (pairings) and, if the school actions affect the proportional representation distribution between Districts, the Executive Staff is authorized to propose to the Board of Directors an adjustment in qualifiers and bracketing to further the intent of proportional representation.

Following a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to adopt a policy regarding Corrections to School’s Enrollment Report, effective immediately, to read as follows:

CORRECTIONS TO SCHOOL’S ENROLLMENT REPORT

The Annual Dues and Enrollment Report shall be filed with the PIAA Office no later than the date the Public School Enrollment Report is due to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Member schools are expected to closely review the Enrollment Report for possible errors. To address possible mistakes or
oversights, PIAA will provide a copy of the submitted report numbers to each member school for their review. PIAA member school may submit a written request to revise their Enrollment Report on or before November 15th of every odd numbered year and must indicate if they want to move up in a classification. Oral requests for revisions to enrollment numbers and to move up in a classification; and requests for revisions submitted after the November 15th deadline will not be considered by PIAA.

PIAA will formally announce the classification assignments for the next two year period within 30 days of the November 15th deadline or as soon thereafter as possible.

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On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted 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 accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend the policy regarding Restriction on Advertisements or Sponsors Names on Uniforms, effective immediately, to read as follows:

RESTRICTION ON ADVERTISEMENTS OR SPONSORS NAMES ON UNIFORMS AND/OR WARM-UP APPAREL

PIAA Contests are not intended as forums for the promotion of socio/political beliefs or preferences nor are they intended to be a vehicle for the promotion of commercial or business interests of students, sponsors, friends, or backers of contestants or schools. Such promotion distracts from the focus of the Contest on athletic competition and sportsmanship, and therefore detracts from the educational value of the event. Contestants or Coaches desiring to express socio/political or other opinions which are prohibited under this policy shall consult with their school officials and the host of the Contest to determine an appropriate time and place for the expression of their beliefs.

No advertisements, names or logos of sponsors, lettering, logos, trademarks, or other designs shall appear on any uniforms or warm-up apparel issued or provided by any PIAA member school, in any sport under PIAA jurisdiction, other than the name and/or logo of the school and/or Team, and the name and/or logo of the manufacturer of the uniform or warm-up apparel.

Upon a contestant, Coach, or Team arriving on or in the immediate vicinity of a competition surface prior to a Contest, and until the conclusion of that Contest, no contestant, Coach, or Team shall wear any uniform attire that includes a commercial, social, or political advertisement, name or logo of sponsor, lettering, logo, trademark, or other design of any entity other than (1) that of the student's or Coach's school (and which has been approved by an appropriate representative of the school); (2) the name and/or logo of the manufacturer of the clothing being worn by the student or Coach; and/or (3) PIAA-approved attire. Any contestant or Coach in violation of this policy shall be requested to remove the offending uniform attire. A contestant or Coach refusing to do so may be subject to sanction pursuant to the provisions of ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, of the PIAA By-Laws.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:00 p.m. President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where legal matters were further discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 6:05 p.m. President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL PUBLIC REPORT

Andrew Goodman of Milliron Associates reported on various legislative issues including House Bills (“HB”) No. 1141 and No. 1464 and Senate Bills (“SB”) No. 444 and No. 925.

NFHS TELEVISION NETWORK

The Executive Director discussed the proposed NFHS television network. He noted that PIAA Championships will be excluded from the broadcasts; PIAA has an agreement in place with Pennsylvania Cable Network to broadcast PIAA Championships. District championships will also be excluded. What would be included would be PIAA Inter-District Contests from the first round through the semi-finals in all sports and regional wrestling.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zack adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 6:25 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, 2013.


Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director