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Jane Schott named Assistant Commissioner

Jane Schott, an assistant athletic director and the girls basketball coach at West Lafayette Junior Senior High School, has been approved by the IHSAA Executive Committee to become an assistant commissioner.

Schott will begin her role July 1 and she will administer the sports of girls soccer, boys soccer, girls basketball, girls track & field, and boys track & field.

Schott was one of several finalists interviewed for the position and fills the vacancy left by Janie Ulmer who is leaving to become assistant principal at Fishers High School.

She joins the IHSAA having spent the last 30 years teaching and coaching at four different high schools, including the last 17 years at West Lafayette.

Since arriving at West Lafayette, she has been a chemistry and eighth grader science teacher, coached the varsity girls basketball team to more than 239 victories over 17 seasons (307 overall), and served as assistant athletics director since 2019.

“I am extremely pleased to announce that Jane Schott has joined the IHSAA Executive Staff,” said Commissioner Paul Neidig. “Her experience as a leader in education will prove invaluable to our association. We look forward to her contributions as we continue our efforts to promote the ideals of education-based athletics for all Hoosier students. Please join me in welcoming Jane to the team.”

She has been an active member of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association serving as an assistant director since 2019 and a district representative from 2015-19.

Broadcasting also has been a prominent part of Schott’s career at the high school, collegiate and professional levels.

She has served as a television analyst for the IHSAA Girls Basketball State Finals since 2010, the radio analyst for Purdue Women’s Basketball since 1997, and radio analyst for the Indiana Fever from 1999-2010.

“I am excited to join the devoted leadership team and staff at the IHSAA,” said Schott. “It is a tremendous honor to represent education-based athletics for the state of Indiana. I look forward to supporting the coaches, administrators and officials who afford our student-athletes the treasured opportunity to compete in sports, learn lifelong skills and create lasting memories.”
Schott earned a B.S. in Chemistry in 1992 and an M.S. in Chemical Education in 1997, both from Purdue University and attained a Building Administration License from Purdue in 2021.

The Tipton, Ind., native graduated as Valedictorian from Tipton High School in 1987 where she played basketball, volleyball and threw shot put and discus for the Blue Devils. She was named to the prestigious Indiana All-Stars basketball team her senior year and went on to play basketball for the Boilermakers (1987-91) and Hall of Fame coach Lin Dunn, the current GM for the Indiana Fever. She was a three-year Academic All-Big Ten selection and was awarded Purdue’s Red Mackey Award for academic and athletic excellence.

Jane and her husband, Tom, have two adult sons, August and Sam.

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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 411-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 24 sports, 11 for girls, 11 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football, unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.