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PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ANNOUNCE DR. ROBERT A. LOMBARDI AS NEW PIAA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The PIAA Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Dr. Robert A. Lombardi has been selected as the new PIAA Executive Director. By unanimous decision, the Board voted publicly at its meeting of Friday, March 23, 2012 to promote Dr. Lombardi from his current position as Associate Executive Director.

"PIAA is proud to support an outstanding, long-tenured, and loyal professional in Dr. Lombardi as its next Executive Director," noted W. Rodney Stone, President of PIAA. The Board's process was thorough and rigorous and Dr. Lombardi excelled in every aspect of the process," concluded Mr. Stone.

Dr. Lombardi will become the 7th Executive Director in the 98-year history of PIAA. He will succeed Bradley R. Cashman who will be retiring Friday, July 13, 2012, after 32 years of service to PIAA. Dr. Lombardi, who began his career with PIAA in 1988, is the founding father of the PIAA Officials' Convention, which has grown to over 1,000 attendees. Dr. Lombardi has acted as Tournament Director for many PIAA Championships from time-to-time over the past 24 years in the sports of golf, cross country, field hockey, soccer, wrestling, basketball, track and field, baseball and softball. He is also responsible for the extensive growth of the PIAA Officials' Department, which currently registers over 14,000 individual sports officials.

Dr. Lombardi received his Bachelors of Science and Masters of Education from East Stroudsburg University. He then continued his education at the University of New Mexico where he earned his Ph.D. in Sports Administration.

"It is a great honor for me to succeed such a wonderful human being in Brad Cashman," noted Lombardi. "Brad has accomplished so much for the betterment of interscholastic athletics in Pennsylvania and I look forward to building on his successes."

PIAA will conduct a press conference, via teleconferencing, beginning at 9:00 am on Monday, March 26, 2012 from the PIAA Office regarding the announcement of Dr. Robert A. Lombardi as its new Executive Director. Members of the media may access the teleconference by using the following dial-in information:

Dial-in number: 717-918-1999

Access code: 0103746

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