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Topic

Attendance on Behalf of KHSAA

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**Meeting_Session
Attended**

NFHS Summer Meeting, Salt Lake City + Arbiter Annual Huddle Conference (6/30)

It can be noted that this is one of three opportunities, along with attendance at our Section II meetings and the Let's Connect Conference, that I am able to meet and network with my peers; I am very appreciative of that opportunity. Artificial Intelligence drove several presentations and discussions in the technology Summit and Roundtables. A key presentation on AI/Security was presented during the Technology Summit by Josh Santos, Director of Security, SecureWon. It included in depth AI strategies on How to protect AI; develop a formal policy on Ai; Shadow AI (unmanaged AI without policy or if you are banning) and steps on how to Identify Safe Use Cases, Explain AI Cyber Risks, Implement Green/Yellow/Red Fules and Create basic governance.

**Takeaways to help
Board and Staff**

It will form the basis of a discussion at our upcoming KHSAA Staff Retreat along with the development of a KHSAA AI Use Policy. One point that was made clear: AI will not replace people, but replace people who do not know how to use it; those that know how to use it will become highly sought after by employers; Technology meetings were well attended, not only by Technology staff, but also by State Association assistant directors and directors. I was able to have key meetings with Arbiter staff - both the product team that I deal with primarily, and upper management, for frank discussions concerning features that are, and are not, up to the level they need to be in regards to our 360 project. It is clear that the pace of development is accelerating to meet the needs of the KHSAA and its member schools for the upcoming 26-27 school year. On June 30, following the NFHS Meeting, I attended Arbiter's annual "Huddle," in which Kyle Ford, Karen Mogridge, Nate Evans, Chase Paxman, and others discussed the status of current and future projects. One note: Arbiter is now partnered with the fundraising company Vertical Rise, which will be offered to schools to help fundraise to offset the costs of Arbiter's catalog of add-on subscription products, including Student Registration, Facility Management, and Arbiter Websites. The plan is to allow fundraising alongside officiating, scheduling, and payments in 360/Arbiter.

General Commentary

All in all, certainly in the top 5 Summer meetings that I have attended, and again, I appreciate the opportunity to attend.