

**BOARD OF CONTROL ACTION ITEMS
JANUARY, 2014 – FEBRUARY, 2014**



The January 21 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W.

Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, C. Harlan, and M. White.

The January 27 meeting (hearing panel) of the Board of Control was attended by B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, and C. Harlan.

The February 18 meeting of the Board of Control was attended by J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, R. Dufalla, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, C. Harlan, and M. White.

ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS

Foreign Exchange Provision

The following foreign exchange students were granted eligibility as **CSIET** sponsored **J-1 Visa** exchange students under Article VII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

Seneca Valley Pangbaramee Srichai

Transfer Provision

The following students were declared eligible under Article VI, Section 4A of the PIAA By-Laws:

Eden Christian Academy Grace O'Neill
Beingxin Tian
Imani Christian Academy Malik Allen
Jazmyr Mitchell
Oakland Catholic Viktoria Heiser
Julianna Skowron
Seton LaSalle Tyler Zeher
Shady Side Academy Ishan Muzumdar
Penn Hills Elijah Clark
Trinity Christian Hiroto Takahashi
Hanchen Wang

Transfer Provision (Cont'd.)

Vincentian Academy Mia Corbelli
Juliano Estrada Donatelli
Jonathan Succop

The following students were declared eligible under Article VI, Section 2C of the PIAA By-Laws:

Rochester Kyleigh Zedak

The following student was declared eligible under Article VI, Section 2D of the PIAA By-Laws:

Albert Gallatin Cruz White

HEARINGS

**GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC
Boys Basketball Coach Behavior**

The Hearing Panel determined the following: **1)** The Greensburg Central Catholic boys basketball team is suspended from post-season play in 2014 unless the Greensburg Central Catholic Administration: **a)** suspends Coach Greg Bisignani from coaching and attending three (3) of the remaining regular season Greensburg Central Catholic boys basketball games; and **b)** requires Coach Greg Bisignani to enroll in and successfully complete an ACEP (American Coaching Education Program) containing some sort of sportsmanship component by August 1, 2014. On or before February 4, 2014, the Greensburg Central Catholic principal must verify in writing to the WPIAL that Coach Bisignani has enrolled in such an ACEP. On or before August 1, 2014, the Greensburg Central Catholic principal must certify in writing to the WPIAL that Coach Bisignani successfully completed such an ACEP.

2) The Greensburg Central Catholic High School Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Greg Bisignani, is publicly censured for his inappropriate and unacceptable interaction with a PIAA game official and the Greensburg Central Catholic Administration is publicly censured for failing to provide a supervisory presence at the game in question.

3) The Greensburg Central Catholic Boys Basketball Program has been placed on probation effective immediately through the end of the 2014-2015 basketball season.

4) Greensburg Central Catholic must have an administrator or an administrative designee present at all Greensburg Central Catholic boys basketball games

effective immediately through the end of the 2014-2015 basketball season.

5) On or before February 10, 2014, Greensburg Central Catholic must submit for WPIAL Board of Control approval a written corrective action plan to ensure that its coaches will refrain from inappropriate interaction with PIAA game officials. The BOC did accept the corrective plan of action to ensure the situation does not reoccur.

ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS

Steel Valley – Ryan Sabo

After reviewing the information and testimony presented, Ryan Sabo was granted an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The BOC approved the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2014-15 Board of Control election. The Nominating Committee includes:

Barry Balaski Principal, Moon HS
Jason Olexa Principal, Brentwood HS
Chad Roland Principal, Kiski HS
Dr. Patricia Smith Principal, South Park HS
Brian Sutherland Principal, Monessen HS

Jason Olexa will serve as Committee Chairperson.

PIAA BY-LAW VIOLATIONS

St. Joseph

The BOC censured the administration for publishing a sports recruitment advertisement in violation of Article VI, Section B-1 of the PIAA By-Laws.

INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Beaver

The BOC censured the administration, placed the boys soccer program on probation through the 2014-2015 soccer season, accepted the administration's letters of forfeiture to all opponents in which ineligible athlete participated, and accepted the plan of action to ensure the situation does not reoccur.

Franklin Regional

The BOC concluded that Emily Vannatta competed in the incorrect division at the 2014 Gymnastics Championships and the administration must return the medal awarded her as well as summarize for the BOC how this error could occur resulting in an ineligible athlete being entered in the intermediate division by March 7, 2014.

Imani Christian

The BOC censured the administration for using student athletes prior to receiving BOC approval. In addition, the BOC placed the basketball program on probation through the 2014-2015 basketball season, and accepted the administration's plan of action to ensure the situation does not reoccur.

COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP

School Added

Marion Center - Indiana- Ford City - Blairsville

The Board of Control accepted the request from Marion Center to be added to the newly formed cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement between Indiana Area, Ford City, and Blairsville in the sports of girls' varsity lacrosse beginning the 2013-2014 school year with Indiana Area High School as the host school. This is based on the fact that girls' lacrosse has a single classification and the mid-cycle approval is a non-factor.

Termination

Quigley Catholic/Freedom

The BOC accepted the request from Quigley Catholic Junior High to terminate the cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement with Freedom in the sport of girls' tennis effective immediately as long as it does not affect the PIAA classification for either school.

Termination

Quigley Catholic/Central Valley

The BOC accepted the request from Quigley Catholic Junior High to terminate the cooperative sponsorship of a Sport Agreement with Central Valley in the sport of boys' tennis effective immediately as long as it does not affect the PIAA classification for either school.

2014-2015 FALL/WINTER SPORTS SOME SPRING SPORTS

All fall/winter sports alignments for the 2014-15 school year, the first year of the 2014-16 scheduling cycle, were approved by the BOC. Alignment, scheduling grids, calendars, and sport memos are available on the WPIAL website by clicking on the "Sports" tab. A brief summary is below:

FOOTBALL

Four (4) classifications with 124 teams

New Team – Vincentian

Schools dropping from the alignment – Imani Christian and Geibel

Football (Cont'd.)

Schools moving down in classification – Gateway to AAA, Highlands and Derry to AA, Greensburg CC, Jeannette, and Riverside to A.

Schools moving up in classification-Yough to AAA, Carlynton, Sto-Rox, Apollo Ridge, West Shamokin, and Laurel to AA

Associate members – Altoona-AAAA, Hollidaysburg-AAA

Cross Country

Two (2) classifications with 10 boys' teams and 101 girls' teams

New Teams – West Greene, California, and Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic boys and girls

Teams dropped from the alignment – Allderdice boys and girls

Field Hockey

A two-classification program with nineteen (19) teams

New Team-Allderdice

Associate member-Allderdice

Boys' Golf

Two (2) classifications with 117 teams

Schools moving up in classification – Yough

Schools moving down in classification – Highlands, Valley, and South Fayette to AA

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Shady Side Academy to AAA

Associate member – Allderdice

Girls' Golf

Two (2) classifications with 33 teams

Schools moving up in classification – Central Valley to AAA

Schools moving down in classification – Elizabeth Forward, Ambridge, and Hopewell to AA

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Shady Side Academy to AAA

Boys' Soccer

Three (3) classifications with 110 teams

New Teams – South Side Beaver

Schools moving up in classification – West Shamokin to AA

Schools moving down in classification – Ambridge, Ringgold, and Trinity to AA; Charleroi and Freedom to Class A

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Shady Side Academy to AA

Associate member – Allderdice, Brashear, Obama, and Carrick

Girls' Soccer

Three (3) classifications with 102 teams

New Teams – Brownsville and Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic

Schools moving up in classification – Moon and Carrick to AAA; Riverside to AA

Schools moving down in classification – Ringgold to AA; Riverside to Class A

Associate members – Allderdice, Carrick, Obama, and Brashear

Girls' Tennis

Two (2) classifications with 81 teams

Schools moving down in classification – Greensburg Salem to AA

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Shady Side Academy to AAA

Associate members – Allderdice

Girls' Volleyball

Three (3) classifications with 123 teams

New Team-Obama

Schools dropping from the alignment – Neighborhood Academy

Schools moving up in classification – Mars to AAA, Laurel, West Shamokin, and Sto-Rox to AA

Schools moving down in classification – Montour to Class AA, Apollo Ridge, New Brighton, and Washington to Class A

Associate member – Obama

Boys Volleyball

Two (2) classifications with 39 teams

New Team – Obama

Associate members – Obama

Boys' Basketball

Four (4) classifications with 133 teams

Schools moving up in classification – Chartiers Valley to Quad A; Burrell, Deer Lakes, and West Shamokin to AAA; Lincoln Park, Wilksburg, Carmichaels, and Our Lady of Sacred Heart to AA

Schools moving down in classification – Hampton, New Castle, and Trinity to AAA; East Allegheny and Waynesburg to AA; Riverview, Springdale, California, Jefferson Morgan, Jeannette, Serra, and West Greene to Class A

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Beaver Falls to AAA

Girls' Basketball

Four (4) classifications with 131 teams

Schools moving up in classification Moon and West Allegheny to Quad A; Deer Lakes, Ford City, Beaver, and McGuffey to AAA; Carmichaels and Frazier to AA

Schools moving down in classification – Laurel Highlands and Chartiers Valley to AAA; Freeport and Waynesburg to AA

Gymnastics

A single-classification program with ten (10) teams. No changes in alignment

Rifle

A single classification program with three (3) sections and 14 teams in the alignment

Wrestling

Two (2) classifications with 83 teams

Schools moving down in classification – Central Valley, McGuffey, Elizabeth Forward, and Indiana

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Waynesburg

Boys Tennis

Two (2) classifications with 81 teams

Schools moving up in classification – Mars and Knoch to AAA

Schools moving down in classification – Greensburg Salem, Ringgold, West Mifflin, and Ambridge to AA

Schools voluntarily playing up in classification – Shady Side Academy to AAA

Associate members – Allderdice

2014 WPIAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND BANQUET

The eighth annual WPIAL Hall of Fame 2014 banquet and induction ceremony will take place on Friday, June 6, 2014, at the Greentree Doubletree Hotel, Mansfield Avenue, Greentree, PA.

Reservations may be made using the reservation form which can be downloaded from the WPIAL website (www.wpial.com). The price is \$50.00 per person and must be paid in advance prior to May 30, 2014.

The 2014 Hall of Fame Class will be announced at a Press Conference at the Heinz History Center on April 9, 2014. A full listing of all inductees and banquet reservation applications will be posted on the WPIAL website (www.wpial.com) on April 9, 2014

2014-15 WINTER SPORTS TEAM CHAMPIONS

• Boys' Basketball

Class A	Vincentian
Class AA	Seton LaSalle
Class AAA	Central Valley
Class AAAA	New Castle

• Girls' Basketball

Class A	Vincentian
Class AA	Seton LaSalle
Class AAA	Blackhawk
Class AAAA	Penn Trafford

• Wrestling

Class AA	Burrell
Class AAA	Franklin Regional

• Boys' Swimming

Class AA	Mars
Class AAA	North Allegheny

• Girls' Swimming

Class AA	West Allegheny
Class AAA	North Allegheny

• Girls Gymnastics

Moon

• Rifle

Woodland Hills

• Competitive Spirit

Class A	Chartiers Houston
Class AA	Highlands
Class AAA	Pine Richland

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