Meet the IHSA Board of Directors

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Division 7  
Term Expires 2015

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Division 6  
Term Expires 2014

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Members of the Illinois High School Association

The 2012-13 school year marked my third year serving on the IHSA Board of Directors and the first acting as the Board’s President. I am humbled to have the opportunity to serve as the Board President and assure you that I take the responsibility of representing the over 800 high schools that make up the IHSA very seriously.

One of the highlights of the last school year was the debut of the IHSA programs for Athletes with Disabilities. These historic events, which were held in conjunction with IHSA State Finals, marked the culmination of thoughtful and meticulous work by a committee of administrators from around the state.

I had the opportunity to chair this committee and can honestly say that it was one of the most thought-provoking assignments I have been a part of during my 20-plus years in education. As our committee met with athletes with disabilities and talked with other related constituents, such as Special Olympics and Adaptive Sports Agencies, we carefully crafted a recommendation that would incorporate these new events and provide further opportunities for young people in our state.

Topics like this always attract national attention, as well as outside pressure and influences, but I was very proud of how our committee, and the Association as a whole, reacted and proceeded. I felt that we followed our normal policies and procedures, allowing our committee the time and resources we required to reach a consensus and develop a realistic plan.

I write this retrospective with an eye toward the future, as the past few years have created new and unprecedented challenges in education. In IHSA sports and activities, we are 800 different schools on 800 different teams. However, there are many issues that affect all of us equally and it remains important that we are able to come together as one Association in those moments. I look forward to continuing to represent you and the IHSA in 2013-14.

Sincerely,

Dan Klett
Wauconda High School Principal
Anyone who has heard me speak at IHSA functions or elsewhere knows that I consider myself to be surrounded by an exceptionally talented staff. We added to that group late last year, as our intern from Illinois State University, Kayode Adegoke, became our full-time Coordinator of Special Programs on July 1. Kayode is a Bolingbrook High School graduate who competed in track & field at ISU. We weren’t actively looking to add to our staff, but Kayode’s work ethic and leadership traits became apparent to everyone who worked with him during his time in our office as an intern. We did not want to miss out on the opportunity to add an individual with his talents to our staff and look forward to seeing him grow as a person and professional.

This past year presented me with the opportunity to begin a four-year term on the NFHS Board of Directors, as I joined a number of our staff members, as well as several high school staff members and officials, in representing Illinois at a national level. Below is a look at the NFHS committees that currently have IHSA representation...

- Craig Anderson on the Football Game Officials Manual Committee
- Scott Johnson on the Technology Committee
- Susie Knoblauch on the National High School Hall of Fame Screening Committee
- Stacey Lambert on the Coaches Association Advisory Committee
- Ron McGraw on the Track & Field Rules Committee
- Beth Sauser on the Soccer Rules Committee
- Ron McGraw on the Track & Field Rules Committee
- Matt Troha on the committee that develops content for the NFHS magazine High School Today
- Leyden Athletic Director Randy Conrad on the Wrestling Advisory Committee
- Downers Grove South teacher/coach Jan Heiteen on the Speech, Drama & Debate Committee
- Official Kathy Krebs as the Chair of the Girls Gymnastics Rules Committee

Finally, just to exemplify that our staff continues to promote the benefits of participation, I am proud to say that the IHSA staff won the team award at the 5K Fun Run at the NFHS Summer Meeting!
OUR MISSION: The IHSA governs the equitable participation in interscholastic athletics and activities that enrich the educational experience.
2012-13 IHSA Officials of the Year
Football....................................................Dave Yockey, Monticello
Boys Swimming.................................Jeff Plack, Glenview
Girls Swimming.................................Robert Richter, Northbrook
Boys Soccer.................................Timothy Reger, Northfield
Girls Soccer..............................Peter Stravropoulos, Vernon Hills
Girls Volleyball...............................Judith Stark, Benton
Boys Volleyball..........................Kathy Diamond, Woodridge
Cross Country.................................Tina Butterbrodt, Dwight
Cheerleading..............................Tricia Peabody, Sycamore
Girls Gymnastics.........................Elizabeth Gray, Carol Stream
Boys Gymnastics.......................Richard Cromwell, Berkeley
Boys Basketball.......................Ken Wilcoxen, Princeton
Girls Basketball......................Sharon Brosius, Tinley Park
Wrestling...............................Ron Coit, Farmer City
Boys Track.................................Bruce Weiman, Bowen
Girls Track..............................Peter Tucker, Highland
Baseball.................................Gary Taylor, Morrison
Softball...............................Cori Smith, Clinton
Water Polo.............................Ed Prystalski, Chicago

2012 NFHS Coaches of the Year
Boys Basketball .......................Chuck Grant, Monmouth-Roseville
Girls Basketball.............Carolyn Wendte, Cowden-Herrick-Beecher City
Baseball.................................Chris Ledbetter, Oak Park-River Forest
Boys Bowling...............................Mark May, Herrin
Girls Bowling.............................Jim Heathscott, Harlem
Boys Cross Country........................Chris Quick, Palatine
Girls Cross Country..................Todd Vohland, St. Teresa
Football.................................John Ivlow, Bolingbrook
Boys Golf.............................Terry French, Bismarck-Henning
Girls Golf............................Dave Bloomhorst, Okawville
Boys Gymnastics..........................Scott Hagel, Palatine
Girls Gymnastics.....................Kari Karubas, Lyons
Boys Soccer..........................Mike Caruso, Berwyn-Cicero Morton
Girls Soccer..........................Paul Kohorn, Lisle
Softball............................Julie Fonda-Smith, Glenbard South
Spirit.................................Krista Swanson, Eureka
Boys Swimming & Diving...........Corky King, Hinsdale Central
Girls Swimming & Diving........Carolyn Grevers, Lake Forest
Boys Tennis.................................Jack Carmody, Triad
Girls Tennis............................Denise Robison Murphy, Lake Forest
Boys Track & Field....................Andy Preuss, Glenbard South
Girls Track & Field...............Tom McBride, Springfield Southeast
Boys Volleyball............................Chris Curry, Vernon Hills
Girls Volleyball......................Katie McCulley, Springfield Lutheran
Boys Water Polo.......................Doug Eichstaedt, Lyons
Girls Water Polo........................Jeff Plackett, Naperville Central
Wrestling...................................Jeff Hill, PORTA

CONGRATULATIONS!
Haig Nighohossian Inducted Into National High School Hall of Fame

IHSA Soccer and Wrestling official Haig Nighohossian was bestowed the highest achievable honor in high school sports and activities when he was inducted into the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame in 2012-13. Nighohossian was announced as a part of the 13-person class in March and was inducted during a June ceremony at the NFHS Summer Meeting in Denver, Colorado, alongside fellow enshrines that included Joe Thiesmann and Chauncey Billups. A native of Granite City, Nighohossian’s decorated officiating career has spanned over four decades and includes the incredible stat of combining to work more than 50 state final tournaments between boys and girls soccer and individual and team wrestling. Nighohossian is a retired high school teacher and coach, who has been recognized for his work in his community and also holds several leadership positions related to officiating at state and national levels. Nighohossian joined the likes of Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Art Trout, Quinn Buckner and Red Grange in becoming the 25th IHSA enshrinee in the NFHS National High School Hall of Fame, as well as the sixth official from Illinois to achieve the accolade.

Todd Hollis Recognized For “Blackout” Fundraiser For Easter Seals

Each year the NFHS recognizes individuals who exemplify the ideals of the core mission of education-based athletics via its Spirit of Sport Award program. The IHSA’s 2012-13 nominee, Todd Hollis, a teacher at Elmwood High School and head football coach of the Elmwood-Brimfield Coop, was named the winner of the Midwest Section by the NFHS for his work with Easter Seals. Hollis’ third child and first daughter, Meg, was born with Downs Syndrome in 2007. Three years later, Todd and his wife Anne adopted three-year-old Alina, who also has Down syndrome, from an orphanage in the Ukraine. As Meg and Alina received therapy and services from Easter Seals of Peoria, an affinity for the organization grew within the family and they looked for ways to give back. Hollis’ initial efforts came during the 2007 season with some simple grassroots fundraising programs that generated $1,300. After brainstorming with some of his players, who tour the Easter Seals facility in Peoria as a team each August, the idea for Blackout for Easter Seals was born. The team sold black t-shirts featuring the Easter Seals logo for a select home game each season. The concept continued to spread and soon more than 30 high schools were hosting games. During the past five years, more than 100 “Blackout for Easter Seals” games have been played, raising a grand total of $194,107.87 for Easter Seals.
In June 2012, the IHSA Board of Directors approved a recommendation to expand the current State Series opportunities for athletes with disabilities. The expansion debuted during the 2012-13 school year, as the IHSA Athletes with Disabilities program created the opportunity for students to compete in a newly created division within the IHSA State Series in boys and girls cross country, boys and girls bowling, boys and girls swimming and boys and girls track & field. Not all of the sports had entries in the Athletes with Disabilities divisions during the inaugural seasons, but 14 student-athletes from around the state helped create history and IHSA Executive Director Marty Hickman believes this is only the beginning.
“We believe that the inaugural year of the Athletes With Disabilities Program was successful and will only continue to gain more momentum with time. We hope that the number of participants will continue to grow, but regardless of whether that occurs or not, we know that we are creating awareness, opportunities and meaningful experiences for high school student-athletes in Illinois.” - Marty Hickman

2012-13 Athletes with Disabilities Participants

**Boys Bowling**
Zack Bundy, Biggsville West Central
Fletcher Hopkins, Mascoutah

**Boys Swimming**
Chaz Centore, Frankfort
Charlie Gentzkow, New Trier
Daniel Suero, Fremd

**Girls Swimming**
Mary Kate Callahan, Fenwick
Alyssa Gialamas, Waubonsie Valley
Jordan Leete, Springfield Southeast
Phoebe Mejia, Glenbrook North
Nina Nissly, Lake Forest
Samantha Peters, Richwoods
Samantha Smolka, Oak Lawn Community

**Girls Track & Field**
Evelyn Felipez, Lakes
Stella McMillan, Curie
Competitive Dance State Series

The IHSA conducted its inaugural Competitive Dance State Series in January of 2013, as Sectional competition at five sites around the state gave way to the State Finals at US Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington. 204 schools entered to compete in the first state tournament and were grouped into three classes (1A, 2A, 3A) by enrollment. Thirty teams in each class qualified to compete in Friday’s State Final prelim round, with 10 squads in each class advancing to Saturday’s final round. The IHSA’s foray into the Competitive Dance realm was highlighted by its unique scoring system that rated all genres against one another on a single scoring rubric in lieu of separate classes for each genre.

“This was a new and contemporary scoring system,” said IHSA Dance administrator Tracie Henry. “We knew there would be an adjustment period for the teams and coaches. Crystal Lake Central was a great example of a team that struggled at some invitationals early in the year, adjusted its routine to the feedback from the judges and came away from the state finals with a trophy.”

Ultimately, teams with differing styles were crowned state champions, as Metro-East Lutheran (lyrical) claimed the 1A title, Crystal Lake Central (pom) won Class 2A and Maine South (kick) took home the Class 3A state championship.
2012-13 IHSA Academic All-State Team
*Presented by Caterpillar*
Alexander Alcantara, Wheaton St. Francis
Adam Auten, Monticello
Sarah Bell, Bloomington Central Catholic
Emily Beltran, St. Ignatius College Prep
Benjamin Brissette, Maine West
Jackson Cavett, Macomb
Michelle Dobbs, Rochelle
Bradley Dulee, Normal University
Emma Fisher, York
Emily Ford, Geneseo
Sarah Goodale, Carbondale
Erik Greenwell, Glenbard South
Jordan Harr, Carrollton
Abby Horn, Herrin
Nicolaie Iovanac, Robinson
Jack Keelan, St. Ignatius College Prep
Jack Miller, Alton Marquette
Carly Niebrugge, Newton
Brian O'Keefe, Glenbrook North
Bailey Peck, Rockford Lutheran
Rena Ranallo, St. Edward
Stephanie Saey, Galesburg
Kyle Sotioriva, Carlinville
Allison Tran, Vernon Hills
Connor Whan, Alleman
Rayanne Wright, Clifton Central

2012-13 Do What’s Right Student Advisory Committee
District 1 Kenny Dumez, Northside College Prep
District 2 Andrew Williams, Hales Franciscan
District 3 Kristen Kleist, Mother McAuley
District 4 Valerie Fung, Niles West
District 5 Trent Hanselmann, Dundee-Crown
District 6 Tyler Yunk, Belvidere North
District 7 Katie Guth, Hinsdale South
District 8 Jacob Platt, Andrew
District 9 Jaelen Hull, McNamara
District 10 Devin Hartman, Eastland
District 11 Abigail Taets, Orion
District 12 Kayla Haines, Seneca
District 13 Sean Kelley, St. Thomas More
District 14 Neil Yockey, Shelbyville
District 15 Emily Farris, Flanagan-Cornell
District 16 Katie Karssen, Knoxville
District 17 Adelmo Marchiori IV, Carlinville
District 18 Lucas Joseph, East Peoria
District 19 Matthew McDonald, Dupo
District 20 Kristina Hodges, Flora
District 21 Jacob Baird, Murphysboro
The attendance at State Series events and revenue for the Association and its member schools was near its forecasted projections in 2012-13. 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 a modest amount of reserves to be saved to guard against unforeseen events. The graphs on the next two pages detail the distribution of income from State Series events during the 2012-13 school year. The IHSA was able to return over $3 million dollars to its member schools from its tournament income last year.
2012-2013 Expenses
Total Expenses
$10,785,221

2012-2013 Income
Total Income
$10,840,756
InCOME FROM IHSA STATE SERIES 2012-13

**Total Income:** $5,726,176

- **IHSA Share:** $1,943,712
- **School Share:** $2,733,916
- **Officials Fees:** $1,048,548
IHSA Happenings from 2012-13

- The 2012 IHSA Do What’s Right Sportspersons of the Year were De La Salle’s Francesca Castagna, Grayslake North’s Katherine McGrath, Wheaton St. Francis’ Ryan Coyle, Rockridge’s Connor Frakes, McArthur’s Michael Clevenger, Athens’ Holly Crocher and Du Quoin’s Jessica Hirsch.

- Wauconda Principal Dan Klett was elected as 34th individual to serve as IHSA Board President.

- The IHSA Peak Performance Center welcomed its first guests when the Peoria Riverfront Museum opened its doors on October 20. The exhibit is over 4,700 square feet of interactive experiences drawing from IHSA sports and activities.

- The IHSA continued its Performance-Enhancing Drug Testing Program, making Illinois one of three state associations in the country to conduct such a program.

- The Chicago Bears hosted players and coaches from the eight IHSA football state champions at Soldier Field for the team’s December game against the Seattle Seahawks.

- Over 500 officials from around the state attended the 14th annual IHSA Officials Conference in Peoria.

- The IHSA has you covered on Social Media, including our newest Twitter handle IHSA State (twitter.com/@IHSAState) that takes you behind the scenes of State Final events.

- IHSA girl’s volleyball teams from around the state reached the million dollar mark in their Volley for the Cure Breast Cancer fundraising efforts. Five years ago, the IHSA and Illinois High School Volleyball Coaches Association teamed up to encourage each team in the state to host one Volley for the Cure match each year.