

**MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 11, 2008

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, September 11, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Phil Dawkins, Caledonia (SW); Gary Gustafson, Troy (BK); William Lamkey, Riverton (Principal); David Mathews, Crown Point, IN (WR); Vicki Munch, Arlington Hts. (GY); Roger Nichols, Normal (SB); Greg Pavloff, DuQuoin (BA); John Polka, Oak Park (TR) and Pamela Young, Chicago (Senn) (Athletic Director.) IHSA Assistant Executive Director Dave Gannaway and IESA Assistant Executive Director Nicole Schaeftbauer were also in attendance. Committee members Jim Hayes, Peoria (SO); Octavio Herrera, Jr., Naperville (FB); Mickey Klement, Joliet (Competitive Cheerleading); Tony Skrocki, Arlington Hts. (VB); and Rick Karhliker, Sherman were unable to attend.

1. **Recommendation:** The Committee recommended the following Grant requests to Recognized Officials Associations for the 2008-09 school year. The Illinois High School Association has made available \$5,000.00 to Recognized Associations to apply for to help with mentoring, education and recruiting programs. The IESA has made available \$2,500.00 to go with this program for a total of \$7,500.00.

**Rationale:** This program has been a great way to allow Recognized Associations for help with recruiting of officials, education of officials, observing officials and mentoring of officials.

<b><u>Recognized Official Association</u></b>	<b><u>Requested</u></b>	<b><u>Approved</u></b>
Blackhawk Officials Association	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00
Chicago Catholic Umpires Association	500.00	400.00
East Central IL FB Officials Association	500.00	500.00
IL Swimming Officials Association	150.00	150.00
IL Track & CC Officials Association	500.00	500.00
IL Wrestling Coaches/Officials Association	500.00	500.00
Joliet Basketball Association	500.00	400.00
Kewanee Officials Association	500.00	500.00
Northwest VB Officials Association	150.00	150.00
Princeton Basketball Association	500.00	500.00
Quad Cities Officials Association	450.00	300.00
Quincy Basketball Officials Association	500.00	500.00
River to River Officials Association	500.00	400.00
South Suburbs Officials Association	500.00	300.00
Southern IL Soccer Officials Association	500.00	400.00
Southwestern Athletic Officials Association	500.00	150.00
UMPS	500.00	500.00
Western Basketball Officials Association	500.00	300.00
Zebras of Northern Illinois	500.00	<u>500.00</u>
	Total	\$7,250.00

approved

(Over)

**ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

1. The Committee reviewed the rule book rotation and a question was asked about officials being able to request to purchase a rule book when they renew. This is something that the IHSA will consider when reviewing the renewal form for 2009-10.
2. An overview of the Officials Conference was provided to the Committee members. The dates for the 2009 Officials Conference are July 17 and 18, 2009.
3. Dave Gannaway is working with the NFHS in converting the power point programs and the video to a new delivery platform. The change-over should be completed by the end of this school year. This system will provide more video and video in a manner where there is no waiting to view.
4. The Committee had a discussion on two-year official assignments for Regional tournaments and felt that it was best to leave the system as is where all officials are assigned by the current power rating system.
5. Online Part II testing and promotion was reviewed. This was the first year that the IHSA conducted online testing for everyone going for promotion. The Committee felt the application process was clear and that having the officials send in the three letters of recommendation with the application was a very efficient process for the IHSA and the official. Discussion did occur on letters of recommendation and that discussion was tabled until the April 23, 2009 Officials Advisory Committee meeting.
6. The Observers Program was discussed. It was shared with the Committee that all Recognized Associations were to have started the program last year. Most associations did only a few to iron out the logistics of the program. This year all Associations are to have the program running and will report on the Observers Program when they apply to be recognized for the 2009-10 school year.
7. An update on the online football Rules Interpretation meeting was shared with the Committee. Basketball and Wrestling will be given online in the winter. On October 14 the schools and officials will be notified as to the viewing dates of the Basketball and Wrestling Rules Interpretation meetings. They will be notified in the Schools Center and the Officials Center.

**OTHER:**

Agenda items for the April 23, 2009 Meeting:

- Promotion
- Fee scale relative to 100% - 85% - 65% sports
- Exit interview form for all officials that do not renew
- Cross-country officials and schools doing a mandated rules interpretation meeting