

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ITEMS**  
**March – April 2015**

The March 9, (hearing panel) meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Evans, A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, L. Messich, J. Patton, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.



The March 16, meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by J. Fullen, B. Rocco, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, K. Charlton, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, T. Evans, R. Gaughan, M. Gavlik (non-voting member), A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, 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.

The April 21, meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by J. Fullen, S. Seltzer, M. Allison, P. Cherubin, W. Cleary, D. Conn, T. Evans, A. Gipson, S. Heinauer, P. Mannarino, L. Messich, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, K. Williams, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins, B. Simmons, D. McBain, S. Wagner, P. Schofield, M. White.

The April 23, (hearing panel) meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by S. Seltzer, P. Cherubin, D. Conn, P. Mannarino, A. Scheuneman, W. Sinning, and T. O'Malley. Also in attendance were J. Collins and B. Simmons.

**ELIGIBILITY REVIEWS**

**Foreign Exchange Provision**

The following foreign exchange students were granted eligibility under Article VII, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Moon . . . . . Frederic Esser
- Riverside . . . . . Ekaterina Makarovskaia
- Riverside . . . . . Miia Roininen

The following students were granted eligibility for one year under Article VII, Section 2 International Student:

- Mt. Lebanon . . . . . Victoria Bastos

**Transfer Provision**

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

- Greensburg Central Catholic . . . . . Alvin Ross
- North Allegheny . . . . . Cameron Dorazio
- Mark Puntil
- Our Lady of the Sacred Heart . . . . . Ronald Gombita

- Seton LaSalle . . . . . David Manosky
- Sewickley Academy . . . . . Kelcey Flowers
- St. Joseph . . . . . David Smith
- Vincenian . . . . . Brynn Wasielewski
- Washington . . . . . Tiana Griglack
- Woodland Hills . . . . . Mark Rajakovich
- Jordan Scarbrough
- Thomas Sullivan-Foglia

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

- Aliquippa . . . . . Robert Anzio
- Canard Bates, Jr.
- Thomas Jefferson . . . . . Adam Staudt
- Washington . . . . . Tapainga Miller
- Woodland Hills . . . . . Maria Corsaro
- Michael Payne

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

- Central Valley . . . . . Christian Wachter
- Penn Trafford . . . . . Hunter Adams
- Plum . . . . . Jaleel Bey
- Washington . . . . . Kyle Carter

**Attendance Provision**

The following student was granted an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 3 of the PIAA By-Laws:

- North Allegheny . . . . . Genevieve Prutting

The following student was denied an attendance waiver under Article III, Section 1 of the PIAA By-Laws:

- Steel Valley . . . . . Christopher DeMartino

**Period of Participation**

The following students were denied a period of participation waiver under Article VIII, Section 6 of the PIAA By-Laws:

- New Castle . . . . . Bryan Owens

**INELIGIBLE STUDENT ATHLETE**

**CALIFORNIA**

After considering the information and testimony presented at the hearing on April 23, 2015, the WPIAL Board of Directors Hearing Panel determined The BOD determined that in the absence of a waiver from the California High School Principal, the WPIAL cannot deem a female

student an eligible player on the boys tennis team. She was therefore used ineligibly and the four matches she participated in must be forfeited.

Bart Rocco  
Scott Seltzer  
Mike Allison

Patrick Mannarino  
William Sinning

**MONESSEN**

The BOD determined the following regarding the use of ineligible student athletes during the 2014-2015 football season: 1) The Monessen School District Administration and Athletic Director are publicly censured for using ineligible student athletes. 2) The Monessen High School Football Program is on probation for a period of one year through the 2015-2016 football season until March 17, 2016. 3) Monessen High School must forfeit all 2014-2015 football games in which ineligible student athlete(s) participated. The forfeitures must be submitted in writing to all opponents with a copy of said letters sent to the WPIAL office by Friday, April 10, 2015. 4) The Monessen High School Administration must develop a plan of action to ensure this situation does not occur again and to avoid future rules violations. This plan must be submitted to the WPIAL office by Friday, April 10, 2015. 5) The Monessen High School Principal is commended for reporting this violation as soon as it came to his attention. The BOD accepted the administration's procedural guidelines and letters of forfeiture at the April 21<sup>st</sup> BOD meeting.

**Avonworth High School**

The BOD denied the request for relief of WPIAL policy that limits to one participant in post-season individual tournaments for members schools that do not have a team in the sport.

**COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP(S)  
TERMINATION**

**Avella & Burgettstown –Junior High Football**

The BOD conditionally accepted the request from Avella School District to terminate the cooperative sponsorship of a sport agreement with Burgettstown in the sport of junior high football effective immediately.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE APPROVED**

Upon the recommendation of President Fullen, the BOD approved the following persons to serve on the Budget Committee to assist in developing the 2015-16 budget:

Jack Fullen                      Scott Heinauer

**BOD ELECTION RESULTS**

The results of the Board of Directors election for 2015-2016 were announced at the Annual Meeting on April 21, 2015, by Jim Hune representing the accounting firm of Creese, Smith, & Co. Listed in alphabetical order, the elected members of the 2015-16 BOD are:

**Mike Allison** . . . . . Principal, Hopewell HS  
**Kathy Charlton** . . . . . Principal, Hempfield Area HS  
**Bill Cleary** . . . . . Athletic Director, Serra HS  
**Tom Evans** . . . . . Athletic Director, Yough HS  
**\*Jack Fullen** . . . . . Athletic Admin., Blackhawk HS  
**Alvin Gipson** . . . . . Principal, Aliquippa HS  
**Scott Heinauer** . . . . . Athletic Director, Mars HS  
**Patrick Mannarino** . . . . . Sup't., North Hills SD  
**Bart Rocco** . . . . . Sup't, Elizabeth Fwd.SD  
**Scott Seltzer** . . . . . Ass't Sup't, Chartiers Valley SD  
**Ken Williams** . . . . . Principal, Mt. Pleasant HS

\*Mr. Fullen elected to a two-year term as Junior High Representative.

**BOD REORGANIZATION**

Pursuant to the PIAA Constitution, the following were re-elected as WPIAL Officers by the BOD for the 2015-16 school year:

**BOD Officers**

President . . . . . Jack Fullen  
Vice President . . . . . Bart Rocco  
Treasurer . . . . . Scott Seltzer

**PIAA BOD Representatives**

District VII Chairman . . . . . Jack Fullen  
District VII BOC Member . . . . . Scott Heinauer  
District VII Treasurer . . . . . Scott Seltzer  
District VII First Alternate -Vice Chairman . . . . . Bart Rocco  
District VII Second Alternate . . . . . William Cleary

**Co Girls' Athletic Representative to BOD**

Linda Messich . . . . . Athletic Director, Mapletown HS  
Amy Scheuneman . . . . . Athletic Director, Bethel Park  
If both are present, Linda Messich will be the voting member.

**Parent Representatives to BOD**

Dan Conn . . . . . Seneca Valley School District  
Jeannine Patton . . . . . North Hills School District

**INFORMATION AND REMINDERS**

## WPIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

Member school principals submitted 79 male and 74 female applications for the 2014-15 scholar-athlete awards. After an intensive review of each application, the Scholarship Committee selected ten male and ten female winners. A one-time \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to each of the winners during the first year of study at the college of his/her choice. The four 20 scholar athletes were honored at a luncheon with their parents, principal, and athletic director at the DoubleTree Hotel on May 18, 2015. In addition to the scholarship, each student will be presented an attractive shadow box plaque as a permanent token of his/her selection. In the event that the student athlete is unable to accept the stipend, the scholarship will be deposited in the WPIAL Scholarship Trust Fund in memory of the student awardees.

In addition, each student from a member school who submitted an application will receive an attractive certificate symbolizing each as the WPIAL Scholar Athlete for their school.

### Scholar Athletes

<b>Zachary Altieri</b>	<b>Jeannette</b>
<b>Maria Fleck</b>	<b>Mohawk</b>
<b>Jacob Gerard</b>	<b>Ringgold</b>
<b>Madeline Holmberg</b>	<b>Hempfield Area</b>
<b>Victoria Kocsuta</b>	<b>Montour</b>
<b>Kirsten McMichael</b>	<b>Ringgold</b>
<b>Theresa Merlino</b>	<b>Yough</b>
<b>Sean Orsini</b>	<b>West Allegheny</b>
<b>Tanner Quiggle</b>	<b>Seneca Valley</b>
<b>John Regueiro</b>	<b>Quaker Valley</b>
<b>Jacob Roberge</b>	<b>Franklin Regional</b>
<b>Andrew Romanchak</b>	<b>Freeport</b>
<b>Joshua Rosato</b>	<b>Chartiers Valley</b>
<b>Cole Rosenberger</b>	<b>Indiana</b>
<b>Brianna Schwartz</b>	<b>Shaler</b>
<b>Isabel Siergiej</b>	<b>Penn Trafford</b>
<b>Courtney Vannoy</b>	<b>Blackhawk</b>
<b>Grace Ward</b>	<b>Freeport</b>
<b>Caroline Westwood</b>	<b>Quaker Valley</b>
<b>Brooks Wilding</b>	<b>Upper St. Clair</b>

## WPIAL SCHOLAR ATHLETE HISTORY

The WPIAL Scholar Athlete Program was initiated in 1992 with two (2) students receiving \$5,000 scholarships. The program was expanded in 1997 with four (4) students receiving \$5,000 scholarships. In 1999, along with the four (4) \$5,000 scholarships, the Board opted to give \$500 stipends to the 16 finalists. In 2014-2015, the Board opted to award 20 students each \$1,000.00.

Including the Class of 2015, 102 scholar athletes represent 53 different member schools. Freeport School District has had seven scholar athletes; Quaker Valley has had five scholar athletes; Montour and Ringgold have had

four scholar athletes. Since its inception in 1992, the WPIAL has awarded \$558,000 to 82 students from 60 different member schools.

## WPIAL OFFICIAL BALLS 2014-15

The WPIAL Board of Directors "Official Ball" list with expiration dates is summarized below:

SPORT	MFGR	OFFICIAL BALL	EXPIRATION
Football	Spalding	SB1	June 30, 2017
Volleyball - B&G	Spalding	VB5	June 30, 2017
Basketball - B	Spalding	TF1000 Legacy	June 30, 2017
Basketball - G	Spalding	TF1000 Legacy 28.5	June 30, 2017
Softball	Dudley	SB-12	June 30, 2017

## WPIAL REVENUE SHARING 2014-2015

The WPIAL revenue sharing program for 2014-2015 resulted in \$154,163.39, being returned to member schools participating in the football, soccer, and basketball tournaments using the League's revenue share ratio of 45% for schools and 55% for the League.

Revenue share paid by sport includes: Football (\$74,179.31), Basketball (\$59,979.07), and Soccer (\$20,005.01). Pine Richland received a revenue share check in excess of \$7,000 in the amount of \$7,429.82. Penn Trafford, South Fayette and Central Catholic each received in excess of \$6,000. One hundred four (104) member schools received a revenue share check for 2014-15.

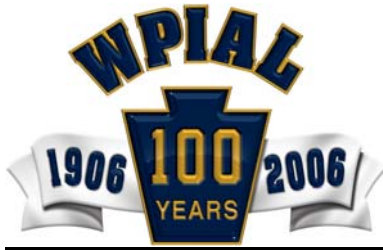
## PIAA TEAM CHAMPIONS 2014-15 WINTER SPORTS

Vincentian Academy . . . . . A Girls Basketball  
Blackhawk . . . . . AAA Girls Basketball  
Quaker Valley . . . . . AA Boys Swimming  
Franklin Regional . . . . . AAA Wrestling

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