At 8:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2007, President Walter J. Blucas called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

W. Rodney Stone, Warrington ................................................................. District 1
John W. Ziegler, Newport ........................................................................... District 3
Michael G. Schwarz, Westfield ................................................................. District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ................................................................. District 5
Raymond J. Wotkowski, Sidman ............................................................... District 6
Richard A. Constantine, Uniontown .......................................................... District 7
Pamela R. Cherubin, Pittsburgh ................................................................. District 7
James B. Manners, Brockway ................................................................... District 9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard ............................................................................ District 10
John P. Wabby, Pottsville .......................................................................... District 10
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ............................................................. District 12
Stephen C. Pollock, Bensalem ................................................................. Junior High/Middle Schools
Timothy M. Allwein, New Cumberland .................................................. PSBA
Edward W. Godin, Bristol ....................................................................... PSBA
Dr. Donald J. Tylinski, Harmony ............................................................... PASA
Dennis F. Nemes, New Tripoli ................................................................. PASSP
Maureen S. Williams, Wilkes-Barre ........................................................ Female Officials
Dennis J. Geitner, Saint Marys .................................................................. Male Officials
Richard B. Culver, Bethlehem ................................................................. Private Schools
John L. Emminger, Harrisburg ................................................................. Department of Education
Michael J. Costanza, Laflin ....................................................................... Male Parents
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
Charles H. “Buss” Carr .............................................................. PIAA District IV Executive Secretary
Timothy M. O’Malley ................................................................. PIAA District VII/WPIAL Executive Director
John M. Bailey ............................................................... PSFCA Representative
George B. Shue ................................................................. PSFCA Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville .......................................................... District 1
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Samuel S. Elias, Hershey ................................................................. District 3
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INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Blucas introduced Mr. Michael G. Schwarz, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Joseph T. Kelly, PIAA District IV Chairman; Ms. Pamela R. Cherubin, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. John B. Fullen, Sr., PIAA District VII Vice Chairman; Mr. Timothy M. Allwein, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Thomas J. Gentzel, PSBA Executive Director; and Mr. John L. Emminger, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. John J. Tommasini, PA Department of Education Representative.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Godin, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Thursday, January 25, 2007 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.
APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2007:

District I - Friends Select School

On a motion by Mr. Costanza, seconded by Mrs. Williams, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following schools, conditioned upon PIAA District II Committee approval, effective July 1, 2007:

District II - Holy Cross High School
Holy Cross Junior High School
Holy Redeemer High School
Holy Redeemer Junior High School

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2007:

District VI - Sugar Valley Charter School

Motion passed: 20-yes, 1-no. PASA Representative voted in the negative.

On a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was voted to reject the membership application of the following school:

District VII - Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School

Motion failed: 4-yes, 17-no. The roll call vote was:

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On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Ziegler, it was voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2007:

District VII - Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School

Motion passed: 17-yes, 4-no. The roll call vote was:

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WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

On a motion by Mr. Costanza, seconded by Mrs. Williams, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following schools to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2007:

District II - Bishop Hafey High School
  Bishop Hafey Junior High School
  Bishop Hannan High School
  Bishop Hannan Junior High School
  Bishop Hoban High School
  Bishop Hoban Junior High School
  Bishop O’Hara High School
  Bishop O’Hara Junior High School
  Bishop O’Reilly High School
  Bishop O’Reilly Junior High School
  Seton Catholic High School
  Seton Catholic Junior High School

REQUEST OF COWANESQUE VALLEY, ELKLAND, AND WILLIAMSON HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Schwarz, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Cowanesque Valley, Elklan, and Williamson High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in wrestling, conditioned upon it having no affect on
the classification size of the Team, effective the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

REQUEST OF BEATY WARREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND WARREN COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Beaty Warren Middle School and Warren County Christian School for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, effective the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Director of Business Affairs gave a status report on (1) the financial historical analysis of the PIAA Team Wrestling Championships and (2) the respective PIAA District Committees compliance with the Policy Regarding Standardization of Reporting Procedures and Centralization of Accounting.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for the months ended January 31, 2007 and February 28, 2007, as presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

SECOND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Second Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on (1) the STAR Sportsmanship and Steroid Education Summit, which was held on March 21, 2007 in the Board Room of the PIAA Office; (2) the recently completed 2006-2007 PIAA Basketball Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Tuesday, March 6 (play-in round); Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10, (first round); Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 14 (second round); Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 (quarterfinals); and Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 21 (semi-finals); and the soon-to-be completed Championship (Final) Contests, which are scheduled to be held on Friday, March 23 and Saturday, March 24, 2007 at the Bryce Jordan Center, University Park, PA; and (3) the 2007 NFHS National Student Leadership Conference, which is scheduled to convene with the Opening General Session on Thursday, July 19, 2007 and adjourn with the Closing General Session on Sunday, July 22, 2007, at the Indianapolis Hilton, Indianapolis, IN.

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Pollock, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Second Assistant Executive Director to approve the Select Sport America “Royale” soccer ball as the “Official Ball” of the participating PIAA Districts and Inter-District Girls’ and Boys’ Soccer Championships, beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2010.

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Pollock, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Second Assistant Executive Director to approve the WILSON “A9011BSST” (poly core) softball as the “Official Ball” of the participating PIAA
Districts and Inter-District Softball Championships, beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2010.

FIRST ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The First Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on (1) the Friday, March 9, 2007 meeting with the Market Street Sports Group (MSSG) and Global Publishing, and the subsequent proposals from Global Publishing and (2) the recently completed 2006-2007 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships, which were held on Wednesday, March 14; Thursday, March 15; Friday, March 16; and Saturday, March 17, 2007, at Kinney Natatorium, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on (1) the recently completed 2006-2007 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Tuesday, February 6, 2007; and on Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10, 2007, at the GIANT Center, Hershey, PA; (2) the recently completed 2006-2007 PIAA Wrestling Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Friday, March 2 and Saturday, March 3, 2007, and on Thursday, March 8; Friday, March 9; and Saturday, March 10, 2007, at the GIANT Center, Hershey, PA; and (3) the number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2006-2007 Regular Season and Postseason Contests by state high school association recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of basketball and wrestling.

RECESS

President Blucas recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 9:30 p.m., Thursday, March 22, 2007.

RECONVENE

President Blucas reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 23, 2007 in Executive Room 1 and 2, of the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, University Park, PA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Warrington .......................................................... District 1
John W. Ziegler, Newport ............................................................... District 3
Samuel S. Elias, Hershey ............................................................... District 3
Joseph T. Kelly, Bloomsburg .......................................................... District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ........................................................... District 5
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Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia .................................................. District 12
Stephen C. Pollock, Bensalem 
Representing ............................................................................. Junior High/Middle Schools
Timothy M. Allwein, New Cumberland 
Representing ........................................................................ PSBA
Edward W. Godin, Bristol 
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Dr. Donald J. Tylinski, Harmony 
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Dennis F. Nemes, New Tripoli 
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Holly A. Farnese, Drexel Hill 
Representing ........................................................................ PSADA
Maureen S. Williams, Wilkes-Barre 
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Dennis J. Geitner, Saint Marys 
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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT
Bradley R. Cashman, Executive Director .............................................. PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs ............................. PIAA

GUESTS PRESENT
Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq .............................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
John P. Milliron, Esq ........................................................................ PIAA Legislative Counsel
Charles H. “Buss” Carr ................................................................. PIAA District IV Executive Secretary
Timothy M. O’Malley ................................................................. PIAA District VII/WPIAL Executive Director
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INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE TO PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Blucas introduced Ms. Holly A. Farnese, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Dennis J. Ramella, PSADA Representative.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director gave a status report on (1) his and the Second Assistant Executive Director’s guest teaching of a Sport Governance graduate class on Thursday, February 22, 2007, at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA; (2) his and several members of the Board of Directors’ invitation to make presentations and respond to questions at the PIAA Current Issues session of the PSADA Convention, which was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 in Empire A, B, and C of the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA; and (3) his and the Director of Legal Affairs’ invitation to make a presentation and respond to questions at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee, which is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 in Room 39 East Wing of the Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to approve the meetings schedule for the 2007-2008 school year.

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Stone, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a second reading basis, Sports Under PIAA Jurisdiction and Inter-District Championship Contests, of the PIAA Rules and Regulations, to rescind jurisdiction over boys’ gymnastics and to assume jurisdiction over boys’ lacrosse, effective July 1, 2008.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA CONSTITUTION

On a motion by Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Culver, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to submit the following proposed amendment to ARTICLE III, MEMBERSHIP, Section 2, Application for Membership, and Section 3, When Membership Becomes Effective, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2007 district annual meeting, which, if approved, would (1) clarify that membership applications shall be accepted if the requirements set forth in the PIAA Constitution are met by the applicant schools and (2) provide for the effective date of membership as the next following July 1st, upon approval of the PIAA Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2007:

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Application for Membership.
Application for membership in PIAA shall be made in writing to the District Committee of the District in which the school is geographically located. Each application for membership shall be signed by the Principal and shall be accompanied
by the annual dues and a resolution of approval executed by the School Board or the Board having jurisdiction over the applicant school. The resolution shall state that in all matters pertaining to interscholastic athletics, the school shall be governed by the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA. Applications for membership in PIAA shall be approved by the applicable District Committee and by the Board of Directors if the criteria set forth in Section 1 of this ARTICLE are met.

Section 3. When Membership Becomes Effective. Membership in this Association becomes effective the next following July 1st after the school's application receives the approval of District Committee and the PIAA Board of Directors.

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Stone, it was unanimously voted to submit the following proposed amendment to ARTICLE V, ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITY, Section 1, Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) Districts, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2007 district annual meeting, which, if approved, would reduce from four years to three years the period of time provided for the Public Schools in the County of Philadelphia to facilitate integration into the PIAA governance structure and, thereby, permit those Private Schools located in the County of Philadelphia that are members of PIAA or seek membership in PIAA to seek membership in PIAA District XII, effective May 1, 2007:

ARTICLE V
ORGANIZATION AND AUTHORITY

Section 1. Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) Districts.

For the purpose of administration, legislation, and organization, PIAA shall be divided into Districts. One or more Districts, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, may incorporate and operate under and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988, as amended (or successor provisions thereof). These PIAA Districts shall include the following counties, respectively:

District 1 - Bucks, Chester, Delaware, and Montgomery
District 2 - Lackawanna, Luzerne, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne, and Wyoming
District 3 - Adams, Berks, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, and York
District 4 - Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga, and Union
District 5 - Bedford, Fulton, and Somerset
District 6 - Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Clinton, Huntingdon, Indiana, and Mifflin
District 7 - Allegheny (except the City of Pittsburgh), Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Lawrence, Washington, and Westmoreland
District 8 - City of Pittsburgh
District 9 - Cameron, Clarion, Elk, Jefferson, McKean, and Potter
District 10 - Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, and Warren
District 11 - Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, and Schuylkill
To facilitate integration of the Public Schools in the County of Philadelphia into the PIAA governance structure, for a period of four (4) school years, beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2008, Private Schools located in the County of Philadelphia that are members of PIAA or seek membership in PIAA shall be members of or seek membership in PIAA District 1.

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On a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to submit the following proposed amendment to ARTICLE VII, POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS, Section 1, Powers and Duties of Board of Directors, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2007 district annual meeting, which, if approved, would eliminate the requirement of an officer sitting on a PIAA Board of Appeal, effective July 1, 2007:

ARTICLE VII
POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. Powers and Duties of Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the following powers and duties:

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

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On a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Godin, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to submit the following proposed amendments to ARTICLE II, PURPOSES; ARTICLE VI, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS; ARTICLE VII, POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS; ARTICLE X, AMENDMENTS; AND ARTICLE XI, ADMINISTRATION, of
the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2007 district annual meeting, which, if approved, would bring the PIAA Constitution into compliance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regulations regarding non-profit corporations, effective July 1, 2007:

ARTICLE II
PURPOSES

Section 1. Charitable Purposes.

The purposes of PIAA are:

A. Section 1. Health.
   To organize, develop, and direct an interscholastic athletic program which will promote, protect, and conserve the health and physical welfare of all participants.

B. Section 2. Education.
   To formulate and maintain policies that will safeguard the educational values of interscholastic athletics and cultivate the high ideals of good sportsmanship.

C. Section 3. Competition.
   To promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic athletic competition.

In carrying out its purposes, PIAA does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise. PIAA is incorporated exclusively for, and the nature of the activities to be conducted and the purposes to be promoted by PIAA exclusively shall be for, charitable and educational purposes within the purview of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 ("Code"). In fulfilling said purposes, PIAA may engage in any lawful activity which may be conducted on a not-for-profit basis by a Section 501(c)(3) organization.

Section 2. No Inurement.

No part of the net earnings of PIAA shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that PIAA shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes and objects set forth herein. No substantial part of the activities of PIAA shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and PIAA shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, PIAA shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

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ARTICLE VI
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS
* * *
Section 3. Term of Office.

The members of the Board of Directors shall serve for a period of one year beginning July 1st next following their election, except the Junior High/Middle Schools’ representative, the representative of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors’ Association (PSADA), the representative of the Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA), the chairpersons of the Girls’ Athletics and Private Schools’ Steering Committees, and the representatives of the Parents’ Advisory Committee, who shall serve for a period of two years.

Any director may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the directors at any meeting of the Board of Directors whenever, in the judgment of the directors, the best interest of PIAA would be served thereby.

Section 4. Officers.

The officers of the Association shall be a President, a Vice President, and a Treasurer, and an Executive Director. Any officer may be removed for any or no cause by a vote of two-thirds of the directors.

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ARTICLE VII
POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. Powers and Duties of Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the following powers and duties:

A. To have general control over all interscholastic athletic relations and Contests in which a member school of this Association participates.

B. To elect its own officers, who shall be the officers of the Association, and to establish its own rules of procedure.

C. To employ an Executive Director, who shall serve for a term and under conditions established by the Board of Directors, and a Treasurer for terms not to exceed five years and to define their duties of the Executive Director. These officers need not be members of the Board of Directors.

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P. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if prior to such action a written consent thereto is signed by all members of the Board of Directors or of the committee, as the case may be, and such written consent is filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or the committee.

Section 2. Powers and Duties of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Executive Director.

Officers must be members of the Board of Directors. They shall serve a term of one year and shall be subject to re-election so long as they remain members of the Board of Directors. The officers of PIAA are President, Vice President, and Treasurer. They shall perform the duties ordinarily incident to their offices.
A. President. In addition to his or her duties hereinafter described, the President shall serve as the Chair of the Board, and shall have general supervision over the carrying out of the policies adopted or approved by the Board. He or she shall:

a. Preside at all meetings of the Board and Executive Committee;

b. Perform such other duties as may be designated to him or her by the Board or the Executive Committee;

c. Have the power to appoint any Committee as may from time to time be deemed necessary or advisable in the opinion of the Board; and

d. Be ex-officio member of all committees.

B. Vice-President. In the absence of the President or in the event of an inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall have all the powers of, and be subject to, all restrictions incident to the office of President.

C. Executive Director. The Board may select an Executive Director, who shall be responsible for the active management of the day-to-day operational, administrative, personnel, and programmatic affairs of PIAA. The Executive Director shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. The Executive Director shall have sufficiently broad authority to enable him or her to carry out his or her responsibilities and he or she shall act as the duly authorized representative of the PIAA upon authorization by the Board of Directors. In addition, the Executive Director shall be the custodian of the properties and records of the Association; shall keep a record of all monies received by and due the Association; shall make a financial report at each regular meeting of the Board of Directors; shall prepare the annual budget for the consideration of the Board of Directors; shall remit to the Treasurer all Association monies; shall make reports to the Association as the Board of Directors may direct; and shall perform all other acts and duties in connection with the growth and needs of the Association as the Board of Directors may direct.

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ARTICLE X
LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. No Personal Liability.
A director shall not be personally liable as such for monetary damages for any action taken unless (1) the director has breached or failed to perform his or her duties under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988 ("NCL") and (2) the breach or failure to perform constitutes self-dealing, willful misconduct or recklessness. The foregoing limitation of liability shall not be deemed exclusive of any provision which the Board of Directors now or hereafter may have to limit such liability. The limitation of liability set forth above shall not apply to any responsibility or liability pursuant to any criminal statute or for the payment of taxes pursuant to local, state, or federal laws.
Section 2. Indemnification.
PIAA shall indemnify any director or officer, and may indemnify any other employee or agent, who was or is a party to, or is threatened to be made a party to or who is called as a witness in connection with any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, including an action by or in the right of PIAA, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee, or agent of PIAA or is or was serving at the request of PIAA as a director, officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, against expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit, or proceeding unless the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by a court to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness.

Section 3. Not Exclusive Right.
The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, contract, vote of the Board of Directors, or pursuant to the direction, howsoever embodied, of any court of competent jurisdiction or otherwise, both as to action in his or her official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. It is the policy of PIAA that indemnification of, and advancement of expenses to, directors and officers of PIAA shall be made to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Section 4. Payment of Expenses.
PIAA shall pay expenses incurred by an officer or director, and may pay expenses incurred by any other employee or agent in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that he or she is not entitled to be indemnified by PIAA.

Section 5. Applicability to Former Director.
The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by, or granted pursuant to, this Article shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such person.

Section 6. Fund.
PIAA shall have the authority to create a fund of any nature, which may, but need not be, under the control of a director, or otherwise secure or insure in any manner, its indemnification obligations, whether arising under this Constitution or otherwise. This authority shall include, without limitation, the authority to (i) deposit funds in trust or in escrow, (ii) establish any form of self-insurance, (iii) secure its indemnity obligation by grant of a security interest, mortgage or other lien on the assets of PIAA, or (iv) establish a letter of credit, guaranty or surety arrangement for the benefit of such persons in connection with the anticipated indemnification or advancement of expenses
contemplated by this Article. The provisions of this Article shall not be deemed to preclude the indemnification of, or advancement of expenses to, any person who is not specified in Section 1 of this Article but whom PIAA has the power or obligation to indemnify, or to advance expenses for, under the provisions of the NCL or otherwise. The authority granted by this Section 5 shall be exercised by the Board of Directors.

**Section 7. No Impairment if Repeal.**

The repeal of this Article or any amendment thereof which may impair or otherwise diminish the protection afforded hereby to the persons described herein shall be effective only with respect to acts or omissions by such persons which occur after the effective date of such repeal or amendment and shall have no effect whatsoever with respect to acts or omissions occurring prior to such effective date.

**ARTICLE XI**

**AMENDMENTS**

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**ARTICLE XII**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Section 1. Definitions.**

Definitions of terms set forth in the Glossary attached to the PIAA By-Laws are applicable to the terms so defined which also appear in this Constitution, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the PIAA Rules and Regulations. The Board of Directors has the power to amend the Glossary as it deems appropriate.

**Section 2. Seal.**

The Board of Directors shall provide a corporate seal which shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed thereon the name of PIAA.

**Section 3. Fiscal Year.**

The fiscal year of the PIAA shall be from July 1 to June 30.

**Section 4. Books and Records.**

PIAA shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors and committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors.

**Section 5. Principal Office.**

The principal office of PIAA shall be in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, where the executive offices shall be located, or such other place within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the Board of Directors may decide from time to time. The Board of Directors may establish and maintain branch offices in other locations within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, when in the judgment of said board such branch offices may be necessary or convenient in carrying out the purposes of PIAA.

**Section 6. Meetings.**

**A. Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of PIAA shall be held on such date as may be determined by the Board of Directors, at the registered office of PIAA, or at such
other location, as may be determined by the Board of Directors and as shall be designated in the notice of said meeting, for the purpose of transacting such business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

B. Special Meetings. The President and/or Executive Director may fix any place, either within or without the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Directors called by them.

C. Notice. Notice of any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least five days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by first-class mail, facsimile, or electronic mail to each Director at his or her address as shown by the records of PIAA. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the business of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, except where otherwise provided by law or this Constitution.

D. Expenses of Attendance. Directors as such shall not receive any stated compensation for their services, but by resolution of the Board of Directors, a fixed sum for expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance in each regular or special meeting of the Board; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to preclude any Director from serving the PIAA in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

E. Teleconferencing. Any one or more Directors may participate in the meeting of the Board or of a committee of the Board by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other. Such participation shall constitute presence in person at the meeting. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, use of conference telephone and similar communications equipment shall be permitted at the discretion of the Board of Directors, which shall be deemed to have permitted such use unless and until it should have taken action to prohibit such use.

Section 7. Waiver of Notice.
Whenever any notice whatever is required to be given under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988 or under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or the Constitution of PIAA, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

Section 8. Term of Existence.
PIAA shall continue in existence in perpetuity, unless dissolved by the Board of Directors of PIAA or by vote of 2/3 of the member schools voting or a majority of the total membership, or by the vote of 80% of the members of the Board of Directors. If for any reason, PIAA is dissolved and terminated, all of its assets shall be distributed to such organizations which are then qualified under section 501(c)(3) and section 509(a)(1), (2) or (3), or any successor provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as determined by vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors of PIAA in attendance at a duly constituted meeting. Such dissolution shall be subject to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of PIAA and, further, any funds distributed
shall continue to be subject to the restrictions and requirements imposed by donors to PIAA with respect to its component funds, foundations and trusts. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principal office of PIAA is then located, exclusively for the purposes stated in the Articles of Incorporation of PIAA, or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to adopt the following proposed Interpretation of ARTICLE IV, DUES AND ENROLLMENT REPORT, Section 1, Annual Dues and Enrollment Report, of the PIAA Constitution, to provide for a student, who is enrolled at a Charter School, and where the school district in which the student resides has no senior high school, to be included in the calculation of enrollment of the school at which the student is in full time attendance, effective immediately:

ARTICLE IV
DUES AND ENROLLMENT REPORT

Section 1. Annual Dues and Enrollment Report

The annual dues of member senior high schools of PIAA shall be based on the total enrollment of boys and girls in grades 9-11 in the senior high school; and shall include all home-schooled students; all students attending an Alternative School, a Magnet School, or a Vocational-Technical School, who are eligible at the senior high schools that the students would otherwise attend by virtue of their residences; and all students enrolled in either a Charter School or Cyber Charter School, who are eligible at a school in the school district of their residences, as of the date as of which the school reports its enrollment to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on the Public School Enrollment Report (PDE-4035) of each odd-numbered year. The enrollment report shall be filed with the PIAA Office not later than the date the Public School Enrollment Report is due to the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The Principal and Superintendent of any member school failing to file the requested enrollment report by the aforementioned deadline shall be sent a notice of such failure and a copy of this provision. If the enrollment report is not received within ten (10) days after the notice was sent, the school shall be assessed a fine of $1,000. For each ten (10) days thereafter that the enrollment report is not received, the school shall be assessed an additional fine of $1,000. Neither an individual student-athlete nor a team from the school shall be eligible to participate in District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests in any sport until such report is received and such fine is paid.

INTERPRETATIONS


Member schools should not include in their calculation of enrollment those students enrolled at a Charter School that sponsors at least one interscholastic sport under the jurisdiction of PIAA. Students enrolled at such a Charter School shall be included in the enrollment calculation of only that school. This lack of inclusion in the member school's enrollment does not affect the eligibility of Charter School students to participate, at the senior high school that those students would otherwise attend by
virtue of their residence, in those interscholastic sports not sponsored by the Charter School.

Section 1. March 23, 2007

Where a student is enrolled at a Charter School, and where the school district in which the student resides has no senior high school, the school at which the student is in full time attendance shall include the student in its calculation of enrollment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Blucas called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss the report and analysis of PIAA’s legislative consultant and the status of pending litigation. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where the report and analysis of PIAA’s legislative consultant and the status of pending litigation were discussed.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to adopt the following proposed Interpretation of ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 6, Charter School and Cyber Charter School Students, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for a student, who is enrolled at a Charter School, and where the school district in which the student resides has no senior high school, the school district of the school at which the student is in full-time attendance shall be considered the school district of residence of the student, effective immediately:

ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE


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

INTERPRETATION


Where a student is enrolled at a Charter School, and where the school district in which the student resides has no senior high school, the school at which the student is in full time attendance shall be considered the school district of residence of the student.
On a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 10, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide that requests to the PIAA Board of Directors for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreement, which would not affect the classification size of a Team, may be submitted at any time to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors for that proposed agreement to be considered for adoption, effective July 1, 2007.

ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE
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Section 10. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport.
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B. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport - Within a School District.
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5. Requests to the PIAA Board of Directors for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements which would not affect the classification size of a Team may be submitted at any time to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors for that proposed agreement to be considered for adoption. Requests for approval must include the resolution of the School Board. Following consideration, the PIAA District Committee shall forward the request, together with the recommendation of the District Committee and the resolution of the School Board, to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration.

6. Requests to the PIAA Board of Directors for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements which would affect the classification size of a Team must be submitted on or before October 1 of any odd-numbered year to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors for that proposed agreement to be considered for adoption for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle. Requests for approval must include the resolution of the School Board.

7. Requests for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements which would affect the classification size of a Team must be submitted by the District Committees to the PIAA Board of Directors by November 1 of any odd-numbered year to be considered for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle. Requests must include the recommendation of the PIAA District Committee and the resolution of the School Board.

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

6. Requests to the PIAA Board of Directors for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements which would not affect the classification size of a Team may be submitted at any time to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors for that proposed agreement to be considered for adoption. Requests for approval must include the resolution of the School Board. Following consideration, the PIAA District Committee shall forward the request, together with the recommendation of the District Committee and the resolution of the School Board, to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration.

7. Requests to the PIAA Board of Directors for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements which would affect the classification size of a Team must be submitted on or before October 1 of any odd-numbered year to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors for that proposed agreement to be considered for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle. Requests for approval must include the written agreement that has been signed by the School Boards and/or the Boards having jurisdiction over the two or three member schools that are submitting the application.

8. Requests for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements which would affect the classification size of a Team must be submitted by the District Committees to the PIAA Board of Directors by November 1 of any odd-numbered year to be considered for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle. Requests must include the recommendation of the PIAA District Committee and the written agreement that has been signed by the School Boards and/or the Boards having jurisdiction over the two or three member schools that are submitting the application.

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

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a second reading basis, the definition of “Principal”, as set forth in the GLOSSARY of the PIAA By-Laws, to make clear that the Principal, for PIAA purposes, is the person having overall responsibility for operations of the public or Private School, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

GLOSSARY

PRINCIPAL: The individual designated by a PIAA-member school as being responsible to PIAA, pursuant to ARTICLE IX, LOCAL MANAGEMENT AND
CONTROL. Section 1, Responsibility of Principal, of the PIAA Constitution, for all matters pertaining to the interscholastic athletic relations of the Principal's school. In a public school, the Principal is the person holding a certificate issued by the Department of Education as a Principal and who is appointed by the School Board in accordance with Public School Code as Principal of the school. In a Private School, the Principal is the person designated or appointed by the Board having jurisdiction over the school to have comprehensive responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the Private School.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENT, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, to further clarify that a (1) student who enrolls at a school between the end of a school year and the first Practice day of fall sports for the next school year, may no longer return to that student’s previous school and be athletically eligible if the student's eligibility at the receiving school is considered and determined prior to the student’s return to the sending school and (2) condition of consideration by a District Committee is enrollment at a different school than previously attended, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

Section 1. Definition of Transfer.

A student who enrolls at a school 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 of these By-Laws, but who neither Practices with nor attends that school, shall, unless a request for determination of eligibility relating to that enrollment has first been ruled upon by a District Committee, be deemed for purposes of this ARTICLE VI not to have transferred to that school.

Section 2. Immediate Eligibility.

A student transferring from one school to another is eligible immediately:

1. When, following a student’s enrollment at a different school, both the Principal of the transferee school and transferor school have completed and executed the PIAA form entitled "PIAA Athletic Transfer Waiver Request" and the District Committee has approved such request. Said "dual signoff" is effective only if:

Section 4. District Committee Review.

A. A student who is not otherwise eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE may, following enrollment at a different school, request that the District Committee
waive the period of ineligibility in all sports. Said waiver shall not be granted if the District Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.

B. A student who is not otherwise eligible under Section 2 of this ARTICLE may, following enrollment at a different school, also request that the District Committee waive the period of ineligibility in those specific sports which were not part of the athletic motivation to transfer. Said waiver shall not be granted if the District Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to those sports or if such determination would otherwise circumvent the intent of this Article, part of which is to deter transfers which are in whole or in part for any athletic purpose.

C. Notwithstanding Section 2 of this ARTICLE, a District Committee may, following enrollment of a student at a different school and upon request of a school or on its own initiative, after giving notice to the student’s school and an opportunity to be heard to the student and the student’s school, (1) declare any transferring student ineligible to participate in each sport in which that student participated within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of transfer, if the Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose; and/or (2) if a finding is specifically made that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to specific sports, declare that the student shall be ineligible to participate in those sports for one year from the date of transfer, regardless of whether the student actually participated in those sports for the year preceding the date of transfer.

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On a motion by Mr. Stone, 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 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 IX, REPRESENTATION, Section 1, Eligibility of College Preparatory and College Students for High School Athletics, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify that students entering and participating in “open” athletic competition, as an individual and a private citizen, do not jeopardize their eligibility to participate in interscholastic Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in that sport; and to amend the definition of Tournament, as set forth in the GLOSSARY, to clarify that Tournaments also involve competition among individual students representing member schools, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE IX
REPRESENTATION

Section 1. Eligibility of Students who Participated in a Collegiate Scrimmage or Contest.

No person who has participated in an athletic competition Scrimmage or Contest with or against a Team sponsored by an institution of college standing shall be eligible to participate in an interscholastic Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, and/or Contest in that sport. Students do not lose eligibility to participate in an interscholastic Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, and/or Contest in a sport if they, on an individual basis and as a
private citizen, enter and participate in an athletic competition which is open to all persons, including collegiate athletes.

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GLOSSARY

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TOURNAMENT: Competition involving Teams or individual students representing three (3) or more member schools in which the Teams or individual students, as representatives of member schools, are competing for a championship (first place) and other places.

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Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Culver, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 3, Forfeiture of Contests, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify the restrictions on any coach who, while coaching for a PIAA member school, is ejected from a Contest, to prohibit said coach from having any contact with members of that coach’s Team, including other coaches, for the remainder of that Contest and between the time that the Team arrives at the next Contest and the completion of that Contest, and to bar attendance of the Coach at said Contest, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII
PENALTIES

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Section 3. Forfeiture of Contests.

A. A school shall be required to forfeit a Contest in which an ineligible coach coached and/or an ineligible contestant participated on behalf of the school. For a coach, participation in a Contest includes any contact by the coach with members of the Team, including other coaches, between the time that the Team arrives at the Contest site and the conclusion of the Contest. The Principal shall direct the coach not to attend the Contest.

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AD HOC TRANSFER RULE COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Transfer Rule Committee advised the Board of Directors that that Committee, at its meeting of Friday, February 9, 2007, which was held in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA, voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that it (1) remove from the table the recommendation of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws and (2) vote on the recommendation of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, effective July 1, 2007.
As a result of the foregoing, on a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was voted to remove from the table and accept the recommendation of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE VI**
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING

Preamble

[The existing Preamble is deleted and the following is added:]  

The purposes of this ARTICLE are to (1) deter transfers which are, either in whole or in part, for any athletic purpose; (2) maintain competitive equity and prevent unfair advantage; (3) keep interscholastic athletics in their proper perspective and subordinate to academics; (4) prevent exploitation of student-athletes; (5) maintain the integrity of school teams; (6) protect the interests of non-transferring student-athletes; and (7) deter recruiting which is, either in whole or in part, for an athletic purpose.

PIAA and its member schools firmly believe that interscholastic athletics, while an important component in the education and overall development of students, must be kept in proper perspective and subordinate to academics. PIAA and its member schools have determined that athletic recruiting and deciding what school to attend based on factors relating to athletics are inimical to the objectives and purposes stated above, that athletic recruiting and athletically-motivated transfers are fueled by rules permitting widespread transfers, and further that widespread transfers of student-athletes adversely affect competitive equity, as well as the integrity of school teams, the interests of non-transfer student-athletes, and school loyalty.

Experience has shown that athletic recruiting and athletic motivation are often easily disguised in the context of a transfer. In virtually every situation, there is a claim that the transfer has some purpose unrelated to athletics. Being without subpoena powers or investigatory staffs, PIAA has considerable difficulty in objectively ascertaining the degree of credibility present in each transfer case allegedly made for non-athletic purposes.

To advance the educational objective and purposes stated above, and yet not exclude students from the benefits of participation in interscholastic athletics, PIAA has adopted a general rule of restricted or limited eligibility for transferring students, subject to a few narrow, well-defined exceptions under which a transferring student may apply for, and upon sufficient showing, be declared eligible for full and unrestricted participation.

**Section 1. Definition of Transfer.** [No Changes]

[Sections 2 through 4 are deleted and the following substituted for them]
Section 2. **Ninth Grade Eligibility.**

All students are eligible for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics (including Varsity competition) when they first enroll in 9th grade. The eligibility of students who transfer schools and repeat 9th grade shall be determined under Sections 3 through 8.

Section 3. **Restricted Eligibility for Transfer Students.**

Students who transfer after the beginning of 9th grade are ineligible to participate in Varsity competition for a period of one year from the date of the transfer, except as otherwise provided in Section 4 or Section 5 of this ARTICLE. Students who are ineligible for Varsity competition under this Section are eligible for competition only at the junior varsity level or, if appropriate, at the junior high level.

Section 4. **Full Eligibility.**

Students who transfer after the beginning of 9th grade are eligible for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics (including Varsity competition) if the transfer meets the criteria in one of the following subparagraphs:

A. **Change of Residence Upon Placement in, or Release From, a Juvenile Residential Facility.** (i) The student has been committed to a placement in a juvenile residential facility and is attending school consistent with said commitment; or (ii) the student has been released from a juvenile residential facility and has transferred back to his/her home school district or to the school the student attended immediately before being placed in the juvenile residential facility.

B. **School Closing.** The school where the student has attended has been abolished.

C. **Administrative Transfer.** For administrative, non-disciplinary, purposes, the student has been transferred by executive action to another school. An expulsion does not constitute an administrative transfer under this subparagraph.

D. **Promotion From A Traditional Junior High School.** Where the highest grade of a junior high school is 9th grade, the student has completed the highest grade of that school and, (i) if the school is a public one, is thereupon promoted by the public school district to a public senior high school in the same school district or admitted to a Private School or (ii) if the junior high school is a Private one, is thereupon admitted to a Private high School or a public high school in the student's home school district.

E. **Charter School.** A student who transfers from a public high school at which the student was eligible for Varsity competition, to a Charter School, retains full eligibility at the student's home school for those sports which are not offered at the Charter School. The student is not eligible at the student's home school for Varsity competition in those sports offered by the Charter School.

F. **Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement.** A student participating in a sport pursuant to a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement is eligible to continue to participate in Varsity competition in that sport upon transfer to one of the other schools participating in that cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement.
Section 5. **Conditions Under Which District Committee May Grant Full and Unrestricted Eligibility.**

A student whose eligibility is limited per Section 3 of this ARTICLE may, through the student’s Principal, apply for and be granted eligibility for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics by the District Committee if the student’s Principal and the student demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District Committee by clear and convincing evidence that the transfer was not motivated, either in whole or in part, by an athletic purpose and that the criteria in one of the following subparagraphs have been met:

A. **Change of Residence of Parents.** (i) The student has moved with and resides with the student’s natural or adoptive parents, (ii) the student and the student’s parents and family have completed a bona fide change of residence, (iii) the change of residence was necessitated by a change of full-time employment or other substantial and compelling change in circumstances beyond control of the student and the student’s parents; and (iv) the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

B. **Change of Residence of Legal Guardian.** (i) The student has moved with a legal guardian appointed by order of a Court of Common Pleas, (ii) the student and the student’s court-appointed guardian and family have completed a bona fide change of residence, (iii) the change of residence was necessitated by a change of full-time employment or other substantial and compelling change in circumstances beyond control of the student and the student’s court-appointed guardian; and (iv) the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

C. **Change of Residence of Foster Parents.** (i) The student has moved with foster parents approved by order of a Court of Common Pleas or by the local child welfare organization, (ii) the student and the student’s foster parents and family have completed a bona fide change of residence, (iii) the change of residence was necessitated by a change of full-time employment or other substantial and compelling change in circumstances beyond control of the student and the student’s foster parents; and (iv) the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

D. **Change of Residence Upon Adoption.** (i) The student has been legally adopted by order of a Court of Common Pleas within the last twelve (12) months, (ii) the student has moved into the residence of his/her adoptive parent(s); and (iii) the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

E. **Change of Residence Upon Appointment of Legal Guardian.** (i) a legal guardian for the student has been appointed by order of a Court of Common Pleas within the last twelve (12) months, (ii) the guardianship was necessitated by the death, incapacity or disability of the student’s parents, or abandonment by the student’s parents, (iii) the student has moved into the residence of the court-appointed legal
guardian; and (iv) the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

F. Change of Residence Upon Placement With Foster Parents. (i) The student has been placed with foster parents by order of a Court of Common Pleas or by the local child welfare organization within the last twelve (12) months, and (ii) at the time of the placement, the student has moved into the residence of the foster parents; and (iii) the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

G. Change of Residence Upon Divorce of Parents and Custody Award. (i) The student’s parents have become divorced by order of a Court of Common Pleas within the last twelve (12) months, (ii) the divorce decree or other order of court awarded permanent custody of the student to one of the parents, (iii) the student moved into the residence of the parent who has been awarded custody, (iv) the student has not previously transferred for reasons relating to the separation or divorce; and (v) the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

H. Death of a Parent. The student has changed residence within three months following the death of one or both care-giving parents and has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School. Eligibility shall be approved upon submission by the student of documented proof of death and a statement from the person responsible for the care of the student confirming that a change in residence was necessary for the safety and well-being of the student.

I. Court or Governmental Agency Action. The student has been removed from the household and transferred to another school by order of a court or county agency due to abuse, neglect, or other similarly exigent circumstances.

J. Participation In Certain Sports. A transferring student shall be declared eligible to participate in Varsity competition in any sport in which that student did not participate within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of transfer unless the District Committee finds that the transfer was related to the sport sought to be played.

K. Severe and Unusual Personal Hardship. The student demonstrates to the satisfaction of the District Committee, by clear and convincing evidence, that the transfer was necessitated by a severe and unusual hardship resulting from a substantial and compelling change in circumstances beyond the control of the student and the student’s parents, court-appointed guardians, or foster parents.

This subsection is intended to provide District Committees and the Board of Directors with discretionary authority to deal with truly unusual and exceptionally extenuating cases.
This subsection is not intended to apply simply because a student is not eligible for full and unrestricted participation under another provision of this ARTICLE. It is presumed that a student would not change schools unless the move is believed to be in the best overall interest of the child. For Varsity athletic eligibility purposes, however, such interest is secondary to the purposes of this ARTICLE and the interests of PIAA, other students, competitors, and schools, as identified in the Preamble, and cannot be given weight in considering a request under this subsection. Relief under this subsection will be rarely granted and will not be required under any given set of circumstances.

In considering a request pursuant to this subsection, the District Committee shall not grant eligibility if any of the following reasons or circumstances are included in the rationale for the transfer:

1. Transfers for academic reasons, such as to improve academic standing, to gain access to certain classes, to schools with better academic reputations, or to certain forms of education, such as block scheduling, do not qualify for relief under this subsection.

2. Transfers for social, philosophical, and/or religious reasons do not qualify for relief under this subsection. Students are free to transfer for these reasons but they do not give rise to the type of hardship for which a grant of full Varsity eligibility is permitted.

3. Transfers caused by dissatisfaction with a school or for disciplinary reasons, including expulsion, do not qualify for relief under this subsection.

4. Transfers for reasons of emotional adjustments do not qualify for relief under this subsection.

5. General financial, economic problems, or difficulties related to single-parent families or broken homes, albeit unfortunate, do not qualify for relief under this subsection. Severe, adverse occurrences such as loss of employment, court-ordered adjudication of involuntary bankruptcy, court-ordered eviction, or judgment of mortgage foreclosure may be considered for relief under this subsection.

Section 6. **Bona Fide Change of Residence**

For purposes of this ARTICLE, a bona fide change of residence shall mean a change in residence from one public school district to residence in another public school district – regardless of whether the school to be attended by the student is public or private - with the intent to make such new residence a fixed, final, and permanent domicile. Whether this requirement is met shall be determined by the District Committee based on the facts of each case.

A change of residence will not be considered bona fide or complete unless: (i) the original residence is abandoned as a residence and not used as a residence by any
member of the student’s family; and (ii) the student’s entire family moves and takes with them all household goods and furniture appropriate to the circumstances.

Section 7. District Committee Review

In determining whether the criteria required under Section 5 have been established, the District Committee may act on the basis of information and documentation submitted by the school and the student, and also may convene a hearing, if deemed necessary, and request specific evidence, including, but not limited to, the following: (a) telephone and utility service operative at the new residence and terminated at the former residence; (b) vehicle registration listing the new address; (c) voter registration listing the new address; (d) real estate documents indicating and verifying a permanent change of residence (sale and purchase, for instance); (e) court documents indicating a permanent change of residence; (f) wage and income tax returns, wage and income tax receipts, real estate tax records; (g) such other evidence or documentation as the District Committee deems pertinent or appropriate.

Section 8. Transfers for Athletic Purpose.

A. Notwithstanding Sections 4 and 5 of this ARTICLE, a District Committee may, upon request of a school or on its own initiative, after giving notice to the student's school and an opportunity to be heard to the student and the student's school, (1) declare any transferring student ineligible to participate in Varsity competition in each sport in which that student participated within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of transfer, if the Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose; and/or (2) if a finding is specifically made that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to specific sports, declare that the student shall be ineligible to participate in Varsity competition in those sports for one year from the date of transfer, regardless of whether the student actually participated in those sports for the year preceding the date of transfer.

B. Transfers which are motivated, either in whole or in part, by an athletic purpose include transfers motivated by a desire of the student or the student’s family (i) to gain additional playing time; (ii) to play for a particular school, coach, or Team; (iii) to avoid either playing for, or athletic sanctions imposed by, a particular school, coach, or Team; and/or (iv) to gain increased media or college exposure.

C. The following is an illustrative, but not exhaustive, list of situations which may indicate athletic purpose:

1. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, is dissatisfied with the student's position or amount of playing time which the student receives.
2. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, has a problem with a coach at either a personal or professional level.

3. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, seeks relief from conflict with the philosophy or action of an administrator or teacher relating to sports.

4. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, seeks to avoid or nullify the effect of action by the previous school relating to sports eligibility.

5. There is no Team in the particular sport at the school from which the student has transferred.

6. The student follows the student's coach to another school to which the coach has transferred.

7. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, desires that the student play on a less successful or lower profile Team in order to be ranked higher among the students on that Team.

8. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, desires that the student play on a more successful or higher profile Team to gain a higher level of competition and/or more exposure to college scouts.

9. The student moves with one parent, one guardian, or one or more siblings, into a rented residence in the new school district, especially where the student and/or the parent, guardian, or sibling returns to the family home in the evening and/or on weekends.

10. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, seeks out Athletic Personnel at the school to which the student transfers.

[Sections 5, 6 and 7 remain unchanged but are re-numbered as Sections 9, 10 and 11]

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GLOSSARY

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VARSITY: The highest level of interscholastic competition in a sport sponsored by a school. This level is to be distinguished from junior varsity and junior high competition.

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Motion passed: 23-yes, 2-no. The roll call vote was:
PIAA CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD STEERING
COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was unanimously voted to reject the following recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country and Track and Field Steering Committees to amend the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling and the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball, to provide for an increase in the number of enrollment classifications in the sport of cross country from two to three, which would have read as follows:

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

In the individual sports of cross country, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling, each sport shall be entitled to one enrollment classification for every $275$ member senior high schools sponsoring that sport, or major fraction thereof. Adoption of this policy shall not produce a decrease in the number of enrollment classifications existing in any sport at the time of such adoption.

**POLICY FOR DETERMINING NUMBER OF ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE SPORTS OF BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, FOOTBALL, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, AND VOLLEYBALL**

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

PIAA FOOTBALL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Culver, it was moved to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I - Schedule of Fall Sports, Football, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for (1) at least three days of no pads, no contact heat acclimation Football Practice, beginning the Wednesday before the first Practice day for fall sports (Wednesday, August 6, 2008) and ending the Saturday before the first Practice day for fall sports (Saturday, August 9, 2008); (2) advancing the first Football Regular Season Contest day from the 19th day of the fall sports season (Friday, August 29, 2008) to the 12th day of the fall sports season (Friday, August 22, 2008) and, for those member schools that choose to schedule their first Football Regular Season Contest on the 12th day of the fall sports season (Friday, August 22, 2008), reducing the maximum number of Football Regular Season Inter-School Practices or Scrimmages from two to one; (3) advancing the last Football Regular Season Contest day from the 83rd day of the fall sports season (Saturday, November 1, 2008) to 76th day of the fall sports season (Saturday, October 25, 2008); (4) advancing the PIAA District Football Deadline from the 104th day of the fall sports season (Saturday, November 22, 2008) to the 97th day of the fall sports season (Saturday, November 15, 2008); and (5) advancing the PIAA Football Championships Deadline from the 125th day of the fall sports season (Saturday, December 13, 2008) to the 118th day of the fall sports season (Saturday, December 6, 2008), all effective July 1, 2008.

Motion failed: 7-yes, 18-no. The roll call vote was:

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On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Culver, it was moved to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Football Steering Committee to amend, on a second
reading basis, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, and Table II - Schedule of Winter Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for (1) moving back the first Practice day for winter sports from Monday, November 10, 2008 to Monday, November 17, 2008; (2) moving back the first Inter-School Practice or Scrimmage day for winter sports from Saturday, November 15, 2008 to Saturday, November 22, 2008; (3) moving back the first Regular Season Contest day in the sports of bowling and rifle from Monday, November 24, 2008 to Monday, December 1, 2008; and (4) moving back the first Regular Season Contest day in the sports of basketball, gymnastics, indoor track, swimming and diving, and wrestling from Friday, November 28, 2008 (Thanksgiving weekend) to Friday, December 5, 2008, all effective July 1, 2008.

Motion failed: 5-yes, 20-no. The roll call vote was:

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PIAA GOLF STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Costanza, it was moved to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Golf Steering Committee to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I - Schedule of Fall Sports, of PIAA By-Laws, to provide for the third day of the fall sports season to be the first Regular Season Contest day in the sport of golf, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

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

TABLE I – Schedule of Fall Sports
The vote was 13-yes, 9-no. As ARTICLE XX, AMENDMENTS, of the PIAA By-Laws, requires approval of an amendment to the By-Laws by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire Board of Directors (20 affirmative votes of the 30 members of the entire Board of Directors), the motion failed.

PIAA SOCCER STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Stone, it was unanimously voted to remove from the table the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to adopt a proposal to (1) combine all senior high schools sponsoring the sport of girls’ soccer; (2) rank those senior high schools in descending order by female enrollment; (3) divide those senior high schools, as equally as possible, into three enrollment classifications; (4) separate those senior high schools into their respective fall and spring sports seasons; and (5) determine the maximum number of entries (qualifiers), by District or Region, by enrollment classification, to the respective Girls’ Fall and Girls’ Spring Soccer Championships, effective July 1, 2008.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to reject the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to adopt a proposal to (1) combine all senior high schools sponsoring the sport of girls’ soccer; (2) rank those senior high schools in descending order by female enrollment; (3) divide those senior high schools, as equally as possible, into three enrollment classifications; (4) separate those senior high schools into their respective fall and spring sports seasons; and (5) determine the maximum number of entries (qualifiers), by District or Region, by enrollment classification, to the respective Girls’ Fall and Girls’ Spring Soccer Championships.

PIAA DISTRICT IV COMMITTEE REPORT ON SOUTHERN COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL’S REQUEST TO INCREASE REIMBURSEMENT TO SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN PIAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The PIAA District IV Chairman gave a status report on Southern Columbia High School’s request to increase the reimbursement to schools participating in the PIAA Football Championships.
PIAA DISTRICT VII/WPIAL COMMITTEE REQUEST TO INCREASE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF REGULAR SEASON CONTESTS IN THE SPORT OF RIFLE AND ESTABLISH AN INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE SPORT OF RIFLE

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to refer to the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee, for its consideration and review, the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee’s request to increase the maximum number of Regular Season Contests in the sport of rifle from 16 to 24 and establish an Inter-District Championship in the sport of rifle with only 44 PIAA member schools sponsoring interscholastic girls’ rifle competition and only 41 PIAA member schools sponsoring interscholastic boys’ rifle competition.

As a result of the foregoing, and the recently announced PSADA Delegate Assembly recommendation that the PIAA Board of Directors conduct a comprehensive review of the maximum number of Regular Season Contests in each sport, in conjunction with the Board of Directors desire to conduct a comprehensive review of the maximum length of Regular Seasons in each sport, President Blucas scheduled a meeting of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee to convene at 8:00 a.m., Friday, April 13, 2007, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.

RECESS

President Blucas recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 10:45 a.m., Friday, March 23, 2007.

RECONVENE

President Blucas reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 24, 2007 in Executive Room 1 and 2, of the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, University Park, PA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Warrington................................................................. District 1
John W. Ziegler, Newport................................................................. District 3
Samuel S. Elias, Hershey................................................................. District 3
Joseph T. Kelly, Bloomsburg.......................................................... District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber ........................................................... District 5
Raymond J. Wotkowski, Sidman.................................................. District 6
Richard A. Constantine, Uniontown ........................................... District 7
Pamela R. Cherubin, Pittsburgh..................................................... District 7
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown........................................................... District 7
Howard D. Bullard, 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
Stephen C. Pollock, Bensalem
Representing ................................................................. Junior High/Middle Schools
PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a second reading basis, the PIAA Operating Activities Budget for the year ending June 30, 2008.

On a motion by Mr. Costanza, seconded by Mr. Godin, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a second reading basis, the PIAA Cash Flows Budget for the year ending June 30, 2008.
PIAA POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman of the PIAA Policy Review Committee advised the PIAA Board of Directors that that Committee, at its meeting of Thursday, March 22, 2007, which was held in Executive Room 1 and 2, of the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, University Park, PA, voted to recommend to the Board of Directors that it (1) adopt, on a second reading basis, a PIAA Whistleblower Policy; (2) amend, on a second reading basis, the PIAA Conflict of Interest Policy; (3) adopt, on a second reading basis, a PIAA Conflict of Interest Statement; (4) amend, on a second reading basis, the Procedural Standards for Appeal Hearings; (5) amend, on a second reading basis, Requests for Accommodations Due to Disabilities; (6) amend, on a second reading basis, the Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Considering Selection of Sites for District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests; (7) amend, on a first reading basis, the Policy Regarding Cablecasting/Telecasting, Filming, Photographing, Videotaping, and/or Webcasting (Video streaming); (8) amend, on a first reading basis, the Procedural Standards for District Committees; (9) amend, on a first reading basis, Procedural Standards for Appeal Hearings; and (10) adopt, on a suspended protocol basis, a Policy Regarding the Regular Season Participation of Wheelchair Athletes in the Sport of Outdoor Track and Field.

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, and pursuant to the recommendations of Greenawalt & Company, P.C., and the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee, it was unanimously voted to adopt, on a second reading basis, a PIAA Whistleblower Policy to bring the organization into compliance with recent interpretations of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act relating to non-profit organizations, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

PIAA WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

A. General
PIAA requires employees to observe high standards of ethical behavior in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. As representatives of PIAA, all such persons must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling their responsibilities, and they must comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

B. Reporting Responsibility
It is the responsibility of all employees to perform ethically and to comply with PIAA policies relating to financial integrity, and to report material violations or suspected violations in accordance with this Whistleblower Policy.

C. No Retaliation
No employee who in good faith reports a violation shall suffer harassment, retaliation, or adverse employment consequence. An employee who retaliates against someone who has reported a violation in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including termination of employment. This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable employees to raise serious concerns as expeditiously as possible within PIAA, rather than remaining silent or seeking resolution outside PIAA.
D. **Compliance Officers**
PIAA's Compliance Officer is responsible for investigating and resolving all reported allegations concerning financial impropriety, and shall promptly advise the Board of Directors of such allegations and of his findings. In addition, he is required to report to the Board at least annually on compliance activity. The Corporation's Compliance Officer is Michael L. Solomon, Esq. (717) 737-3405.

E. **Accounting and Auditing Matters**
The Board of Directors, when performing its audit oversight function, is charged with addressing all reported allegations of impropriety regarding corporate accounting practices, internal controls, or auditing. The Compliance Officer shall promptly notify the Board of any such allegation and work with the Board until the matter is resolved.

F. **Acting in Good Faith**
Anyone making an allegation concerning a violation or suspected impropriety must be acting in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates an impropriety. Any untrue allegations, which prove to have been made maliciously or knowingly to be false, will be viewed as serious disciplinary offenses.

G. **Confidentiality**
Allegations of impropriety may be submitted on a confidential basis by the complainant or may be submitted anonymously. Such allegations will be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation. Any anonymous allegation must provide sufficient supporting data to permit meaningful follow up. Anonymous allegations that are vague, ambiguous, or unsupported will be disregarded.

H. **Handling of Reported Violations**
The Compliance Officer will acknowledge receipt of non-anonymous allegations within two business days. All reports will be promptly investigated and appropriate corrective action will be taken if warranted by the investigation.

On a motion by Mr. Godin, seconded by Mr. Manners, and pursuant to the recommendations of Greenawalt & Company, P.C., and the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend, it was unanimously voted to adopt, on a second reading basis, the PIAA Conflict of Interest Policy to bring the organization into compliance with recent interpretations of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act relating to non-profit organizations, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

**PIAA CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

The PIAA Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) requires that each person serving as a member of the Board of Directors, a District Committee, employee, or an agent of PIAA (collectively, "Covered Persons"), perform their duties without influence or the appearance of influence by any other
business or financial interest of such person. Each Covered Person must comply with the letter and spirit of this Policy.

No code or policy can anticipate every situation that may arise or replace the thoughtful behavior of an ethical director, officer, or employee. Covered Persons are encouraged to bring questions about particular circumstances that may implicate one or more of the provisions of this code to the attention of the President of PIAA or the Executive Director of PIAA.

Potential conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to, a person’s direct financial interest in a company or product which could be affected by a decision of the PIAA Board of Directors or a District Committee on which the person serves. PIAA is not critical of such interests. It merely requests that persons disqualify themselves from PIAA decisions on matters relating to such interests.

If a member of the PIAA Board of Directors, a District Committee, or an agent of PIAA, should develop or have a conflict of interest, such person shall:

1) Immediately identify the conflict in writing to the President of PIAA or the District Chairman, as applicable; and  
2) Remove themselves from any discussion or decisions involving the matter in conflict.

In case of doubt the existence of a conflict, a member should submit the question and the relevant facts to the President of PIAA or the District chairman, as applicable, for a decision.

A. **Conflict of Interest**

Each Covered Person must avoid any conflict of interest between that person and PIAA unless the relationship is approved in advance by the Board of Directors. If a Covered Person should develop or have a conflict of interest, such person shall (1) immediately identify the conflict in writing to the President of PIAA or the District Chairman, as applicable; and (2) remove themselves from any decision involving the Covered Person or a firm or company with which the Covered Person is affiliated. A “conflict of interest” can occur when:

1. A Covered Person’s personal or representative interest is adverse to, or may appear to be adverse to, the interests of PIAA.

2. A Covered Person or a member of his or her immediate family receives improper personal benefits as a result of his or her position as an employee of PIAA.

Some of the more common conflicts are listed below:

- Relationship of PIAA with third-parties
A Covered Person may not receive a material personal benefit from a person or firm which is seeking to do business or to retain business with PIAA unless approved by the Board of Directors or the PIAA Executive Director.

- **Compensation from non-PIAA sources**
  
  **Covered Persons may not accept compensation for services performed for PIAA from sources other than PIAA.**

- **Gifts**
  
  **Covered Persons may not offer, give or receive gifts from persons or entities who deal with PIAA in those cases where any such gift is being made to influence the Covered Person’s actions or decisions, or where acceptance of the gifts could create the appearance of a conflict of interest. A gift, meal, or entertainment valued at more than $100 would be presumed to create the appearance of a conflict of interest.**

- **Personal use of PIAA assets**
  
  **Covered Persons may not use PIAA assets, labor, or information for personal use unless approved by the Board of Directors in advance.**

**B. Corporate Opportunities**

Covered Persons are prohibited from:

1. **Taking for themselves or third parties with which they are affiliated, opportunities that are discovered through the use of PIAA property or information or their position as a director, officer, or employee;**

2. **Using PIAA property or information for personal gain; or**

3. **Competing with PIAA for business opportunities. However, if PIAA’s disinterested directors determine that PIAA will not pursue an opportunity that relates to PIAA’s business, then a Covered Person may do so.**

**C. Encouraging the Reporting of any Illegal or Unethical Behavior**

Covered Persons must promote ethical behavior and take steps to ensure that PIAA:

1. **Encourages employees to talk to supervisors, managers, and other appropriate personnel when in doubt about the best course of action in a particular situation.**

2. **Encourages employees to report violations of laws, rules, regulations, or PIAA’s Policy to appropriate personnel.**
3. Informs employees that PIAA will not allow retaliation for reports made in good faith.

D. Compliance Standards

In case of doubt about the existence of a conflict, a Covered Person should submit the question and the relevant facts to the President of PIAA or the District Chairman, as applicable, for a decision.

Covered Persons must communicate any suspected violations of this Policy promptly to the Board of Directors. Violations will be investigated by the Board or by persons designated by the Board, and appropriate action will be taken in the event any violations of the Policy are confirmed.

E. Waiver of Policy

Any waiver of this Policy must be made by the Board of Directors.

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mrs. Schulze, and pursuant to the recommendations of Greenawalt & Company, P.C., and the PIAA Policy Review Committee it was unanimously voted to adopt, on a second reading basis, a PIAA Conflict of Interest Statement to bring the organization into compliance with recent interpretations of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act relating to non-profit organizations, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

PIAA CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

The PIAA Board of Directors requires that each person serving as a Board member or employee of PIAA performs his or her duties without influence or the appearance of influence by any other business or financial interest.

Potential conflicts of interest include, but are not limited to, a person’s direct financial or close personal interest in a company or product which could be affected by a decision of a committee on which the person serves. An interest in a sport camp, sporting goods manufacturer, or insurance company holds potential for a conflict. PIAA is not critical of such interests. It merely requests that persons disqualify themselves from service to the PIAA on matters relating to such interests.

If a member of the Board of Directors or any employee of PIAA should have or develop a conflict of interest, such person shall:

1. Immediately identify the conflict in writing to the President and/or Executive Director; and

2. Remove himself or herself from any discussion or decisions involving the matter in conflict.
In case of doubt about the existence of a conflict, the question and the relevant facts should be submitted to the President and/or Executive Director for a decision.

I have read the above and agree to comply:

_________________________  ______________________
(Signature)                        (Date)

On a motion by Mr. Godin, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, the Procedural Standards for Appeal Hearings, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

**PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR APPEAL HEARINGS**

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**III. Matters That May Be Heard on Appeal**

The matters that may be heard on appeal are those decisions that District Committees are authorized to make. Those matters include:

A. The eligibility of a student at a member school.

B. Whether a member school, or a person employed by or connected with a member school (including a student), has committed a violation of the PIAA Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations, and, if so, what, if any, penalty should be imposed.

C. Whether a member school is to be given approval to transfer to the jurisdiction of an adjacent District.

D. Appeals from denials of applications for membership in PIAA.

**IV. Persons With Standing to Appeal**

A. Where a member school presented the matter to the District Committee for a decision, and the decision was adverse to the member school, the member school has the right of appeal.

B. Where the matter arose before the District Committee on the complaint of a member school, the school as to which the decision was adverse, whether the complaining school or the school against which the complaint was filed, has the right of appeal.

C. Students and other individuals desiring that an appeal be filed shall contact their school Principal and request that the school appeal the decision on their behalf.

D. Where an appeal is from a decision of a PIAA District Committee denying an application for membership in PIAA, the applying school shall have a
limited right of appeal to the PIAA Board of Directors from this decision. This is the only circumstance where an appeal may be brought by a school not a member of PIAA.

V. Request for Appeal Hearing

A. All requests for appeal hearings shall be made in writing by the Principal of the appealing member school to the Executive Director of PIAA. The letter shall provide sufficient information to enable the Executive Director to identify the issue(s) involved. (A Principal may provide the Executive Director with informal notice by telephone of the intent to appeal, but all appeals must be requested in writing.)

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On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, Requests for Accommodations Due to Disabilities, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO DISABILITIES

One of the purposes of PIAA, as stated in ARTICLE II of the PIAA Constitution, is to "promote uniformity of standards in all interscholastic competition." To that end, PIAA generally requires adherence to the rules adopted for each individual sport. PIAA is also cognizant, however, of the need to accommodate individuals with disabilities to the extent that reasonable accommodation will not fundamentally alter essential elements of a sport or provide the student-athlete with an unfair advantage. Therefore, evaluation of requests by students or coaches for exemption from, or modification of, applicable sport rules and regulations due to a physical, mental, or emotional disability will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Guidelines for handling such requests are set forth below.

A. Authority to Grant Accommodation Requests:

1. Relating to participation in Regular Season Contests and District Championships Contests and/or Tournaments:

For those sports in which a procedure to request an accommodation for a disability is not set forth in the applicable NFHS sport-specific rules, requests for accommodations due to disabilities shall be submitted to the District Committee having jurisdiction over the Contests and/or Tournaments for which an accommodation is sought. The District Committee may delegate consideration of the matter to its executive director or District Chairman.

The applicable District Committee, executive director, or district chairman shall have the authority to determine (1) whether the student is disabled within the meaning of the Americans With Disabilities Act (see Sub-Section G below), (2) whether an accommodation is necessary for participation, and (3) what
accommodation, if any, should be granted, taking into account the essential elements of the sport and fairness to other participants. If an accommodation would fundamentally alter an essential element of a sport or would provide an unfair advantage to the student, the accommodation is not a reasonable one and should not be granted. Appeals from denial of a request may be submitted to the PIAA Board of Directors.

2. Relating to participation in PIAA Inter-District Championships Contests and/or Tournaments:

Requests for accommodations due to disabilities shall be submitted to the PIAA Executive Director, who shall have the authority to consider and rule on (1) whether the student is disabled within the meaning of the Americans With Disabilities Act (see Sub-Section G below), (2) whether an accommodation is necessary for participation, and (3) what accommodation, if any, should be granted, taking into account the essential elements of the sport and fairness to other participants. If an accommodation would fundamentally alter an essential element of a sport, would increase the risk of injury to other participants, or would provide an unfair advantage to the student, the accommodation is not a reasonable one and should not be granted. Appeals from decisions of the Executive Director may be submitted to the PIAA Board of Directors.

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On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, the Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Considering Selection of Sites for District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

**POLICY REGARDING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN CONSIDERING SELECTION OF SITES FOR DISTRICT AND/OR INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS**

The following criteria are used by PIAA in assessing the suitability of sites to host PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests:

- Quality of the Contest site competition surface.
- Location of the Contest site.
- Accessibility to the Contest site.
- Contest site Emergency Response Plan (ERP).
- Contest site handicapped parking areas and handicapped accessibility to facility, spectator seating, and restrooms.
- Contest site parking areas.
- Contest site security.
- Contest site spectator seating.
- Contest site restroom facilities.
- Contest site locker room and athletic training facilities.
- **Accessibility at Contest site to Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)**.
• Number of telephone lines available to the broadcasting and/or print media.
• Ability to properly display the American Flag and ability to play the National Anthem, prior to the start of each Contest.

If a site proposing to host a Contest, or being asked to host a Contest, is aware of a deficiency in any of the above criteria, such deficiency shall be disclosed to PIAA prior to the selection of the site to host a Contest.

Sport-specific and other relevant criteria may be considered as appropriate under the circumstances. A deficiency in one or more of the criteria shall not, in itself, disqualify a site but such deficiency shall be weighed against the other criteria and the availability of other qualified sites.

On a motion by Mr. Pollock, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend, on a first reading basis, the Policy Regarding Cablecasting/Telecasting, Filming, Photographing, Videotaping, and/or Webcasting (Video Streaming), effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

POLICIES REGARDING CABLECASTING/TELECASTING, FILMING, PHOTOGRAPHING, VIDEOTAPING, AND/OR WEBCASTING (VIDEO STREAMING)

A. Photography, Film, Video, and Audio. – PIAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all audio and visual depictions of PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests, including all still photographs taken of such Contests, all film, analog and digital videos, audiotape, and Internet depictions of such Contests and the live audio, visual, and webcasting broadcasts of such Contests. Still photography, filming, videotaping, audio recording, and webcasting are prohibited at PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests, except as expressly and specifically authorized by this policy.

All video, broadcast, title, and broadcast rights for PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests are the exclusive property of PIAA. PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast, or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of PIAA.

B. General Policies Applicable to All Classes of Photographers, Videographers, etc.

1. Still photographs, films, videotapes, and audiotapes may not be used to review decisions of Contest officials.
2. Still photographs, films, videotapes, or audiotapes, in full or in part, may not be used for any commercial purpose unless authorized in writing by PIAA.
3. Any still photography, filming, videotaping, audiotaping, telecasting, webcasting (video streaming), and cablecasting shall not interfere with the visibility and comfort of spectators, shall not present a safety hazard to spectators, and shall not disrupt, disturb, or interfere with the competition or with any competitor.
4. Any person conducting photography, filming, videotaping, audiotaping, telecasting, webcasting (video streaming), and cablecasting shall not stand on any unsafe or potentially hazardous physical object or facility.

5. Any person conducting photography, filming, videotaping, audiotaping, telecasting, webcasting (video streaming), and cablecasting must remain in the areas that have been designated for spectators, sports photographers, schools, cable/television stations, or Internet video broadcasters, as appropriate.

C. Specific Classes of Photographer, Videographers, etc.

1. Member Schools. Representatives of PIAA member schools are authorized, at their own expense, to take still photographs and to film, videotape, and/or audiotape PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests.

2. Spectators. Individual spectators are authorized, at their own expense, and from the seating area or other designated space, to personally take still photographs, film, videotape, and/or audiotape PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests for strictly personal use.

3. Media
   a. Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video, and/or audio clips of PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests for print and electronic news coverage.
   b. With advanced permission from PIAA, members of the media may take still photographs and film, videotape, and/or audiotape PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests.
   c. The filming or taping of the majority of a PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests is prohibited absent PIAA approval.
   d. Absent PIAA approval for other usage, videos (analog or digital) taken at any PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests shall be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.
   e. Media will not lend, give away, and/or sell film and/or videotape of PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests, either in whole or in part, except for the purposes herein above specifically set forth and/or in such cases as PIAA requests for use by PIAA.
   f. In no case where excerpts of any Contest or Contests are used in connection with television programming, shall the action of the Contest or Contests exceed a total of three and one-half (3 ½) minutes of running time. A station desiring to use more than 3 ½ minutes of action for special programs shall contact PIAA to make prior arrangements.
   g. Without prior approval of PIAA, no live reports are permitted during the time a Contest is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the Contest.
   h. Upon request of a PIAA member school or student, Media may sell copies of photographs that are published to the requesting school and/or student (or the student's family).
PIAA policy permits schools, spectators (who have purchased the appropriate admission ticket), and/or the media to photograph or videotape PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests provided the photograph or videotape is not used until following the conclusion of the Contest. However, cable/television stations, schools, spectators, and/or the media interested in cablecasting/telecasting, filming, photographing, videotaping, or webcasting (video streaming) PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests must comply with the following policies:

1. PIAA must be contacted in writing, for permission to cablecast, telecast, or webcast (video stream) live or on a delayed basis a Contest or any part of a Contest.

2. Persons photographing or videotaping the event, and stations cablecasting, telecasting, or webcasting (video streaming) the event must remain in the areas that have been designated for spectators, sports photographers, schools, cable/television stations, or Internet video broadcasters, respectively.

3. Persons cablecasting, telecasting, photographing, videotaping, or webcasting (video streaming) the event shall not stand on any unsafe or potentially hazardous physical object or facility.

4. Persons cablecasting, telecasting, photographing, videotaping, or webcasting (video streaming) the event shall not interfere with the visibility and comfort of spectators, shall not present a safety hazard to spectators and shall not disrupt, disturb, or interfere with athletic competition or with an individual competitor.

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend, on a first reading basis, the Procedural Standards for District Committees, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

**PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR DISTRICT COMMITTEES**

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VI. Notification of Hearing

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H. A request by any school and/or person for a continuance or postponement of a hearing shall be sent in writing to the District Chairman, who shall have the discretion to grant or deny the request. Requests should set forth the reasons for requesting the continuance or postponement of the hearing, and should be submitted at least one week prior to the scheduled date of the hearing. Where there will be no prejudice to any party, the request should be given serious consideration by the District Chairman.

Requests made within one week of the scheduled hearing will be granted only upon the showing of unforeseen circumstances and compelling grounds, and if the hearing can be rescheduled without prejudice to the other parties.
Requests made on the day of the hearing should be ruled upon by the presiding officer at the hearing. The presiding officer may submit the request for consideration by the body hearing the appeal. Requests made on the day of the scheduled hearing will be granted only upon the showing of unforeseen circumstances and compelling grounds, and if the hearing can be rescheduled without prejudice to the other parties. As a condition of granting the request, the school requesting the continuance or postponement may be required to reimburse other parties for expenses incurred in attending the hearing.

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On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend, on a first reading basis, the Procedural Standards for Appeal Hearings, effective July 1, 2007, to read as follows:

PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR APPEAL HEARINGS

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VII. Notification of Appeal Hearing

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F. A request by any school and/or person for a continuance or postponement of a hearing shall be sent in writing to the PIAA Executive Director, who shall have the discretion to grant or deny the request. Requests should set forth the reasons for requesting the continuance or postponement of the hearing, and should be submitted at least one week prior to the scheduled date of the hearing. Where there will be no prejudice to any party, the request should be given serious consideration by the Executive Director.

Requests made within one week of the scheduled hearing will be granted only upon the showing of unforeseen circumstances and compelling grounds, and if the hearing can be rescheduled without prejudice to the other parties.

Requests made on the day of the hearing should be ruled upon by the presiding officer at the hearing. The presiding officer may submit the request for consideration by the body hearing the appeal. Requests made on the day of the scheduled hearing will be granted only upon the showing of unforeseen circumstances and compelling grounds, and if the hearing can be rescheduled without prejudice to the other parties. As a condition of granting the request, the school requesting the continuance or postponement may be required to reimburse other parties for expenses incurred in attending the hearing.

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On a motion by Ms. Farnese, seconded by Mr. Pollock, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review 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 Regarding the Regular Season Participation of Wheelchair Athletes in the Sport of Outdoor Track and Field, effective immediately, to read as follows:

**POLICY REGARDING THE REGULAR SEASON PARTICIPATION OF WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES IN THE SPORT OF OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD**

Track and field events administered by PIAA are intended for participation by able-bodied athletes. To promote the participation of students with disabilities, accommodations may be made in specific sports for such persons under PIAA's policy relating to "Requests for Accommodations Due To Disabilities." In establishing categories of competition within a particular sport specifically for students with disabilities, however, PIAA recognizes that there exists a broad range of disabilities suffered by many students and that the disabilities have varying effects on the capabilities of the students to compete athletically. This range of disabilities makes it challenging to develop a comprehensive policy governing such competition. PIAA recognizes, for example, that Wheelchair Track and Field USA (WTFUSA) has established numerous classifications for Wheelchair Athletes based upon the levels of disabilities present. PIAA is simply not equipped to offer the broad range of interscholastic competitive opportunities which might be desired or preferred.

In an effort to expand competitive opportunities, however, the PIAA Board of Directors has adopted this policy to permit student athletes utilizing Wheelchairs to participate in some events against other Wheelchair Athletes in interscholastic outdoor track and field during the Regular Season and under the following conditions and procedures. Although Wheelchair Athletes may have a range of functionality, PIAA applies standards generally consistent with the T53D and F53D classifications, as defined by WTFUSA, for Regular Season competition.

**A. General Approach:**

Where conditions do not present an unusual and cognizable increased risk of danger to the Wheelchair Athletes or other participants, and subject to any member school's verified presentation of facility-related prohibitions directly related to the use of Wheelchairs, Wheelchair Athletes who meet all other PIAA eligibility requirements may participate in events identified in this Policy alongside able-bodied competitors.

Wheelchair Athletes may participate in any combination of four (4) of the following events: 100 meter dash; 200 meter dash; 400 meter dash; 800 meter run; shot put; discus throw; and javelin throw.

For scoring purposes, Wheelchair Athletes compete only against a set standard and other Wheelchair Athletes. To a degree, the points earned by Wheelchair Athletes are included in the point totals for the Wheelchair Athlete's Team.
B. **Definitions**

1. **Wheelchair Athlete:** A Wheelchair Athlete is a student who has a permanent muscular or neuromuscular disability, which significantly limits the student’s ability to move, or a permanent skeletal deformity or abnormality, which significantly affects ambulation, and requires the student to use a Wheelchair for everyday activities. Permanent orthopedic impairment shall be verified by a licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine and maintained on permanent file at the Wheelchair Athlete’s school.

2. **Wheelchair:** A device that meets the following specifications:
   - A Wheelchair used for track events shall have at least two large wheels and one small one. The maximum diameter of the large wheels, including the inflated tire, shall not exceed 70 cm and the maximum diameter of the small wheel(s), including the inflated tire(s), shall not exceed 50 cm.
   - A Wheelchair used for track events shall be operated manually, with no mechanical, electronic, or other gears or levers used to propel the Wheelchair.
   - Only one hand rim shall be attached to each large wheel of the Wheelchair.
   - A device used by the Wheelchair Athlete to sit in for field events, including a cushion, shall not exceed 25 inches in height. The device need not meet the specifications for a Wheelchair used for track events.

C. **Scoring.**

1. As set forth below, Wheelchair Athletes compete against other Wheelchair Athletes and against a standard time or distance for the opportunity to score points for their Team.

2. Wheelchair Athletes are eligible to score points for their Team only if they meet or exceed the following minimum standards (“Qualifying Standards”) in the identified events:

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3. If the Wheelchair Athlete meets or exceeds the Qualifying Standards set forth above, the Wheelchair Athlete shall score at least 1 point in the event.

4. If more than one Wheelchair Athlete competes in an event, scoring for each Wheelchair Athlete who meets or exceeds the Qualifying Standard shall be as follows:
• 1 participant: 1 point
• 2 participants: 1st place, 2 points; 2nd place, 1 point
• 3 or more participants: 1st place, 5 points; 2nd place, 3 points; 3rd place, 1 point

A competitor who does not meet or exceed the Qualifying Standard shall not receive any points, regardless of the number of participants in the event.

A competitor who does meet or exceed the Qualifying Standard receives the full number of points based on the number of competitors, regardless of whether any or all of the other competitors meet or exceed the Qualifying Standard.

5. Team Scoring: If the points scored by a Wheelchair Athlete have no impact on the results of the competition between two or more Teams, the Wheelchair Athlete’s points shall be added to that Team’s point total.

If the points scored by a Wheelchair Athlete enable his/her Team to tie or exceed the point total of one or more Teams in the Contest, then the Contest will be preliminarily determined to be a tie between those Teams and those tied Teams will apply the following tie-breaker:

1. The Team whose athletes have been disqualified for unsporting conduct or unacceptable conduct the least number of times shall be declared the winner.
2. The Team having won the greater number of all contested events shall be declared the winner.*
3. The Team having won the greater number of contested individual events shall be declared the winner.*
4. The Team having won the greater number of contested relay events shall be declared the winner.
5. If Teams are tied after the first four criteria are met, then a tie shall be declared.

*Wheelchair events shall be counted only if both Teams have an equal number of Wheelchair Athletes competing. If the participants are equal between Teams, then their events will be counted as well.

D. Miscellaneous.
1. Wheelchair Athletes shall compete in school-issued uniforms.
2. All Wheelchair Athletes must wear ANSI certified helmets.
3. Progression of a Wheelchair by any method except the competitor pushing on the wheels or hand rims will result in disqualification of the competitor.
4. Qualifying Standards are based on national standards established by WTFUSA, the national governing body of Wheelchair Sports USA. That body has not developed qualifying standards for cinder track surfaces. Therefore, no Qualifying Standards exist and points may not be earned for participation on cinder track surfaces.

5. For field events, the following size implements shall be used by Wheelchair Athletes:

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NOTE: The 1 kg discus and the 600 g javelin are the standard implements for able-bodied girls in their respective events. Therefore, each should be available at a Contest under normal conditions. As a 3 kg shot is required in both boys and girls competition, the Wheelchair Athletes competing in that event must ensure that a proper size shot is present.

On a motion by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Policy Review Committee meeting of Thursday, March 22, 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

President Blucas adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 24, 2007.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 AND 8:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2007, FALLING SPRING ROOM, FOURPOINTS SHERATON, CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley R. Cashman
Executive Director