

AIA Basketball Sports Advisory Committee

September 5, 2012

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Present:

Shawn Lytle/1A Coach	Tom Danehy/1A Coach
Lonnie Tvrdy/2A Adm.	Nate Agostini/2A Coach
Greg Haagsma/2A Coach	Nathan Richardson/3A Adm.
Mark Showers/3A Coach	Troy Powell/3A Coach
Michael Fowler/4A Adm.	Roberto Thompson/4A Adm.
Karen Self/4A Coach	Randy Walker/5A Coach
Reynaldo Peru/5A Adm.	

Absent:

Roland Medina/1A Adm.	Curry Donaldson/1A Adm.
James Driggers/2A Adm.	Jamie Roe/3A Adm.
Howard Mueller/4A Coach	Steve McDowell/5A Adm.

Past Business:

1. Minutes from AIA Basketball Sport Advisory April 4, 2012 meeting reviewed/approved
2. New Business:
 - a. Nomination and voting by committee for AIA Basketball Advisory Chair
Karen Self and Greg Haagsma was nominated to be the Basketball Advisory Chair for the 2012-2013 school year.
Greg Haagsma was selected by majority vote to be the committee chair
 - b. AIA Executive Board decision related to Basketball Advisory Committee proposal for sectionals/state.
Shawn Lytle and Mark Showers were at the AIA Executive Board study session for the analysis of expense data related to high seed sites. AIA Executive Board decided to remain with the present format since the 2012-2013 AIA budget had already been approved, adjusting the budget to accommodate requested changes would increase cost to the member school. Mark indicated that there was little reason to create new proposal at this time. The next realignment will present new challenges that will determine tournament issues for committee discussion.
 - c. AIA Competitive Equity proposal to the AIA Executive Board
At the present time, a student population of 225 is on the table as a limit for Division IV. Board members Ken VanWinkle and Wallace Youvella will hold discussion with 1A Conference and 2A

Conference representative to determine as feasible competitive realignment enrollment figure that will allow small schools to have competitive balance and opportunity.

Committee members expressed concern for fairness when schools are required to play up a division. It was also expressed that boys and girls programs, which presently must both play at the same division level, should be treated as separate programs.

Chuck Schmidt indicated to the committee that if there were a desire to allow boys and girls programs to be treated as separate entities in the realignment process, a proposal to do that would have to come forward quickly.

The AIA Legislative Council proposal that would, through the coming realignment, place all private schools up one division per sport was discussed. Karen Self expressed concern regarding the proposal. She expressed that all private schools will in reality be punished for the issues that a few private schools are creating.

d. Discuss current tracking of state records and the transition to an official AIA historian Paul Long has been keeping records for specific categories of prep sports. The AIA staff has recommended utilizing that same format for basketball record keeping. Jose Garcia, previously a sports reporter with the Arizona Republic, has been hired to be on the AIA staff. One of his responsibilities will be to verify statistics submitted by coaches through the MaxPreps platform and submit AIA records to MaxPreps.

e. Sectional site neutrality

Chuck Schmidt explained that the sectional sites were determined based on a variety of factors including but not limited to, centralized sites within the section for travel, venue capability related to potential fan attendance and ability to have facility agreement that do not place the AIA membership in liability jeopardy. The AIA staff identifies sites and establishes agreements for facilities well in advance of knowing what schools will be in the tournament and the teams seeding. Chuck went on to explain that the AIA Executive Board has directed AIA staff to create centralized sites for tournaments as much as possible for cost reduction.

f. Concept of extra competitions (three point shot competition, dunk contest, home run derby, ect.) and sanctioning process for extra competition events.

Jeff Feldman, athletic director at Greenway High School, wanted input from the AIA Basketball Committee regarding interest in schools to have the ability to hold and or compete in competitions, such as three point shot contests or slam dunk contest without being in violation of AIA bylaw 14.4. After discussion, the committee voted that they favored the ability to host and participate in three point shot contest but not slam dunk contest (primarily due to safety and liability concerns related to the slam dunk contests).

The committee, by consensus, decided to forward to the AIA Executive Board, the recommendation that three point contests be allowed as part of invitational tournament and sanctioned three point contest events. The committee also decided that each school team should be limited to two such events per year.

g. Discuss and create a plan for sectional and division coaches meetings, at season's end, prior to online voting for the AIA Recognition Program.

The 2011 AIA Student and Coach Recognition Plan was distributed to the committee. Request were made for coaches on the committee to take charge of identifying a coach in each section to host a coaches meeting, prior to the online voting process for sectional recognition and then host a division level coaches meeting prior to the all division online voting process. These following coaches volunteered to take on this responsibility:

Division I	Randy Walker
Division II	TBD
Division III	Mark Showers
Division IV	Shawn Lytle/ Tom Danehy

4. Consensus items for the AIA Executive Board's consideration.

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Next meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned