At 7:05 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 2009, President W. Rodney Stone called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Warrington ................................................................. District 1
Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square .................................................. District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ......................................................... District 2
Samuel S. Elias, Hershey ................................................................. District 3
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy .......................................................... District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ............................................................ District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ................................................................. District 5
Raymond J. Wotkowski, Sidman ......................................................... District 6
Pamela R. Cherubin, Pittsburgh .......................................................... District 7
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls .......................................................... District 7
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown ............................................................... District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh ............................................................ District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway ............................................................. District 9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard ........................................................................ District 10
John P. Wabby, Pottsville ................................................................. District 11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ....................................................... District 12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia ...................................................... District 12
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown
  Representing ........................................................................................ Junior High/Middle Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
  Representing ..................................................................................Department of Education
Norman J. Long, Downingtown
  Representing ................................................................................ PSBA
Dr. Brian M. Small, Dillsburg
  Representing ................................................................................ PASA
Dennis F. Nemes, New Tripoli
  Representing ................................................................................ PASSP
Thomas R. Wagner, Karns City
  Representing ................................................................................ PSADA
MEMBERS PRESENT (CONTINUED)

Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
   Representing ................................................................. PCA
Audrey K. Hall, McConnellsburg
   Representing ............................................................ Female Officials
Richard Czarnecki, Boiling Springs
   Representing .......................................................... Male Officials
Beth L. Schulze, Athens
   Representing .......................................................... Girls’ Athletics
William J. Cleary, McKeesport
   Representing .......................................................... Private Schools’ Representative
Gayle L. Huffman, Sugar Run
   Representing ........................................................ Female Parents
Robert J. Taylor, Oil City
   Representing ......................................................... Male Parents’ Representative

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

John W. Ziegler, Newport ......................................................... Former PIAA District III Chairman
Robert J. Tonkin, Brookville ................................................. Former Junior High/Middle Schools
Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ......................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary ...................................................... PIAA District I
Charles H. Carr, Executive Secretary ......................................................... PIAA District IV
Michael Cordas, Jr., D.O. ..................................................... PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
Scott A. Lynch, M.D. ................................................................ PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
William R. Vollmar, M.D. ................................................. PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ...................................................... Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Gerald B. Schwille, Dillsburg ................................................ PSADA President Elect
John M. Bailey ................................................................ PSFCA Representative
George B. Shue ................................................................ PSFCA Representative
Dom Consentino ............................................................ Doylestown Intelligencer Record Sportswriter
Rodney L. Frisco ........................................................... Harrisburg Patriot-News Sportswriter
Mike White .............................................................. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Sportswriter
Paul Schofield .......................................................... Pittsburgh Tribune Review Sportswriter
MEMBER ABSENT

Thomas J. Gentzel, Mechanicsburg .......................................................... PSBA

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

President Stone introduced Mr. Samuel S. Elias, PIAA District III Chairman; Mr. Ronald H. Kennedy, PIAA District III Vice Chairman; Mr. Douglas M. Bohannon, Junior High/Middle Schools’ Representative; Mrs. Audrey K. Hall, PIAA-Registered Female Officials’ Representative; Mr. Richard Czarnecki, PIAA-Registered Male Officials’ Representative; and Mrs. Beth L. Schulze, Girls’ Athletics Representative; as recently elected or appointed members of the PIAA Board of Directors; and Ms. Pamela R. Cherubin, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Richard A. Constantine, PIAA District VII Chairman.

CERTIFICATION OF RECENTLY ELECTED OR APPOINTED MEMBERS OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 1, Board of Directors, of the PIAA Constitution, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to certify the recently elected and appointed members of the 2009-2010 PIAA Board of Directors.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND STATEMENT

Pursuant to the PIAA Conflict of Interest Policy, President Stone respectfully requested that each member of the 2009-2010 PIAA Board of Directors and PIAA Administrative Staff read, sign, and date the PIAA Conflict of Interest Statement.

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors are respectfully appointed to the PIAA Budget Committee, which is scheduled to meet beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2010, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA; and reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2010, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

W. Rodney Stone, PIAA President and District I Chairman
Raymond J. Wotkowski, PIAA Vice-President and District VI Chairman
*John P. Wabby, PIAA Treasurer and District XI Chairman
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, PIAA District I Vice Chairman
Francis M. Majikes, PIAA District II Chairman
Ronald H. Kennedy, PIAA District III Vice-Chairman
James T. Zack, PIAA District IV Chairman
John B. Fullen, Sr., PIAA District VII Vice Chairman
Michael A. Gavlik, PIAA District VIII Chairman
Walter J. Blucas, PIAA District X Chairman
Robert B. Coleman, PIAA District XII Chairman
Thomas J. Gentzel, PSBA Executive Director
Dr. Brian M. Small, PASA Representative
Douglas M. Bohannon, Junior High/Middle Schools Representative
Ronald J. Kanaskie, PCA Representative
Richard Czarnecki, PIAA-Registered Male Officials’ Representative
William J. Cleary, Private Schools’ Representative
Beth L. Schulze, Girls’ Athletics Representative
Gayle L. Huffman, Female Parents’ Representative
*Indicates Chairman

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors are respectfully appointed to the PIAA Compliance Committee, which is scheduled to meet at the call of the President in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and the Executive Director.

W. Rodney Stone, PIAA President and District I Chairman
Raymond J. Wotkowski, PIAA Vice-President and District VI Chairman
John P. Wabby, PIAA Treasurer and District XI Chairman
To Be Determined

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors are respectfully appointed to the PIAA Human Resources Committee, which is scheduled to meet beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2009, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA and 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2009, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

W. Rodney Stone, PIAA President and District I Chairman
*Raymond J. Wotkowski, PIAA Vice-President and District VI Chairman
John P. Wabby, PIAA Treasurer and District XI Chairman
Samuel S. Elias, PIAA District III Chairman
Virgil R. Palumbo, PIAA District V Chairman
Richard A. Constantine, PIAA District VII Chairman
Jon L. Vallina, PIAA District VII Treasurer
James B. Manners, PIAA District IX Chairman
Michael W. Hawkins, PIAA District XII Vice Chairman
Thomas R. Wagner, PSADA Representative
John J. Tommasini, PA Department of Education Representative
Norman J. Long, PSBA Representative
Dennis F. Nemes, PASSP Representative
Audrey K. Hall, PIAA-Registered Female Officials’ Representative
Robert J. Taylor, Male Parents’ Representative
*Indicates Chairman

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors are respectfully appointed to the PIAA Policy Review Committee, which is scheduled to meet, if necessary, beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009 in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA; 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA; 4:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 2010 in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA; 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA; and/or 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at the Four Points by Sheraton, Chambersburg, PA:

W. Rodney Stone, PIAA President and District I Chairman
Raymond J. Wotkowski, PIAA Vice-President and District VI Chairman
John P. Wabby, PIAA Treasurer and District XI Chairman
Douglas M. Bohannon, Junior High/Middle Schools’ Representative
John J. Tommasini, PA Dept. of Education Representative
Thomas G. Gentzel, PSBA Executive Director
Norman J. Long, PSBA Representative
Dr. Brian M. Small, PASA Representative
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Ronald J. Kanaskie, PCA Representative
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Richard Czarnecki, PIAA-Registered Male Officials’ Representative
Beth L. Schulze, Girls’ Athletic Representative
William J. Cleary, Private Schools’ Representative
Gayle L. Huffman, Female Parents’ Representative
Robert J. Taylor, Male Parents’ Representative
*Indicates Chairman

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors are respectfully appointed to the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee, which is scheduled to meet, if necessary, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009 in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA; 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA; 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 2010 in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA; 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA; and/or 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at the Four Points by Sheraton, Chambersburg, PA.

*W. Rodney Stone, PIAA President and District I Chairman
Raymond J. Wotkowski, PIAA Vice-President and District VI Chairman
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21, 2009 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, conditioned upon PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee approval, effective July 1, 2009:

District VII - Redeemer Lutheran Middle School

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

District VIII - Manchester Academic Charter School

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, conditioned upon PIAA District IX Committee approval, effective July 1, 2009:

District IX - West Forest Junior High School

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, conditioned upon PIAA District X Committee approval, effective July 1, 2009:
District X - Robert Benjamin Wiley Charter School

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

District XII - Charles Y. Audenreid High School

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following schools, conditioned upon PIAA District XII Committee approval, effective July 1, 2009:

District XII - Greater Hope Christian Academy

TRANSFER OF SCHOOL FROM ONE PIAA DISTRICT TO ANOTHER

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Manchester Academic Charter School to be transferred from the jurisdiction of PIAA District VIII to the jurisdiction of PIAA District VII/WPIAL, conditioned upon the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee approval, effective July 1, 2009.

REQUEST OF HAZLETON AREA AND MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Hazleton Area and Marian Catholic High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in girls' tennis, conditioned upon PIAA Districts II and XI Committees approval, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF RIDGWAY AREA AND JOHNSONBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Ridgway Area and Johnsonburg Area High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in girls' soccer, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF WARREN AREA HIGH SCHOOL AND WARREN COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Taylor, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Warren Area High School and Warren County Christian School for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, conditioned upon PIAA District X Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.
REQUEST OF BARTRAM HIGH SCHOOL AND GREATER HOPE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 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 Bartram High School and Greater Hope Christian Academy for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in baseball, boys’ and girls’ basketball, boys’ and girls’ bowling, boys’ and girls’ cross country, football, softball, boys’ and girls’ tennis, and boys’ and girls’ track and field, conditioned upon PIAA District XII Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORT

The Director of Business Affairs gave a status report on 1) the recently completed 2009 PIAA Boys’ Team Tennis Championships, which were held on a first round regional basis on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 and a quarterfinal through championships (final) basis, inclusive, on Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey, PA; 2) the recently completed 2009 PIAA Boys’ Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships, which were held on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23, 2009, at the Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey, PA; 3) a summary of the performance of Team IP through and including the 2008 PIAA Fall Championships, 2008-2009 PIAA Winter Championships, and 2009 PIAA Spring Championships; 4) the recently prepared and mailed invoices for PIAA member school dues; 5) the PIAA Corporate Account; 6) the requests for PIAA District Committee Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009; 7) the soon-to-be prepared and issued to PIAA District Committee Treasurers, Unrelated Business Income Tax (UBIT) invoices for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009; and 8) the Request for Proposal (RFP) to perform annual consolidated statewide audits and prepare annual consolidated IRS Forms 990 and 990T.

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for the 2009 PIAA Boys’ Team and Singles and Doubles Tennis, Track and Field, Boys’ Volleyball, Girls’ Spring Soccer, Lacrosse, Baseball, and Softball Championships, as presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for the months ended March 31; April 30; and May 31, 2009, as presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Blucas, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Director of Business Affairs to amend the PIAA Operating Activities Budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2009.
PIAA TENNIS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Bohannon, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to endorse USTA High School Coach Workshops.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to amend Rule 1, Tournament Rules and Regulations, of the PIAA Team Tennis Championships, effective July 1, 2009, to read as follows:

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Each Team shall consist of three (3) singles players and two (2) doubles teams. Players may only play one event (singles or doubles). Each Team, listing students in descending order of ability, shall establish a strength ladder line-up from 1 to 10. The ladder submitted for the Team shall represent the strongest line-up for that Team. The first three (3) students shall play singles in the order that they are listed on the strength ladder line-up. Beginning with the fourth student listed on the strength ladder line-up, any four of the remaining seven students may comprise the doubles teams. The doubles team having the highest level of ability shall occupy the number 1 position and the doubles team having the second highest level of ability shall occupy the number 2 position. No player shall be eligible for a doubles team unless they are listed on the Team’s strength ladder line-up. Teams shall submit their strength ladder line-ups, which shall specify singles player #1, singles player #2, singles player #3, doubles Team #1, and doubles Team #2, at the beginning of the District Team Tennis Tournament. With the exception of authorized substitutions for illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined by the appropriate Tournament Director), a Team’s strength ladder line-up may not be changed throughout the respective District and Inter-District Team Tennis Tournaments.

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On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to amend Rule 2, Tournament Rules and Regulations, of the PIAA Team Tennis Championships, effective July 1, 2009, to read as follows:

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

2. Substitutions may be made only in case of illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined appropriate by the Tournament Director). The school’s athletic administration and/or head tennis Coach shall provide
supporting documentation for such substitutions. An ill or injured player may be substituted for and then be reentered in the same position in the Team’s strength ladder line-up, upon documented authorization from a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine. Teams are prohibited from making substitutions that would allow an ill or injured player to be moved from playing singles to doubles, and then back to singles when the ill or injured player has recovered, even with a licensed physician of medicine’s or osteopathic medicine’s documented authorization.

Substitutions shall be made by utilizing direct-line substitution ONLY. Substitution of a singles player shall be made from any of the remaining seven students on the strength ladder line-up and shall result in the three singles players playing in order of their ability, in accordance with the Team’s strength ladder line-up. Doubles Teams do not have to be disrupted in order to replace a singles player. When a singles player substitution is necessary, and a member of one of the school’s established doubles Teams is designated as that substitute, the resulting vacant doubles position shall be filled by a player from the Team’s strength ladder line-up who was not previously assigned to a doubles Team.

Substitution of both doubles partners is prohibited if only one of the two players experiences an illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstances (as determined appropriate by the Tournament Director). Furthermore, a Team may not substitute a player from one of the school’s established doubles Teams to fill the spot of an ill/injured player on that school’s other doubles Team. Finally, changing the strength order of the school’s doubles Teams following any appropriate direct-line substitution is prohibited.

Moving players around with the intent of gaining a competitive advantage is prohibited and shall subject the Team to default from the Tournament.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to reject
the recommendation of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OF SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table III - Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for the first Practice day, the first Inter-School Practice or Scrimmage day, and the first Regular Season Contest day to start one week later; and the last Regular Season Contest day, the PIAA District/Region deadline, and the PIAA Championships deadline to end one week later, all in the sport of tennis.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Tennis Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2009, as presented by the Director of Business Affairs.
SECOND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Second Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on 1) the recently completed 2009 PIAA Girls’ Spring Soccer Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Tuesday, May 26 (first round), Friday, May 29 (quarterfinals), and Tuesday, June 2 (semi-finals), and the championship (final) Contests, which were held on Friday, June 5, 2009 at HERSHEYPARK Stadium, Hershey, PA; and 2) the recently completed 2009 PIAA Baseball Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Monday, June 1 (first round), Thursday, June 4 (quarterfinals), and Monday, June 8 (semi-finals), and the championship (final) Contests, which were held on Friday, June 12, 2009 at the Blair County Ballpark, Altoona, PA.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee and Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA) Board of Directors joint meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2009, as prepared by the Second Assistant Executive Director and presented by the PCA Representative to the PIAA Board of Directors.

PIAA BASEBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to reject the recommendation of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee to amend the Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Determining First Round Inter-District Championship Contest Sites in the Sport of Baseball, to provide for first round Contests to be played at Contest sites geographically located as close to midway or an equal distance travel point between the competing member schools, as possible, to read as follows:

POLICY REGARDING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN DETERMINING FIRST ROUND INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST SITES IN THE SPORT OF BASEBALL:

The following criteria are used by PIAA in determining first round Inter-District Championship Contest sites in the sports of baseball:

- Availability of Inter-District Championship Contest sites.
- Suitability of Contest sites, pursuant to the Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Considering
- Selection of Sites for District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests.
- Suitability of Contest sites for hosting multiple Contests in a sport.
• Contest sites geographically located as close to midway or an equal distance travel point between the competing member schools, as possible.
• Contest sites geographically located in the PIAA District of the member school listed at the top of the Inter-District Championship brackets (pairings).
• Contiguous nature of involved PIAA Districts.

Sport-specific and other relevant criteria may be considered as appropriate under the circumstances.

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On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2009, as presented by the Second Assistant Executive Director.

PIAA JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS’ STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Junior High/Middle Schools’ Steering Committee meeting of Friday, June 19, 2009, as prepared by the Second Assistant Executive Director and presented by the former Junior High/Middle Schools’ Representative to the PIAA Board of Directors.

FIRST ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The First Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on 1) the recently completed 2009 PIAA Boys’ Volleyball Championships, which were held on a first round regional basis on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 and a quarterfinal through championships (final) basis, inclusive, on Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30, 2009 at the Multi-Sport Indoor Facility, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA; 2) the recently completed 2009 PIAA Girls’ and Boys’ Lacrosse Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Tuesday, May 26 (first round), Saturday, May 30 (quarterfinals), and Tuesday, June 2 (semi-finals), and the championship (final) Contests, which were held on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at HERSHEY PARK Stadium, Hershey, PA; 3) the recently completed 2009 PIAA Softball Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Monday, June 1 (first round), Thursday, June 4 (quarterfinals), and Monday, June 8 (semi-finals), and the championship (final) Contests, which were held on Friday, June 12, 2009 at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Shippensburg, PA; 4) the 2009 NFHS National Student Leadership Conference, which was convened with the Opening General Session on Thursday, July 16, 2009 and adjourned with the Closing General Session on Sunday, July 19, 2009, at the Indianapolis Hilton, Indianapolis, IN; and.5) what was to become the third PIAA member schools’ orientation, which was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2009, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA, but was cancelled due to lack of participation.
PIAA SWIMMING AND DIVING STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to remove from the table and **reject** the recommendation of the PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee to modify the minimum number of individual and relay entries (qualifiers) per District or Region sponsoring a qualifying meet involving at least four (4) member senior high schools sponsoring swimming in the respective enrollment classifications to one entry (qualifier), which would have resulted in all additional individual swimming event entries (qualifiers) and all additional relay event entries (qualifiers) advancing to the PIAA Swimming Championships based solely on the PIAA District or Region qualifying meet time, but continuing to provide for a maximum of 32 entries (qualifiers) in each individual swimming event and a maximum of 24 entries (qualifiers) in each relay event, respectively.

PIAA ELECTRONIC MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Electronic Media Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 17, 2009, as presented by the First Assistant Executive Director.

PIAA VOLLEYBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to **reject** the recommendation of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee that the Board of Directors rescind its previously approved modification of NFHS Volleyball Rule 5-2-1a, which requires PIAA-registered volleyball officials to wear alternating black and white 1-inch vertically striped short sleeved shirt with either a black collar or v-neck collar.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to **reject** the recommendation of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee that the Board of Directors rescind its previously approved modification of NFHS Volleyball Rule 5-8-4, which prohibits the use of flags by line judges.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2009, as presented by the First Assistant Executive Director.

PIAA SOFTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Softball Steering Committee to adopt NFHS Softball Rule 1-2-3, which changes the distance from the nearer edge of the pitcher’s plate and the apex of home plate from 40 feet to 43 feet for female fast pitch softball, effective July 1, 2010.
On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to reject the recommendation of the PIAA Softball Steering Committee to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table III - Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for 20 Regular Season Contest dates with a maximum of 22 Regular Season Contests, effective July 1, 2010.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mrs. Schulze, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Softball Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2009, as presented by the First Assistant Executive Director.

PIAA GIRLS’ ATHLETICS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Dr. Small, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Girls’ Athletics Steering Committee meeting of Friday, June 19, 2009, as prepared by the First Assistant Executive Director and presented by the Girls’ Athletics Representative to the PIAA Board of Directors.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on 1) the Students of Today Are Referees of Tomorrow (START) initiative; 2) the recently completed 2009 PIAA Track and Field Championships, which were held on Friday, May 22 and Saturday, May 23, 2009 at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania, Shippensburg; 3) the Background Check Requirements for Certain PIAA-Registered Sports Officials Webinars, which were held on Wednesday, June 24 and Wednesday, July 22, 2009, and which is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, all at the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, PA; 4) the NFHS Field Hockey Rules Interpreters’ Meeting, which is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 6, 2009, the Train the Trainers for District and Chapter Interpreters in all sports, which is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 6, and Friday, August 7, 2009, the PIAA Swimming and Diving Chapter Interpreters’ Clinic; which is scheduled to be held on Friday, August 7, 2009, and the Fifteenth Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention, which will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2009, with a session on Local Chapter Governance and District Clinics and conclude with the Officials’ 25/35 Years of Service Banquet, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 7, 2009, all at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-West, Mechanicsburg, PA; 5) the start of the 2009 PIAA fall sports’ rules interpretation meetings and that those meetings must be attended by the head coach of the coaching staff of each member senior high school Team; and 6) the third annual PIAA Foundation Cross Country Invitational, which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2009, on the Parkview Cross Country Course, Hershey, PA.
PIAA TRACK AND FIELD STEERING COMMITTEE
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to adopt the qualifying standards for the 2010 PIAA Track and Field Championships.

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to approve MileSplit.US as the electronic systems data entry provider for the PIAA Foundation Cross Country Invitational, PIAA Cross Country Championships, and PIAA Track and Field Championships, effective July 1, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2009, as presented by the Associate Executive Director.

PIAA OFFICIALS’ COUNCIL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council to adopt the 2009 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Fall Sports’ Rules Books and Relevant State Association Adoptions and Modifications as set forth in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and the rules promulgated by the respective national governing bodies in those sports in which the NFHS does not publish rules books, effective July 1, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council to adopt the 2009-2010 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Winter Sports’ Rules Books and Relevant State Association Adoptions and Modifications, as set forth in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and the rules promulgated by the respective national governing bodies in those sports in which the NFHS does not publish rules books, effective July 1, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council to adopt the 2010 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Spring Sports’ Rules Books and Relevant State Association Adoptions and Modifications, as set forth in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and the rules promulgated by the respective national governing bodies in those sports in which the NFHS does not publish rules books, effective July 1, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council to adopt NFHS Basketball Rule 2-2-1 NOTE, only for Inter-District Championship Contests, which provides for “a state...
association [to] permit game or replay officials to use a replay monitor during state championship series contests to determine if a try for goal at the expiration of time in the fourth quarter or any overtime period (0:00 on the game clock) should be counted, and if so, determine if it is a two- or a three-point goal.”

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council to deny a request of a PIAA-chartered chapter of PIAA-registered track and field officials to place its chapter name/insignia on the upper left chest of the officials’ uniform shirt.

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Friday, June 19, 2009 meeting of the PIAA Officials’ Council, as prepared by the Associate Executive Director and presented by the PIAA-Registered Female and Male Officials’ Representatives to the PIAA Board of Directors.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director gave a status report on 1) his attendance, as the NFHS Section 2 Representative, at the NFHS Board of Directors’ Meeting, which was held on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at the Downtown Marriott, Chicago, IL; 2) his, the Associate Executive Director’s, the First Assistant Executive Director’s, the Second Assistant Executive Director’s, the Director of Business Affairs’, and the Director of Legal Affairs' attendance at the 90th Annual NFHS Summer Meeting, which was held on Sunday, June 28; Monday, June 29; Tuesday, June 30; and Wednesday, July 1, 2009, at the Downtown Marriott, Chicago, IL; 3) his attendance at, and participation in, the PIAA District IV Football Officials’ Clinic, which was held on Sunday, July 19, 2009, at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA; and 4) his and the Associate Executive Director’s participation in the Background Check Requirements for Certain PIAA-Registered Sports Officials Webinars, which were held on Wednesday, June 24 and Wednesday, July 22, 2009, both at the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, PA.

On a motion by Dr. Small, seconded by Mr. Blucas, it was unanimously voted to reject the recommendation of the Executive Director to participate in the NFHS License Product Program with Licensing Resource Group (LRG).

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to participate in the Partnership for a Drug-Free America and Major League Baseball Steroid Education Effort.

Motion passed: 29-yes, 1-no. PIAA District X Chairman voted in the negative.
PIAA LACROSSE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to reject the recommendation of the PIAA Lacrosse Steering Committee to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table III - Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to extend the last Regular Season Contest day, the PIAA District/Region deadline, and the PIAA Championships deadline in the sport of lacrosse by one week, effective July 1, 2010.

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, June 18, 2009 meeting of the PIAA Lacrosse Steering Committee, as presented by the Executive Director.

PIAA PRIVATE SCHOOLS’ STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Private Schools’ Steering Committee meeting of Friday, June 19, 2009, as presented by the Private Schools’ Representative to the PIAA Board of Directors.

PIAA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS’ STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Wagner, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Athletic Directors’ Steering Committee meeting of Friday, June 19, 2009, as presented by the PSADA Representative to the PIAA Board of Directors.

RECESS

President Stone recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 9:45 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 2009.

RECONVENE

President Stone reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:00 a.m., Friday, July 24, 2009, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Warrington ................................................................. District 1
Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square .................................................. 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
MEMBERS PRESENT (CONTINUED)

Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ................................................................. District 5
Raymond J. Wotkowski, Sidman ........................................................... District 6
Pamela R. Cherubin, Pittsburgh ............................................................. District 7
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls ........................................................... District 7
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown ................................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh .............................................................. District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway ............................................................... District 9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard ........................................................------------ District 10
John P. Wabby, Pottsville ........................................................---------- District 11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ......................................................... District 12

Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown
  Representing ........................................................................... Junior High/Middle Schools
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
  Representing ........................................................................... Department of Education
Norman J. Long, Downingtown
  Representing ........................................................................... PSBA
Dr. Brian M. Small, Dillsburg
  Representing ........................................................................... PASA
Dennis F. Nemes, New Tripoli
  Representing ........................................................................... PASSP
Thomas R. Wagner, Karns City
  Representing ........................................................................... PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
  Representing ........................................................................... PCA
Audrey K. Hall, McConnellsburg
  Representing ........................................................................... Female Officials
Richard Czarnecki, Boiling Springs
  Representing ........................................................................... Male Officials
Beth L. Schulze, Athens
  Representing ........................................................................... Girls’ Athletics
William J. Cleary, McKeesport
  Representing ........................................................................... Private Schools’ Representative
Gayle L. Huffman, Sugar Run
  Representing ........................................................................... Female Parents
Robert J. Taylor, Oil City
  Representing ........................................................................... Male Parents’ Representative

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

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

John W. Ziegler, Newport ............................................. Former PIAA District III Chairman
Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. .......................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
John P. Milliron, Esq. ................................................................ PIAA Legislative Counsel
Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary ......................................................... PIAA District I
C. Wendell Hower, Executive Director/Secretary ........................................ PIAA District III
Charles H. Carr, Executive Secretary.................................................. PIAA District IV
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ........................................ Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
John M. Bailey .............................................................................. PSFCA Representative
George B. Shue ........................................................................... PSFCA Representative
Mark Wogenrich .................................................................. Allentown Morning Call Sportswriter
Rodney L. Frisco ................................................................ Harrisburg Patriot-News Sportswriter
Mike White .............................................................. Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Sportswriter
Paul Schofield .......................................................... Pittsburgh Tribune Review Sportswriter

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia ................................................................. District 12
Thomas J. Gentzel, Mechanicsburg ................................................................. PSBA

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.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend the Interpretations immediately following the Code of Ethics Pertaining to High School Athletics, Section 7, Public Should, of the of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for clarification of both, effective immediately, to read as follows:

CODE OF ETHICS PERTAINING TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

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**INTERPRETATIONS**

**July 22, 1982, as amended July 24, 2009.**

A PIAA member school may permit any of its students who are ineligible to participate in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests interscholastic athletics under any provision(s) of the PIAA By-Laws other than ARTICLES IV and V to Practice with any of its interscholastic athletic Teams.

**October 1, 1983, as amended May 11, 2002; and July 28, 2005; and July 24, 2009.**

To participate in an Inter-School Practices, and/or a Scrimmages, and/or Contests, a student must be eligible for interscholastic athletics, in all respects.

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On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, 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 ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 10, Public School Districts With More Than One School at a Particular Level, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify that if a student changes his or her selection, it is considered a transfer, effective immediately, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III**

**ATTENDANCE**

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**Section 10. Public School Districts With More Than One School at a Particular Level.**

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 shall be 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. This selection may not be changed by the student.

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to remove from the table, 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) amend ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, Section 1, Teams Which PIAA Member Schools Play, of the PIAA By-Laws, to (a) permit Regular Season Scrimmages, in addition to Contests, with alumni (other than in the sports of football and wrestling), subject to authorization by the school; and (b) clarify that such Scrimmages and/or Contests count against the maximum permitted number of Regular Season Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in the applicable sport; and 2) adopt an Interpretation thereof, to clarify that,
with the exception of Regular Season Scrimmages and/or Contests with alumni (other than in the sports of football and wrestling) that are authorized by the school, persons (other than Coaches) who have graduated or have withdrawn from high school are not eligible to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests, all effective immediately, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XII**  
**ATHLETIC RELATIONS**

Section 1. Teams Which PIAA Member Schools May Play.

B. Regular Season Scrimmages and/or Contests with alumni, where authorized sponsored by the school authorities, are permitted in all sports except in Football and Wrestling. Such Scrimmages and/or Contests shall count against the maximum permitted number of Regular Season Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in the applicable sport.

**INTERPRETATIONS**

Section 1-B. July 24, 2009.

Except as provided in ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, Section 1B and ARTICLE XIV, COACHES, Section 2, What Constitutes Coaching, of the PIAA By-Laws, no person who has graduated or withdrawn from high school is eligible to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to remove from the table, 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 XIV, COACHES, of the PIAA By-Laws, to 1) provide for a definition of a Coach; 2) clarify and modernize Section 2, What Constitutes Coaching; and 3) adopt an Interpretation thereof to clarify that, with the exception of Regular Season Scrimmages and/or Contests with alumni (other than in the sports of football and wrestling) that are authorized by the school, persons (other than Coaches) who have graduated or have withdrawn from high school are not eligible to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests, all effective immediately, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**COACHES**

Section 1. Who May Coach.

A. A Coach is a person (including volunteer high school alumni, professional athletes, and citizens of the community) engaged, either for an entire season or any part
thereof, by a school to provide Coaching to a Team. PIAA does not impose any requirements or limitations on the retention or hiring of paid or volunteer coaches in either public or Private Schools.

**BA.** Neither the Public School Code nor the Regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) currently place restrictions on the hiring or qualification of persons employed as coaches in public schools. Upon satisfactory compliance with applicable laws relating to completion of required background checks, schools may engage any persons who meet their local criteria.

**C.-B**  

**D.-C**

**Section 2. What Constitutes Coaching.**

"Coaching" is the provision of instruction, training, conditioning, and/or direction to members of interscholastic athletic teams, individually or as a group, for the purpose of developing athletic abilities and/or skills. In furtherance of their responsibilities, and consistent with applicable standards and practices relating to safety in individual sports, Coaches may participate as they deem necessary and appropriate in Practices and may provide sideline coaching assistance in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and Contests to perform in Contests. It includes the provision of such voluntary instruction as that which is sometimes has been given, in the past, by high school alumni, professional students, and citizens of the community who are interested in developing winning teams.

**INTERPRETATION**

**Section 2. July 24, 2009.**

Except as provided in ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, Section 1B and ARTICLE XIV, COACHES, Section 2, What Constitutes Coaching, of the PIAA By-Laws, no person who has graduated or withdrawn from high school is eligible to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests.

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, 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, Rule 2, of the PIAA By-Laws, to 1) clarify contact as meaning "physical" contact and 2) authorize the Principal to permit students to use, in addition to the school’s helmet and shoes, its shoulder pads outside the PIAA-defined football season, effective July 1, 2010, 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. A student who participates in organized physical contact football camps, clinics, drills, Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, Contests, or similar physical contact activities outside the PIAA-defined football season shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic football for a period of one year from the date of such participation.

2. The school’s blocking/tackling sleds may not be used by schools, community organizations and groups, coaches, and students outside the PIAA-defined football season. The Principal may permit students to use only the school’s helmets, shoulder pads, and shoes.

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On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, 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 ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table II - Schedule of Winter Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to extend by one (1) week the last Regular Season Contest day and PIAA District deadline of the 2009-2010 indoor track season, effective immediately, to read as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Last PIAA Winter Sports Contest Day</th>
<th>PIAA Winter Sports’ Season</th>
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<tr>
<td>Indoor Track</td>
<td>104th 97th Day of Winter Sports’ Season</td>
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<td>104th 97th Day of Winter Sports’ Season</td>
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PIAA RULES AND REGULATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, 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 Junior High School/Middle School Football
Practice portion of the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook, to authorize junior high/middle school players to wear, in addition to the school's helmet and shoes, its shoulder pads during the first three days of mandatory non-physical contact football Practice, effective immediately, to read as follows:

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL PRACTICE**

The first three (3) days of mandatory football Practice for junior high/middle schools shall be non-physical contact NON-CONTACT. Players may wear helmets, shoulder pads, and football shoes; however, all other contact pads are PROHIBITED during the first three (3) days of mandatory football Practice for junior high/middle schools.

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**PIAA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Chairman of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee gave a status report on the Thursday, July 23, 2009 meeting of that Committee, which was held in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee to amend, on a first reading basis, the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling, to include golf, effective July 1, 2010, to read as follows:

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

In the individual sports of cross country, golf, 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, and shall, upon at least 200 member senior high schools sponsoring a sport, provide for a minimum of two enrollment classifications in each of the aforementioned sports.

Motion passed: 26-yes, 3-no. PIAA Districts II, V, and VI Chairmen voted in the negative.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning 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 ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table III – Schedule of Spring Sports, of the
PIAA By-Laws, to move girls’ spring soccer to the PIAA-defined fall soccer season, effective July 1, 2010, to read as follows:

**TABLE III – Schedule of Spring Sports**

The schedule of spring sports listed below is effective for all PIAA member schools. Junior high/middle schools may elect to follow this schedule for each sport, or they may elect to follow an alternate schedule for each sport. If junior high/middle schools elect to follow an alternate schedule, they may not reduce the minimum length of Preseason Practice in each sport and they may not exceed the maximum length of Regular Season in each sport.

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<th>Spring Sports</th>
<th>First Practice Day</th>
<th>Minimum Length of Preseason Practice</th>
<th>First Inter-School Practice or Scrimmage Day</th>
<th>Minimum Number of Inter-School Practice or Scrimmages</th>
<th>First Regular Season Contest Day</th>
<th>Maximum Length of Regular Season</th>
<th>Maximum Number of Regular Season Contests</th>
<th>Last Regular Season Contest Day</th>
<th>PIAA District/Region Championships Deadline</th>
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<tr>
<td>Girls’ Soccer</td>
<td>See Table of 15 days within 6th Day of Spring Sports’ Season</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>19th Day</td>
<td>9 weeks</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>93rd Day</td>
<td>93rd Day</td>
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**NOTES:**

1. PIAA member schools may play girls’ soccer during either the fall sports’ season or the spring sports’ season.

Motion passed: 22-yes, 7-no, 2-absent. The roll call vote was:

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

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning 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 adopt a Policy Relating to Inclement Weather During District and/or Inter-District Championships Tournaments, effective immediately, to read as follows:
POLICY RELATING TO INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING DISTRICT AND/OR INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

The decision whether to postpone a Contest during a PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Tournament, prior to the start of such Contest, is the responsibility of the PIAA District-appointed Contest Manager, in consultation with the PIAA District Tournament Director, or the PIAA-appointed Contest Manager, in consultation with the PIAA Tournament Director, within their respective jurisdictions. Once a Contest begins, said decision is the responsibility of the Contest Official(s).

In considering whether a postponement is appropriate, Contest Managers, in consultation with the applicable Tournament Director, shall give priority consideration to the travel conditions and the health and safety of the participants, Contest Officials, and spectators. Contest Managers shall consider requests made by school officials. They may also weigh available reports and information from other sources regarding road and weather conditions and/or forecasts; and shall take into account the consequences of postponement, such as the availability of dates and sites for make-up Contests. Where a decision is made not to postpone a Contest, the failure of a school to participate in such Contest shall constitute an automatic forfeit.

Time permitting; a school may appeal the imposition of forfeiture. For a forfeiture occurring during a District Tournament, said appeal shall be submitted to, and resolved by, the applicable District Chairman, or that District Chairman’s designee. For a forfeiture occurring during the Inter-District Championship Tournament, said appeal shall be submitted to, and resolved by, the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee. Appeals will be considered only if they can be resolved in sufficient time to reasonably permit rescheduling of the Contest. An appeal may be denied solely on the basis that scheduling a make-up Contest is not reasonably feasible. The decision may not be further appealed.

If there does exists time to schedule a make-up Contest, the applicable District Chairman, or that District Chairman’s designee, or the Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, within their respective jurisdictions, shall have discretion to grant relief upon consideration of the following factors:

1. whether a request was timely made by the school to postpone the Contest;

2. whether the appeal was timely presented by the school;

3. whether road and weather conditions were, or were expected to become, extremely hazardous;

4. whether most other schools did participate in Contests in the same area on the same Contest date;
5. whether there were any unique or unusually dangerous conditions relating to the appellant school;

6. whether the appellant school, in making its decision, relied on information not available to the Contest Manager; and

7. the impact on the opponent and other participants in the Tournament of rescheduling the Contest.

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On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning 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 adopt a Policy Relating to Pep Bands Performing at Outdoor PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests, effective immediately, to read as follows:

POLICY RELATING TO PEP BANDS PERFORMING AT OUTDOOR PIAA DISTRICT AND/OR INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS

"Pep Bands" are considered to be school sponsored and supervised bands that seek to play at PIAA Contests, other than in the sport of football.

Pep Bands are NOT authorized to play at indoor PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests.

Pep Bands are authorized to play at outdoor PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests subject to the following conditions:

1. **Prior Notice and Consent:** At least 24 hours prior to the applicable outdoor PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests at which the Pep Band is to play, the Principal, or the Principal’s designee, of a school desiring such participation shall provide notice of such intent to the appropriate PIAA District-appointed or PIAA-appointed Championship Contest manager, within their respective jurisdictions. Unless there are unique circumstances relating to a particular outdoor Contest that mitigate against the participation by a Pep Band, the appropriate Contest Manager shall consent to such participation.

2. **Size of Pep Bands:** A maximum of twenty (20) Pep Band members shall be authorized to play during an outdoor Contest.

3. **Entry and Seating:** The Contest Manager shall ensure that appropriate seating is available for the Pep Band, plus one adult director, at the applicable outdoor Contest. The members of the Pep Band, and accompanying adult(s), shall be required to present the appropriate admission ticket, and shall utilize the seating assigned by the applicable
outdoor Contest manager. Pep Band members shall wear identifiable clothing (shirt and slacks) to assist outdoor Contest managers in maintaining the security of the assigned seating area.

4. **Performance:** Pep Bands, and any component thereof (including drums),

   a. may perform only at the outdoor PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Contest in which their school is participating;

   b. may not begin performing earlier than 30 minutes prior to the outdoor Contest starting time;

   c. are expected to support their respective Teams in a positive manner and influence those Teams’ fans to do the same. In that regard, “pep bands” are expected to perform appropriate music selections;

   d. shall not participate in derogatory, profane, or unsportsmanlike activities;

   e. may not use amplifiers and/or electronic musical instruments.

If a Pep Band fails to comply with this Policy, the PIAA District-appointed or PIAA-appointed Championship Contest manager, within their respective jurisdictions, shall notify the appropriate Principal and/or Athletic Director to rectify the situation. If that Principal and/or Athletic Director is unable to do so, that Pep Band shall be prohibited from further performing at the outdoor Contest and the school may be prohibited from having Pep Bands perform at future outdoor Contests.

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Motion passed: 23-yes, 6-no. PIAA Districts IV and IX Chairmen and PSBA, PCA, Girls’ Athletics, and Female Parents’ Representatives voted in the negative.

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Blucas, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee to reject the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee to 1) reduce the Regular Season and Postseason in the sport of football from 16 weekends to 15 weekends; 2) amend the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball, to “carve out” football from that Policy; and 3) adopt a Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sport of Football, to provide for six enrollment classifications in that sport.

Motion passed: 15 yes, 13 no. PIAA District III Chairman and Vice Chairman, PIAA Districts V, VI, and IX Chairmen, and Junior High/Middle Schools, Department of Education, PSBA, PASA, PSADA, PCA, Male Officials’ and Male Parents’ Representatives voted in the negative.
On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee meeting of Thursday, July 23, 2009.

INTERNATIONAL PRINTING AND AD SPECIALTIES, INC. (TEAM IP)

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Executive Committee, Administrative Staff, and Legal Counsel to proceed with a plan to ensure Team IP’s performance of the Exclusive Souvenir Merchandise and Apparel Development, Management, Marketing, and Sales Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2008, by and between Team IP and PIAA (the “Agreement”), Paragraph 8b, Annual Minimum Guarantee, which relevantly provides for PIAA to receive a minimum of $175,000 per year.

Should Team IP fail to remedy its breach of that Agreement, on a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Executive Committee and Administrative Staff to proceed with a transition plan to ensure that souvenir merchandise and apparel will be available for purchase by spectators, Coaches, and participating student-athletes at the 2009 PIAA Fall Championships, 2009-2010 PIAA Winter Championships, and 2010 PIAA Spring Championships.

REQUEST OF PIAA DISTRICT III COMMITTEE TO AMEND ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON, PIAA BY-LAWS

Mr. Kennedy moved, and Mr. Bohannon seconded, a motion to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for 1) a requirement that all athletic activities that involve Coaches, student-athletes, and member school-owned facilities be suspended for the Calendar Week in which Independence Day occurs; and 2) the loss of Championship rights in the involved sport, for that school year, for failure to suspend such athletic activities.

Motion failed: 12-yes, 17-no.

REQUEST OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS’ ASSOCIATION (PSADA) DELEGATE ASSEMBLY FOR DEFINITION OF NATURAL BREAK TRANSFER

On a motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was voted to amend, on a first reading basis, 1) ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 2, Presumptive Eligibility, subsection A, Promotion; and 2) the GLOSSARY, both of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for a definition of “a Natural Break Transfer”, effective July 1, 2010, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

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Section 2. Presumptive Eligibility.

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

A. Natural Break Transfer Promotion.

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

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

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GLOSSARY

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NATURAL BREAK TRANSFER: A transfer occurring when the student:

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

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Motion passed: 28-yes, 1-no. Private Schools’ Representative voted in the negative.

REQUEST OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS’ ASSOCIATION (PSADA) DELEGATE ASSEMBLY FOR ADOPTION OF DISQUALIFICATION RESPONSE FORM IN ALL SPORTS

On a motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to adopt, on a first reading basis, a disqualification response form in all sports, similar to the form utilized in the sports of football and soccer, effective July 1, 2010.
RECOGNITION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHOSE TERMS OF SERVICE HAVE EXPIRED

President Stone recognized those members of the Board of Directors whose terms had expired as of June 30, 2009, and presented those in attendance with their PIAA portraits. Those members were John W. Ziegler, Joseph T. Kelly, Robert J. Tonkin, Francis V. Pierce, Larry J. Frisina, and Linda G. Messich

SPRING-FORD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XI, ASSUMED NAME, PIAA BY-LAWS

Following a hearing into the request of Spring-Ford Senior High School to either 1) amend ARTICLE XI, ASSUMED NAME, of the PIAA By-Laws, or 2) grant relief from ARTICLE XI, ASSUMED NAME, of the PIAA By-Laws, as applied to a certain student, on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was voted to modify application of the penalty provision of ARTICLE XI, ASSUMED NAME, of the PIAA By-Laws, as it applies to the specified student such that that student is ineligible only in the sport of outdoor track and field for the 2010 season. The student is eligible in all other sports.

Motion passed: 24-yes, 4-no.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stone adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 12:40 p.m., Friday, July 24, 2009.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 AND 8:00 A.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2009, BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley R. Cashman
Executive Director