At 8:00 p.m., Thursday, March 13, 2008, President W. Rodney Stone called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Warrington................................................................. District 1
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville................................................................. District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre ................................................................. District 2
John W. Ziegler, Newport............................................................................ District 3
Samuel S. Elias, Hershey............................................................................. District 3
Michael G. Schwarz, Elkland...................................................................... District 4
Virgil R. Palumbo, Windber........................................................................ District 5
Raymond J. Wotkowski, Sidman ................................................................. District 6
Richard A. Constantine, Uniontown......................................................... District 7
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls.................................................................. District 7
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown........................................................................ District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh...................................................................... District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway...................................................................... District 9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard............................................................................... District 10
John P. Wabby, Pottsville........................................................................... District 11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia ............................................................... District 12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia.......................................................... District 12
Robert J. Tonkin, Brookville
  Representing ......................................................................................... Junior High/Middle Schools
Norman J. Long, Downingtown
  Representing .......................................................................................... PSBA
Dr. Donald J. Tylinski, Harmony
  Representing .......................................................................................... PASA
Dennis F. Nemes, New Tripoli
  Representing .......................................................................................... PASSP
Dennis J. Ramella, Emmaus
  Representing .......................................................................................... PSADA
Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
  Representing .......................................................................................... PCA
MEMBERS PRESENT (CONTINUED)
Maureen S. Williams, Wilkes-Barre
Representing ................................................................. Female Officials
Joseph F. Lalli, Dunmore
Representing .............................................................. Male Officials
Linda G. Shultz, Bobtown
Representing ................................................................. Girls’ Athletics
Richard B. Culver, Bethlehem
Representing ................................................................. Department of Education
John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
Representing ................................................................. Private Schools
Cynthia K. Wagner, Karns City
Representing ................................................................. Female Parents
Michael J. Costanza, Laflin
Representing ................................................................. Male Parents’ Representative

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT
Bradley R. Cashman, Executive Director .................................................. PIAA
Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Associate Executive Director .................................. PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Assistant Executive Director ................................................ PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs ...................................... PIAA

GUESTS PRESENT
Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ................................................................. PIAA Legal Counsel
Robert M. Ruoff, Executive Secretary ....................................................... PIAA District I
Charles H. “Buss” Carr, Executive Secretary ................................................ PIAA District IV
John M. Bailey ........................................................................ PSFCA Representative
George B. Shue ........................................................................ PSFCA Representative

MEMBER ABSENT
Thomas J. Gentzel, Mechanicsburg ........................................................ PSBA

INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVES
TO THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Stone introduced Mr. Michael G. Schwarz, Alternate Voting Representative for
Mr. Joseph T. Kelly, PIAA District IV Chairman; and Mrs. Maureen S. Williams, Alternate
Voting Representative for Mrs. Kathy E. Getz, PIAA-Registered Female Officials’
Representative.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Thursday, December 13 and Friday, December 14, 2007; and Thursday, January 24 and Friday, January 25, 2008 meetings of the PIAA Board of Directors, as presented by the Executive Director.

REQUEST OF BLUE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNITY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Lalli, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Blue Ridge Middle School and Susquehanna Community Junior High School for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football and boys’ and girls’ soccer, conditioned upon PIAA District II Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF LANCASTER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL AND J.P. MCCASKEY HIGH SCHOOL TO TERMINATE COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Lancaster Country Day School and J.P. McCaskey High School to terminate Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ lacrosse, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF LANCASTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND LANCASTER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Lancaster Catholic High School and Lancaster Country Day School for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ lacrosse, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF ROCKWOOD AND TURKEYFOOT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Rockwood and Turkeyfoot Valley High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in girls’ volleyball, conditioned upon PIAA District V approval, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.
REQUEST OF EAST FOREST AND KANE AREA HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA; suspend Rules 7, 8, and 9 of the portion of ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, C, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport - Across School District Boundaries, of the PIAA By-Laws; and approve the request of East Forest and Kane Area High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, conditioned upon PIAA District IX Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF LEHIGHTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL TO VOLUNTARILY UPGRADE FROM AA TO AAA IN SPORT OF FOOTBALL

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was moved to grant the request of Lehighton Area High School to voluntarily upgrade from AA to AAA in the sport of football for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 reclassification cycle, effective July 1, 2008.

Motion failed: 3-yes, 27-no. PIAA District XI Chairman, PASSP Representative, and Private Schools’ Representative voted in the affirmative.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORT

In the absence of the Director of Business Affairs, the Executive Director gave a status report on the unaudited financial statements for the 2007 PIAA Golf, Girls’ Team and Singles and Doubles Tennis, Girls’ Volleyball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, and Football Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for the 2007 PIAA Golf, Girls’ Team and Singles and Doubles Tennis, Girls’ Volleyball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Soccer, and Football Championships, as presented by the Executive Director.

SECOND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Second Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on (1) the recently completed 2007-2008 PIAA Basketball Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Tuesday, February 26 (play-in round); Friday, February 29 and Saturday, March 1, (first round); Tuesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 5 (second round); Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 (quarterfinals); and Tuesday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 12 (semi-finals); and the soon-to-be completed Championship (Final) Contests, which are scheduled to be held on Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15, 2008 at the Bryce Jordan Center, University Park, PA; and (2) the 2008 NFHS National Student Leadership Conference, which is scheduled to convene with the
Opening General Session on Thursday, July 17, 2008 and adjourn with the Closing General Session on Sunday, July 20, 2008, at the Indianapolis Hilton, Indianapolis, IN.

FIRST ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

In the absence of the First Assistant Executive Director, the Executive Director gave a status report on the soon-to-be completed 2007-2008 PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships, which are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 12; Thursday, March 13; Friday, March 14; and Saturday, March 15, 2008, 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 2007-2008 PIAA Team Wrestling Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Tuesday, February 5, 2008; and on Friday, February 8 and Saturday, February 9, 2008, at the GIANT Center, Hershey, PA; (2) the recently completed 2007-2008 PIAA Wrestling Championships, which were held on a regional basis on Friday, February 29 and Saturday, March 1, 2008, and on Thursday, March 6; Friday, March 7; and Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the GIANT Center, Hershey, PA; and (3) the number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2007-2008 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.

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 28, 2008, at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA; and (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 will be held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008 in Empire A, B, and C of the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Dr. Tylinski, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to approve the meetings schedule for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion passed: 28-yes, 2-no. PIAA District I and VI Chairmen voted in the negative.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a three-month service agreement with New Freedom Data Center (NFDC) Internet Connection.
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA CONSTITUTION

Following a third reading, on a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of PIAA District I and District XII Chairmen to submit the adoption of a new ARTICLE VIII, REGIONAL PANELS, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2008 district annual meetings, which, if approved, would permit the establishment of regional panels, at the discretion of two or more contiguous PIAA District Committees, to address matters involving those Districts, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII
REGIONAL PANELS

Contiguous PIAA Districts, having within their geographic boundaries one or more schools that are under the jurisdiction of another PIAA District ("Cross-District Schools"), may agree to form Regional Panels for the purpose of resolving certain matters pertaining to those Cross-District Schools. These Regional Panels shall be created and administered as set forth below.

Section 1. Creation.
Regional Panels between contiguous PIAA Districts may be created only by written agreement between the Districts. No District shall be required to enter into an agreement with any other District(s). Regional Panel agreements shall specifically set forth the scope of the powers of the Panel, but, in no event said powers exceed those authorized in this ARTICLE.

Section 2. Composition.
Regional Panels shall consist of three members from each of the Districts entering into the Agreement. The selection of the members shall be decided by the members of the respective District Committees.

Section 3. Officers.
The officers of each Regional Panel shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and a Secretary. Officers shall be elected by the Panel and shall serve for a period of one year, beginning July 1 of a year and ending June 30 of the following year. Officers shall be selected by the members of the Regional Panel, excepting that the Chairmanship shall alternate annually between the participating Districts.

Section 4. Finances.
The Regional Panels shall not have a treasury. The participating District Committees shall share equally in the expenses, if any, of the Panel, and the participating Districts shall reimburse their Committee members for expenses incurred in their participation on the Panel.
Section 5. Powers and Duties of a Regional Panel.

Subject to further limitation by the agreement between the participating Districts, Regional Panels shall have the following powers and duties:

A. To elect its own officers.

B. To investigate, receive, request and require data from member schools, and to hear and decide (1) disputes between two or more member schools located in the participating Districts; (2) matters arising under ARTICLE VI of the PIAA By-Laws involving transfers or athletic recruiting, including students transferring from or to a Cross-District School; (3) alleged breaches of contracts; and (4) alleged violations by Cross-District Schools of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of this Association. The Regional Panel will not consider matters arising solely within one of the participating Districts nor will it consider matters submitted more than one year after the dispute arose.

C. To fix and enforce penalties, in the different Districts within the Region, for violation of the Constitution, and By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of this Association, within the limits prescribed by the By-Laws. The Regional Panel will not consider matters arising solely within one of the participating Districts.

D. No member of the Regional Panel shall be eligible to vote in a dispute involving such member’s school or school district, excepting that members of a Panel from PIAA Districts VIII and XII are permitted to vote in disputes involving schools from their Districts, provided that the matter does not involve the member's school.

E. Referrals of matters to the Regional Panels shall be made by one or both of the participating Districts and shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Regional Committee, in writing.

The Regional Panel shall not consider matters arising solely within one of the Districts.

G. A quorum for the transaction of business of the Regional Panel shall be met if at least two from each participating District, are present.

(Renumber ARTICLES VIII, IX, X, XI, and XII, ARTICLES IX, X, XI, XII, and XII, respectively.)

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to submit a proposed amendment to ARTICLE XI, AMENDMENTS, Section 2, Proposed Amendments, of the PIAA Constitution, to the member schools for their vote at their 2008 district annual meeting, which, if approved, would (1) provide for more consistency in the amendment process; and (2) require proposed amendments to the PIAA Constitution, which must be first approved by the PIAA Board of Directors, be approved by that body by a vote of two-thirds, prior to submission of the proposal to the membership, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS

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Section 2. Proposed Amendments.

Proposed amendments must be approved by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors before being submitted to the member schools, provided, however, that on the two-thirds petition of a District Committee to the Executive Director, the Board of Directors shall submit such proposals to the member schools for their approval or rejection.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Tylinski, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, the CODE OF ETHICS PERTAINING TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS, of the PIAA By-Laws, to (1) modernize the Code of Ethics as it pertains to the conduct of schools and coaches, relative to the conduct of their student-athletes and (2) provide for standards governing the conduct of student-athletes. It was further unanimously voted to amend ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Preamble, Section 3, Forfeiture of Contests, Section 5, Forfeiture of Championship Rights, Section 8, Disqualification from Next Contest(s), and Section 9, Violation by Individuals, of the PIAA By-Laws, to (1) require member schools to fully cooperate with investigations of incidents relating to disciplinary matters and application of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of PIAA, (2) provide for the potential forfeiture of a Contest for flagrant misconduct, (3) provide for the potential forfeiture of Championship Rights for flagrant misconduct, (4) provide for the potential disqualification from participation in the next scheduled Contest for flagrant misconduct, and (5) provide for a school to take specified rectifying action and/or impose specified appropriate discipline upon such person(s) for flagrant misconduct, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

CODE OF ETHICS
PERTAINING TO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

This Code of Ethics Pertaining to High School Athletics is to be regarded not only as recommendations, but also as rules governing the conduct of schools, coaches, Contest officials, Athletic Directors, Principals, student-athletes, and the public.

Section 1. The Schools Should:

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C. Establish and enforce a code of conduct for student-athletes.

D. Cooperate with PIAA in ensuring the enforcement of the PIAA Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations.

E. Ensure that necessary and appropriate security is provided for spectators and visiting Teams at Contests hosted by the school.

Section 2. The Coaches Should:

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I. Maintain control of the Team for which the Coach is responsible.

Section 6. Student-Athletes Should:
A. Conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.
B. Not use profanity or obscene language.
C. Not seek to provoke opponents, Contest officials, or spectators to engage in improper conduct.
D. Not seek to injure opponents.

Section 3. The Contest Officials Should:

Section 4. The Athletic Directors Should:

Section 5. The Principals Should:

Section 6. The Public Should:

ARTICLE XIII
PENALTIES

Preamble

As a guiding principle, a penalty imposed by PIAA should be broad and severe if the violation or violations reflect a general disregard for the PIAA Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations; in those instances where the violation or violations are isolated and of relative insignificance, then the penalty should be more specific and limited. Previous violations of PIAA Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations shall be a contributing factor in determining the degree of penalty.

All member schools shall cooperate fully with the PIAA District Committees and/or the PIAA Board of Directors to further the objectives of the Association and to investigate incidents relating to disciplinary matters and application of the PIAA Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations. All member schools shall make available, upon request by the District Committee and/or the Board of Directors, documents relating to a particular incident and shall further make available for questioning Principals, Athletic Directors, coaches, student-athletes, and other school and/or Team personnel officials whose testimony may be desired by the District Committee and/or the Board of Directors.

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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, after which the coach is disqualified, includes any contact by the coach with members of the Team, including other coaches, between a reasonable time after the coach is disqualified and the conclusion of the Contest.

B.  A school may be required to forfeit a Contest for flagrant misconduct and/or other violations of the Constitution or By-Laws of this Association.

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Section 5.  Forfeiture of Championship Rights

A school may be required to forfeit championship rights for flagrant misconduct and/or any violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of PIAA and for participating in a non-approved or a disapproved Tournament in a sport.

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Section 8.  Disqualification from Next Contest(s).

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

Any coach and/or contestant ejected from the last Contest(s) in that sport in a sport season shall be disqualified from coaching and/or participating in the first Contest(s) in that sport in the subsequent sport season, at the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition, at any PIAA member school or, if the student changes levels of competition, such as from junior varsity to varsity, the first Contest(s) in that sport.

The official shall file a report with the PIAA Office on the form prescribed for the sport involved, within twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the Contest in which the ejection occurred.  Failure to file such report shall not affect the validity or consequences of the ejection.

Upon the finding by a District Committee or, if the conduct occurred in an Inter-District Contest, by the Executive Director or Board of Directors, within their respective jurisdictions, that a student-athlete, coach, and/or Team, while coaching or competing for a PIAA member school, engaged in flagrant misconduct while on the premises where a Contest is conducted, said student-athletes, coaches, and/or Teams may be
Section 9. Violation by Individuals.

A. Rectifying Action By School. If it is determined that a school's administration, faculty, coaches, Teams, students, or Team followers engaged in flagrant misconduct and/or conduct which violates one or more provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of this Association, that school may be directed by its District Committee or, if the conduct occurred in an Inter-District Championship Contest, by the Executive Director or Board of Directors, within their respective jurisdictions, to impose appropriate discipline upon such persons or to take other rectifying action for such violations.

PIAA may require the school to take specified rectifying action and/or to impose specified appropriate discipline upon such persons as a condition for not imposing penalties upon the school for flagrant misconduct and/or violations of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations by the individuals enumerated in this Section.

The failure of a school to impose such directed discipline or to take directed rectifying action may subject that school to the penalties set forth in Sections 1 through 7 of this ARTICLE.

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On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Lalli, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 9, Violation by Individuals, of the PIAA By-Laws, to (1) clarify Section 9A; and (2) remove the requirement that a contestant, coach, an official, or any other person attending a Contest that is punched, struck, bitten, or kicked, must sustain an injury before a District Committee may disqualify the person who engaged in the punching, striking, biting, or kicking, both to become effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII
PENALTIES

Section 9. Violation by Individuals.

A. Rectifying Action By School. If it is determined that a school's administration, faculty, coaches, teams, students, or team followers engaged in conduct which violates one or more provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations of this Association, and/or misconduct which is contrary to the purposes of this Association, that school may be directed by its District Committee or, if the conduct occurred in an Inter-District Championship Contest, by the Executive Director or Board of Directors, to impose appropriate discipline upon such persons or to take other rectifying action for such conduct violations.
PIAA may require the school to take specified rectifying action and/or to impose specified appropriate discipline upon such persons as a condition for not imposing penalties upon the school for violations of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and/or Rules and Regulations, and/or misconduct by the individuals enumerated in this Section.

The failure of a school to impose such directed discipline or to take directed rectifying action may subject that school to the penalties set forth in Sections 1 through 7 of this Article.

B. **Punching, Striking, Biting, or Kicking By Contestant or Coach.**

1. A student athlete who, immediately prior to, during, or immediately after a Contest, (a) recklessly or with ill will or an intent to harm, punches (striking with a closed fist), strikes, bites, or kicks a contestant, coach, an official, or any other person attending the Contest, resulting in injury to the person struck; or (b) punches (striking with a closed fist) a contestant, coach, an official, or any other person attending the Contest, resulting in injury to the person struck; may be disqualified in that sport by the District Committee: (1) if the act was reckless, for a period of time up to and including the remainder of that sport’s season and, if the incident occurs with 1/3 or less of that sport’s Regular Season remaining, for a period of time up to and including one half of the following season in the same sport, or (2) if the action was a punch or was with ill will or an intent to harm, for a period of up to one year from the date of the incident leading to the disqualification or the date of the District Committee hearing.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE I, AGE, Section 2, How to Determine Age, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify the means by which the age of a student is determined, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**AGE**

Section 2. **How to Determine Age.**

In determining the age of a student, the date of birth as recorded in a State Bureau of Vital Statistics shall be considered as conclusive if filed in a State Bureau of Vital Statistics within one year after the date of birth.

If a birth record from a State Bureau of Vital Statistics is not available, proof of a student’s age may be determined by the submission of (1) a birth certificate which was issued within one year after birth; (2) a passport with the date of birth recorded thereon; (3) an affidavit by the parent(s) or guardian(s) filed not later than one year after the student’s admission to the first grade of an elementary school; or (4) the earliest date of birth as recorded in the records of the school or schools attended by the student. In the event of the non-existence of any of these documents, the Principal may rely upon the most credible available evidence as to the actual date of birth.
Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Costanza, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, of the PIAA By-Laws, to (1) clarify that only requests from PIAA-member schools for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport will be considered by the Board of Directors; (2) extend the October 1 and November 1 deadlines to November 1 and December 1, respectively; and (3) reorganize and make more concise Section 11, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III**

**ATTENDANCE**

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Section 11. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport.

A. Philosophy

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

1. The PIAA Board of Directors supports opportunities for greater student participation.
2. The Board encourages projects that combine smaller member schools for sponsorship of an activity rather than a small member school combining with a larger member school when the smaller member school cannot support the activity alone.
3. The Board will not approve agreements where an intent of the agreement is to improve the quality of a Team (i.e., obtain a better win/loss record).
4. The Board will approve neither (1) agreements whereby any students enrolled at any of the member schools entering into the agreement would be prohibited from participation in the sports governed by the agreement because of the location of their residence nor (2) agreements in which one of the member schools is a public school and the agreement would bar any home-schooled students who are otherwise eligible at that school from participating on the Team(s) covered by the agreement.
5. The Board will not consider nor approve agreements with non-member schools.
6. Agreements are for at least a two-year period, but may be terminated by the Board of Directors under the following conditions:
   (a) Closing of one of the schools;
   (b) Substantiated complaints from surrounding schools concerning recruiting by one of the participating member schools;
   (c) Substantiated complaints from parents, School Boards, and/or students in one of the participating member cooperating schools, etc.; or
   (d) Other valid reasons as determined by the PIAA Board of Directors.

B. Provisions Applicable To All Agreements.

1. School enrollments:
   (a) For cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport, the male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 225 students or less. For
cooperative sponsorship of a girls’ sport, the female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 225 students or less.

(b) The combined male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) of each odd-numbered year, of the two or three schools involved in cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport will determine the classification of the Team in that sport. The combined female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) of each odd-numbered year, of the two or three schools involved in the cooperative sponsorship of a girls’ sport will determine the classification of the Team in that sport.

2. Timing of Requests to Approve Agreements

(a) 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 approval. Requests for approval must include the resolution of the School Board(s) and/or Board(s) having jurisdiction over the member school(s). 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(s) and/or Board(s) having jurisdiction over the two or three member schools, to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration.

(b) 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 November 1–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 approval for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

(c) 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 December 1–November 1 of any odd-numbered year to be considered for approval for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle. Requests for approval 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.

(d) Decisions by the PIAA Board of Directors on all applications for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements which would affect the classification size of a Team will be made no later than its December meeting of any odd-numbered year for the next reclassification cycle.
3. Modification or Termination of Agreements.
Approved Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements need be resubmitted to the PIAA District Committee and the PIAA Board of Directors only to request modification or termination of the agreements.

(a) Such requests for modification or termination which would not affect the classification size of a Team may be submitted at any time to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors for that proposed modification or termination to be considered for approval. Requests for approval must include the resolution of the School Board(s) and/or Board(s) having jurisdiction over the member school(s). Following consideration, the PIAA District Committee shall forward the request, and the recommendation of the District Committee, to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration.

(b) Such requests for modification or termination which would affect the classification size of a Team must be submitted by the District Committees to the PIAA Board of Directors by December 1-November 1 of any odd-numbered year to be considered for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle. Requests for approval must include the resolution of the School Board(s) and/or Board(s) having jurisdiction over the member school(s). Following consideration, the PIAA District Committee shall forward the request, and the recommendation of the District Committee, to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration.

(c) Requests to modify or terminate the agreement must be initiated by all of the schools if the agreement has been in place for four years or less. Thereafter, any school to the agreement may submit a request to modify or terminate the agreement, subject to the applicable provisions set forth in subsection B3.

CB. Provisions Applicable To Agreements Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport - Within a School District.
A Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreement between two or three participating member senior high schools of the same school district will be considered by the PIAA Board of Directors under the following conditions:

1. School enrollments:
   (a) For cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport, the male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on the Public School Enrollment Report (PDE-4035) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 225 students or less. For cooperative sponsorship of a girls’ sport, the female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on the Public School Enrollment Report (PDE-4035) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 225 students or less.

   (b) The combined male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on the Public School Enrollment Report (PDE-4035) of each odd-numbered year, of the two or three schools involved in cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport will determine the
classification of the Team in that sport. The combined female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on the Public School Enrollment Report (PDE-4035) of each odd-numbered year, of the two or three schools involved in the cooperative sponsorship of a girls’ sport will determine the classification of the Team in that sport.

12. The School Board of the participating member senior high schools shall adopt a resolution which states the purpose for sponsoring a joint Team and which fully delineates the terms and conditions that pertain to Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport by the two or three participating member senior high schools involved in the program.

23. The resolution of the School Board must include at least the following:
   (a) Introduction and purpose of agreement.
   (b) Timeline for implementation.
   (c) Administrative responsibility, liability, and insurance.
   (d) Team name and uniforms.
   (e) Financial arrangements.
   (f) Staffing.
   (g) Operating procedures.
   (h) Facilities.
   (i) Transportation.

34. The School Board of the participating member schools must make the application to the PIAA District Committee and the PIAA Board of Directors for approval of the agreement. The request for approval must include the resolution of the School Board.

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.

9. Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements will be enforced for a minimum of two years. Approved Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements need be resubmitted to the PIAA District Committee and the PIAA Board of Directors only to request modification or termination of the agreements. Such requests for modification or termination must be submitted to the PIAA District Committee for consideration by October 1 of any odd-numbered year. The PIAA District Committee shall submit the request for modification or termination to the PIAA Board of Directors by the December meeting of any odd-numbered year to be considered for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle. Requests to modify or terminate the agreement must be initiated by all of the schools. However, if the agreement has been in place for at least four years, any school to the agreement may submit a request to modify or terminate the agreement.


A Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreement between two or three participating member junior high/middle schools or by two or three participating member senior high schools which are not located in the same school district will be considered by the PIAA Board of Directors under the following conditions:

1. The school districts of the two or three participating member schools must be contiguous and/or overlap.

2. For cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport, the male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on the Public School Enrollment Report (PDE-4035) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades six through eight (for junior high/middle schools) or in grades nine through eleven (for senior high schools) must be 225 students or less. For cooperative sponsorship of a girls’ sport, the female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on the Public School Enrollment Report (PDE-4035) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades six through eight (for junior high/middle schools) or in grades nine through eleven (for senior high schools) must be 225 students or less.

3. The School Board(s) and/or Board(s) having jurisdiction over the participating member schools shall enter into a written agreement that fully delineates the terms and conditions that pertain to Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport by the two or three participating member schools involved in the agreement.

34. The written agreement between the two or three participating member schools must include at least the following.

(a) Introduction and purpose of agreement.
(b) Timeline for implementation.
(c) Administrative responsibility, liability, and insurance.
(d) Team name and uniforms.
(e) Financial arrangements.
(f) Staffing.
(g) Operating procedures.
(h) Facilities.

(i) Transportation.

5. The combined male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on the Public School Enrollment Report (PDE-4035) of each odd-numbered year, of the two or three schools involved in cooperative sponsorship of a boys' sport will determine the classification of the Team in that sport. The combined female enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) on the Public School Enrollment Report (PDE-4035) of each odd-numbered year, of the two or three schools involved in cooperative sponsorship of a girls' sport will determine the classification of the Team in that sport.

4. The School Boards and/or Boards having jurisdiction over the participating member schools must make the application to the PIAA District Committee and the PIAA Board of Directors for approval of the agreement. The request for approval must include the resolutions of the School Board(s) and/or Board(s) having jurisdiction over the participating member schools.

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.

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Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend
ARTICLE VII, FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, Title, and Section 5, Students Not Subject to ARTICLE, of the PIAA By-Laws, to (1) clarify the status of students from American dependencies; and (2) account for students transferring from foreign jurisdictions but who do not meet the criteria for Foreign Exchange Students or International Students, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VII
FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS,
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND FOREIGN STUDENTS

Section 5. Students Not Subject To ARTICLE.

a. American Dependencies. Students from American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and other dependencies of the United States, are neither Foreign Exchange Students nor International Students. Said students must meet all PIAA eligibility provisions.

b. Foreign Students. A resident of a foreign country who transfers to a PIAA-member school but who does not meet the requirements in Sections 1 or 2 above is considered a Foreign Student. Foreign Students must meet all PIAA eligibility provisions.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Lalli, seconded by Mrs. Williams, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification From Next Contest(s), of the PIAA By-Laws, to (1) reorganize Section 8 into subsections; and (2) provide for appeals of disqualifications, under certain very limited conditions, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII
PENALTIES

Section 8. Disqualification From Next Contest(s).

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

B. Disqualification From Last Contest of a Season. Any coach and/or contestant ejected from the last Contest(s) in that sport in a sport season shall be disqualified from coaching and/or participating in the first Contest(s) in that sport in the
subsequent sport season, at the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition, at any PIAA member school or, if the student changes levels of competition, such as from junior varsity to varsity, the first Contest(s) in that sport at the higher level of competition.

C. Reporting of Disqualification. The official shall file a report with the PIAA Office on the form prescribed for the sport involved, within twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the Contest in which the ejection occurred. Failure to file such report shall not affect the validity or consequences of the ejection.

D. Appeal of Disqualification. Decisions of a Contest official to disqualify a student or coach are generally not subject to appeal. The only exceptions to this rule are as follows:

1. Misidentification of person: The person intended by the Contest official to be disqualified was not the one actually disqualified. This exception will not be considered without input from the Contest official.

2. Misapplication of a rule: The Contest official erred in applying a Contest rule such that a student or coach was disqualified under a rule not applicable to that sport or which did not provide for disqualification. The judgment of the official regarding the conduct of the student or coach may not be challenged.

Appeals shall be submitted to, and resolved by, the Executive Director. Appeals will be considered only if they are brought to the attention of the Executive Director in sufficient time to permit reasoned consideration prior to the next Contest. An appeal may be denied for lack of timely submission of adequate evidence. The Executive Director's decision may not be appealed.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Lalli, seconded by Mrs. Williams, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, of the PIAA By-Laws, to modernize the provisions for removal, suspension, and probation of registered sports officials, effective July 1, 2008:

ARTICLE XV
OFFICIALS

Section 5. Removal of Registered Sports Officials.

The Board of Directors shall remove from the list of registered sports officials any person convicted of, or who pleads guilty or no contest to, (1) any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 6344(c)(2) or an equivalent crime under federal law or of another state, or (2) a felony offense under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act committed within the preceding five years.

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

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

B. Whose conduct on or off the competition surface renders the official unfit to act as a registered sports official, or

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

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

E. Who, while under suspension herein, engages in conduct defined in Section 6 below that would be additional grounds for suspension.

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

Section 6. Suspension.

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

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

or

B. Who is charged with (1) any of the offenses identified at the time of violation in 23 Pa.C.S.A. § 6344(c)(2) or an equivalent crime under federal law or of another state, or (2) a felony offense under the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act committed within the preceding five years, or (3) forgery, fraud, embezzlement, perjury, and/or another offense which relates to or calls into question the honesty or veracity of the official, or

C. Who pursues a course of action which is detrimental to the welfare of the Association, its members, student-athletes, and/or other registered sports officials, or

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

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

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

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

H. Who, while on probation herein, engages in conduct defined in Section 7 below that would be additional grounds for probation, or
I. Who has been determined to have been biased and/or palpably unfair in decisions in a Contest, or

JG. Who repeatedly fails to file with the PIAA Office, within twenty-four (24) hours following the completion of the Contest, a report of disqualification of a coach and/or contestant under ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification from Next Contest(s), of the PIAA By-Laws. NOTE: The offenses identified in Section 6344(c)(2) currently include: (1) criminal homicide; (2) aggravated assault; (3) stalking; (4) kidnapping; (5) unlawful restraint; (6) rape; (7) statutory sexual assault; (8) involuntary deviate sexual intercourse; (9) sexual assault; (10) indecent exposure; (11) incest; (12) concealing death of a child; (13) offenses relating to infant children; (14) prostitution and related offenses; (15) obscene and other sexual materials and performances; (16) corruption of minors; (17) sexual abuse of children; (18) the attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit any of the above offenses; and (19) a violation of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act. This list may be modified, reduced, or expanded by Act of the General Assembly. The list of offenses in effect at the time of violation by the sports official shall be applicable to proceedings to remove or suspend that sports official.

Section 7. Probation.

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

A. Who violates or cancels a contract with a member school or alters a proposed contract without the consent of the other contracting party, or
B. Who fails to wear the required uniform, or
C. Who fails to cooperate with PIAA in any investigation, or
D. Whose conduct on or off the competition surface is not conducive to the best interests and/or purposes of PIAA, or
E. Who fails to comply with PIAA regulations pertaining to sports officials and/or with decisions of the Executive Director or Board of Directors relating to the official, or
F. Who has been placed on probation by a national amateur or professional athletic organization or a state high school association that recognizes and/or registers sports officials, or
G. Who has been accused of being biased and/or palpably unfair in decisions in a Contest, or

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

Following a third reading, on a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Constantine, it was voted to amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, TABLE III - Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for (1) the reduction of the maximum length of Regular Season from 11 weeks
to 9 weeks in the sports of boys’ lacrosse and girls’ lacrosse; (2) the reduction of the
maximum number of Regular Season Contests from 20 to 18 in the sports of boys’
lacrosse and girls’ lacrosse; and (3) the establishment of District and Inter-District
Championships in the sports of boys’ lacrosse and girls’ lacrosse, effective July 1, 2008,
to read as follows:

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

TABLE III - Schedule of Spring Sports

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Motion passed: 22-yes, 8-no. The roll call vote was:

- District 1 - Yes District 12 - Yes
- District 7 - Yes District 12 - Yes
- District 1 - Yes JH/MS’ Rep. - No
- District 2 - No PSBA Rep. - Yes
- District 3 - Yes PASA Rep. - Yes
- District 3 - Yes PASSP Rep. - Yes
- District 4 - No PSADA Rep. - Yes
- District 5 - Yes PCA Rep. - No
- District 6 - Yes Female Offs. - Yes
- District 7 - Yes Male Offs. - Yes
- District 7 - Yes Girls’ Athletics - Yes
- District 8 - No Private Schools’ - Yes
- District 9 - Yes PA Dept. Ed. - No
- District 10 - No Female Parents - Yes
- District 11 - Yes Male Parents - No

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 13, 2008, which was
held in the Assembly Room of The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA, voted to
recommend to the PIAA Board of Directors that it (1) amend, on a first reading basis,
Incidents Arising During Inter-District Championship Contests and Other Matters
Delegated to the Executive Director; (2) amend, on a first reading basis, the Policy Regarding Disclosure of Records; and (3) amend, on a second reading basis, the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball.

At that same meeting, the PIAA Policy Review Committee considered and reviewed the reimbursement policies referred to it by the PIAA Budget Committee, at its meeting of Thursday, January 10 and Friday, January 11, 2008.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend, on a first reading basis, Incidents Arising During Inter-District Championship Contests and Other Matters Delegated to the Executive Director, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

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

III. Matters That the Executive Director May Hear

The Executive Director may delegate to an individual and/or District Committee his authority under this Policy to investigate and take disciplinary action relating to specified matters. All references in this Policy to "Executive Director" shall be deemed to include the delegate of the Executive Director.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend, on a first reading basis, the Policy Regarding Disclosure of Records, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**POLICY REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS**

A. DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Directors of PIAA stand in a fiduciary relation to the corporation and are required to perform their duties as directors in good faith, in a manner they reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the corporation, and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, skill, and diligence, as persons of ordinary prudence would use under similar certain circumstances. PIAA directors are entitled to see and use documents of PIAA that are necessary for them to carry out their duties as directors.

B. DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS TO DISTRICT COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS:
The decision as to what documents, or categories of documents, should be made available to District Committees and PIAA members shall be determined by the Board of Directors, through specific decisions, the adoption of policies, or delegation of authority to officers and administrative staff. The Board of Directors should permit access by District Committees and PIAA members to those documents necessary for them to carry out their duties under the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws.
C. DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF NON-PIAA ENTITIES AND PERSONS: In accordance with the following procedures, certain PIAA records documents may, upon request, be made available to persons not covered by the above stated policies.

1. **Open-Records Officer.** The PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, shall be the Open-Records Officer of PIAA. The Open-Records Officer shall receive requests for records received by PIAA, shall direct requests to appropriate persons within PIAA, shall track PIAA’s progress in responding to requests and shall issue interim and final responses to said requests.

2. **Form of Request Oral/Written Requests.** Requests for records submitted to PIAA shall be addressed to the Open-Records Officer. PIAA personnel may fulfill oral requests for documents but are not required to do so. A written request shall be directed to the PIAA Open-Records Officer Executive Director. The a written request should identify or describe the records sought with sufficient specificity to enable PIAA to ascertain which records are being requested and shall include the name and address to which PIAA should address its response. The Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, shall respond to a written request (including requests submitted by electronic mail) for records within a reasonable period of time.

3. **Receipt of Request.** Upon receiving a request, the Open-Records Officer shall:
   a. Note the date of receipt on the written request;
   b. Note on the written request when five (5) business days from date of receipt will expire;
   c. Maintain an electronic or paper copy of the written request, including all records submitted with the request;
   d. Create a file as to the request. Said file shall include at least the following: (1) the original request; (2) a copy of the response; and (3) a copy of other communications.

4. **Timing of Response.** Within five (5) business days of receipt of a request, the Open-Records Officer shall respond to said request. Said deadline shall be extended if the Open-Records Officer determines that one of the following applies:
   a. The request requires redaction of a record;
   b. The request requires retrieval of records stored in a remote location;
   c. A timely response to the request cannot be accomplished due to bona fide and specified staffing limitations;
   d. A legal review is necessary to determine whether the record is subject to access under this Policy;
   e. the requester has not complied with the Policy;
   f. the requester has refused to pay the applicable fees;
   g. the extent or nature of the request precludes a response within five (5) business days.
Should the Open-Records Officer determine that an extension is necessary, the Open-Records Officer shall, within five (5) business days of receipt of the request, so notify the requester. The notice shall state that the request is being reviewed and shall set forth the reason for the extension, a reasonable date upon which a response is expected to be provided, and an estimate of applicable fees owed when the records become available. Unless consented to by the requester, the extension shall not exceed thirty (30) days.

5. **Form of Response.**
   a. **Format of Production:** The Open-Records Officer shall timely make available for inspection during normal business hours all non-privileged requested records. To the extent that copies of records are requested, said copies shall be provided in the medium requested if the records are kept in said medium. Otherwise, the records shall be produced in the medium in which they exist. No requester shall be entitled to have access to any computer maintained by PIAA or any of its personnel. In responding to a request for records documents, the Open-Records Officer PIAA's Administrative Staff shall not be required to produce records in any format other than that of the existing document (i.e., shall not be required to cover to electronic format if not already stored in that format) and shall not be required to create, compile, or organize records documents which do not already exist or are not so compiled or organized.

   b. **Records Available on Web Site:** If the requested records are available on the PIAA Web site, the Open-Records Officer PIAA personnel may respond to the request by so notifying the requester properly direct the requester to the site. If the requester nevertheless requests production of the records documents, PIAA shall do so and shall charge an appropriate fee for upon receipt of payment for the cost of provision of such records documents.

   c. **Specific Categories of Records Documents Available for Inspection/Copying:** The following records shall be accessible for inspection and duplication by a requester in accordance with this Policy.

   1. Records of athletic performances and athletic records of student athletes and member schools.
   3. Agendas for and Minutes of PIAA Board of Directors and its Committees (with the exception of its Human Resources Committee) meetings.
   4. Agendas for and Minutes of PIAA Advisory and Steering Committees meetings.
   5. All contracts between PIAA and third parties Forms of personnel agreements.
   6. Bids submitted by, and contracts entered into with, vendors.
   7. Bids submitted by, and contracts entered into with, entities seeking to host PIAA Inter-District Championship Contests. Entities submitting proposals should be aware that requests to keep all or some of the contents thereof confidential cannot be accepted by PIAA.
   8. School membership applications.
9. Contracts for cooperative sponsorship of a sports.
10. Annual financial statements.
11. Annual budget.
d. **Specific Categories of Records Documents not Subject to Inspection/or Copying:**
   1. Personal information of student athletes
   2. Athletic eligibility and school sanction decisions, except as permitted in PIAA's policy relating to confidentiality.
   3. Agendas for and minutes of executive sessions of the Board of Directors and its Human Resources Committee.
   4. Employee personnel files and records, other than the name, position, salary, actual compensation, and employment contracts of personnel.
   5. Memoranda and reports of PIAA’s counsel relating to litigation.
   6. Medical information regarding any PIAA-related personnel. Memoranda and reports of PIAA’s legislative consultants relating to pending legislation and matters with the General Assembly.
   7. Records containing the Social Security number; driver’s license number; personal financial information; home, cellular, or personal telephone numbers; personal e-mail addresses; and other confidential personal identification information of any person. Documents submitted to PIAA by schools and students relating to eligibility matters (unless disclosure is authorized by the submitting school or students).
   8. Records containing a spouse’s name, marital status, beneficiary, or dependent information of any person.
   10. Records relating to investigations of student-athletes, athletic officials, and schools; including complaints, investigative materials, correspondence, and reports.

e. **Redaction:** The Open-Records Officer shall redact from production those records, and portions of records, which are privileged or are exempt from production.

f. **Notification of Third Parties:** Where records produced have been provided to PIAA by third parties, and those records are the subject of the request, the Open-Records Officer may, if deemed appropriate, notify the third parties of the request and the requester.

6. **Payment of Fees Costs:** The Open-Records Officer may charge a requester the costs incurred by PIAA for (1) actual postage; and (2) costs of duplication. Where said costs are projected to exceed $100, said payment shall be required in advance of production. No future production shall be made to any person or entity who has not paid for a prior production until such amount due and owing is paid. Additionally, where payment for prior productions was not made within thirty (30) days of production, the Open-Records Officer may make future productions contingent upon prepayment of estimated costs. PIAA may charge a reasonable fee for the cost of copying such records and for the time expanded for provision of such service.
7. Denial of Request: If the Open-Records Officer denies a written request for access, said denial shall specify (1) a description of the record(s) requested; (2) the specific reasons for the denial; (3) the typed name, title, business address, business telephone number, and signature of the Open-Records Officer; (4) the date of the response; and (5) the procedure to appeal the denial of the request to the Office of Open Records.

D. Retention: Nothing in this policy is intended to modify, rescind, or supersede any record retention and disposition schedule established pursuant to PIAA policy.

E. Confidential Information: Nothing in this policy is intended to supersede PIAA's Policy Regarding Confidentiality of Student-Athlete and Member School Information.

F. Posting of Information. PIAA shall post, at its Headquarters and on its Web site, the following:

1. This Policy;
2. Contact information for the Open-Records Officer;
3. A form which may be used to file a request with PIAA.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Culver, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

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

In the Team sports of baseball, basketball, 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, upon at least 200 member senior high schools sponsoring a sport, provide for a minimum of two enrollment classifications in each of the aforementioned sports.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to refer the following reimbursement policies to the respective PIAA District Committees for their consideration and review:

**REIMBURSEMENT POLICY REGARDING MEMBER SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN PIAA INTER-DISTRICT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The following reimbursement policy shall apply to all PIAA inter-district football **first, quarterfinal, and semi-final round** Contests to help defray the expenses incurred by participating member schools:
Schools shall be reimbursed $8.00 per one-way mileage for one vehicle and $1.00 for each advance adult general admission ticket sold by the school and $.50 for each advance student general admission ticket sold by the school. The minimum reimbursement per trip shall be $1,000.00.

All reimbursement checks, made payable to the respective participating member schools, shall be mailed to those schools, from the PIAA Headquarters, following the conclusion of the PIAA Football Championships.

For all PIAA football championship (final) Contests, the following alternative reimbursement schedule is provided by PIAA to help defray the expenses incurred by participating member schools for a maximum of fifty (50) persons including the supervisory personnel:

Schools shall be reimbursed $8.00 per one-way mileage for one vehicle.

When a school travels 1-50 miles one-way, it shall receive a reimbursement of $5.00 for one (1) meal per person x fifty (50) persons = $250.00.

When a school travels 51-100 miles one-way, it shall receive a reimbursement of $15.00 for two (2) meals per person x fifty (50) persons = $750.00.

When a school travels 101-150 miles one-way, it shall receive a reimbursement of $30.00 for three (3) meals per person x fifty (50) persons = $1,500.00.

When a school travels 151-200 miles one-way, it shall receive a reimbursement of $35.00 for four (4) meals per person and $30.00 for one (1) night’s lodging per person x fifty (50) persons = $3,250.00.

When a school travels 201-250 miles one-way, it shall receive a reimbursement of $45.00 for five (5) meals per person and $30.00 for one (1) night’s lodging per person x fifty (50) persons = $3,750.00.

When a school travels 251 miles or more one-way, it shall receive a reimbursement of $60.00 for six (6) meals per person and $60.00 for two (2) nights’ lodging per person x fifty (50) persons = $6,000.00.

The reimbursement of meals and lodging is based on the following schedule:

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PIAA Board of Directors’ policy provides for member schools that qualify to the PIAA Football Championship (Final) Contests to be reimbursed at an amount which is the greater of the REIMBURSEMENT POLICY REGARDING MEMBER SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATING IN PIAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS OR the member school alternative reimbursement schedule, as set forth above.

Mileage claims made by participating member school athletic administrators will be determined by PIAA Headquarters staff utilizing MAPQUEST or a similar Internet site designed to calculate mileage from a starting point to a destination.

**REIMBURSEMENT POLICY REGARDING MEMBER SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN PIAA INTER-DISTRICT WRESTLING REGIONS**

Member schools are responsible for acquiring their own lodging and meals. Each competing member school is responsible for the transportation expenses of its coaches and contestants. PIAA will not reimburse member schools for lodging, meals, or transportation expenses.

PIAA will reimburse member schools an expense allowance to defray the cost of lodging and meals for all contestants and two (2) coaches per member school. Member schools will be reimbursed for lodging and meals when a contestant has been eliminated from further competition in the Championship bracket. Reimbursement will be on a per person basis, based upon the region from which the member school qualified, as follows:

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**REIMBURSEMENT POLICY REGARDING MEMBER SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN PIAA INTER-DISTRICT BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The following reimbursement policy shall apply to all PIAA basketball play-in round, first, second, quarterfinal, and semi-final round Contests to help defray the expenses incurred by participating member schools:
Schools shall be reimbursed $4.00 per one-way mileage for one vehicle and $1.00 for each advance adult general admission ticket sold by the school and $.50 for each advance student general admission ticket sold by the school. The minimum reimbursement per trip shall be $500.00.

All reimbursement checks, made payable to the respective participating member schools, shall be mailed to those schools, from the PIAA Headquarters, following the conclusion of the PIAA Basketball Championships.

For all PIAA Basketball **Championship (Final)** Contests, the following alternative reimbursement schedule is provided by PIAA to help defray the expenses incurred by participating member schools for a maximum of twenty-five (25) persons including the supervisory personnel:

Schools shall be reimbursed $4.00 per one-way mileage for one vehicle.

When a school travels 1-50 miles one-way, it shall receive a reimbursement of $5.00 for one (1) meal per person x twenty-five (25) persons = $125.00.

When a school travels 51-100 miles one-way, it shall receive a reimbursement of $15.00 for two (2) meals per person x twenty-five (25) persons = $375.00.

When a school travels 101-150 miles one-way, it shall receive a reimbursement of $30.00 for three (3) meals per person x twenty-five (25) persons = $750.00.

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Mileage claims made by participating member school athletic administrators will be determined by PIAA Headquarters staff utilizing MAPQUEST or a similar Internet site designed to calculate mileage from a starting point to a destination.

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Policy Review Committee meeting of Thursday, March 13, 2008.

RECESS

President Stone recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 9:25 p.m., Thursday, March 13, 2008.

RECONVENE

President Stone reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:10 a.m., Friday, March 14, 2008 in the Assembly Room, The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

W. Rodney Stone, Warrington................................................................. District 1
Dr. Randy A. Ireson, Concordville........................................................... District 1
Francis M. Majikes, Wilkes-Barre.......................................................... District 2
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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Richard A. Constantine, Uniontown....................................................... District 7
John B. Fullen, Sr., Beaver Falls............................................................. District 7
Jon L. Vallina, Burgettstown................................................................. District 7
Michael A. Gavlik, Pittsburgh............................................................... District 8
James B. Manners, Brockway............................................................... District 9
Walter J. Blucas, Girard........................................................................... District 10
John P. Wabby, Pottsville......................................................................... District 11
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia........................................................... District 12
Michael W. Hawkins, Philadelphia......................................................... District 12
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Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ................................................................................PIAA Legal Counsel
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Timothy M. O’Malley, Executive Director..............................................................PIAA District VII/WPIAL
John M. Bailey......................................................................................................PSFCA Representative
George B. Shue .....................................................................................................PSFCA Representative

MEMBER ABSENT

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Stone called an Executive Session of the PIAA Board of Directors to discuss the report of legal counsel, and the report and analysis of PIAA’s legislative consultant. The Board of Directors then went into Executive Session, where legislative matters were discussed.
RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

PIAA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman of the PIAA Nominating Committee advised the PIAA Board of Directors that that Committee met earlier this morning in the Assembly Room of The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA. The Committee is soliciting nominations for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer of PIAA for the term beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009; and is respectfully requesting that persons submitting nominations seek and receive such nominee’s approval before submitting same for the aforementioned positions.

PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Mr. Blucas, 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, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt, on a suspended protocol basis, the PIAA Cash Flows Budget for the year ending June 30, 2009.

PIAA CROSS COUNTRY STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Mr. Tonkin, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was voted to accept, on a second reading basis, the recommendation of the PIAA Cross Country Steering Committee that the PIAA Board of Directors’ require at least one PIAA-registered track and field/cross country official to serve as meet referee/starter at every Regular Season Contest in the sport of cross country, effective July 1, 2008.

Motion failed: 9-yes, 20-no.

2008-2009 AND 2009-2010 PIAA FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING CHAMPIONSHIPS
PROPOSED MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ENTRIES (QUALIFIERS), BY DISTRICT OR REGION, AND SELECTED BRACKETS (PAIRINGS)

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff to approve, on a second reading basis, the proposed maximum number of entries (qualifiers), by District or Region, for the 2008 and 2009 PIAA Fall Championships, as herein amended; and the proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2008 and 2009 PIAA Girls’ Team and Singles’ and Doubles’ Tennis, Girls’ Volleyball, Field Hockey, Girls’ Fall and Boys’ Soccer, and Football Championships, as amended.
On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff to approve, on a second reading basis, the proposed maximum number of entries (qualifiers), by District or Region, for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 PIAA Winter Championships, as herein amended; and the proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 PIAA Team Wrestling and Basketball Championships, as amended.

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Constantine, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff to approve, on a second reading basis, the proposed maximum number of entries (qualifiers), by District or Region, for the 2009 and 2010 PIAA Spring Championships, as herein amended; and the proposed brackets (pairings) for the 2009 and 2010 PIAA Boys’ Team and Singles’ and Doubles’ Tennis, Boys’ Volleyball, Girls’ Spring Soccer, Baseball, and Softball Championships, as amended.

RECESS

President Stone recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 9:55 a.m., Friday, March 14, 2008.

RECONVENE

President Stone reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:00 a.m., Saturday, March 15, 2008 in the Assembly Room, The Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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John M. Bailey ................................................................. PSFCA Representative
George B. Shue ................................................................. PSFCA Representative
Rodney L. Frisco, Sports Writer ........................................................ Harrisburg Patriot-News
MEMBER ABSENT
Thomas J. Gentzel, Mechanicsburg.................................................................PSBA

AD HOC TRANSFER RULE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman of the Ad Hoc Transfer Rule Committee advised the Board of Directors that that Committee, at its meeting of Friday, March 7, 2008, which was held in Magnolia D of the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA, voted 4-3 to recommend that the Board of Directors consider, review, and schedule for a third and final reading at its meeting of Thursday, May 22, 2008 the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee proposal to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws.

Following extensive discussion of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee proposal to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, on a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was voted to refer the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee proposal to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, to all interested constituencies for their consideration and review; and to schedule such proposal for a third and final reading at the Thursday, May 22, 2008 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors.

Motion passed: 23-yes, 5-no. The roll call vote was:

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Immediately following the vote on that motion, on a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to postpone consideration of either an alternative proposal or the Executive Director, Director of Legal Affairs, and Legal Counsel re-draft of the Transfer Rule until after the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee proposal to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, is given full consideration by the Board of Directors at its May 2008 meeting.
On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Constantine, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Ad Hoc Transfer Rule Committee meeting of Friday, March 7, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stone adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 9:40 a.m., Saturday, March 15, 2008.

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 7:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 AND 8:00 A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2008, FALLING SPRING ROOM, FOUR POINTS SHERATON, CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley R. Cashman
Executive Director