

2026 IFOA BOARD MEETING #2
2-1-2026
AGENDA & MINUTES

General:

- Board Meeting #2 call to order and attendance
- Review/Approve Minutes of Board Meeting #1

Agenda Items:

1. CFOA Winter Meeting details
 2. Treasurer Topics
 - a. Budget
 - b. No refunds
 - c. How to verify if official has paid registration
 - d. OK to add Flag or JAA, but no switching
 3. General meeting location and scheduling
 4. Elections
 5. Girls Flag & Youth Football
 6. Stipends
 7. Other
 - a. CIF eligibility/background check details
 - b. IRS Form 990 discussion
 - c. Discussion re: Assignors / ICs
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Meeting Minutes follow in Agenda Item Order:

General – Meeting called to order by President at 5pm

- Attendees: Rob, Matt, Shane, Carl, Charlie, Darrell, Lou, Kent
- Absent: Roland

Minutes from meeting #1 were provided to board. Matt issues a Motion to approve, 2nd by Carl. Motion approved 7-0.

1. CFOA Winter Meeting details: Charlie, Carl, Kent attended
2. Treasurer topics
 - a. Budget provided by treasurer and will be sent with these minutes. Motion to approve budget by Matt, 2nd Darrell. Motion approved 7-0
3. IFOA General meeting location and scheduling
 - Discussions held to consider early start for meeting as compared to previous years
 - Possible dates are:
 - Clinic date, suggested as Saturday, 25 July.
 - The first 2 meetings following the clinic would be in-person at Aquinas on 7-28 and 8-4. Lou took the action to check with Aquinas for all 3 dates. Remaining training meetings would be via Zoom.

- To maximize in-person attendance, the board is contemplating longer in-person training sessions worth 4 hrs of meeting credit. The clinic would receive 5 hrs of credit. Attending a pre-season Study guide meeting would receive 2 hours credit as would the banquet. Varsity scrimmages worked would receive 2-hours credit each. Zoom meetings would now only receive 1 hr of credit toward the overall CIF training requirement of 18 hours. More discussion will occur on this at the next meeting.
- A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of again doing regional meetings. Insurance issues were cited as one drawback. The discussion ended without a motion.

4. Elections

- 2026 is an election year and 50% membership attendance is required for voting. Matt noted that the Constitution language is that members “be present” for election, but does not specifically require on-site attendance. A brief discussion was held on possible Zoom attendance for the election meeting, but as with the above general meeting attendance topic, discussions focused more on resolving by offering higher on-site meeting credit and reducing Zoom credit to incentivise member on-site attendance for the election. Also as with the above topic, it was also noted that an earlier calendar start for the training cycle (last week of July, rather than 1st of August) would then not conflict with officials required for working Flag games, which do not start until August 8th, 2026.

5. Girls Flag & Youth Football

- a. Girls flag
 - i. No further topics other than noting that CFOA instruction is starting soon and that a case book for the flag is likely to be available at a cost of \$5.
- b. JAA
 - i. Discussion was held that a change is required to the JAA assignment process per meetings with JAA. Motion was made by Shane to make Carl Richardson the JAA coordinator for Inland officials and he would determine how/who will facilitate the actual scheduling of JAA games. Motion 2nd by Charlie. Motion passed 7-0. Carl will update the board with additional details at the next meeting.

6. Stipends

- a. Motion made by Kent to increase treasurer stipend by \$250 = now will be \$750. Charlie 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 with Lou abstaining.
- b. Motion made by Lou to increase secretary stipend by \$250 = now will be \$750. Matt 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 with Kent abstaining.
- c. Discussion held to increase IFOA CIF IC stipend. Motion made by Charlie, 2nd by Darrell to increase IC stipend to \$1,000 (intending that the IC would use the increase to give \$250 each to new officials instructor and Flag IC). Motion approved 7-0.

7. Other

- CIF eligibility/background check
 - Kent provided the board with CIF provided details on the 2026 mandatory \$29 eligibility/background check. The fee includes official's insurance.
 - Note: Platform is available now on Arbiter, but if completed/paid “before” June 1st, it applies only for school year 2025. Therefore, officials should not complete

the CIF eligibility registration until June 1st, 2026 for the 2026 school year which will then apply for all sports for the 2026 school year.

- IRS Form 990 discussion
 - Discussion regarding need for Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy for non-profit corporations in keeping with IRS Form 990 questions and the reported ramp-up of Federal Government interest to ensure non-profit corporations are not in violation of “self-dealing”. The full IRS Form 990 for non-profits, specifically requires an answer to the question if said non-profit corp has a “Conflict of Interest” policy. IFOA does not. For 2026, IFOA can submit the Form 990 simple form which does not have the question, but the discussion suggested the need to get ahead of the requirement as the Form 990 is due in Jan each year and a COI would be a document that would need to be ratified by the full membership, likely during election night later in the summer. It was also noted that the Constitution/Bylaws which are also a requirement for non-profit corporations, needs updating. Discussion was left with a recommendation by Kent that both a COI policy and updated Constitution/Bylaws document be completed for board and eventual membership review/approval, potentially by a committee. The topic will be further discussed at the next board meeting.
- Discussion re: Assignors / ICs
 - CIF tackle assignor. Charlie made a motion w/ Shane 2nd, to renegotiate Stan’s contract that was verbally established last year (2025 season) and instead establish a new 3-yr contract, beginning this year (2026). It was discussed that business best-practices and IFOA Constitution para 5.8.2 conflict with this potential action. Discussion ensued and as a result, motion 2nd was withdrawn. This motion, therefore, did not warrant a vote. Instead, 2026 season will be Stan’s contract year 2.
 - Discussion then continued on overall assigner fee adjustments for the 2026 and 2027 seasons (Contract years 2 and 3). Motion was made by Charlie to tie the annual per member CIF assigner’s fee be the same as the per game payment for the remainder of the 2026, 2027 assigner contract years, e.g. since member Varsity tackle per game payment will be \$152 in 2026, that will become the updated CIF tackle annual assigner fee per veteran member. Motion continued that that “New Official” assignor fee, which has been historically offered at discount, would be 85% of the non-Varsity game fee, e.g. for 2026, $\$102 \times .85 = \87 , annually. Furthermore, CIF Flag Assigner fee per IFOA member working Flag games will be the same as the current Varsity flag per game fee. Note: As of this meeting date, Varsity Flag per game fee may increase per a pending request/review by CIF, but for purposes of establishing the Flag assigner fee for 2026 season, the currently listed game fee of \$76 will be used as the annual per member assigner fee for officials working flag games). Motion 2nd by Lou. Motion passed 7-0.
- 2026 Membership fee: Motion made by Kent to reduce membership fee by \$10 (in keeping with 2026 CFOA payment savings). Motion 2nd by Darrell. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to adjourn. Matt, 2nd Shane. Motion passed 7-0 and meeting adjourned

Next meeting planned for March 1st, time TBD.