

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
May 10, 2022**

The Illinois High School Association Activities Director Advisory Committee met via Zoom conference call on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Committee members present were IHSA Division 2 representative Stacy Kolack, Activities Director, Winnetka (New Trier High School); Division 3 Scott McDermott, Principal, Wheaton Warrenville South High School; Rodney Norris, Athletic/Activities Director, Manito (Midwest Central High School); John Moad, Athletic/Activities Director, Granite City; and At-Large Member, Principal Dr. Marcus Belin, Huntley High School. Lisa Martinez, Activities Director, Moline High School and Nicole Maurer, Activities Director, Normal Community High School were unable to attend. Susie Knoblauch, IHSA Assistant Executive Director, conducted the meeting.

I. REVIEW OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) Bass Fishing

No recommendations

B) [Chess](#)

Chess Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1. V - Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings C. Pairing Procedures - Sectional

Approved recommendation 2. IX - Tournament Policies H. Apparel

Approved recommendation 3. X. Awards C - Individual Awards - State Tournament (new)

C) DWR! Sportsmanship

No recommendations

D) [Esports](#)

No recommendations

E) [Journalism](#)

No recommendations

F) Music

Music Solo and Ensemble Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: IV - Host Financial Arrangements B. Penalty Fees I. Late Event Entry Fees

Approved recommendation 2: VIII A. 6 - Memorization

Approved recommendation 3: B. Rules for Solo Events I - Approved Solo Events Vocal

Music Organization Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: VIII - Music Organizational Contest Rules B. Program a. Scores are required. 3. Chorus

G) News Media

No recommendations

H) [Scholastic Bowl](#)

Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: II.F - Dates and Sites

Approved recommendation 2: VI.E - Recommended Time Schedule

Approved recommendation 3: VIII.I - Dress

I) Speech

[Individual Events](#) Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: IV - Financial Arrangements D. E. F.

Approved recommendation 2: Speech Event Summaries Prose Reading pullout section

[Debate](#) Terms and Conditions: No Recommendations

[Drama](#) Terms and Conditions:

Approved recommendation 1: VIII B 4 a - Group Interpretation Time Keeping

Approved recommendation 2: VIII B 6 - Group Interpretation Standards of Excellence

Approved recommendation 3: VIII. B 6 g - e

J) Student Advisory Committee

No recommendations

II. ITEMS OF DISCUSSIONS

Bass Fishing

- Heard an update on the upcoming 2022 state series
- Discussed possibility of adding regional level contest to the state series format

Chess

- The committee discussed a six-contest requirement for individual chess entries
- Discussed coaches' oversight of team apparel
- Reviewed recommendation for additional awards. Concerns were the number of awards and the cost

DWR! Sportsmanship & Student Advisory Committee (SAC)

- Discussed the use of appropriate "sportsmanlike" music at events
- Reviewed the SAC nomination process
- Discussed Unified and Special Olympic programs
- Discussed future SAC emphasis on DEI
- Discussed the Student Section and Spirit Showdown
- Recommended continuing to partner with [Dr. Scott Pierce](#) for student leadership training.
- Recommended the annual Student Advisory Committee retreat be held on July 31 and August 1, 2022
- Recommended that the Student Leadership Conference be conducted in 2023

E-Sports

- Heard on report on the inaugural E-sports state series.
- Examined the area of the state where schools were involved
- Discussed the games that may be suggested to use next year
- Discussed the exemplary sportsmanship displayed
- Heard concerns about the events conflicts with other sports
- Discussed the college opportunities for scholarship money
- Recommended continuing to promote the event and "tell our story"

Journalism

- Reviewed the 2021-22 contest State Series
- Discussed the success of the event at its new State Final venue – Heartland Community

College

- Heard an update regarding the creation and distribution of a survey of journalism adviser regarding contest formats
- The committee discussed opportunity for students to use their photojournalism skills/passions for the IHSA State Tournaments (perhaps and All-State photography team)

Music

- Reviewed the 2021-22 contest State Series

News Media

- Committee is regrouping after COVID-19

- Matt Troha will send e-mail to schools to solicit outstanding high school media nominations

Scholastic Bowl

- Heard a report on the new scholastic bowl venue – Heartland Community College

Speech Events (Individual Events, Debate and Drama)

- Reviewed the contests State Series
- Discussed the declining number in entries

Academic All-State Awards & Team Academic Achievement Winners

- Reviewed information on the IHSA All-State Academic Team & Academic Recognition Awards
- Encourage every IHSA member school to submit nominations for the All-State Academic Team so nominations are representative of our diverse state

General Discussion

- The committee discussed the use of gender-neutral language in IHSA terms and conditions, publications, entry forms and website.
- The committee discussed opportunity for students to use their skills/passions for the IHSA State Tournaments (perhaps in photography, graphic design, etc....)
- Knoblauch discussed online courses available at NFHS Learn <https://nfhslearn.com/>

[NFHS Learn – Performing Arts Courses](#)
[The New Music Parent](#)
[Band Safety](#)
[Introduction to Interscholastic Music](#)
[Interscholastic Music Event Management](#)
[Music Adjudication](#)
[Speech and Debate Event Management](#)
[Adjudicating Speech and Debate](#)
[Theatre Safety](#)
[Implicit Bias](#)

- Knoblauch reviewed NFHS Awards programs and processes for submission (Outstanding Speech, Drama, & Debate Educator; Outstanding Music Educator; and NFHS Heart of the Arts Awards)

[NFHS Outstanding Music Educator Award](#)
[Outstanding Speech, Debate & Theatre Educator Award](#)
[NFHS Heart of the Arts Award Nominations](#)

- Stacy Kolack presented an IDSA update and shared the timeline for the 2022-23 November student leadership and April activity directors' conferences
- Activity participation numbers were discussed

Activities

School Year	Bass	Chess	Debate	Drama/ Group Interp.	Ind. Events	Journalism	Music Org.	Music Solo/Ens.	Scholastic Bowl
	*2009	*1974	*1941	*1941	*1941	*2006	*1941	*1941	*1987
2010-11	222	128	47	65	209	80	269	448	524
2011-12	232	125	45	57	202	81	259	443	523
2012-13	223	135	40	62	207	80	278	435	509
2013-14	229	138	48	56	204	78	281	413	510
2014-15	228	146	53	64	199	85	261	206	518
2015-16	244	146	56	63	198	85	255	385	511
2016-17	260	149	48	59	197	89	230	380	510
2017-18	281	159	50	56	199	86	245	392	511
2018-19	299	150	51	56	191	83	247	396	512
2019-20	326	147	52	55	193	99	247	383	510
2020-21	282	113	48	48	167	77	114	262	403

2020-21 shows entries during Covid-19 restrictions

- The IHSA recognized outgoing committee members Athletic/Activities Director, John Moad, Granite City High School - IHSA Division 7 and Principal, Dr. Marcus Belin, Huntley High School - At-Large IHSA representative for their service and support of the Association
- The tentative date for the next Activities Director Advisory Committee will be May 9th, 2023