

**BASEBALL  
AIA SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
May 18, 2011  
AIA OFFICE**

**Call to order: 9:00 a.m.**

**Members in attendance:**

Mark Goodman/1A Adm.	Billy Duarte/1A Coach
Mike Briguglio/3A Adm.	Donnie Payne/2A Coach
Jeff Feldman/4A Adm.	Art Griffith/3A Coach
Mark Cisterna/5A Adm.	Matt Denny/4A Coach
	Eric Kibler/5A Coach

**Members absent:**

TBD/2A Adm.

**Discussion Agenda Items:**

**\*Selection of AIA Baseball Sport Advisory Committee chair**

Mark Cisterna, 5A Administrative representative to the AIA Baseball Sport Advisory Committee, was nominated by committee members and selected by an 8-0 (with 1 abstained) as the committee chair.

The committee's chair selection will be sent to the AIA Executive Board for approval.

**\*Can baseball coaches select division level first and second team players for the purpose of player recognition to replace the previous region determined recognition process?**

Chuck Schmidt explained that the AIA Executive Board approved recognition program goes into effect on July 1, 2011. He indicated that all varsity level head coaches in all sports will have involvement in the selection of all division teams and division coach of the year recognition. The awards will be paid for by the Association.

Arizona All State and All Star selection will be separate and not under the AIA umbrella of control.

**\*Can committee advisory members get the member school baseball coaches e-mail addresses to assist in the notification of coaches relative to Association baseball related items and for the purpose of doing surveys?**

The AIA Executive summaries are purposely available online on the AIA website to insure that all coaches and administrators get the same information from the sport committee meetings and all other Association created committees.

Chuck informed the committee that the protocol for all surveys is that question(s) can be developed by committees but are subject to the final approval of the AIA Executive Board and are sent to all requested responders at the direction of the Board electronically.

**\*Is there an interest by varsity baseball coaches to increase the AIA bylaw ( 20.11.1.5) limit on post season rosters from the present limit of 22players to 25 players?**

The committee members discussed the pros and cons of increasing the post season roster limit to 25 from the present limit of 22.

The committee voted to request the AIA Executive Board survey baseball and softball coaches as well as all athletic directors for the purpose of gathering data driven opinion on the roster limit. If the survey concludes that there is a desire by the majority to increase the roster, the committee can draft a proposal for a change of the bylaw to put before the AIA Legislative Assembly and request that it be put into effect for the 2012 spring baseball/softball season.

**\*What happened with the recently 3A Conference proposal to create sectional tournaments in several team sports, including baseball?**

Chuck Schmidt explained that the AIA Executive Board tabled the proposal for future study. He indicated the Executive Board approved a reconfiguration plan and has created budgets based on the approved plan. The approved Executive Board plan need to have the opportunity to run forward to see if works.

Mike Briguglio expressed concern over the use of the sectional power rank to determine the declaration of the division sectional champions and runner-ups. Chuck Schmidt replied that this protocol for determination of the sectional champions/runner-ups will be utilized this year then evaluated by the AIA Executive Board at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 AIA tournament year.

**Discussion of the Division I/Division II eight team double elimination and Division III/Division IV single elimination 2011-2012 State Baseball brackets.**

Discussion centered around the concern that the eight team double elimination bracket will need more than the traditional two weeks to complete, unless double headers are scheduled. The consensus was not in favor of a tournament calendar that required teams to play double headers to advance.

The committee approved, by consensus, a recommendation to request that the Division I and Division II state baseball championship games extend into the week of May 13 to conclude no later than Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Mark Cisterna will write up and present the proposal to the AIA Executive Board for their consideration.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the AIA Baseball Advisory group scheduled at this time is Wednesday, January 11, 2012, unless a need arises before then for the group to meet.

**Meeting adjourned**