

## Minutes of December 3, 2006 ASOA meeting, Indianapolis

Meeting commenced: 9:37 a.m.

Committee Meetings convened.

Group re-convened into the General Meeting at 10:45 am.

Members present – 21 associations were represented.

Calumet	Fall Creek	Magic City	North Central	Southern	Western
Central	Hoosier	Mid-Hoosier	Northeastern	Southwestern	
Crossroads	Indiana	Mid-State	Northern	St. Joe Valley	
Eastern	Lake County	Mississinewa Valley	South Central	Wabash Valley	

Members absent – five. Lime City, Northwest, River Valley, Southeastern, Tri-State

**Calumet Officials Association** – Mike Albert has replaced Tim Holmes as Secretary.

Motion to accept the <b>Minutes of August 27, 2006 meeting.</b>		
Motion – Jerry Middleton	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Della Sutton	Passed unanimously

### Committee Reports

<b><i>Awards / Sports Chairperson / Clinician Training Program</i></b>
<i>Members present:</i> Crossroads, Eastern, Mid-Hoosier, Southern, Southwestern
<i>Members not present:</i> Lime City, Northwest
Kevin Moore – Mid-Hoosier - reporting
This committee has finalized a design for a lapel pin (shaped like the state of Indiana) that will be presented to Indiana-licensed officials who have 20 consecutive years of licensure in a respective sport. IHSAA will assist the committee in contracting a source (used by the IHSAA) in purchasing the pins.
Each association secretary will submit a list of officials with 20 years of officiating service from their respective associations to the IHSAA. The pins would then be given to each association Secretary for presentation to the recipient.
The PowerPoint presentation and booklets for basketball that was presented at each Certification clinic was excellent based on the feedback from basketball officials.
As a reminder, each Secretary should start compiling their list of <b>Official of the Year</b> nominees soon and not to wait until April when it is due.

<b><i>By-Laws / Manual / Technology</i></b>
<i>Members present:</i> Calumet, Fall Creek, Hoosier, Mid-State, Northern, Western
<i>Members not present:</i> None
Chip Snively – Mid-State reporting
No immediate matters pertaining to By-Laws/Manual/Technology were on the agenda so these members dispersed among the other meetings. It was decided (in a discussion with Theresia) that this committee would NOT meet in the future unless there were pressing matters that needed action.

### ***Testing and Licensing Program / Media Response***

*Members present:* Indiana, Mid-State, Northeastern, Southeastern, South Central, Tri-State, Wabash Valley

*Members not present:* Southeastern

Don Nester – Indiana - reporting

A local TV station had interviewed IHSAA official, Don Pekineau, about his life in officiating and Senior Life Magazine published an interview (November issue) with Don Nestor about his experiences in officiating.

Newspaper, Gary/Post Tribune, published an article about the Regional baseball tournament and listed the members of the crew; Rod Moore, Mike Albert, Fred Scheub, and John VanWagner. St. Joe Valley Officials Association treated the crew to lunch on tournament day which was an appreciated effort. Dave Nixon mentioned that it is important for the SID of each association contact the local newspaper and let them know of newsworthy events about officials such as who are working post-season tourneys.

A Terre Haute TV station will be hosting a program on high school officiating and how to get into this vocation. Rose-Hulman and Huntington University are looking into starting a credited class in officiating.

**Meeting attendance** has been down especially with “veteran” officials and there seems to be no specific reason why attendance has been low.

**Professional status.** There is a need to get more officials classified as Professional but equally important is how to make these Pro officials maintain the status. A suggestion is that the Pro official MUST attend the proper amount of association meetings.

**Supervisor of Officials.** Perhaps the IHSAA could appoint an official who would work with observers in all sports to communicate between IHSAA and various associations.

### ***Internal Evaluation***

*Members present:* Central, North Central, Lake County, Magic City, St. Joe Valley, Mississinewa Valley, (also attending: Hoosier-Della Sutton, Mid-State – Chip Snively)

*Member absent:* River Valley

Bob Plummer – Mississinewa – reporting

The current response from football coaches using the game Evaluation Form for football crews has been running at approximately 50%. The form (see Exhibit A) is intended to provide constructive criticism of football crews along with the Crew Evaluation.

In most instances, the coach of the winning teams gave a higher crew-rating than the losing coach.

The IFBCA and the IFOA will be meeting soon so a further update would presented

at the February 18 ASOA meeting.

The committee is going to institute a similar program in volleyball and softball. Dean Martin (Central) will chair this effort and will be contacting some experienced, highly-rated volleyball officials to solicit their assistance in establishing a somewhat similar program for volleyball and softball.

Basketball has not entered into a similar evaluating program and have NOT developed an Evaluation Program at this time.

### **Comments by Jerry Middleton - Eastern:**

1. It is his understanding that a football crew member actually worked post-season contests and was NOT a member of an officials association. [To officiate in the tournament play, officials must be a member of an officials association.] Apparently, since there is not a lot of football crews available, the requirement that officials for post-season football games be a member of an officials association was not enforced.
2. Are the Observers Ratings (in their entirety) for boy's basketball going to be used and not in girls' basketball?

Answer: Both Theresia (girls) and Ray Craft (boys) use observers' evaluations but Theresia does not use the evaluations in the *total* rating of each official but Ray does use the total observers rating. For next season, Ray will NOT use the *total* Observers Rating and his will be the same system as the girls.

### **Comments by Theresia Wynns**

Chris Kaufman will be the new Communications Director at IHSAA working with Jason Wille (SID) as the liaison between radio, TV, and other media outlets.

Over 400 officials have applied for post-season tournaments in both girls and boys basketball. The IHSAA is currently analyzing these applicants to make sure they meet the established requirements for the tourney series.

Association Secretaries have NOT followed procedure in returning requests back to the IHSAA; most notably, the form that lists tournament applicants and whether or not a tournament applicant is a member of their association. Every tourney official has to be a member of an officials association and it is imperative that each Secretary promptly confirm the membership status of those tournament applicants.

Some of the officials associations have NOT paid their \$35 fee (a saving of \$30.00) for membership in NASO. Please do so soon.

The Officials Rotation diagram was distributed showing the officials assignments using three-person crews (see Exhibit B for Sectional and Exhibit C for Regional). The top officials will be 1-2-3 and work the final contest. If the State Final officials from last year have ratings that are warranted, they will be put into the #3 position. So all the #1 and #2 officials will move forward and a portion of the #3 officials will move forward as well. The reason for keeping crews together is the chance for those crews to rectify any problems they may have during the first contest before their second contest. The IHSAA will attempt to establish crews that are geographically close together so they can carpool. The IHSAA has recently shared these reasons for keeping crews together with the Observers. There will NOT be "Alternates" used

throughout the Sectional tourney. There will be alternates for Regional, Semi-State and Finals in those contests.

For **Regional** assignments, in both boys and girls, the top-rated officials will be the 1-4-7 slots. However, not all the 1-4-7s will move onto the Semi-State. Also, the state has the option of placing “stronger” officials on specific games. Lastly, the championship may NOT necessarily have the 7-8-9 officials on that final regional game. The highest rated officials will be working that game.

Basketball, **Exam, Part II** will be mailed on December 4, 2006. (NFHS controls the distribution date for the exams.....not IHSAA.)

SurveyMonkey will be used for basketball coaches voting. The data using SurveyMonkey will NOT (unlike last year) exclude schools rating a specific official that received a coach’s technical foul from that official. Officials should continue issuing techs if they are warranted.

### **OBSERVERS**

**Observers** will be used at all levels of tourney play.

The IHSAA is losing Observers (currently, there are approximately 25), primarily due to the attitude that some officials have to their observer’s evaluation. It is apparent that some “new” tourney officials can NOT accept constructive criticism from their observer.

Tourney officials may be observed by several different observers who, in turn, provide an evaluation back to Theresa/Ray.

Officials should be diligent in the safekeeping of personal valuables during the time a game is being played. Secretaries should pass this warning onto their membership.

### **Director of Technology**

IHSAA office is still currently accepting applications and interviewing for a new DoT.

### **Remaining Meeting dates (all Sunday) – Mark your calendars**

February 18, 2007  
May 6, 2007

Motion to adjourn at 11:55 am.		
Motion – Della Sutton	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Kevin Moore	Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Nixon – Lake County  
ASOA Secretary