

DIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 15, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.  
John W. Collette Education Resource Center

I. Opening

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairperson Terre Taylor.

B. Roll Call

The following DIAA Board members were present: Terre Taylor, Curtis Bedford, Susanne Williams, Dr. Evelyn Edney, Edna Cale, Craig Eliassen, Laura Leone, Gary Cimaglia, Dr. Bradley Layfield, Robert Cilento, Mike Hart, Dr. Mark Holodick, Ron Eby, Dr. Robert Walter, and Leroy Mann. Kevin Charles, Executive Director, Paula Fontello, Deputy Attorney General, and DIAA staff Thomas Neubauer and Tina Hurley was also in attendance. Susan Coffing, Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald and Dr. Susan Haberstroh were unable to attend.

C. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Layfield made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Minutes of DIAA December 11, 2014 Board Meeting

Mr. Cimaglia made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2014 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously.

E. DIAA Financial Report

Mr. Charles reported that to date the revenue received for FY15 was \$392,449 and for the reporting period was \$96,375 which was mostly from fall tournament revenue, member dues, and tournament entry fees. Mr. Charles reported that the expenses to date were \$366,940 and for the reporting period is \$74,400 which was mostly from tournament expenses and salary. Mr. Charles reported that DIAA is in the black at this time but doesn't expect that to be the case once all tournament income and expenses are processed. The carry over balance is currently \$954,828. Mr. Eby made a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously.

II. Public Comment

None

### III. A. Approval of Tournament Sanctions

Mr. Charles reported that there were 35 sanctioned events to be approved and based on the information provided; all sanctioned events appear to be in compliance with DIAA and NFHS regulations. Mr. Charles also commented on the Slam Dunk to the Beach Tournament that took place in December and commented that it went well. Dr. Layfield made a motion to approve the sanction events. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cilento and carried unanimously.

Mr. Charles reported that the DIAA Indoor Track and Field Meet is early this year and schools are asking if they can participate in events that are taking place after the state meet. Mr. Charles stated that he felt inclined to allow the schools to participate because the state meet is normally at a later date. Mr. Eby made a motion to extend the indoor track season for the 2014-15 season and allow schools to practice or participate until February 25 as long as schools complied with the season limits. The motion was seconded by Ms. Edney and carried unanimously.

### B. Proposal to Update DIAA Medal

Mr. Charles reviewed some changes he is looking at for the DIAA tournament medals as well as discounts associated with ordering large quantities. Board members expressed interest in having the first place medal larger (3") than other place finishers (2.25"). The proposal was tabled so that Mr. Charles can get more pricing information.

### C. Annual Report to General Assembly

Mr. Charles explained that the Delaware law requires that DIAA submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly and provided a draft copy of the 2014 report to all Board members for their review. Board members noted a few errors and typos. Dr. Walter made a motion to approve the report with the amendments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously.

### D. Proposed Process to Review/Revise Regulations

Mr. Charles reported on the regulations review process developed by our contractor. He explained that Dr. Lew Atkinson is working on the regulations by taking 2-3 sections of it per year. Mr. Charles explained that the Rules and Regulations Committee has picked some areas that they would like Dr. Atkinson to consider first. Dr. Holodick made a motion to approve the process of the regulation review. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cale and carried

unanimously.

F. Consideration of Illinois Joint Defense Agreement

Mr. Charles reviewed a class action law suit involving a former football player in the state of Illinois. The attorney that filed the suit has stated his intent to do the same in every state. Illinois is asking all states to consider signing a joint defense agreement. This item was tabled to allow for legal review.

IV. Executive Director Report

A. Legal Report

Ms. Fontello reported that she has accepted another position and will be leaving the DIAA Board. The Board recognized the outstanding service Ms. Fontello has provided DIAA since 2005 and thanked her.

B. Discussion on PPE

Dr. Walter updated the Board on his meeting with DIAA SMAC regarding a proposal to revise our PPE protocol. Dr. Walter reminded Board members that the main change was to permit physicians to sign the PPE on or after April 1<sup>st</sup> based on a review of the most recent exam performed before that date. Dr. Walter advised it was well received by DIAA SMAC.

C. NIAAA Meeting

Mr. Neubauer reported on the National NIAAA meeting in Washington, D.C. He stated that it was well attended by Delaware athletic directors and commented on several of the outstanding workshops.

D. NFHS Winter Meeting

Mr. Charles reported on the NFHS Winter Meeting and reviewed topics that were discussed such as the NFHS Network, Media Policy, the class action lawsuit in Illinois, and social media.

E. 70th Annual Membership Meeting

Mr. Charles reviewed the agenda from the Annual Membership meeting and stated that the meeting went well and was well attended.

F. 2014 Board Hearing Report

Mr. Charles reviewed the number of waiver hearings for 2014 and shared a report that included the regulations affected, the number of waivers passed and the number denied.

G. 2014 Fall Tournament Attendance Report

Mr. Charles reviewed with the Board the attendance for fall sports.

H. December Sportsmanship Committee Report

Mr. Neubauer commented that the DIAA Sportsmanship Committee met in December and reviewed the meeting. Mr. Neubauer reported that sportsmanship in soccer has improved.

I. Update on Board Appointments

Mr. Charles updated the Board members on progress by the Governor's office on filling Board positions.

III. E. Open Forum for Board Members

Board members discussed Executive Sessions during the meetings and questioned if the parties present for hearings could leave the room during executive sessions. Ms. Fontello advised that this was not permissible.

V. Other

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Cilento made a motion to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Layfield and carried unanimously.

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Tina Hurley