

Minutes of the 2020-21 Journalism Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, May 4, 2021

The IHSA Journalism Advisory Committee was held via video conference call on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Advisory committee members in attendance: Division 1 Diana Burban, Chicago(Mother McAuley), Adviser; Division 2 Frank Mirandola, Mt. Prospect (Prospect), Activities Director; Division 4 Daniel Bingley, Rockford (Guilford), Adviser; Division 5 Felicia Tufano, Urbana (H.S.), Adviser; Division 7 Jenny Donohue, Carterville, Adviser. IHSA Asst. Executive Director Matt Troha conducted the meeting and Dan Kerns attended as a liaison for the Illinois Journalism Education Association (IJEa).

**TERMS & CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS**

No terms & conditions recommendations.

**ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

No administrative recommendations.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. The committee recapped the IHSA Virtual Journalism State Series that was conducted in 2021.
2. Matt Troha presented improvements to the Sectional feedback process, as well as a recommended change to the Sectional submission process should the event ever have to be held virtually again.
3. The committee discussed the pros and cons of hybrid State Series system that would see the Sectional hosted virtually and the State Finals held in-person. It was noted that it could increase participation, as it eliminates travel on a Saturday. It was also noted that students who do not advance to the state finals would miss out on the camaraderie that the in-person version provides.
4. The committee will meet again on a to-be-determined date this fall to review other IHSA sport and activity plans to better determine the course of action for the spring of 2022.