



Annual Report  
2010-11



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## I H S A B O A R D O F D I R E C T O R S



**MARGARET HAYES**  
Chicago (Maria)  
Division 1  
Term Expires 2013



**DANIEL KLETT**  
Wauconda  
Division 2  
Term Expires 2011



**MICHAEL GARDNER**  
Frankfort (Lincoln-Way North)  
Division 3  
Term Expires 2013



**JAMES BOYD**  
Port Byron (Riverdale)  
Division 4  
Term Expires 2011



**RON CONNER**  
Clinton  
Division 5  
Term Expires 2012

**TO BE ELECTED**  
Division 6  
Term Expires 2011



**JIM WOODWARD**  
Anna-Jonesboro  
Division 7  
Term Expires 2012



**DEBRA PITTS**  
Bethalto (Civic Memorial)  
At-Large  
Term Expires 2012



**JEANETTE NUCKOLLS**  
Normal (Community)  
At-Large  
Term Expires 2013



**JOSEPH SCHMIDT**  
Chicago (St. Patrick)  
At-Large  
Term Expires 2011



**GREG BRADLEY**  
Mt. Zion  
Treasurer  
Appointed By Board

Members of the Illinois High School Association,

It was once again an honor and a privilege to serve as the President of the IHSA's Board of Directors during the 2010-11 school year. The conclusion of my sixth year as the Board President and my eighth overall on the Board signifies that I am entering my final year of service, as all elected Board members are term-limited to a trio of three-year terms.



**JIM WOODWARD**  
Anna-Jonesboro  
Division 7  
Term Expires 2012

I am proud of the work that my colleagues and I have done on the Board during my time here. That includes the changes that were voted upon at our June Board meeting to extend automatic waivers of the multiplier to programs who have not experienced success over a certain period of time and the subsequent changes to classify schools on a sport-by-sport basis that became a necessity based upon the waiver.

The idea of these changes was something that had been discussed and studied seriously for over a year, but realistically, has been debated going back to the time before the multiplier was ever instituted. While some schools were not affected in any way by the changes, make no mistake that these are significant philosophical changes, ones that neither myself nor my fellow Board members took lightly when addressing. In the end, it came down to doing what we believed was the right thing. Any significant change will offer difficulties and adjustments in the short term, but I sincerely believe that over time these changes will be beneficial to the schools, students and coaches who make up the entire IHSA membership.

I also want to use this platform to commend two of my colleagues whose time on the IHSA Board has come to a conclusion. East Peoria Principal Paul Whittington and Sparta High School Principal Greg Jones both retired from their positions at their respective schools at the conclusion of the 2009-10 school year. Paul's retirement ends a term of service to the IHSA Board that began in 2005, while Greg was appointed to his position in 2009. Both have become close friends and I applaud them for their leadership, as well as their willingness to volunteer their time and resources to the Board.

During my forthcoming final year on the Board, I look forward to soaking in all of the wonderful events and opportunities that the IHSA presents to our schools and our students. The seat from the IHSA Board of Directors is a unique view to say the least, a seat that provides an up-close and personal look at the diversity of the nearly 800 member schools that make up the IHSA.

I would recommend that any and every principal who has interest in the IHSA or involvement in extracurriculars to consider serving on the IHSA Board as individuals like myself, Paul and Greg close out our terms.

Thank you again for the opportunity and enjoy a terrific 2011-12 school year.

Jim Woodward

ANDERSON

LAMBERT

HENRY

# LEADERSHIP

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### IHSA Welcomes New Staff Members

The 2010-11 school year was a time of transition at the IHSA office, as the staff welcomed two new staff members and saw a third move into a new role. Craig Anderson followed Dave Gannaway as an Assistant Executive Director and is currently the administrator for Football, Wrestling and Baseball, while also serving as the Director of the Officials Department. Stacey Lambert, the IHSA's Coordinator of Marketing & Special Events since 2008, shifted into the Assistant Executive Director seat vacated by Sue Hinrichsen's retirement and currently administers Boys & Girls Volleyball, Girls Golf, Girls Badminton and Boys & Girls Bowling. Tracie Henry followed Lambert as the newly named Coordinator of Special Programs, where she handles Sanctioning, Online Rules Videos, Wheelchair Basketball and the March Madness Experience among other duties.

ANDERSON

#### Craig Anderson

Craig joins the IHSA staff after serving as the Athletic Director at Washington High School since 2006. A 1987 graduate of Cambridge High School, Anderson participated in football, basketball, track & field, chorus, band and was the lead in a school musical during his high school career. He moved on to Monmouth College, where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Education/Mathematics in 1991, after high school and enjoyed a standout career for the Fighting Scots on the football field and basketball court. Anderson went on to earn a Master's Degree in Educational Administration from Illinois State University in 1997. He began his teaching and coaching career at Morton High School, before moving on to Olympia High School, where he was the head football coach for two seasons. Anderson then moved into the role of Activities Director at Olympia, a position he held from 2002 to 2005.

LAMBERT

#### Stacey Lambert

Stacey came to the IHSA as an intern in 2007 and has continued to move up the ladder. She joined the staff full-time as the Coordinator of Marketing & Special Events in 2008 and became the 31st individual and 12th female Assistant Executive Director in the Association's history in 2010-11. A 2001 graduate of Notre Dame High School in Quincy, Lambert was a part of the school's IHSA Class A state champion girls volleyball team in 1998 and went on to enjoy a standout volleyball career at Millikin University. She graduated from Millikin in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Athletic Training and then earned her Master's Degree in Sports Management from Illinois State University in 2007. In addition, she served as the junior varsity volleyball head coach at University High School in Normal in 2006 and 2007.

HENRY

#### Tracie Henry

Tracie joins the IHSA as the Coordinator of Special Programs after significant experience working with the IHSA during her previous role in the athletic department at Illinois State University. A Stillman Valley High School and Illinois State University graduate, Tracie remained in Normal at her alma mater after graduating from ISU with a Bachelor's Degree in Health Education. She served as ISU's Director of Events & Game Operations from 2006-2008, where she doubled as the tournament manager for the IHSA Girls Basketball and Girls Volleyball State Finals. Tracie, who also earned a Master's Degree in Sport Management from ISU, was promoted to Director of Special Events in 2008, a position she held until joining the IHSA.



## NFHS Award Winners

### 2010-11 NFHS Officials of the Year

Baseball, Robert Jenkins, Wheaton  
 Boys Basketball, Doug Strohm, Springfield  
 Girls Basketball, Thomas Brophy, McHenry  
 Cross Country, Dave Facker, East Peoria  
 Cheerleading, Sara Flanigan, Crystal Lake  
 Football, Gary Grohoveña, Tinley Park  
 Boys Gymnastics, Robert Russell, Rolling Meadows  
 Girls Gymnastics, Barbara Oczkowicz, Carol Stream  
 Boys Soccer, Richard Geati, Arlington Heights  
 Girls Soccer, Scott Taylor, Morton  
 Softball, Mary Sylvester, Pleasant Plains  
 Boys Swimming/Diving, A.C. Buehler, Northbrook  
 Girls Swimming/Diving, Mike Hutton, Lake In The Hills  
 Boys Track & Field, Carl Miller, Mt. Vernon  
 Girls Track & Field, Russell Jenkins, Viola  
 Boys Volleyball, Daniel Feeney, Manhattan  
 Girls Volleyball, Jerry Hattendorf, Elgin  
 Wrestling, Ray Winesburg, Elgin

### 2010 NFHS Coaches of the Year (based on 2009-10 seasons)

Girls Badminton, Chris VanGrondelle, Buffalo Grove  
 Baseball, Pat Moomey, Chatham-Glenwood  
 Boys Basketball, Stan Eagleson, Breese Central  
 Girls Basketball, Debbie Coffman, Bloomington Central Catholic  
 Boys Bowling, Linda Keely, Oswego  
 Girls Bowling, Kirk Martin, Cahokia  
 Boys Cross Country, Dan Seeberg, Loyola Academy  
 Girls Cross Country, Joe & Janet Erb, Winnebago  
 Football, Bruce Kay, Cary Grove  
 Boys Gymnastics, Doug Foerch, Highland Park  
 Girls Gymnastics, Sarah Mikrut Doyle, Carmel  
 Boys Soccer, Paul Labbato, Lyons  
 Girls Soccer, Paul Kohorn, Lisle  
 Softball, Nathan Emrick, Cobden  
 Boys Swimming/Diving, Mark Onstott, New Trier  
 Girls Swimming/Diving, Bruce Woodbury, New Trier  
 Boys Tennis, Steve Rudman, Highland Park  
 Girls Tennis, Carol Metzcus, Morgan Park Academy  
 Boys Track & Field, Rob Long, Herrin  
 Girls Track & Field, Pat Richards, Hinsdale Central  
 Boys Volleyball, Bob St. Leger, Marist  
 Girls Volleyball, Rita Speckhart, Payson Seymour  
 Boys Water Polo, Bill Salentine, Naperville Central  
 Girls Water Polo, Lynn Castro, Lyons Township  
 Wrestling, Joe Cliffe, Prairie Central

## Year of Change For Concussion Policies and Procedures

The 2010-11 school year started and ended with several significant events related to the education and prevention of head injuries and concussions.

The NFHS got the ball rolling with its announcement of new concussion guidelines for all sports in August. The new rule reads that "any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health-care professional." This marked a significant change in the rule, as the previous concussion language required an athlete to lose consciousness in order to be removed, that reflects the current data that shows that athletes who suffer concussions rarely lose consciousness.

While the new NFHS rule represented a positive step forward in preventing further injury to student-athletes who have suffered head injuries, the IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee sought to improve upon it, by bringing forth a Policy that would close a potential loophole and further protect student-athletes. Under the new NFHS rule, there was nothing preventing an athlete who was removed from a game because of a concussion from playing or practicing the next day.



In April, the IHSA Board of Directors approved a new Return To Play Policy for all IHSA member schools that was derived out of the extensive work done by the IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. The Policy addressed the aforementioned loophole, as it reads "In cases when an athlete is not cleared to return to play the same day as he/she is removed from a contest following a possible head injury (i.e., concussion), the athlete shall not return to play or practice until the athlete is evaluated by and receives written clearance from a licensed health care provider to return to play."

As the IHSA Board approved the recommendation in April, a bill was making its way through the legislative process in Illinois. Several individuals from the IHSA and the IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee were invited to work in conjunction with lawmakers and ultimately House Bill 200 was signed into law by Governor Quinn in late July at Soldier Field in Chicago. The law uses the same language as the IHSA's Return To Play Policy, but requires that the process be used by all grade, middle, junior high and high schools in the state.

The signing of the bill also coincided with a special Concussion Symposium co-hosted by the IHSA and Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. IHSA Associate Director Kurt Gibson served on a discussion panel at the symposium, which featured Dr. Hunt Betjer as the keynote speaker. Dr. Betjer is the Chair of the Department of Neurological Surgery at Northwestern University and the Co-Chair of the NFL's Medical Committee.

## Performance-Enhancing Drug Testing Program Update



The third year of the IHSA Performance-Enhancing Drug Testing Program was conducted during the 2010-11 school term, as 747 student-athletes were randomly tested at high schools and at IHSA State Series events. The testing returned four positive tests, including two that were cleared by the Medical Review Officer, which left the two remaining positive tests as the first two punishable offenses in the history of the program. After the IHSA instituted its testing program in 2008-09, a state law was put into place that made testing mandatory in 2009-10 and 2010-11. That law has since expired, but the IHSA Board of Directors voted to continue the IHSA Performance-Enhancing Drug Testing Program in 2011-12 at its August Board meeting.

## IHSA.tv Expands State Final Coverage, New School Program Available



The IHSA's streaming website, [www.IHSA.tv](http://www.IHSA.tv) expanded its coverage during the 2010-11 school year, providing unprecedented coverage of IHSA state finals. In addition to once again providing live coverage of all team sport state finals, the free website also began producing highlight packages of events that cannot be broadcast live (i.e. golf, cross country). The highlight packages are posted on the website in the days that follow each state championship.

IHSA.tv is also now offering a School Broadcasting Program. Participating schools receive a webcasting equipped laptop, their own personalized webpage ([www.IHSA.tv/YourSchoolsName](http://www.IHSA.tv/YourSchoolsName)) and the ability to stream as many events as they want, whether it be sports, concerts, plays or graduation, etc. For more info on signing up for the School Broadcasting Program, contact IHSA Assistant Executive Director Matt Troha ([mtroha@ihsa.org](mailto:mtroha@ihsa.org)).

## Red Bud's Kevin Craffton Is Spirit of Sport Nominee



The IHSA annually nominates one individual for the NFHS Spirit of Sport Award, which recognizes individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive spirit of sport that represent the core mission of education-based athletics. Nominees have generally overcome incredible adversity or gone above and beyond their peers with an act of generosity or humility. The IHSA was proud to nominate Red Bud High School's Kevin Craffton, a junior in 2010-11, as its nominee for the 2010-11 version of the award. Kevin is a standout on the gridiron and the baseball diamond, and plans to join the basketball team as a senior, despite losing his dominant hand in a meat grinding accident when he was nine years old. Kevin was forced to not only relearn how to play sports, but also the small day-to-day things that came with little thought or effort like brushing his teeth, writing his name, tying his shoes and playing video games. Kevin's resiliency, determination and fearlessness in the face of adversity has left his teammates and coaches to use words like "inspiration" to describe him and made him an obvious choice as the IHSA's Spirit of Sport Award nominee in 2010-11.

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## 2010-11 Do What's Right! Sportspersons of the Year

Division 3	Kelly McShea, Wheaton (St. Francis)
Division 6	Claire Watson, Riverton
Division 7	Tanner Drum, Mt. Carmel
At-Large	Bo Beniac, Frankfort (Lincoln-Way North)

## 2010-11 Do What's Right! Student Advisory Committee

District 1	Cecile Franke, Chicago (Northside College Prep)
District 2	Andrew Williams, Chicago (Hales Franciscan)
District 3	Kristen Kleist, Chicago (Mother McAuley)
District 4	Emily Fung, Skokie (Niles West)
District 5	Morgan Murphy, Sandwich
District 6	Tyler Yunk, Belvidere (North)
District 7	Katie Guth, Darien (Hinsdale South)
District 8	Rebekah Michaelsen, Lemont (H.S.)
District 9	Jaelen Hull, Kankakee (McNamara)
District 10	Devin Hartman, Lanark (Eastland)
District 11	Abigail Taets, Orion
District 12	Brian Ehresman, El Paso (E.P.-Gridley)
District 13	Sean Kelley, Champaign (St. Thomas More)
District 14	Neil Yockey, Shelbyville
District 15	Cameron Baker, Normal (Community)
District 15	Carly Sarff, Mt. Zion
District 16	Courtney Musson, Astoria
District 17	Adelmo Marchiori IV, Carlisleville
District 18	Lucas Joseph, East Peoria
District 19	Matthew McDonald, Dupu
District 20	Kristina Hodges, Flora
District 21	Andrew Novara, Murphysboro

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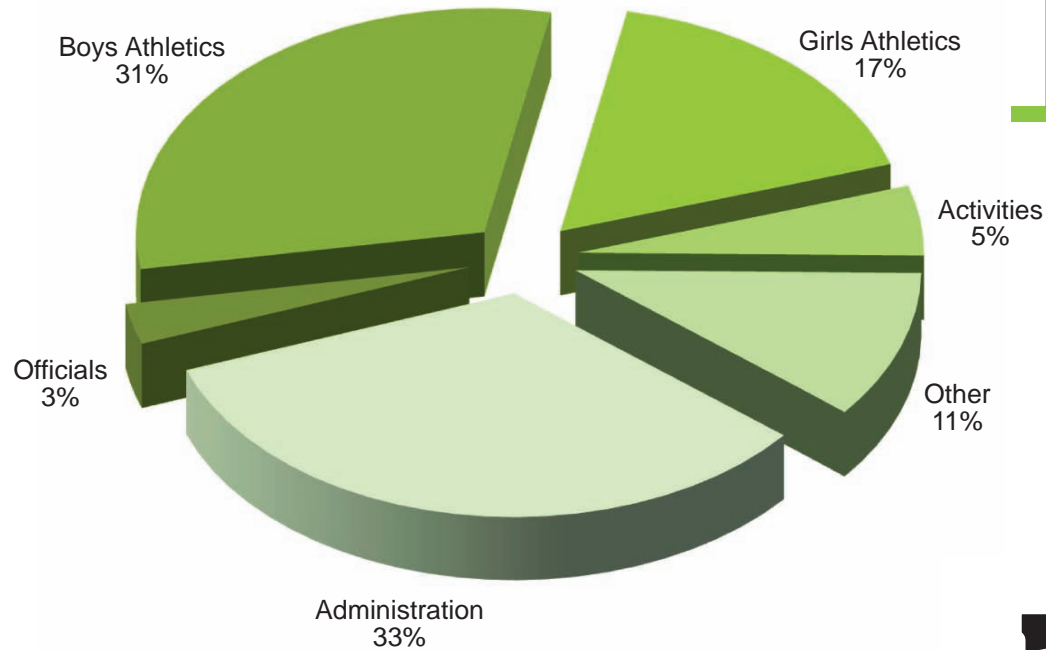


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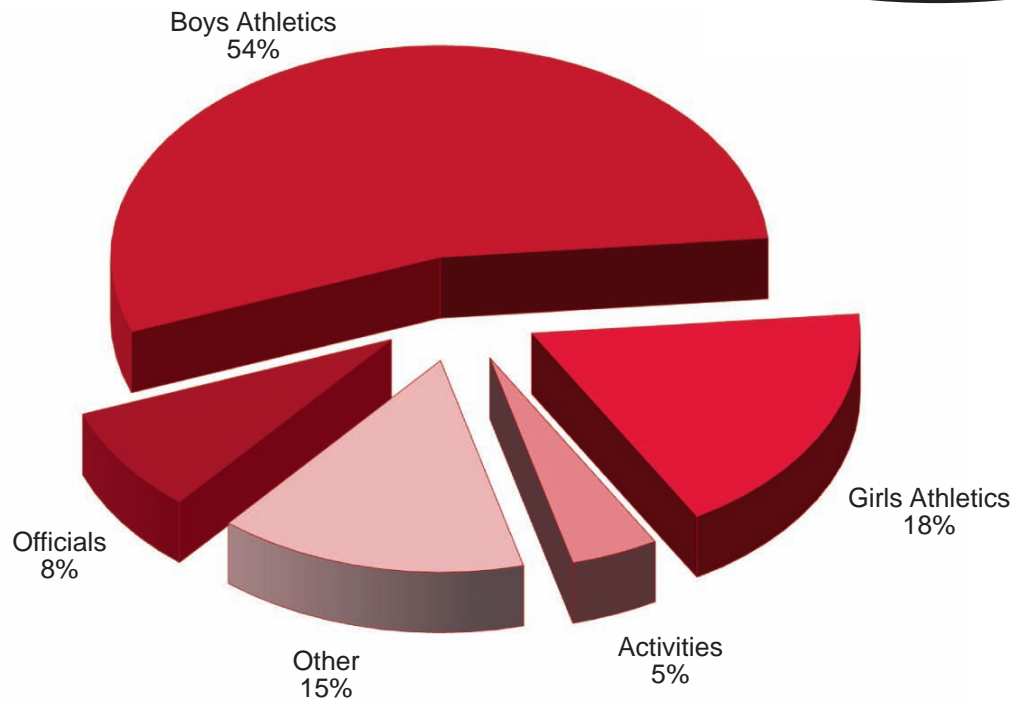
## Financial Information

The attendance at State Series events and revenue for the Association rose slightly in 2010-11. The IHSA is proud to be able to offer its services without a membership fee or any type of per sport/activity registration fee. This year's financial information provides optimism that the current model will continue to be able to provide these opportunities without cost to member schools, while also allowing reserves to be saved to guard against unforeseen events or litigation in the future. The graph at the top of Page 6 details the distribution of income from State Series events during the 2010-11 school year. The IHSA was able to return over \$2.6 million dollars to its member schools from its tournament income last year.

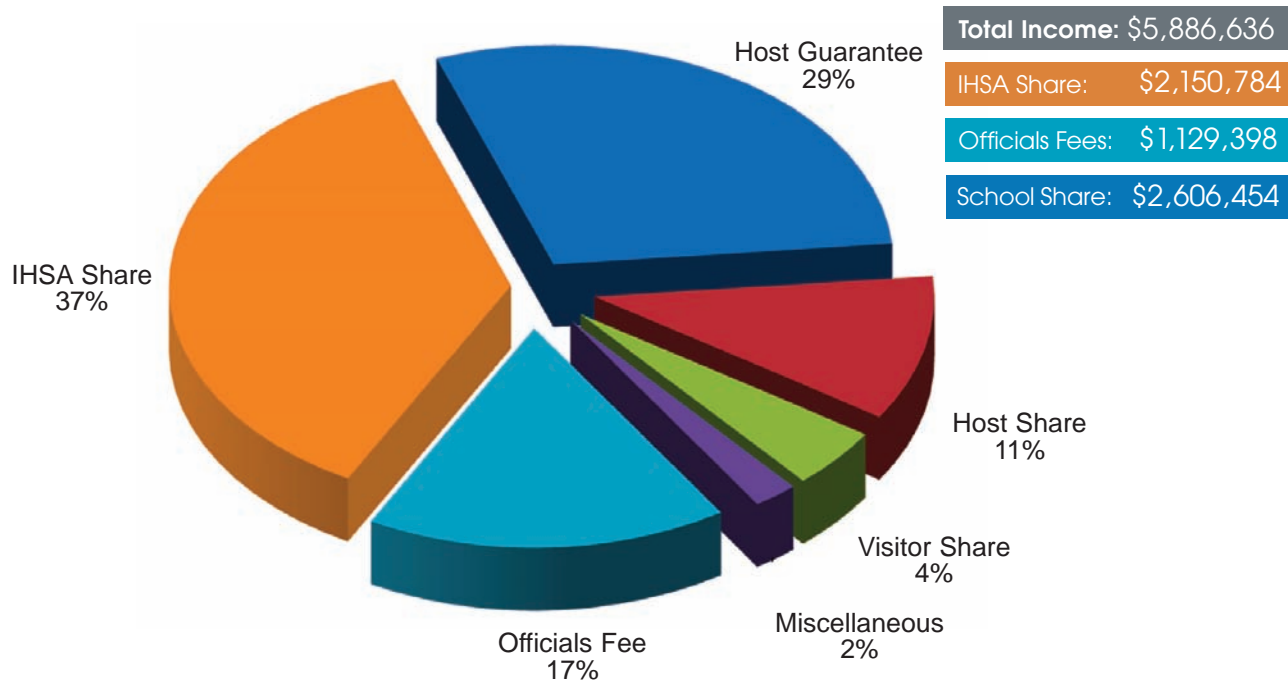
**2010-2011 Expenses**  
**Total Expenses:**  
**\$10,547,891**



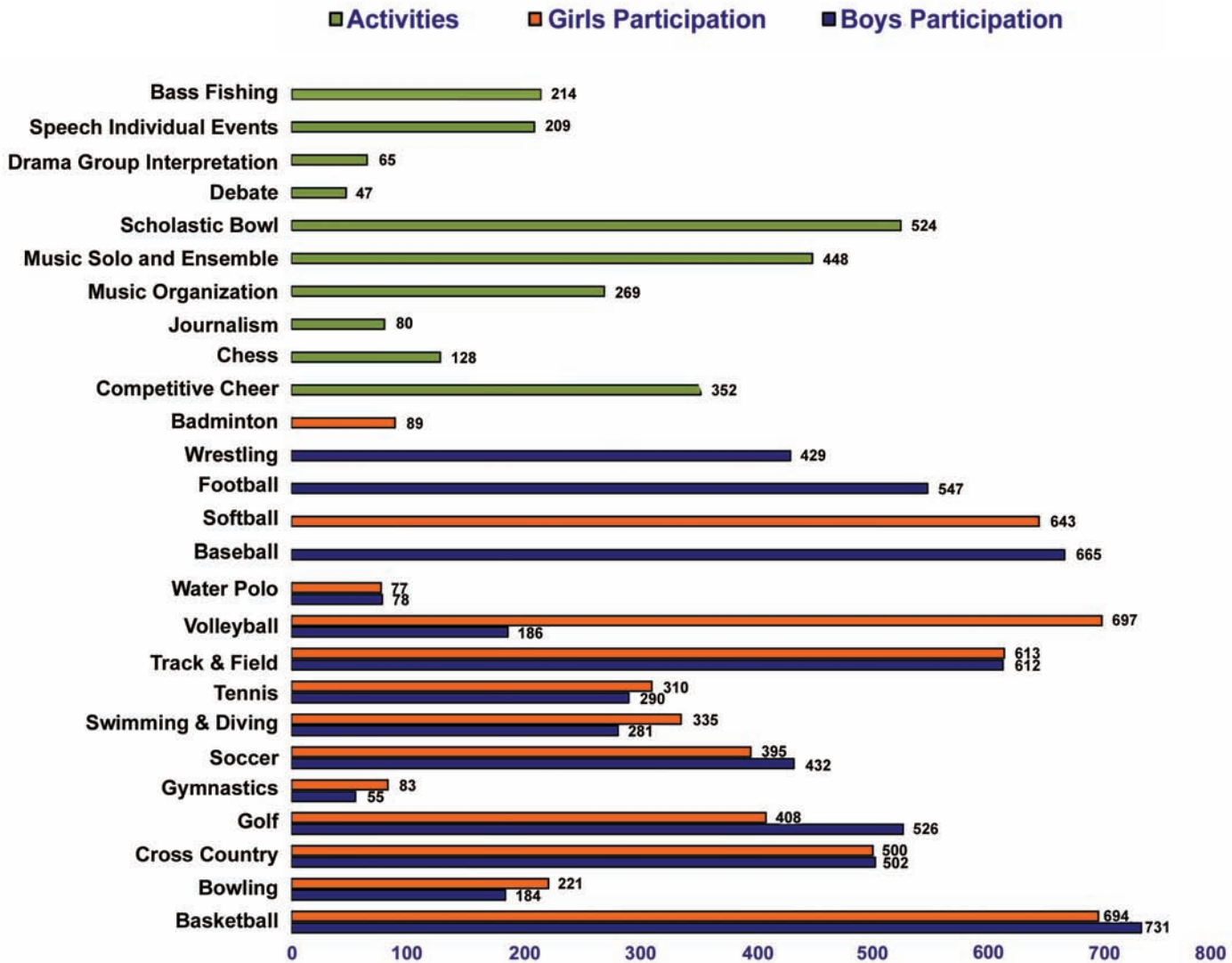
**2010-2011 Income**  
**Total Income:**  
**\$11,019,712**



## Income from IHSA State Series 2010-11



## Schools Entering IHSA State Series 2010-2011





# IHSA Happenings from 2010-2011



IHSA Board extends state final hosting contracts through 2015-16 for three events: Bass Fishing at Carlyle Lake in Carlyle; Dual Team Wrestling at U.S. Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington; and Girls Badminton at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Mascoutah High School's cheerleading team and head coach Laurie Wager are honored with the national UCA American School Spirit Award for their community service efforts.

New sites announced for Boys Soccer State Finals. Class 1A to be played at the Corn Crib in Normal, while 2A/3A tourney will be hosted by Lincoln-Way East High School in Frankfort.

The IHSA loses former IHSA Executive Director Liz Astroth at age 89 in late January. Days later, former IHSA Associate Executive Director Don Robinson passes away from cancer at age 72.

The Class 1A/2A Baseball State Finals move to Peoria's O'Brien Stadium in the spring of 2011, as the tournament returned to the city after being held there from 1941-42 and then 1954-77.

The 3A/4A Baseball State Final contract at Joliet's Silver Cross Field was extended five years through 2016.

The start of a State Series in Boys & Girls Lacrosse is delayed to 2011-12 at the earliest, as the tournament failed to reach the required participation benchmarks of 65 boys teams and 40 girls teams.

Committees are formed to investigate the formation of State Series' in Competitive Dance, Marching Band and Show Choir.

The third annual Bass Fishing State Finals were delayed until June 17-18, after dangerous water levels on Carlyle Lake forced a postponement of its originally scheduled date of May 6-7.

It was worth the wait for Highland's Taylor Wieser, who caught the biggest fish in state final history, a 6 pound, 8 ounce bass.



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