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Kaufman, Lukemeyer named IHSAA Foundation Leaders

IHSAA Commissioner Paul Neidig announced today two personnel moves for the IHSAA Foundation.

Current Assistant Commissioner Chris Kaufman will assume the additional role as Foundation President while George “Trip” Lukemeyer III has been hired as Foundation Director.

In their roles as administrators, both will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Foundation including the development and fundraising efforts to support its programs and the distribution of scholarships and grants. Kaufman and Lukemeyer will begin their duties on May 1.



Kaufman



Lukemeyer

“We had a lot of interest and several phenomenal candidates to select from,” said Neidig. “In the end, we felt Chris’ long-time role with the Association and the relationships he’s established were a great fit as the Foundation continues to grow. Trip brings a wealth of accomplishments his from his previous appointments and will be the perfect complement for this position and the preservation of education-based athletics in the great state of Indiana.”

Kaufman, 56, joined the Association in 2006 and has served as an Assistant Commissioner since 2012. In addition to his new responsibilities, he will continue as an Assistant Commissioner and administer the sports of boys and girls golf and boys and girls tennis while also serving as the liaison for corporate partnerships, community relations, and business media.

Lukemeyer, 29, comes to the IHSAA after a year and a half as Development Director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. He had been employed with USA Football (2017-21), where he was the youngest Regional Manager in the organization. In that role, he oversaw a 15-state territory across five time zones, and was involved in camps, clinics, certifications, rules implementation, best practices, etc.

He was the inaugural I-Association Student Fellow at Indiana University from 2015-2017, working closely with I Association Director Brian Brase and hundreds of former IU athletes at tailgates, banquets, etc.

He is a graduate of Bloomington High School North, holds an undergraduate degree in Sports Marketing and Management from Indiana University and has a master’s degree in Athletic Administration from Indiana University.

Trip is married and resides on the northwest side of Indianapolis.

The IHSAA Foundation was created and formed by the Executive Committee in June 2015 to operate exclusively for the charitable benefits of IHSAA member schools and their student-athletes. The IHSAA Foundation will award college scholarships to student-athletes in their pursuit of post-secondary education. It also will support IHSAA member schools through a grant program designed to help fund special projects.

About the IHSAA Foundation, Inc.

The IHSAA Foundation was created in 2015 as the philanthropic arm of the IHSAA. Its mission is to help protect, sustain, and nurture high school sports in Indiana for the 407 high schools it serves. The 16-member Foundation Board is made up of member-school superintendents from each of the three IHSAA districts, a member-school athletic director, the Chair of the IHSAA Executive Committee, the current IHSAA Commissioner, and 10 at-large members from all corners of the state. Members of the Board are appointed by IHSAA Commissioner, Paul Neidig.

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 407 member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private - pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-eds (unified flag football, unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.