BRIEF HISTORY OF THE
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Iowa High School Athletic Association had its origin in the Iowa High School Principals Club. At a meeting of the Club in 1903, a committee was appointed to draft a series of rules and regulations for the general and definite control of high school athletics throughout the state.

This committee, consisting of Forest C. Ensign, Council Bluffs, as Chairman and Maurice Ricker, Burlington, presented its report at the annual meeting of the Principals Club in 1904, when it was adopted by the Club.

At a called meeting of the Superintendents and Principals, December 28,1904, the Iowa High School Athletic Association was formed, and the aforesaid rules and regulations herein following were unanimously adopted. D.A. Thornburg, Grinnell; George Edward Marshall, Sioux City; and Frank L. Smart, Dubuque, were elected members of the Board of Control to serve one, two, and three years, respectively.

Upon the removal of Superintendent Thornburg from the state in July, A.V. Storm, Cherokee, was chosen to fill the vacancy. At a meeting of the Association in Des Moines, December 28,1905, Superintendent Storm was elected a member of the Board of Control to serve three years and several amendments were made to the Rules and Regulations.

At a meeting in Des Moines, December 26,1906, R.S. Whitley was elected to the Board of Control vice George Edward Marshall, whose term had expired.

September 21,1907, A.V. Storm and Frank L. Smart resigned, and M.M. Bedall, Boone, and R.B. Crane, Washington, were appointed to fill vacancies. At the meeting in Des Moines, M.M. Bedall was elected to hold until December 1908, and Mr. Crane for the full term.

In September 1908, R.S. Whitley and R.B. Crane resigned on a technical interpretation of the rules, and M.M. Bedall because of leaving the state. Eugene Henely of Grinnell, George Edward Marshall of Davenport, and Seth Thomas of Fort Dodge, were appointed to fill vacancies until the annual meeting. The same officials were elected by the Association for the full terms.

May 1906: The IHSAA’s first ever State Track Meet was held at Iowa Field in Iowa City. Twenty-five schools sent a total of 229 athletes to compete in 15 events. Ida Grove won the team title with 43 points and Des Moines, West was runner-up with 40. Ray Murphy of Ida Grove won the shot put and discus, while Charles M’Martin of Des Moines, West took the broad jump and 220-yard hurdles to be the first ever multiple winners. This was the first state meet in any sport conducted by the Board of Control.

August 1909: Seth Thomas of Fort Dodge resigned because his retirement from school work, and W.H. Blakely was appointed to fill the vacancy until the annual meeting.

November 5, 1909: W.H. Blakely of Fort Dodge was elected for a full term of three years. Upon the death of Mr. Blakely, A.J. Burton of Des Moines was appointed to fill the vacancy, June 1919.

November 6, 1919: C.E. Humphrey of Denison was elected to succeed A.J. Burton.

November 4,1920: Eugene Henely of Grinnell was re-elected for a term of three years.

November 4,1921: C.E. Humphrey of Denison was re-elected for a term of three years.

November 4,1922: George Edward Marshall of Davenport was re-elected for a term of three years.

November 4, 1923: Eugene Henely of Grinnell was re-elected for a term of three years.

November 4, 1924: C.E. Humphrey of Denison was re-elected for a term of three years.

November 4, 1925: Eugene Henely of Grinnell was re-elected for a term of three years.

November 4, 1926: Eugene Henely of Grinnell was re-elected for a term of three years.

January 1,1927: George A. Brown of Des Moines was appointed Executive Secretary on a full-time basis.

November 3, 1927: C.E. Humphrey of Denison was re-elected for a term of three years.

September 21, 1928: T.M. Cleverger of Waverly was appointed by the Board of Control to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Eugene Henely of Grinnell.

November 8,1928: George Edward Marshall of Davenport was re-elected for a term of three years.

November 8, 1928: T.M. Cleverger of Waverly was elected to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Eugene Henely.

November 7,1929: T.M. Cleverger of Waverly was re-elected for a term of three years.

November 13,1930: C.E. Humphrey of Grinnell was re-elected for a term of three years.

November 12,1931: George Edward Marshall of Davenport was re-elected for a term of three years.

November 3, 1932: T.M. Cleverger was re-elected for a term of three years.

December 10, 1932: K.C. VanOrden of Mapleton was appointed by the Board of Control to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of George Edward Marshall.

November 3, 1933: C.E. Humphrey to Grinnell was unanimously elected for a term of three years.

October 13,1934: Article III, Section 1 was amended creating a five-member Board of Control. The state was divided into five districts and each member was to represent a given district to be elected by mail ballot. Because of the first election, Superintendent J.H. Peet of Washington was elected to represent the Southeast District; Superintendent K.C. VanOrden of Mapleton to represent the Northwest District; and Superintendent O.C. Varner of Diagonal to represent the Southwest District.

August 3,1935: Due to the resignation of Superintendent T.M. Cleverger of Waverly, Superintendent R.D. Noble of McGregor was elected from the Northeast District to fill the unexpired term. Principal J.F.T. Saur of Fairfield was elected from the Southeast District to fill the unexpired term of J.H. Peet of Washington who moved out of the district.

October 26,1935: Superintendent F.J. Moore of New Hampton was elected in the Northeast District to fill the three-year term in the place of R.D. Noble of McGregor whose term had expired. Principal J.F.T. Saur of Fairfield was re-elected from the Southeast District for a three-year term.

June 6, 1936: Due to the resignation of C.E. Humphrey of Grinnell, Superintendent L.L. Peterson of Johnston was elected from the Central District to fill the unexpired term.

October 1, 1936: Amendment adopted creating an Advisory and Representative Assembly to replace the Annual Meeting.

October 19, 1936: O.C. Varner of Diagonal was re-elected from the Southwest District for a term of three years. L.L. Peterson of Johnston was re-elected from the Central District for a term of three years.

October 1937: H.E. Isley of Spirit Lake was elected in the Northwest District to fill the three-year term in the place of K.C. Van Orden of Mapleton whose term had expired.

November 4, 1937: Revised the Constitution of the IHSAA adopted by the electorate.
September 10, 1938: Superintendent C.L. Ellis of New Providence was elected to the Board of Control to fill the unexpired term of Superintendent L.L. Peterson of Johnston who resigned.

November 4, 1938: Principal J.F.T. Saur of Fairfield was re-elected in the Southeast District for a term of three years. Superintendent I.W. Edie of Rudd was elected in the Northeast District for a term of three years.

December 31, 1938: The Insurance Department of the State of Iowa issued a Certificate of Authority to the Iowa High School Insurance Company to transact the business of writing Individual and Group Accident and Health Insurance in the State of Iowa.

October 1939: Superintendent O.C. Varner of Diagonal was re-elected to the Board of Control from the Southwest District for a term of three years. Superintendent C.L. Ellis of New Providence was re-elected to the Board of Control from the Central District for a term of three years.

November 1939: H.E. Ilsley of Spirit Lake and O.C. Varner of Diagonal chosen Chairman and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control of the IHSAA.

February 24, 1940: Lyle T. Quinn of Boone was named Assistant Secretary of the IHSAA.

June 1940 – Board of Control approves a motion to allow private schools to become full members of the IHSAA and thus eligible for IHSAA tournaments with the public schools. The initial state tournament series will be 1940 Fall Baseball and 1941 Basketball.

September 1, 1940: Amendment adopted to Article III, Section 1; Article III, Section 4; Article VI, Section 22; and Article VI, Section 32.

November 1940: H.E. Ilsley of Spirit Lake was re-elected to the Board of Control from the Northwest District for a term of three years.

December 27, 28, 1940: IHSAA’s first Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Marshalltown, Iowa.

March 11, 1941: Lyle T. Quinn, Assistant Secretary, was named Manager of the Association until August 31, 1942.

March 29, 1941: The report of the Board of Control to the Representative Council of the Iowa High School Athletic Association was presented and approved by the Council. (See Bulletin 137-138, page 20.)

April 11, 1941: The offices of the Iowa High School Athletic Association were moved from the Valley Bank Building, Des Moines, to 1132 Des Moines Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

May 26, 1941: The following amendments to the Constitution of the IHSAA were adopted by the electorate: Article IV, Section 1; Article IV, Section 2; Article V, Section 3; Article V, Section 4; Article V, Section 5; Article V, Section 11; Article V, Section 12; Article VI, Section 2; Article VI, Section 5; Article VI, Section 22.

August 18, 19, 20, 21, 1941: IHSAA’s first summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at the Des Moines ‘Y’ Camp, Boone, Iowa.

September 25, 26, 27, 1941: For the first time, the Association conducted a series of 32 fall Sectional Baseball Tournaments; 355 high schools participated in these tournaments.

November 8, 1941: Irwin W. Edie of Rudd was re-elected to the Board of Control from the Northeast District for a term of three years. Frank W. Douma of Ottumwa was elected to the Board of Control from the Southeast District for a term of three years.

November 1941: Lyle T. Quinn was elected Executive Secretary of the Association for a term of three years.

November 9, 1941: H.E. Ilsley of Spirit Lake and O.C. Varner of Diagonal were chosen Chairman and Treasurer, respectively, for a term of one year.

December 26, 27, 1941: IHSAA’s second Christmas Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Drake Fieldhouse in Des Moines, Iowa.

May 7, 8, 9, 1942: For the first time, the Association conducted a series of 64 spring Sectional Baseball Tournaments; 480 high school teams participated in these tournaments.

August 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1942: IHSAA’s second Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

November 6, 1942: C.L. Ellis of New Providence, representing the Central District, and O.C. Varner of Diagonal. Representing the Southwest District, was elected Executive Secretary of the Board of Control for a term of three years.

November 7, 1942: Irwin W. Edie of Rudd and O.C. Varner of Diagonal were chosen Chairman and Treasurer, respectively, for a term of one year.

January 1943: Amendment adopted to Article VI, Section 4, Note 1, Item 4.

August 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1943: IHSAA’s third Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at the Des Moines ‘Y’ Camp at Boone, Iowa.

September 1943: First complete set of Official Rulings of the Board of Control published in Record Book and Handbook.

October 1943: Article VI, Section 13 was amended by adding Note 1. Section 33 was added to the Constitution requiring all school officials to practice the highest principles of sportsmanship. H.E. Ilsley of Spirit Lake was re-elected to the Board of Control from the Northwest District for a three-year term.

December 27, 1943: Third Annual Christmas Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Webster City, Iowa.

January 7, 1944: H.E. Ilsley of Spirit Lake was elected by the membership of the National Federation to a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the Federation.

January 29, 1944: The offices of the Iowa High School Athletic Association were moved from Des Moines to Boone.

March 1944: Article VI, Section 22 was amended by adding Note 5. Article VI, Section 23 was amended by adding Note 1.

August 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 1944: IHSAA’s fourth Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at the Des Moines ‘Y’ Camp, Boone, Iowa.

October 28, 1944: Frank W. Douma, incumbent Superintendent of Schools of Ottumwa, re-elected to his second three-year term on Board of Control from southeast Iowa. E.A. Prehm, Superintendent of Schools of Northwood, elected to a three-year term on Board of Control from northeast Iowa.

November 4, 1944: Lyle T. Quinn was re-elected Executive Secretary of the Association for term expiring July 1, 1947. Frank W. Douma of Ottumwa, H.E. Ilsley of Spirit Lake, and O.C. Varner of Diagonal were chosen Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, for a one-year term.

December 28, 1944: Fourth Annual Christmas Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Drake Fieldhouse, Des Moines, Iowa.


August 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 1945: IHSAA’s fifth Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Methodist Campgrounds, Clear Lake, Iowa.

September 29, 1945: J.J. O’Connor, Superintendent of Schools, Wiota, was declared elected to the Board of Control for a three-year term representing southwest Iowa. Mr. O’Connor received more than a majority of the nominating votes and hence was declared elected.

October 27, 1945: November 3, 1945: in Frank W. Douma, Superintendent of Schools, Ottumwa; Ernest A. Prehm, Superintendent of Schools, Northwood; and Harry E. Ilsley, Superintendent of Schools, Spirit Lake, were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer of the Association, respectively, for a term of one year.
December 27, 1945: The fifth Annual Christmas Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at the Drake Fieldhouse, Des Moines, Iowa.
May 1, 1946: The Association purchased the Security Savings Bank Building, Boone, Iowa, in compliance with the recommendations of the Representative Council.
May 25, 1946: For the first time, the Association paid expenses of the schools competing in the State Final Track, Golf, and Tennis Meets.
June 1, 1946: Amendment to Article VI, Section 22, adopted by the electorate, prohibiting interscholastic boxing activities by members of the Association.
July 13, 1946: First Summer Baseball Tournament series sponsored by the Association were held.
August 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 1946: IHSAA's sixth Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.
September 1, 1946: Establishment of Iowa High School Athletic Association film library.
November 2, 1946: A.H. Schuler, Swea City, elected to the Board of Control for a three-year term representing the Northwest District.
November 9, 1946: Frank W. Douma, R.R. Watson, and E.A. Prehm elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer of the Association, respectively, for a term of one year.
December 27, 1946: IHSAA's sixth Annual Christmas Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Dowling Gym, Des Moines, Iowa.
March 22, 1947: Lyle T. Quinn re-elected Executive Secretary of the Association for a term expiring July 1,1950.
April 21, 1947: Beginning of policy of baseball rules clinic on basis of football and basketball.
May 15, 1947: Recodified Constitution and Bylaws adopted by the Association electorate.
May 24, 1947: Board of Control establishment of an Iowa High School Athletic Association student loan fund.
August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 1947: IHSAA's seventh Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.
September 1, 1947: W.H. McFarland, State Department of Public Instruction, became an ex-officio member of the Board of Control.
November 1, 1947: Ernest A. Prehm, Superintendent of Schools at Jefferson, was re-elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control.
November 8, 1947: Frank W. Douma, J.J. O'Connor, and E.A. Prehm elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Association for the term of one year.
December 29, 1947: IHSAA's seventh Annual Christmas Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
April 10, 1948: The Board of Control adopted regulations limiting the maximum number of basketball games played by member schools after November 30th of each year and adopted regulations governing the starting time of interscholastic athletic contests and the dismissal of students for those contests.
May 7, 1948: The inauguration of a Class B division in the Outdoor District Track and Field Meets for schools with an enrollment of less than 251; and a Class A division for those schools with an enrollment of over 250.
June 14-18, 1948: IHSAA's eighth Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.
September 1, 1948: Karl C. Smith, Supervisor in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, becomes ex-officio member of the Board of Control.
October 31,1948: A.B. Grimes, Superintendent of Schools at Boone, elected to the Board of Control for a five-year term.
November 5, 1948: R.R. Watson, A.H. Schuler, and J.J. O'Connor were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.
December 28,1948: IHSAA's eighth Annual Christmas Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
August 15-19, 1949: IHSAA's ninth Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.
October 31,1949: Frank W. Douma, Superintendent of Schools at Ottumwa, elected to the Board of Control to fill unexpired term of four years.
November 4, 1949: J.J. O'Connor, E.A. Prehm, and A.H. Schuler were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.
December 28, 1949: IHSAA's ninth Annual Christmas Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
March 25, 1950: Lyle T. Quinn re-elected Executive Secretary of the IHSAA for a term expiring July 1, 1953.
August 19-23, 1950: IHSAA's tenth Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.
October 31, 1950: J.J. O'Connor, Superintendent of Schools at Atlantic, re-elected to the Board of Control for a term of five years.
November 3, 1950: A.H. Schuler, Frank W. Douma, and E.A. Prehm were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.
December 16, 1950: Tenth Annual IHSAA Christmas Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
May 10, 1951: Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the IHSAA adopted providing for the supervision and control of interscholastic athletics in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, of the member schools of the Association. Amendment to become effective at the opening of school in September 1951.
July 1, 1951: Frank W. Douma, IHSAA Board of Control member, elected for a three-year term as member of the Six-Man Executive Committee of the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations.
July 1, 1951: J.J. O'Connor, having given up school administration work, resigned as member of the Board of Control of the IHSAA.
August 1, 1951: T.C. Green, Supervisor in the State Department of Public Instruction, appointed ex officio member of the Board of Control of the IHSAA.
August 1, 1951: Harold G. Schmickley was named Assistant Secretary of the IHSAA.
August 15-18, 1951: Eleventh Annual Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic, sponsored by the IHSAA, held on the campus of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
September 18, 1951: Adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws for the Iowa High School Activities Council.
November 1, 1951: R.E. Creel, Superintendent of Schools, Cherokee, elected member of the Board of Control filling the unexpired term of J.J. O'Connor. Mr. Creel's term will expire November 1955.
November 1, 1951: A.H. Schuler, Superintendent of Schools, Atlantic, was re-elected for his second five-year term as a member of the Board of Control.
November 2, 1951: E.A. Prehm, R.R. Watson and Frank W. Douma were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.
December 15, 1951: Eleventh Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
August 18-21, 1952: Twelfth Annual Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic, sponsored by the IHSAA, held on the campus of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.
November 6, 1952: H.P. Graeber, Superintendent of Schools, Melbourne, elected member of the Board of Control for a term of five years.
November 7, 1952: Frank W. Douma, A.H. Schuler, and R.R. Watson were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.

December 1952: Amendment passed and adopted to Article III, Section 5, Item 9 of the Constitution of the Association.

December 20, 1952: Twelfth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

March 1953: First televising of State Basketball Tournament (last four sessions) from Fieldhouse, Iowa City, by WOI-TV, Ames, Iowa.

May 16, 1953: First Class B and Class C State Track Meet, under new classification, held at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

May 22, 1953: Class A and Class AA State Track Meet (night), under new classification, held at Drake Stadium, Des Moines, Iowa.

August 17-20, 1953: Thirteenth Annual Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic, sponsored by the IHSAA, held on the campus of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

November 5, 1953: Frank W. Douma, Superintendent of Schools, Ottumwa, was re-elected to the Board of Control for a second five-year term.

December 19, 1953: Thirteenth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

August 16-19, 1954: Fourteenth Annual Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic, sponsored by the IHSAA, held on the campus of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

November 4, 1954: W.A. Butt, Superintendent of Schools, Rodman, elected member of Board of Control for a term of five years.

November 5, 1954: R.E. Creel, H.P. Graeber, and A.H. Schuler were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.

December 18, 1954: Fourteenth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

March 17-19, 1955: State Basketball Tournament, composed of a field of eight teams, held in new Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa.

April 1, 1955: First series of track clinics conducted on same basis as football-basketball-baseball rules meetings.

August 16-19, 1955: Fifteenth Annual Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic, sponsored by the IHSAA, held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

November 3, 1955: R.R. Watson, Superintendent of Schools, Sheffield, elected member of Board of Control for a term of five years.

November 4, 1955: A.H. Schuler, Frank W. Douma, and H.P. Graeber were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.

December 22, 1955: Fifteenth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Fieldhouse, Iowa City, Iowa.

March 14-17, 1956: State Basketball Tournament, composed of eight Class B teams and eight Class A teams, played for two class titles at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, making the first two-class tournament since 1926.

May 15, 1956: Constitution amended by vote of member schools by adding Item 1 to Article VII, Section 20.

August 19-22, 1956: Sixteenth Annual Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic, sponsored by the IHSAA, held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

October-November 1956: First Cheerleader Clinics sponsored by the IHSAA held at Atlantic, Ottumwa, Storm Lake, and Waverly.

November 1, 1956: Boyd Shannon, Superintendent of Schools, Monticello, elected member of Board of Control for a term of five years.

November 2, 1956: H.P. Graeber, W.A. Butt, and Frank W. Douma were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.

December 22, 1956: Sixteenth Annual IHSIAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

February 1957: District and State Wrestling Meets divided into Classes A and B for first time.

March 18, 19, 22, 23, 1957: First-round games State Basketball Tournament played at various sites, with semifinal- and final-round qualifier in Classes A and B playing in Des Moines, Iowa.

May 15, 1957: Constitution amended by vote of member schools completely revising Section 1, Article V.

August 19-22, 1957: Seventeenth Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

November 7, 1957: H.P. Graeber, Superintendent of Schools, Conrad, re-elected member of Board of Control for a term of five years.

November 8, 1957: Frank W. Douma, R.R. Watson, and W.A. Butt were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.

December 21, 1957: Seventeenth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

August 18-21, 1958: Eighteenth Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

September 1958: IHSAA Official Bulletins composed and printed in their entirety in Association Office.

November 6, 1958: Herbert Adams, Principal of Ames High School, elected member of the Board of Control for a term of five years.

November 7, 1958: W.A. Butt, Boyd Shannon, and R.R. Watson were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.

December 20, 1958: Eighteenth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held in Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa.

May 1959: District and state golf tournaments divided into Classes A and B for first time.

August 17-20, 1959: Nineteenth Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials’ Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

November 5, 1959: W.A. Butt, Superintendent of Hayes Consolidated School, Storm Lake, re-elected member of the Board of Control for a term of five years. The Iowa Association of School Boards appointed its newly-elected president, Blythe Conn, to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Control of the IHSAA.

November 6, 1959: R.R. Watson, H.P. Graeber, and Boyd Shannon were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.

December 19, 1959: Nineteenth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held in Iowa State University Armory, Ames, Iowa.

May 1, 1960: Member schools voted 460 to 111 to delete Article V, Section 8, Item F of the Constitution of the IHSAA.

July 1960: R.R. Watson, member of the Board of Control, unanimously elected at annual summer meeting in Montana to represent Section 4 (Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa) for a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the National Federation.

August 16-19, 1960: Twentieth Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

September 1, 1960: Classification of member schools for purpose of track participation with five-year average daily attendance as follows:

Class C - less than 126; Class B - 126 to 201; Class A - 201 to 401; Class AA - 401 or more.
November 1960: R.R. Watson, Superintendent of Schools at New Market, was re-elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control. Boyd Shannon, Monticello; Herbert Adams, Ames; and H.P. Graeber, Conrad, were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.

December 17, 1960: Twentieth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held in Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa.

March 16-18, 1961: State Basketball Tournament, composed of eight teams, played for the State Championship at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, thus returning to a single championship classic after five years of two-class tournaments.

April 22, 29, 1961: First Spring Umpires and Coaches Baseball Clinics held at Rippey and Van Horn.

May 1961: Walter Edgren, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction, succeeded Thomas Green as an ex officio member of the Board of Control of the IHSAA.

August 16-19, 1961: Twenty-first Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

September 1961: Bill Vest, Superintendent of Grand Community, Boxholm, elected to Board of Control to complete remaining three years of the five-year term vacated by W.A. Butt, representing Class B schools.

October 1961: Boyd Shannon, Superintendent of Schools, Monticello, re-elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control. H.P. Graeber, Conrad; Bill Vest, Boxholm; and Herbert Adams, Ames, were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.

December 23, 1961: Twenty-first Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic, scheduled to be held in Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, cancelled because of a blizzard.

May 1962: Member schools voted to amend portions of the Constitution effective July 1, 1962. In Article IV, Sections 1 and 2, average daily attendance is to be determined by grades 10,11 and 12 only. Classifications of member schools for purposes of representation on the Board of Control and Representative Council will be determined by the three-year a.d.a. of grades 10,11 and 12. The 64 largest schools will be regarded as Class AA and all other schools as Class A. In Article V, portions of Sections 1 and 4 are to be deleted, and likewise Article VI, Section 2. Article VI, Section 2 is also amended to provide four representatives on the Representative Council from Class A schools in each district.

August 15-18, 1962: Twenty-second Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

October 1962: Doyle Carpenter, Superintendent of Schools, Spencer, elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control succeeding H.P. Graeber, Conrad, who was not eligible for re-election. Herbert Adams, Ames; R.R. Watson, New Market; and Bill Vest, Boxholm, were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the IHSAA for a term of one year.

October 1962: F.E. (Bud) Phillips, Fort Dodge, was appointed by the Iowa Association of School Boards to serve as ex-officio member on the Board of Control succeeding Blythe Conn, who was appointed Executive Secretary of the Iowa Association of School Boards.

December 29, 1962: Twenty-second Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held in Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa.

May 1963: Member schools voted to amend Article VII, Section 36 of the Constitution to provide conditioning football practice to start August 20th each year prohibiting the use of any football equipment prior to August 24th, except the wearing of football shoes and the use of a football.

August 14-17, 1963: Twenty-third Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

October 14, 1963: Bernie Saggau assumed his duties as Assistant to the Executive Secretary of the IHSAA.

October 1963: Herbert Adams, Principal of Ames High School, re-elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control. Bill Vest, Boxholm; Boyd Shannon, Monticello; and R.R. Watson, New Market, were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for a term of one year.

December 21, 1963: Twenty-third Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held in Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa.

May 1964: Member schools voted to amend Article VII, Section 17 of the Constitution by adding Item 5 which provides, with limitations, the awarding of a Certificate of Recognition.

August 12-15, 1964: Twenty-fourth Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic held at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

October 1964: Earl Berge, Superintendent, Clear Lake, elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control, succeeding Bill Vest, Boxholm, R.R. Watson, New Market; Doyle Carpenter, Spencer, and Boyd Shannon, Monticello, were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for a term of one year.

November 1964: Member schools voted to amend Article VII, Section 15 of the Constitution by adding Item 3 which provides for ruling of eligibility of foreign exchange students, including American students abroad.

December 19, 1964: Twenty-fourth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held in Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa.

February 6, 1965: Board of Control honored Lyle T. Quinn at a memorial luncheon in Boone, Iowa, commemorating his twenty-five years of service with the IHSAA, starting with his appointment as Assistant Secretary on February 24, 1940.

July 1965: Doyle Carpenter resigned as member of the Board of Control.

August 11-13, 1965: Twenty-fifth Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

September 1965: Lowell Fuller, Superintendent of Sioux Valley Schools, Peterson, elected to complete two-year term on the Board of Control caused by Doyle Carpenter’s resignation.

October 1965: Article VII, Section 7 of Constitution amended, and Section 31 entirely deleted, effective November 1, 1965.

October 1965: R.R. Lashier, Superintendent of Schools at Jefferson, elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control replacing R.R. Watson, whose term had expired and was not eligible for re-election. Watson had completed a total of 19 years on the Board of Control. Boyd Shannon, Monticello; Earl Berge, Clear Lake; and Herbert Adams, Ames, were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for a term of one year.

December 18, 1965: Twenty-fifth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held in Fieldhouse, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

January 15, 1966: The Board of Control honored R.R. Watson, Doyle Carpenter, and Bill Vest at a honorary luncheon in Boone, Iowa, commemorating the services rendered by these three former members of the Board of Control.

May 1966: Proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 36, submitted to all member schools, relative to removal of the restriction against the training for football and/or basketball during summer vacation which ends August 24th. By a decisive majority, member schools voted to retain the provisions of the original Article VII, Section 36, thus rejecting the proposed amendment.
July 1, 1966: The Executive Committee of the Iowa High School Music Association established a central office for the Music Association in the IHSAA Building in Boone, and appointed Leo Grether of Manchester as Secretary of the Iowa High School Music Association. Mr. Grether will direct the program of the Music Association and will also be employed on a part-time basis by the IHSAA to assist with its program.

August 10-12, 1966: Twenty-sixth Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic at Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

October 1966: Wayne W. Burns, Superintendent of Schools at Decorah, elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control, replacing Boyd Shannon whose second five-year term had expired and was not eligible for re-election. Lowell Fullmer, Peterson; Herbert Adams, Ames; and Earl Berge, Clear Lake, were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for a term of one year.

December 17, 1966: Twenty-sixth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held in Des Moines, Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

March 1967: A State Basketball Champion from Class AA schools (from largest 128-member schools) and a Class A State Champion (from remaining member schools) will be determined in the Basketball Tournament series. During the previous six years, only one State Championship was determined annually.

July 30, 1967: Death of Lyle T. Quinn, Executive Secretary of the IHSAA. He served the Association for over 27 years, beginning February 24, 1940.

August 9-11, 1967: Twenty-seventh Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic, Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

September 9, 1967: Bernie Saggau appointed Executive Secretary of the IHSAA, having first been appointed to the position of Assistant to the Executive Secretary, October 14, 1963.

October 1967: Board of Control membership changed to eight members, one of whom is an ex-officio member. Mark McLaran, Athletic Director of Central High, Sioux City, elected to a newly-created membership for a five-year term; Lowell Fullmer, Superintendent of Sioux Valley Schools, Peterson, elected to a five-year term succeeding himself; Lloyd Courter, Boone, appointed to membership in an official capacity by the Iowa Association of School Boards.

December 16, 1967: Twenty-sixth Annual IHSAA Winter Coaching School and Officials Clinic held in High School Gymnasium, Marshalltown.

May, 1968: Member schools voted to add and/or amend portions of the Constitution as follows: Article III, Section 1; Article III, Section 2; Article III, Section 3 including Items 1 and 2; Article III, Section 4, Item 1; Article III, Section 5 including all 10 items; Article V, Section 12; Article VII, Section 2 including Item 1; Article VII, Section 7 including Item 1; Article VII, Section 15, Item 4; Article VII, Section 17 including Item 6; Article VII, Section 20 including Items 1 and 2; and Article VII, Section 36 including Item 1.

August 14-16, 1968: Twenty-eighth Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School and Officials Clinic, Templar Park, Spirit Lake, Iowa.

October 1968: Glenn Moore, Principal of Marshalltown High School, elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control succeeding Herbert Adams, whose second five-year term had expired. Adams is serving as a Class AA principal as required by the Constitution and was not eligible for re-election. Dr. Earl Berge, Richard Lashier, and Wayne Burns were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for one year.

February 1969: State Wrestling Tournament elimination series divided into three classes: Class AAA, consisting of the 64 largest wrestling schools; Class AA, the next 96 schools; and Class A, the remaining wrestling schools.

February 1969: The first Association-sponsored State Gymnastic Meet was held in Cedar Rapids with Kennedy High School serving as host.

July 1969: The number of teams advancing to the Summer State Baseball Tournament increased from four to eight teams.

July 1969: First coeducational Summer Golf series sponsored jointly by Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union and IHSAA.


October 1969: Dr. Earl Berge elected to the Board of Control for a five-year term succeeding himself Richard Lashier, Wayne Burns, and Mark McLaran were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for one year.

January 1970: Dr. Richard N. Smith is appointed to the Board of Control as a representative of the Department of Public Instruction. He succeeds the retiring Walter Edgren who has served the Board in that capacity since 1961.

February 1970: For the first time, the State Wrestling Tournament was held in Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Des Moines, Iowa.

June 1970: Member schools voted to amend portions of Constitution as follows Article III, Section 4 including Items 1 and 2; Article III, Section 5; Article VII, Section 35 was deleted; Article VII, Section 36 including Item 1, as well as Notes 1,2,3,4,5.

July 1970: Football Play-offs approved by vote of the member football schools divided into four classification groups determined by their average daily attendance. All four groups approved football play-offs scheduled to start in November 1972.

July 1, 1970: David Harty assumed his duties as Assistant Executive Secretary of the IHSAA.

July 1970: First coeducational Summer Tennis series sponsored jointly by the IGHSAU and IHSAA.

August 1970: Thirtieth Annual IHSAA Summer Coaching School, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

October 1970: R.R. Lashier elected to the Board of Control for a five-year term succeeding himself. Wayne Burns, Mark McLaran, and Glenn Moore were elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for one year.

March 1971: Thomas Yates, Holstein, appointed to membership on the Board of Control by the Iowa Association of School Boards, succeeding Lloyd Courter, Boone.

April 1971: Ben Buckingham, Des Moines, resigned as Legal Counsel for the Association after twenty-five years of service to the IHSAA.

April 19, 1971: Morris Kelley joined the IHSAA staff with duties primarily in publications, printing, and public relations.

May 1971: Lloyd Courter, Boone, appointed by the Board of Control as Legal Counsel for the Association.

May 29, 1971: First annual Track and Field Pentathlon for all member schools.

July 1, 1971: Harold Schmickley, Assistant Executive Secretary, retired following the completion of his twentieth year with the IHSAA.

July 1, 1971: The Iowa Association of School Administrators established a central office in the IHSAA building in Boone, Iowa.

July 1, 1971: Glenn Moore, Principal at Marshalltown, representing Class AA Principals on the Board of Control and Treasurer of the Board, resigned as a member of the Board as he became the Principal at Early, Crestland, a Class A school.

August 1971: Lowell Fullmer, Wall Lake, elected by fellow Board members to continue the unexpired term of Glenn Moore as Board Treasurer.

September 1971: Lewis Dye, Ottumwa High School Principal, elected to fill the unexpired Class AA principalship term on the Board of Control created by Glenn Moore’s transfer to a Class A school and subsequent resignation.

October 1971: Wayne Burns, Superintendent of Decorah, re-elected to another five-year term on the Board of Control. Mark McLaran, Dr. Earl Berge, and Lewis Dye elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for one year.

November 1971: Fourth Annual State Gymnastics Meet held for the first time in the fall. First three meets were held in February.

November 1971: Member schools voted to amend the following portions of the Constitution: Article VII, Section 3, Item 1 was added; Article VII, Section 15, Item 5 was added; Article VII, Section 17, Item 6 was revised; Article VII, Section 36, Item 1, Note 2 was revised.
June 1972: The IHSAA Board of Control approved a system for breaking ties in football games effective with the fall season of 1972. The Board also decided to terminate the State Indoor Track Meets, the State Spring Baseball Tournament and the State Pentathlon Meets.

July, 1972: Member schools voted to amend the following portions of the Constitution in an effort to make student eligibility rules more uniform insofar as the IHSAA and the IGHSAU are concerned: Article VII, Section 6 was revised; Article VII, Section 10 was revised; Article VII, Section 10, Item 1 was revised; Article VII, Section 15 was revised; Article VII, Section 15, Item 1 was revised; Article VII, section 17 was revised; Article VII, Section 17, Item 1 was revised; Article VII, Section 17, Item 5 was revised; Article VII, Section 18 was revised; Article VII, Section 27 was revised; Article VII, Section 36, Item 1, Note 1 was revised; Article IV, Section 1 was revised; and Article IV, Section 2 was revised.

July 1972: Dr. Earl Berge, member of the Board of Control, elected at annual summer meeting in Florida to represent Section 4 (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin) for a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the National Federation.

October 1972: Lowell Fullmer, Wall Lake, Superintendent, and Mark McLarnan, Sioux City, North, Athletic Director, elected to new five-year terms on the Board of Control. Dr. Earl Berge, Lewis Dye, and R.R. Lashier elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for one year.

October 1972: Board of Control approves a two-class Summer Baseball Tournament effective the summer of 1973.

November 1972: First football play-off games in Iowa prep history staged. Four top teams in each of four classes selected via point system to represent their area and class in play-off competition. First-round games were played November 11, and championship contests, November 18.

April 1973: National Federation of State High School Association's new film "Wrestling Today" is produced at Waterloo, West High School.

May 1973: Board of Control completes lengthy study and approves plan to build a new IHSAA Office building in Boone, Iowa.

May 1973: For the first time, a four-class State Track Meet is held at one site - Drake University. Some 2,600 athletes participated.

August 1973: First two-class Summer Baseball Tourney held with 473 of the 509 IHSAA member schools entered.

September 1973: Ottumwa Principal Lewis Dye re-elected to a full five-year term on the Board of Control.

October 1973: Lewis Dye, Richard Lashier, and Wayne Burns elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for one year.

December 1973: Member football schools voted to retain football play-offs making football play-offs a permanent part of the program. This vote was more positive for this action than the original vote taken in 1970.

December 1973: Potential contractors for the proposed new IHSAA headquarters building submit bids for the structure to the Board of Control. Board approves bids submitted by R.H. Grabau Construction of Boone as General Contractor, by Pritchard Brothers Inc., of Boone as Mechanical Contractor, and by Chuck's Electrical of Boone as Electrical Contractor.


June 1974: The IHSAA Board of Control approves plan to begin a three-class Basketball Tourney effective in 1975. Also, it was decided to eliminate State One-Mile Team Race, and to have two-day State Golf Tournament.

July 1974: Member schools give approval to an amendment to the IHSAA Constitution. In Article V, under Powers and Duties of the Board, Sections 8 through 12 are rewritten and a Method of Appeal is added.

July 1974: Dr. Earl Berge, member of the Board of Control, elected President of the National Federation of State High School Associations at its annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

October 1974: Dr. Ted Runyan, Superintendent of Schools, Britt, was elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control. Harold Sweet, Athletic Director of Dubuque Public Schools, was elected to the Board of Control to replace Mark McLarnan, former Athletic Director, Sioux City, North, who retired. The term runs through 1977. Richard Lashier, Wayne Burns, and Lowell Fullmer elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, of the Board of Control for one year.

March 1975: The first three-class Basketball Tournament in Iowa high school history is held with eight teams in each of the classes competing at the State Tournament level.

May 1975: A two-day, 36-hole State Golf Tournament is held for the first time.

May 1975: IHSAA moved into their new building at 1605 South Story Street, Boone, Iowa.

June 1975: Cheryl Kane, formerly Office Coordinator, is named IHSAA Administrative Assistant.

August 1975: Sixteen teams, eight in Class AA and eight in Class A, compete in the State Summer Baseball Tourney. Previously just four teams per class had participated at the state level. Also, for the first time, championship summer baseball games are televised.

September 1975: IHSAA member schools approve a change regarding fall election dates to fill vacancies on the Board of Control and Representative Council. Previously, the elections had been completed early in October. Now, elections will be completed by the third Friday in November. This allows additional time at the beginning of the school year for studying potential candidates for office.

September 1975: The Unified Activities Federation gives approval for a later date for the playing of Fall Baseball Tourneys. As a result, fall baseball schools will have approximately two weeks for additional regular season play prior to the start of the tourney series.

October 1975: Open House in the new IHSAA building is held for the schoolmen of Iowa and the residents of the Boone community.

November 1975: A National Federation meeting is hosted in Boone by the IHSAA.

November 1975: For the first time, eight teams per class, rather than four, engage in Football Play-off competition.

November 1975: John Gannon, Superintendent of Schools, Emmetsburg, is elected to a five-year term on the IHSAA Board of Control. He succeeds Richard Lashier, Superintendent, Clear Lake, who completed two successful five-year terms and was thus ineligible for re-election.

December 1975: The Board of Control reorganizes for another year and Wayne Burns, Lowell Fullmer, and Harold Sweet are elected Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively. Iowa Public Television will carry the final night of the 1976 State Wrestling Tournament – first time the tournament has been on television.

March 1976: It was announced at the State Basketball Tourney that all IHSAA member schools will receive special plaques commemorating the nation's bicentennial.

June 1976: Because of a lack of interest on the part of the member schools, the Board of Control of the IHSAA votes to discontinue sponsorship of the State Gymnastics Meet after the 1976-77 school year.

October 1976: Cross-country program changed to include District Meets and classification to be same as Outdoor Track, Classes 2A, 1A, B and C.

November 1976: Dr. Kenneth Sand, Superintendent of Schools, Southeast Polk, Runnells, was elected to a five-year term on the IHSAA Board of Control. He succeeds Wayne Burns, Superintendent, Decorah, who completed two successful five-year terms and was thus ineligible for re-election.

November 1976: Carl T. Miles was appointed by the State Department of Public Instruction to be an ex-officio member of the IHSAA Board of Control. He succeeds Dr. Richard Smith who recently resigned his DPI position.
November 1976: For the first time, the University of Northern Iowa UNI-Dome was the site for the Football Championship Play-off games.

January 1977: Lowell Fullmer, Dr. Ted Runyan, and John Gannon are chosen Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively, as the Board of Control reorganizes for another year.

May 1977: For the first time in history, there are two classes of competition in Tennis and three classes in Golf.

November 1977: Keith O'Connell, Superintendent, Jackson Junction, Turkey Valley, is elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control. Harold Sweet, Athletic Director, Dubuque Public Schools, is re-elected to the Board of Control.

November 1977: Member schools vote for constitutional change in Article III, Section 3, Item 2(a). The change indicates that a coach employed by a member school must hold a valid Iowa teacher's certificate and coaching endorsement.

January 1978: Dr. Ted Runyan and Harold Sweet are chosen Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, of the Board of Control for one year.

February 1978: The sale of reserved seats for all sessions of the State Swimming Meet is instigated. Also, for the first time, reserved seats are sold for the final session only of the State Wrestling Tourney.

May 1978: For the first time, the State Outdoor Track and Field Meet is run in meters on the Drake University track.

May 1978: For the first time in the State Tennis Meet, all competitors are guaranteed the opportunity to play at least twice as consolation matches to determine the first eight places in both singles and doubles competition.

June 1978: Member schools of the IHSAA vote in favor of a constitutional change concerning Article V Section 1. The change provides for increasing the Board of Control membership to make sure that each IHSAA Representative Council District is represented on the Board.

October 1978: Ottumwa High School Principal Lewis Dye is re-elected to another full five-year term on the IHSAA Board of Control. No final election was necessary. Mr. Dye received enough votes during the nomination process to be, according to the Constitution, automatically selected.

November 1978: Larry Rowedder, Superintendent of Schools, Denison, and Jack Hoenshel, Superintendent of Schools, Centerville, are elected to full five-year terms on the IHSAA Board of Control. Under the previously approved constitutional change, they are selected to represent the Southwest and Southeast Districts, respectively.

December 1978: The Board of Control reorganizes for the coming year. Harold Sweet, Tom Yates, and John Gannon are chosen Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively.

November 1979: A new fall/winter schedule is inaugurated with a new, later starting date for the winter activities established so that there is a brief period of athletic inactivity between seasons.

November 1979: For the first time, the IGHSAU and the IHSAA determine their State Distance Running and Cross-Country Championships at the same site and time.

December 1979: The IHSAA Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Tom Yates, John Gannon, and Dr. Ken Sand are chosen Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively.

July 1980: Richard Wulkow joins the IHSAA staff as an Administrative Assistant with primary duties revolving around the athletic officials' department.

October 1980: For the first time, the IHSAA and the IGHSAU attempt to stage District Cross Country and Distance Running events at the same sites and times.

November 1980: John Gannon, Superintendent, Emmetsburg Community Schools, is chosen for another full five-year term on the IHSAA Board of Control.

December 1980: The IHSAA Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. John Gannon, Dr. Ken Sand, and Keith O'Connell are chosen Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively.

January 1981: R.R. (Red) Watson passed away. Mr. Watson served on the IHSAA Board for a longer period than anyone in the organization's history. He was also one of the few Iowans to serve on the National Federation Executive Committee.

July 1981: There were four classes of competition in summer baseball for the first time and record crowds attended the championship finals.

September 1981: Larry Parr, Principal, Ankeny, is elected to the Board of Control to replace Lewis Dye who retired. Jacqueline Parkin, Fairfield, is named by the Iowa Association of School Boards to replace Thomas Yates as that organization's representative on the IHSAA Board. She is the first woman to ever serve on the IHSAA Board.

October 1981: The Boys Athletic Association and Girls Athletic Union agree to assign the same schools to each of three respective classes for Cross Country and Distance Running competition.

November 1981: Dr. Kenneth Sand, Superintendent, Southeast Polk, Runnells, is re-elected to the IHSAA Board of Control.

November 1981: A major change in the football play-off system finds a fifth class of competition added. What had been Class 1-A has been divided in half to form both a Class 1-A and Class A category.

November 1981: Carl Miles retires and the Department of Public Instruction appoints Dr. James Mitchell to replace Mr. Miles on the IHSAA Board of Control.

December 1981: The IHSAA Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Dr. Kenneth Sand, Keith O'Connell, and Dr. Larry Rowedder are chosen Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively.

May 1982: For the first time in history, there are four classes in golf. In track, the classes are designated as 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A.

August 1982: Robert Schmidt, Superintendent, Jefferson, is elected to the IHSAA Board of Control. He replaces Dr. Larry Rowedder, former Superintendent, Denison, who has moved from the state. Mr. Schmidt will fill out Dr. Rowedder's term which expires in 1983.

November 1982: In the annual fall election for positions on the IHSAA Board of Control, Keith O'Connell, Superintendent, Jackson Junction, Turkey Valley, is elected for a second five-year term. Also chosen for a five-year term is Rollin Dyer, Vice-Principal and Athletic Director, Atlantic. He replaces Harold Sweet, Athletic Director, Dubuque Public Schools, who has retired.

November 1982: Football play-off teams are chosen under a partially new selection system. Rather than two teams selected per section, one team is chosen per section and the remaining half of the eight-team field is chosen on an at-large basis.

November 1982: Iowa becomes one of the first states to experiment with a three-point goal in basketball. A 19-foot arc is used and both regular season and tourney contests feature the play.

December 1982: The IHSAA Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Keith O'Connell, Jack Hoenshel, and Larry Parr are chosen Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Treasurer, respectively.

February 1983: For the first time since the 1940's, a seeding process is used for making pairings for a portion of the Basketball Tournament series. Classes 3A and 2A teams are seeded at the District level only.

May 1983: After a long absence, State Team Tennis titles are decided. Preliminary tourneys pare the State tourney field to four teams in each of the two classes of competition.
June 1983: The Board of Control eliminates the sanctioning of the pole vault event at the 7th/8th grade level as of the end of the 1982-83 school year.

July 1983: The Department of Public Instruction authorizes the instigation of cooperative activity programs. It becomes permissible for schools to apply to the various activity organizations for cooperative programs with another school. In the first school year, 1983-84, there were 19 cooperative programs in football, 15 in wrestling, 14 in track, six each in swimming and golf, three each in tennis and summer baseball, and two in basketball.

November 1983: The Board of Control election process was shortened as all three incumbents were re-elected during the nomination procedure. They were Jack Hoenshel, Superintendent, Centerville; Larry Parr, Principal, Ankeny; and Robert Schmidt, Superintendent, Jefferson.

December 1983: The Board of Control was reorganized with Jack Hoenshel, Superintendent, Centerville, chosen as Chairman; Larry Parr, Principal, Ankeny as Vice-Chairman; and Mrs. Jacqueline Parkin, Fairfield, representing the Iowa Association of School Boards on the Board of Control, named Treasurer.

February 1984: The Board of Control reorganized with Larry Parr, Principal, Ankeny, chosen as Chairperson; Mrs. Jacqueline Parkin, Fairfield, as Vice-Chairperson; and Robert Schmidt, Superintendent, Jefferson, as Treasurer. Mrs. Parkin represents the Iowa Association of School Boards on the Board of Control.

June 1985: The Board of Control approved a 300-pound ceiling for the Super Heavyweight wrestling class. Thus, for the 1985-86 season, Super Heavyweights were those athletes in the 230- to 300-pound range. Further, approval was given to lower the ceiling to 275 pounds for the 1986-87 season so that the IHSSA conforms to the national rule. Beginning with the 1986-87 season, Super Heavyweight participants will range in weight from 230 to 275 pounds.

October 1985: The final Fall State Baseball Championship is decided. With just 28 schools competing during the 1985 season, the Board of Control has determined they will no longer sponsor a State series of tournaments in the fall.

November 1985: Dennis Pierce, Superintendent, Pocahontas, wins election to the Board of Control. He replaces John Gannon, Superintendent, Emmetsburg, who is completing a maximum ten years of service on the Board.

November 1985: The Board of Control was reorganized with Jacqueline Parkin of Fairfield chosen as chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson for the coming year will be Robert Schmidt, Superintendent, Jefferson; and the Treasurer will be Rollin Dyer, Vice-Principal and Athletic Director, Atlantic. Mrs. Parkin is the Iowa School Board Association representative on the Board. She is the first woman to ever serve on the Board of Control and, thus, is also the first woman to serve as Board Chairperson.

January 1986: The Board of Control approves instigation of a State Dual Team Wrestling Championship Tournament to be held at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls the Saturday after completion of the traditional State Tourney at Vets Auditorium, Des Moines.

March 1986: The Board of Control gives approval to those schools who desire to compete in golf during the fall months permission to do so. A single class State Tournament will be held in the fall.

April 1986: The Board of Control approves the desire of the member schools to shorten the winter sports season by one week. Beginning with the 1988-89 school year, the winter season will start one week later than it has in recent years.

May 1986: After a split site for the State Outdoor Track Meet the past two years, Drake Stadium again hosts all four classes for State Tournament.

May 1986: The Board of Control approves plans to increase the number of 4A football play-off qualifiers from eight to sixteen teams.

June 1986: Cheryl Kane, IHSSA Administrative Assistant and longtime employee, is named Honorary Executive Secretary - a position she will retain until her retirement, July 1, 1987.

November 1986: Administrative Assistant Cheryl Kane, a 41-year employee of the IHSSA, passed away. Earlier in the year, she had been honored by being named Honorary Executive Secretary.

November 1986: Leroy Kivett, Superintendent, LeGrand, LDF, is elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control. He succeeds Dr. Ken Sand, Superintendent, Southeast Polk, Runnells, who has completed the maximum two full terms on the Board.

July 1987: Bernie Saggau, Executive Secretary of the Iowa Boys High School Athletic Association, is elected to a three-year term on the National Federation of State High School Associations Executive Committee.

October 1987: The boys’ cross country run distance is changed. In recent years, it has been two miles, but is now changed to 5,000 meters.

November 1987: Member schools elect Eldon Pyle, Superintendent, Oelwein, to a five-year term on the Board of Control. He replaces Keith O’Connell, Superintendent, Jackson Junction, Turkey Valley, who has completed the maximum ten years of service. Rollin Dyer, Vice-Principal and Athletic Director, Atlantic, is re-elected to an additional five-year term.

December 1987: The Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year: Rollin Dyer is chosen as Chairman; Dennis Pierce will be Vice-Chairman; and Leroy Kivett, Treasurer. Mr. Dyer is Vice-Principal and Athletic Director at Atlantic; Mr. Pierce is Superintendent at Pocahontas; and Mr. Kivett is the Superintendent at LeGrand, LDF.

January 1988: David Anderson begins service as a Board of Control member. He is appointed to that position by the Iowa Association of School Boards and replaces Mrs. Jacqueline Parkin of Fairfield.

July 1988: Bernie Saggau, Executive Secretary of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, is elected to the 12-member Executive Committee of the National Federation of State High School Associations.
October 1988: Seven competitors, rather than five, are given the opportunity to run on each cross-country team in State competition. The top five finishes are counted rather than four as in previous years.

November 1988: The Class 4A football play-off championship game is played a week later than the title games in the other classes. That allows the 4A teams to play their full complement of nine regular season games in nine weeks rather than eight weeks.

November 1988: Member schools elect three new Board of Control members. Chosen are Ronald Bickford, Superintendent, Danville; Terry Eagen, Principal, Oskaloosa; and Robert Nielsen, Superintendent, Westside, Ar-We-Va. They replace three members who have served their maximum terms, Larry Parr, Principal, Ankeny; Robert Schmidt, Superintendent, Jefferson-Scanton; and Jack Hoenshel, Superintendent, Centerville.

December 1988: The Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Dennis Pierce, Superintendent, Pocahontas, is elected Chairperson; Eldon Pyle, Superintendent, Oelwein, Vice-Chairperson; and Leroy Kvett, Superintendent LeGrand, LDF, Treasurer.

February 1989: David Bechtel, Special Assistant to the Director, Department of Education, is appointed to an ex-officio position on the Board of Control. He replaces Dr. James Mitchell who had previously left the Department of Education to become Superintendent of Schools, Burlington.

March 1989: Leroy Kvett, Superintendent, LeGrand, LDF, resigns from the Board of Control.

April 1989: In a special election, member schools choose Doug Williams, Superintendent, Gilbert and United Community, Boone, to fill out Mr. Kvett’s unexpired term on the Board of Control.

March 1989: It is announced at the State Basketball Tournament that in commemoration of Bernie Saggau’s 25 years of service to the IHSAA, the Board of Control has instituted a Bernie Saggau Award which will honor an outstanding senior student, male or female, at each member school annually.

May 1989: Iowa’s first Dreamers and Doers competition is completed with a banquet honoring the state’s ten semifinalists.

July 1989: Bernie Saggau, Executive Secretary of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, elected President of the National Federation of State High School Associations at its annual meeting at Wesley Chapel, Florida.

July 1989: David Anderson and Alan Beste joined IHSAA staff as Substance Abuse Coordinator and Wellness Coordinator, respectively.

September 1989: Cal Leonard, Holstein, Galva-Holstein board of education member, is appointed to the Board of Control as the Iowa Association of School Boards representative. He replaces David Anderson who had resigned earlier to join the IHSAA staff.

December 1989: The Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Eldon Pyle, Superintendent, Oelwein, is elected Chairperson; Ronald Bickford, Superintendent, Danville, Vice-Chairperson; and Robert Nielsen, Superintendent, Westside, Ar-We-Va, Treasurer.

May 1990: Wheelchair competition at the district and state levels is established for the first time in the Association’s history. Competitors will participate in 100-, 800-, discus, and shot-put events.

June 1990: At the urging of the Representative Council, the Board of Control re-establishes a sportsmanship rating program for football, basketball, and wrestling to begin in the 1990-91 school year. Game officials in those sports will be asked to rate the coaches, participants, and spectators of member schools.

November 1990: Dennis Pierce, Superintendent, Pocahontas, Pocahontas Area, is re-elected to the IHSAA Board of Control.

December 1990: The Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Ronald Bickford, Superintendent, Danville, is elected Chairperson; Robert Nielsen, Superintendent, Westside, Ar-We-Va, Vice-Chairperson; and Terry Eagen, Principal, Oskaloosa, Treasurer.

March 1991: The Board of Control gives its approval to the start of district football in the fall of 1992.

November 1991: Doug Williams, Superintendent, Gilbert, is re-elected to the IHSAA Board of Control. In addition, the retirement of ex-officio board member David Bechtel results in the appointment of Kathy Collins as the Department of Education representative on the board.

January 1992: Arlo Flege, Waverly, a longtime member of the Waverly, Waverly-Shell Rock board of education, is appointed to the Board of Control by the Iowa Association of School Boards. He replaces Cal Leonard who no longer serves on his local board of education.

January 1992: The Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Robert Nielsen, Superintendent, Westside, Ar-We-Va, is elected Chairperson; Terry Eagen, Principal, Oskaloosa, Vice-Chairperson; and Doug Williams, Superintendent, Gilbert, Treasurer.

June 1992: The IHSAA produces an AIDS video pertaining to the contracting of AIDS through interscholastic athletic participation. The video was distributed to every Iowa school and some 300 requests for copies was received from outside the state.

June 1992: After a recommendation by a classification committee and the Representative Council, the Board of Control approved a classification change for basketball, track, and baseball. The 4A class is limited to 48 schools rather than 64 and similar adjustments are made in the other classes.

September 1992: For the first time in history, district football competition officially begins.

November 1992: Eldon Pyle, Superintendent, Oelwein, is re-elected to the IHSAA Board of Control. Chuck Van Hecke, Athletic Director, Muscatine, is elected to a five-year term as the AD representative on the board. He succeeds Rollin Dyer, Athletic Director, Atlantic, who has completed the maximum 10 years of service.

December 1992: The Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Terry Eagen, Principal, Oskaloosa, is elected Chairperson; Doug Williams, Superintendent, Gilbert, Vice-Chairperson; and Arlo Flege. Waverly, Treasurer.

December 1992: The Board of Control officially sanctions soccer starting with the 1993-94 school year. It is also determined there will be three seasons but schools can compete in just one of them. It is also decided that both a fall and spring tournament will be held in 1994-95.

March, 1993: Announcement is made by the National Federation that Bernie Saggau, IHSAA Executive Director, will be inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame during the Federation’s summer meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, in June.

April 1993: New athletic rules pertaining to camps and clinics, open gym and non-school participation are approved, effective at the start of the 1993-94 school year.

April 1993: The National Federation selects Iowa City, City High as the site for the filming of a new wrestling rules film.

September 1993 - Assistant executive directors David Harty and Rick Wulkow have been selected to chair the NFHS wrestling and basketball rules committees respectively. Harty has been a member of the wrestling committee for the eight previous years and Wulkow has served on the basketball committee for four years as well as serving on the football rules committee, with executive director Bernie Saggau, who served on basketball rules committee for 21 years and football rules committees for 38 years, and served as a chair person of each for two four-year terms.

October 1993: A new sportsmanship recognition program is introduced. The program challenges member schools to meet certain criteria to promote good sportsmanship. When criteria are met, points are awarded and a cumulative total of 150 points earns a special award banner for display at the school.

November 1993: Member schools affirm their support of the district football concept with 66.7% approval for a continuance of that program. When the program was started two years prior, 63.4% had given approval.
November 1993: Kirk Rentschler, Superintendent, Solon, is elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control. He replaces Ron Bickford, Superintendent, Danville. In addition, two holdover members, Robert Nielsen, Superintendent, Westside, Ar-We-Va, and Terry Eagen, Principal, Oskaloosa, are accorded additional five-year terms.

November 1993 – IHSAA Constitutional change whereby Board of control elections only the schools in their district would vote for the representative on the Board of Control. All schools vote for the Athletic Director and the Class 2A schools vote for the 2A Principal representation.

December 1993: The Board of Control is re-organized for the coming year. Doug Williams, Superintendent, Gilbert, is elected Chairperson; Arlo Flege, IASB representative, Waverly, Vice-Chairperson; and Chuck Van Hecke, Vice-Principal/Athletic Director, Muscatine, Treasurer.

February 1994: After majority approval by the member schools, the IHSAA develops plans for qualifying an additional four schools per class in summer baseball and playing the state tourney at two separate sites. Eight schools per class will now qualify.

March 1994: The IHSAA Representative Council directs the administrative staff to implement a violence prevention program.

March 1994: After much study and discussion, the Board of Control determines that the diving program should be eliminated beginning with the 1994-95 school year.

June 1994: After study and recommendation by a special committee of the Board of Control, approval is given for a change in the sportsmanship rating from a five-point system to a three-point system.

August 1994: Don Helvick is appointed to the Board of Control as ex-officio member from the State Department of Education, replacing Kathy Collins.

October 1994: The IHSAA participated in a nationwide satellite teleconference for the first time. The subject was HIV/AIDS.

November 1994: For the first time in IHSAA history, a state soccer champion is crowned at the completion of a fall season that 16 schools participated in.

December 1994: The Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Arlo Flege, Waverly, IASB representative on the Board is elected Chairperson; Chuck Van Hecke, Principal/Athletic Director, Muscatine, Vice-Chairperson; and Kirk Rentschler, Superintendent, Solon, Treasurer.

April 1995: Following Board of Control and Representative Council endorsement, member schools on April 7, 1995, approved with an 80% vote the construction of a Hall of Pride addition to the current facility.

May 1995: The First IHSAA Officials Recognition Banquet is held with some 240 officials with 25 years or more continuous registration records in attendance. The speaker was Bernie Saggau, IHSAA Executive Director.

June 1995: The first spring soccer tourney in IHSAA history is conducted at Muscatine with 8 schools vying for top honors. Fifty-one schools were entered in this first spring tourney series.

July 1995: For the first time, eight teams competed in each of the four classes at the state summer baseball tourneys. In addition, the tourneys were held at split sites for the first time with the 2A and 4A entrants playing at Marshalltown, and the 1A and 3A qualifiers playing at Carroll.

August 1995: Cancer claimed the life of longtime IHSAA legal counsel Lloyd W. Courter.

October-November 1995: The IHSAA sponsors and conducts five violence prevention workshops at various sites around the state.

November 1995: In fall election activity, Les Douma, Superintendent, Rock Valley, is elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control replacing Dennis Pierce, Superintendent, Pocahontas Area, who has completed the maximum 10-years’ service. Mr. Douma will represent the schools in Northwest Iowa. Jerry Stilwell, Principal, Des Moines, East, is elected to fill out a term through 1996. He replaces Terry Eagen, former principal, Oskaloosa, who relocated and no longer serves class AA schools and, thus, is not eligible for continued service.

December 1995: The Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Chuck Van Hecke, Athletic Director, Muscatine, is chosen as Chairperson; Kirk Rentschler, Superintendent, Solon, Vice-Chairperson; and Jerry Stilwell, Principal, Des Moines, East, Treasurer.

December 1995: The NAIAA honors Bernie Saggau, Executive Director, IHSAA, by awarding him the organization’s national Award of Merit.

February 1996: The Board of Control accepts a recommendation of the Iowa High School Football Coaches Association to start practice three days earlier for all fall varsity sports.

May 1996: The Second Annual IHSAA Officials Banquet is held to honor those who are currently registered and have been registered consecutively 20, 25, 35, and 50 years. The speaker was Jim Bain, Supervisor of Missouri Valley Conference.

May 1996: The National Association of Sports Officials honors Bernie Saggau, Executive Director, IHSAA, by presenting him with the prestigious Gold Whistle Award. He becomes just the ninth individual so honored.

June 1996: The Board of Control, based on survey results, determines no change will be made in the baseball program format. The survey of member schools asked for a spring or summer preference. The vote was overwhelming to retain the summer program. The results were as follows: Class 1A - 114-24; 2A - 96-19; 3A - 44-16; and 4A - 26-17. The overall total was 280-76 in favor of summer.

August 1996: The Board of Control, after many months of discussion, approves proceeding with the Hall of Pride project and the hiring of Jack Lashier as IHSAA Special Projects Coordinator with his immediate attention being given to fund-raising for the Hall of Pride.

August 1996: Due to his retirement, Board of Control member Robert Nielsen, former superintendent, Westside, Ar-We-Va, resigns. In a special election, Steve Waterman, Superintendent, Osceola, Clarke, is elected to fill out Mr. Nielsen’s term.

September 1996: There is a significant change in the class A football play-off format as another football season begins. In that class, rather than 16 districts and 16 automatic play-off qualifiers, there will be 10 districts with automatic qualifiers and six additional teams will be selected at-large. This is the same procedure as that in classes 1A and 2A.

October 1996: The IHSAA sponsors five cross-age mentoring workshops at various sites in the state.

November 1996: In the annual fall election for Board of Control positions, Phillip Hintz, Superintendent, Newton, is elected to a five-year term as a replacement for Douglas Williams, Superintendent, Gilbert.

November 1996: The Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Kirk Rentschler, Superintendent, Solon, is chosen as Chairperson; Jerry Stilwell, Principal, Des Moines, East, Vice-Chairperson; and Les Douma, Superintendent, Rock Valley, Treasurer.

December 1996: The Board of Control gives its approval to results of a junior high survey pertaining to various rules and regulations regarding junior high athletic activities.

January 1997: Member schools of the IHSAA are asked to vote regarding the continuance of the district football program for the 1998-99 seasons. All four classes individually to support the program individually and the overall vote total showed a strong 73% approval with 216 schools voting in favor and 79 opposed.

May 1997: The Third Annual IHSAA Officials’ Banquet is held with over 350 officials and guests in attendance. Speaker was Barry Mano, founder and president of Referee Magazine.

June 1997: The Board of Control gives approval to adding more teams to the state dual team wrestling tourney field. An additional four teams per class will advance to state. That means a total of eight teams per class will compete in the state tourney.
October 1997: More districts are added to the cross-country format. Previously there were four districts in classes 3-A and 2-A, and five in class 1-A. Now there will be six districts per class.

November 1997: Dr. Leland Wise, Superintendent, Monona, MFL MarMac, is elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control. He will replace Eldon Pyle, Superintendent, Oelwein, as a representative of the member schools in the Northeast District. Mr. Pyle had served the maximum 10 years on the Board.

December 1997: The Board of Control is reorganized for the coming year. Jerry Stilwell, Principal, Des Moines, East, is chosen as Chairperson; Les Douma, Superintendent, Orange City, MOC-FV, Vice-Chairperson; and Steve Waterman, Superintendent, Osceola, Clarke, Treasurer.

January 1998: Dwight Carlson is appointed to the Board of Control as ex-officio member from the State Department of Education.

March 1998: The holiday ban on competition between schools is overwhelmingly reaffirmed by the member schools. The vote to continue the ban was 324-43 or 88.3% approval. The ban prohibits game competition between member schools between December 24 and January 1.

May 1998: Soccer becomes a two-class sport. For the first time, enough schools are involved in the sport to require two classes of competition right through the state series. Four class 1-A and eight class 2-A schools comprise the state tourney field.

May 1998: The Fourth Annual IHSAA Officials’ Banquet was held with Don Uker as keynote speaker.

June 1998: Current staff members Rick Wulkow, Alan Beste, and David Anderson are named Assistant Executive Director, Administrative Assistant, and Administrative Assistant, respectively.

September 1998: 8-Player football is reinstated as a sanctioned sport in the state of Iowa, with 6 schools competing at the 8-player level.

November 1998: By direction of the Board of Control, all football play-off semifinal round games are scheduled for play in the UNI-Dome.

November 1998: In the fall election, three current Board of Control members retain their seats. Earning additional five-year terms are Jerry Stilwell, Principal, Des Moines, East; Steve Waterman, Superintendent, Osceola, Clarke; and Kirk Rentschler, Superintendent, Solon. All three received a majority of votes in the nomination process. As a result, a follow-up election was not required.

December 1998: Reorganization of the Board of Control for the coming year results in the selection of Les Douma, Superintendent, Orange City, MOC-FV as Chairperson; Steve Waterman, Superintendent, Osceola, Clarke as Vice-Chairperson; and Phil Hintz, Superintendent, Newton as Treasurer.

August 1999: Nine state education organizations and Governor Tom Vilsack honor Executive Director Bernie Saggau for his lengthy and dedicated service to education and the advancement of the high school student-athlete in the state.

June 1999: The rapidly growing state soccer tournament series features a record entry of 86 schools, an addition of four teams to the state 1-A field and delayed television coverage of the state championship games.

August 1999: Dave Sextro, Superintendent, Albia, is elected to the IHSAA Board of Control. He succeeds Kirk Rentschler, former Superintendent, Solon, who had moved to a different district. Mr. Sextro will fill out a term that expires in 2004.

November 1999: A record crowd of 16,019 watches the 4-A football championship game at the UNI-Dome. Iowa City, West defeated Cedar Falls, 28-21, in overtime.

December 1999: The annual reorganization of the Board of control for the coming year results in the selection of Phil Hintz, Superintendent, Newton, as Chairperson; Steve Waterman, Superintendent, Clarke, Osceola, Vice-Chairperson and Dr. Lee Wise, Superintendent, MFL MarMac, Treasurer.

March 2000: Rectangular glass backboard replace fan-shaped ones at State Basketball Tournament.

May 2000: The Sixth Annual IHSAA officials’ Banquet is held with over 200 officials honored. Ronnie Carter, Executive Director of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, was the featured speaker.

September 2000: The IHSAA cosponsored a Safe Schools Symposium at the Polk County Convention Center in Des Moines on Sept. 26, 2000. In attendance were more than 500 middle and junior high students from across Iowa. The symposium, a first-of-its-kind event in the nation, was aimed at promoting safety in middle schools. Giving the opening address was Governor Tom Vilsack.

November 2000: On a beautiful but somewhat windy fall day, Adair-Casey edged Elk Horn-Kimballton, 25-24, in the first 8-player football championship in IHSAA history. The game was played before an estimated 2,000 patrons at Adair, November 4, 2000.

November 2000: In the recently completed elections, Les Douma, Superintendent, MOC-FV, was re-elected to a second five-year term on the IHSAA Board of Control. He represents the Northwest District.

December 2000: The annual reorganization of the IHSAA Board of Control for the coming year results in the selection of Steve Waterman, Superintendent, Clarke, Osceola as Chairperson; Dr. Lee Wise, Superintendent, MFL MarMac, Vice-Chairperson; and Dave Sextro, Superintendent, Albia, Treasurer.

May 2001: Seventh Annual Officials’ Banquet with Rick Hartzel, AD, at University of Northern Iowa as the speaker.

July 2001: State Baseball Tournament sets a record for attendance. The class 1A & 3A tournaments at Carroll drew 9,344 fans, while 12,434 people attended 2A & 4A tournaments at Marshalltown. Both are records as is the combined total of 21,778 fans.

July 2001: Les Douma elected to the National Federation of State High School Associations Executive Board for a three-year term.

July 2001: Bud Legg joins the staff of the IHSAA as Sports Information Director


November 2001: Fall soccer tournament eliminated.

November 2001: Mike Billings, Superintendent, Roland-Story, Story City replaces Dr. Phil Hintz, Newton on the Board of Control.

December 2001: Reorganization of the Board of Control results in the selection of David Sextro, Superintendent, Albia, as Chairperson; Robert Tesar, Principal, Cedar Rapids, Jefferson, Vice Chairperson; and Ron Sadler, Superintendent, Crestwood, Cresco, as Treasurer.

January 2002: Dennis Presnall, Ankeny appointed as IASB Board of Control member, replacing Arlo Flege, Waverly.

May 2002: Eighth Annual Officials’ Banquet, keynote speaker was David Stead, Executive Director, Minnesota State High School League.

July 2002: Les Douma resigned as superintendent of MOC-Floyd Valley to accept a position as Chief Administrator of AEA Agency IV and resigned his position on the Executive Board of the National Federation of State High School Associations, term expiring 2004.

July 2002: David Sextro, Superintendent, Albia and Chairperson of the Board of Control, appointed to replace Les Douma in the At-Large position on the Executive Board of the National Federation of State High School Associations.

August 2002: Board of Control votes to have Eight-Player football playoffs expanded to 8 teams with the championship game being played in the UNI-Dome.

August 2002: Soccer questionnaire sent to soccer playing schools with 28 schools voting to move soccer to the fall and 80 schools voting for soccer in the spring, thus soccer will remain a spring sport.

August 2002: Football practice moved ahead three days due to school starting dates.
August 2002- Dwayne Cross, Superintendent, Rockwell City-Lytton, replaces Les Douma on Board of Control, NW District, term expires 2005.

September 2002- Track vote sent to all schools, by class, to determine if they wanted to qualify to the state meet by districts or by performances. Results of the vote: 4A to continue to qualify by performance; Classes 3A, 2A, will qualify by districts beginning 2003-04 school year, and Class 1A continue to qualify by districts.

November 2002- Dan Delaney, Athletic Director, Mason City High School, elected to the Board of Control as the at-large athletic director, representing all schools, to replace Chuck Van Hecke, who had served two terms and was not eligible for reelection. Ron Sadler, Superintendent, Crestwood, Cresco, reelected to the Board of Control representing schools in the Northeastern District.

December 2002- Reorganization of the Board of Control. Robert Tesar, Principal, Cedar Rapids, Jefferson as Chairperson; Ron Sadler, Superintendent, Crestwood, Cresco as Vice Chairperson; and Mike Billings, Superintendent, Roland-Story, Story City as Treasurer.

December 2002- Dwight Carlson retired from DOE and from the Board of Control.

January 2003- Carol Greta, Administrative Law Judge, appointed to Board of Control as ex-officio member from the Department of Education.

February 2003- State wrestling tournament expanded to four days due to safety concerns of overcrowding conditions. Meet began Wednesday afternoon and concluded Saturday evening.

April 2003: First Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony held at the Polk County Convention Center, Des Moines.

April 2003 – Approved by the Board of Control by a vote of the membership all four classes in track will now have district track competition.

May 2003- Ninth Annual Officials' Banquet, Keynote speaker was Dan Gable, Assistant to the Director of Athletics at the University of Iowa.

May 2003 – The State Track Meet awarded points and medals for eight places, up from six in all events, and crowned a first ever team champion (Marshalltown) in the Wheelchair events.

May 2003- Roger Barr joins the staff of the IHSAA as Director of Officials.

June 2003 – Everett Johnson former Executive Director of the Iowa High School Music Association has been elected to the Hall of Fame of the National Federation of State High School Associations. Mr. Johnson is the first ever fine arts recipient to be chosen for Hall-of-Fame honors by the NFHS.


August-September 2003 – Robert Busch, Superintendent at Riverside, Oakland was elected to the Board of Control in a special election to fill the unexpired term of Steve Waterman. After completing the term, Busch was elected by the southwest district to a full five-year term. Robert Tesar, Principal at Cedar Rapids Jefferson was re-elected to a second term.

October 2003 – Harold Smickle, former Assistant Executive Director of the IHSAA and retired since 1971, passed away Oct. 30, 2003 at the age of 97.

October 2003 – Approved by the Board of Control, upon the vote of the membership, change to the Constitution and Bylaws that if a vacancy occurs on the Board of Control, if there are fewer than 120 days remaining in the unexpired term, the Board may leave the vacancy unfilled until the next regular scheduled election. Also amended was the Second Amendment to the Constitution--state that four “voting” members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for any meeting.

November 2003 – Ruth Ingalls retired from the IHSAA November 30 after 52 years of dedicated service. Ms. Ingalls oversaw the accounting department.

November 2003 - Robert Tesar, Principal, and Robert Busch, reelected to the Board of Control for five-year terms.

December 2003 - Board of Control reorganized for the coming year. Ron Sadler, Superintendent, Crestwood, Cresco, Chairman, Mike Billings, Superintendent, Roland-Story, Vice Chairman, and Dennis Presnall, IASB member Treasurer.

December 2003 – Iowa high school football teams will no longer use the “50-point mercy rule,” which had been used to halt games since 1992. By Board of Control action, effective in 2004, a “35-point rule” will be in effect to allow games to continue to completion. The new rule allows for a continuous clock in the second half if the margin is 35 points or greater. The Board also approved adjustments in the number of teams and districts in classes A through 2A and 8-player, allowing those classes eight districts each for more equitable play-off qualifying. The Board of Control also reorganized with Ron Sadler, Superintendent of Howard-Winneshiek Schools at Cresco becoming Chairperson; Mike Billings, Superintendent at Roland-Story as Vice Chairperson; and Dennis Presnall of Ankeny who represents the Iowa Association of School Board is the Treasurer.

January 2004 – The IHSAA has purchased a secondary insurance coverage policy on all participants and cheer squad members in IHSAA sponsored tournaments. The free insurance is in addition to the free catastrophic insurance the Association has carried on participants since 1970-71. The Championship matches of the State Wrestling Tournament will be televised on commercial television.

February 2004 - Action by the Board of Control the state baseball tournament will be played at Sec Taylor Stadium beginning in 2005, and the state soccer tournament will be played at the Cowpie Soccer Complex beginning in 2005.

February 2004 – The Board of Control announced that Des Moines has been selected as the site of the State Soccer Tournament for 2005, 2006, 2007, and that all four classes of the State Baseball Tournament would be at Sec Taylor Stadium in Des Moines for 2005 and 2006 with an option to renew for two additional years. The State Swimming Meet has been awarded to Marshalltown for a five-year period starting in 2005.

April 2004 - Second Annual Governor’s Scholar Recognition program held at the Polk County Convention Center Des Moines with approximately 1800 in attendance.

April 2004 – Over 420 high school seniors, deemed the highest achieving students in their high schools were honored at the 2nd Annual Governor’s Scholar Recognition Program. The ceremonies, sponsored by the IHSAA and its exclusive corporate partner the Iowa Farm Bureau with cooperation of the Governor’s Office, attracted over 2,200 people to the Polk County Convention Bureau.

May 2004 - Tenth Annual Officials’ Banquet, Keynote speaker Bob Bowlsby, Athletic Director, University of Iowa.

May 2004 – The IHSAA and IGHSAU held joint district track meets in each of four classes to decide state meet qualifiers. The first ever venture was evidence of further cooperation between the two organizations. The 10th Annual Officials’ Recognition and Honors Banquet was held with Bob Bowlsby Director of Athletics at the University of Iowa as the featured speaker, with honors being awarded to 204 officials.

June 2004 – The Board of Control accepted IHSAA Executive Director Bernie Saggau’s decision to retire effective January 1, 2005. The Board expressed its gratitude for Mr. Saggau’s 41 years of service, with 37 as Executive Director.

June 2004 – The IHSAA Board of Control named Richard W. Wulkow as the Executive Director, as of January 1, 2005. Mr. Wulkow served as Assistant Executive Director prior to his appointment as Executive Director and has been with the IHSAA for the past 24 years.
July 2004 – Robert Tesar, Principal, Cedar Rapids, Jefferson, Dave Sextro, Superintendent, Albia Schools, and Robert Busch, Superintendent, Riverside, Oakland resign from the Board of Control. Mr. Sextro and Mr. Tesar due to retirement and Mr. Busch leaving the district.

August 2004 – In football, the new 35-point rule replaces the 50-point rule. Starting with second half kick-off, the clock will run continuously except for the following situations when it will be stopped: (1) any time-out charged to a coach; (2) following a score; (3) intermission between 3rd and 4th quarter; (4) an extended injury time-out (if coach or trainer needed) (5) safety reasons; (6) normal clock operating procedures will resume if point differential is less than 35 points.

November 2004 – Dave Harris, Superintendent, Sigourney and Keota, Southeast District; Brett Nanninga, Superintendent, Tri-Center, Neola; and Deborah Menke, Principal, Pleasant Valley, all elected to the Board of Control Mr. Harris is elected for a 5-year term; Mr. Nanninga and Ms. Menke are filling unexpired 4-year terms.

November 2004 – Board of Control reorganized for the coming school year. Mike Billings, Superintendent, Roland-Story, Chairperson; Dennis Prenshall, representing Iowa School Board Association, Vice Chairperson, and Dwayne Cross, Superintendent, Rockwell City-Lytton, Treasurer.

January 1, 2005 – Bernie Saggau, Executive Director of the IHSAA for the last 42 years officially retired.

January 1, 2005 - Richard (Rick) Wulkow, Assistant Executive Director of the IHSAA for the past 25 years, officially named as the new Executive Director.

February 2005 – After the 2005 state wrestling tournament, David Harty completed his phased out retirement after serving as Assistant Executive Director since July 1, 1997.

February 2005 – After hosting the State Wrestling Tournament for the past 35 years at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Des Moines, the 2006 State Wrestling Tournament will be held “next door” at the new Wells Fargo Arena.

February 2005 – Official opening of the Iowa Hall of Pride in the Iowa Events Center, Des Moines.

March 2005 – After 50 years of hosting the boys state basketball tournament, Veterans Memorial held its last boys state basketball tournament for the IHSAA. The 2006 boys state basketball tournaments will be held in the Wells Fargo Arena.

April 2005 - Three-hundred fifty-six students were honored by Governor Thomas Vilsack at the third annual Governor’s Scholar Recognition Program held in Des Moines. This is a joint effort between the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, the Iowa’s Governor’s Office, and the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

May 2005 – 11th annual Officials Banquet at Gateway Center in Ames, keynote speaker was Dan McCarney, football coach at ISU.

May 2005 - The 100th IHSAA Track & Field Championships were held at Drake Stadium and was a part of the first ever State Co-ed Track & Field Meet.

June 2005 - State Soccer Championships held at the Cowpie Soccer Complex, Des Moines, for the first time.

June 11, 12, 13, 2005 - Semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA held in Ames, at The Hotel, Gateway Center.

July 2005 - Ron Sadler, Superintendent, Crestwood, Cresco, and Board of Control member, retired

July 2005 - The four class, 32-team State Baseball Tournament moves to Des Moines and Principal Park and will return for the following two years. The four title games were carried live on Mediacom TV, making it the first live telecast of baseball championships since 1976. It also marked the first time since 1956 that the State Tournament has been held in Des Moines.

July 2005 - David Anderson and Alan Beste named Assistant Executive Directors.

August 2005 - Todd Tharp, Athletic Director, LeMars High School, hired by the Board of Control as the Assistant Executive Director, beginning August 1, 2005.

August 2005 – Chad Hennings, Iowa’s most recent inductee into the NFHS Hall of Fame, is featured on the 13th Sportsmanship-Citizenship poster produced by the IHSAA for its member schools.

September 2005 – Iowa’s four activities organizations – IHSAA, IGHSAU, IHSMA, and IHSSA initiates Conduct Counts Program with spectator conduct being the emphasis for 2005-06. The format of the IHSAA Bulletin, produced for member schools, since the early 1920s changed significantly. The publication went from an 82-year smaller digest to a magazine format with a colored cover.

October 2005 - VIP Photography becomes official photographer for all IHSAA events. Over 6,000 fans watched the 2005 Joint Cross-Country Championships at Fort Dodge’s Lakeside Golf Course.

November 2005 - Gary Stumberg, Superintendent, Starmont, Arlington was elected from the Northeast District to replace Ron Sadler, who retired from school business, with a term expiring in November 2007. Steve Oberg, Superintendent, Maple Valley-Anthon-Ota was elected from the Northwest District to replace Dwayne Cross, who resigned due to no longer being affiliated with an Iowa school, with a term expiring in November 2010.

November 2005 - The Board of Control reorganized for the 2005-06 school year with Dennis Prenshall, IASB, elected as Chairman, Dan Delaney, AD, Mason City High School, Vice chairman and Brett Nanninga, Treasurer.

November 2005- The Football Playoffs concluded with large and enthusiastic crowds for each of six championship games. From the opening rounds through the title games there was a record attendance of nearly 135,000.

February 2006 – State Wrestling Championships were held in the new Wells Fargo Arena for the very first time with a record paid attendance of over 88,800, including the largest championship crowd ever – 13,242. It was also the second year for the State Swim Meet to be held at Marshalltown's new Y Aquatics Center.

March 2006 - Boys State Basketball Tournament was held in the new Wells Fargo Arena for the very first time with highest paid attendance (92,548) since 1999.

March 2006 - Survey sent to Classes 1A, 2A, and 3A football playing schools regarding non-district cross-over games. Result of survey: Class A - 27 yes, 28 - no, 1 - no reply; Class 2A - 15 yes, 45 - no, 4 no reply; Class 3A - 24 - yes, 37 - no; 3 - no reply.

April 2006 – Fourth Annual Governor’s Scholar Recognition Program held at Hy-Vee Hall, Des Moines.

May 2006 – The 12th Annual Officials Recognition Banquet held at The Hotel, Gateway Center, Ames, Iowa. The Second Annual State Co-ed Track Meet was held at newly renovated Drake Stadium with 31,000 paid fans and over 50,000 observing the three-day diadem.

June 2-3, 2006 – The last of the two-day Soccer State Tournaments was held at Cowpie Soccer Park in Des Moines with a record crowd of 4,900 on hand to see Xavier, Cedar Rapids win a record third straight 1A title and Valley, WDM took a record fourth 2A championship trophy. The state tournament moves to three-days in 2007.

June 10, 11, 12, 2006 – The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines, at the Downtown Marriott.

June 30, 2006 - Dave Harris, Superintendent, Sigourney and Keota Schools, Southeast District, resigns from the Board of Control in lieu of his retirement from secondary school administration.

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July 1, 2006 - IHSAA enters into new T.V. contract with Krogman and Associates for 10 years. The pact expands television coverage of the state tournaments to include live and/or highlight coverage of all IHSAA sponsored sports. It also allows for the creation of a radio network.

July 2006 - David Anderson received National Federation Citation Award at NFHS Summer Meeting in Orlando.

July 2006 - Former Emmetsburg football coach Duane Twait is inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame at the Summer Meeting in Orlando.

July 2006 - Alan Beste named Chairman of the National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules Committee.

August 2006 - Marshalltown's Jeff Clement, a 2002 graduate, is the featured Iowan on the 14th IHSAA Sportsmanship and Character poster, which is distributed to member schools.

October 2006 - Mike Billings, Superintendent, Roland-Story reelected to the Board of Control on the nomination ballot, no election held for this position, term to expire in 2011.

November 2006 - Fred Whipple, Superintendent, Mediapolis, elected to the Board of Control to replace Dave Harris, Superintendent, Sigourney-Keota Schools, who retired from school business, term to expire in 2009.

November 2006 - Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2006-07 school year as follows: Dan Delaney, Athletic Director, Mason City, Chairperson; Brett Nanninga, Superintendent, Tri-Center, Neola, Vice-Chairperson; Steve Oberg, Superintendent, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto, Treasurer.

April 29, 2007 - 373 students honored by Governor Chet Culver at the 5th annual Governor's Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall.

May 2007 - 13th annual Officials Banquet held at the Gateway Center in Ames, the keynote speaker is Sandy Hatfield-Clubb, Director of Athletics, Drake University.

May 2007 - Record crowds, record setting performances, and fantastic weather at the 3rd annual State Co-Ed Track and Field meet held at Drake Stadium.

June 2007 - Record crowd of 6679 enjoyed the first three-day boys state soccer tournament held at the Cowpie Soccer Complex in Des Moines.

June 10,11, 2007 - The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines, at the Downtown Marriott.

June 11, 2007 - The first annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

June 30, 2007 - Dan Delaney, Athletic Director, Mason City, resigns from the Board of Control in lieu of his retirement from secondary school administration.

July 2007 - A new logo for the IHSAA was unveiled.

July 2007 - A new website design for the IHSAA was launched.

July 2007 - Clyde Duncan, 1964 Des Moines, North track star, became the 14th Iowan to be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in ceremonies held in Palm Desert, CA.

July 2007 - The IHSAA sent 6 students to the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN. Alan Beste and David Anderson also attend the conference.

August 2007 - Carroll's Adam Haluska, a 2002 graduate, is the featured Iowan on the 15th IHSAA Sportsmanship and Character poster, which is distributed to member schools.

August 2007 - The Board of Control approves the expansion of the football playoffs from 16 teams per class to 32 teams per class.

October 2007 - The IHSAA in conjunction with the Iowa High School Sports Network developed series of student-centered video and audio presentations on "Why We Play." Six Iowa high school students explained how various aspects of sportsmanship, school, community and parent support are important to them in all high school activities. Their presentations were placed on the IHSAA website for schools and media to use at their discretion.

October 2007 - Gary Stumberg, Superintendent, Starmont, Arlington reelected to the Board of Control for a second term to expire in 2012.

October 2007 - Gary Ross, Athletic Director, Johnston, elected to a five-year term on the Board of Control, replacing the retiring Dan Delaney of Mason City.

November 2007 - Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2007-08 school year as follows: Brett Nanninga, Superintendent, Tri-Center, Neola, Chairperson; Steve Oberg, Superintendent, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto, Vice-Chairperson; Gary Stumberg, Superintendent, Starmont, Arlington; Treasurer.

February 2008 - For the first time since District football started in 1992, the IHSAA accepted the task of redistricting teams and formulating the entire 9 game home/away schedule for each school in class 8-player through Class 3A, a request originated from the Football Playoff Committee.

March 2008 - For the first time the IHSAA launched an on-line registration process for all officials to complete.

April 27, 2008 - 377 students honored by Governor Chet Culver at the 6th annual Governor's Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall. US Senator Tom Harkin was in attendance for the first time.

May 2008 - The IHSAA launches an on-line membership registration process for all member schools. Schools can enter teams for tournament consideration, complete facility consideration options, complete election report forms and receive daily updates from the IHSAA.

May 2008 - Superintendents, principals, and athletic directors of member schools can complete an on-line membership survey dealing with programs and services the IHSAA offers to its membership. The last survey was conducted in the 1997-98 school year.

May 2008 - 14th annual Officials Banquet held at the Gateway Center in Ames, the keynote speaker is Jerry Seeman, former NFL official.

June 2008 - After study and recommendation by the sportsmanship committee of the Board of Control, approval is given for a change in the sportsmanship rating from a five-point system to a four-point system.

June 2008 - Dave Anderson named Chairman of the National Federation Track and Field Rules Committee.

June 8, 9, 2008 - The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines, at the Downtown Marriott.

June 9, 2008 - The 2nd annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

June 19, 2008 - The 1st Student Leadership Conference conducted by the IHSAA is held at the Scheman Center on the Iowa State Campus with over 300 high school students in attendance. Keynote speakers are Harvey Alston and Steve Bargatze.

June 30, 2008 - Gary Stumberg, Superintendent, Starmont, Arlington, resigns from the Board of Control in lieu of his retirement from secondary school administration.

July 2008 - Effective with the 2008-09 school year, the IHSAA will present qualifying teams to State Tournaments with a 3’x5’ display banner honoring that achievement. Championship and Runner-up banners will also be presented. Schools will have the opportunity to purchase banners for previous years.

July 2008 - Alan Beste received National Federation Citation Award at NFHS Summer Meeting in Washington, D.C.
July 2008 – 1985 graduate, Natasha Kaiser-Brown, Des Moines, Roosevelt track star, became the 15th Iowan to be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in ceremonies in Washington, D.C.

July 2008 – The IHSAA sent 6 students to the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN. Alan Beste, Sandi Anderson, and David Anderson also attend the conference.

July 2008 – Zach Johnson, 1994 graduate of Cedar Rapids, Regis and the 2007 Master's Golf Champion, is named as the featured Iowan on the 16th annual IHSAA Sportsmanship and Character poster.

July 2000 – Richard Wulkow, Executive Director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, is elected to a four-year term on the National Federation of State High School Association’s Board of Directors.

August 2008 – In conjunction with the IHSADA, the IHSAA held the 1st annual New AD/Administrator workshop on the DMACC campus in Boone. Follow up workshops are held in November at the IHSAA office in Boone and at the IHSADA state convention in Des Moines in March.

October 2008 – In response to feedback from the IHSAA membership survey, a Classification Committee, made up of public and non-public administrators, meets at the IHSAA office in Boone. A follow-up meeting occurred in November 2008.

October 2008 – Robert Cue, Superintendent, West Delaware, Manchester, is elected to the Board of Control to complete a term left by the retirement of Gary Stumberg, Starmont, Arlington. His term to expire in 2012. Tom Keating, H.S Principal, Xavier, Cedar Rapids, is elected to the Board of Control as the Class 2A principal, replacing Deb Menke, whose term expired.

October 2008 – Craig Scott, Charlton, appointed as IASB Board of Control member, replacing Denny Presnall, Ankeny.

October 2008 – Brett Nanninga, Superintendent of Schools, Tri-Center, Neola, reelected to the Board of Control for a second term to expire in 2013.

November 2008 – Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2008-2009 school year as follows: Steve Oberg, Superintendent, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto, Chairperson; Fred Whipple, Superintendent, Mediapolis, Vice-Chairperson; Mike Billings, Superintendent, Roland-Story, Story City, Treasurer.

November 2008 – The Board of Control expanded the sport of soccer to three classes, with the largest class having 48 schools, the second largest class having 48 schools, and the smallest class having the remainder of the schools.

January 2009 – Cancer claimed the life of long-time IHSAA employee, Joyce Lindahl.

January 2009 – The IHSAA instituted on-line rules meetings in the sports of track and field and soccer in correspondence with normal rules meetings. On-line rules meetings in the sport of baseball will follow in April.

April 19, 2009 – 452 students were honored by Governor Chet Culver at the 7th annual Governor’s Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall.

May 2009 – High school students from all member schools are asked to complete an on-line survey regarding their input on high school extra-curricular activities.

May 2009 – 15th annual Officials Banquet held at the Gateway Center in Ames, the keynote speaker is Mark Farley, Head Football Coach at the University of Northern Iowa.

June 14, 15, 2009 – The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines, at the Downtown Marriott.

June 15, 2009 – The 3rd annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

June 2009 – Myron Welch, emeritus professor and former director of bands at The University of Iowa, received the National Federation Music Award Citation at the NFHS Summer Meeting in Chicago, IL.

July 2009 – Himie Voxman, a Centerville native, became the 16th Iowan to be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in ceremonies in Chicago, IL. The Voxman Selected Studies editions can be found in virtually every high school’s band room in the United States.

July 2009 – The IHSAA sent 6 students to the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN. Alan Beste also attends the conference.

September 2009 – Lolo Jones, former Des Moines, Roosevelt track standout, is the featured Iowan on the 17th annual IHSAA Sportsmanship and Character poster.

October 2009 – Fred Whipple, Superintendent of Schools, Mediapolis, reelected to the Board of Control for a second term to expire in 2014.

November 2009 – Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2009-2010 school year as follows: Fred Whipple, Superintendent, Mediapolis, Chairperson; Mike Billings, Superintendent, Roland-Story, Story City, Vice-Chairperson, Gary Ross, Activities Director, Johnston High School, Treasurer.

February 2010 – The 1st IHSAA sanctioned state bowling tournament was held at the Plaza Lanes in Des Moines.

March 2010 – A record paid of attendance of 12,547 saw Bishop Heelan Catholic, Sioux City and Ames repeat as Class 3A and Class 4A state basketball champions, respectively.

April 2010 – Rick Wulkow, IHSAA Executive Director, elected President of the National Association of Sports Officials for a one-year term.

April 2010 – The Board of Control approves a policy mandating that all coaches in grades 7-12 that are ejected from an IHSAA sanctioned sport be required to take a sportsmanship course prior to reinstatement.

April 2010 – 454 students were honored by Governor Chet Culver at the 8th annual Governor’s Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall. Featured speaker was Iowa and National Teacher of the Year, Sarah Brown Wessling of Johnston High School.

May 2010 – 16th annual Officials Banquet held at the Gateway Center in Ames, the keynote speaker is Paul Rhoads, Head Football Coach at Iowa State University.

June 13, 14, 2010 – The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines at the Downtown Marriott.

June 14, 2010 – The 4th annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

June 14, 2010 – A 35-point mercy rule for high school basketball was adopted effective for the 2010-11 season. Once the margin gets to or over 35 points in the second half a continuous clock will be in effect, except for time outs or injuries. If the margin drops below 35 points regular timing will be in effect.

July 2010 – Two Iowa educators were honored with NFHS citations at the 91st Summer Meeting in San Diego, CA. Retired Director of Bands at Pella, guy Blair, and the late Ed Thomas, Head Football Coach and Athletic Director from Aplington-Parkersburg.

July 2010 – Gary Christiansen, Mason City, became the 17th Iowan to be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in ceremonies in San Diego, CA. Christiansen is one of four officials in the state of Iowa who has officiated a state championship game in football, girls’ basketball, boys’ basketball and baseball in the same school year, and he is the only official to accomplish this feat four times.

July 2010 – Rick Wulkow, Executive Director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, is chosen President-elect of the National Federation of State High School Associations at its annual meeting at San Diego, CA.
July 2010- The IHSAA sent 6 students to the NFHS National Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN. David and Sandi Anderson also attend the conference.

September 2010- Dallas Clark, former Twin River Valley, bode all-around athlete, is the featured Iowan on the 18th annual IHSAA Sportmanship and Character Poster.

October 2010- Steve Oberg, Superintendent of Schools, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto, reelected to the Board of Control for a second term to expire in 2015. Randy Moffit, Superintendent of Schools, North Mahaska, New Sharon is elected to the Board of Control to complete a term due to the retirement of Fred Whipple, Mediapolis. His term to expire in 2014.

October 2010- Candidates claims the life of David Harty, former Assistant Executive Director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

November 2010- Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2010-2011 school year as follows: Mike Billings, Superintendent, Roland-Story, Story City, Chairperson; Gary Ross, Activities Director, Johnston, Vice-Chairperson; Brett Nanninga, Superintendent, Tri-Center, Neola, Treasurer.

November 2010- Solon High School became the first school to win four straight championships in the sport of football. They won the Class 3A football championship after winning the last three Class 2A championships.

December 2010- Based on a recommendation from the Classification committee, the Board of Control approves the following classifications in the sport of football. Class 4A- schools with an enrollment of 700 or more and those schools in a 4A conference, Class 3A- next 56 schools; Class 2A, next 56 schools; Class 1A, next 56 schools; Class A, remaining 11-player schools; 8-Player, enrollment cap in grades 9-11 of 115 or less and the existing exceptions. In addition, the Board approves the classification committee recommendation that classification for all sports with four classes be: Class 4A- 48 schools; Class 3A- 64 schools; Class 2A- 96 schools; and Class 1A- the remaining schools.

January 2011- Based on a recommendation from the Football Play-Off Committee, the Board of Control approves an additional football game at the junior high level, increasing the maximum number to (6) six.

January 2011- Based on a recommendation from the Junior High Advisory committee, the Board of Control approves lengthening the junior high hurdles races to 100 meters and use of the three-point basket in gyms that are properly marked.

March 2011- The Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association approves an awards program to honor the service of staff members and committee members.

April 2011- The Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association approves to wrestle the traditional state wrestling tournament over three days, and adds the state dual team wrestling tournament to the Wednesday prior to the traditional state wrestling tournament.

April 2011- The Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association adopts amendments to the IHSAA Articles of Incorporation allowing election and referendum votes to be conducted by electronic ballot.

April 2011- 449 students were honored by Governor Terry Branstad at the 9th annual Governor’s Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall.

May 2011- 17th annual Officials Banquet held at the Gateway Center in Ames, the keynote speaker is Scott Halverson, NFL official and former collegiate and IHSAA official. Next year the banquet will move to Des Moines.

June 2011- A record crowd of 8,268 witnessed the three-day boys’ soccer tournament, bettering the crowd of 8,100 in 2009. Championship Saturday drew a record 2,976, erasing the 2007 mark of 2,583.

June 2011- Assistant Executive Directors David Anderson and Alan Beste received NFHS Outstanding Service Awards.

June 11, 12, 2011- The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines at the Downtown Marriott.

June 12, 2011- The 5th annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

July 1, 2011- New concussion legislation mandating parental notification and documentation becomes law.

July 2011- Curt Bladt, Harlan, became the 18th Iowan to be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in ceremonies in Philadelphia, PA. Bladt became the 5th coach from Iowa inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame.

July 2011- Rick Wulkow, Executive Director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association, becomes President of the National Federation of State High School Associations at its annual meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

July 2011- All media receive state specific PSA’s recognizing the benefits of education-based activities.

August 2011- The Board of Control approves a policy mandating that all student-athletes in grades 7-12 that are ejected from an IHSAA sanctioned sport be required to take a sportsmanship course prior to reinstatement.

September 2011- Casey Blake, former Indianola prep athlete, is the featured Iowan on the 19th annual IHSAA Sportmanship and Character Poster.

October 2011- Bill Roederer, Superintendent of Schools, Ogden, elected to the Board of Control with a term to expire in 2016. He replaces Mike Billings, Roland-Story, Story City, whose two-term expired. Dave Herold, Superintendent of Schools, Alamacvee, is elected to complete a term left by Bob Cue, who relocated to a different representative district. His first term to expire in 2012.

October 2011- Wheelchair division added to the State Cross Country. This wheelchair division was the first in the nation for the sport of cross country.

November 2011- Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2012-2013 school year as follows: Gary Ross, Activities Director, Johnston, Chairperson; Brett Nanninga, Superintendent, Tri-Center, Neola, Vice-Chairperson; Tom Keating, Principal, Xavier, Cedar Rapids, Treasurer.

January 2012- The Board of Control approves moving the State Football Championships in Cedar Falls to Thursday and Friday, instead of Friday and Saturday.

March 2012- The IHSAA celebrates 100 years of the state basketball tournament with historic video, special logoed basketballs, and fan recognition.

April 2012- 442 students were honored by Governor Terry Branstad at the 10th annual Governor’s Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall.

May 2012- 18th annual Officials Banquet held for the first time at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines, the keynote speaker was Jeff Rutter, Director of Basketball Operation at Iowa State University.

June 2012- A record crowd of 8,318 witnessed the three-day boys’ soccer tournament, bettering the crowd of 8,268 set the previous year.

June 2012- Information Director Bud Legg & Director of Officials Roger Barr received NFHS Outstanding Service Awards.

June 10, 11, 2012- The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines at the Downtown Marriott.

June 11, 2012- The 6th annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

July 2012- Bill Roederer, Superintendent of Schools, Ogden, resigns from Board of Control due to no longer being in education.

July 2012- Jared Chizek, Manson, hired as Assistant to the Directors.
July 2012- Mike Cormack, appointed to Board of Control as ex-officio member from the Department of Education, replacing Carol Greta who retired from the Department of Education.

July 2012- Fred Hoiberg, Ames, became the 19th Iowan to be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in ceremonies in Nashville, TN. Fred became the 7th athlete from Iowa inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame.

July 2012- Todd Tharp, Assistant Executive Director, selected as Vice-Chairman of the NFHS Football Rules Committee. This selection is an eight-year term, leading to becoming Chairman of the NFHS Football Rules Committee.

September 2012- Harrison Barnes, former Ames prep athlete, and current member of the NBA’s Golden State Warriors, is the featured Iowan on the 20th annual IHSAA Sportsmanship and Character Poster.

October 2012- Greg Darling, Superintendent of Schools, Humboldt, elected to the Board of Control with a term to expire in 2016. He replaces Bill Roederer, Ogden, who resigned from the Board of Control due to no longer being an administrator.

November 2012- Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2013-2014 school year as follows: Chairperson; Brett Nanninga, Superintendent, Tri-Center, Neola, Vice-Chairperson; Tom Keating, Xavier, Cedar Rapids, Treasurer; Dr. Craig Scott, IASB.

March 2013- Board of Control approves new guidelines for pre-season practices in the sport of football to help schools prevent exertional heatstroke.

March 2013- The Board of Control approves an administrative staff recommendation mandating all head varsity coaches to view the NFHS Concussion Course: “Concussion in Sport-What You Need to Know” on an annual basis prior to the first legal practice date in their respective sport beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. In addition, approval is granted mandating all coaches in grades 7-12 to view the NFHS concussion course annually beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.

April 2013- 439 students were honored by Governor Terry Branstad at the 11th annual Governor’s Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall.

May 2013- 19th annual Officials Banquet held at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines, the keynote speaker was Mike Pereira, Fox Sports Analyst and former collegiate and NFL official.

June 9, 10, 2013- The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines at the Downtown Marriott.

June 10, 2013- The 7th annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

June 2013- Information Director Bud Legg and Director of Officials Roger Barr received National Federation Citation Award at NFHS Summer Meeting in Denver, CO.

July 2013- Director of Finance Sandra Anderson & Office Manager Elisa Kahler received NFHS Outstanding Service Awards.

July 2013- Alan Beste, Assistant Executive Director, selected as Chairman of the NFHS Wrestling Rules Committee.

July 2013- Donna McKay, Iowa Cheer Coaches Association Co-Director, selected as Chairperson of the NFHS Spirit Rules Committee.

July 2013- The IHSAA distributes a 20-minute DVD emphasizing proper running technique and holding the football, blocking and tackling techniques, and proper fitting of safety equipment and legally equipping football players. All football playing schools received this updated DVD.

August 2013- The IHSAA held the 1st annual Coaches Education workshop at various sites in each of the five representative districts.

September 2013- The late, Aaron Wernimont, former Pocahontas prep athlete, state champion and NCAA champion, is the featured Iowan on the 21st annual IHSAA Sportsmanship and Character Poster.

September 2013- The IHSAA Board of Control approves a new trophy design for IHSAA state tournament trophies beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.

October 2013- Rollie Wiebers, Superintendent of Schools, Charter Oak-Ute, elected to the Board of Control with a term to expire in 2018. He replaces Brett Nanninga, Tri-Center, Neola, whose two terms expired.

November 2013- Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2014-2015 school year as follows: Chairperson; Tom Keating, Xavier, Cedar Rapids, Vice-Chairperson; Dr. Craig Scott, IASB, Charter. Treasurer; Steve Oberg, Superintendent of Schools, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto.

November 2013- Regina, Iowa City High School becomes the second school to win four straight championships in the sport of football. They won the Class 1A football championship for the second straight year after winning the previous two Class 2A championships.

January 2014- The IHSAA Board of Control approves the district football format for the Class 4A schools on the eastern side of the state. For the first time ever, all football playing schools will be playing district football.

March 2014- The IHSAA Board of Control approves a transgender statement.

April 2014- 20th annual Officials Banquet held at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. The keynote speaker was Bernie Saggau, former executive director of the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

April 2014- 368 students were honored by Governor Terry Branstad at the 12th annual Governor’s Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall.

April 2014- Ryan Wise, Deputy Director of the Department of Education, is appointed to the Board of Control as ex-officio member, replacing Mike Cormack, who resigned from the Department of Education.

May 2014- Over 35,000 fans attended the 10th annual Co-Ed State Track Championships at Drake Stadium in Des Moines. Thirty-one records were broken including 14 new boys’ marks. The meet also marked the 25th anniversary of state wheelchair competition, pioneered nationally by the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

May 2014- Additional offices, meeting space and technology storage to the west wing of the IHSAA building was completed.

June 2014- A record crowd of 8,627 waited three additional days to witness Regina, Iowa City, Norwalk, and Iowa City, West win their respective soccer classes. Torrential rain and lightning delayed the championship and consolation championship games from Saturday to the following Tuesday. The previous record attendance was 8,318 set in 2012.

June 2014- The Board of Control approved the hiring of an additional staff member to coordinate technology and social media.

June 8, 9, 2014- The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines at the Downtown Marriott.

June 9, 2014- The 8th annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

June 30, 2014 Dave Anderson, Assistant Executive Director of the IHSAA for the last 25 years retires.

July 2014- Brett Nanninga, Superintendent of Schools, Tri-Center, Neola, hired by the Board of Control as the Associate Director. Alan Beste will assume the role of an Associate Director. Chad Elsberry and Jared Chizek assume the roles of Assistant Directors.

July 2014- Casey Blake, Indianola, became the 20th Iowan to be inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame in ceremonies in Boston, MA. Casey became the 8th athlete from Iowa inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame.
July 2014- Lydia Dawley, Decorah High School, was Iowa’s nominee for the first ever NFHS Heart of the Arts Award. Lydia was the Section 4 winner of this award.

August 2014- The IHSAA Board of Control, based on a recommendation from the Joint Bowling Advisory Committee approves expanding bowling to 3 classes. This expansion will help to alleviate the large crowds at Plaza Lanes. In addition, the Board of Control approves extending the state bowling meet to three days from two days.

August 2014- The Iowa High School Athletic Association enters an agreement to become a part of the NFHS Network.

August 2014- IHSAA Assistant Director Chad Elsberry received the NFHS Outstanding Service Award.

August 2014- Kyle Swanson hired to fill the position of Director of Communications.

September 2014- Doug McDermott, former Ames High School prep athlete, Creighton University star and current Chicago Bulls player, is the featured Iowan on the 22nd annual IHSAA Sportmanship and Character Poster.

September 2014- The IHSAA Board of Control approves the IHSAA Social Media Policy.

September 2014- The IHSAA Board of Control approves the installation of a fire/smoke/security surveillance system for the current building.

September 2014- The IHSAA Board of Control approves an addendum to the current contract with the IHSSN through the 2018-2019 school year.

September 2014- The IHSAA Board of Control approves signage for the Iowa High School Music Association on the sign outside the IHSAA office in Boone.

October 2014- Randy Moffit, Superintendent of Schools, New Sharon, North Mahaska, is re-elected to the Board of Control with a term to expire in 2019.

October 2014- The IHSAA Board of Control extends the contract for the state swimming meet to the Marshalltown YMCA-YWCA through the 2017 state meet. Track style blocks will be installed prior to the 2016 state meet.

November 2014- Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2015-2016 school year as follows: Chairperson: Dr. Craig Scott, IASB, Chariton; Vice-Chairperson: Steve Oberg, Superintendent of Schools, Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto and Treasurer: Randy Moffit, Superintendent of Schools, New Sharon, North Mahaska.

November 2014- Regina, Iowa City High School becomes the first school to win five straight championships in the sport of football. They won the Class 1A football championship for the third straight year after winning the previous two Class 2A championships.

January 31, 2015 — Richard (Rick) Wulkow, IHSAA Executive Director for the past 10 years officially retires after 35 years of combined service to the organization.

February 1, 2015 — Alan Beste, IHSAA Associate Director and 25-year IHSAA veteran assumes role as the new IHSAA Executive Director.

March 2015- The IHSAA Board of Control approves several recommendations from the football advisory committee including allowing junior high football teams to begin practice on the Monday of week 8 of the NFHS standardized calendar and increasing the daily quarter limitation to 5 quarters per day for both junior high and high school players. In addition, individual contact using USA Football terminology was limited to 30 minutes per day and 90 minutes per week.

March 2015- The IHSAA Board of Control approves a change in the IHSAA Handbook keeping the office open between 12 PM and 1 PM to better serve the membership.

April 2015- 21st annual Officials Banquet held at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. The keynote speaker was Bill LeMonnier, former Big Ten football official and current television analyst.

April 2015- 369 students were honored by Governor Terry Branstad at the 13th annual Governor’s Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall.

June 14, 15, 2015 - The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines at the Downtown Marriott.

June 15, 2015- The Board of Control approves the reduction of the football playoffs from 32 teams per class to 16 teams per class beginning in 2016.

June 15, 2015- The 9th annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

June 30, 2015- Randy Moffit, Superintendent of Schools, North Mahaska, New Sharon, resigns from Board of Control in lieu of his retirement from secondary school administration.

August 2015- Assistant Director Todd Tharp received the NFHS Outstanding Service Award.

September 2015- IHSAA Board of Control; approved an agreement with the management of Iowa Cubs to continue to host the State Baseball Tournament at Principal Park through 2020. All 32 State Baseball Tournament baseball teams have played at Principal Park since 2005.

September 2015- Seth Tuttle of West Hancock and University of Northern Iowa graduate is the featured Iowan on the 23rd Annual IHSAA Sportmanship Poster.

October 2015- In Board of Control elections Russ Reiter, Superintendent of Schools at Oskaloosa was elected to fill the term vacated by the retirement of Randy Moffit, and Rod Earleywine was elected to represent the Northwest District

November 2015- IHSAA Football Playoffs celebrate 40 Years of Championships in the UNI-Dome. 48 championship game records were set or tied during the competition.

November 2015- Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2016-2017 school year as follows: Chairperson: Dave Herold, Superintendent Allamakee Community Schools, Waukon; Vice-Chairperson: Gary Ross, Activities Director, Johnston; and Treasurer: Greg Darling, Superintendent of Schools, Humboldt.

December 2015- Roger Barr, IHSAA Director of Officials since 2003, retires. He will be succeeded by Lewie Curtis, athletic director at Underwood

February 2016- Waukee wins its first ever State Swimming Championship as Iowa preps establish five new State Meet records, the most since seven were broken in 1944.

March 2016- Jim Eekhoff, basketball coach at Western Christian, goes into retirement after he coached a record eighth state championship in a record 18th trip to the State Tournament. His 34-year record is 681-143 with the best win percentage of any Iowa coach with 400 or more wins.

April 2016- 22nd annual Officials Banquet held at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. The keynote speaker was former Executive Director Rick Wulkow

April 2016- 434 students were honored by Governor Terry Branstad at the 14th annual Governor’s Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall.
May 2016 - State Track & Field Championships draws 38,161 fans making it the largest attended prep track meet in the nation for the third consecutive year.

June 12-13, 2016 - The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held in Des Moines at the Downtown Marriott.

June 13, 2016 - The 10th annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

July 2016 - For the first time in 81 years of the State Summer Baseball Tournament, two Class 1A teams from the same conference played for the title. St. Mary's, Remsen topped West Sioux, 8-5 as the War Eagle Conference took center stage.

August 2016 - For the 15th consecutive year, Iowa was ranked in the Top 20 nationally for student participation in athletics. Iowa was ranked 19th for the seventh straight year with 84,199 boys and 54,184 girls participating.

October 2016 - The Board of Control accepted a report of the Baseball Advisory Committee that effective with the 2017 baseball season, pitchers will be limited by their pitch count as opposed to innings, with mandated days of rest. The original pitching limitation rule was started in 1954 and revised in 1990. At the 87th Annual Cross-Country Championships, Nodaway Valley set a new team scoring record of 36 points since four classes were started (2003) and displacement scoring was implemented (2004).

November 2016 - Dowling Catholic, WDM becomes the first Class 4A school to win four consecutive State Football Titles.

November 2016 - Board of Control of the IHSAA reorganized for the 2017-2018 school year as follows: Chairperson: Gary Ross, Activities Director, Johnston; Vice Chairperson: Greg Darling, Superintendent, Humboldt; Treasurer: Rollie Wiebers, Superintendent, Charter Oak-Ute.

January 2017 - District and State Tournaments in each class will be seeded by the coaches involved in those tournaments but released only by the IHSAA.

February 2017 - Jack Lashier, Director of the Hall of Pride announces his retirement in July 2017. He has been with the IHSAA and IHOP since 1996, overseeing its official opening in 2005.

February 2017 - A record 9,677 fans watched the State Dual Team Wrestling Tournament and the Traditional State Tournament saw its 30th consecutive sellout for Championship Saturday. For the first time in 48 years of the Grand March was led by two women, Tammie Ollendick and her daughter Zoe, the graphic artists of the championship wall charts for three decades.

March 2017 - Western Christian, Hull wins the Class 2A State Basketball Title – the school's ninth, which is a record. For the first time since 1984, the seeding process of teams in basketball tournaments will be done by the coaches for District and State Tournaments.

April 29, 2017 - 23rd Annual Officials Banquet held at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines honors 165, including 11 who have been registered for 50 years. The keynote speaker was 54-year wrestling and baseball official Terry Curtis of Williamsburg.

April 30, 2017 - 429 students were honored by Governor Terry Branstad at the 15th annual Governor's Recognition Ceremony held at Hy-Vee Hall.

June 12, 2017 - The 11th annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

July 1, 2017 - Former Executive Director Rick Wulkow inducted into the NFHS Hall of Fame at Summer Meeting in Providence, RI

July 1, 2017 - The IHSAA becomes the sponsoring organization for the Iowa Association of Student Councils.

August 2017 - New Director of the Hall of Pride, Taylor Anderson, a former Ankeny teacher and coach, assumes his duties, replacing Jack Lashier. Blake Rhoads joined the Hall of Pride staff as Technology, Social Media and Marketing Coordinator.

September 2017 - The Board of Control acted on football classification for 2018 with the following: Class 4A – largest 42 schools; Class 3A – next 54; 2A – next 54; 1A – next 54; A – remaining 11-player schools; 8-Player – one class. State Playoff qualifying will be discussed at the December Football Playoff Advisory meeting.

September 2017 - The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Control and the Representative Council of the IHSAA was held at the IHSAA offices.

October 2017 - In Board of Control elections, new members are Barb Schwamman, Superintendent, Osage and Riceville; Brent Cook, Activities Director at Dubuque; Senior; and Greg Dockum of Johnston representing the Iowa Association of School Boards.

October 2017 – Chris Cuellar joins the IHSAA staff as Director of Communications.

November 2017 - The second session of 10th Annual New School Administrators Orientation Workshop was held at the IHSAA. Ninety-four educators attended the September and November sessions, making it one of the largest workshops, where participants learn more about the rules and services of the IHSAA and the IGHSAU and their respective staffs as well as the functions of the Iowa High School Athletic/Activities Directors.

December 2017 - The Board of Control organization is as follows: Chairperson: Greg Darling, Superintendent, Humboldt; Vice Chairperson: Rollie Wiebers, Superintendent; Charter Oak-Ute; and Treasurer: Tom Keating, Principal at Xavier, Cedar Rapids

December 2017 - The Football Playoff Advisory Committee met to discuss the proposals and structure to be recommended to the Board of Control for 2018 and 2019.

January 24, 2018 – The Board of Control approved the IHSAA staff recommendation for changes in the 2018-2019 football district format, namely smaller districts of 6 teams; 4 non-district games, qualifying procedures to the playoffs namely district champions and wildcards with the use of RPI formula.

March 2018 – The State Basketball Tournament was reformatted into a five-day event with a single admission of $10 per person good for the entire day. Since 1985 the tournament had been played in six days. The 2018 champions were: Grand View Christian winning their second Class 1A title; and three first-time champions - Cascade, Western Dubuque in Class 2A; Glenwood in Class 3A and Cedar Falls in Class 4A.

April 28, 2018 – 137 officials were honored at the IHSAA's 24th Annual Official Awards and Recognition Banquet. Former Assistant Director David Anderson and a 50-year honoree official was the keynote speaker.

April 29, 2018 – 433 high school seniors were honored at the IHSAA's 16th Annual Governor's Scholar Ceremony at the Iowa Events Center. Featured speakers were Governor Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg, IHSAA Board of Control president Greg Darling, Craig Hill of the Iowa Farm Bureau and Iowa Teacher of the Year, Aileen Sullivan, a chemistry teacher at Ames High School.

May 1, 2018 – Bud Legg, Information Director and IHSAA Historian for the past 17 years to retire effective June 30, 2018.

May 10, 2018 – A year long process of eliminating the membership fee schools paid to the IHSAA formally ended when the Department of Education approved constitutional changes of the IHSAA that were initiated by the Board of Control, approved by the Representative Council and a vote of the membership in March. Since the creation of the IHSAA in December 1905, member schools paid an annual $2.00 membership fee to the Athletic Association for junior high and high school competitions. The dropping of the membership fee is effective for the 2018-19 school year.

June 11, 2018 - The 12th annual meeting of the IHSAA membership as an incorporated status was held.

July 2, 2018 - Former Director of Officials Roger Barr becomes the 22nd IHSAA inductee into the NFHS Hall of Fame at Summer Meeting in Chicago, IL.