



**MIAA Board of Directors
Wednesday, August 19, 2026
Minutes**

1. Meeting called to order at 11:05am by President Tom Arria
- Welcome and reminded BOD members of the importance of their role in regards to attendance meetings and voting.
 2. Attendance: Members present: Tom Arria, Dan Bauer, Nicole Botomley, Dave Bouchard, Maureen Cohen, Charlie Conefrey, Keith Crowley, Katherine Hennessy, Mark Miville, Jim Quatromoni, Eric Scott, Devin Sheehan, Christine Vigneux, Ted Zawada.
 3. Minutes of May 13, 2026, for approval – *attached*
- Amendment include fiscal year FY26 pertaining to budget
 4. Finance/Personnel Committee – Vice President, Charlie Conefrey
- The Association has hired a new audit firm (Lee and Crowley LLC). This years audit has begun.
- Preliminary review of end of year tournament finances is healthy.
- A complete finance report will be reported to full board on a quarterly basis.
- Finance committee approvals
 - Football (Division 1A component) proposal was approved by the finance committee
 - Post retirement health plan amendment was approved by the finance committee
- Charlie thanked Linsey von Holtz who has stepped down from her duties on both the finance committee and board. Charlie thanked her for her years of service on both. There is currently an opening on MIAA Finance Committee- Anyone interested should contact either Tom and Charlie.
5. Executive Director Report/Update
 - a. National Federation High School Hall of Fame – Mary Lou Thimas was celebrated at the 2026 NFHS Summer Conference in Utah in June. Bob urged members to forward any names to the Association to be nominated for the 2027 class.
 - Bob reviewed the Association Organizational Chart
 6. Receive Update on “Making Even Better” Initiatives
 - a. Objective Process to Adopt and/or Remove a Sport
 - i. Jim Clark reviewed this process and placement on the website.
 - b. Standards for Number of Championship Divisions

- c. Establish a Division 1A Component in Statewide Tournaments
- d. MIAA Website Enhancements

7. Vote - Football Division 1A Statewide Component

- a. Bob reviewed org chart and shared the background on where we have been and how we got here.
- b. Todd Brazydlo presented proposal on behalf of football tournament subcommittee.
 - i. Challenging to get all constituents in support (football committee, coaches, TMC, and BOD).
 - ii. Disparity in number of teams in each division
 - iii. Reviewed entire proposal, including the rationale

Motion - To approve the Football Division 1A Statewide Component as presented:

Approved 12-2-0.

- 8. Vote - Standards for Number of Championship Divisions. Members received the final proposal via email breaking down the number of divisions by enrollment.

Motion - To approve Standards for Number of Championship Divisions as presented 14-0.

- 9. Peter Smith provided an overview regarding InSideOut Initiative Launch (Thursday, October 8 at Gillette Stadium). Jim Q provided his positive experience with InSideOut initiative.

10. Receive Information Regarding Coaches Education Proposal – potential shift to online/self-paced

- a. Pete provided update on coaches education and possible changes to approve coaches certification to be completed online and self-paced. The MIAA Board of Directors will take a formal vote at their September meeting.

11. Receiving Information Regarding Rule Change Proposals/Process

- a. 32 total rule change proposals have been submitted
 - i. 10 general rule change proposals
 - ii. 22 sport specific proposals (covering section 4 of the MIAA handbook)
- b. Posted Tuesday, September 1
- c. Board of Directors will act on all proposals by February 1, 2027

12. District Workshop Dates/Topics

- a. September 10 – District 1 at Belchertown
- b. September 14 – Districts 6 & 7 at MIAA Office
- c. September 15 – Districts 8 & 9 at Middleboro
- d. September 16 – Board of Directors (Virtual)
- e. September 17 – Districts 4 & 5 at Whittier Tech
- f. September 22 – Districts 2 & 3 at Hudson

13. Sister Association communications/report:

- a. MSSADA
 - i. Conference will be held at Seacrest this year (Falmouth)
- b. MASC
 - i. Executive Director is retiring this year

- c. M.A.S.S.
- d. MSAA

14. Meeting adjourned at 12:25pm – role call to enter into Executive session and end meeting. Tom Arria, Dan Bauer, Nicole Botomley, Dave Bouchard, Maureen Cohen, Charlie Conefrey, Keith Crowley, Katherine Hennessy, Mark Miville, Jim Quatromoni, Eric Scott, Devin Sheehan, Christine Vigneux, Ted Zawada.

