

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2006
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by DIAA Chairperson Mark Holodick.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Mark Holodick, Ted Williams, Gerald Allen, Dr. Garrett Lyons, Kathleen Wilbur, Zane Robinson, Debbie Corrado, Sister Ann Michele, Dr. Robert Andrzejewski, Dr. Jeffery Hawtof, John Oliver, Michael Wagner, Dr. Lewis Atkinson, and Robert Reed. Kevin Charles, Executive Director and Paula Fontello, Deputy Attorney General were also in attendance. Phyllis Kohel, Joan Samonisky, Dr. Dianne Sole, and Ed Kee were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Holodick stated that there was an addendum to the agenda. Mr. Holodick stated that Items III. B. Request for Waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1008.2.7 for K.H was being deleted from the agenda. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wilbur and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of the December 8, 2005 Board of Directors' Meeting

Mr. Williams commented that the minutes did not reflect that he was present at the December 8 meeting and also commented that Mr. Robinson was not in attendance during the A. M. appeal and that the minutes should be corrected. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2005 Board meeting with changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Charles reviewed the income and expenses on the financial report. Mr. Robinson asked that the miscellaneous expenses be reviewed. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Dr. Andrzejewski and carried unanimous.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Action Items

C. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Charles commented that there were 24 requests for tournament sanction which went through the normal review process. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the request for tournament sanction. The motion was seconded by Mr. Oliver and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Annual Report

Mr. Charles explained that DIAA is required by law to provide an annual report to the General Assembly. Mr. Charles commented that this report includes new members, new initiatives, and a follow-up on former initiatives. Mr. Charles stated that this report has been reviewed by Dr. Atkinson and the Secretary of Education's office as well as the chair and vice-chair of this Board. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the Annual Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Allen and carried unanimously.

E. Approval of 2006-07 DIAA Board Meeting Dates and Sites

Mr. Charles explained that a list was developed with the meeting dates and sites for next years meetings. Mr. Charles commented on the annual meeting and asked the Board if they were open to a new site. Mr. Charles explained that the philosophy for holding the meeting at a different facility. He stated that now that we are located in the Collette Building we would have room in the large conference room to hold the annual meeting in this building and that there would be no facility charge. Mr. Charles stated that Wild Quail and Del-Tech College would still be an option. After some discussion Mr. Charles stated that he would gather information on other sites such as Del-Tech, Polytech and Wild Quail and bring it back to the Board. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the 2006-07 meeting dates with the amendment to change the annual meeting location to be announced. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

IV. A. Update on IAABO #11 Appeal

Ms. Fontello reviewed a copy of the proposed order written by the hearing officer who was recommending that DIAA's decision be affirmed. Ms. Fontello stated that it is on the State Board of Education's agenda for their January meeting and at that time the State Board will vote. Some discussion ensued regarding having a committee look at the rules which would limit the number of recognized officials associations.

III. Action Items

A. Request for Waiver of 14 DE Admin Code 1009.2.7 for C.D.

Mike Wagner recused himself from this hearing as C.D. is a student of his. Betty Wyatt-Dix; principal at Lake Forest High School, Christine Cajthaml; Special Education Coordinator, Mike Wagner; athletic director at Lake Forest High School, Idela Drummond; guardian for student, and C.D were in attendance to present this request. The student requested a closed hearing. Mr. Williams made a motion to go into executive session for the sole purpose of hearing testimony in students appeal. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously. Mr. Williams made a motion to go into deliberation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Andrzejewski and carried unanimously. Mr. Reed made a motion to come out of deliberation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Lyons and carried unanimously. Dr. Andrzejewski made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Corrado and carried unanimously. Mr. Allen made a motion to grant the request based on student's disability and unstable household at that time for the remainder of this school year. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

The board recessed at 10:30 a.m. and reconvened at 10:40 a.m.

IV. Executive Director Report

B. Review of Standing Committees

Mr. Charles commented that he wanted to bring this to the Boards attention to review the committees to see if any changes are needed. Mr. Charles stated that the Constitution and Bylaws Committee needs to be renamed and should be re-staffed.

C. Fall Tournament Update

Mr. Charles commented on the fall tournaments with the Board members and reviewed the results for each fall sport.

D. Sportsmanship Update for Fall 2005

Mr. Neubauer reviewed the sportsmanship incident report with the Board. Mr. Neubauer commented that there was an increase in rules violations and physical misconducts and a decrease in verbal misconduct from last year. Mr. Charles commented that one purpose for this report is to provide DIAA information to review with the athletic directors of schools in order to identify problem areas and implement corrective measures.

E. NFHS Winter Meeting

Mr. Charles reviewed the NFHS Winter Meeting that was held in Seattle, Washington and the topics discussed at that meeting. Mr. Charles reported that there was going to be a price increase of .25 cents per NFHS publications. Mr. Charles then reported that the NFHS passed a resolution regarding education outreach as a more cost effective means of addressing steroid use versus testing. Mr. Charles stated that New Jersey recently mandated the first steroid testing of high school athletes in the Nation. Mr. Charles stated that there was also considerable discussion on emerging sports such as bowling, competitive cheer, and woman's golf.

F. NIAAA Annual Conference

Mr. Neubauer commented that the purpose of attending this conference was to take the leadership course 590 which now qualifies him as an instructor. Mr. Neubauer stated that he also took the beginner coaches education course which is a basic first aid course run by the American Coaches Education Program.

G. Self-Reported Violation by Woodbridge HS

Mr. Charles commented that Woodbridge High School reported that they used an ineligible middle school player in a basketball game and that they forfeited the game.

H. Self-Reported Violation by Christiana HS

Mr. Charles commented that Christiana High School used an ineligible player in their first track meet and reported this to the NC5TA so that the results could be altered.

V. Presentation and Discussion

None.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Williams made a motion to adjourn at 11:40 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hawtof and carried unanimously.

Tina Hurley