At 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2015, James T. Zack, President, called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Michael A. Barber, Kennett Square .................................................. District 1
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville .......................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre .......................................................... District 2
Ronald H. Kennedy, Mount Joy ............................................................. District 3
Douglas M. Bohannon, Myerstown ......................................................... District 3
James T. Zack, Coal Township ............................................................... District 4
Paul Leonard, Cairnbrook ..................................................................... District 5
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls ........................................................... District 7
Scott D. Heinauer, Mars ........................................................................ District 7
William J. Cleary, McKeesport .............................................................. 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
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ........................................................ District 12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia ....................................................... District 12
Brown E. Cutchall, Waterfall
Representing ..........................................................Member Junior High/Middle Schools
Steve Fisher, Harrisburg
Representing ..........................................................Department of Education
Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, Millersville
Representing ..........................................................PSBA
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, York
Representing ..........................................................PASA
Dr. David A. Crumrine, Martinsburg
Representing ..........................................................PASSP
Timothy J. Walter, Bradford
Representing ..........................................................PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
Representing ..........................................................PCA
MEMBERS PRESENT (Continued)

Elisabeth M. Wilson, Emmaus
Representing ................................................................. Female Officials
Herbert R. Welsh, New Ringgold
Representing ................................................................. Male Officials
Audrey K. Hall, McConnellsburg
Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Dennis F. Nemes, Allentown
Representing ................................................................. Member Private Schools
Cathy S. Wreski
Representing ................................................................. Female Parents
Dale E. Myers, Glenville
Representing ................................................................. Male Parents

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

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

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
Bruce D. Bagley, Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
John P. Milliron, Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legislative Counsel
Andrew M. Goodman .. ................................................................. PIAA Legislative Advisor
Matthew S. Wildasin, CPA ................................................................. Boyer and Ritter, P.C.

GUESTS PRESENT

Rodney L. Frisco, Webmaster ................................................................. District III
Robert J. Tonkin, Treasurer ................................................................. District IX
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ....................................................... Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
George B. Shue, Associate Executive Director ................................................ PSFCA
Michael Bullock ................................................................. PennLive
Matt Goul ........................................................................ York Daily Record

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA EXECUTIVE AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

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

*James T. Zack, PIAA President and District IV Chairman
Francis M. Majikes, PIAA Vice-President and District II Chairman
James B. Manners, PIAA Treasurer and District IX Chairman
*Indicates Presiding Officer
APPOINTMENT OF PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Human Resources Committee, which is scheduled to next meet beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

James T. Zack, *Pres & Dist IV Chairman*
Francis M. Majikes, *VP & District II Chrmn*
James B. Manners, *Treas & Dist IX Chrmn*
Dr. Michael A. Barber, District I Chairman
Ronald H. Kennedy, District III Chairman
Paul Leonard, District V Chairman
John B. Fullen, Sr., District VII Chairman
Scott M. Seltzer, District VII Treasurer
Robert F. Hartman, Jr., District XI Chrmn

Michael W. Hawkins, District XII Vice Chrmn
Steve Fisher, PA Dept. of Ed Rep
Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, PSBA Representative
Dr. David A. Crumrine, PASSP Rep
Timothy P. Honeywell, PSADA Rep
Pamela R. Cherubin, PIAA Female Offs Rep
Dennis F. Nemes, Private Schools’ Rep
Sandra J. Hanes, Female Parents’ Rep

*Indicates Presiding Officer

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Budget Committee, which is scheduled to next meet beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

James T. Zack, *Pres & Dist IV Chairman*
Francis M. Majikes, *VP & District II Chrmn*
*James B. Manners, Treas & Dist IX Chrmn*
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, District I Vice Chrmn
Douglas M. Bohannon, Dist III Vice Chrmn
Dean M. Rossi, District VI Chairman
Scott D. Heinauer, District VII (Vice Chairman)
Michael A. Gavlik, District VIII Chairman
Dr. Peter P. Iacino, District X Chairman

Robert B. Coleman, District XII Chairman
Brown E. Cutchall, Jr High/Middle Schls’ Rep
Nathan G. Mains, PSBA Representative
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative
Ronald J. Kanaskie, PCA Representative
Herbert R. Welsh, PIAA Male Offs Rep
Audrey K. Hall, Girls’ Athletics Rep
Dale E. Myers, Male Parents’ Rep

*Indicates Presiding Officer

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Nominating Committee, which is scheduled to next meet beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016, at The Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA:

Nathan G. Mains, PSBA Representative
Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, PSBA Representative
Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative

*Dr. David A. Crumrine, PASSP Representative
Timothy P. Honeywell, PSADA Representative

*Indicates Presiding Officer
APPOINTMENT OF PIAA POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Policy Review Committee, which will meet at the call of the President in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee:

- James T. Zack, Pres & District IV Chairman
- Francis M. Majikes, VP & District II Chairman
- James B. Manners, Treas & Dist IX Chairman
- Brown E. Cutchall, Jr High/Middle Schls’ Rep
- Stephen Fisher, PA Dept. of Ed Rep
- *Nathan G. Mains, PSBA Representative
- Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, PSBA Representative
- Dr. Emilie M. Lonardi, PASA Representative
- Dr. David A. Crumrine, PASSP Rep
- Timothy P. Honeywell, PSADA Rep
- Ronald J. Kanaskie, PCA Representative
- Pamela R. Cherubin, PIAA Female Offs Rep
- Herbert R. Welsh, PIAA Male Offs’ Rep
- Audrey K. Hall, Girls’ Athletics Rep
- Dennis F. Nemes, Private Schools’ Rep
- Sandra J. Haines, Female Parents’ Rep
- Dale E. Myers, Male Parents’ Rep
- *Indicates Presiding Officer

APPOINTMENT OF PIAA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following members of the PIAA Board of Directors were appointed to the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee, which is scheduled to next meet, beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA:

- *James T. Zack, Pres & District IV Chairman
- Francis M. Majikes, VP & District II Chairman
- James B. Manners, Treas & Dist IX Chairman
- Dr. Michael A. Barber, District I Chairman
- Dr. Randy A. Ireson, District I Vice Chairman
- Ronald H. Kennedy, District III Chairman
- Douglas M. Bohannon, District III Vice Chairman
- Paul Leonard, District V Chairman
- Dean M. Rossi, District VI Chairman
- John B. Fullen, Sr., District VII Chairman
- Scott M. Seltzer, District VII Treasurer
- Scott D. Heinauer, District VII (Vice Chairman)
- Michael A. Gavlik, District VIII Chairman
- Dr. Peter P. Iacino, District X Chairman
- Robert F. Hartman, Jr., District XI Chairman
- Robert B. Coleman, District XII Chairman
- Michael W. Hawkins, District XII Vice Chairman
- *Indicates Presiding Officer

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

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

- Paul Leonard, PIAA District V Chairman
- Dr. Peter P. Iacino, PIAA District X Chairman
- Brown E. Cutchall, Junior High/Middle Schools’ Representative
- Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, PSBA Representative
- Audrey K. Hall, Girls’ Athletics Representative
CERTIFICATION OF RECENTLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pursuant to ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 1, Board of Directors, of the PIAA Constitution, on a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was unanimously voted to certify the recently elected members of the 2015-2016 PIAA Board of Directors.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND STATEMENT

Pursuant to the PIAA Conflict of Interest Policy, President Zack requested that each member of the 2015-2016 PIAA Board of Directors and PIAA Administrative Staff read, sign, and date the PIAA Conflict of Interest Statement and submit to the Executive Director for filing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes, of the Wednesday, May 20, 2016, meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.

CORRECTED 2015-2016 PIAA MEETINGS SCHEDULE

It was noted by the Executive Director that the 2015-2016 PIAA Meetings Schedule has been corrected to reflect that May 25, 2016 is the correct date for the Board of Directors’ Meeting, as set forth in Attachment 1.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:10 a.m. President Zack called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss legal and personnel matters. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where legal and personnel matters were discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

At 10:15 p.m. President Zack returned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors to Regular Session.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

John P. Milliron, Esq., and Andrew M. Goodman of Milliron & Goodman LLC reported on background checks and discussed Senate Bill 411 and House Bill 1112.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Bruce D. Bagley, Esq. of McNees, Wallace and Nurick LLC discussed the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Petition for Election by Lacrosse Officials in PIAA District VII and VIII; Unfair Labor Practice charges brought by Lacrosse Officials in PIAA District VII and VIII and its possible effect on PIAA, its officials, and its membership of schools.
Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq., Legal Counsel, and Michael L. Solomon, Esq., the Director of Legal Affairs, reported on recent litigation.

JOINT MEETING OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEES REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to PIAA Policies and Procedures Section and accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning and Football Steering Committees to adopt classifying schools using their submitted enrollment numbers and 10% of the other submitted home school; alternative school; magnet school; technology school; charter school and cyber charter school numbers to determine their classification and to review the enrollment classification parameters of schools as outlined, effective immediately.

Motion passed: 27-yes, 2-no. PIAA District I Chairman and Vice Chairman voted in the negative.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was voted to approve, on a second reading basis, the PIAA Strategic Planning and Football Steering Committees report and recommendations to 1) make the second scrimmage date an optional play date or scrimmage date; 2) eliminate the Super 800 classification; and 3) further discuss 4 classes; 6 classes and the Super 700+ class at the joint meeting of the Strategic Planning and Football Steering Committees scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, as set forth in Attachment 2.

Motion passed: 26-yes, 3-no.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to table the recommendations of the PIAA Strategic Planning and Football Steering Committees regarding 1) the Policy for Determining Number of Entries (Qualifiers) to PIAA Inter-District Championships in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, and Wrestling and 2) classifications in all sports.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Myers, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Tuesday, July 21, 2015 meeting of the PIAA Strategic Planning and Football Steering Committees, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 2.

PIAA PARENTS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Wreski, seconded by Mr. Myers, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Parents’ Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 17, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 3.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Executive Director thanked the PIAA Board of Directors for their support and the successful 2014-2015 school year and reported on the Saturday, June 27 to Wednesday, July 1, 2015, 96th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting. It was announced that the 97th NFHS Annual Summer Meeting will be held in Reno, Nevada from Tuesday, June 28 to Saturday, July 2, 2016.

The Executive Director reported on the:

1) Rescheduled NFHS School Broadcast Program workshop scheduled at the PIAA Office in September 2015;

2) NFHS Network Regular Season – Game of the Week;

3) Distribution of an Emergency Action Plan (“ERP”) from MSHSL/NFHS for all PIAA high schools; and

4) Annual school mailing (PIAA Calendar and Constitution and By-Laws).

The PIAA Board of Directors’ requested that the PIAA Executive Staff create a Drone Policy and present it at its October 7, 2015 meeting for approval.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a third and final reading basis, on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director and amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, to clarify the definition of a transfer and the summer try-out by a student, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

Section 1. Definition of Transfer.

A. General Definition. A transfer occurs in any situation in which a student seeks eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at a school other than the one at which the student was either enrolled or otherwise eligible.

B. Summer Conduct by Student. Following the completion of a school year, a student may enroll at another school but not be deemed to have Transferred unless (1) the student Practices with a Team from another school; (2) the student attends at least one fall semester class at another school; and/or (3) the student, through the student’s school has requested a determination of eligibility at another school and the applicable District Committee or Regional Panel has ruled on such request. Once a student Practices with another school’s Team or attends a fall semester class at another school, the student will be considered to have Transferred to that school. A District
Committee's or Regional Panel's determination of eligibility cannot be avoided by re-enrollment back at the prior school, which would be viewed as a new Transfer.

A student who either enrolls at or otherwise seeks eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at a PIAA member school, other than the one at which the student was either enrolled or otherwise eligible, between the end of a school year and the first Practice day of fall sports for the next school year, as established under ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, of the PIAA By-Laws, but who neither Practices with nor attends that member school, shall, unless a request for determination of eligibility relating to that enrollment has first been ruled upon by a Regional Panels or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, be deemed for purposes of this ARTICLE VI not to have transferred to that member school.

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, on a second reading basis, to amend ARTICLE II, AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS, for further clarification of acceptable and non-acceptable awards, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE II**

**AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS**

**Section 1. Amateur Status Required.**

To be eligible to participate in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest, a student must be an amateur in the sport involved. An amateur student is one who engages in athletic competition solely for the educational, physical, mental, social, and pleasure benefits derived thereof and does not receive monetary or similar or equivalent compensation or remuneration for such participation.

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

**Section 2. Loss of Amateur Status.**

A student loses amateur status in an interscholastic sport whenever:

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

**B.** The student receives, or agrees to receive, Consideration for becoming a member of an athletic organization or school; or.

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

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

Section 3. Permissible Awards.

G. Donations of Athletic Equipment and/or Product and/or Payments to Schools: Nothing in this Section should be deemed to prohibit a person or entity donor of athletic equipment and/or product and/or the sponsor of any Athletic Event or group of Athletic Events from providing to a school any Consideration, provided that such Consideration is not made with the assurance or understanding that all or some of such Consideration is to be then conveyed by the school to any individual student-athletes.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director, on a second reading basis, to amend ARTICLE X, CURRICULUM, for further clarification of curriculum requirements for students with disabilities, to read as follows:

ARTICLE X
CURRICULUM

Preamble
PIAA is an organization consisting entirely of schools. Academics, therefore, shall always be a priority and demonstration of satisfactory academic performance is an essential and mandatory prerequisite to student eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics. As set forth in this ARTICLE, students not meeting core academic requirements are not eligible until they can correct those deficiencies.

Because PIAA is an educationally-based organization, achievement by all students, including those with disabilities, of the minimum academic standards set forth in this ARTICLE, is a fundamental prerequisite to athletic eligibility and these standards may not be waived except under the most limited of circumstances. Students with disabilities should work with their schools to obtain appropriate accommodations which allow them opportunities to meet the standards. If, despite accommodations provided by the school, a student is still unable to meet the requirements, a District Committee may, after an individualized assessment, grant limited relief by substituting alternative standards appropriate for a unique situation. Such relief may be granted only if the student demonstrates that:
the student suffers from a physical, mental, or emotional disability which has been recognized by, and certified to by, a treating physician or psychiatrist;

(2) the certified to disability has had a direct and significant negative impact on the student's academic performance,

(3) the student has a current Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or a Chapter 15 Service Agreement relating to the certified to disability, at the student's school;

(4) the student was meeting the requirements of the student's IEP,

(5) the student made demonstrable and diligent efforts to take advantage of available opportunities to meet the minimum academic requirements of this ARTICLE;

(6) the student was still unable to meet the minimum academic requirements of this ARTICLE; and

(7) the form of accommodation requested by the student is reasonable in that it would preserve the purposes, intent and expectations of the standards.

A student attending a Private School must meet each of the criteria in this Section, excepting that the Committee may consider, in lieu of an IEP, a defined plan adopted by the school which identifies and addresses the student's disability needs, and which is, in most respects, comparable to an IEP.

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Hartman, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of Legal Counsel to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws and amend ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, to make the language consistent with recent revisions to the Child Protection Law, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XV
OFFICIALS

Section 1. Sports Officials Must Be Registered With PIAA.

All sports officials, in all Contests participated in by a member school of PIAA, shall be persons who are (1) registered, (2) on active status and (3) in good standing with PIAA.

NOTE: Section 1 does not apply to Contests played outside of Pennsylvania.

Section 2. How Persons May Become PIAA Officials.

To become a PIAA-registered official in any sport, the applicant must meet the qualifications and requirements and pass such examination as may be required by the PIAA Board of Directors.

Section 3. Background Certifications. Because PIAA-registered officials are independent contractors to schools whose Contests they officiate, the officials are required to comply with the requirements for background certification as set forth in the Public School Code and the Child Protective Services Law, as follows:

a. New Applicants. All applicants to become PIAA-registered sports officials upon successful completion of the respective sports examination must obtain, and submit to PIAA valid (obtained within the past year) copies of the following:
(1) a report of criminal history record information from the Pennsylvania State
Police or a statement from the Pennsylvania State Police that the State Police central
repository contains no such information relating to that person;
(2) a certification from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services as to
whether the applicant is named in the Statewide database as the alleged perpetrator in
a pending child abuse investigation or as the perpetrator of a founded report or an
indicated report; and
(3) a report of Federal criminal history record information. To obtain this report,
the applicant must submit a full set of fingerprints to the Pennsylvania State Police for
the purpose of a record check. Those fingerprints will be submitted to the Federal
Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of verifying the identity of the applicant and
obtaining a current record of any criminal arrests and convictions.

Expenses for obtaining and submitting said reports shall be borne by the
registered sports official. PIAA is not permitted to accept certifications which were
obtained for volunteering purposes under Section 6344.2 (relating to volunteers having
contact with children).

b. Currently Registered Officials. All current PIAA-registered officials who
have not yet submitted to PIAA the certifications identified in subsection a of this
Section are required to obtain and submit them to PIAA on or before January 1, 2016.
The failure to submit such certifications shall result in suspension of registration until the
certifications are submitted.

c. Recertifications. Every sixty months, all PIAA-registered officials
must renew and submit to PIAA the certifications identified in this Section.

d. Rejection Of Applicants Based Upon Information Disclosed In
Certifications.

PIAA shall reject the application of a person who is named in the Statewide
database as a perpetrator of a founded report committed within the five year-period
immediately preceding submission of the certification.

PIAA shall reject the application of a person who has been convicted of, or who
has pled guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in
24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the
United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of
Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this
Commonwealth, unless a period of at least ten years has elapsed from the date of
expiration of the sentence for the offense.

The application of any individual who, more than ten years prior to submission of
the application, was convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, an offense listed at
the time of application in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current
or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state,
the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a
former law of this Commonwealth, shall be reviewed by the PIAA Executive Director. In
considering whether to accept said application, the Executive Director shall consider the
nature of the offense and whether the applicant poses a danger specifically to school students or is otherwise unsuitable for registration as an official. This factor is most paramount as to an applicant convicted of a sexual offense, especially an offense (especially one which would trigger registration under Megan’s Law) involving sexual, physical or verbal abuse against a child. Other factors to be considered by the Executive Director include the following:

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

Additionally, the Executive Director shall not accept the application of an individual convicted of an offense identified in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, unless the PIAA Director of Legal Affairs certifies that he or she believes that the refusal to accept the application would likely be inconsistent with the applicant's constitutional rights.

PIAA shall reject the application of any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, a felony offense under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of conviction for the most recent offense.

PIAA shall reject the application of any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other felony as defined under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth unless a period of at least ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

PIAA shall reject the application of any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree under Pennsylvania law, or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

PIAA shall reject the application of any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one misdemeanor offense relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance unless a period of three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.
The application of any person may be rejected by the Executive Director if the applicant has (1) been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, forgery, fraud, embezzlement, perjury, and/or another offense which relates to or calls into question the character, integrity, honesty or veracity of the applicant, or (2) engaged in conduct which is inconsistent with the purposes, ideals and principles of PIAA or which relates to or which calls into question their character, integrity, honesty or veracity.

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

e. Removal Of Currently Registered Officials Based Upon Information Disclosed In Certifications. See Section 7 below.

Section 4. Duty to Report Offenses.

Any registered sports official who has been charged with an alleged felony or misdemeanor shall so notify the Executive Director of such charges by completing the form developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, a copy of which is published on the PIAA Web site at www.piaa.org.

Section 5. Requirement of a Written Contract.

All PIAA member schools shall enter into either paper or electronic contracts on the official contract form entitled “Contract for Officials Under PIAA Rules”, or an equivalent electronic version thereof, with all registered sports officials retained by the schools or assigned by an assignor. Registered sports officials are independent contractors and therefore, are NOT employees of PIAA, the school, or the assignor. Disputes arising from oral agreements will not be considered by PIAA.

INTERPRETATION

Section 4. October 6, 2011.

Use by PIAA member schools, including member schools and organized groups of member schools utilizing the services of assignors, of online electronic assignment programs shall meet the requirements of entry of contracts under this provision, provided that all critical terms relating to said contracts are communicated to the PIAA-registered sports officials and the sports officials engage in affirmative acts accepting the assignments.

Section 6. Violation or Cancellation of Sports Official's Contract by a PIAA Member School.

If a PIAA member school violates or cancels a contract with an official, the District Committee or the Board of Directors, within their respective jurisdictions, may require a school so violating or so canceling to pay to the offended official the fee or fees for the Contest or Contests which have been provided in the official contract. The failure of a PIAA member school to live up to the terms of the contract is considered a violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of PIAA.

Section 7. Removal of Registered Sports Officials.

A. Mandatory Removal.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person who is named in the Statewide database as a perpetrator of a founded report
committed within the five year-period immediately preceding submission of the certification required under Section 3 of this Article or who is added to said database in such capacity subsequent to submission of the certification.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

Any currently registered official who, more than ten years prior to submission of the application, was convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, an offense listed at the time of application in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, shall have the circumstances of said conviction(s) reviewed by the PIAA Executive Director. In considering whether to remove the official from the list of registered officials, the Executive Director shall consider the nature of the offense and whether the applicant poses a danger specifically to school students or is otherwise unsuitable for registration as an official. This factor is most paramount as to an applicant convicted of a sexual offense, especially an offense (especially one which would trigger registration under Megan’s Law) involving sexual, physical or verbal abuse against a child. Other factors to be considered by the Executive Director include the following:

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

Additionally, the Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials an individual convicted of an offense identified in 24 P.S. § 1-111(e), or an equivalent offense under the laws of the United States, another state and/or a United States territory, unless the PIAA Director of Legal Affairs certifies that he or she believes that the refusal to accept the application would likely be inconsistent with the applicant’s constitutional rights.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, a felony offense under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of conviction for the most recent offense.
The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other felony as defined under the laws of the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, another state and/or a United States territory, unless a period of ten years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, any other misdemeanor of the first degree under Pennsylvania law, or an equivalent offense under the current or former laws of the United States or one of its territories or possessions, another state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or a foreign nation, or a former law of this Commonwealth, unless a period of five years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the offense.

The Executive Director shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pled guilty or no contest to, more than one misdemeanor offense relating to driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance unless a period of at least three years has elapsed from the date of expiration of the sentence for the most recent offense.

The Executive Director may recommend that the Board of Directors remove from the list of registered sports officials any other registered sports officials if that person has (1) been convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to, forgery, fraud, embezzlement, perjury, and/or another offense which relates to or calls into question the character, integrity, honesty or veracity of the applicant, or (2) engaged in conduct which is inconsistent with the purposes, ideals and principles of PIAA or which relates to or which calls into question their character, integrity, honesty or veracity.

The decision of the Executive Director to remove an official from the list of registered sport officials may be appealed by the official to the PIAA Board of Directors.

Any sports official removed from the list of registered sports officials under this subsection A may reapply for registration upon expiration of the period identified therein. Reinstatement may be solely within the discretion of the Executive Director and, in any event, shall not be granted unless the removed sports official (1) meets all of the qualifications and requirements then in place and (2) passes such examination(s) as then may be required by the Board of Directors. In granting reinstatement, the Executive Director may place the official on probation for a defined period of time and under conditions deemed appropriate by the Executive Director.

In considering reinstatement of any individual convicted of, or who has pled guilty or no contest to, any felony or misdemeanor, the Executive Director shall consider the nature of the offense and whether the applicant poses a danger specifically to school students or is otherwise unsuitable for registration as an official. This factor is most paramount as to an applicant convicted of a sexual offense, especially an offense (especially one which would trigger registration under Megan's Law) involving sexual, physical or verbal abuse against a child. Other factors to be considered in making the decision include the following:
• The time period that has elapsed since the offense.
• Whether the offense was an isolated single event or was repeated.
• The presence or absence of a subsequent criminal history.
• Whether the offense bears a relationship to interscholastic athletics.
• Whether the person was involved in interscholastic sports when the crime occurred.
• Whether the conduct occurred on the property of a school or relating to sports.

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

B. Discretionary Removal.

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

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

2. Whose conduct on or off the competition surface is inconsistent with the purposes, ideals and/or principles of PIAA or which otherwise renders the official unfit to act as a registered sports official, or

3. Who is convicted of forgery, fraud, embezzlement, perjury, and/or another offense which relates to or calls into question the character, integrity, honesty or veracity of the official, or

4. Who has been removed for misconduct by a national amateur or professional athletic organization or a state high school association that recognizes and/or registers sports officials, or

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

Any sports official removed from the list of registered sports officials under this subsection B may reapply for registration after no less than five school years have passed from such removal. Reinstatement is solely within the discretion of the Board of Directors and, in any event, shall not be granted unless the removed sports official (1) meets all of the qualifications and requirements then in place, (2) passes such examination(s) as then may be required by the Board of Directors, and (3), at a hearing before the Board of Directors, demonstrates, by clear and convincing evidence, that the reason(s) for removal have been satisfactorily addressed and that the official currently possesses the character, integrity, moral fitness, and competence to be registered. In granting reinstatement, the Board of Directors may place the official on probation for a defined period of time and under conditions deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
Section 8. Suspension.

The Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to suspend from the list of registered sports officials, for a period determined to be appropriate by the Executive Director, in the applicable sport(s), any person:

A. Who repeatedly violates or cancels contracts with PIAA member schools or repeatedly alters proposed contracts without the consent of the other contracting party, or

B. Who is charged with any felony of the first, second, or third degree or misdemeanor of the first degree, or

C. Who has engages in conduct which is inconsistent with purposes, ideals and/or principles of PIAA or which is otherwise detrimental to the welfare of PIAA, its members, student-athletes, and/or other registered sports officials, or

D. Who fails to cooperate with PIAA in any investigation, or

E. Whose conduct on or off the competition surface is not conducive to the best interests and/or purposes of PIAA, or

F. Who fails to comply with PIAA regulations pertaining to sports officials, and/or with decisions of the Executive Director or Board of Directors relating to the official, or

G. Who has been suspended for misconduct by a national amateur or professional athletic organization or a state high school association that recognizes and/or registers sports officials, or

H. Who, while on probation herein, engages in conduct defined in Section 8 below that would be additional grounds for probation, or

I. Who has been determined to have been biased and/or palpably unfair in decisions in a Contest, or

J. Who repeatedly fails to file with the PIAA Office, within twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the Contest, a report of disqualification of a Coach and/or contestant under ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification from Next Contest(s), of the PIAA By-Laws.

NOTE: The offenses identified in Section 1-111(e) currently include: (1) criminal homicide; (2) aggravated assault; (3) stalking; (4) kidnapping; (5) unlawful restraint; (6) luring a child into a motor vehicle or structure; (7) rape; (8) statutory sexual assault; (9) involuntary deviate sexual intercourse; (10) sexual assault; (11) institutional sexual assault; (12) aggravated indecent assault; (13) indecent assault; (14) indecent exposure; (15) sexual intercourse with an animal; (16) incest; (17) concealing death of a child; (18) endangering the welfare of children; (19) offenses dealing with infant children; (20) prostitution and related offenses; (21) obscene and other sexual materials and performances; (22) corruption of minors; (23) sexual abuse of children; (24) unlawful contact with a minor; (25) solicitation of minors to traffic drugs; and (26) sexual exploitation of children. The list further includes (1) equivalent or similar crimes under federal law or of another state, United States territory, the District of Columbia, a foreign nation, or under a former law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and (2) a felony offense under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act. This list may be modified, reduced, or expanded by Act of the General Assembly. The list of offenses in effect at the time of violation by the sports official shall be applicable to proceedings to remove or suspend that sports official.
Section 9. Probation.

The Board of Directors authorizes the Executive Director to place on probation and exclude from eligibility for assignments to District or Inter-District Championship Contests, for a period determined to be appropriate by the Executive Director, in the applicable sport(s), any registered sports official:

A. Who violates or cancels a contract with a PIAA member school or alters a proposed contract without the consent of the other contracting party, or
B. Who fails to wear the required uniform, or
C. Who fails to cooperate with PIAA in any investigation, or
D. Whose conduct on or off the competition surface is inconsistent with the purposes, ideals and/or principles of PIAA or which otherwise is not conducive to the best interests and/or purposes of PIAA, or
E. Who fails to comply with PIAA regulations pertaining to sports officials and/or with decisions of the Executive Director or Board of Directors relating to the official, or
F. Who has been placed on probation for misconduct by a national amateur or professional athletic organization or a state high school association that recognizes and/or registers sports officials, or
G. Who has been accused of being biased and/or palpably unfair in decisions in a Contest, or
H. Who fails to file with the PIAA Office, within twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the Contest, a report of disqualification of a Coach and/or contestant under ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification from Next Contest(s), of the PIAA By-Laws.

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Section 10. Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD)

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

TENNIS STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Bohannon, seconded by Mr. Welsh, it was unanimously voted to adopt the Tennis Steering Committee recommendation to approve the end of match procedures, that after a team has secured three (3) wins, the remaining matches will be conducted using no-add scoring, effective the next game for PIAA District and Inter-District competition, effective immediately.

PIAA FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

Michael L. Solomon, Esq., PIAA Foundation Committee Executive Director gave the annual report on the status of the PIAA Foundation, as set forth in Attachment 4.
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATION

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

1) Boyer & Ritter, PC’s recently issued request for PIAA District Committee audit and tax documentation for the year ended June 30, 2015;
2) The recently issued requests for PIAA District Committee financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2015;
3) The recently prepared and mailed invoices for PIAA member school dues; and
4) LRG payments to PIAA and PIAA-member schools resulting from PIAA’s participation in the NFHS licensing Program.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to approve the unaudited financial report relating to the 2015 PIAA Spring Sports Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mrs. Hall, it was unanimously voted to approve the unaudited financial statements for the months ended May 31 and June 30, 2015.

The Director of Business Affairs reported to the PIAA Board of Directors that all Districts complied and participate in centralized payroll.

ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on:

1) The number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2015 Regular Season and Postseason Contests by PIAA registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of baseball (142), boys’ lacrosse (46), girls’ lacrosse (7), softball (15), boys’ and girls’ track and field (3), and boys’ volleyball (1);
2) The Friday, August 7, 2015 NFHS Field Hockey Rules Interpretation Meeting and Clinic and Train the Trainers for District and Chapter Interpreters in all Sports; the Friday, August 7, 2015 and Saturday, August 8, 2015, 21st Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention; the 30 Years of Service Banquet; and the mobile application that has been implemented for the attendees at the Officials’ Convention; and
3) The 2015 PIAA Fall Sports Rules Interpretation meetings.

PIAA OFFICIALS’ COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee to adopt the 2015 NFHS and NGB fall rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications.
On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee to adopt the 2015-2016 NFHS and NGB winter rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications; and to modify NFHS Swimming and Diving Rule 3-3-5 to prohibit jewelry from being worn by participating athletes, effective immediately.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee to adopt the 2016 NFHS and NGB spring rules books and relevant state association adoptions and modifications.

On a motion by Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the PIAA Officials’ Council Steering Committee Minutes as prepared and presented by the Assistant Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 5.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on the:

1) PIAA Web site that launched on July 6, 2015; and
2) Re-instituted NFHS Student Leadership Summit. PIAA sent 10 students, funded by the PIAA Foundation, to participate in this national leadership training hosted by NFHS in Indianapolis, Indiana.

PIAA LACROSSE STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mrs. Hall, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Lacrosse Steering Committee, on a first reading basis, to establish two classifications for boys and girls lacrosse for the next classification cycle.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Lacrosse Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 17, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Associate Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 6.

PIAA SOFTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Softball Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 17, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Associate Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 7.
PIAA MEDIA ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Media Advisory Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Associate Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 8.

PIAA GIRLS’ ATHLETICS STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Associate Executive Director noted that the Private Schools’ Steering Committee agreed to a new reporting process for feeder school lists. The new system would require private school administration to submit/review their feeder school list during the enrollment collection process that occurs every odd-numbered year.

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Girls’ Athletics Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Associate Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 9.

PIAA PRIVATE SCHOOLS’ STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Cleary, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Private Schools’ Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Associate Executive Director, as set forth in Attachment 10.

PIAA COACHES’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Wednesday, June 17, 2015 meeting of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 11.

PIAA TRACK AND FIELD STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to amend the minimum number of entries to the AAA girls and boys, to provide for a rotation of the qualifier from District 8 to be shared by the next most deserving District. District 8 will be able to advance a qualifier(s) if the student meets the standard as required.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to provide the referee/games committee the authority to define undergarments as foundation garments, if inclement weather gear is authorized.
On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Welsh, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to switch the AA and AAA Girls’ Pole Vault Schedule at the PIAA Championships. The AAA Girls will be contested on Friday morning and the AA Girls will be contested on Saturday morning.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to modify the NFHS Track and Field Rule 3-2-1, to provide that the order of events be contested as listed in the NFHS Track and Field Rules Book for dual meets, unless modified by a league or conference prior to the start of the season.

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Seltzer, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to amend the PIAA jewelry modification, to exclude medical alert bracelets/necklaces from the jewelry prohibition, and not require those items to be taped to the body.

Motion passed: 26-1.

On a motion by Mrs. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to modify Rule 5-5-7 to permit the fastest section to be run first in meets with 4 or less schools, if this item is not accepted by NFHS as a rules change.

On a motion by Dr. Frerichs, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to modify Rule 2-1 to provide for a tie-breaking procedure for track and field dual meets as follows, if this item is not accepted by NFHS as a rules change.

The winner of the meet is:

1) The team which has the greater number of first places finishes among the tied teams;
2) The team which has the greater number of second place finishes among the tied teams;
3) The team which has the greater number of third place finishers among the tied teams;
4) The meet is declared a tie.

On a motion by Mr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee to accept the proposed qualifying standards to the 2016 PIAA Track and Field Championships, as set forth in Attachment 12.

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 and to deny that recommendation to institute a coaching box in the High Jump, where practical, for District and PIAA Championship events.
On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Track and Field Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 17, 2015, as prepared and presented by the PIAA Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 12.

PIAA BASEBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Seltzer, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Baseball Steering Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 17, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 13.

PIAA SPORTSMANSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Wreski, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to PIAA Policies and Procedures and accept the recommendation of the PIAA Sportsmanship Steering Committees to adopt a Postgame Policy Regarding Spectators Entering the Competition Surface, to read as follows:

Postgame Policy Regarding Spectators Entering the Competition Surface

PIAA member schools are responsible for the treatment of all visitors and officials attending contests conducted by their school. Access to competition areas should be limited to participating student-athletes, coaches, officials, and game personnel. For the safety of participants and spectators alike, at no time before, during or after a contest should spectators be permitted to enter the competition area prior to the teams and contest officials leaving the competition area.

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Wreski, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Sportsmanship Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 14.

PIAA JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Bohannon, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Junior High/Middle School Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 15.

PIAA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS’ STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, and accept the recommendation of the PIAA Athletic Directors’ Steering Committee to establish a fine of $100 per sports season for member schools that fail to accurately and electronically submit the Certificates of Eligibility and subsequent modifications within
two (2) weeks after the First Regular Season Contest Date of that season. Any modification to the Certificate of Eligibility shall be timely submitted during the season.

On a motion by Mr. Cleary, seconded by Dr. Lonardi, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Athletic Directors’ Steering Committee meeting of Thursday, June 18, 2015, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer, as set forth in Attachment 16.

**REQUEST OF A MEMBER HIGH SCHOOL FOR A DISTRICT HEARING TO GRANT RELIEF TO A MEMBER SCHOOL STUDENT**

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Leonard, it was voted to approve PIAA District III Committee’s request to host a hearing to possibly grant relief to the eligibility of a member school student who may have inadvertently violated the PIAA By-Laws based upon incorrect information provided to the student’s family.

Motion passed: 27-yes, 1-no.

**WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS**

On a motion by Mr. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2015:

**District VII** - Ford City High School  
Ford City Junior High School  
Kittanning High School  
Kittanning Junior High School

**District XI** - Pius X High School  
Pius X Junior High School

**APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

On a motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Myers, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following schools, effective July 1, 2015:

**District I** - Collegium Charter School

**District III** - Northern Dauphin Christian School, conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval

**District VII** - Armstrong High School  
Armstrong Junior High School  
Wilson Christian School

**District XI** - Building 21  
Medical Academy Charter School

**District XII** - The U School
REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR TERMINATION OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Dr. Barber, it was unanimously voted to approve the following request to terminate cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

District III
- Lititz Christian School and Warwick High School (boys’ and girls’ cross country)
- Harrisburg Academy and Trinity High School (boys’ and girls’ cross country), conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval
- Dayspring Christian Academy and Veritas Academy (boys’ and girls’ golf)

REQUEST OF SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, EFFECTIVE THE
BEGINNING OF THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Welsh, it was unanimously voted to approve the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year:

District III
- Veritas Academy and Warwick High School (boys’ and girls’ golf)
- Veritas Academy and Lititz Christian High School (girls’ and boys’ cross country), conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval
- Exeter Township and Antietam High Schools (boys’ and girls’ water polo)

District IV
- Our Lady of Lourdes Regional and Southern Columbia Area High School (boys’ and girls’ golf)
- Southern Columbia Area High School and Columbia Montour Area Vo Tech (field hockey)

District V
- Berlin Brothersvalley and Rockwood Area Junior High Schools (football)
- Bedford and Everett High Schools (boys’ and girls’ cross country and rifle), conditioned upon PIAA District V Committee approval

District VI
- Grace Prep and St. Joseph’s Catholic Academy (baseball, boys’ and girls’ cross country, football, boys’ and girls’ soccer, boys’ and girls’ track and field, girls’ volleyball and wrestling), conditioned upon PIAA District VI Committee approval

District VII
- Frazier and Lafayette Middle Schools – Uniontown SD (boys’ soccer)
District IX
- Ridgway, Saint Marys, and Elk County Catholic High Schools (boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving)
- Austin Area and Coudersport High Schools (boys’ and girls’ cross country, boys’ soccer and girls’ golf), conditioned upon PIAA District IX Committee approval
- Austin Area and Coudersport Junior High Schools (boys’ and girls’ cross country, football, competitive spirit and wrestling) conditioned upon PIAA District IX Committee approval
- Austin Area, Coudersport and Galeton Junior High Schools (boys’ and girls’ track and field, conditioned upon PIAA District IX Committee approval

District XI
- William Allen and Building 21 High Schools (baseball, girls’ basketball, competitive spirit, football, boys’ and girls’ track and field, girls’ volleyball and wrestling)
- Louis E. Dieruff and Building 21 High Schools (boys’ basketball, field hockey, boys’ and girls’ golf, boys’ and girls’ soccer, softball, boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving, boys’ and girls’ tennis and boys’ volleyball)
- Moravian Academy and Notre Dame Green Pond Junior High Schools (football)

ADJOURNMENT

President Zack adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 12:05 p.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2015.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2015, IN THE BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Dr. Robert A. Lombardi
Executive Director