In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the Prescott Resort – Copper Basin Room - in Prescott, Arizona.

President Derek Fahleson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Ken VanWinkle, 1A Conference (Heber-Overgaard Unified)
Derek Fahleson, CAA, 3A Conference (Estrella Foothills High School)
Arthur Wagner, CAA, 4A Conference (Higley Unified School District)
Dan Serrano, 5A Conference (Perry High School)
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Xavier College Preparatory)
David Woodall, Ed.D., Arizona School Administrators (Benson Unified School District)
Bill Gahn, CAA, AdvancED (Deer Valley Unified School District)
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. AIA Executive Director

**Members Absent**

Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Charles Schmidt, Associate Executive Director
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting
Michele Staples, Projects and Operations Administrator
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AZ Republic
Lonnie Tvrdy, Pusch Ridge
Nate Agostini, Horizon Honors
Matthew Wright, SUSD Counsel

Charles Ragle, Chaparral
Clif McKenzie, Scottsdale District
Gayle Holland, Chaparral
Michelle Marshall, SUSD Counsel

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Fahleson, in accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.3, Subparagraph 6.3.3.2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

- 2:02 p.m. to 3:06 p.m.
- 3:47 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL INVESTIGATION REPORT

The Board reviewed the investigative report submitted by an outside firm. Based on the results of the investigation, after review and consideration, it was determined that there was no reasonable evidence to conclude that there was any rule violation by Chaparral High School related to the transfer of a student from Raymond S. Kellis High School to Chaparral. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board Accepted the Report.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on August 15, 2011 and August 22, 2011 were approved.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board approved the following consent agenda items:

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

- Mike Aylstock  Sedona Red Rock  Retired
- James Boyd  San Tan Foothills  26 years
- Frank Denogean  South Pointe  27 years
- Duane Ediger  Scottsdale Christian  25 years
- Jim Ewan  Chandler  25 years
- Bob Fredericks  Scottsdale Christian  26 years
- Michael Maas  Peoria District  25 years
- Catherine Pletchette  Mesa District  Retired
- Will Thompson  Westview  25 years
- Robert Wendel  Canyon del Oro  25 years

**Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate And Interstate Activities – 2011-2012 Master Calendar**

In accordance with Article 10, Section 10.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2011-2012 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at [http://www.aiaonline.org/calendar/?id=5](http://www.aiaonline.org/calendar/?id=5).

The Master Calendar, which is prepared by the AIA for its member schools, reflects activities (events) that have been sanctioned by the AIA Executive Board. It is the responsibility of each member school to limit its participation in these sanctioned activities to the maximum number of contests set forth in the AIA Bylaws.
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Cont’d

Non-Sanctioned Activities – 2011-2012 Informational Calendar Addendum

The Executive Board accepted the calendar placement requests for the non-sanctioned activities reflected in the 2011-2012 Informational Calendar.

The Informational Calendar, which is prepared by the AIA as a convenience for its member schools, reflects non-sanctioned activities, which do not fall under AIA jurisdiction. The Informational Calendar is posted online at http://www.aiaonline.org/calendar/?id=2.

Cancellation Requests – Varsity Contests and/or Programs

In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.4, Paragraph 11.4.3, Subparagraph 11.4.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following cancellation request for a varsity program that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

- Snowflake (3A) Cross Country Program
- Maricopa (4A) Girls’ Golf Program
- Palo Verde (4A) Girls’ Golf Program

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- 4A – Conference Agenda – August 22, 2011
- 1A – North Agenda – August 25, 2011
- Football Sports Advisory Committee Agenda – August 31, 2011
- Soccer Sports Advisory Committee Agenda – August 30, 2011
- 4A – Northwest Region Minutes – August 23, 2011
- 1A – North Minutes – August 25, 2011
- 5A – Conference Agenda – September 8, 2011
- Cross Country Sports Advisory Committee Minutes – August 17, 2011

FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.5, Paragraph 6.5.15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial report and handbook:

- Financial Report for August 2011
- AIA Operations & Policies Handbook

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A trophy presentation schedule was presented to the Board for the 2011 Fall State Tournaments

Dr. Slemmer reported on the Sollenberger Classic. Special thanks to Washington High School, Camelback High School, Phoenix Union High School District, Arizona Biltmore & the Arizona Cardinals for the use of their facilities.

Dr. Slemmer noted that Verde Valley (1A) dropped their membership.

Dr. Slemmer requested that every Board member submit two (2) names for each of the following committees:
- Equity (Competition)
- Diversity
- Revenue/Expenses

Committees are to be finalized by the October meeting and meeting dates set. It was noted that the Revenue/Expenses committee should consist only of Superintendents ASBA members, business managers and individuals with financial experience.

The Board was provided a copy of a Guidance Document created by the Arizona Athletic Trainers’ Association. The purpose of the document is to provide licensed athletic training members of the Arizona Athletic Trainers’ Association (AzATA) with guidance related to compliance with SB1521 and AIA concussion and head injury policies. The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) will review the document at their September 28th meeting and report back to the Board.

The Board reviewed the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit regarding the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). The court said the WIAA has the right to enter into exclusive contracts for live streaming of its sporting events, and that the First Amendment doesn’t entitle other media outlets to claim the same broadcasting rights without paying for them. It was noted that AIA365 allows all schools to utilize, at no cost to them, the opportunity to have their own school sites and benefit by receiving 100% of sponsorship monies. Dr. Slemmer noted that AIA’s position is that whatever the AIA can do on those sites will benefit ALL schools.

Mr. Schmidt, per the direction received, created a response to the New Times Article, Knocked Out. It was noted that there were several inaccuracies and were clarified by Mr. Schmidt on his AIA365 blog on behalf of the AIA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and the AIA Executive Board.

The Board was provided with an update on the Unified Sports program. It was noted that over 60 schools are currently registered and participating. Discussion was held regarding the need to draft a bylaw for eligibility and pre-participation physicals for these student athletes. Staff was directed to craft the bylaw for the Board to review and move at the October 17, 2011 meeting.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont’d

Dr. Slemmer shared a copy of the AIA newsletter with the Board. He stressed the importance of information/communication going out of the AIA office and how all information is emailed to member schools and also immediately posted on the AIA website.

Open Discussion – Current Issues

AIA Bylaw – 14.14

14.14 Concussion Education- All student athletes shall complete the Brainbook online concussion education course. Student athletes participating in fall sports of the 2011-12 school year shall complete the course no later than 10/1/11. All other student athletes shall complete the course prior to participation in practice or competition. (Ex. Bd. 8-15-11)

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved extending the deadline to October 15th for fall sports. It was noted that the concussion educational opportunity is part of the student athlete clearance process for eligibility prior to any participation and that the course is taken only one time.

5A Conference
• Heat advisory – request getting information to everyone up front.

1A Conference
• Concern with basketball – last week of sectionals, chance of going to state and use of power points.
• Sports Advisory Committees – reminder that committees are advisory – and do not have the ability to change policies.

4A Conference
• Section play – Tucson vs. valley. Site locations depend on contracts – consider the possibility of future rotation basis. Reminder that this is the first year and adjustments will be considered.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont’d

Weather Issues – The Board approved the following:

**Article 14.6**

**SUSPENDED GAME PROTOCOLS**

After further review of AIA bylaws, policy and NFHS rules, the AIA Executive Board on 13 September 2011 reviewed and addressed concerns related to games being interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority. Games shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the teams agree to terminate the game. In the event of a cancellation, postponement, termination, or forfeiture of a game due to inclement weather, the following guidelines will be applied and put in place to promote cooperation between the school administrators, coaches and officials promoting the safest environment at all AIA events.

**CATASTROPHIC OR POTENTIAL CATASTROPHIC INJURY**

(Game is stopped and player has a defined catastrophic injury, or evaluation is in process)

1. Official(s) have determined that either a catastrophic injury has occurred, or that the injury sustained is potentially catastrophic (Decision reached following consultation with available medical personnel or trainers).
2. FB: Rule 3.3 and/or Rule 3.4 will be invoked. All other sports shall be handled as per the rulebook.

**WEATHER RELATED SCENARIO**

1. In all sports, the NFHS “Guidelines on Handling Contests During Lightning Disturbances”, found in all sports rulebooks for outdoor sports, will be followed (Located in Rule Book Appendixes).
2. The decision to stop play and resume play is determined by the officials. This decision can and should be made in consultation with school administrators and/or coaches.
3. Pressure to complete or resume a game should never outweigh the safety of the players or fans.
4. In the event that a Football Game has been suspended and is in a lightning delay, the following options are available for conclusion of the event:
   a) Wait out the delay and complete the game when conditions warrant.
   b) Complete the suspended game from the point of interruption at a later date.
   c) One team forfeits to the other and statistics are nullified.
   d) The teams agree to terminate the contest at the point of interruption, keep the score, and the statistics up to the point of interruption shall count. The game is entered on www.aiaonline.org with the score of the game.
   e) In the case where a game is tied and terminated during regulation play or OT, teams may elect to split power points. The game is entered on www.aiaonline.org as a tie.
   f) Game is “Cancelled”, and games counted for computation of power points is reduced by one for the affected teams. The game is entered on www.aiaonline.org as a cancelled.
STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DOMICILE RULE – LEGAL GUARDIAN

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, approved the following legal guardian requests:

- Flowing Wells High School
- Blue Ridge High School – until January 4, 2012
- Hopi High School
- Gilbert Christian

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following:

- **Globe** - an additional girls’ basketball game and an additional baseball game to help fill Safford’s schedule.

- **Snowflake** - an additional boys’ soccer game to help fill Northland Prep’s schedule.

The following schools – an additional badminton game to help fill Pinnacle’s schedule:

- Shadow Mountain
- Highland
- Desert Ridge
- Perry
- Sandra Day O’Connor
- Paradise Valley
- Saguaro
- Desert Mountain
- Combs
- Chaparral
- Xavier
- North Canyon
- Horizon

- **Gilbert** – an additional badminton game to help fill Mountain Pointe’s schedule.
VERIFICATION OF FACULTY – PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL, BIA, COLLEGE PREPARATORY AND SPECIAL FUNCTION SCHOOLS

In accordance with Article 3, Section 3.1, Paragraph 3.3.3; Section 3.2, Paragraph 3.2.1; and Section 3.3, Paragraph 3.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board accepted verifications of faculty from the following schools:

Arizona Lutheran Academy
Arizona State Schools for the Deaf & Blind
Bourgade Catholic High School
Brophy College Preparatory
Desert Christian High School
Green Fields Country Day School
Greyhills Academy High School
Immaculate Heart High School
Joy Christian School
Mingus Mountain Academy
Northwest Christian School
Notre Dame Preparatory High School
Phoenix Christian High School
Phoenix Country Day
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf
Pusch Ridge Christian Academy
Rancho Solano Preparatory School
Rock Point High School
Rough Rock High School
San Miguel High School
Scottsdale Christian Academy
Seton Catholic Preparatory High School
St. Gregory College Preparatory School
The Orme School of Arizona
Tohono O’odham High School
Valley Lutheran High School
Yuma Catholic High School

SCHOOLS IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 3, CERTIFICATION OF STAFF:

Cibecue Community School
St. Michael High School
Thunderbird Adventist Academy

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cibecue Community School Activities Program on Warning for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the St. Michael High School Activities Program on Warning for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Thunderbird Adventist Academy Activities Program on Warning for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.
COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS (SPORTS ADVISORY)

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following committee members:

5A Conference:
- Girls’ Basketball: Steve McDowell, Gilbert – replacing Steve Hogen
- Girls’ Soccer: Todd Gavelick, Mountain View – replacing Matt Kuffel
- Boys’ Swimming: Susan Edwards, McClintock – replacing Steve Hogen
- Girls’ Volleyball: Sunny Resch, Horizon – replacing Sharon Vanis

4A Conference:
- Boys’ Basketball: Mike Fowler, Glendale D.O.- replacing Herman House
- Boys’ Volleyball: Phil Camacho, Peoria - replacing David Thatcher
- Wrestling: Ryan Ridenour, Desert Edge - replacing Michael
- Girls’ Volleyball: Christine Gutierrez, Sunrise Mountain – replacing Brian Duguid

3A Conference:
- Boys’ Basketball: Troy Powell, Safford – replacing Clint Cross
- Boys’ Cross Country: Doug Clementz, Wickenburg – replacing Shawn Martin
- Boys’ Soccer: Joe Rhoades, Estrella Foothills – replacing Amy Wilcox
- Softball: Jorge Mendivil, Empire – replacing Bob Varner
- Boys’ Track: Lori Showers, Camp Verde – replacing BB Anderes

2A Conference:
- Baseball: Garye LaFevers, Tonopah – replacing Alan Boelter
- Girls’ Basketball: Nate Agostini, Horizon Honors – replacing Mark Showers
- Boys’ Cross Country: Mike Elder, Northland Prep – replacing Leonard Quimby
- Girls’ Golf: Bob Fredericks, Scottsdale Christian – replacing Dane Ediger
- Boys’ Swimming: Shane Lewis, Phoenix Country Day – replacing Dave Nelson
- Girls’ Tennis: David Thursby, Tombstone – replacing John Blabe
- Girls’ Track: Matt Allen, Westwind Prep – replacing Duane Ediger
- Boys’ Volleyball: Cindy Riley, Desert Christian
- Wrestling: Rick St. Clair, Antelope – replacing Bob Weir
- Football: Jeff Fox, Scottsdale Christian – replacing Don Conrad
SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule, Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule.

Reported Violation:
Ineligible football player. Student practiced without clearance card on file in office or in the possession of head coach.

School's Corrective Action:
Practice only. Student was immediately removed from practice. Head coach accepted responsibility and will delegate additional power to the athletic trainer to monitor clearance as part of the process.

Executive Board Action:
Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Independence High School Football Program on Warning for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

RIO RICO HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule, Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule.

Reported Violation:
Ineligible football player. Student athlete packet was incomplete and student was not cleared to participate.

School's Corrective Action:
Practice only. A meeting between the principal, athletic director and the head football coach was held regarding the violation. A letter of reprimand has been imposed and the coach has been provided with related information in accordance with the Governing Board Policy GCQF and a copy of the AIA Bylaws. An in-service will be provided for all head coaches to review the AIA Bylaw and mandates to prevent recurrence of Articles 14 & 15 violations.

Executive Board Action:
Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Rio Rico High School Football Program on Warning for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.
SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont’d

YOUNGKER HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 15, Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule, Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

**Reported Violation:**
Ineligible football players. Students did not go through the proper clearance to practice. Discovered during preseason and removed those students from practice. All students involved have now completed proper paperwork for clearance.

**School's Corrective Action:**
Practice only. All off campus coaches will go through a clearance workshop to ensure they know and follow all clearance procedures.

**Executive Board Action:**
Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Youngker High School Football Program on **Warning** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 15, Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.12 Recruitment Rule

**Reported Violation:**
Students who do not live in the Catalina Foothills district either contacted or were contacted by the boys’ basketball coach about attending CFHS. The coach held meetings with individual players and families to discuss the merits of the CFHS basketball program.

**School’s Corrective Action:**
The coach will not be offered a contract for the 2011-12 school year. Students involved are not attending CFHS. Continuing education to all CFHS coaches about AIA Bylaws, specifically recruitment policy.

**Executive Board Action:**
Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Catalina Foothills High School Boys’ Basketball Program on **Advisement** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.
SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont’d

FLAGSTAFF HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, 
*Article 23. Football, Section 23.1 Rules*

**Reported Violation:**
The FHS freshman football program dressed out in pads on Wednesday of the first week, rather than waiting until Thursday.

**School's Corrective Action:**
The freshman and varsity coach were both educated regarding this bylaw and will be expected to review all the bylaws pertaining to football and share them with their entire coaching staff.

**Executive Board Action:**
Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Flagstaff High School Football Program on *Advisement* for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

PEORIA HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, 
*Article 23. Football, Section 23.1 Rules*

**Reported Violation:**
The spiritline performed cheers at the varsity football scrimmage. *New* cheer coach was unaware that spiritline was not allowed to perform at the scrimmage.

**School’s Corrective Action:**
Both JV and Varsity coaches and spiritline will be in-serviced for one hour on AIA Bylaws regarding football and cheer.

**Executive Board Action:**
Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Peoria High School Spiritline Program on *Advisement* for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.
SELECTION OF NEW 2A CONFERENCE AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER – 2011-2014

Dr. Slemmer and Mr. Schmidt left meeting before the selection process.

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected Wallace Youvella, Jr. to serve as the 2A officer for the 2011-2014 term.

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with the following:

Letters/E-mails:
- Kathy Kaufman – Concussion Course
- NFHS News Release - Attendance
- Merle Sloan – Running up game scores

Articles:
- High schools put more focus on concussions *(AZ Republic 8/17/11)*
- Suicide due to concussion *(Associated Press 8/30/11)*

FUTURE DATES

September 21, 2011   AIA Operations & Policy Handbook In-Service – AIA Office
September 22, 2011   AIA Operations & Policy Handbook In-Service – Amphitheater High School
September 27, 2011   AIA Operations & Policy Handbook In-Service – Webinar
September 29, 2011   Rosh Hashanah
October 5, 2011      AD Workshop – AIA Office
October 8, 2011      Yom Kippur
October 11, 2011     Deadline – Winter Hardship Appeals
October 17, 2011     Executive Board Meeting
October 18-19, 2011  Winter Hardship Appeals
NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the AIA Constitution, the next regular meeting of the AIA Executive Board will be held on Monday, October 17, 2011. The meeting will be held at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, October 6, 2011

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director