At 7:55 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, 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
Joseph T. Kelly, Bloomsburg................................................................. 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
Evan R. Scott, Philadelphia................................................................. District 12
Robert J. Tonkin, Brookville
    Representing .................................................................................Junior High/Middle Schools
Thomas J. Gentzel, Mechanicsburg
    Representing ..................................................................................PSBA
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
MEMBERS PRESENT (CONTINUED)

Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside
Representing ......................................................................................................... PCA

Kathy E. Getz, Revloc
Representing ........................................................................................................... Female Officials

Joseph F. Lalli, Dunmore
Representing ......................................................................................................... Male Officials

Linda G. Shultz, Bobtown
Representing ......................................................................................................... Girls’ Athletics

Richard B. Culver, Bethlehem
Representing ......................................................................................................... Private Schools

John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg
Representing ......................................................................................................... Department of Education

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
Melissa N. Mertz, Assistant Executive Director ....................................................... PIAA
Mark E. Byers, Assistant Executive Director ............................................................ PIAA
Gregory G. Biller, Director of Business Affairs ......................................................... PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs ................................................ PIAA

GUESTS PRESENT

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ...................................................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
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
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ................................................................. Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Rodney L. Frisco, Sports Writer ........................................................................... Harrisburg Patriot-News
Joby Fawcett, Sports Writer .................................................................................. Scranton Times

INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Stone introduced Mr. Evan R. Scott, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Michael W. Hawkins, PIAA District XII Vice Chairman.
CORRECTION TO MINUTES OF MEETING OF
THURSDAY, JANUARY 24 AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Scott, it was unanimously voted to correct the Minutes of the Thursday, January 24 and Friday, January 25, 2008 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, to read as follows:

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Lansdale Catholic High School to be transferred from the jurisdiction of PIAA District I to the jurisdiction of PIAA District XII, conditioned upon PIAA District XII Committee approval, effective July 1, 2008.

CORRECTION TO MINUTES OF MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 13;
FRIDAY, MARCH 14; AND SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Tonkin, it was unanimously voted to correct the Minutes of the Thursday, March 13; Friday, March 14; and Saturday, March 15, 2008 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, to read as follows:

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Thursday, March 13; Friday, March 14; and Saturday, March 15, 2008 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as herein corrected and presented by the Executive Director.

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Long, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following schools, effective July 1, 2008:

District I -
Collegium Charter School
The School of the Church Farm
Upper Bucks Christian School
On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2008:

District III - New Hope Academy Charter School

On a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, effective July 1, 2008:

District IV - Northumberland Christian High School

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, conditioned upon PIAA District VI Committee approval, effective July 1, 2008:

District VI - Altoona Area Junior High School

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, conditioned upon PIAA District X Committee approval, effective July 1, 2008:

District X - Abraxas I Arlene Lissner High School

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Evans, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following schools, effective July 1, 2008:

District XII - Academy at Palumbo Public High School
Boys’ Latin of Philadelphia Charter School
Mastery Charter School - Shoemaker Campus
Philadelphia Military Academy at Elverson Public High School

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following schools to withdraw from membership in PIAA, conditioned upon PIAA District VI Committee approval, effective July 1, 2008:

District VI - D.S. Keith Junior High School
Theodore Roosevelt Junior High School

TRANSFER OF SCHOOL FROM ONE PIAA DISTRICT TO ANOTHER

On a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Sugar Valley Rural Charter School to be transferred from the jurisdiction of PIAA District VI to the jurisdiction of PIAA District IV, conditioned upon PIAA District IV Committee approval, effective July 1, 2008.
REQUEST OF ELK LAKE AND MONTROSE HIGH SCHOOLS
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 Elk Lake and Montrose High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF DAYSpring CHRISTIAN SCHOOL,
LIVING WORD ACADEMY, AND VERITAS ACADEMY 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 Dayspring Christian School, Living Word Academy, and Veritas Academy for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in baseball, boys’ and girls’ basketball, field hockey, boys’ and girls’ golf, boys’ and girls’ soccer, boys’ and girls’ track and field, and girls’ volleyball, conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP AND SAINT JOHN NEUMANN
REGIONAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL
OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Loyalsock Township and Saint John Neumann Regional Academy High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football and wrestling, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF LOYALSOCK TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SAINT JOHN
NEUMANN REGIONAL ACADEMY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF
COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Loyalsock Township Middle School and Saint John Neumann Regional Academy Junior High School for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football and wrestling, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF HOMER CENTER, APOLLO RIDGE, AND INDIANA AREA HIGH
SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Vallina, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Homer Center, Apollo Ridge, and Indiana Area High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in wrestling, conditioned upon PIAA District VI Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.
REQUEST OF HOMER CENTER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, APOLLO RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND INDIANA AREA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Homer Center Junior High School, Apollo Ridge Middle School, and Indiana Area Junior High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in wrestling, conditioned upon PIAA District VI Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

REQUEST OF CONNEAUT LAKE, CONNEAUT VALLEY, AND LINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL TO CHANGE HOST SCHOOL

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Conneaut Lake, Conneaut Valley, and Linesville High Schools to continue to cooperatively sponsor boys’ and girls’ cross country, with the host school changing from Conneaut Valley High School to Conneaut Lake High School, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, SECTION 11, COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT, PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for the opportunity for more than three member schools to enter into a Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreement, effective immediately, 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 more three member schools is as follows:

1. The Board 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 not approve agreements whereby:
   (a) 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; and/or
   (b) 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 neither consider nor approve agreements with non-member schools.
6. The public school districts of the participating member schools must be contiguous and/or overlap.

B. Provisions Applicable To All Agreements.
1. School enrollments:
   (a) For cooperative sponsorship of a boys’ sport, the male enrollment, as of the date as of which schools report their enrollments to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) of each odd-numbered year, in each of the schools but one in grades nine through eleven must be 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 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 PDE of each odd-numbered year, of all of the 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 PDE of each odd-numbered year, of all of the schools involved in the cooperative sponsorship of a girls’ sport will determine the classification of the Team in that sport.
2. Requests to Approve Agreements:
   (a) Requests to approve Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements shall be submitted by the requesting member schools to the applicable PIAA District Committee. Following consideration, the PIAA District Committee shall forward the request, together with its recommendation, to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration.
   (b) For agreements between public schools within a single public school district, said requests for approval must include the approving resolution of the School Board having jurisdiction over the member schools. For all other member schools, said requests for approval must include the proposed agreement between the participating member schools. The resolution or agreement, as applicable, must fully delineate the terms and conditions that pertain to the Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport by the participating member schools, including at least the following:
(1) Introduction and purpose of agreement.
(2) Timeline for implementation.
(3) Administrative responsibility, liability, and insurance.
(4) Team name and uniforms.
(5) Financial arrangements.
(6) Staffing.
(7) Operating procedures.
(8) Facilities.
(9) Transportation.

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

(d) Requests for approval of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreements, which would affect the classification size of a Team, must be submitted on or before November 1st of any odd-numbered year to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors for that proposed agreement to be considered for approval for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

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

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

3. **Modification or Termination of Agreements:**

(a) Requests to modify or terminate a previously approved Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport agreement shall be submitted by the requesting member school to the applicable PIAA District Committee. Following consideration, the PIAA District Committee shall forward the request, together with its recommendation, to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration. The request must include a resolution of the School Board(s) and/or Board(s) having jurisdiction over the member schools approving such modification or termination.

(b) Agreements are for at least a two-year period, but may be terminated by the Board under the following conditions:

(1) Closing of one of the schools;
(2) Substantiated complaints from surrounding schools concerning recruiting by one of the participating member schools;
(3) Substantiated complaints from parents, School Boards, and/or students in one of the participating member schools; and/or
(4) Other valid reasons as determined by the PIAA Board of Directors.
(c) 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.

(d) Such requests for modification or termination, which would affect the classification size of a Team, must be submitted on or before November 1\textsuperscript{st} of any odd-numbered year to the applicable PIAA District Committee for its recommendation to the PIAA Board of Directors to be considered for the immediately following two-year reclassification cycle.

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

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

(g) 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.

\textbf{CD. Effect of Termination of Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement.}

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\textbf{REQUEST OF CARMICHAELS, JEFFERSON MORGAN, WAYNESBURG CENTRAL, AND WEST GREENE HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT}

As a result of the foregoing, on a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Carmichaels, Jefferson Morgan, Waynesburg Central, and West Green High Schools to cooperatively sponsor girls' soccer, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.

\textbf{DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS' REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION}

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Tonkin, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for the 2008-2009 PIAA Team Wrestling, Individual Wrestling, Swimming and Diving, and Basketball Championships, as presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for the months ended March 31 and April 30, 2008, as presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Director of Business Affairs to outsource the
administration of PIAA Championships merchandise production, distribution, and sales activities to Team IP, subject to review by the Director of Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel of an agreement between Team IP and PIAA, which is to become effective July 1, 2008, and end on June 30, 2010.

SECOND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Second Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on the soon-to-be-completed 2008 PIAA Track and Field, Girls’ Spring Soccer, and Baseball Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Second Assistant Executive Director to discontinue the publishing (printing and mailing) of the PIAA Quarterly; and, instead, post it to the PIAA Web site and electronically distribute it, effective July 1, 2008.

PIAA SOCCER STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to amend the PIAA Board of Directors’ proposal to experiment with National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rule 12-8-1, to read as follows:

A five (5) minute playing time sit out following the issuance of a yellow card to a player, without the opportunity for that player’s Team to substitute for that player. A cautioned player(s) may return to the field as a substitute, following the five (5) minute playing time sit out period, pursuant to NFHS Soccer Rule 3-4.

Motion passed: 18-yes, 12-no.

On a motion by Mr. Tommasini, seconded by Mr. Blucas, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to provide for a reporting procedure to the applicable PIAA District Soccer Chairman for concerned schools’ administrations to describe corrective steps taken in response to “hard” red card disqualification reports received by the respective schools, from PIAA, in the sport of soccer.

On a related matter, on a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was voted to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 8, Disqualification From Next Contest(s), of the PIAA By-Laws, to provide for a $25 fine, in addition to disqualification from the next Contest, for 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, to read as follows:
ARTICLE XIII
PENALTIES

Section 8. Disqualification From Next Contest(s) and Fine.

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 (1) 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; and (2) shall have that disqualified coach’s and/or contestant’s member school pay a fine of $25 to PIAA before that coach is permitted to coach and/or that contestant is permitted to participate in another Contest. Where the school refuses to pay the fine, the affected coach and/or student may pay the fine directly or may petition the Executive Director for relief from continued disqualification. Where such relief is granted, the school shall be placed on probation until such payment is made. Upon a granting of a second request for relief, all of the school's Teams shall be ineligible to participate in Postseason Contests until all payments are made.

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).

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 disqualified from participation in the next scheduled Contest following said determination.

Motion passed: 18-yes, 12-no.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee conference call meeting of Tuesday, May 13, 2008, as presented by the Second Assistant Executive Director.
PIAA COACHES’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND PENNSYLVANIA COACHES’ ASSOCIATION (PCA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to table the recommendation of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee and Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA) Board of Directors to table, until at least the PIAA Board of Directors’ meeting of Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24, 2012, action on any recommendation of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee and Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA) Board of Directors relative to PIAA establishing Inter-District Boys’ and Girls’ Bowling Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Constantine, it was unanimously voted to accept the report of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee and Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA) Board of Directors to consider amending the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball to provide for an increase from four to six enrollment classifications in the sports of baseball, basketball, football, and softball; but to further reject any current amendments to said policy.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee and Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA) Board of Directors to maintain the 125th day of the winter sports season (third weekend in March) as the last Regular Season Contest day and PIAA District deadline in the sport of bowling.

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the PIAA Coaches’ Advisory Committee and Pennsylvania Coaches’ Association (PCA) Board of Directors joint meeting of Thursday, March 27, 2008, as prepared by the Second Assistant Executive Director and presented by the PCA Representative to the PIAA Board of Directors.

FIRST ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The First Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on (1) her and the Second Assistant Executive Director’s attendance at the PIAA District XI Annual Meeting and Banquet, which was held on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at the Pottsville Club, Pottsville, PA; (2) her and the Director of Business Affairs’ attendance at the PIAA District IV Annual Meeting and Banquet, which was held on Monday, April 28, 2008, at the Watson Inn, Watsontown, PA; (3) the recently completed 2008 PIAA Boys’ Team Tennis Championships; (4) the soon-to-be-completed 2008 PIAA Boys’ Singles and Doubles Tennis, Boys’ Volleyball, and Softball Championships; (5) 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; and (6) the PIAA-member schools’ orientation, which is scheduled to convene at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.
On a motion by Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the First Assistant Executive Director to approve the following student-delegates to attend the 2008 NFHS National Student Leadership Conference:

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PIAA SWIMMING AND DIVING STEERING COMMITTEE
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The PIAA Board of Directors voted, on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Majikes to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee to reduce from 24 to 16 the minimum number of entries (qualifiers), in each enrollment classification, to the respective PIAA Diving Championships; and provide for 8 additional divers, in each enrollment classification, to advance to the respective PIAA Diving Championships through an east Region and a west Region qualifying meet, which would be scheduled on the Wednesday afternoon/evening of the week of the District deadline in the sport of swimming and diving.

Motion failed: 2-yes, 28-no. PIAA District VIII Chairman and PCA Representative voted in the affirmative.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee to approve a tie-breaking procedure for swimming events using validated fully automatic District seed times to determine which individual swimmer or relay Team will advance to the PIAA Swimming Championships when there is a tie for the 32nd qualifier in an individual swimming event and/or a tie for the 24th Team qualifier in a relay event.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Tonkin, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, March 27, 2008 meeting of the PIAA Swimming and Diving Steering Committee, as presented by the First Assistant Executive Director.
ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on (1) his and the First Assistant Executive Director’s attendance at the PIAA District IX Annual Meeting and Banquet, which was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at Aiello’s Restaurant, Ridgway, PA; (2) his and the Second Assistant Executive Director’s attendance at the PIAA District V Annual Meeting and Luncheon, which was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the Arena Restaurant, Bedford, PA; and (3) his and the Second Assistant Executive Director’s attendance at the PIAA District VIII Annual Dinner and Meeting, which was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the Amici Restaurant, Pittsburgh, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Lalli, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Associate Executive Director to extend the 2008 PIAA-defined golf season Region deadline by two (2) days, from Monday, October 13 (Columbus Day) to Wednesday, October 15, 2008, effective immediately.

PIAA WRESTLING STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to adopt the following contingency plan to replace a Team from a District that chooses not to participate in the PIAA Team Wrestling Championships, effective July 1, 2008:

1. Begin with a rotation between Districts, with the replacement Team to be invited from the District with the largest number of wrestling schools in the affected enrollment classification.
2. If that invited Team chooses not to participate, the next invited Team would come from the District with the next largest number of wrestling schools, and descend in order of number of wrestling schools in the affected enrollment classification, to provide the opportunity for each District to replace a non-participating District’s Team.

The deadline for a District to inform the PIAA Office that its Team chooses not to participate in the PIAA Team Wrestling Championships is January 15th.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee to change the certification of each wrestler from a minimum wrestling weight classification to a minimum wrestling weight, effective July 1, 2008.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Ramella, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, March 27, 2008 meeting of the PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee, as presented by the Associate Executive Director.
PIAA OFFICIALS’ COUNCIL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mrs. Getz, seconded by Dr. Ireson, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council to increase from $35 to $45 the evaluator’s reimbursement for a single Contest, effective July 1, 2008; and keep the fees the same for doubleheaders ($70), tripleheaders ($105), etc.

On a motion by Mrs. Getz, seconded by Mrs. Wagner, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Officials’ Council to rescind the displaying of pink ribbons on officials’ uniform shirts; and, instead, authorize the use of either pink or blue FOX-40 whistles by PIAA-registered officials working any Coaches vs. Cancer Contest, effective July 1, 2008.

On a motion by Mr. Kanaskie, seconded by Mr. Tommasini, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Saturday, March 15, 2008 meeting of the PIAA Officials’ Council, as prepared by the Associate Executive Director and presented by the PIAA-Registered Male Officials’ Representative to the PIAA Board of Directors.

PIAA BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Gentzel, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt the PIAA Operating Activities Budget for the year ending June 30, 2009, as amended.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Budget Committee to adopt the PIAA Cash Flows Budget for the year ending June 30, 2009, as amended.

PIAA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the report of the PIAA Compliance Committee.

RECESS

President Stone recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 10:05 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

RECONVENE

President Stone reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:00 a.m., Thursday, May 22, 2008, in the Falling Spring Room of the Four Points Sheraton, Chambersburg, 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
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.......................................................... Junior High/Middle Schools
John P. Wabby, Pottsville.................................................................. District 10
Robert B. Coleman, Philadelphia....................................................... District 11
Evan R. Scott, Philadelphia................................................................ District 12
Robert J. Tonkin, Brookville............................................................... District 12

Representing........................................................................................................

Thomas J. Gentzel, Mechanicsburg-----------PSBA
Representing........................................................................................................
Norman J. Long, Downingtown---------------------------------PSBA
Representing........................................................................................................

Dr. Donald J. Tylinski, Harmony----------------PASA
Representing........................................................................................................

Dennis F. Nemes, New Tripoli------------------PASSP
Representing........................................................................................................

Dennis J. Ramella, Emmaus----------------------------------PSADA
Representing........................................................................................................

Ronald J. Kanaskie, Riverside---------------------PCA
Representing........................................................................................................

Kathy E. Getz, Revloc---------------------------------Female Officials
Representing........................................................................................................

Joseph F. Lalli, Dunmore---------------------------------Male Officials
Representing........................................................................................................

Linda G. Shultz, Bobtown-------------------Girls’ Athletics
Representing........................................................................................................

Richard B. Culver, Bethlehem----------------Private Schools
Representing........................................................................................................

John J. Tommasini, Harrisburg----------------Department of Education
Representing........................................................................................................

Cynthia K. Wagner, Kams City----------------Female Parents
Representing........................................................................................................

Michael J. Costanza, Laflin-----------------Male Parents’ Representative
Representing..................................................................................................
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Bradley R. Cashman, Executive Director ................................................................. PIAA
Michael L. Solomon, Esq., Director of Legal Affairs ................................................... PIAA

GUESTS PRESENT

Alan R. Boynton, Jr., Esq. ....................................................................................... PIAA Legal Counsel
John P. Milliron, Esq. .............................................................................................. PIAA Legislative Counsel
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
Sean P. McAleer, Director of Education ............................................................... Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Philip J. Murran, Esq., Legal Counsel ....................................................................... Pennsylvania Catholic Conference
Sean Harris ............................................................................................................... Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee Representative
Justin Leventry ....................................................................................................... Senator Robert D. Robbins’ Representative
Rodney L. Frisco, Sports Writer ............................................................................... Harrisburg Patriot-News
Joby Fawcett, Sports Writer .................................................................................... Scranton Times

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE XIX, JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS, SECTION 3, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, PIAA BY-LAWS

Mr. Gavlik, seconded by Mr. Tonkin, moved to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE XIX, JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS, Section 3, Period of Participation, of the PIAA By-Laws, permit sixth graders to be eligible for Practice for and participation in interscholastic athletics, under certain limited circumstances, effective July 1, 2008.

Motion failed:  9-yes, 22-no.
PROPOSAL TO ADOPT INTERPRETATION OF  
ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, SECTION 1, TEAMS 
WHICH MEMBER SCHOOLS MAY PLAY, PIAA BY-LAWS

Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Culver, moved to adopt, on a first reading basis, an Interpretation of ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, Section 1, Teams Which Member Schools May Play, of the PIAA By-Laws, to permit PIAA member Private senior high Schools to participate in Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests against non-PIAA member Private senior high Schools that have on their Teams’ rosters junior high or middle school students enrolled in the 7th and/or 8th grades.

Motion failed: 15-yes, 16-no.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS,  
RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, PIAA BY-LAWS

Following a third reading, Mr. Constantine, seconded by Mr. Fullen, moved to amend ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, of the PIAA By-Laws, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

Preamble

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

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

Experience has shown that athletic recruiting and athletic motivation are often easily disguised in the context of a transfer. In virtually every situation, there is a claim that the transfer has some purpose unrelated to athletics. Being without subpoena powers or investigatory staffs, PIAA has considerable difficulty in objectively ascertaining the degree of credibility present in each transfer case allegedly made for non-athletic purposes.
To advance the educational objectives and purposes stated above, and yet not exclude students from the benefits of participation in interscholastic athletics, PIAA has adopted a general rule of restricted or limited eligibility for transferring students, subject to certain, well-defined exceptions under which a transferring student may apply for, and upon sufficient showing, be declared eligible for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics.

Section 1. Definition of Transfer. A transfer occurs in any situation in which a student enrolls at or attends a school after having been previously home-schooled, enrolled at or attending any other school, without regard to the time interval between the student’s departure from the one school and the student’s arrival at the other. A homeschooled student who is registered with the Superintendent of one school district and who then registers with another school district is considered to have transferred.

A student who enrolls at a school between the end of a school year and the first Practice day of fall sports for the next school year, as established under ARTICLE XVI of these By-Laws, but who neither Practices with nor attends that school, shall, unless a request for determination of eligibility relating to that enrollment has first been ruled upon by a District Committee, be deemed for purposes of this ARTICLE VI not to have transferred to that school.

Section 2. Ninth Grade Eligibility.

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

Section 3. Restricted Eligibility for Transfer Students.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 4 or Section 5 of this Article, a student who transfers after the beginning of 9th grade is ineligible to participate in any Contest (Varsity and junior Varsity) in each sport the student participated in within one year immediately preceding the transfer. Said period of ineligibility shall end upon the completion, by the Varsity Team at that school, of a number of Contests equal to fifty percent (50%) of the maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that sport. Where the required number of Contests is not completed during the Regular Season, Postseason Contests shall apply. Where the required number of Contests is not completed by the end of the Regular Season and Postseason, the period of ineligibility shall carry over until the remaining Contests are completed during the immediately following season in that sport.

Section 4. Full Eligibility.

A student who transfers after the beginning of 9th grade is eligible for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics (including Varsity competition) if the transfer meets the criteria in one of the following subsections:

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

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

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

E. **Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport Agreement.** A student participating in a sport pursuant to a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement is eligible to continue to participate in Varsity competition in that sport upon transfer to one of the other schools participating in that cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement.

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

G. **Participation In Certain Sports.** Subject to Section 8, a transferring student is eligible to participate in Varsity competition in any sport in which that student did not participate within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of transfer.

**Section 5. Conditions Under Which District Committee May Grant Full and Unrestricted Eligibility.**

A student whose eligibility is limited per Section 3 of this ARTICLE may, through the student's Principal, apply for and be granted eligibility for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics by the District Committee if the student's Principal and the student demonstrate to the satisfaction of the District Committee that the criteria in one of the following subsections have been met:

A. **Change of Residence of Parents.** (i) The student has moved with and resides with the student's natural or adoptive parents; (ii) the student and the student’s parents and family have completed a bona fide change of residence; and (iii) the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

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

C. **Change of Residence of Foster Parents.** (i) The student has moved with and resides with foster parents approved by order of a Court of Common Pleas or by the local child welfare organization; (ii) the student and the student’s foster parents and family have completed a bona fide change of residence; and (iii) the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.
D. **Change of Residence Upon Adoption.** (i) The student has been legally adopted by order of a Court of Common Pleas within the past year; (ii) the student has moved into the residence of his/her adoptive parent(s); and (iii) coincident with the move, the student has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

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

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

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

H. **Change of Residence Upon Death of a Parent.** The student has changed residence within one year following the death of one or both care-giving parents and, for the student's well-being and/or safety, has transferred to a public school in the school district in which the student now resides, or to a Private School.

I. **Boarding School Students.** The student has enrolled at, and resides on the campus of, a boarding school. (NOTE: This relates only to transfers. Students who are placed by court order or as a result of disability must still meet the applicable requirements of ARTICLE III, Sections 1 and 9).

J. **Academic Withdrawals.** A student transfers following withdrawal from another school due to an inability to meet the academic requirements of the school. This provision is applicable only if the District Committee is provided with certifications from the sending school that the transfer is not motivated in any way by an athletic purpose and that the student, but for the transfer, would not likely advance to the next academic grade. This exception is not intended to apply to students desiring a different type of academic environment or classes, or to students desiring to improve academic performance or ranking.

K. **Transfer Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act.** The public school which the student had been attending has been identified for improvement, or has failed to make adequate progress as required, under the No Child Left Behind Act and the student has transferred because of that deficiency to another school pursuant to Section
6316 of the Act (e.g., to another public school in the same school district that is not identified for improvement).

L. Severe and Unusual Hardship. The transfer was necessitated by a severe and unusual hardship resulting from a substantial and compelling change in circumstances beyond the control of the student and the student's parents, court-appointed guardians, or foster parents.

This subsection is intended to provide District Committees with discretionary authority to deal with truly unusual and exceptionally extenuating cases.

This subsection is not intended to apply simply because a student is not eligible for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics under another provision of this ARTICLE. Only transfers due to severe, adverse occurrences such as loss of full-time employment, death or disability of one or more parents, court-ordered adjudication of involuntary bankruptcy, court-ordered eviction, and/or judgment of mortgage foreclosure, for example, may be considered under this subsection. Relief under this subsection will rarely be granted and will not be required under any given set of circumstances.

Section 6. Bona Fide Change of Residence.

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

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

NOTE: A District Committee may consider a temporary change of residence tantamount to a bona fide change of residence where: (a) the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) obtain new employment; (b) the new place of employment is located more than 25 miles from the prior residence; (c) the new residence is near the new place of employment; and (d) the move is (i) intended as an interim move pending purchase of a final place of residence near the place of residence, or (ii) tied into a specified period of employment at the new location, such as a four year job, with the expectation of a further move following completion of the term of employment. A temporary move of part of the family, while either of the student's parents or guardians remain in the original place of residence, may not be considered under this provision.

Section 7. Principals’ Certifications and District Committee Review

A. Requests for full and unrestricted participation in interscholastic athletics under Section 5 are to be submitted in writing to the District Committee and must be accompanied by:

1. Written information and documentation demonstrating that the student meets the specific criteria for full and unrestricted eligibility as set forth in Section 5.
2. A certification [or sign-off form in a format to be prescribed by PIAA] signed by the Principal of the school from which the student transferred and a certification signed by the Principal of the school to which the student transferred, stating whether or not, to the best of the Principals’ knowledge and information:
   (a) the student meets the specific criteria required under Section 5;
   (b) the transfer was motivated, either in whole or in part, by an athletic purpose; and

3. A written explanation by each Principal (a) describing the nature and extent of the inquiry conducted by the Principal regarding the facts, circumstances, and reason(s) for the transfer; (b) stating whether or not the Principal has knowledge or information regarding the reason(s) for the transfer other than the statement of the student and/or the student’s parents; and (c) identifying the sources and information relied on by the Principal in completing the certification form.

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

Section 8. Transfers for Athletic Purpose.
   A. Notwithstanding Sections 4G and 5 of this ARTICLE, a District Committee may, upon request of a school or on its own initiative, after giving notice to the student's school and an opportunity to be heard to the student and the student's school, (1) declare any transferring student ineligible for a period of one year from the date of the transfer in each sport in which that student participated within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of transfer, if the Committee finds that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose; and/or (2) if a finding is specifically made that there exists a reasonable likelihood that the transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to specific sports, declare the student ineligible in those sports for one year from the date of transfer, regardless of whether the student actually participated in those sports for the year preceding the date of transfer.

   B. Transfers which are motivated in some material way by an athletic purpose are those transfers which would not have occurred but for a desire of the student or the student's family (i) to gain additional playing time; (ii) to play for a particular school, coach, or Team; (iii) to avoid either playing for, or athletic sanctions imposed by, a particular school, coach, or Team; and/or (iv) to gain increased media or college exposure.
C. The following is an illustrative, but not exhaustive, list of situations which may indicate athletic purpose:

1. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, is dissatisfied with the student's position or amount of playing time which the student receives.

2. The student, or a parent or guardian, or an adult with whom the student resides, has a problem with a coach at either a personal or professional level.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11. The student transfers in the middle of a marking period and/or immediately before or after a sports season.

Section 9.5. Feeder Schools for Private Schools. Any member Private senior high School may submit to PIAA a list designating its Feeder Schools. Such submission is necessary for the schools to be recognized as Feeder Schools for a particular school. The list of designated Feeder Schools shall be signed and submitted by the Principal and shall be certified as correct (a) in the case of Catholic schools under Diocesan jurisdiction, by the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, or (b) in the case of other member Private senior high Schools, by the Superintendent or by the President of the Board having jurisdiction over the member Private senior high School. Upon any change in its list of Feeder Schools, that member Private senior high School shall submit to PIAA a list of those changes, signed and certified in the same manner as is required for the original identification of its Feeder Schools. Upon submission, for
purposes of the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, this list shall constitute the schools in the member Private senior high School’s “school district.”

Where a Catholic junior high/middle School under Diocesan jurisdiction disagrees with its being designated as a Feeder School for a particular member Private senior high School, or where such a school is designated as a Feeder School by multiple member Private senior high Schools, the designation(s) by the Diocesan Superintendent of Schools shall control. If any other Private junior high/middle School disagrees with it being designated as a Feeder School for a particular member Private senior high School, the Private junior high/middle School shall so designate the member Private senior high School(s) for which it is a Feeder School and such designation shall control.

For the purpose of providing for participation at a member Private senior high School of seventh and eighth grade students enrolled at Feeder Schools of that member Private senior high School, such Feeder Schools may collectively apply for membership as a single Private junior high/middle School. In such instance, PIAA shall recognize the Principal of that member Private senior high School as the Principal of the collective member Private junior high/middle School created for this purpose.

Section 10.6. Recruiting. One of the purposes of this ARTICLE is to deter recruiting which is, either in whole or in part, for any athletic purpose. Recruiting for athletic purposes is directly contrary to fundamental interests of PIAA and its member schools and any school engaged in such conduct should do so with the expectation that it will be treated harshly upon proof of such conduct. Recruiting for an athletic purpose is contrary to the fundamental objectives of (1) keeping athletics in their proper place and subordinate to academics; (2) protecting student-athletes from "exploitation" by adults and those having interests which might not be consistent with those of the student; and (3) maintaining competitive equity and a level playing field among member schools.

Recruiting, either in whole or in part, for an athletic purpose is defined as efforts by a school, or any of its employees, agents, or representatives, to engage in, support, or condone conduct whereby a motivating factor is to seek out one or more athletes to attend a particular school; to promote a school's athletic program or personnel other than as part of the overall program at the school; and/or, to provide preferential treatment or attention to prospective enrollees who are athletes.

A. Upon a District Committee’s receipt of:

1. a signed complaint which alleges that a representative of a school's Athletic Personnel, or any other person affiliated with the school, approached one or more students, or one or more parents or guardians of such student(s), or an adult with whom the student resides, for the purpose of influencing such student(s) to transfer to that school for the purpose, either in whole or in part, of participating in athletics at that school, or the school, its Athletic Personnel and/or individuals affiliated with the school in other ways engaged in recruiting of students, either in whole or in part, for an athletic purpose; or

2. credible information that a representative of a school’s Athletic Personnel, or any other person affiliated with the school, approached one or more students, or one or more parents or guardians of such student(s), or an adult with whom the student(s) reside, for the purpose of influencing such student(s) to transfer to that school for the purpose, either in whole or in part, of
participating in athletics at that school, or the school, its Athletic Personnel and/or individuals affiliated with the school in other ways engaged in recruiting of students, either in whole or in part, for an athletic purpose, the District Committee shall give notice to the school of such complaint or information and shall convene a hearing to consider whether the school by itself or through its Athletic Personnel or other persons affiliated with the school, has engaged in recruiting which is, either in whole or in part, for any athletic purpose.

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

1. Placing an advertisement in a newspaper or other literature directed toward prospective recruits touting the athletic successes of a school’s Teams and/or students. **NOTE:** A comprehensive brochure or comparable piece of literature discussing all or most aspects of the school, including, but not focusing on, the athletic program, will not be deemed to constitute recruiting for an athletic purpose.

2. Providing a student-athlete of another school, including a lower level school, other than a Feeder School of that senior high school, with free transportation, tickets, or admissions to a Contest, unless such free transportation, tickets, or admissions are made available to all students, or to all students at the same school, or to all students in the same grade level at the same school. To promote interest in youth sports programs, member senior high schools may also provide free, or reduced-price, admission to Contests for all members of youth sports Teams, provided that public senior high schools make such offer only to Teams based within the geographic boundaries of their public school district and member Private senior high Schools make such offer only to Teams affiliated with that school’s sponsoring entities or organization(s) or where at least 50% of the Team members attend a Feeder School for that member Private senior high School.

3. Using AAU or other amateur athletic coaches to steer students to a particular school.

4. Offering, to an athlete, scholarships or financial aid that is not available to other students at the school.

5. Encouraging the parents or relatives of an athlete attending a school, other than a Feeder School of that senior high school, to influence the student to enroll at that school to play sports there.

6. Promising playing time or a position on a Team to a student.

7. Meeting with athletes of a school, other than a Feeder School of that member senior high school, individually or as a group, to encourage them to enroll at a particular school. **NOTE:** This does not prohibit meeting with students who attend a school open house, which is open to all potential enrollees of that school. This also does not prohibit school personnel from visiting non-Feeder Schools of that member senior high school and speaking with entire classes, which may include athletes. The use of Athletic Personnel to engage in visits to non-Feeder Schools of a member senior high school is not prohibited but may be determined, following a hearing, to be recruiting, either in whole or in part, for an athletic purpose if a focus of the appearance was on athletics, athletes, or
promotion of the Athletic Personnel's role as a coach or member or representative of the athletic department.

8. Providing transportation or other inducements to any prospective student-athlete to take a qualifying examination at a school or to meet with school officials, unless such opportunities are provided to all students at a particular school or grade level.

9. Athletic Personnel of a member senior high school directly, or through another person, encouraging a student or the parents of a student attending a school, other than a Feeder School of that member senior high school, to have the student enroll at the school of the Athletic Personnel. **NOTE:** This restriction does not prohibit school personnel from responding to purely student - or student family - initiated inquiries to the personnel about athletic programs at the school.

10. Providing any item with school advertisement (such as shirts, pennants, caps, jackets, etc.) unless such offer is made to all students of a particular school or class.

11. Athletic Personnel of a member senior high school attending a lower level school Contest and, immediately before, during, or after the Contest, speaking to or with the players from one or both Teams. The Athletic Personnel are, however, permitted to speak to or with players from a Feeder School of the Athletic Personnel's school. **NOTE:** This restriction does not prohibit Athletic Personnel from simply attending and observing any Contest nor does it prohibit Athletic Personnel from having contact with students on a Team, if the Athletic Personnel's son(s) and/or daughter(s) is (are) on that Team.

12. Participation by a student in non-school athletics (i.e. AAU, American Legion, club settings, etc.) on a Team that is affiliated with any school other than the school which the student attends, or attended the prior year, followed by enrollment by that student at the affiliated school. A Team affiliated with a school is one that is organized by and/or coached by any member of the coaching staff at, or any other person affiliated with, that school; and/or on which the majority of the members of the Team (participants in Practice and/or competition) are students who attend that school.

13. Organizing, leading, or participating in a sports camp or clinic or speaking at a sports banquet or function are not, by themselves, considered to be recruiting for an athletic purpose. However, if the Athletic Personnel involved in the camp, clinic, or speech use the opportunity to promote their own school, such effort may be deemed to constitute recruiting, either in whole or in part, for an athletic purpose.

C. If the District Committee finds that the school, a representative of the school's Athletic Personnel, or any other person, affiliated with the school, approached a student, or a parent or guardian of that student, or an adult with whom that student resides, and attempted to influence and/or influenced that student to transfer to that school, either in whole or in part, for any athletic purpose, or otherwise engaged in recruiting students, either in whole or in part, for an athletic purpose, the offending school will be subject to any of the penalties described in ARTICLE XIII of the PIAA By-Laws.
D. Any person determined to have engaged in recruiting, either in whole or in part, for an athletic purpose shall be disqualified from coaching any athletic Teams of PIAA members for a period of at least one year.

**Section 11.7. Students Who Remain in Present School Following Change of Residence of Student, Parents, or Guardian.**

A student who remains in the student’s present school after the student, the student’s parents, legal guardian, or foster parents, as applicable, has changed residence to another school district shall retain the student’s eligibility until the end of the school year in which such change of residence occurs. At the end of that school year, the student’s eligibility will be reviewed by the District Committee. If, in the District Committee’s opinion, participation by the student contravenes the intent of the By-Laws, the District Committee may declare the student ineligible.

### INTERPRETATIONS

**October 22, 1960; as amended January 31, 2004.**

A student who, upon release from a correctional institution to which the student was assigned by the court, returns to the school of the student’s home school district, is eligible immediately since the court is regarded as the student’s parents during the student’s assignment to the correctional institution.

**December 2, 1983.**

A student who transfers to and attends a school upon the affidavit of a resident of the school district is subject to ARTICLE VI to the same extent as any other student.

**Section 1. April 1, 1950; as amended January 31, 2004.**

A student who successfully completes the eleventh grade, then takes a non-credit summer course in a preparatory school to prepare for ACT or SAT examinations is not considered to have transferred.

**Section 1. December 28, 1966.**

A student enrolled on a full-time basis in a high school, who is taking college courses on a part-time basis, is eligible to compete in interscholastic athletics, provided the student is otherwise eligible.

### GLOSSARY

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

Motion failed: 13-yes, 17-no, 1-abstention. The roll call vote was:

| District 7  | - Yes | District 12 | - Yes |
| District 7  | - Yes | District 12 | - Yes |
| District 1  | - No  | JH/MSs’ Rep. | - No  |
| District 1  | - No  | PSBA Exec. Dir. | - No  |
| District 2  | - No  | PSBA Rep. | - No  |
| District 3  | - No  | PASA Rep. | - Yes |
At the request of the PIAA District XII Chairman, a discussion was held relative to offering translation of Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE) form from English to text for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) families, via the PIAA Web site. The PIAA Administrative Staff will research the feasibility of such request and report the results of that research to the PIAA Board of Directors at its meeting of Thursday, July 24 and Friday, July 25, 2008.

On a motion by Mr. Ramella, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to direct the PIAA Administrative Staff to prepare an impact report, relative to establishing two (2) enrollment classifications in the sport of golf, and submit same to the PIAA Board of Directors at its meeting of Thursday, July 24 and Friday, July 25, 2008.

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, TABLE III, SCHEDULE OF SPRING SPORTS, PIAA BY-LAWS**

On a motion by Mr. Ramella, seconded by Mr. Fullen, it was unanimously voted to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table III, Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to move back, by one (1) week, the first Practice day, first Inter-School Practice or Scrimmage day, first Regular Season Contest day, last Regular Season Contest day, PIAA District deadline, and PIAA Championships deadline for all spring sports, effective July 1, 2008.

**PROPOSAL TO RE-ESTABLISH AD HOC COMPETITIVE CHEER COMMITTEE**

On a motion by Mr. Ramella, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was voted to re-establish an Ad Hoc Competitive Cheer Committee to reconsider PIAA assuming jurisdiction over competitive cheer.

Motion passed: 17-yes, 13-no.

**PIAA BASKETBALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

On a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Manners, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Basketball Steering Committee to suspend the
Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and adopt a Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Determining Play-In Round Inter-District Championship Contest Sites in the Sport of Basketball, to provide for Teams at the top of the brackets (pairings) to host those Contests on their home court, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**POLICY REGARDING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN DETERMINING PLAY-IN ROUND INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST SITES IN THE SPORT OF BASKETBALL**

The following criteria are used by PIAA in determining play-in round Inter-District Championship Contest sites in the sport of basketball:

- **Suitability of Contest sites, pursuant to the Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Considering Selection of Sites For District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests.**
- **The Contest site shall be the home court of the Team at the top of the play-in round Inter-District basketball Championship brackets (pairings).**

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

On a motion by Dr. Ireson, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, March 27, 2008 meeting of the PIAA Basketball Steering Committee, as presented by the Executive Director.

**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 Wednesday, May 21, 2008, which was held in the Falling Spring Room of Four Points by Sheraton, Chambersburg, PA, voted to recommend to the PIAA Board of Directors that it amend, on a suspended protocol basis, (1) Incidents Arising During Inter-District Championship Contests and Other Matters Delegated to the Executive Director; (2) PIAA Board of Directors’ Committees, Advisory Committees, and Steering Committees; (3) Policy for Assigning District Championship Contest Officials; (4) Policy for Assigning Inter-District Championship Contest Officials; (5) Evaluation of PIAA District-Assigned Championship Contest Officials; (6) Evaluation of PIAA-Assigned Inter-District Championship Contest Officials; (7) Inter-District Championship Contest Awards; (8) Policy for Determining Number of Entries (Qualifiers) to PIAA Inter-District Championships in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, and Wrestling; (9) Designation of Enrollment Classifications; (10) Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Determining Entry Round Inter-District Championship Contest Sites in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Tennis (Team), Girls’ Volleyball, and
Wrestling (Team); (11) Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Determining Second and Subsequent Round (other than Final Round) Inter-District Championship Contest Sites in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Soccer, and Softball; (12) amend, on a third and final reading basis, the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball; and (13) amend, on a second reading basis, Policy Regarding Disclosure of Records.

At that same meeting, the PIAA Policy Review Committee considered and reviewed the (1) Reimbursement Policy Regarding Member Schools Participating in PIAA Inter-District Football Championships; (2) Reimbursement Policy Regarding Member Schools Participating in PIAA Inter-District Wrestling Championships; and (3) Reimbursement Policy Regarding Member Schools Participating in PIAA Inter-District Basketball Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Costanza, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend 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**

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**III. Matters That the Executive Director May Hear**

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The Executive Director may delegate to an individual and/or District Committee the Executive Director's 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.

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Blucas, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the PIAA Board of Directors’ Committees, Advisory Committees, and Steering Committees, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:
PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ COMMITTEES, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, AND STEERING COMMITTEES

The PIAA Board of Directors has established various Board of Directors’ Committees; Advisory Committees, organized by constituency or according to subject matter; and Steering Committees, organized by constituency or with reference to particular sports in which PIAA-member schools participate.

All of these committees are standing committees.

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III. Steering Committees

Steering Committees other than those identified with a particular sport are the following:

1. Athletic Directors 4. Officials’ Council
2. Girls’ Athletics 5. Private Schools
3. Junior High/Middle Schools 6. Sportsmanship

With the exception of the Officials’ Council each PIAA District shall select one member to serve on each of the foregoing Steering Committees. Where a District Committee has a member representing one of the above constituencies, that person shall be the District’s representative on that committee.

The Officials’ Council shall be composed of the elected representative(s) of the PIAA-registered Contest officials in each District.

With the exception of the Junior High/Middle Schools’, Girls’ Athletics, Athletic Directors’, and Private Schools’ Steering Committees, each of these Steering Committees shall meet not less often than annually, at the PIAA Summer Workshop, and at such other times as may be determined by the Executive Director of PIAA.

The Junior High/Middle Schools’ and the Girls’ Athletics Steering Committees shall meet not less often than each odd-numbered year and the Athletic Directors’ and Private Schools’ Steering Committee shall meet not less often than each even-numbered year, at the PIAA Summer Workshop, and at such other times as may be determined by the Executive Director of PIAA.

The remaining Steering Committees are organized according to sport, and consist of the following:

7. Baseball 143. Soccer
8. Basketball 1544. Softball
9. Cross Country 1645. Swimming and Diving
10. Field Hockey 1746. Tennis
11. Football 1847. Track and Field
13. Lacrosse 20. Wrestling
The Chairman of each PIAA District shall appoint a member of, or other representative from, the District Committee to each of the foregoing committees where the particular sport is participated in by PIAA-member schools within the District. The person appointed shall have specialized knowledge as to the sport.

In addition, the PIAA-appointed statewide rules interpreter in that sport and the president or the president’s designee of the statewide high school coaches’ association in that sport shall be members of each of the foregoing committees.

Each of these Steering Committees shall meet not less often than annually, following the applicable sport season (fall, winter, or spring), and at such other times as may be determined by the Executive Director of PIAA.

The purpose of these committees is to use their knowledge and expertise in the particular sport to make recommendations to the PIAA Board of Directors with regard to matters involving that sport.

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Lalli, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the Policy for Assigning District Championship Contest Officials, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**POLICY FOR ASSIGNING DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST OFFICIALS**

It is the policy of the PIAA Board of Directors that PIAA District Officials’ Representative(s), or the Officials’ Representative’s designee(s), with the concurrence of the respective PIAA District Chairmen, assign PIAA-registered Contest officials in the sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, girls’ lacrosse, softball, soccer, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling to all District Championship Contests.

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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 suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the Policy for Assigning Inter-District Championship Contest Officials, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**POLICY FOR ASSIGNING INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST OFFICIALS**

It is the policy of the PIAA Board of Directors that the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, assigns PIAA-registered Contest officials in the sports of
baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, lacrosse, softball, soccer, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling to all Inter-District Championship Contests.

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the policy regarding Evaluation of PIAA District Championship Contest Officials, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**EVALUATION OF PIAA DISTRICT-ASSIGNED CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST OFFICIALS**

It is recommended that all officials assigned to District Championship Contests in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, softball, soccer, volleyball, and wrestling be evaluated.

It is recommended that PIAA District Officials’ Representative(s) assign evaluators to District Championship Contests in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, softball, soccer, volleyball, and wrestling. The District Officials’ Representative(s) may defer to the PIAA District-appointed site manager to secure a capable evaluator. A list of chapter or district rules interpreters is available from the PIAA Office to assist in identifying trained observers to evaluate District Championship Contest-assigned officials.

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Lalli, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the policy regarding Evaluation of PIAA-Assigned Inter-District Championship Contest Officials, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**EVALUATION OF PIAA-ASSIGNED INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST OFFICIALS**

All officials assigned to Inter-District Championship Contests in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, softball, soccer, volleyball, and wrestling are to be evaluated.

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Dr. Tylinski, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA
Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the policy regarding Inter-District Championship Contest Awards, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST AWARDS**

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**Lacrosse:** Champion and runner-up Teams receive trophy. Members of champion and runner-up Teams receive individual awards (25 per Team).

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the Policy for Determining Number of Entries (Qualifiers) to PIAA Inter-District Championships in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Swimming And Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, and Wrestling, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**POLICY FOR DETERMINING NUMBER OF ENTRIES (QUALIFIERS) TO PIAA INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE SPORTS OF BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, FIELD HOCKEY, FOOTBALL, GOLF, LACROSSE, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, SWIMMING AND DIVING, TENNIS, TRACK AND FIELD, VOLLEYBALL, AND WRESTLING**

Each PIAA District or Region that sponsors a qualifying Tournament involving at least four (4) member schools sponsoring a Team, in a sport which participates in more than 50% of the maximum permitted number of Regular Season Contests in the sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling, shall be entitled to a minimum of one (1) entry (qualifier), per enrollment classification, to PIAA Inter-District Championships in those sports.

Additional entries (qualifiers) are computed on a modified proportional representation basis, with the larger Districts limited to an appropriate maximum number of entries (qualifiers) to PIAA Inter-District Championships in those sports.

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mrs. Getz, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the policy regarding Designation of Enrollment Classifications, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:
DESIGNATION OF ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS

For competition purposes, PIAA classifies schools by (1) gender and (2) size of enrollment at schools. These classifications are created to promote equal opportunities for both boys and girls to participate in interscholastic athletics and to reduce the competitive imbalance created through competition between schools that vary significantly in enrollment.

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Baseball -- A - AA - AAA - AAAAA
Basketball -- A - AA - AAA - AAAAA
Cross Country -- AA - AAA
Field Hockey -- AA - AAA
Football -- A - AA - AAA - AAAAA
Golf -- One Class
Lacrosse -- One Class
Soccer - Boys -- A - AA - AAA
Soccer - Girls -- AA - AAA
Soccer - Girls' Spring -- AA - AAA
Softball -- A - AA - AAA - AAAAA
Swimming and Diving -- AA - AAA
Tennis -- AA - AAA
Track & Field -- AA - AAA
Volleyball - Boys -- AA - AAA
Volleyball - Girls -- A - AA - AAA
Wrestling -- AA - AAA
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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Ramella, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Determining Entry Round Inter-District Championship Contest Sites in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball, Tennis (Team), Girls' Volleyball, and Wrestling (Team), effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

**POLICY REGARDING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN DETERMINING FIRST ENTRY ROUND INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST SITES IN THE SPORTS OF BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, FIELD HOCKEY, LACROSSE, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, TENNIS (TEAM), GIRLS’ VOLLEYBALL, AND WRESTLING (TEAM)**

The following criteria are used by PIAA in determining first entry round Inter-District Championship Contest sites in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis (Team), girls’ volleyball, and wrestling (Team):

- Availability of Inter-District Championship Contest sites.
- Suitability of Contest sites, pursuant to the Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Considering Selection of Sites for District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests.
- Suitability of Contest sites for hosting multiple Contests in a sport.
- Contest sites geographically located in the PIAA District of the member school listed at the top of the Inter-District Championship brackets (pairings).
- Contiguous nature of involved PIAA Districts.

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

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mrs. Getz, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend the Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Determining Second and Subsequent Round (Other Than Final Round) Inter-District Championship Contest Sites in the Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Softball, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:
POLICY REGARDING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN DETERMINING SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT ROUND (OTHER THAN FINAL ROUND) INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST SITES IN THE SPORTS OF BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, FIELD HOCKEY, LACROSSE, SOCCER, AND SOFTBALL

The following criteria are used by PIAA in determining second and subsequent round (other than final round) Inter-District Championship Contest sites in the sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, and softball:

- Availability of Inter-District Championship Contest sites.
- Suitability of Contest sites, pursuant to the Policy Regarding Criteria to be Utilized in Considering Selection of Sites for District and/or Inter-District Championship Contests.
- Suitability of Contest sites for hosting multiple Contests in a sport.
- Contest sites geographically located as close to midway or an equal distance travel point between the competing member schools, as possible.

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

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Gentzel, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend 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, LACROSSE, SOCCER, SOFTBALL, AND VOLLEYBALL

In the Team sports of baseball, basketball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, 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.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Culver, it was unanimously voted, on a second reading basis, to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Policy Review Committee to amend the Policy Regarding Disclosure of Records, 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; and
   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; and/or
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 convert 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, sports 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 owed 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; and
   3. A form which may be used to file a request with PIAA.

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 Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Director gave a status report on (1) his and the First Assistant Executive Director’s attendance at the PIAA District XII Annual Meeting, which was held on Monday, April 7, 2008, at Gearo’s Pizza & Café, Philadelphia, PA; (2) his, the Director of Legal Affairs’, and Legislative Counsel’s attendance at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee, which was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, in Room 14 East Wing of the Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA; (3) his and the Second Assistant Executive Director’s attendance at the PIAA District I Annual Meeting, which was held on Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at the Westover Golf Club, Jeffersoerville, PA; (4) his and the First Assistant Executive Director’s attendance at the PIAA District II Annual Meeting and Banquet, which was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the Convention Hall, Pittston, PA; (5) his attendance at the PIAA District X Annual Meeting and Luncheon, which was held on Friday, April 18, 2008, at the Iroquois Boating and Fishing Club, Conneaut Lake, PA; (6) his and the Associate Executive Director’s attendance at the PIAA District III Annual Breakfast and Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, at the Hershey Country Club, Hershey, PA; (7) his attendance at the PIAA
District VII Annual Meeting and Luncheon, which was held on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at the Embassy Suites, Coraopolis; (8) his and the Associate Executive Director’s attendance at the PIAA District VI Annual Meeting and Banquet, which was held on Wednesday, April 30, 2008, at the Blair County Convention Center, Altoona; and (9) his attendance at the Philadelphia Catholic League A.D.’s Retreat, which was held on Friday, May 9, 2008, at the Golden Inn, Avalon, NJ.

The Executive Director reported on the results of balloting for the two proposed amendments to the PIAA Constitution, both become effective Tuesday, July 1, 2008.

On a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Gentzel, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to award the hosting of the 2008 and 2009 PIAA Girls’ Volleyball Championships, which are scheduled for Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8, 2008 and Friday, 13 and Saturday, November 14, 2009, respectively, to Central York High School, York, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Palumbo, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to approve the Request For Proposal (RFP) to host the 2009 and 2010 PIAA Girls’ and Boys’ Lacrosse Championships (Finals).

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to approve the Web Site and Databases Maintenance Services Request For Proposal (RFP).

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS**

On a motion by Mr. Manners, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend 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; (2) provide for standards governing the conduct of student-athletes; and (3) clarify the Code of Ethics as it pertains to the public, 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, student-athletes, coaches, Contest officials, Athletic Directors, Principals, and the public.

**Section 1. The Schools Should:**
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. 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 32. The Coaches Should:

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

Section 43. The Contest Officials Should:

Section 54. The Athletic Directors Should:

Section 65. The Principals Should:

Section 76. The Public Should:
Realize that gambling on Contests, and the consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or the use of illegal drugs, anabolic steroids, and/or other performance enhancing drugs in connection with Contests are all detrimental to the best interests of athletics and the standards which PIAA is endeavoring to foster.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE 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:

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 disqualified from participation in the next scheduled Contest following said determination.

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.
Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, Section 3, Forfeiture of Contests, of the PIAA By-Laws, to (1) provide headings for Section 3 subparagraphs and (2) provide for a rationale for the imposition of mandatory forfeitures, effective July 1, 2008, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XIII
PENALTIES

Section 3. Forfeiture of Contests.

A. Mandatory Forfeiture. To remedy any possible harm to opponents from participation by an ineligible student or coach, and to remove any incentive for such participation, a school shall be required to forfeit all Contests in which an ineligible student or coach participated and/or an ineligible coach coached on behalf of the school, regardless of whether the ineligibility was known at the time of participation and/or coaching or discovered later. The burden of ensuring that a student is eligible to participate and/or a coach is eligible to coach rests entirely on the student, coach, and Principal 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. Discretionary Forfeiture. A school may be required to forfeit a Contest for other violations of the Constitution and/or By-Laws of this Association.

C. Effect of Forfeiture on District Championship. If a forfeiture of a District Championship occurs, that title shall be vacant for that year unless the forfeiture is determined prior to the first Inter-District Championship Contest, in which instance the runner-up shall be declared District Champion.

D. Effect of Forfeit ure During Postseason. Impact of Team forfeiture occurring during Postseason competition.

If a Team required to forfeit a Postseason Contest has won a Contest:

1. during the District Championship Tournament, the Team most recently defeated by the forfeiting Team shall be invited to replace the forfeiting Team in the next round of the District Championship Tournament;

2. following the District Championship Tournament but before the start of the Inter-District Championship Tournament, each Team in the District otherwise finishing below the forfeiting Team will improve its seeding by one;

3. during the Inter-District Championship Tournament, other than the final Inter-District Championship Contest, the Team most recently defeated by the forfeiting Team shall be invited to replace the forfeiting Team in the next round of the Inter-District Championship Tournament; or

4. following the final Inter-District Championship Contest, the championship in that sport will remain vacant for that year.

In circumstances (1), (2), and (3) above, should the invited Team decline to participate, the District Chairman or Executive Director of this Association, as
appropriate, shall have discretion as to whether to invite the next possible qualifying Team or provide for a bye in the schedule.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mrs. Getz, seconded by Mr. Lalli, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend 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, 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.
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)

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was
unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff to
approve the proposed maximum number of entries (qualifiers), by District or Region, for
the 2008 and 2009 PIAA Fall Championships; 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.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Culver, it
was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff
to approve the proposed maximum number of entries (qualifiers), by District or Region,
for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 PIAA Winter Championships; and the proposed
brackets (pairings) for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 PIAA Team Wrestling and
Basketball Championships.

Following a third reading, on a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was
unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Administrative Staff
to approve the proposed maximum number of entries (qualifiers), by District or Region,
for the 2009 and 2010 PIAA Spring Championships; 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF PIAA FOR 2008-2009

President Stone stated that the next item of business would be the election of officers of
PIAA for 2008-2009 and turned the chair over to Legal Counsel to conduct the election.

The PIAA Nominating Committee placed into nomination Mr. W. Rodney Stone to be
President of PIAA; Mr. Raymond J. Wotkowski to be Vice President of PIAA; and
Mr. John P. Wabby, to be Treasurer of PIAA, for the term beginning July 1, 2008 and
ending June 30, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Gentzel, it was unanimously voted to
close the nominations.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was unanimously voted to elect
Mr. W. Rodney Stone President of PIAA, for the term beginning July 1, 2008 and ending
June 30, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to elect
Mr. Raymond J. Wotkowski, Vice President of PIAA, for the term beginning July 1,
On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to elect Mr. John P. Wabby Treasurer of PIAA, for the term beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009.

Legal Counsel returned the chair to President Stone.

**HARRISBURG ACADEMY AND TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUS PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' DECISION**

Following the request of Harrisburg Academy and Trinity High School for reconsideration by the PIAA Board of Directors of its Friday, January 25, 2008 decision to deny the request by the two schools to terminate their previously approved cooperative sponsorship of a sport in baseball, softball, and boys’ and girls’ track and field, effective the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, on a motion by Mr. Fullen, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was voted to deny such request.

Motion passed: 27-yes, 1-no. PSADA Representative voted in the negative.

On a related matter, on a motion by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was voted to grant the request of Harrisburg Academy and Trinity High School to remove boys’ and girls’ swimming and diving from the previously approved cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement between the two schools.

Motion passed: 27-yes, 1-no. PASA Representative voted in the negative.

**ALIQUIPPA HIGH SCHOOL APPEAL FROM DECISION OF PIAA DISTRICT VII/WPIAL COMMITTEE**

Following consideration of the written materials submitted to and by the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee; the additional correspondence which occurred after the date of the District Committee decision; and the documents presented, testimony given, and the arguments made at the appeal hearing, on a motion by Mr. Costanza, seconded by Mr. Ramella, it was voted to reverse the decision of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee that Ahman R. Milot is ineligible to participate in interscholastic athletics at Aliquippa High School under ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Sections 1A and 1B, of the PIAA By-Laws.

Motion passed: 20-yes, 1-no. PIAA District III Chairman voted in the negative.

**REGISTERED SPORTS OFFICIAL’S APPEAL FROM DECISION OF PIAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Following consideration of whether to affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the PIAA Executive Director to suspend a PIAA-registered soccer official, as a result of that soccer official having been previously suspended by a PA West Hearing Panel, which suspension was upheld by the United States Soccer Federation (“USSF”), for a period of “five years . . . [for] seriously endanger[ing] the reputation of PA West and the United
States Soccer Federation”, on a motion by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to modify the decision of the Executive Director from indefinite suspension of the registration of that soccer official to placing that official on suspension for a period concurrent with that imposed by USSF, which, unless modified or reversed by USSF, will terminate on August 28, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stone adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 22, 2008.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 24 AND 8:00 A.M., FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2008, BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley R. Cashman
Executive Director