



**Illinois Elementary School Association
Strategic Planning
Financial Resources Action Team Minutes
January 10, 2006**

The following members were present for the meeting: John Meixner, Bowen Southeastern; Rick Sanders, Springfield Grant; Jeff Stephens, Concord Triopia; Kathy Johnson, Newton Jasper County; Len Sokoloff, Herscher Limestone, and Jane Cade, Clinton.

The Financial Resources Action Team makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their meeting on January 20, 2006:

1. To increase the annual membership dues from \$50 annually to \$75 annually.
2. To change By-Law 5.033 so that all athletic entry fees (including cheerleading) are set at \$45. Currently, entry fees are \$30 for all sports except baseball and softball which are \$40.

Note: The last time membership dues were increased was 1989 when the dues increased from \$40 to \$50. Activity entry fees were last increased in 1995 when the fees were raised from \$25 to \$30. The IESA acknowledges that the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) has decided to no longer charge membership dues and entry fees but it is simply not financially possible for the IESA to do so. Membership dues and entry fees make-up approximately 20% of the IESA's budget and it is not possible to continue to offer the same level of service if dues and fees are not increased and dropping them totally is simply not an option.

3. That the contract with Wilson Sporting Goods be renegotiated addressing the issue of costs associated with the shipping of balls, not receiving enough product for all state series needs, and inclusion of provisions for the possible expansion of state series classes and structure.

The committee reviewed the composite financial reports of most activities to determine the feasibility of not allowing schools to assess if a state series contest runs at a deficit. After much discussion, the committee decided not to recommend any change to the current assessment procedure.

The cost of the state series awards (plaques, trophies, medals) was reviewed. The committee felt that the type of award is of such quality and is so recognizable that no change should be made.

Various special programs (Grade School Field Trip Day, Scholar Attitude Award) were reviewed. The committee supports these programs and despite a cost to the IESA to offer these to the membership, they felt they were worthwhile and should be continued.

No date for the next meeting was set.