At 7:05 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2009, President W. Rodney Stone called the PIAA Board of Directors to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Stone introduced Ms. Pamela R. Cherubin, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Richard A. Constantine, PIAA District VII Chairman; Mr. Daniel J. Cardone, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. John B. Fullen, Sr., PIAA District VII Vice Chairman; Mr. John M. Bailey, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Ronald J. Kanaskie, PCA Representative, and Mrs. Cynthia K. Wagner, Alternate Voting Representative for Mrs. Gayle L. Huffman, Female Parents’ Representative.
CORRECTION TO MINUTES OF MEETING OF
THURSDAY, JULY 23 AND FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2009

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to correct the Minutes of the Thursday, July 23, 2009 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, to read as follows:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Thursday, July 23 and Friday, July 24, 2009 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, as herein corrected and presented by the Executive Director.

APPROVAL OF MEMBER SCHOOL APPLICATION

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Blucas, it was unanimously voted to accept into membership the following school, conditioned upon PIAA District II Committee approval, effective July 1, 2010:

District II – Triboro Christian Academy

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Blucas, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following schools to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2009:

District II - Saint Rose Academy
Saint Vincent’s School

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Cardone, it was unanimously voted to grant the request of the following school to withdraw from membership in PIAA, effective July 1, 2009:

District VII - Carroll Middle School
REQUEST OF CENTRAL CATHOLIC AND READING HIGH SCHOOLS
FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Central Catholic and Reading High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in wrestling, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF YORK COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY AND YORK COUNTRY DAY SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of York County School of Technology and York Country Day Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in wrestling, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF DAYSPRING CHRISTIAN AND VERITAS ACADEMIES
TO TERMINATE COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Dayspring Christian and Veritas Academies to terminate Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in girls’ basketball, conditioned upon PIAA District III Committee approval, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF MEADOWBROOK CHRISTIAN AND MILTON AREA HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Zack, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Meadowbrook Christian and Milton Area High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, boys’ and girls’ golf, and wrestling, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF BELLWOOD-ANTIS AND TYRONE AREA HIGH SCHOOLS
FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Bellwood-Antis and Tyrone Area High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ tennis, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF FORD CITY AND WEST SHAMOKIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Ford City and West Shamokin Junior High Schools for
Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ volleyball, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF FORD CITY AND WEST SHAMOKIN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Ford City and West Shamokin Senior High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ volleyball, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF D.H.H. LENGEN AND SAINT CLAIR MIDDLE SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of D.H.H. Lengel and Saint Clair Middle Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in boys’ and girls’ cross country and football, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF FRANKLIN LEARNING CENTER AND PARKWAY CENTER CITY HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Franklin Learning Center and Parkway Center City High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in baseball and boys’ basketball, effective the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year.

REQUEST OF ANTIETAM AND MUHLENBERG HIGH SCHOOLS TO TERMINATE COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Antietam and Muhlenberg High Schools to terminate Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

REQUEST OF JAMES BUCHANAN, MCCONNELLSBURG, AND SOUTHERN FULTON HIGH SCHOOLS TO TERMINATE COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of James Buchanan, McConnellsburg, and Southern Fulton High Schools to terminate Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, conditioned upon PIAA District III and V Committees approval, effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.
REQUEST OF BELLWOOD-ANTIS AND TYRONE AREA HIGH SCHOOL FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Bellwood-Antis and Tyrone Area High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in girls’ soccer, effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

REQUEST OF BISHOP CARROLL, NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PENN CAMBRIA, AND PORTAGE AREA HIGH SCHOOLS FOR APPROVAL OF COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Palumbo, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Bishop Carroll, Northern Cambria, Penn Cambria, and Portage Area High Schools for Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in girls’ soccer, effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

REQUEST OF CORNELL AND OUR LADY OF SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOLS TO TERMINATE COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP OF A SPORT

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to approve the request of Cornell and Our Lady of Sacred Heart High Schools to terminate Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport in football, effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AFFAIRS’ REPORT

The Director of Business Affairs gave a status report on 1) the number of schools regarded to be delinquent, as a result of their dues not being paid on or before September 30, 2009; 2) the soon-to-be completed 2009 PIAA Girls’ Team Tennis Championships, which are scheduled to be held on a first round regional basis on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 and a quarterfinal through championships (final) basis, inclusive, on Friday, October 30 and Saturday, October 31, 2009 at the Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey, PA; and 3) the soon-to-be completed 2009 PIAA Girls’ Singles and Doubles Tennis Championships, which are scheduled to be held on Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7, 2009, at the Hershey Racquet Club, Hershey, PA.

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Hawkins, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited financial statements for the month ended June 30, 2009, as presented by the Director of Business Affairs.

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Coleman, it was unanimously voted to accept the unaudited PIAA Foundation financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2009, as presented by the Director of Business Affairs.
On a motion by Mr. Gentzel, seconded by Mr. Wotkowski, it was unanimously voted to ratify the decision of the PIAA Executive Committee to engage Boyer & Ritter, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, to perform a consolidated statewide audit and prepare consolidated IRS Forms 990 and 990T for the year ended June 30, 2009, conditioned upon a review of said firm’s proposed engagement letter by the Director of Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel.

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Director of Business Affairs to amend the PIAA Operating Activities and Cash Flows Budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to direct the Director of Business Affairs to place on the Thursday, December 17, 2009 PIAA Board of Directors’ Meeting Agenda the final report of Tallman, Hudders & Sorrentino, then-independent tax counsel to PIAA, which was accepted and immediately released by the then-PIAA Board of Control at its meeting of Wednesday, May 26, 1999.

SECOND ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Second Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on 1) the 2008-2009 PIAA Sportsmanship award winners; 2) his invitation to attend and make a presentation at the PIAA District III Athletic Directors’ Association Meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at The Barn, Hershey, PA; 3) the soon-to-be completed 2009 PIAA Soccer Championships, which are scheduled to be held on a regional basis on Tuesday, November 10 (first round), Saturday, November 14 (quarterfinals), and Tuesday, November 17 (semi-finals), and the championship (final) Contests, which are scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at HERSHEY PARK Stadium, Hershey, PA; 4) the PIAA District Committees which are participating in the “Official Ball” agreements with WILSON in the sports of girls’ tennis and football, BÁDEN in the sport of girls’ volleyball, and Select Sport in the sport of soccer; and 5) the placement on the Thursday, December 17, 2009 PIAA Board of Directors’ Meeting Agenda of the Request For Proposal (RFP) for “Official Ball” agreements in all affected sports, effective beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee to pilot online advance admission sales with TicketLeap during the 2009 PIAA Soccer Championships.

On a motion by Mr. Zack, seconded by Mrs. Schulze, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Second Assistant Executive Director to authorize Market Street Sports Group to pursue “discounted tickets” as part of a comprehensive PIAA Championships (Finals) corporate partnership/sponsorship initiative.
FIRST ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The First Assistant Executive Director gave a status report on 1) the soon-to-be completed 2009 PIAA Girls’ Volleyball Championships, which are scheduled to be held on a first round regional basis on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 and a quarterfinal through championships (final) basis, inclusive, on Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Central York High School, York, PA; 2) the soon-to-be completed 2009 PIAA Field Hockey Championships, which are scheduled to be held on a regional basis on Tuesday, November 10 (first round), Saturday, November 14 (quarterfinals), and Tuesday, November 17 (semi-finals), and the championship (final) Contests, which are scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at the Zephyr Sports Complex, Whitehall-Coplay School District, Whitehall, PA; and 3) her invitation to attend and make a presentation at First Workshop Session 6, “Make Your Web Site Work for You”, of the 40th National Athletic Directors’ Conference, which is scheduled to begin at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center, Dallas, TX.

On a motion by Mr. Cardone, seconded by Mr. Blucas, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the First Assistant Executive Director to approve six (6) student-delegates and two (2) adult-delegates to attend and participate in the 2010 NFHS National Student Leadership Conference, which is scheduled to convene with the Opening General Session on Thursday, July 15, 2010 and adjourn with the Closing General Session on Sunday, July 18, 2010, at the Indianapolis Hilton, Indianapolis, IN.

PIAA VOLLEYBALL STEERING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to refer to the PIAA Volleyball Steering Committee for further consideration and review at its meeting of Thursday, December 10, 2009, a proposal to replace the current first round single elimination format on the Tuesday immediately following the PIAA District/Region deadline with a first round pool play format on the Saturday immediately following the PIAA District/Region deadline. From the proposed first round pools, the top two teams would advance to the immediately following Friday quarterfinal round of pool play. This proposal, if approved by the Board of Directors, would extend the volleyball Postseason by one week.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Associate Executive Director gave a status report on 1) the number of coaches and contestants ejected from 2009 Regular Season and Postseason Contests by state high school association recognized and/or registered officials for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct in the sports of baseball, lacrosse, girls’ spring soccer, softball, track and field, and boys’ volleyball; 2) the recently completed National Association of Sports Public Address Announcers (NASPAA) Football P.A. Announcers’ Clinic, which was held on Saturday, August 1, 2009, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA; 3) the recently completed NFHS Field Hockey Rules Interpreters’
Meeting, which was held on Thursday, August 6, 2009, the Train the Trainers for District and Chapter Interpreters in all sports, which was held on Thursday, August 6, and Friday, August 7, 2009, the PIAA Swimming and Diving Chapter Interpreters’ Clinic; which was held on Friday, August 7, 2009, and the Fifteenth Annual PIAA Officials’ Convention, which began at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 7, 2009, with a session on Local Chapter Governance and District Clinics and concluded with the Officials’ 25/35 Years of Service Banquet, which began at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 7, 2009, all at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-West, Mechanicsburg, PA; 4) the next annual NFHS Field Hockey Rules Interpreters Meeting and Clinic, which is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 5, 2010 and the Sixteenth PIAA Officials’ Convention, which is scheduled to be held on Friday, August 6, and Saturday, August 7, 2010, all at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-East, Harrisburg, PA; 5) his invitation to attend and make a presentation regarding Background Check Requirements for Certain PIAA-Registered Sports Officials at the PIAA District II Fall In-Service, which was held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at the Wilkes-Barre Area Career and Technical Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA; 6) his invitation to attend and make a presentation at the Mid-West Officials’ Summit, which was held on Saturday, September 19, Sunday, September 20, and Monday, September 21, 2009, in Columbus, OH; 7) the recently completed third annual PIAA Foundation Cross Country Invitational, which was held on Saturday, September 26, 2009, on the Parkview Cross Country Course, Hershey, PA; 8) his and the Second Assistant Executive Director’s Tuesday, October 6, 2009 meeting with representatives from ZebraWeb, which is a Web-based officials’ assigning system; 9) the soon-to-be completed PIAA East Region Golf Championships, which were originally scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, but were rescheduled to Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at the Golden Oaks Golf Club, Fleetwood, PA, and the soon-to-be completed PIAA West Region Golf Championships, which are scheduled to be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at the Tom’s Run Golf Course, Blairsville, PA; 10) the soon-to-be completed PIAA Golf Championships, which are scheduled to be held on Monday, October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at the Heritage Hills Golf Resort, York, PA; 11) the soon-to-be completed PIAA Cross Country Championships, which are scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at the Parkview Cross Country Course, Hershey, PA; 12) the deadline for receipt of recommendations from the respective PIAA District Chairmen of registered officials that are qualified to officiate the 2009 PIAA Fall Championships, with a reminder that, pursuant to the Policy Regarding Evaluation of PIAA District Championship Contest Officials, it is recommended that all officials assigned to District Championship Contests in the sports of field hockey, football, soccer, and girls’ volleyball, be evaluated; 13) the start of the 2009-2010 PIAA winter sports’ rules interpretation meetings and that those meetings must be attended by the head coach of the coaching staff of each member senior high school Team; and 14) the soon-to-be held election for PIAA-Registered Officials’ Representatives to the odd-numbered PIAA District Committees.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Executive Director, who was invited to attend and make a presentation at each of the following, gave a status report on 1) the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Summer
Workshop, which was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at the WPIAL Office, Pittsburgh, PA; 2) the PIAA District V Fall In-Service, which was held on Wednesday, August 5, 2009, at the Arena Restaurant, Bedford, PA; 3) the PIAA District III Committee Summer Workshop, which was held on Monday, August 10, 2009, at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA; 4) the PIAA District IV Fall In-Service, which was held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at the Watson Inn, Watsontown, PA; 5) the third Background Check Requirements for Certain PIAA-Registered Sports Officials Webinar, which was held on Thursday, August 13, 2009, at the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg, PA; and 6) along with the Second Assistant Executive Director, the PIAA District I Fall In-Service, which was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, at the Westover Golf Club, Jeffersonville, PA.

In addition, the Executive Director gave a status report on 1) his attendance, along with the Associate Executive Director, First Assistant Executive Director, Second Assistant Executive Director, and Director of Business Affairs, at the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Section 2 Meeting, which was held on Sunday, September 27; Monday, September 28; and Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at the Resort at Glade Springs, Daniels, WV; and 2) the soon-to-be completed PIAA Football Championships, which are scheduled to be held on a regional basis on either Friday, November 20 or Saturday, November 21 (play-in round), either Friday, November 27 or Saturday, November 28 (first round), either Friday, December 4 or Saturday, December 5 (quarterfinals), either Friday, December 11 or Saturday, December 12 (semi-finals), and the championship (final) Contests, which are scheduled to be held on Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19, 2009, at HERSHEY PARK Stadium, Hershey, PA.

PIAA OFFICIALS' COUNCIL REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Friday, August 7, 2009 meeting of the PIAA Officials' Council, as prepared by the Executive Director and presented by the PIAA-Registered Female and Male Officials' Representatives to the PIAA Board of Directors.

PIAA SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Hawkins, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was voted to 1) accept the recommendation of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to amend Section 1, Personal and Emergency Information, of the PIAA Comprehensive Initial Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation (CIPPE) Form; Section 5, Re-Certification by Parent/Guardian, of the PIAA CIPPE Form; and Section 6, PIAA Comprehensive Pre-Participation Physical Re-Evaluation and Re-Certification by Authorized Medical Examiner, of the PIAA CIPPE Form, effective immediately; and 2) 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 V, HEALTH, Section 3, Re-Certification and Section 4,
Timing, of the PIAA By-Laws to (a) make Section 3, Re-Certification, consistent with amendments to Section 5 Re-Certification by Parent/Guardian and Section 6, Re-Certification by Licensed Physician of Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine of the PIAA CIPPE; and (b) rescind the NOTE immediately following Section 4, Timing, as it has become obsolete, all effective immediately, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE V**

**HEALTH**

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**Section 3. Re-Certification.**

Any student who (1) previously participated in PIAA interscholastic athletic competition pursuant to a CIPPE; and (2) is seeking to participate in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in subsequent sport(s) in the same school year, must, not earlier than six weeks prior to the first Practice day of the next sports season, complete and turn in to that student's Principal the PIAA Re-Certification by Parent/Guardian part of the CIPPE Form. The Principal, or Principal's designee, of that student's school must review the Supplemental Health History of that student and, make a determination as to whether that student should be re-evaluated and re-certified by an Authorized Medical Examiner. If any Supplemental Health History questions are either checked yes or circled, shall require that student to submit a completed Section 6, Re-Certification by Licensed Physician of Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine, to the Principal, or Principal's designee, of that student's school prior to that student's additional participation in interscholastic athletics.

**Section 4. Timing.**

The CIPPE may not be performed earlier than June 1st and shall be effective, regardless of when performed during a school year, until the next May 31st. **NOTE:** The CIPPE may be performed as early as Saturday, May 30, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year ONLY.

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Motion passed: 26-yes, 1-no. PIAA District VII Treasurer voted in the negative.

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to refer the recommendation of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee to rescind the Rules and Regulations Regarding Use of Eye Shields (Visors) in Football portion of the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook, as National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rule 1-5-3n provides for the use of an eye shield that is 1) attached to the helmet, 2) constructed of a molded rigid material, and 3) clear (absent of any tint), to the PIAA Football Steering Committee for its consideration and review at its meeting of Thursday, December 10, 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, September 17, 2009 conference call meeting of the PIAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, as prepared and presented by the Executive Director.
RECESS

President Stone recessed the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 9:15 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2009.

RECONVENE

President Stone reconvened the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:10 a.m., Friday, October 9, 2009, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.

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INTRODUCTION OF ALTERNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVE TO PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Stone introduced Mr. Timothy M. Allwein, Alternate Voting Representative for Mr. Thomas J. Gentzel, PSBA Executive Director.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA BY-LAWS

On a motion by Mr. Wabby, seconded by Mr. Elias, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE III, ATTENDANCE, Section 11, Cooperative Sponsorship of a Sport, subsection A, Philosophy, of the PIAA By-Laws, to clarify that no more than one of the PIAA member schools that are party to a cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement may host a particular sport, effective immediately, to read as follows:

ARTICLE III
ATTENDANCE

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 PIAA member schools is as follows:
1. The Board supports opportunities for greater student participation.
2. The Board encourages projects that combine smaller PIAA member schools for sponsorship of an activity rather than a small PIAA member school combining with a larger PIAA member school when the smaller PIAA 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 PIAA 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 PIAA 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; and/or
(c) more than one school to the agreement is to host the same sport.

5. The Board will neither consider nor approve agreements with non-PIAA member schools.

6. The public school districts of the participating PIAA member schools must be contiguous and/or overlap.

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On a motion by Dr. Small, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE VI, TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, Section 7, Students who Remain in Present School Following Change of Residence of Student, Parent(s), or Guardian(s), of the PIAA By-Laws, as it has become obsolete and replace it with an appropriate Interpretation, effective January 29, 2010, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING
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Section 7. Students who Remain in Present School Following Change of Residence of Student, Parent(s), or Guardian(s).
A student who remains in the student’s present school after the student, the student’s parent(s), legal guardian(s), or foster parent(s), as applicable, has changed residence to another public school district shall retain eligibility at that school until the end of the school year in which such change of residence occurs.

INTERPRETATION

A student who remains in the student’s present school after the student, the student’s parent(s), legal guardian(s), or foster parent(s), as applicable, has changed residence to another public school district shall retain eligibility at that school until such time as the student seeks eligibility to participate in interscholastic athletics at another school.

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Cleary, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE VIII, PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION, Section 6, Waiver of Sections 1A and/or 1B, subsection B, Severe and Unusual Personal Hardship, 3, of the PIAA By-Laws, to make subsection B, Severe and Unusual Personal Hardship, 3, consistent, relative to the use of “academic credit deficiencies and/or failures,” effective July 1, 2010, to read as follows:

ARTICLE VIII
PERIOD OF PARTICIPATION
* * *
Section 6. Waiver of Sections 1A and/or 1B.

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B. Severe and Unusual Personal Hardship:

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3. A repeat of a semester or grade to remedy academic credit deficiencies and/or failures is not, by itself, considered grounds for a waiver under this provision. However, severe and unusual debilitating external circumstances beyond the student's control which can be demonstrated to have caused the academic credit deficiencies and/or failures may be considered if the student demonstrates that he or she, and the student's family, exercised objectively reasonable efforts during the school year or semester repeated to address the academic credit deficiencies and/or failures.

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On a motion by Mr. Nemes, seconded by Mr. Czarnecki, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, ARTICLE XI, ASSUMED NAME, of the PIAA By-Laws, to make the loss of eligibility under this provision sport specific, effective July 1, 2010, to read as follows:

ARTICLE XI
ASSUMED NAME

A student who participates in an Inter-School Practice, Scrimmage, or Contest in a sport under a name other than the student's own shall be ineligible to participate in that sport interscholastic athletics for one year from the date of such participation under an assumed name.

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On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Mr. Nemes, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a second reading basis, ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 2, Rules and Regulations, subsection C, Football, Rule 2, of the PIAA By-Laws, to 1) clarify contact as meaning “physical” contact and 2) authorize the Principal to permit students to use, in addition to the school’s helmet and shoes, its shoulder pads outside the PIAA-defined football season, effective December 18, 2009, to read as follows:

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

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Section 2. Rules and Regulations.

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C. Football.

The following sport-specific rules modify the provisions otherwise set forth in this ARTICLE. To the extent any other provision in this ARTICLE is inconsistent with this Section, this Section controls.

1. A student who participates in organized physical contact football camps, clinics, drills, Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, Contests, or similar physical contact activities outside the PIAA-defined football season shall be ineligible to participate in interscholastic football for a period of one year from the date of such participation.

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

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO PIAA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, Procedural Standards for Regional Panels and District Committees of the Policy and Procedures Section of the PIAA Handbook, to provide guidance regarding “hearsay”, effective July 1, 2010, to read as follows:

PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR REGIONAL PANELS AND DISTRICT COMMITTEES

VII. Conduct of Hearing

G. Consistent with the maintenance of an orderly and informative hearing, the manner of presentation of a school’s case shall be as chosen by the Principal or the Principal’s designee.

1. While the manner of presentation may involve formal trial-type proceedings in which witnesses are called and asked questions, the more informal and common situation where witnesses are simply given the opportunity to present their evidence is usually more effective.

2. Reasonable cross-examination of witnesses is permitted. Cross-examination may be conducted by one representative of any party, such as a school's principal, or the school's counsel, and by a student or the student's counsel or parent.

3. Any person in attendance, other than representatives of the Regional Panel or District Committee hearing the matter, is
subject to questioning by a school, party, member of the Regional Panel or District Committee, counsel for the Regional Panel or District Committee, or other person so authorized by the chair.

4. Counsel cannot reasonably expect formal rulings on legal objections in the context of the hearing. However, if a Principal or counsel interposes an evidentiary objection, those having to do with relevance of the testimony and repetitiveness of the testimony may be sustained. Other objections (most often, hearsay) may be ruled on by the presiding officer, but may also be noted and considered during deliberations. The presiding officer also has the authority to control issues of relevance and repetitiveness even in the absence of any objection.

5. **Approach to hearsay generally:** Hearsay, as a general matter, is testimony, affidavits, statements, and/or other documents which relay what another person, not present to be cross-examined at the hearing, previously said about something that is now relevant to the proceeding. Because other parties and the decision makers do not have an opportunity to question the person making the statement(s), the evidence should not be relied upon unless there are strong indicia that the information is reliable. Unsubstantiated rumors in particular are unreliable. There are several situations in which hearsay can be used or relied upon by the decision makers:

a. If the alleged speaker is present for the hearing and can be questioned about it, the hearsay may be admitted. Also, if the adverse party admits to the accuracy of the statement, it can be admitted as well.

   Example: A Principal testifies that a parent told the Principal that a student told the parent that he or she was transferring to play for a particular Coach. If the parent is present to confirm that discussion, it can be considered. Also, if the student is present and confirms the discussion, it can be admitted. If the student denies the discussion, and there is no other corroborating evidence, it should not be considered.

b. The hearsay may be used, even if not relied on in the decision, to question other witnesses.

   Example, a newspaper article containing information is hearsay since it was written by someone not in the
hearing. However, adverse parties and the decision makers may question witnesses about contents of the article.

c. School, business, medical, and governmental records, if prepared in the normal course of the entity's operations, can be admitted and relied upon.

Example: Transcript, attendance records, and other school forms may be relied upon as accurate.

d. Documents that have indicia of reliability. This is left to the discretion of the decision makers but, if accepted, an explanation should be provided as to why the information is believed to be credible and should be relied upon by the decision makers.

Example: Leases and sales agreements for homes if prepared and signed by realtors can usually be relied upon as supporting the existence of a sale or lease of property.

e. The hearsay may be used to explain why someone did something.

Example: A witness may testify that he or she did something in reaction to what someone else told that person. What was told to the witness, however, may not be relied on as necessarily being truthful.

f. The hearsay is not being offered for its truth.

Example: A witness says that a friend told him that the sky was blue one day. If it doesn't matter to the case what color the sky was, and the statement was made for other purposes, it can be considered (but not to prove that the sky was blue).

g. Statements of a party whose interest is at issue.

Example: A school official testifies about what a student whose eligibility is at issue tells that school official. The statement is admissible regardless of whether the student is present at the hearing.
6. **Sworn and unsworn statements:** Parties will often offer sworn or unsworn statements at hearings. While sworn statements may be more reliable than unsworn ones, both still constitute hearsay because other persons at the hearing cannot question the person making the statement. Therefore, they should be relied upon only if undisputed or there is other evidence that supports the reliability of the statements made therein.

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On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, Procedural Standards for Appeal Hearings of the Policy and Procedures Section of the PIAA Handbook, to provide guidance regarding “hearsay”, effective July 1, 2010, to read as follows:

**PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR APPEAL HEARINGS**

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**VIII. Conduct of Appeal Hearing**

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**H. Other Procedural Matters:**

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5. **Approach to hearsay generally:** Hearsay, as a general matter, is testimony, affidavits, statements, and/or other documents which relay what another person, not present to be cross-examined at the hearing, previously said about something that is now relevant to the proceeding. Because other parties and the decision makers do not have an opportunity to question the person making the statement(s), the evidence should not be relied upon unless there are strong indicia that the information is reliable. Unsubstantiated rumors in particular are unreliable. There are several situations in which hearsay can be used or relied upon by the decision makers:

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Example, a newspaper article containing information is hearsay since it was written by someone not in the hearing. However, adverse parties and the decision makers may question witnesses about contents of the article.

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Example: Transcript, attendance records, and other school forms may be relied upon as accurate.

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On a motion by Mr. Majikes, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to amend, on a first reading basis, Procedural Standards for Discipline of PIAA-Registered Sports Officials of the Policy and Procedures Section of the PIAA Handbook, to provide guidance regarding “hearsay”, effective July 1, 2010, to read as follows:

**PROCEDURAL STANDARDS FOR DISCIPLINE OF PIAA-REGISTERED SPORTS OFFICIALS**

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VIII. Conduct of Hearing.

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H. Other Procedural Matters:

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4. **Approach to hearsay generally:** Hearsay, as a general matter, is testimony, affidavits, statements, and/or other documents which relay what another person, not present to be cross-examined at the hearing, previously said about something that is now relevant to the proceeding. Because other parties and the decision makers do not have an opportunity to question the person making the statement(s), the evidence should not be relied upon unless there are strong indicia that the information is reliable. Unsubstantiated rumors in particular are unreliable. There are several situations in which hearsay can be used or relied upon by the decision makers:

a. If the alleged speaker is present for the hearing and can be questioned about it, the hearsay may be admitted. Also, if
the adverse party admits to the accuracy of the statement, it
can be admitted as well.

Example: A Principal testifies that a parent told the
Principal that a registered sports official told the parent
that he or she was going to ensure that a particular
Team would win a particular Contest. If the parent is
present to confirm that discussion, it can be considered.
Also, if the registered sports official is present and
confirms the discussion, it can be admitted. If the
registered sports official denies the discussion, and
there is no other corroborating evidence, it should not
be considered.

b. The hearsay may be used, even if not relied on in the
decision, to question other witnesses.

Example, a newspaper article containing information is
hearsay since it was written by someone not in the
hearing. However, adverse parties and the decision
makers may question witnesses about contents of the
article.

c. School, business, medical, and governmental records, if
prepared in the normal course of the entity’s operations, can
be admitted and relied upon.

Example: Court docket sheets and related court filings
may be relied upon as accurate.

d. Documents that have indicia of reliability. This is left to the
discretion of the decision makers but, if accepted, an
explanation should be provided as to why the information is
believed to be credible and should be relied upon by the
decision makers.

Example: Leases and sales agreements for homes if
prepared and signed by realtors can usually be relied
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g. Statements of a party whose interest is at issue.

Example: A person testifies about what the registered sports official whose status is at issue tells that person. The statement is admissible regardless of whether the registered sports official is present at the hearing.

5. **Sworn and unsworn statements**: Parties will often offer sworn or unsworn statements at hearings. While sworn statements may be more reliable than unsworn ones, both still constitute hearsay because other persons and the decision makers cannot question the person making the statement. Therefore, they should be relied upon only if undisputed or there is other evidence that supports the reliability of the statements made therein.

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**PIAA HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT**

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, August 27 and Thursday, September 24, 2009 meetings of the PIAA Human Resources Committee, as prepared and presented by the Vice President of PIAA.

**PIAA STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee to amend, on a first reading basis, 1) **ARTICLE XV, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table I – Schedule of Fall Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to advance the first Regular Season Contest date in the sport of girls’ tennis by one week** and 2) **ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table III – Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to advance the first Regular**
Season Contest date in the sport of boys’ tennis by one week, both effective July 1, 2010, to read as follows:

TABLE I – Schedule of Fall Sports

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

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On a motion by Mr. Blucas, seconded by Ms. Cherubin, it was unanimously voted to accept the Minutes of the Thursday, October 8, 2009 meeting of the PIAA Strategic Planning Committee, as prepared by the Executive Director and presented by the President of PIAA.

PIAA DISTRICT III COMMITTEE REQUEST TO DEFER MOVE OF GIRLS’ SPRING SOCCER TO FALL SPORTS SEASON FROM JULY 1, 2010 TO JULY 1, 2012

On a motion by Mr. Elias, seconded by Mr. Wabby, it was voted to 1) rescind the amendment to ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table III – Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to move girls’ spring soccer to the PIAA-defined fall soccer season, effective July 1, 2010; 2) suspend the Protocol for Approving and Implementing Changes to the PIAA By-Laws, the PIAA Policies and Procedures, and the Rules and Regulations contained in the Rules and Regulations Section of the PIAA Handbook; and amend ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Table III – Schedule of Spring Sports, of the PIAA By-Laws, to move girls’ spring soccer to the PIAA-defined fall soccer season, effective July 1, 2012, to read as follows:
TABLE III – Schedule of Spring Sports

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

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

and 3) increase the number of enrollment classifications for girls’ fall soccer from two to three, effective the fall of 2010 and reduce the number of enrollment classifications for girls’ spring soccer from two to one, effective the spring of 2011.

Motion passed: 28-yes, 0-no, 3-absent. The roll call vote was:

- District 3 - Yes
- District 11 - Yes
- District 1 - Yes
- District 1 - Yes
- District 2 - Yes
- District 3 - Yes
- District 4 - Yes
- District 5 - Yes
- District 6 - Yes
- District 7 - Yes
- District 7 - Yes
- District 7 - Yes
- District 8 - Yes
- District 9 - Yes
- District 10 - Yes
- District 12 - Absent

PIAA DISTRICT IV COMMITTEE REQUEST TO DISCUSS
CONCERNS REGARDING BOYS PARTICIPATING ON
GIRLS’ INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC TEAMS

At the request of the PIAA District IV Committee, a discussion was held concerning boys participating on girls’ interscholastic athletic Teams.

Following such discussion, Mr. Zack moved, and Mr. Kanaskie seconded that motion, to direct the Executive Director, Director of Legal Affairs, and Legal Counsel to seek a
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Motion failed: 3-yes, 25-no. PIAA District IV Chairman, PCA Representative, and Girls’ Athletic Representative voted in the affirmative.

PIAA DISTRICT VI COMMITTEE REQUEST TO REVISIT PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED AND APPROVED EXPERIMENT WITH NFHS SOCCER RULE 12-8-1

At the request of the PIAA District VI Committee, a discussion was held concerning the previously proposed and Board of Directors’ approved experiment with NFHS Soccer Rule 12-8-1, which would have provided for a five (5) minute 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.

Following that discussion, on a motion by Mr. Wotkowski, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to refer the foregoing to the PIAA Soccer Steering Committee for its consideration and review at its meeting of Thursday, December 10, 2009.

SECOND READING OF PIAA DISTRICT VII/WPIAL COMMITTEE REQUEST TO AMEND POLICY FOR DETERMINING NUMBER OF ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS IN THE SPORTS OF CROSS COUNTRY, SWIMMING AND DIVING, TENNIS, TRACK AND FIELD, AND WRESTLING

On a motion by Mr. Vallina, seconded by Mr. Kanaskie, it was voted 1) to accept the request of the PIAA District VII/WPIAL Committee to amend, on a second reading basis, the following Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling, to include golf; and 2) to refer it to the PIAA Golf Steering Committee for its consideration and review at its meeting of Monday, October 26, 2009.

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

In the individual sports of cross country, golf, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling, each sport shall be entitled to one enrollment classification for every 275 member senior high schools sponsoring that sport, or major fraction thereof. Adoption of this policy shall not produce a decrease in the number of enrollment classifications existing in any sport at the time of such adoption, and shall, upon at least 200 member senior high schools sponsoring a sport, provide for a minimum of two enrollment classifications in each of the aforementioned sports.

Motion passed: 26-yes, 2-no. PIAA District II and VI Chairmen voted in the negative.
Mr. Manners moved, and Mr. Blucas seconded that motion, to grant the request of the PIAA District IX Committee for relief from the application of ARTICLE IX, DISTRICT COMMITTEES, Section 1, Composition, subsection B, Method of Selection, 3, of the PIAA Constitution, which provides, in relevant part, that “[t]he officials' representative shall be elected . . . by the PIAA-registered officials of the District.”

Motion failed: 3-yes, 25-no. PIAA District IX and X Chairmen and Male Parents’ Representative voted in the affirmative.

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

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

ARTICLE VI
TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING

Section 2. Presumptive Eligibility.

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

A. Natural Break Transfer Promotion.

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

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

*NATURAL BREAK TRANSFER: A transfer occurring when the student:

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

Motion passed: 23-yes, 5-no.

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

On a motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Gavlik, it was unanimously voted to
adopt, on a second reading basis, a disqualification response form in all sports, similar
to the form utilized in the sports of football and soccer, effective July 1, 2010.

MAXPREPS PROPOSAL

On a motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Majikes, it was unanimously voted to
direct the Executive Director to request that MaxPreps submit its proposal to be
designated as the “Official Statistician of PIAA Inter-District Championships in the sports
of football, girls' and boys' basketball, girls' and boys' volleyball, softball, and baseball”,
for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 reclassification cycle, to the Board of Directors, for its
consideration and review, by no later than its meeting of Wednesday, May 26 and
Thursday, May 27, 2010.

REQUEST OF PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE FOR SUPPORT OF
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1604-A OF THE SCHOOL CODE

Mr. Clearly moved to support the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference’s proposal to
amend Section 1604-A(b)(13) of the School Code to provide that PIAA must "[e]stablish
a policy, including a mechanism for enforcement, requiring that persons involved in
interscholastic athletics be provided equality of opportunity and treatment without regard
to . . . attendance at a private school."

Motion failed for lack of a second.
REMOVAL OF A REGISTERED SPORTS OFFICIAL

Following consideration of written materials submitted, the failure of the official to either respond to requests from the Executive Director or appear before the Board of Directors, and the mandatory language set forth in ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, Section 5, Removal of Registered Sports Officials, of the PIAA By-Laws, on a motion by Ms. Cherubin, seconded by Mr. Czarnecki, it was unanimously voted to remove from the list of registered sports officials, effective immediately, a PIAA-registered football official who pleaded guilty to one felony count under 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 780-113 relating to the manufacture, delivery, or possession of a controlled substance with the intent to manufacture or deliver such substance.

ADJOURNMENT

President Stone adjourned the meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors at 11:45 a.m., Friday, October 9, 2009.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING: 7:00 P.M., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 AND 8:00 A.M., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009; COCOA SUITE 2 AND 3, HERSHEY LODGE AND CONVENTION CENTER, HERSHEY, PA.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley R. Cashman
Executive Director