At 7:10 p.m., Thursday, December 16, 2010, 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
David F. Bitting, Hummelstown ............................................................. District 3
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ............................................................ District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township .............................................................. District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ................................................................. District 5
Raymond J. Wotkowksi, Sidman ............................................................. District 6
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls ............................................................ District 7
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown ................................................................. District 7
Pamela R. Cherubin, Pittsburgh ............................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ............................................................... District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway ............................................................... District 9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard .......................................................................... District 10
John P. Wabby, Pottsville ...................................................................... District 11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia .......................................................... District 12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia ....................................................... District 12
Robert J. Tonkin, Brookville ............................................................ Member Junior High/Middle Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg ............................................................. Department of Education
Timothy M. Allwein, Mechanicsburg ...................................................... PSBA
Norman J. Long, Downingtown ........................................................... PSBA
Dr. Brian M. Small, Camp Hill ............................................................. PASA
Dennis F. Nemes, New Tripoli ............................................................... PASSP
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Gerald B. Schwille, Dillsburg
Representing ................................................................. PSADA

Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
Representing ................................................................. PCA

Cynthia K. Rinehart, York
Representing ................................................................. Female Officials

Michael P. Hudak, Jr., Johnstown
Representing ................................................................. Male Officials

Linda G. Messich, Bobtown
Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics

Harold A. “Hal” Griffiths, Shiremanstown
Representing ................................................................. Member Private Schools

Marylou K. Billings, Girard
Representing ................................................................. Female Parents

Dale E. Myers, Glenville
Representing ................................................................. Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary ............................................................. PIAA District 1
Charles H. “Buss” Carr, Executive Secretary .................................................. PIAA District 4
Timothy M. O’Malley, Executive Director ........................................................ PIAA District 7/WPIAL
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ........................................ Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
J. Gawen Stoker, Associate Executive Director ........................................ PSFCA

INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Stone introduced Mr. David F. Bitting, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Samuel S. Elias, PIAA District III Chairman; Ms. Pamela R. Cherubin, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Daniel J. Cardone, PIAA District VII Treasurer; Mr. Ronald J. Tonkin, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Douglas M. Bohannon, Junior High/Middle Schools’ Representative; Mr. Timothy M. Allwein, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Thomas J. Gentzel, PSBA Executive Director; and Mrs. Linda G.
Messich, Alternative Voting Representative for Mrs. Beth L. Schulze, Girls’ Athletics Representative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Thursday, October 7 and Friday, October 8, 2010 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director.

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following schools, effective July 1, 2011:

- District I - Sankofa Charter High School
  - School Lane Charter Middle School

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following schools to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2010:

- District II - Fell Charter High School
  - Saint Rose Academy Middle School

REINSTATEMENT OF DELINQUENT SCHOOLS

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was unanimously voted to reinstate to membership the following school, effective immediately:

- District VII - First Love Christian Academy High School

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to reinstate to membership the following school, effective immediately:

- District XII - Mastery Charter High School

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

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Bitting, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Holy Name, Reading Central Catholic, and Reading High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving and wrestling, effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.
REQUEST OF HOLY NAME AND READING HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Bitting, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Holy Name and Reading High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ indoor track and field, effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

REQUEST OF BEDFORD AND EVERETT AREA HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Bedford and Everett Area High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in girls’ gymnastics, conditioned upon PIAA District V Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

REQUEST OF ACADEMY AT PALUMBO HIGH SCHOOL AND BOK TECH FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Academy at Palumbo High School and Bok Tech for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ volleyball, effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

PIAA DISTRICT VII/WPIAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO RESCIND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED TERMINATION OF GIEBEL CATHOLIC AND LAUREL HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOLS COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee to rescind the previously approved termination of Geibel Catholic and Laurel Highlands High Schools Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving, as it did affect the classification size of its Team, effective immediately.

TREASURER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2010, as prepared and presented by Boyer and Ritter, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA (Headquarters Only) audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2010, as prepared and presented by Boyer and Ritter, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director of Business Affairs gave a status report on 1) the number of schools regarded to be delinquent, as a result of their dues not being paid on or before Friday, December 10, 2010; 2) the recently completed 2010 PIAA Girls’ Team Tennis Championships, which were held on a first round regional basis on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 and a quarterfinal through championships (final) basis, inclusive, on Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30, 2010 at the Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey, PA; 3) the recently completed 2010 PIAA Girls’ Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships, which were held on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6, 2010, at the Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey, PA; 4) the 2010 vs. 2009 summary of net receipts from the PIAA Girls’ Team Tennis, Girls’ Volleyball, Field Hockey, and Soccer Championships; 5) the summary of souvenir merchandise and apparel sales from the 2010 PIAA Golf, Girls’ Team Tennis, Girls’ Singles and Doubles Tennis, Cross Country, Girls’ Volleyball, Field Hockey, and Soccer Championships; and 6) the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) standard mileage rate and per diem, effective January 1, 2011.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for the months ended July 31, August 31, September 30, October 31, and November 30, 2010, as prepared and presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

On a motion by Mr. Zack, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Director of Business Affairs to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook and amend the Policy Regarding Budgetary Transfers, effective immediately, to read as follows:

POLICY REGARDING BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

As unforeseen events or changes in priorities that occur during the year often require a redirection of budgeted funds, it is PIAA policy that budget transfers of unrestricted expenses, unrestricted revenues, and cash flows, be made on an as needed basis, after the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year.

The budget may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors, with the minutes of the meeting(s) at which the as needed budget transfers are made, disclosing the original budget amount, the amount of the amendment, and the amended budget amount.

As a result of the foregoing, on a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Myers, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Director of Business Affairs to transfer $6,250 from the Cash Flows to be Used in Investing Activities to Cash Flows to be Used in Capitol Projects Activities of the PIAA Cash Flows Budget for the year
ending June 30, 2011, to replace the caulking around the doors and windows of the PIAA Office building, effective immediately.

PIAA TENNIS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis 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 amend paragraph 3 of the PIAA Team Tennis Tournament Rules and Regulations to provide PIAA-Appointed Team Tennis Tournament Directors with the discretion to use a 10-point match tie-break set in lieu of the standard six-game third set, if necessary, after one of the competing Teams has secured three wins, effective immediately, to read as follows:

TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

3. ALL matches will consist of the best of three (3), 12-point tiebreak sets. Players may leave the court area for five (5) minutes if they split sets. The Team Tournament Director reserves the right to either use a 10-point match tie-break set in lieu of the standard six-game third set or stop a match, after one of the competing Teams has secured three wins if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the administration of the Tournament.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 9, 2010, as prepared and presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

SECOND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Second Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on the recently completed 2010 PIAA Soccer Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Tuesday, November 9 (first round), Saturday, November 13 (quarterfinals), and Tuesday, November 16 (semi-finals), and the championship (final) Contests, which were held on Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20, 2010 at HERSHEY PARK Stadium, Hershey, PA.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Majikes, 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, December 9, 2010, as prepared by the Second Assistant Executive Director and presented by the PCA Representative to the PIAA Board of Directors.
PIAA SOCCER STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Cherubin moved and Mr. Fullen seconded a motion to reject the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to 1) modify the overtime procedure for all Regular Season and Postseason Soccer Tournaments to extend the two “sudden victory” overtime periods from 15 minutes each to 20 minutes each and 2) discontinue declaring co-champions if a tie still exists at the end of regulation time and two sudden-victory overtime periods in PIAA Soccer Championship (Final) Contests.

Motion failed: 11-yes, 19-no.

On a motion by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Bitting, it was unanimously voted to table the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to 1) modify the overtime procedure for all Regular Season and Postseason Soccer Tournaments to extend the two “sudden victory” overtime periods from 15 minutes each to 20 minutes each and 2) discontinue declaring co-champions if a tie still exists at the end of regulation time and two sudden-victory overtime periods in PIAA Soccer Championship (Final) Contests.

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was voted to remove from the table and accept the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer 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 1) modify the overtime procedure for all Regular Season and Postseason Soccer Tournaments to extend the two “sudden victory” overtime periods from 15 minutes each to 20 minutes each and 2) discontinue declaring co-champions if a tie still exists at the end of regulation time and two sudden-victory overtime periods in PIAA Soccer Championship (Final) Contests, effective immediately, to read as follows:

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE

The procedure for determining a winner when a soccer Contest that is being played in order to advance a Team during a Regular Season Tournament, or to advance to the Postseason or during a Postseason Contest which ends regulation play with the score tied shall be as follows:

When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both Teams to return to their respective Team boxes. There will be five minutes during which both Teams may confer with their Coaches and the head referee will instruct both Teams as to proper procedure.

1. There shall be no more than two “sudden victory” overtime periods not to exceed twenty fifteen minutes each:
   a. A coin toss shall be held as in NFHS Soccer Rule 5-2-2(d).
   b. At the end of the first twenty fifteen -minute “sudden victory” overtime period, Teams shall change ends.
c. There shall be a two-minute interval between periods.

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6. For PIAA Soccer Championship (Final) Contests, co-champions shall be declared, if a tie still exists at the end of regulation time and two (2) fifteen-minute sudden-victory overtime periods.

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Motion passed: 21-yes-9-no.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to continue, conditioned upon the approval of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rules Committee of a PIAA-proposed amendment to NFHS Soccer Rule 12-8-1 PENALTY, the modification of that Rule to provide for a 5-minute playing time sit out following the issuance of a yellow card to a player, with the opportunity for that player’s Team to substitute for that player. A cautioned player may return to the field as a substitute, following the 5-minute playing time sit out period.

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification From Next Contest(s), subsection A, General Rule, sub-subsection 1, Mandatory Disqualification, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for a contestant, who has been ejected from a soccer Contest for fighting and/or the use of vulgar language, to be disqualified from participating for the remainder of that day and in the next two soccer Contests of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition, effective July 1, 2011, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII
PENALTIES

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

1. Mandatory Disqualification. Any Coach and/or contestant who, while Coaching or competing for a PIAA member school, is ejected from a Contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct shall be disqualified from Coaching and/or participating for the remainder of the day and in all Contests on the next Contest day of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the Coach and/or contestant was previously disqualified. For a Coach, participation in the next Contest includes any contact by the Coach with members of the Team, including other Coaches, between the time that the Team arrives at the Contest site and the conclusion of the last Contest of the day. The Principal shall direct the Coach not to attend all of the Contest(s).

2. Soccer-Specific Disqualification For Fighting and/or Use of Vulgar Language. Because of the unusually high number of ejections in the sport of soccer due to fighting and/or the use of vulgar language and the desire of the Board of Directors to provide additional deterrence to such misconduct, any student ejected
from a Contest for fighting and/or the use of vulgar language in the sport of soccer, shall be disqualified from participating for the remainder of the day and in all Contests on the next two Contest days of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the contestant was previously disqualified for fighting and/or the use of vulgar language.

32. Discretionary Disqualification.

Motion passed: 22-yes, 7-no.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 9, 2010, as prepared and presented by the Second Assistant Executive Director.

FIRST ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The First Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on 1) the recently completed 2010 PIAA Girls’ Volleyball Championships, which were held on a first round regional basis on Saturday, November 13, 2010 and a quarterfinal through championships (final) basis, inclusive, on Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20, 2010 at Central York High School, York, PA; 2) the recently completed 2010 PIAA Field Hockey Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Tuesday, November 9 (first round), Saturday, November 13 (quarterfinals), and Tuesday, November 16 (semi-finals), and the championship (final) Contests, which were held on Saturday, November 20, 2010 at the Zephyr Sports Complex, Whitehall-Coplay School District, Whitehall, PA; 3) the recent implementation of Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds; and 4) the recently completed study of NFHS member state high school associations currently providing for a statewide student leadership program.

PIAA VOLLEYBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee to 1) rescind the recently approved first round pool play format, which occurred on the Saturday immediately following the PIAA District/Region deadline; 2) return to the first round single elimination format on the Tuesday immediately following the PIAA District/Region deadline; and 3) suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook and amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I – Schedule of Fall Sports, Girls’ Volleyball PIAA Championships Deadline, and Table III – Schedule of Spring Sports, Boys’ Volleyball PIAA Championships Deadline, of the PIAA By-Laws, effective immediately, to read as follows:
ARTICLE XVI
SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON
RULES AND REGULATIONS

**TABLE I - Schedule of Fall Sports**

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Motion passed: 22-yes, 8-no.

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to table to the Executive Session portion of this meeting the recommendation of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee to the PIAA Board of Directors that it direct the Executive Director, Director of Legal Affairs, and Legal Counsel to seek a modification of the Commonwealth Court opinion in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, 18 Pa. Commonwealth Ct., 45, 334 A. 2nd 839 (1975), through the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office, which, if successful, would permit PIAA to establish rules and/or regulations that would prohibit boys from Practicing and/or playing on girls’ Teams.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Myers, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 9, 2010, as prepared and presented by the First Assistant Executive Director.

PIAA FIELD HOCKEY STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to table to the Executive Session portion of this meeting the recommendation of the PIAA
Field Hockey Steering Committee to the PIAA Board of Directors that it direct the Executive Director, Director of Legal Affairs, and Legal Counsel to seek a modification of the Commonwealth Court opinion in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, 18 Pa. Commonwealth Ct., 45, 334 A. 2nd 839 (1975), through the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office, which, if successful, would permit PIAA to establish rules and/or regulations that would prohibit boys from Practicing and/or playing on girls’ Teams.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mrs. Messich, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 9, 2010, as prepared and presented by the First Assistant Executive Director.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on 1) the number of Coaches and contestants ejected from 2010 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 (19), football (222), soccer (329), and girls’ volleyball (2); 2) the recently completed PIAA West Region Golf Championships, which were held on Tuesday, October 18, 2009, at the Tom’s Run Golf Course, Blairsville, PA, and the recently completed PIAA East Region Golf Championships, which were held on, Wednesday, October 19, 2010, at the Golden Oaks Golf Club, Fleetwood, PA; 3) the recently completed PIAA Golf Championships, which were held on Monday, October 25 and Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at the Heritage Hills Golf Resort, York, PA; and 4) the recently completed PIAA Cross Country Championships, which were held on Saturday, November 6, 2010, at the Parkview Cross Country Course, Hershey, PA.

PIAA GOLF STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to rescind the recently approved prohibition on student-athletes using range finders when participating in Regular Season and Postseason golf competition involving PIAA member schools, effective July 1, 2011.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 1-no. PSADA Representative voted in the negative.

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to permit Coaches to engage in Coaching their players during Regular Season Team and stand alone Postseason Team competition, and between holes, provided such Coaching neither disrupts pace-of-play nor distracts other players, effective July 1, 2011.

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to rescind the recently approved amendment to the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the
Sports of Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling, to include the sport of golf, which was to become effective July 1, 2012.

Motion passed: 21-yes, 9-no.

On a related motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Hudak, it was voted to direct the PIAA Administrative Staff and PIAA Golf Steering Committee to continue to study the matter of establishing two enrollment classifications in the sport of golf.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 1-no. PIAA District X Chairman voted in the negative.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee meeting of Monday, October 25, 2010, as prepared and presented by the Associate Executive Director.

PIAA CROSS COUNTRY STEERING COMMITTEE
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Bitting, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee to provide for each remaining PIAA District to receive one additional non-Team qualifier for each cross country Team a PIAA District Committee determines it will not enter in the PIAA Cross Country Championships.

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

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

In the individual sports of cross country, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling, each sport shall be entitled to one enrollment classification for every 275 member senior high schools sponsoring that sport, or major fraction thereof. Adoption of this policy shall not produce a decrease in the number of enrollment classifications existing in any sport at the time of such adoption.
POLICY FOR DETERMINING NUMBER OF ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE SPORTS OF BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, AND VOLLEYBALL

In the Team sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, soccer, softball, and volleyball, each sport shall be entitled to at least one enrollment classification for every 175 member senior high schools sponsoring that sport, or major fraction thereof. Adoption of this policy shall not produce a decrease in the number of enrollment classifications existing in any sport at the time of such adoption, and shall provide for a minimum of two enrollment classifications in each of the aforementioned sports.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Long, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 9, 2010, as prepared and presented by the Associate Executive Director.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Executive Director gave a status report on 1) the recently completed PIAA Football Championships, which were held on a regional basis on either Friday, November 26 or Saturday, November 27 (first round), either Friday, December 3 or Saturday, December 4 (quarterfinals), either Friday, December 10 or Saturday, December 11 (semi-finals), and the soon-to-be completed championship (final) Contests, which are scheduled to be held on Friday, December 17 and Saturday, December 18, 2010, at HERSHEYPARK Stadium, Hershey, PA; and 2) the proposed amendment to Article 17 – Athletic Sanctioning, of the NFHS Bylaws, which, if approved by the NFHS National Council at its meeting of Tuesday, January 4, 2011, in Savannah, GA, would provide for NFHS to conduct national championships in the sports of team/individual golf and/or team/individual cross country.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was voted to direct the Executive Director to vote NO on the proposed amendment to Article 17 – Athletic Sanctioning, of the NFHS Bylaws.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 2-no. PIAA District XII Chairman and Department of Education Representative voted in the negative.

PIAA FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football 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 amend the Policy Prohibiting Schools’ Bands from Performing at PIAA District and Inter-District Football Championship Contests to apply the restriction on bands performing whenever opposing schools’ football Teams are in a scrimmage or scrimmage kick formation to Regular Season Contests, effective July 1, 2011, to read as follows:
POLICY PROHIBITING SCHOOLS’ BANDS FROM PERFORMING AT
REGULAR SEASON FOOTBALL CONTESTS AND PIAA DISTRICT
AND INTER-DISTRICT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS

Schools’ bands are prohibited from performing at Regular Season Football Contests and PIAA District and Inter-District Football Championship Contests whenever the opposing schools’ football Teams are in a scrimmage or scrimmage kick formation.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 2-no. PSBA Representative, and PASA Representative voted in the negative.

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Tonkin, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Tables of Labor Day Occurrences and Table I - Schedule of Fall Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to advance by one week the beginning and ending of the Regular Season and Postseason in the sport of football, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:

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

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**NOTES:**

8. A maximum of ten (10) Regular Season football Contests may be played at the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition. **With District Committee approval**, member senior high schools may play one (1) or two (2) additional Regular Season **varsity football** Contests.

Motion passed: 18-yes, 13-no.

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Football Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, December 9, 2010, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director.

**RECESS**

President Stone recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 9:40 p.m., Thursday, December 16, 2010.

**RECONVENE**

President Stone reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:00 a.m., Friday, December 17, 2010, in the Cocoa Suites 2 and 3, 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  
David F. Bitting, Hummelstown ...................................................... District 3  
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ...................................................... District 3  
James T. Zack, Coal Township ....................................................... District 4  
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ............................................................ District 5  
Raymond J. Wotkowski, Sidman ..................................................... District 6  
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls .................................................. District 7  
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown .......................................................... District 7  
Pamela R. Cherubin, Pittsburgh ..................................................... District 7  
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ....................................................... District 8  
James B. Manners, Brockway .......................................................... District 9  
Walter J. Blucas, Girard ................................................................. District 10
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

John P. Wabby, Pottsville ................................................................. District 11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia .................................................. District 12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia .................................................. District 12
Robert J. Tonkin, Brookville
  Representing .......................................................... Member Junior High/Middle Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
  Representing .......................................................... Department of Education
Timothy M. Allwein, Mechanicsburg
  Representing .......................................................... PSBA
Norman J. Long, Downingtown
  Representing .......................................................... PSBA
Dr. Brian M. Small, Camp Hill
  Representing .......................................................... PASA
Dennis F. Nemes, New Tripoli
  Representing .......................................................... PASSP
Gerald B. Schwille, Dillsburg
  Representing .......................................................... PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
  Representing .......................................................... PCA
Cynthia K. Rinehart, York
  Representing .......................................................... Female Officials
Michael P. Hudak, Jr., Johnstown
  Representing .......................................................... Male Officials
Linda G. Messich, Bobtown
  Representing .......................................................... Girls’ Athletics
Harold A. “Hal” Griffiths, Shiremanstown
  Representing .......................................................... Member Private Schools
Marylou K. Billings, Girard
  Representing .......................................................... Female Parents
Dale E. Myers, Glenville
  Representing .......................................................... Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Bradley R. Cashman, Executive Director ........................................ PIAA
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 1
Timothy M. O’Malley, Executive Director ................................... PIAA District 7/WPIAL
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ....................................... Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director ............................. PSFCA
Rodney L. Frisco ........................................................................ RodFrisco.com
EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Stone called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss 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 legal and legislative matters were discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

DANVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL APPEAL FROM PIAA DISTRICT IV COMMITTEE DECISION

Following the appeal hearing concerning the eligibility of a certain student enrolled at Danville Area High School, the PIAA Board of Directors considered the written materials submitted to and by the PIAA District IV Committee; the additional correspondence which occurred after the date of the District Committee decision; and the documents presented, testimony given, and the arguments made at the appeal hearing.

On the basis of the foregoing, on a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was voted to sustain the decision of the PIAA District IV Committee that that student is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Danville Area High School by virtue of having attained the age of 19 prior to July 1 of the current school year, and that that student failed to qualify for a waiver from that restriction.

Motion passed: 24-yes, 3-no. PIAA District XII Chairman, Vice Chairman, and PASSP Representative voted in the negative.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PIAA CONSTITUTION

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted, on a second reading basis, to present to the member schools for their vote at their 2011 District Annual Meetings, 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, which, if approved, would clarify that the Board of Directors 1) has the authority to request, receive, and/or otherwise obtain information whenever it hears and decides matters in dispute between PIAA member schools located in different jurisdictions or appeals from decisions of Regional Panels or District Committees; and 2), in assuming that responsibility, the Board of Directors shall not be required to assume the position of investigator, effective July 1, 2011, 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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G. To investigate, request, receive, and/or otherwise obtain information (written and/or oral), hear and decide matters in dispute between PIAA member schools located in different jurisdictions. In assuming this responsibility, the Board of Directors shall not be required to assume the position of investigator. The Board of Directors will not consider matters submitted more than one year after the dispute arose.

H. To investigate, request, receive and/or otherwise obtain information (written and/or oral), hear and decide appeals from decisions of Regional Panels or District Committees. In assuming this responsibility, the Board of Directors shall not be required to assume the position of investigator. 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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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Myers, it was unanimously voted, on a second reading basis, to present to the member schools for their vote at their 2011 District Annual Meetings, an amendment to ARTICLE V, ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITY, Section 2, Transfer of Schools From One PIAA District to Another, of the PIAA Constitution, which, if approved, would reorganize Section 2 and provide for a standard of review for the Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2011, to read as follows:

ARTICLE V
ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITY

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Section 2. Transfer of Schools From One PIAA District to Another.

Upon (1) the request of the School Board or the Board having jurisdiction over the school, and (2) By the favorable action of the District Committees concerned and approved by a three-fourths majority vote of the Board of Directors, a school may, upon the request of the School Board or the Board having jurisdiction over the school, be transferred from the jurisdiction of one PIAA District to that of an adjacent PIAA District. The procedure for requesting such transfer shall be as follows:

1. The request of the school shall first be submitted to the District Committee of the District having jurisdiction over the school.
2. Following issuance of a recommendation action by the District Committee having jurisdiction over the school, the request shall be submitted to the District Committee of the District to which the school desires to transfer.
3. Following issuance of a recommendation action by the District Committee of the District to which the school desires to transfer, the request shall be submitted to the Board of Directors.
Denial

A negative recommendation by a District Committee of the request for transfer shall not stop the foregoing procedure, if the school desires that it continue.

The Board of Directors, in considering a request to transfer Districts, shall have complete discretion in whether to grant or deny such request. The Board may consider the recommendations of the respective District Committees and the reasons for said recommendations, the likely impact on other schools and scheduling, Postseason bracketing, costs, and other PIAA-related factors that might militate for or against the transfer. The Board of Directors will assume that the school making the request has already considered and assessed the financial and other impacts that the transfer would have on that school.

Additionally, Private Schools in any second-class city in Pennsylvania may automatically and without any further action from the District or Board of Directors, transfer to a PIAA District adjacent to the one in which they are geographically located.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE I, AGE, Section 3, Waiver of Maximum Age Rule, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify that, if a waiver of the maximum age rule is granted by a District Committee, that waiver is limited to no more than one-year, effective July 1, 2011, to read as follows:

### ARTICLE I

#### AGE

Section 3. Waiver of Maximum Age Rule.

A District Committee may grant a limited waiver of Section 1 of this ARTICLE to a student following an individualized assessment of the student's condition in relation to the purposes of this ARTICLE and the potential impact of participation by the student on opponents and teammates if the District Committee concludes that:

1. the student currently suffers from a physical, mental, or emotional disability which has been recognized by, and certified to by, a treating physician or psychiatrist;
2. the certified to disability has a direct and significant negative impact on the student's physical athletic ability;
3. the student has a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a Chapter 15 Service Agreement relating to the certified to disability, at the student's school;
4. the grant of a waiver would not be likely to render the student's Team more competitive than it would be without the waiver;
5. the student would not likely, due to the student's physical size, athletic ability, or other characteristics, pose an increased risk of harm to opponents; and
6. the student is otherwise eligible under these By-Laws.
The student or school requesting the waiver shall present clear and convincing evidence in all of these areas. It is not the duty of the District Committee to independently produce or collect information.

In considering a waiver, with regard to factors 4 and 5, above, the District Committee shall be guided by the following:

1. Where there is a question as to the risk posed to opponents or to a possible competitive advantage to the requesting school, such questions should be resolved in favor of the health and safety of opponents and against providing an unfair advantage to the requesting school and such waiver request should be denied.

2. A student who played regularly at the varsity level of competition and/or obtained a performance-related athletic "letter" from the student’s school in a particular sport for the preceding season presumptively gives the student's Team a competitive advantage if the student were to be permitted to participate in that sport again.

3. The District Committee may reject the request for a waiver if such waiver would prevent another student, who is of traditional school age, from an opportunity to participate in interscholastic athletics.

4. Due to the increased risk of injury to opponents in direct contact sports such as football and wrestling and to baseball and softball hitters when facing a pitcher over the age of 19, particular scrutiny should be applied by the District Committee to requests for waiver in these sports.

5. Any waiver granted may be given only for a particular sport and for a particular season. While a student may receive up to three waivers in a particular school year (for a fall, winter, and spring sport), no student may receive a waiver for any season or sport in any subsequent school year.

Mr. Palumbo moved, and Mr. Nemes seconded that motion, to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, subsection B, Provisions Applicable to all Agreements, sub-subsection (b), of the PIAA By-Laws, to encourage additional participation opportunities through cooperative sport agreements by reducing the number of students from the non-host schools that are included in the enrollment of the host school, effective July 1, 2011, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III**
**ATTENDANCE**

**Section 11. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport.**

**B. Provisions Applicable to all Agreements.**

(b) The combined male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to PDE of each odd-numbered year, of (1) all male
students enrolled in the host school all of the schools involved in the cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport and (2) 50% of all male students enrolled in other schools participating in the cooperative sponsorship of the boys’ sport, will determine the classification of the Team in that sport. The combined female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to PDE of each odd-numbered year, of (1) all female students enrolled in the host school all of the schools involved in the cooperative sponsorship of a girls’ sport, and (2) 25% of all female students enrolled in other schools participating in the cooperative sponsorship of the girls’ sport, will determine the classification of the Team in that sport.

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On a motion by Mr. Myers, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to table the second reading of the foregoing proposed amendment to ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, subsection B, Provisions Applicable to all Agreements, sub-subsection (b), of the PIAA By-Laws.

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was voted to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, subsection B, Provisions Applicable to all Agreements, sub-subsection (b), of the PIAA By-Laws, to encourage additional participation opportunities through cooperative sport agreements by reducing the number of students from the non-host schools that are included in the enrollment of the host school, effective July 1, 2011, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE
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Section 11. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport.
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B. Provisions Applicable to all Agreements.
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(b) The combined male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to PDE of each odd-numbered year, of (1) all male students enrolled in the host school all of the schools involved in the cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport and (2) 25% of all male students enrolled in other schools participating in the cooperative sponsorship of the boys’ sport, will determine the classification of the Team in that sport. The combined female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to PDE of each odd-numbered year, of (1) all female students enrolled in the host school all of the schools involved in the cooperative sponsorship of a girls’ sport, and (2) 25% of all female students enrolled in other schools participating in the cooperative sponsorship of the girls’ sport, will determine the classification of the Team in that sport.
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Motion passed: 22-yes, 7-no.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to adopt an Interpretation of ARTICLE VI, TRANSFER, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify that a student who has participated in a sport for one gender is deemed to have participated in the same sport for the other gender as well, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

INTERPRETATIONS

December 17, 2010.

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

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Section 6, Waiver of Sections 1A and/or 1B, subsection B, Severe and Unusual Personal Hardship, sub-subsection 1, of the PIAA By-Laws, to replace the “25% of the maximum number of Regular Season Contests in the sport” restriction with “reduced by an equivalent number of Contests in that sport” provision, effective July 1, 2011, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII
PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION

Section 6. Waiver of Sections 1A and/or 1B.

B. Severe and Unusual Personal Hardship: The District Committee may waive Sections 1A and/or 1B in cases where a student demonstrates that the student repeated a school year or semester for a reason beyond the student's control, which produced severe and unusual environmental, social, and/or emotional conditions which, in turn created a debilitating personal non-athletic hardship which would have prevented a reasonable student under similar circumstances from satisfactorily completing a school year or semester. No more than two semesters may be waived by the District Committee. In considering a request pursuant to this provision, the District Committee shall apply the following:
1. Where the student participated in one or more Contests in a A waiver may not be granted under this provision for any semester in which the student actually participated in more than 25% of the maximum number of Regular Season Contests in the sport during the repeated school year or semester, any waiver granted shall be reduced by an equivalent number of Contests in that sport.

2. A waiver of Section 1B may not be granted under this provision unless the student participated in fewer than 25% of the maximum number of Regular Season Contests in the sport during the repeated school year or semester.

3. A repeat of a semester or grade to remedy academic credit deficiencies and/or failures is not, by itself, considered ground for waiver under this provision. However, severe and unusual debilitating external circumstances beyond the student's control which can be demonstrated to have caused the academic credit deficiencies and/or failure may be considered if the student demonstrates that he or she, and the student's family, exercised objectively reasonable efforts during the school year or semester repeated to address the academic credit deficiencies and/or failures.

4. A medical, emotional or psychological condition diagnosed based on observations and information obtained subsequent to the repeated year or semester will not be considered as a basis for waiver unless the student and/or the student's family, during the repeated year or semester, took reasonable steps based on the knowledge possessed by them during that period to seek out appropriate diagnosis and medical treatment for the condition.

5. A waiver may not be granted if there is any evidence of athletic red-shirting, as defined in the Preamble to this ARTICLE.

6. A waiver may not be granted where the repeat of a year or semester is the result of a voluntary action by a family, even if the decision is for otherwise sound personal or academic reasons, such as to allow the student to mature or improve academically.

7. In situations where a student asserts that a repeated year or semester was the result of a psychological or emotional condition, the District Committee may consider the severity of the condition in relation to the student population in general to assess whether the condition is severe, unusual and debilitating.

8. Economic difficulty and/or residence in a single parent home are, by themselves, unfortunate but not of such an unusual nature in today's society as to support a waiver of this provision.

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

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a second reading basis, 1) ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Section 6, Waiver of Sections 1A and/or 1B, subsections A and B, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify that, if a waiver of the seasons limit is granted by a District Committee, that waiver is limited to no more than one season in the sport; and 2) ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Section 6, Waiver of Sections 1A and/or 1B, subsection B, of the PIAA By-Laws, to make clear that the recommendation or insistence of a school receiving a transferring student that the student repeat the previous school year shall not be a basis for a waiver if that student would have advanced to the next grade had that student remained at that student's previous school, effective July 1, 2011, both to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII
PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION

Section 6. Waiver of Sections 1A and/or 1B.

A. Illness or Injury: The District Committee may waive Sections 1A and/or 1B in cases of illness or injury which meet all of the following requirements: (1) causes at least 60 days of absence from school during the school year which is to be repeated, or 45 school days of the semester which is to be repeated; (2) causes the student to be confined to an institution and/or at home for at least 60 school days during the school year which is to be repeated, or 45 school days of the semester which is to be repeated, (3) necessitates repeating a school year or semester, and, for a waiver of Section 1B, (4) the student participated in fewer than 25% of the maximum number of Regular Season Contests in the sport during the repeated school year or semester. No more than two semesters and/or one season in the sport may be waived by the District Committee.

B. Severe and Unusual Personal Hardship: The District Committee may waive Sections 1A and/or 1B in cases where a student demonstrates that the student repeated a school year or semester for a reason beyond the student's control, which produced severe and unusual environmental, social, and/or emotional conditions which, in turn created a debilitating personal non-athletic hardship which would have prevented a reasonable student under similar circumstances from satisfactorily completing a school year or semester. No more than two semesters and/or one season in the sport may be waived by the District Committee. In considering a request pursuant to this provision, the District Committee shall apply the following:

9. Upon a student's transfer to another school, the recommendation or insistence of the receiving school that the student repeat the previous school year shall not be grounds for a waiver if the student would have advanced to the next grade had the student remained at his/her previous school.
On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Hudak, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 2, Rules and Regulations, subsection C, Football, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify that participation on a community based non-school affiliated youth football team does not constitute a violation of sub-subsection 2, effective July 1, 2011, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XVI**

**SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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Section 2. Rules and Regulations

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

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

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

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

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

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook and amend the PIAA Cash Management Policy, Investments, to 1) modify the maximum amount of certificates of deposit that may be invested in one bank and 2) replace Auction Rate Securities with Mutual Funds and Exchange Traded Funds ("ETF's"), effective immediately, to read as follows:

PIAA CASH MANAGEMENT POLICY

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Investments

The following are acceptable investments for PIAA's Cash Management portfolio:

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3. Certificates of Deposit - investments guaranteed by the issuing bank and insured by the FDIC. PIAA may invest no more than $250,000 (or current federal insurance coverage) at any one bank but may otherwise invest up to 100% of available Cash Management funds in these investments.

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9. Mutual Funds and Exchange Traded Funds ("ETF's") – for purposes of this Policy, fixed income securities that have an average duration of no greater than three years and an average credit quality of A. PIAA shall invest only in ETF's and no-load funds which have daily liquidity. PIAA may place up to 100% of available Cash Management funds in these investments. Auction Rate Securities - These are debt or preferred securities whose interest or dividend rate is reset periodically through a “Dutch” auction process. Although stated maturities are typically intermediate to long term or in perpetuity, auction rate securities are generally priced and traded as short term instruments. The interest rate is usually reset every 7, 28, or 35 days. These are usually issued by closed end funds and there should be enough collateral to secure an AAA rating. PIAA may place no more than 10% of the PIAA Cash Management portfolio in Auction Rate Securities.

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PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

The Vice President of PIAA gave a status report on the Thursday, December 16, 2010 meeting of the PIAA Human Resources Committee.

PIAA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The President of PIAA gave a status report on the survey to the respective PIAA constituencies regarding the foundation issue of enrollment classifications.

RESULT OF PIAA DISTRICT X COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION INTO MUTUAL MISTAKE THAT RESULTED IN VOIDING OF PIAA FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT/INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF A CERTAIN MERCYHURST PREPARATORY SCHOOL STUDENT

On a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, it was unanimously voted to accept the results of a PIAA District X Committee investigation into how a mutual mistake that occurred in the matter of the voiding of a PIAA Foreign Exchange Student/International Student Eligibility Agreement on behalf of a certain Mercyhurst Preparatory School student.

PIAA DISTRICT VI COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR FIFTH ENTRY (QUALIFIER) IN EACH WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION TO PIAA AA SOUTHWEST WRESTLING REGION

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Bitting, it was voted to reject the request of the PIAA District VI Committee for a fifth entry (qualifier) in each weight classification to the PIAA AA Southwest Wrestling Region.

Motion passed: 23-yes, 3-no. PIAA Districts V and VI Chairmen, and Male Officials’ Representative voted in the negative.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stone adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 12:20 p.m., Friday, December 17, 2010.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JANUARY 27 AND 8:00 A.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2011, BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley R. Cashman
Executive Director