



## **Board of Directors Meeting**

June 10, 2026, 8:00 am MT

### **Members Present**

Spencer Barzee, Jan Bayer, Jeremy Burgess, Tonia Burk, Burke Davis, Brady Dickinson (via zoom), Hiroshi Fukuoka, Phil Hartman (incoming rep), Heath Jackson, Tyler Johnson, Mark Kress, Shawn Lawler (incoming rep), Randy Lords, Rob Sauer, Nick Smith (incoming rep), Shawn Tiegs

### **Members Absent**

Dana Facer

### **Staff Present**

Mike Federico, Julie Hammons, Morgan Potter, Brandon Riley, Chad Williams, and Conlin Coburn as secretary

### **Visitors**

Vince Mann, Borah HS

Keri Carter, Canfield MS

Jason Warr, West Ada SD

Zach Dong, Kimberly HS

Jon Hallock, Ridgevue HS

Shaun Walker, Twin Falls HS

Tol Gropp, Timberline HS

Todd Cady, Columbia HS

Ashley Green, Caldwell HS

Travis Hobson, Thunder Ridge HS

Travis Bell, Highland HS

Brandon Jackson, Pocatello HS

Brain Walker, Boise SD

Zairrick Wadsworth, Skyline HS

Jason Willer, Capital HS

Matt Harris, Ririe HS

### **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

A motion was made to add the Rule 2-5-1 changes as an action item for First Reading.

**Motion carried**

A motion was made to add Golf Team Hardship as an action item for First Reading.

**Motion carried**

A motion was made to add the Ticket Price Increase as an action item for First Reading.

**Motion carried**

A motion was made to approve agenda.

**Motion carried**

Shawn Tiegs introduced the newly appointed board members, Phil Hartman, Shawn Lawler, and Nick Smith.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### Balance Sheet/Financial Report

Chad Williams presented the financial report. On the balance sheet (C15), total current assets and fund balance are average compared to other state associations. On the financial statement, interest and dividends (E8) performed well due to a strong stock market, resulting in a significant cash position. Total general revenue (E16) reached 109% of budget. Registration fees (E19) increased as this is the third year of the program covering officials' first two years; more officials are now paying their own fees. Baseball revenue (E37) was above budget in its second year, helped by the current tournament format increasing ticket sales. Broadcast rights (E42) appear low due to pending payments, including an expected \$30,000, which should bring totals near 100%. On the expense side, repair and maintenance (E56) is higher due to parking lot replacement and curbing work. Legal expenses (E70) have increased due to additional matters requiring counsel, with more bills anticipated. On-site expenses (Row 104) remain a significant cost, and efforts are underway to identify potential reductions. As of Row 122, the surplus is approximately \$50,000 with one month remaining. While additional expenses and revenue are expected, the year is projected to finish around this positive balance. A revised budget for next year will be proposed, reflecting increased ticket prices.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda which included the April 15, 2026 Board Minutes, the Balance Sheet and Financial Report from July 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026, and the Board of Directors actions via phone or email.

**Motion carried**

## REPORT ITEMS

### YEA

Julie Hammons discussed the YEA and reported that the fund balance has exceeded \$6 million, marking a significant milestone, supported by strong stock market performance. Expected disbursements were reviewed, with June 30 identified as the date totals will be finalized. There are three levels of disbursements: funds earned from tournaments; 0.5% of the fund balance distributed equally to fully vested schools; and a newer component, where half of the proceeds from a jamboree will be returned to the fully vested schools that participated in that jamboree. Vested schools are eligible for all three levels, and the checks will be distributed at administrative meetings. Twin Falls has recently become fully vested, and participation continues to grow, with approximately 85 schools now at 100% vestment and is expected to approach 90. Concerns raised at the spring meeting by District 1 representatives regarding disbursement methods for long-standing member schools were noted. A subcommittee has been formed and will meet next week to review these concerns. Julie also noted that Sheryl Brockett has retired. District 5 representatives interested in filling the vacancy were asked to come forward so a replacement can be in place for the fall meeting.

### Marketing

Brandon Riley shared updates on the marketing side, noting that Dairy West is returning for its 43rd year of partnership. He expressed appreciation for their continued support and confirmed that sweatshirts will return this year. Dairy West has recently undergone organizational changes through a merger with Oregon and Washington and will introduce new branding, transitioning from "Unbottled" back to "Dairy West."

Brandon also highlighted two programs for schools to be aware of. Stand Up, a flag partner, is offering to provide and ship American flags for gym installations at no cost to schools as part of a marketing campaign, though schools would be responsible for installation.

He further mentioned updates from Athletes Go Live and Hudl. While separate companies, both are involved in competition-related services, with Athletes Go Live continuing in baseball and softball and adding a volleyball component. Additional information, including upcoming webinars for interested coaches, will be shared.

### Officials: Data

Chad Williams reviewed the final official's count, noting slight increases across several sports. Wrestling officials saw a significant increase due to active recruitment efforts, with similar growth in basketball and spring sports. Overall, a steady increase has been seen over a four-year period.

## Board Committees

- **State Tournament**

- [Rule 2-5-1](#)- Action on this item was taken later in the meeting.
- **Wrestling**- A rumor was discussed regarding State Wrestling not being held in Pocatello this upcoming year. It was confirmed that the event will take place there, although some practice times may differ.
- **Soccer AC Boise**- Athletic Club Boise has expressed interest in hosting a portion of the soccer championships in 2027 and 2029. This will depend on financial considerations and schedule availability.

- **Budget**

- **Revenue & Expenses**- Committee spend a lot of time discussing and covering the revenue and expenses. Where the revenue is coming from, what are some of the expenses, and what are places that expenses can get cut. Which led into the next point, ticket prices.
  - [Ticket prices](#)- Action on this item was taken later in the meeting.
  - **Venue Options**- Venue selection is limited for certain sports within Idaho, and host sites largely dictate availability. The committee reviewed multiple bids and discussed available options.
  - [FY27](#)- Action on this item was taken later in the meeting.
  - **Awards Contact**- Chad Williams reported that the association has a longstanding contract with Meridian Trophy, which includes an option to extend. The committee discussed that contract.
- **Representation**
- [24-26 School Petition Data](#)- Mike Federico reviewed 24-26 school petition data from the past two years, the first cycle in which petitioning down a classification was allowed. Concerns had been raised that schools petitioning down would take places at state and win trophies; however, the data shows this has occurred at only a very small percentage.

- [Soccer proposal](#) - Julie Hammons reviewed a proposal to add 3A soccer, noting that it may be time to split classifications. Supporting information, including affected teams and potential structures, was provided by Buhl. The proposal outlines a four-team state tournament for 3A rather than expanding to eight teams. It includes assumptions about certain programs potentially remaining at the 4A level, though this is not confirmed. The proposal was initially for girls but has been expanded to include boys. A recommendation from the committee is still needed. The item will be moved to a discussion item at the August meeting.

- **Golf Team Hardship**- Action on this item was taken later in the meeting.
- **Cheer classification**- Julie Hammons reported that schools have expressed interest in expanding to a new classification at the lowest level and adding a 2A cheer division; however, more feedback is needed before any decisions can be made. In the fall, Julie will meet with spirit interpreters in July to discuss these potential changes and gather additional information, which will be brought back for further review at the September meeting. School administrators will also be surveyed.

### **2026 State Baseball: Financials**

Mike Federico discussed Year 2 of the state baseball pilot and summarized key feedback. The state regionals had positives, including hosting events across the state, boosting financial performance due to strong local fan support, and overall profitability of games. A concern raised during discussion was the bracket structure, specifically that a team losing its first game could then be required to play the number one seed, potentially creating a more difficult path—particularly with pitching considerations. The committee also discussed alternatives but noted that adjustments could result in teams being eliminated on the first day, which the board has historically opposed. The state championships improved this year, with three games on Day 2, though scheduling adjustments may be considered. The biggest concern remains teams traveling multiple weekends, though only 2 of 52 teams were affected this year. The addition of three-person officiating crews was well received, with a recommendation to adjust Saturday game times in case “if necessary” games are needed. Regional financials showed some reporting gaps (e.g., missing cash gate data and incomplete site-level officiating costs), but overall revenue increased from about \$30,000 in 2023–24 to approximately \$45,000 in 2025–26, with all games remaining profitable. For championship sites, 2A and 6A rotate locations based on participating teams; for example, 6A is scheduled for Idaho Falls next year but could shift if most teams are from another district. Similar concerns arose in 4A, where site selection may need review. Some financial data from one site is still outstanding.

- **MaxPreps Data**- He also reviewed MaxPreps data for softball and baseball, noting that the data supports expanding the format to include additional teams. If the goal is to ensure the best teams qualify for state, this model is proving effective in a large percentage of cases.

### **2026 State Golf: Financials**

Julie Hammons reported on State Golf, held at Eagle Hills Golf Course and Scotch Pines Golf Club. She reviewed financials, noting costs have increased from approximately \$10,000 three years ago to \$23,000 this year, with projections of about \$40,000 next year. Fall golf will be held in Coeur d’Alene. She noted that costs are expected to remain high regardless of location, and that the event does not generate revenue. The increased expenses have been accounted for in the budget.

### **2025 State Softball: Financials**

Julie Hammons reported on State Softball, noting difficult weather conditions, although all games were completed. New sites were used, with 3A hosted by Kellogg High School utilizing fields at Lakeland and Timberlake. Logistics were challenging due to multiple locations and not being at the manager’s home site; additionally, the Lakeland field became unplayable due to flooding on Day 1, so games were moved to Kellogg. Financially, revenue was down due to weather and the northern location, while on-site expenses were high. Some revenue is still outstanding.

### **2026 State Tennis: Financials**

Mike Federico reported that State Tennis went well. The main financial change involved officials’ pay. Payment was moved in-house, with officials checking in and out and being paid through a standardized process rather than submitting invoices. While the number of officials and pay rates remained the same, tracking actual hours more accurately resulted in lower overall costs. There is no cost to get into the tournament, and programs are no longer sold, so this tournament does not generate revenue.

### **2026 State Track: Financials**

Chad Williams reported on State Track and expressed appreciation for the managers and host sites. He noted higher-than-expected attendance this year. While additional expenses are still coming in, financials are expected to finish similar to last year.

### **26-27 Student Advisory Council**

- 25-26 Report – Samantha Parsons, SAC President

Samantha Parson, SAC President, reported on a successful year with continued growth, particularly through the Gem State of Mind initiative focused on building school culture. Fall outreach efforts faced challenges due to difficulty establishing school contacts, resulting in limited impact. The spring Student Leadership Summit was more successful, though attendance was slightly lower for the same reason. She noted that participating students show clear leadership growth and shared her own positive experience. Planning for the upcoming year takes place during the summer retreat, with significant involvement from district representatives. The committee received over 40 applications, with 7 returning members, and selected a diverse group totaling 33 members.

### **Eligibility Waiver Data**

Chad Williams discussed eligibility waiver data, focusing on the total number of appeals over the past four years to identify trends. Earlier years were lower, with a slight increase observed more recently, including a four-year trend highlighted in the data. He noted that the number of students completely denied participation remains very low.

### **IHSAA Goals 25-26 & 26-27**

Chad Williams reviewed IHSAA goals for 2026–27, noting they are similar to the prior year. A multi-year goal remains for directors to visit every member school, with many already completed in the first year and a target to reach all schools within three years. An annual goal to attend all athletic director, superintendent, and principal meetings in person was not fully met; missed meetings will be a priority this fall. Chad noted he values these visits for gathering feedback and understanding school perspectives. Additional goals include continued technology implementation, such as digital co-ops, and development of a mentor program, which Mike is leading, to support retention over time.

### **Activities Director Mentoring**

Mike Federico discussed the new Activities Director Mentoring Program, noting strong interest and a high number of applicants, with screening underway. He emphasized the need for help identifying new ADs or those who may benefit from support, encouraging referrals from principals and others. The program will also include a professional development opportunity, with in-service training for all ADs scheduled for August 3–4 at the office. He expressed appreciation for IAAA’s involvement in the program. To date, 22 principals have requested a mentor.

### **Recognition Awards**

- **School of Excellence: Final Standings-** Julie Hammons reviewed the final standings for Schools of Excellence, noting the significant effort from athletic directors and that the program’s success depends on their participation. The final point totals reflect a high level of competition, with only about 100 points separating winners out of 5,000. More than 50 schools submitted the citizenship component, which is higher than the average year. Julie and Mike discussed revisiting the citizenship component, including submission requirements and process. Incorporating Gem State of Mind into the program was also discussed. The top three schools in each classification will be recognized at the annual meeting on August 4.
- **Star Award Selection-** Mike Federico reported on the Star Award selection process. A total of 44 applications were received, and the classification winners were presented to the Board. Bailey Kirkendall of Skyview High School was selected as the overall STAR Award recipient and will speak at the Hall of Fame Banquet. Mike explained that applicants first undergo a screening process conducted by a review committee based on their applications, followed by interviews with the selection committee. He thanked all participating schools for their support of the program.

### **2026 NFHS Legal Meeting**

Chad Williams reported on the 2026 NFHS Legal Meeting and discussed the value of learning how other state associations address legal and governance issues. He noted that New Jersey recently implemented a new transfer rule

that has been challenged in court seven times, with the state association prevailing in all seven cases. He also highlighted a presentation from New York regarding discussions about creating a separate division for private schools. Based on the legal perspectives presented, he noted that simply moving private schools up a classification would likely not withstand a court challenge. He also shared that some states limit the number of allowable out-of-state contests and noted that this may be something worth exploring further. Overall, he reported that the conference was successful.

### 2026 Administrative Workshops

Chad Williams reviewed the 2026 Administrative Workshop schedule, which has been posted on the website. He noted that Annie distributed the schedule to the Board of Control to confirm that the proposed dates work for everyone. He also shared a change to the workshop format. In previous years, new principals and new athletic directors attended the same meeting. Beginning this school year, that session will be limited to new principals, as new athletic directors will participate in the Athletic Director Mentoring Program.

### 2026-27 Media Days

Mike Federico reviewed the 2026–27 Media Days schedule. He reported that he continues to travel throughout the state to meet with media representatives to discuss association updates, rule changes, and event protocols. He noted that these meetings provide an opportunity to address misconceptions, strengthen relationships with media partners, and identify human-interest stories that can be highlighted. Mike added that the association values these partnerships and gains valuable insight from its interactions with media personnel.

### 2026 Spring Concussions

Chad Williams reviewed the concussion data and reported that there has not been a significant trend or change in concussion numbers over the past several years. He noted that 77 concussions were reported during the current year. He emphasized that the most important factor is ensuring concussions are properly identified and managed, and that coaches and athletic directors remain well educated on concussion protocols and procedures.

### Director's Committees

- **Girls Wrestling Expansion-** Action on this item was taken later in the meeting.
- **Sportsmanship Committee Synopsis-** Mike Federico reported on the Sportsmanship Committee meeting and noted that a synopsis of the meeting was distributed to all member schools. He shared that the committee plans to continue holding its meetings in the spring in conjunction with the IAAA Conference. Discussion topics included sportsmanship initiatives and efforts to further promote the Gem State of Mind program. He highlighted a proposal to transition the current Yellow Card to a Gem Card program, noting that participating schools have reported positive results. The committee also discussed incorporating Gem State of Mind concepts into athletic director meetings, continuing the practice of reading positive sportsmanship announcements before contests, and expanding positive promotional efforts directed toward fans and spectators.
- **Final State Sportsmanship Awards-** Mike Federico reviewed the State Sportsmanship Award winners for the 2025–26 school year. He noted that softball and baseball were added to the award program this year, expanding the recognition of sportsmanship across additional activities. He congratulated the schools and teams that were recognized for their commitment to sportsmanship throughout the season.
- **Sports Medicine Advisory-** Chad Williams provided an updated from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. He noted that the committee's updated physical form is now available on the website. He added that the committee continues to be a valuable resource for the association.

### IHSAA Awards Contract

Chad Williams noted that the association's awards contract with Meridian Trophy is up for renewal. He shared that discussions are underway to extend the agreement for a few more years.

## **Board Member Expiring Terms**

- **Music Educators: Hiroshi Fukuoka, replacement Phil Hartman District III**
- **Girls Coaches: Tonia Burk, replacement Shawn Lawler Timberlake HS**
- **District III: Rob Sauer, replacement Nick Smith, Boise SD**
- **IASSP: Burke Davis, reelected for second term**
- **District I: Jan Bayer, reelected for first term**
- **District V: Mark Kress, reelected for second term**
- **ISBA: Raini Hayden, replacement**

Shawn Tieg and Chad Williams thanked the outgoing Board members for their years of service and contributions, sharing appreciation for the work they have done. They also welcomed the new members and expressed excitement about beginning this next chapter with them.

## **August Meeting Schedule**

- IASA Conference, August 3-4, 2026
- IHSAA Annual Meeting: August 4, 2026, 1:30 pm
- IHSAA Hall of Fame: August 4, 2026, 6:30 pm
- IHSAA Work Session: August 5, 2026, 7:15 am
- IHSAA Board Meeting: August 5, 2026, 2:00 pm

Julie Hammons shared an update on the Hall of Fame, noting that tickets go on sale June 11 and are available through July 27. She encouraged everyone to attend the event, which will be held on a Tuesday this year. Chad also noted that the IASA allows use of the banquet room for the event and expressed appreciation for their support.

## **September Board Meeting**

- September 28 & 29: District IV – Hailey

Chad Williams discussed the September Board meeting and noted that the event rotates around the state, with District IV currently scheduled to host. The current plan is to hold the event in Hailey, though that location could change depending on hotel costs. If expenses are too high, an alternate location may be considered. Brady Dickinson added that Twin Falls could serve as a host site if needed.

## **April Board Meeting**

- April 7<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

No changes were noted for the April Board meeting compared to previous years.

## **Digital Activity Cards Steps**

- **Individuals**- Amanda Quinlan reviewed two related documents and provided an update on activity cards being managed through DragonFly this year. She explained that the first step is for every individual to create a DragonFly account and then connect themselves to their organization. Users will select their role type, such as staff or other school role. She noted that school administrators, coaches, and bookkeepers should be classified under “staff,” while game management personnel should be entered under “other school role.”

- **Athletic Directors**- Amanda also reviewed the AD-side process within DragonFly. She explained that athletic directors have the authority to approve or deny membership requests for their organization. Staff users are able to view information within DragonFly, such as officials and related items, but do not have editing privileges.

She noted that activity cards can be ordered starting at the beginning of July, with final instructions on the ordering process still being completed. A photo will be required to create each activity card, which will be accessible through either the app or website. Cards can also be revoked if personnel changes occur. She added that there will be a process for either prepaying or paying directly through Amanda. Spouses will be able to download the same card to their phone as needed.

### **Rules & Regulations**

- **Rule 1-1-8**: Chad Williams discussed Rule 1-1-8 to ensure everyone is well informed. He noted that new athletic directors are required to participate in the mentor program and are not required to attend the separate new principals meeting.

### **ACTION ITEMS-FINAL READINGS**

#### **Eagle Proposal: Football Quarters**

A motion was made to approve the Eagle Proposal: Football Quarters with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

#### **Wrestling Committee Proposal: Rule 2-5-1, Representation Calculation Date**

A motion was made to approve the Wrestling Committee Proposal: Rule 2-5-1, Representation Calculation Data with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

#### **Classification Committee Proposal: Rule 2-2-2a Timeline**

Chad Williams reviewed the Classification Committee proposal and noted that it represents a significant change to the classification process. The proposal would move the deadline for classification proposals from February to September, providing the committee with additional time to review information and develop well-informed recommendations. He shared that reminder emails will be sent to member schools, including a mass communication now and another in August, and that the item will also be highlighted on the August agenda. Julie noted that proposals for the 2028–30 classification cycle will be submitted before updated enrollment figures are available, which is an important factor to keep in mind when preparing the proposal.

A motion was made to approve the Classification Committee Proposal: Rule 2-2-2a Timeline with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

#### **State Track Proposal**

Chad Williams reviewed a proposal that would create a separate 1A classification for track and field and host the 1A State Track and Field Championships at Mountain View High School alongside the 5A and 6A classifications. He noted that discussions have also taken place with Mountain View administrators regarding the event schedule to ensure the championship can be conducted with minimal disruption to the school's regular schedule.

A motion was made to approve the State Track Proposal with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

#### **2026-28 State Track & Field Representation**

Chad Williams reported that there were questions about Districts 5 and 6 during the previous discussion regarding the 1A classification. He noted that Districts 5 and 6 were separated in the past, but the current plan is for the two districts to be combined.

A motion was made to approve the 2026-28 State Track & Field Representation with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **2026-28 State Tennis Representation**

Mike Federico reviewed the proposed state tennis representation numbers and noted that the only change would be in the 5A classification, where Districts 5 and 6 have been combined into a single district consisting of eight teams. He added that the 4A classification continues to have the largest imbalance in representation, but the proposal is the closest the committee could come to achieving equitable representation over the two-year cycle. He reported that no feedback or concerns have been received regarding the representation.

A motion was made to approve the 2026-28 State Tennis Representation with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **2026-28 State Baseball Representation**

Mike Federico reviewed the state baseball representation proposal and reported that no feedback has been received. He noted that representation remains unchanged across all classifications, with the exception of adjustments related to petitioning. In 4A, the classification now includes 20 teams, resulting in a 12-team regional tournament format. The 3A classification will also continue with a 12-team regional format, while 2A will remain an eight-team regional tournament. He also explained that the 4A regional hosting process differs from other classifications. In the first year of the cycle, District 1 will host the regional tournament, while in the second year, hosting opportunities will be awarded to the highest-ranked qualifying teams.

A motion was made to approve the 2026-28 State Baseball Representation with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **2026-2027 State Tournaments Sites: Move from tentative to approved**

Julie Hammons reviewed the 2026–27 State Tournament sites and provided updates on several activities. She noted that the fall 5A and 6A State Golf Championships will move to a Monday–Tuesday format next year. For soccer, Bonneville and Hillcrest will serve as hosts, with the boys' and girls' sites being swapped from the previous rotation. She reminded members that Bonneville utilizes a grass field and that coaches should be aware of that playing surface.

Mike reported that State Volleyball will be held at a new location, marking the first time the event will not be hosted at Mountain America Center in the past few years. State Swim will return to the YMCA. State Drama is still seeking a host facility in District 3, while 3A Boys Basketball will return to Meridian on a permanent basis.

Several state tournament sites remain to be finalized. A host is still needed for 3A Golf in District 2, 4A Softball in District 5 or 6, and 4A Baseball in District 3. She noted that if a host cannot be secured for 4A Softball in Eastern Idaho, the tournament may need to be moved to another area of the state.

A motion was made to approve the 2026-2027 State Tournaments Sites: Move from tentative to approved with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **2027-2028 State Tournaments Sites: Move from suggested to tentative**

Julie Hammons noted that the 5A and 6A State Golf Championships will be hosted in Eastern Idaho in 2027-28, with District 5 hosting 5A and District 6 hosting 6A. She also shared that the tournament will remain a Monday–Tuesday format.

A motion was made to approve the 2027-2028 State Tournaments Sites: Move from suggested to tentative with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **Girls Wrestling Expansion, 26-28 Alignment**

Chad Williams noted that the only change to the proposal was a clarification that six medals will be awarded. He explained that this had been the practice previously but was not specifically stated in the rules, so the language was added for clarity. He also noted that Division I will consist of larger schools, while Division II will consist of smaller schools.

A motion was made to approve the Girls Wrestling Expansion, 26-28 Alignment with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **Idaho Fine Arts Academy Regular Membership Request: speech & debate only**

Julie Hammons reviewed the final reading of the Idaho Fine Arts Academy membership application. She explained that the school is seeking restricted membership status because admission to the school is based on an audition or selection process which is against IHSAA By Laws for membership. However, because participation in speech and debate does not require a separate tryout process and is available to enrolled students, the school meets the requirements for consideration under restricted membership status.

A motion was made to approve the Idaho Fine Arts Academy Regular Membership Request: speech & debate only with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **2026 - 2027 IHSAA Directors Contracts**

A motion was made to approve the 2026-2027 IHSAA Directors Contracts with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **FY27 Budget**

Chad Williams reviewed the proposed 2026–27 budget and discussed several factors considered during its development. He noted that the proposal includes a ticket price increase as well as an increase in the cost of activity cards from \$35 to \$40, the first increase in many years.

He also explained that the association has historically provided travel reimbursements for certain state tournaments. However, because the rotation of tournament sites has become more balanced across the state, the proposal eliminates travel reimbursements for schools competing in wrestling and volleyball state tournaments when those events are hosted within their home district.

Chad noted that the association's budget has increased from approximately \$2.6 million to \$2.8 million and now to \$3.1 million over the past several years, representing an average annual increase of about three percent. He stated that the proposed ticket price increase is intended to help offset roughly \$100,000 in additional expenses.

Julie Hammons added that the association is anticipating significant increases in venue costs at several state events and is attempting to be proactive in addressing those rising expenses.

A motion was made to approve the FY27 Budget with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **Rule 1-1-8**

Chad Williams reviewed that the change to Rule 1-1-8 clarifies that new athletic directors are not required to attend the new AD and principal meeting at the beginning of the year. Instead, they will fulfill that requirement through participation in the Athletic Director Mentorship Program.

A motion was made to approve the proposed change to Rule 1-1-8 with modifications as needed as a Final Reading.  
**Motion carried**

### **2025-2026 Awards**

**Official of the Year-** There is one nomination from each district for an official who stands out for their hard work and dedication.

Winner: Pat Zink, an official from District II.

A motion was made to approve Pat Zink as the 2025-2026 Official of the Year award recipient as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

**Spirit of Sport-** These nominations can come from a variety of individuals, typically from schools. The recipients are often current coaches or students who have faced adversity and demonstrated how the spirit of competition helped them rise above it.

Winner: Eli Parker, Timberline High School, Boise.

A motion was made to approve Eli Parker of Timberline High School as the 2025-2026 Spirit of Sport award recipient as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

**Dick Fleischmann Memorial-** This award is given to recognize individuals who manage state tournaments and help with playoffs.

Winner: Andy Ankeny, Middleton High School

A motion was made to approve Andy Ankeny of Middleton High School as the 2025-2026 Dick Fleischmann Memorial award recipient as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

**Wes Lowe Memorial-** For administrators and coaches who understand the value of education-based activities and are dedicated to teaching lifelong lessons to students through activities.

Winner: Colleen Hall, Lakeland High School.

A motion was made to approve Colleen Hall of Lakeland High School as the 2025-2026 Wes Lowe Memorial award recipient as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

**Duane D. Wolfe-** This award recognizes individuals and groups outside of the school community, such as businesses, boosters, and volunteers, who generously donate their time and resources.

Winner: Rick Rasmussen of Coeur d'Alene.

A motion was made to approve Rick Rasmussen as the 2025-2026 Duane D. Wolfe award recipient as a Final Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **ACTION ITEMS- FIRST READINGS**

#### **Rollie Lane 2026 Exemption, Wrestling Rules & Regulation (Match Limitations)**

Chad Williams clarified that the discussion focused on match limitations within a single day rather than removing overall limits. The NFHS guideline of a maximum of six matches per day would remain in place. The proposal allows Rollie Lane to be treated as a single-day event for purposes of applying those match limitations.

A motion was made to amend motion to treat Rollie Lane as a single-day event for the 26-27 and 27-28 school years with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

**Motion carried**

**Golf Proposal – modification of coaching restrictions**

Julie Hammons reviewed proposed changes to coaching restrictions in golf. The revisions (Items A and B) align language with neighboring states. Under the proposal, coaches would be permitted to provide instruction from tee to green. Once a student-athlete steps onto the green, the coach may not communicate with the athlete until the hole is completed, even if the athlete subsequently steps off the green.

It was noted that the USGA maintains rules regarding pace of play. Schools will need to be more diligent in identifying designated coaches throughout the season to ensure clarity on who is authorized to provide instruction. Enforcement is expected to be consistent for the entire season, not limited to the state tournament.

A motion was made to approve the Golf Proposal – modification of coaching restrictions for the 2026-2027 school year, with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

**Motion carried**

**Shelley High School Proposal: Rule 8-2, age eligibility**

Burke Davis discussed concerns regarding a small but increasing trend of students starting school later, which may create a competitive advantage. Discussion included possible adjustments to the eligibility rule, along with implementation considerations such as grandfathering currently impacted students, phasing in the change, and allowing for an appeal process.

A motion was made to amend the language from “eligibility upon completion of a sport season in which a student turns 19” to “a student cannot compete in the sport season in which they turn 20,” with modifications as needed, as a First Reading.

**Motion carried**

**Rule 2-5-6b: Idaho Rankings**

Chad Williams noted the importance of maintaining some flexibility to address any errors in the rankings. While rankings may still be adjusted if an issue is identified during the review process, they will be considered final once posted on the website.

A motion was made to approve the Rule 2-5-6b: Idaho Rankings proposal with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

**Motion carried**

**Borah High School Proposal: Borah Letter**

Chad Williams reviewed a proposal to update the bylaws to allow athletic trainers to qualify for a lifetime pass after 25 years of service. It was also discussed that language should be considered to include individuals in an equivalent role to an athletic trainer.

A motion was made to approve the Borah High School Proposal with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

**Motion carried**

**Regular Membership Application**

A motion was made to approve Kootenai Classical Academy and Valor Christian School’s Regular Membership Applications for the fall of 2027 with modifications as needed, as a First Reading.

**Motion carried**

**Rule 2-5-1**

Chad Williams discussed the proposed changes to Rule 2-5-1, stating that if a school chooses not to participate, the game will be considered a forfeit, and the opponent will automatically advance to the round of 8. In baseball, if a school chooses not to participate in a 3-team regional, the remaining teams will play a best 2/3 series.

A motion was made to approve the proposed changes to Rule 2-5-1 with modifications as needed as a First Reading.  
**Motion carried**

### **Golf Hardship Rule Change**

Julie Hammons reviewed the team hardship rule, which allows teams to apply if they meet specific criteria, including exceeding the 3-year average score of the State Tournament 4th-place team and submitting scores from their final five regular-season matches. Due to higher scoring trends, an increased number of teams have been applying under the current rule.

The proposed change would tighten eligibility by limiting applications to teams that miss qualifying by one place at the district tournament. It also introduces a performance score calculation that incorporates course rating, which may be used as an additional tool for the committee when evaluating applications. The performance score would be considered as part of the review but would not be the sole determining factor in granting a hardship.

A motion was made to approve the Golf Hardship Rule Change with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

**Motion carried**

### **Ticket Price Increase**

Chad Williams reviewed ticket pricing as part of the FY27 budget, including a comparison to surrounding states. He analyzed averages by sport (baseball, football, and all others), noting that current prices fall below the regional average in nearly all categories, with only one area above average.

For the 2026–27 year, Chad recommended modest increases, generally around \$2 per ticket, with larger increases applied to select tournament passes. Wrestling and dance/cheer prices would remain unchanged. Even with the proposed increases, pricing would remain competitive with or below surrounding states.

It was also noted that not all venues allow use of the association’s ticketing system. Where it is used, ticket prices will reflect the proposed rates. At venues requiring their own systems, additional fees may apply; however, Mountain America has agreed to cap added fees at \$5, and the Kibbie Dome has committed to limiting additional charges to \$2.

A motion was made to approve the Ticket Price Increase for the 26-27 school year, with modifications as needed as a First Reading.

**Motion carried**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **South Fremont Proposal: Increase 235lbs girls wrestling weight class to 255lbs**- Chad Williams discussed that this proposal was previously presented in December, with the weight changing from 285 to 255. He explained that the association follows NFHS weight classes, which include 14 established options. Tonia Burk commented that at 285, only a limited number of female athletes (approximately seven) would be impacted and questioned whether there are sufficient numbers to support the change. Jeremy Burgess added that NFHS weight classes are structured intentionally for safety reasons. No action was taken.
2. **Winter Season Competition Limitations Proposal: Letters**- Chad Williams discussed a proposal originating from Thunder Ridge that has received support from several member schools, along with additional input from SIC superintendents. The current preference is to maintain the shortened season while removing restrictions on the number of games that may be played. Jeremy Burgess suggested that any changes should be implemented in the next cycle (2028–2030), as schedules for upcoming seasons have already been set.

A motion was made to advance the proposal to eliminate restrictions on the number of games played and delay implementation of the winter season week reduction until the 2028–29 cycle, with modifications as needed, to a First Reading.

**Motion carried**

3. **2A Cheer Survey**- No data available at this time, will be discussed at September board meeting.
4. **PitchKount Requirement**- Mike Federico shared that the Baseball Committee is recommending the use of PitchKount, a real-time pitch count system to improve consistency and reduce confusion with existing rules. The system costs approximately \$275 per school, unless a school is already using Athletes Go Live. Mike noted that based on feedback, the system is most effective when used consistently across all schools, raising the question of whether participation should be required. He also shared that Utah has implemented the system successfully and has received positive feedback for its ease of use and the daily reporting it provides on pitch counts

A motion was made to move the PitchKount Requirement Proposal with modifications as needed, to a First Reading  
**Motion carried**

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