MINUTES OF THE IHSA OFFICIALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING September 8, 2011

The IHSA Officials Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Thursday, September 8, 2011, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Kevin White, Chicago; Mike Hutton, Lake in the Hills; Anthony Clarke, Zion; Drew Fowler, Tinley Park; Sam Nachampassack, South Beloit; Stan Matheny, Elmwood; Jason Gray, Shiloh; Chris Long, Sigel; Julie Terstriep, Industry; Scott Steward, Salem; Dale Huwer, Millstadt, Rick Karhliker, Springfield; Nicole Schafbauer, IESA and Craig Anderson, IHSA. Absent were Amanda Howland, Lake Zurich; Kelly Aylesworth, Mt. Pulaski; and Perry Korbakis, Crestwood.

The Minutes of the April 21, 2011 meeting were accepted.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item: Grant Applications 2011-12

	Association	Requested		Approved
1.	Athletic Officials Service	\$500	mentor	\$160
2.	BBY Sports Academy	\$500	edu/projector	\$400
3.	Blackhawk Offls Assn	\$500	projector	\$300
4.	Bloomington-Normal Offls Assn	\$275	mentor	\$275
5.	Chicagoland BKB Offls Assn	\$300	projector	\$300
6.	Heartland VB Offls Assn – West	\$500	laptop	\$190
7.	Heartland VB Offls Assn	\$500	observer	\$200
8.	IL Valley VB Offls Assn	\$500	mentor	\$200
9.	Illini BKB Offls Assn	\$500	mentor	\$250
10.	IL Offls Assn	\$500	speaker/mic	\$500
11.	IL VB Offls Assn	\$500	Projector	\$250
12.	Joliet Officials Assn	\$500	camera	\$250
13.	Mid-State Offls Assn	\$500	computer	\$150
14.	Northeastern IL FB Offls Assn	\$400	supplies	\$200
15.	North Western IL VB Offls Assn	\$200	observers	\$200
16.	Northern Officials Assn	\$375	projector	\$375
17.	Peoria Officials Assn	\$450	camcorder	\$300
18.	Quincy Basketball Offls Assn	\$500	computer	\$300
19.	Rock Valley Offls Assn	\$300	projector	\$300
20.	Southern IL VB Off Assn	\$500	projector	\$300
21.	Springfield Area OfflsAssn	\$500	mentor/edu	\$250
22.	Suburban VB Offls Assn	\$500	mentor	\$250
23.	Umpires Protective Assn of Chicago		laptop	\$300
24.	Western BKB Offls Assn	\$500	laptop	\$300

Rationale: The IHSA and IESA have provided grant money for a recognized association to apply for up to \$500. The committee has reviewed the grants and made the above recommendations.

Approved

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Recommendation:** Change the requirement for delegate attendance at the summer conference meeting to just one representative from each association.

Rationale: One delegate can gather the information from the meeting for his/her association. This would save the associations money and does not prevent an association from sending more than one delegate to the meeting.

Approved

2. **Recommendation:** The committee recommends implementing the state association adoption of NFHS VB rules that would allow for volleyball officials to wear a white long sleeved polo when officiating volleyball. The IHSA officials patch or embroidery on the left sleeve of the polo will be part of the uniform.

Rationale: More gyms are being air conditioned making the gyms cooler. This allows for officials preference for the shirt to wear with no significant change in appearance of the officials.

Approved

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION;

- 1. Now that clinics are being evaluated on line, access to the evaluations needs to be provided to the clinicians conducting the clinic so improvements can be made.
- 2. The committee discussed preparing a similar number of questions (approximately 50) for the bank of questions for the Part 1 exam for all sports. The same may be appropriate for the Part 2 exam.
- 3. The committee reviewed the results of additional Top 15 lists during the 2010-2011 school year and had discussions on ratings.
- 4. The committee reviewed the current practice of "contracts" with officials and schools as many schools are currently using assignors. In many cases there is no signed paper contract by the two parties, similar to the agreement that is made electronically for the post season contests. By-law 6.051 might need to be reviewed.

- 5. During ratings discussions the committee discussed the current identification of the 1 − 5 numeric ratings. The committee suggested a review of the usefulness of the ratings by the IHSA staff and potential changes to the identification of the different levels so that coaches and officials have a clearer picture of the rating number in comparison to the ability of the official. The committee could provide input on the breakdown of the 1 − 5 criteria if needed.
- 6. The committee discussed the Basketball officials' location during pre-game. A suggestion was made to review a center court back to back alignment of two officials while the third would stand at half court in front of the scorers' table.
- 7. The list of officials available on the website needs to have identification of an official's status available on the listing.
- 8. The committee discussed the current practice of Proviso schools payments to officials for state series events being extremely delayed as part of the district requirements.