

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS  
JANUARY, 2015 – FEBRUARY, 2015**



The January 19 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, D. Conn (via tele-conference), P. Mannarino, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, J. Patton A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams, J. Wallace and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

The February 16 meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, L. Messich, J. Patton, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, J. Wallace K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, and B. Simmons.

**ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS**

**Transfer Provision**

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

- Beaver County Christian . . . . . Adam Shaw
- Chartiers Valley . . . . . Calean MacDonald
- Eden Christian Academy . . . . . Seth Delposen
- Hampton . . . . . Mia Corbelli
- Imani Christian Academy . . . . . Elijah Clark
- Kiski . . . . . Louis Stefanik
- Norwin . . . . . Alexis Lucas
- Quigley Catholic . . . . . Ziqiwg Ye
- Vincentian Academy . . . . . Siena Bolt
- Hope Casey
- Makayla Kampas
- David Powers
- Christina Russell
- Maria Russell
- Rhiannon White

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

- Aliquippa . . . . . Draper Gilliam
- McKeesport . . . . . Donye Sparrow-Felton

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

- Jeannette . . . . . William Piscar

**ELIGIBILITY HEARINGS**

**Gateway- Juwan Haynes**

The BOD Hearing Panel declined to grant Juwan Haynes eligibility under Article VI, Section 4 of the PIAA By-Laws because there exists a reasonable likelihood that that his transfer was materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to basketball thereby making Juwan ineligible to participate in basketball only for a period of one year from the date of the transfer, December 16, 2014.

**Wilkesburg- Omar Poole**

The BOD Hearing Panel declared Omar Poole eligible under Article VI, Section 2C of the PIAA By-Laws. The effective date of this eligibility is January 12, 2015.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The BOC approved the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2015-16 Board of Control election. The Nominating Committee includes:

- Barry Balaski . . . . . Principal, Moon HS
- Tim Cherdon . . . . . Principal, Serra Catholic HS
- Michael Cominos . . . . . Principal, Ford City HS
- Dr Marguerite Imberlina . . . . . Principal, Hampton HS
- Earl Thompson . . . . . Principal, Yough HS

Barry Balaski will serve as Committee Chairperson.

**WPIAL/PIAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Queen of Angels**

The BOC approved the PIAA junior high membership application for Queen of Angels, located in North Huntingdon, PA, for the 2015-2016 school year.

**COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP**

**Hempfield & Greensburg Central Catholic – Junior High/Middle School Wrestling**

The BOD accepted the request from Hempfield School District and Greensburg Central Catholic High School to include junior high/middle school wrestling in their present cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement in the sport of varsity wrestling beginning the 2014-2015 school year with Hempfield School District as the host school.

### School Added

#### Apollo Ridge - Marion Center - Indiana- Ford City - Blairsville

The Board of Directors accepted the request from Apollo Ridge to be added to the cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement between Indiana Area, Ford City, Marion Center and Blairsville in the sports of girls' varsity lacrosse beginning the 2014-2015 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.

### **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS**

#### FIELD TURF ~ Corporate Sponsorship

The BOD approved a one year corporate sponsorship with Field Turf effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015. FieldTurf is a division of Tarkett Sports, the largest entity in the sports and landscape surfacing industries. FieldTurf is the inventor and world leader in infilled artificial turf with over 5,000 installations in North America and over 250 fields in Pennsylvania.

#### PEOPLE'S NATURAL GAS ~ Corporate Sponsorship

The BOD approved a corporate sponsorship with People's Natural Gas effective the 2015 calendar year since their founding in 1885, People's has been providing Western Pennsylvania with clean, safe, and reliable natural gas

### **2015-2016 WINTER SPORTS SOME SPRING SPORTS**

All winter sports alignments for the 2015-16 school year, the second 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:

#### Boys' Basketball

Four (4) classifications with 131 teams  
**New Team**-Armstrong,  
**Teams Dropped** – Aquinas, Ford City, Kittanning  
**Alignment Changes**-Armstrong was assigned to Quad A, Section 2

#### Girls' Basketball

Four (4) classifications with 130 teams  
**New Team**-Armstrong, Lincoln Park, Propel Andrew Street;  
**Teams Dropped** –Ford City, Kittanning, Trinity Christian, Western Beaver  
**Alignment Changes**-Armstrong was assigned to Quad A, Section 2, Lincoln Park to AAA, Section 2, and Propel Andrew Street to A, Section 4

### Gymnastics

A single-classification program with ten (12) teams.  
**New Teams** – Thomas Jefferson & West Allegheny  
**Teams Dropped**-None  
**Alignment Changes**- Thomas Jefferson to Section 1 and West Allegheny to Section 2

### Rifle

A single classification program with three (3) sections and 15 teams in the alignment  
**New Team** – Penn Trafford  
**Teams Dropped**-None  
**Alignment Changes**-Penn Trafford to Section 3

### Boys Swimming

Two (2) classifications with 74 teams  
**New Teams** – Armstrong & Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic  
**Teams Dropped** - Kittanning  
**Alignment Changes**-Armstrong to AAA, Section 1 and Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic to AA, Section 2

### Girls Swimming

Two (2) classifications with 75 teams  
**New Teams** – Armstrong & Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic  
**Teams Dropped** - Kittanning  
**Alignment Changes**-Armstrong to AAA, Section 1 and Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic to AA, Section 2

### Wrestling

Two (2) classifications with 96 teams  
**New Teams** – Armstrong  
**Teams Dropped** – Kittanning & Charleroi  
**Alignment Changes**-Armstrong to AAA, Section 1B and Highlands to AA, Section 3B

### **2015 WPIAL HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AND BANQUET**

The ninth annual WPIAL Hall of Fame 2015 banquet and induction ceremony will take place on Friday, June 12, 2015, 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](http://www.wpial.com)) on April 9. The price is \$50.00 per person and must be paid in advance prior to May 30, 2015.

The 2015 Hall of Fame Class will be announced at a Press Conference at the Heinz History Center on April 9, 2015. A full listing of all inductees and banquet reservation applications will be posted on the WPIAL website ([www.wpial.com](http://www.wpial.com)) on April 9, 2015.

## 2014-15 WINTER SPORTS TEAM CHAMPIONS

- **Boys' Basketball**

Class A	Monessen
Class AA	Aliquippa
Class AAA	Indiana
Class AAAA	Chartiers Valley

- **Girls' Basketball**

Class A	Vincentian
Class AA	Seton LaSalle
Class AAA	Blackhawk
Class AAAA	Norwin

- **Wrestling**

Class AA	Burrell
Class AAA	Franklin Regional

- **Boys' Swimming**

Class AA	Quaker Valley
Class AAA	North Allegheny

- **Girls' Swimming**

Class AA	Shady Side Academy
Class AAA	North Allegheny

- **Girls Gymnastics**

Hampton

- **Rifle**

Woodland Hills

- **Competitive Spirit**

Class A	Chartiers Houston
Class AA	Highlands
Class AAA	Shaler

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