At 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018, Francis M. Majikes, Vice President, called the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square .......................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ................................................................. District 2
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ................................................................. District 3
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown .......................................................... District 3
Paul Leonard, Cairnbrook ................................................................. District 5
Dr. David A. Crumrine, Martinsburg .......................................................... District 6
Scott M. Seltzer, Pittsburgh ................................................................. District 7
Dr. Patrick Mannarino, Pittsburgh .......................................................... District 7
Scott D. Heinauer, Mars ................................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ................................................................. District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway ................................................................. District 9
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, Sharon ................................................................. District 10
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., Whitehall .......................................................... District 11
Michael W. Hawkins, Fort Washington .................................................. District 12
Joseph D. Sette, Warminster ................................................................. District 12
Richard J. Dry, Minersville
Representing .......................................................... Member Junior High/Middle Schools
Ashley White, Mechanicsburg
Representing .......................................................... PSBA
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, Downingtown
Representing .......................................................... PASA
Jonathan Bauer, King of Prussia,
Representing .......................................................... PA Principals Association
Timothy J. Walter, Bradford
Representing .......................................................... PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
Representing .......................................................... PCA
Maureen S. Williams, Wilkes-Barre
Representing .......................................................... Female Officials
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

William H. Sinning, Pittsburgh
Representing ................................................................. Male Officials
Danielle Turner, Warrington
Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Harold “Hal” Griffiths, Shiremanstown
Representing ................................................................. Private Schools
Cathy S. Wreski, Middletown
Representing ................................................................. Female Parents
Kevin Doverspike, New Bethlehem
Representing ................................................................. Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

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

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. .......................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
Andrew Levy, Esq. ...................................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
Catharine Conner ........................................................................ Milliron & Goodman LLC

GUESTS PRESENT

Sean Kelly, Assistant Executive Director ................................................ District 1
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ........................................ Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Heather Storm, Director, Events Programming & Execution .................. Hershey Entertainment
John Burns, Private Citizen .............................................................. Unionville

GUEST PRESENTATION

Mr. John Burns gave a presentation to the PIAA Board of Directors’ concerning non-boundary schools vs boundary schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Crumrine, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, December 6, 2017, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.
LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Catharine Conner of Milliron & Goodman LLC reported on legislative matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:15 p.m., Vice President Majikes called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss active litigation and personnel matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 4:45 p.m., Vice President Majikes returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP’s) FOR 2018-2021 PIAA FALL SPORTS’ CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Board of Directors received a report from the Executive Director of the Request for Proposals (RFP’s) to Host PIAA Fall Sports Championships for a four year period.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Executive Director and award the hosting of the PIAA Fall Sports Championships for 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, as follows:

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Motion passed: 26-yes; 1-abstention (Mr. Hartman).

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA CONSTITUTION

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Doverspike, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel, to amend ARTICLE II, PURPOSES, Section 1, Charitable Purposes, of the PIAA Constitution, to clearly set forth the purposes and role of PIAA, to read as follows.

(The proposal will be presented to the membership at the 2018 Spring District Annual Meetings for approval.)
ARTICLE II
PURPOSES

Section 1. Charitable Purposes.

The purposes of PIAA are:

A. Health.
   To organize, develop and direct an interscholastic athletic program which promotes, protects, and conserves the health and physical welfare of all participants.

B. Education.
   To formulate and maintain policies that safeguards the educational values of interscholastic athletics and cultivate the high ideals of good sportsmanship.

C. Competition.
   To promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic athletic competition.

A. To promote and support the educational values of interscholastic athletics and the high ideals of good sportsmanship.

B. To promote, establish and enforce uniform standards in interscholastic athletic competition among member schools.

C. To promote and support safe and healthy interscholastic athletic competition.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of PIAA Executive Staff, to amend ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, Section 1, Teams which PIAA Member Schools may Play and Section 3, Requirements of Written Contract, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify conditions of participation against schools from other states, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII
ATHLETIC RELATIONS

Section 1. Teams which PIAA Member Schools may Play.

A. No Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest may be played with a Team not sponsored and controlled by a public school or Private School nor any school not belonging to PIAA, unless the non-PIAA member school's eligibility rules for school, Team, and contestants meet the requirements of PIAA or the non-PIAA member school is a member in good standing with their respective National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS)-member state high school association.

All Contests must be played pursuant to ARTICLE XVIII, Official Rules for Sports. This requirement does not apply to Contests played outside of Pennsylvania where the opponent school is not a member of PIAA.

Section 3. Requirements of Written Contract.

Except where scheduling is done by or pursuant to the authority of the District Committee, all schools must enter into either paper or electronic contracts for all Contests in which they participate. All contracts must be on the official contract form entitled “Contract for Contests Under PIAA Rules”, or an equivalent electronic version thereof. Where the opponent is not a member of PIAA or a member in good standing with their respective NFHS-member state high school association, the school must also complete a
supplement to either a paper or an electronic contract on the official form entitled “Supplement to Contract for Contests Under PIAA Rules Involving Non-PIAA Member Schools”, or an equivalent electronic version thereof. Disputes arising from oral agreements will not be considered by PIAA.

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On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was voted to amend and approve on a second reading basis, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, to include a new item C2 barring a student transferring after a season has begun from further participation during that season if that student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the number of Contests allowed per sport, and including a hardship waiver provision as part of this amendment, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE VI**

**TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING**

**Section 1. General Provisions.**

**C. In-Season Transfers.**

1. Because of the timing difficulties in expeditiously obtaining necessary paperwork, of confirming representations of eligibility, of determining whether such Transfers are opposed by any appropriate party, of promptly scheduling hearings to consider such matters, and to reduce the likelihood of participation by an ineligible student that would impact on competition and the opportunity to participate by other students, a student who Transfers after the student Practices with a school’s Team shall be ineligible to participate in that sport in Contests for a period of 21 calendar days following enrollment at the student’s new school. The student’s eligibility shall thereafter be determined by Sections 2 or 3 of this ARTICLE, as applicable.

2. If the student transfers after the student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that season, the student will be deemed to have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, will not be eligible for further participation in that sport. The District Committee may waive this period of ineligibility upon demonstration by the student that the transfer was not materially motivated by an athletic purpose and either that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional or unusual circumstances that compelled a transfer prior to the end of the season. For purposes of this provision, transfers to address academic needs and desires, or for social reasons, are not considered exceptional and compelling circumstances.

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Motion passed: 25-yes, 2-no.
On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Doverspike, on a first reading basis, on a recommendation of the Competition Committee, it was voted to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, of the PIAA By-Laws, to reorganize the sections and to make a modification of the cooperative sponsorship of a sport provisions, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE

Section 1. Where Enrolled for Attendance.
To be eligible to participate in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest, a student must be regularly enrolled in a secondary school and in full-time attendance, or be home-schooled.
Except as otherwise provided in this ARTICLE, a student is eligible only at the school at which the student is enrolled.

Section 2. Number of Days of Enrollment Necessary to Count as a Semester.
Fifteen days or more of enrollment in a semester in any secondary school counts as one semester of attendance. Enrollment at summer school does not count as a semester or part of a semester.

INTERPRETATION

Enrollment at any school, accredited or not, counts as enrollment.

Section 3. How Absence Affects Eligibility.
A student who has been absent from school during a semester for a total of twenty (20) or more school days, is ineligible to participate in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest until the student has been in attendance for a total of forty-five (45) school days following the student’s twentieth (20th) day of absence.

The following absences may be waived by the District Committee:
A. days when the student was required to serve as the primary caregiver to a member of the student’s immediate family or a near relative or a death in that student’s immediate family or of a near relative, both as defined in Section 1154 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended;
B. days when the student was absent due to the student’s compliance with a court subpoena;
C. days when the student was confined by quarantine;
D. days when the student attended a religious activity/function which the church requires its members to attend;
E. days when the student has an excused absence of five (5) or more school days due to the same confining illness or injury.

If the establishment of any requirement necessary for the District Committee to exercise its discretion to grant a waiver of five (5) or more excused absences results from illegal conduct on the part of the student, other than absences during which the student, without there having been a criminal conviction or an adjudication of delinquency, is admitted to a substance abuse treatment facility, the District Committee may not grant the waiver. Attendance at summer school does not count toward the forty-five (45) school days required.

Absence from school for an entire semester, or for several semesters, disqualifies a student for the same period as stated in this Section.
INTERPRETATIONS

Section 3. April 14, 1984.

Pregnancy shall be treated as an illness if a physician certifies, in writing, that the student was unable to attend school as a result of pregnancy.


When computing total days absent during a semester, days absent during a period of suspension count as part of the twenty day absence total in a given semester.


Students serving an in-school suspension are not counted as days of absence.

Section 4. Combination of Students Enrolled in Grades 7-8-9.

Students enrolled in grades 7-8-9, within the same public school district, may be combined to form one or more Teams within the public school district.

Section 5. Alternative School Students, Magnet School Students, and Technology School Students.

Alternative School students, Magnet School students, and Technology School students are eligible at only one school for all interscholastic athletics. A student attending an Alternative School, a Magnet School, or a Technology School on a full-time basis is eligible only at said school if said school offers one or more interscholastic athletic programs. A part-time Alternative School student attending a full-time Alternative School, a part-time Magnet School student attending a full-time Magnet School, and a part-time Technology School student attending a full-time Technology School is eligible only at the school which the student would otherwise attend by virtue of the student’s residence. All students attending Alternative Schools, Magnet Schools, or Technology Schools, which do not offer any interscholastic athletic programs, are eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at the schools that the students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residences.


Students enrolled in a Charter School or Cyber Charter School are eligible only at said school in those interscholastic sports sponsored by that school. Students enrolled in a Charter School or Cyber Charter School that does not offer a particular interscholastic sport are eligible to participate in that sport at the school which they would otherwise attend, in the public school district of their residences, provided that the students meet all other eligibility requirements, including, but not limited to, school verified evidence of full-time attendance.

INTERPRETATION


Where a student is enrolled at a Charter School, and where the public school district in which the student resides has no senior high school, the school at which the student is in full time attendance shall be considered the public school district of residence of the student.

Section 7. Privately-Tutored and/or Home-Schooled Students.

Students instructed by a properly qualified private tutor under Section 1327 of the Public School Code of 1949 and/or students participating in a home education program under Section 1327.1 of the Public School Code of 1949 are eligible only at the public schools that the students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residences and, for purposes of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements, are deemed to be enrolled at the public schools that the students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residences.
Section 8. Multi-Public School District Academic Arrangements.

A. Where students are enrolled in a public school in the public school district of their residence but, pursuant to an agreement between public school districts, attend some or all classes at a public school in another public school district, the students may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at either (1) a school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located or (2) at a school in the student’s home public school district. The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student desires to participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that the student has not been recruited.

B. Students Placed by Court Order or as a Result of Disability.

A student who has been (1) enrolled at a school that has no interscholastic athletic program in the sport(s) in which the student desires to participate, and (2) placed in that school either by court order or because the student is a Student With A Disability whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) has concluded that the student’s educational needs could not be accommodated in the public school that the student would otherwise have attended, may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at either (1) a school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located or (2) at a school in the student’s home public school district. The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student desires to participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that the student has not been recruited.

Appointment of a legal guardian for the student, or court approval of an agreement between separating or divorcing parents, does not by itself constitute placement in a school by court order.

When the District Committee has declared a student eligible at a school, the District Committee may not declare that student eligible at any other school at which the student could have been declared eligible unless, in addition to the other requirements of this provision, it receives a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student desires to participate that said school will no longer permit that student to participate or compete for a position on any of its interscholastic athletic Teams.


Where the rules or policies of a public school district having more than one school at a particular level do not provide for attendance at that level by place of residence, the student, with the permission of the Principal, shall select the school in that public school district which the student will attend, which is the only school at which the student will be eligible. A subsequent change of selection will be considered a Transfer and, therefore, subject to ARTICLE VI of these By-Laws.
Section 10. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport.

A. Philosophy.

The philosophy that guides the PIAA Board of Directors in reviewing and approving applications for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport between two or more PIAA member schools is as follows:

1. The Board supports opportunities for greater student participation.
2. The Board encourages projects that combine smaller PIAA member schools for sponsorship of an activity rather than a small PIAA member school combining with a larger PIAA member school when the smaller PIAA member school cannot support the activity alone.
3. The Board will not approve agreements where an intent of the agreement is to improve the quality of a Team (i.e., obtain a better win/loss record).
4. The Board will not approve agreements whereby:
   (a) any students enrolled at any of the PIAA member schools entering into the agreement would be prohibited from participation in the sports governed by the agreement because of the location of their residence;
   (b) one of the PIAA member schools is a public school and the agreement would bar any Home-Schooled Students who are otherwise eligible at that school from participating on the Team(s) covered by the agreement; and/or
   (c) more than one school to the agreement is to host the same sport.
5. The Board will neither consider nor approve agreements with non-PIAA member schools.
6. The public school districts of the participating PIAA member schools must be contiguous and/or overlap.

B. Provisions Applicable to all Agreements.

1. School Enrollments:
   (a) For cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport, the male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 300 students or less. For cooperative sponsorship of a girls’ sport, the female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to PDE of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 300 students or less.
   (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 school with the highest male enrollment of those 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 school with the highest female enrollment of those schools involved in the cooperative sponsorship of a girls’ sport and (2) 50% 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.

2. Requests to Approve Agreements:
   (a) Requests to approve Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements must be submitted by the requesting PIAA member schools to the applicable PIAA District Committee. Following consideration, the PIAA District Committee shall
forward the request, together with its recommendation, to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration.

(b) For agreements between public schools within a single public school district, said requests for approval must include the approving resolution of the School Board having jurisdiction over the PIAA member schools. For all other PIAA member schools, said requests for approval must include the proposed agreement between the participating PIAA member schools. The resolution or agreement, as applicable, must fully delineate the terms and conditions that pertain to the Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport by the participating PIAA member schools, including at least the following:

(1) Introduction and purpose of agreement.
(2) Timeline for implementation.
(3) Duration of agreement (must be for at least a two-year enrollment classification cycle).
(4) Administrative responsibility, liability, and insurance.
(5) Team name and uniforms.
(6) Financial arrangements.
(7) Staffing.
(8) Operating procedures.
(9) Facilities.
(10) Transportation.

(c) Requests for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements, which would not affect the classification size of a Team, may be submitted at any time to the applicable PIAA District Committee.

(d) Requests for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements, which would affect the classification size of a Team, must be submitted on or before September 15th of any odd-numbered year to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors for that proposed agreement to be considered for approval for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

(e) Requests for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements, which would affect the classification size of a Team, must be submitted by the applicable PIAA District Committee to the PIAA Board of Directors by October 1st of any odd-numbered year to be considered for approval for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

(f) Decisions by the PIAA Board of Directors on all applications for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements, which would affect the classification size of a Team, will be made no later than its December meeting of any odd-numbered year for the next reclassification cycle.

3. Modification or Termination of Agreements:

(a) Procedure and Timing of Requests.

(1) Requests to modify or terminate a previously approved Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreement must be submitted by the requesting PIAA member school to the applicable PIAA District Committee. Following consideration, the PIAA District Committee shall forward the request, together with its recommendation, to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration. The request must include a resolution of the School Board(s) and/or Board(s) having jurisdiction over the PIAA member schools approving such modification or termination.
(2) Such requests for modification or termination, which **would not** affect the classification size of a Team, may be submitted at any time to the applicable PIAA District.

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

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

(5) Decisions by the PIAA Board of Directors on requests for modification or termination, which **would** affect the classification size of a Team, will be made no later than its December meeting of any odd-numbered year for the next reclassification cycle.

(6) Requests to modify or terminate the agreement must be initiated by all of the schools if the agreement has been in place for four years or less. Thereafter, any school to the agreement may submit a request to modify or terminate the agreement, subject to the applicable provisions set forth in subsection B3 and any modification requests will incur a $100 modification fee from each school involved in the agreement.

(b) Grounds for Termination.

(1) Agreements are for at least a two-year enrollment classification cycle.

(2) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors prior to the expiration of a two-year enrollment classification cycle under the following conditions:

- (a) Closing of one of the schools;
- (b) If more than one of the schools’ enrollment is greater than 300 (effective beginning the 2018-19 school year);
- (c) Substantiated complaints from surrounding schools concerning recruiting by one of the participating PIAA member schools;
- (d) Substantiated complaints from parents, School Boards, and/or students in one of the participating PIAA member schools; and/or
- (e) Other valid reasons as determined by the PIAA Board of Directors.

(3) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors, after a two-year enrollment classification cycle, upon request by **all parties** to the Agreement and the request is absent good cause for not doing so.

(4) Agreements may be terminated by the PIAA Board of Directors, after two, two-year enrollment classification cycles, upon request by **any participant** in the Agreement and the request is absent good cause for not doing so.

### INTERPRETATION

**Section 11.B.3. December 6, 2017.**

Requests to terminate a previously approved Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement submitted by a school after September 15th of any odd-numbered year and which would affect the classification size of a school may be approved by the Board of Directors. However, the school shall remain in the same classification as established by the existing cooperative sponsorship for the next two-year cycle.
C. Effect of Termination of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement.

Any student whose own school does not sponsor a particular sport and who was a member of a Team during the season that a Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement was in place may, upon termination of such agreement, and with the consent of the Principals of the schools to the agreement, continue to participate on such Team as if said agreement remains in effect. Such student, however, is not eligible to participate on the other school’s Team if the student’s own school then sponsors a Team in that sport.

As it is intended that this provision only permit a phase-out of a Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement without negative impact on those students who actually participated under the agreement when it was in place, and not to allow additional participation, should this provision be deemed by any court to be violative of the rights of any other student by denying that student the opportunity to participate on a Team sponsored by another school, this provision shall be stricken in its entirety and, upon termination of any Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement, the students shall thereafter be permitted to participate in interscholastic athletics as if no Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement had ever existed.

Motion passed 27-yes, 1-no.

Recommendation of PIAA Executive Staff, on a first reading basis, to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 3, Reporting of and Procedure for Alleged Violations, of the PIAA By-Laws, to simplify the process of reporting and addressing violations of this article, to read as follows:

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

Section 3. Reporting of and Procedure for Alleged Violations.

Violations of this ARTICLE shall subject the Student, Team and/or school to any and all possible penalties provided for in Sections 2 through 9 of ARTICLE XIII, of the PIAA By-Laws.

Alleged violation(s) of PIAA Season or Out-of-Season Rules and Regulations shall be reported and addressed as follows:

1. Any person may report a violation via the PIAA form entitled “Report of Alleged Violation(s) of PIAA Season or Out-Of-Season Rules and Regulations”. The form must be signed by the complainant. Where the complainant is a PIAA member school, the form must be signed by the Principal or Athletic Director. The form must be submitted to the District Committee of the District having jurisdiction over the school allegedly committing the violation.

2. Upon the receipt of a properly completed and signed form, the Chairman of the District Committee or executive staff of the District shall mail a copy of the form to the Principal of the school allegedly involved. The Principal of the involved school shall have twenty-one (21) calendar days in which to respond, in writing, to the alleged violation(s) and to report the actions, if any, the Principal has taken concerning the alleged violation(s).
3. The District Committee shall consider the report of the Principal and determine whether the report fully addresses the alleged violation(s) and satisfies all PIAA interests and concerns.

4. If the District Committee determines that the report of the Principal fully addresses the alleged violation(s) and satisfies all PIAA interests and concerns, it shall close the matter. If the District Committee determines that the report does not fully address the alleged violation(s) and/or does not satisfy all PIAA interests and concerns, it shall conduct a hearing upon the alleged violation(s).

5. If the District Committee finds that there was a violation(s) of this ARTICLE, the offending school will be subject to any of the penalties described in ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Sections 2 through 7, of the PIAA By-Laws.

PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Recommendation of Legal Counsel, on a first reading basis, to amend INCIDENTS ARISING DURING INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS AND OTHER MATTERS DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Section VII, Conduct of Hearings, Subsection G, Other Procedural Matters, of the PIAA Policies and Procedures, to address the swearing in of witnesses, to read as follows:

**INCIDENTS ARISING DURING INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS AND OTHER MATTERS DELEGATED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**VII. Conduct of Hearings**

**G. Other Procedural Matters.**

Swearing of witnesses is permitted so long as the party requesting it has made the necessary arrangements for the attendance and compensation of a person authorized to do so.

Swearing of witnesses is not permitted absent the consent of the witnesses.

**PIAA-REGISTERED SPORTS OFFICIAL APPEAL OF SUSPENSION BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

A hearing was conducted before the PIAA Board of Directors, at which a PIAA-registered sports official sought review of the decision of the PIAA Executive Director to suspend his registration as an active registered official in the sports of basketball and baseball. The Board of Directors considered the written materials submitted to and by the Executive Director and the official requesting the appeal; the additional correspondence which occurred after the date of the Executive Director’s decision; and the documents presented, testimony given, and the information made at the appeal hearing.

On the basis of the foregoing, on a motion by Mr. Sinning, seconded by Mr. Doverspike, it was unanimously voted to deny the request to reverse the Executive Director’s suspension of a PIAA-registered official in all sports until the end of the 2018-2019 school year.
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ DECEMBER DECISION TO DENY A PIAA-MEMBER SCHOOL REQUEST TO CORRECT SUBMITTED CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS

On a motion by Mr. Doverspike, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was voted to sustain the PIAA Board of Director’s December 2017 decision to deny a PIAA-member school to resubmit their classification numbers as being untimely.

Motion passed: 27-yes, 1-no.

REQUEST OF A PIAA-MEMBER SCHOOL FOR PERMISSION TO MOVE UP IN CLASS IN GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Dr. Mannarino, it was voted deny a PIAA-member school’s request for permission to move-up in class and compete at a higher class as being untimely.

Motion passed: 26-yes, 1-no.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS’ REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of Directors accepted the summary of the Fall Championships Financials.

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the Executive Director’s recommendation to approve the PIAA (Headquarters only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended November 30 and December 31, 2017.

PIAA FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Heinauer, seconded by Ms. Turner, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Football Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 1.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Grassel gave a status report on:

1) the January 2018 PIAA Newsletter that included a Quick Facts of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, which is a reference chart that may be used to find answers to questions located in the Constitution and By-Laws, which was created by James Manners, PIAA Board of Director’s Treasurer and PIAA District IX Chairman; and

2) reminded the Board of Directors that five (5) months remain for the coaches’ registration deadline.
PIAA VOLLEYBALL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Dr. Crumrine, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Assistant Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 2.

PIAA TENNIS STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Assistant Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 3.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Assistant Executive Director Gebhart gave a status report on the:

1) results of the recently held elections of Male and Female Officials’ Representatives in the odd numbered PIAA Districts;

2) notice of submission of recommendations from Districts for officials for the Winter Sports Championships are due February 5th;

3) PIAA registered sports officials’ registration fees face value period from January 15 until February 28, 2018;

4) winter make-up mandatory rules interpretation online meetings that will be available until February 15th; and

5) chapter and district interpreters’ annual mandatory online meetings.

PIAA GOLF STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Dr. Lonardi, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Assistant Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 4.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on the:

1) recently completed PIAA Competitive Spirit Championships, at which 120 schools participated and approximately 6,300 were in attendance; and

2) posting of information on PIAA’s Website (www.piaa.org) for the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Student Leadership Summit that is scheduled to be held from July 23 thru July 25, 2018, in Indianapolis, Indiana.
PIAA FIELD HOCKEY STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Sinning, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee to adopt a 1 v. 1 overtime procedure, for all regular season tournaments, District and Inter-District playoffs. The 1 v. 1 overtime procedure would replace penalty strokes. The reduced player, sudden victory overtime period would remain in effect and be conducted prior to the 1 v. 1.

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Field Hockey Steering Committee to modify the mandatory protective eyewear rule for players with prescription eyewear. Schools shall request authorization from PIAA to permit these students to wear medically prescribed eyewear that meet ASTM standards.

On a motion by Mr. Walter, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Field Hockey Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Assistant Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 5.

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER’S REPORT

The Chief Operating Officer gave a status report on the maximum number of entries/qualifiers and brackets for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 classification cycle, as set forth in Attachment 6. It was also noted that this information will be placed on PIAA’s Website, at www.piaa.org, for viewing by the membership and general public.

PIAA COACHES’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, January 10, 2018 meeting of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 7.

PIAA CROSS COUNTRY STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to move for further study by PIAA Executive Staff the recommendation of the Cross Country Steering Committee to amend the proportional representation process for determining qualifiers, by using a two-year average of teams and individual qualifiers that actually competed in the 2018 and 2019 District Championships for the next classification cycle.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Cross Country Steering Committee to require the use of one PIAA-registered official for all varsity cross country events, effective July 1, 2018.

Motion failed: 12-yes, 12-no.
On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Sinning, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Cross Country Steering Committee to require the use of one PIAA-registered official for all varsity cross country events and amend the effective date to July 1, 2019.

Motion passed: 18-yes, 6-no.

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Griffiths, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Cross Country Steering Committee to recommend the use of one PIAA-registered official for all junior high/middle school cross country events and amend the effective date to July 1, 2019.

Motion passed: 14-yes, 10-no.

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Heinauer, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee of Wednesday, January 10, 2018, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 8.

PIAA SOCCER STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Heinauer, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 9.

PIAA COMPETITION COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was voted on a first reading basis, to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Competition Committee to limit to 14 calendar days prior to the official starting date of practice for a sport season open gym activities to only school enrolled students and to prohibit any non-enrolled school students from participating during this period. This item was referred back to the Competition Committee for further review and recommendations at the March Board of Directors' meeting.

Motion passed: 20-yes, 4-no.

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Competition Committee meeting of Friday, December 8, 2017, as prepared and presented in Attachment 10.

PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Mannarino, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to adopt the recommendation of the PIAA Human Resources Committee, as presented by the Chairman on a first reading basis, the 2018-2019 salaries and wages for PIAA Administrative and Support Staff.
On a motion by Mr. Walter, seconded by Mrs. Williams, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Human Resources Committee meeting of Wednesday, January 24, 2018, as prepared and presented, as set forth in Attachment 11.

PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt on a first reading basis, an increase of officials’ game fees in PIAA Inter-District playoff contests by $5.00 per official; as set forth in Attachment 12.

On a motion by Mrs. Wreski, seconded by Mr. Walter, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to authorize the donation of the Land Lease Agreement funds to the PIAA Foundation; as set forth in Attachment 12.

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a first reading basis, the PIAA Operating Activities Budget for the year ending June 30, 2019, as set forth in Attachment 12.

On a motion by Dr. Crumrine, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt on a first reading basis, the PIAA Cash Flows Budget for the year ending June 30, 2019, as set forth in Attachment 12.

On a motion by Dr. Crumrine, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, January 10 and Wednesday, January 24, 2018 meetings of the PIAA Budget Committee, and to approve PIAA staff salaries, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 12.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Dr. Iacino, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2018:

District IV - Northumberland Christian School

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Heinauer, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2017:

District VII - Young Scholars of Western PA Charter School (JHS)
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIPS OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2017-2018 ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Walter, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorships of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2017-2018 enrollment classification cycle that will not affect classification size:

**District II:**
Pittston Area and Old Forge High Schools (girls’ swimming and diving)

**District IX:**
Cowanesque Valley and Northern Potter Junior High Schools, conditioned upon PIAA District IX Committee approval (baseball)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Dr. Iacino, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to DENY the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport that will affect enrollment classifications, effective the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year:

**District IX:**
Coudersport and Austin Area High Schools (softball)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2018-2019 ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATION CYCLE

On a motion by Dr. Crumrine, seconded by Mrs. White, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 enrollment classification cycle that will not affect classification size:

**District VI:**
Conemaugh Valley and Blacklick Valley High Schools (girls’ volleyball)

OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL AND OCTORARA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
REQUEST TO TRANSFER FROM PIAA DISTRICT I TO DISTRICT III

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to permit Octorara High School and Octorara Junior High School to transfer from PIAA District I to District III, effective July 1, 2018.
ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018, AT THE HERSHEY LODGE, HERSHEY, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director