At 7:20 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2008, President W. Rodney Stone called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Warrington ................................................................. District 1
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville .......................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ............................................................ District 2
John W. Ziegler, Newport ..................................................................... District 3
Samuel S. Elias, Hershey ................................................................. District 3
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ................................................................. District 5
Raymond J. Wotkowski, Sidman ..................................................... District 6
Richard A. Constantine, Uniontown .................................................. District 7
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls .......................................................... District 7
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown ............................................................... District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ............................................................... District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway ................................................................. District 9
August S. Picardo, Erie .................................................................. District 10
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  Representing .............................................................. PASA
Dennis F. Nemes, New Tripoli
  Representing .............................................................. PASSP
Thomas R. Wagner, Karns City
  Representing .............................................................. PSADA
MEMBERS PRESENT (CONTINUED)

John M. Bailey, Philipsburg
Representing ................................................................. PCA

Frances V. Pierce, Norristown
Representing ............................................................. Female Officials

Larry J. Frisina, Corry
Representing ............................................................... Male Officials

John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
Representing ............................................................... Department of Education

Gayle L. Huffman, Sugar Run
Representing ............................................................. Female Parents

Robert J. Taylor, Oil City
Representing ............................................................... Male Parents’ Representative

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 ............................................................ PIAA District I
Charles H. “Buss” Carr, Executive Secretary ................................................. PIAA District IV

MEMBERS ABSENT

Joseph T. Kelly, Bloomsburg .......................................................... District 4
Linda G. Messich, Bobtown .......................................................... Girls’ Athletics
William J. Cleary, McKeesport ........................................................ Private Schools

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

President Stone introduced Dr. Brian M. Small, PASA Representative as a recently appointed member of the PIAA Board of Directors and Mr. August S. Picardo, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Walter J. Blucas, PIAA District X Chairman; Mr. Timothy M. Allwein, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Thomas J. Gentzel, PSBA Executive Director; and Mr. John M. Bailey, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Ronald J. Kanaskie, PCA Representative.
CERTIFICATION OF RECENTLY ELECTED OR APPOINTED 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. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Ziegler, it was unanimously voted to certify the recently appointed Dr. Brian M. Small, PASA Representative, as a member of the 2008-2009 PIAA Board of Directors.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. BRIAN M. SMALL, PASA REPRESENTATIVE, TO PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES AND POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEES

President Stone appointed Dr. Brian M. Small, PASA Representative, to the PIAA Human Resources and Policy Review Committees, effective immediately.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Thursday, July 24 and Friday, July 25, 2008 and Thursday, October 2 and Friday, October 3, 2008 meetings of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2009:

District XII - Philadelphia Military Academy

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

On a motion by Mrs. Pierce, seconded by Mr. Long, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2008:

District I - Collegium Charter School

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, 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, 2008:

District VII - Frew Mill School

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following schools to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2009:
REQUEST OF READING AND READING CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS
FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Reading and Reading Central Catholic High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ indoor track and field, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF READING AND READING HOLY NAME HIGH SCHOOLS
FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Reading and Reading Holy Name High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving and boys’ and girls’ water polo, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF WILLIAM PENN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND YORK COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of William Penn Senior High School and York Country Day School for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND YORK COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of York County School of Technology and York Country Day School for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in baseball, softball, and boys’ and girls’ track and field, conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF MOUNT CARMEL AREA AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mrs. Huffman, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Mount Carmel Area and Our Lady of Lourdes Regional High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in wrestling, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.
REQUEST OF MOUNT CARMEL AREA AND OUR LADY OF LOURDES REGIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mrs. Huffman, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Mount Carmel Area and Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Junior High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys' and girls' cross country, boys' and girls track and field, and wrestling, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF NORTHERN BEDFORD COUNTY AND CENTRAL MARTINSBURG HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Northern Bedford County and Central Martinsburg High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys' and girls' swimming and diving, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF BISHOP CARROLL CATHOLIC AND PORTAGE AREA HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Bishop Carroll Catholic and Portage Area High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ rifle, conditioned upon PIAA District VI Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF FRANKLIN AND ROCKY GROVE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Picardo, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Franklin and Rocky Grove High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys' tennis, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF BLUE MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND NATIVITY BVM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Blue Mountain Middle School and Nativity BVM Junior High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in wrestling, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.
REQUEST OF NORTH SCHUYLKILL AND TRI-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOLS TO TERMINATE COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of North Schuylkill and Tri-Valley High School to terminate Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF NORTH SCHUYLKILL AND SHENANDOAH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of North Schuylkill and Shenandoah Valley High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND YORK COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of York County School of Technology and York Country Day School for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ golf, conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2008, as prepared and presented by Greenawalt and Company, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director of Business Affairs gave a status report on (1) the recently completed parking lot lights and resurfacing project; (2) the recently completed 2008 PIAA Girls’ Team and Girls’ Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships; (3) the Exclusive Souvenir Merchandise and Apparel Development, Management, Marketing, and Sales Agreement between Team IP and PIAA; and (4) the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate and per diem, effective January 1, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Tonkin, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for the months ended July 31, August 31, and September 30, 2008, respectively, as presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Picardo, it was unanimously voted to adopt a Corporate Resolution authorizing the PIAA Director of Business Affairs to lease from Court Square Leasing Corporation two (2) duplicating machines.
SECOND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Second Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on (1) the recently completed 2008 PIAA Soccer Championships; (2) the 2008 PIAA Fall Championships Summary of Results; (3) the corporate sponsors “Fan Zone”, which will be located at the south end of HERSHEY PARK Stadium during the course of the two-day 2008 PIAA Football Championships (Finals); (4) the PIAA/Pennsylvania Department of Health Web site initiative; and (5) the availability for purchase of the 2008-2009 PIAA Handbook via Online Publisher.

FIRST ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The First Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on (1) the recently completed 2008 PIAA Girls' Volleyball and Field Hockey Championships and (2) the 2009 NFHS National Student Leadership Conference, which is scheduled to convene with the Opening General Session on Thursday, July 16, 2009 and adjourn with the Closing General Session on Sunday, July 19, 2009, at the Indianapolis Hilton, Indianapolis, IN.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on (1) the recently completed 2008 PIAA Golf and Cross Country Championships; (2) the soon-to-be completed 2008 PIAA Football Championships (Finals); (3) the number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2008 Regular Season and Postseason Contests by state high school association recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of field hockey, football, soccer, and girls' volleyball; (4) the election for PIAA-Registered Officials' Representatives to the even-numbered PIAA District Committees; (5) his Thursday, November 20, 2008 sports officiating presentation at the Pennsylvania State Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (PSAHPERD) Convention, in Pittsburgh, PA, on the Students of Today Are Referees of Tomorrow (START) initiative; (6) the results of the recently completed experiment with NFHS Soccer Rule 12-8-1 PENALTY (5-minute playing time sit out of a yellow carded player, with Team substitution permitted); (7) the failure of certain wrestlers to pass the hydration test portion of the PIAA Wrestling Weight Control Program; (8) the appointment of Mr. David Seidman to the recently created position of PIAA Statewide Boys' Lacrosse Rules Interpreter; and (9) the options for requiring background checks of PIAA-registered sports officials.

By consensus of the PIAA Board of Directors, (1) the report on the recently completed experiment with NFHS Soccer Rule 12-8-1 PENALTY (5-minute playing time sit out of a yellow carded player, with Team substitution permitted) was accepted; (2) the deadline for appealing the minimum wrestling weight of four wrestlers tested at West Chester University was extended, as a result of a previous BOD POD failure at that site; and (3) the request of male basketball officials to use white with pink ribbon whistles and female
basketball officials use pink with white ribbon whistles while officiating Coaches vs. Cancer basketball Contests was approved.

PIAA GOLF STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I - Schedule of Fall Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to advance the first Regular Season Contest date in the sport of golf from Monday, August 24, 2009 to Thursday, August 20, 2009, effective July 1, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to move back the Region deadline date in the sport of golf from Monday, October 19, 2009 to Wednesday, October 21, 2009, effective July 1, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the 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 PIAA Golf Steering Committee to amend the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook, to provide for the utilization of “the 85% Rule” for distance of the length of the golf course for girls that participate on a boys’ Team as well as girls that participate in individual girls’ competition, effective July 1, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Tonkin, it was unanimously voted to table until the Thursday, January 29 and Friday, January 30, 2009 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors and refer to the respective PIAA District Committees for their consideration and review the recommendations of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to (1) separate the PIAA Team Golf Championships from the PIAA Individual Golf Championships, effective July 1, 2010; (2) authorize all Teams to play a maximum of five players and score four for Team competition, effective July 1, 2010; and (3) establish two enrollment classifications for boys’ and girls’ individual and Team competition, effective July 1, 2010.

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Picardo, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee meeting of Monday, October 20, 2008.

RECESS

President Stone recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 9:45 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2008.
RECONVENE

President Stone reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:05 a.m., Friday, December 12, 2008, in Cocoa Suites 2 and 3 of The Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Warrington ................................................................. District 1
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville .......................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ......................................................... District 2
John W. Ziegler, Newport ........................................................................ District 3
Hal Griffiths, Shiremanstown ................................................................. District 3
Joseph T. Kelly, Bloomsburg ................................................................. District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ................................................................. District 5
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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Bradley R. Cashman, Executive Director .................................................. 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 ........................................................ PIAA District I
C. Wendell Hower, Executive Director/Secretary ........................................ PIAA District III
Timothy M. O’Malley, Executive Director .................................................. PIAA District VII/WPIAL
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ...................................................... PA Catholic Conference
Rodney L. Frisco, Sports Writer .................................................................. Harrisburg Patriot-News

INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Stone introduced Mr. Hal Griffiths, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Samuel S. Elias, PIAA District III Vice Chairman.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Stone called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss personnel matters, the report of legal counsel, and the report and analysis of PIAA’s legislative consultant. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where personnel matters, legal, and legislative matters were discussed.
RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Executive Director gave a status report on (1) his invitation to make a presentation and respond to questions at the PIAA District X Fall-In Service, which was held on Friday, October 10, 2008 at the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club, Conneaut Lake, PA; (2) his attendance as the NFHS Section 2 Representative at the NFHS Board of Directors’ meeting, which was held on Saturday, October 25 and Sunday, October 26, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel Downtown, Indianapolis, IN; (3) his attendance at the Pennsylvania Alliance in Sport meeting, which was held on Monday, November 3, 2008 in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA; and (4) the soon-to-be completed 2008 PIAA Football Championships.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA CONSTITUTION

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Ziegler, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to propose, on a second reading basis, 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 2009 District Annual Meetings, which, if approved, would formalize the power of the Board of Directors to hear appeals from Regional Panels and for the Executive Director to resolve emergency matters relating to appeals from Regional Panels, effective July 1, 2009, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII
POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. Powers and Duties of Board of Directors.
The Board of Directors shall have the following powers and duties:

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H. To investigate, hear, and decide appeals from decisions of Regional Panels or District Committees. The Board of Directors will not consider appeals submitted more than thirty days after the decision of a Regional Panel or District Committee.

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J. In acting pursuant to the provisions of subsections E, F, G, H, and I of this Section, the Board of Directors shall act at its next regularly scheduled meeting, unless the Executive Director shall determine, or the Regional Panel or District Committee shall certify, that immediate disposition of the matter would be in the best interests of PIAA. In such event, the President of PIAA shall promptly convene a Board of Appeal to hear and determine such matter as expeditiously as possible. The membership of such Board of Appeal shall consist of at least five members of the Board of Directors.
designated by the President for each such matter. The presiding officer shall be the PIAA President or another officer of PIAA (Vice President or Treasurer) appointed by the President. If no officer of PIAA is available to preside, the President shall appoint another member of the Board of Appeal to preside. No officer or member of the Board of Directors shall be eligible to serve upon such Board of Appeal in any matter involving such officer's or member's school, public school district, Regional Panel, or District. Such Board of Appeal's decision shall be final and binding upon all parties to the matter.

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INTERPRETATIONS

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Authority of Executive Director Summarily to Impose Temporary Penalties.

When, in the opinion of the Executive Director, there has been a violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of PIAA, and the Executive Director determines that, as a result of such violation, it is in the interest of the protection of persons or property, or otherwise in the interest of PIAA or a member thereof, that action be taken before the District Committee, Regional Panel, or the Board of Directors, within their respective jurisdiction, can reasonably meet to address the matter, the Executive Director may impose any penalty provided for such violation. The penalty so imposed shall remain in force until the earlier to occur of the next meeting of the District Committee or Regional Panel or the passage of 14 days in matters within the jurisdiction of the District Committee or Regional Panel, or until the next meeting of the Board of Directors in matters within its jurisdiction.

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to propose, on a second reading basis, an amendment to ARTICLE VIII, REGIONAL PANELS, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2009 District Annual Meetings, which, if approved, would (1) authorize each District Committee to select more than three members of that Committee to serve on a Regional Panel, provided each involved District has the same number of members on that Panel; (2) remove the requirement that officers of a Regional Panel serve for a period of one year; and (3) authorize the Executive Director to designate one member of the Regional Panel to serve as Chairman in the absence of an agreement on the selection of that Chairman, effective July 1, 2009, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII
REGIONAL PANELS

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Section 2. Composition.
Regional Panels shall consist of at least three members from each of the Districts entering into the agreement. Each District shall have the same number of members on the Regional Panel. The selection of the members shall be decided by the members of the respective District Committees.
Section 3. Officers.

The officers of each Regional Panel shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary. Officers shall be elected by the Panel and shall serve for a period of time as determined appropriate and necessary under the circumstances that necessitated the creation of the Panel one year, beginning July 1 of a year and ending June 30 of the following year. Officers shall be selected by the members of the Regional Panel, excepting that the Chairmanship shall alternate annually between the participating Districts. If there is no agreement on selection of the Chairman, the Executive Director shall designate one member of the Regional Panel to serve as Chairman.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Dr. Small, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, Section 2, Loss of Amateur Status, and Section 3, Permissible Awards, of the PIAA By-Laws, to (1) expand the rule allowing participation in a professional try-out camp to sports other than baseball; (2) shift the focus from what an entity may give to a student to what a student may accept, and modernize the list of permissible awards a student may accept; (3) bring school-affiliated booster clubs within the scope of the rule; (4) permit the acceptance, from schools and school-affiliated booster clubs, of permissible awards at the end-of-the-season for participation on a Team; (5) place a monetary upper limit on the presentation of permissible awards by sponsors of athletic events; and (6) recognize the “Operation Gold” national initiative, effective July 1, 2009, to read as follows:

ARTICLE II
AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS

Section 1. Amateur Status Required.

To be eligible to participate in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest, a student must be an amateur in the sport involved. An amateur student is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the educational, physical, mental, social, and pleasure benefits derived thereof.

Where the official rules for a sport provided for under ARTICLE XVIII of these By-Laws establish requirements for amateur status, such requirements shall govern to the extent inconsistent with this ARTICLE II.

Section 2. Loss of Amateur Status.

A student loses amateur status in an interscholastic sport whenever:

A. The student or the student’s parent(s) or guardian(s), receives compensation, other Consideration, or an award not permitted under Section 3 hereof, for or related to the student’s athletic ability, participation, performance, services, or training in a sport.

B. The student receives Consideration for becoming a member of an athletic organization or school.

C. The student plays on a professional team or as an individual professional athlete in that sport.
D. The student signs a contract whereby the student agrees to compete in any athletic competition for Consideration. It is not a violation for a high school student baseball player to attend and participate in, a professional baseball try-out camp, provided that (1) no compensation or expenses are paid to the student, (2) the try-out lasts no longer than forty-eight hours; and (3) if in the sport of baseball, the student’s participation is otherwise in conformity with the National Federation Major-Minor League Agreement.

E. The student sells or pawns the student’s athletic achievement awards.

Section 3. Permissible Awards.

A. Member Schools: letters: A student may accept, from the student’s school, or a school-affiliated booster club, may purchase items of apparel, a sweater, jacket, blazer, blanket, shirt, shorts, jersey, cap, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification, for a student who upon completion of a season of participation on a Team and/or for has earned the official school letter or award, and present the same at the time the official school award is made.

B. Sponsors of Athletic Events: A student may accept, from the sponsor or sponsors of an Athletic Event or group of Athletic Events, may items of apparel, a sweater, jacket, blazer, blanket, shirt, shorts, jersey, cap, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification, if the student participated in the Athletic Event and/or who has earned an the official award for an Athletic Event or Events, and present the same at the time the official award for the Athletic Event or Events is made. The fair market value of items provided to any such student shall not exceed $150. Such sponsor or sponsors may also pay the expenses for a student to participate in educational programs, tours, and field trips provided by the sponsor or sponsors in connection with the Athletic Event or Events.

C. Media and Other Public Recognition: A student may accept, from a non-profit service organization approved by the Principal of the student’s school, or the news media, may purchase items of apparel, a sweater, jacket, blazer, blanket, shirt, shorts, jersey, cap, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification, for a student, in recognition of the student’s athletic ability or performance, and present the same at a time appropriate to such recognition.

D. Banquets: The institutions listed above in this Section 3 may also sponsor athletic banquets to which students may be invited, without charging admission to such students.

E. Participation expenses: A school, and/or the sponsor of an Athletic Event or group of Athletic Events, may pay the reasonable and necessary expenses for transportation, lodging, and/or meals incurred by the student or the student’s Team for participation in the Athletic Event or Events.

F. Payments to Schools: Nothing in this Section should be deemed to prohibit 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.
G. 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.

H. 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.

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Allwein, it was unanimously voted to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, of the PIAA By-Laws, to require first-time registering sports officials to submit with their applications for registration Act 34 (criminal background check), Act 151 (child abuse history), and Act 114 (federal criminal history record) reports, effective February 1, 2009, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XV OFFICIALS**

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Section 2. How Persons may Become PIAA-Registered Sports 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.

Effective February 1, 2009, all first-time applicants shall be required to submit, with their applications for registration, an Act 34 (background check) report, an Act 151 (child abuse history) report, and Act 114 (federal criminal history record) report identify any crimes of which they have been convicted. The date of said reports shall not be more than one year prior to the date the application for registration is received by PIAA. Expenses for said reports shall be borne by the applicant.

Applicants shall be required to identify any crimes of which they have been convicted. Any applicant who has been convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, (1) any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 6344(c)(2) or an equivalent crime under federal law or of another state, or (2) a felony offense under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act, committed within the preceding five years, shall not be registered by PIAA. Applicants may also be rejected by the Executive Director if they have been convicted of 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 may be appealed by the applicant to the PIAA Board of Directors.

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On a related matter, on a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Allwein, it was unanimously voted to direct the PIAA Executive Committee and Administrative Staff to meet with representatives of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, relative to COGENT Systems Identity Verification Procedures.
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Picardo, 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 Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the Policy Regarding Disclosure of Records and the Policy Regarding Confidentiality of Information Relating to Student-Athletes, Member Schools, Sports Officials, and Other Adults, effective immediately, to read as follows:

POLICY REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS

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C. DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF NON-PIAA ENTITIES AND PERSONS:

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5. Form of Response.

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d. Specific Categories of Records not Subject to Inspection/Copying:

1. Personal Private information of student-athletes, sports officials, and PIAA personnel.

2. Athletic eligibility and school sanction decisions, except as permitted in PIAA's Policy Regarding Confidentiality of Information Relating to Student-Athletes, Member Schools, Sports Officials, and Other Adults relating to confidentiality.

3. Background check reports obtained through applicants for registration.

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POLICY REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION RELATING TO STUDENT-ATHLETES, MEMBER SCHOOLS, SPORTS OFFICIALS, AND OTHER ADULTS

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II. Information Concerning Member Schools and Adults:

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C. Disclosure of Disciplinary and Other Decisions: Copies of correspondence, minutes of PIAA and District Committees, and other documents merely stating the determination of eligibility or ineligibility shall be freely disclosed to others. Copies of correspondence and other documents which include discussion of Personal Private Information of individuals or information which relates to possible criminal matters and/or employment disciplinary matters shall be sent only to (1) appropriate representatives of the school(s) involved in the proceeding; (2) the school's legal counsel, if identified; (3) members of the Board of Directors; (4) appropriate members and employees of the relevant District Committee(s); (5) the PIAA Administrative Staff; and (6) legal counsel for PIAA. Other persons may receive copies of such correspondence upon approval of the PIAA Executive Committee. Subsequent compliance plans and/or investigatory reports submitted by member schools as a condition of probation or upon direction of the hearing body and containing Personal Private Information about any person(s) shall not be produced.

For the benefit of the PIAA membership, PIAA and its District Committees may publish, on their respective Web sites, minutes, and newsletters, summaries of the decisions and rationales, provided that Personal Private Information of individuals and information which relates to possible criminal matters and/or employment disciplinary matters is not published.

PIAA DISTRICTS II AND XI COMMITTEES REQUEST TO AMEND 2009 PIAA AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET (PAIRING)

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the PIAA District II and XI Committees to switch the respective first round and quarterfinal bracket (pairing) positions for the 2009 PIAA AA Football Championship, effective July 1, 2009.

PIAA DISTRICT VII/WPIAL COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF SECTION 5, RE-CERTIFICATION BY PARENT/GUARDIAN, CIPPE FORM

By consensus of the PIAA Board of Directors, the request of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee for clarification of the language set forth in Section 5, Re-Certification by Parent/Guardian, of the Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE) Form, was referred to the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for its consideration, review, and recommendation.

PIAA DISTRICT VII/WPIAL COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO BOYS’ LACROSSE

By consensus of the PIAA Board of Directors, the request of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee for proposed amendatory language to ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, of the PIAA By-Laws, relative to the sport of boys’ lacrosse, was referred to the PIAA Executive Director for his
consideration, review, and recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors at its meeting of the Thursday, January 29 and Friday, January 30, 2009.

PIAA DISTRICT VII/WPIAL COMMITTEE PROPOSALS TO AMEND ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I - Schedule of Fall Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to advance the first Practice day, first Inter-School Practice or Scrimmage day, first Regular Season Contest day, last Regular Season Contest day, PIAA District/Region deadline, and PIAA Championships deadline, all by one week; and amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table II - Schedule of Winter Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to advance the first Practice day, first Inter-School Practice or Scrimmage day, and first Regular Season Contest day, all by one week, both effective immediately.

Motion failed: 8-yes, 22-no. The roll call vote was:

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On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table II - Schedule of Winter Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to advance the first Practice day, first Inter-School Practice or Scrimmage Day, and first Regular Season Contest day, all by one week, effective immediately.
Motion failed: 5-yes, 24-no. The roll call vote was:

| District 7 | Yes | District 12 | No |
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| District 1 | No | JH/MSs’ Rep. | No |
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| District 2 | No | PSBA Rep. | No |
| District 3 | No | PASA Rep. | No |
| District 3 | No | PASSP Rep. | No |
| District 4 | Absent | PSADA Rep. | No |
| District 5 | No | PCA Rep. | No |
| District 6 | No | Female Offs. | No |
| District 7 | Absent | Male Offs. | No |
| District 8 | No | Girls’ Athletics | Yes |
| District 9 | No | Private Sch. Rep. | Yes |
| District 10 | No | PA Dept. Ed. | No |
| District 11 | No | Female Parents | Yes |

On a motion by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table II - Schedule of Winter Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to advance the first Practice day from Monday, November 23 to Friday, November 20, 2009 and to advance the first Inter-School Practice or Scrimmage Day from Saturday, November 28 to Friday, November 27, 2009, effective immediately.

PIAA PRIVATE SCHOOLS’ REPRESENTATIVE’S PROPOSAL TO AMEND COMPOSITION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS’ STEERING COMMITTEE

On a motion by Mr. Cleary, seconded by Mr. Picardo, it was voted to amend, on a first reading basis, PIAA Board Of Directors’ Committees, Advisory Committees, and Steering Committees, III, 5, Private Schools, of the PIAA Policies and Procedures, effective July 1, 2009, to read as follows:

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

III. Steering Committees

Steering Committees other than those identified with a particular sport are the following:

1. Athletic Directors
2. Girls’ Athletics
3. Junior High/Middle Schools
4. Officials’ Council
5. Private Schools
6. Sportsmanship
With the exception of the Officials' Council, each PIAA District shall select one member to serve on each of the foregoing Steering Committees. Where a District Committee has a member representing one of the above constituencies, that person shall be the District's representative on that committee.

The Private Schools' Steering Committee shall be comprised solely of persons currently employed by a PIAA member Private School. If a District Committee does not have a Committee member who is currently employed by a PIAA member Private School, that District Committee shall designate an individual currently employed by a PIAA member Private School, which is geographically located within the boundaries of that PIAA District, as that District's representative on the Private Schools' Steering Committee.

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Motion passed: 27-yes, 2-no. PIAA Districts IV and V Chairmen voted in the negative.

**PSADA REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PIAA ASSUMING JURISDICTION OVER COMPETITIVE CHEER**

By consensus of the PIAA Board of Directors, the request of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors' Association (PSADA) Delegate Assembly for consideration by the PIAA Board of Directors to assume jurisdiction over competitive cheer, was referred to the respective PIAA District Committees for their consideration, review, and recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors at its meeting of the Thursday, January 29 and Friday, January 30, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Stone adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 11:15 a.m., Friday, December 12, 2008.

**NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 AND 8:00 A.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2009, BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.**

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley R. Cashman
Executive Director