



MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

In accordance with Article 4, Section 4.5, Paragraph 4.5.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a special meeting of the AIA Legislative Council (Council) was duly called and held on Friday, September 28, 2012, at the AIA office, 7007 North 18th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL WERE:

1A Conference (5)

Vic Acuna, St. Gregory
Brian English, Ajo
Lee Haws, Ft. Thomas
Shawn Lytle, Salt River
Rocky Nelson, Mogollon

2A Conference (6)

Nate Agostini, Horizon Honors
James Driggers, Benson
Mike Elder, Northland Prep
Shawn Gatson, Bourgade Catholic
Doug Meyer, Arizona Lutheran
Al Trejo, San Manuel

3A Conference (7)

Mike Briguglio, Fountain Hills
Paul Demuth, Holbrook
Derek Fahleson, Estrella Foothills
Jorge Mendivil, Empire
Nathan Richardson, Show Low
Mark Showers, Camp Verde
Kevin Standerfer, Snowflake

4A Conference (9)

Shelly Arredondo, Tempe
Jeannine Brandel, Flagstaff
Jody Brase, Catalina Foothills
Phil Camacho, Peoria
Joe Paddock, Amphitheater District
Paul Reynolds, Queen Creek
Jim Threadgill, Glendale District
Pat Witter, Buckeye

5A Conference (9)

Jim Braden, Dysart District
Mark Cisterna, Gilbert District
Kevin Gettings, Cibola
Steve Hogen, Mesa District
Herman House, Tucson District
Dan Nero, Corona del Sol
Corey Newland, Paradise Valley District
Reynaldo Peru, Betty Fairfax
Mike Sivertson, Peoria District

School Board Members (8) (Subject to Change)

Virgil Brown, Chinle
Paul Roetto, Saddle Mountain

MEMBERS ABSENT AT ROLL CALL WERE:

Steve Bebee, Cactus Shadows

Annette Auxier, Chandler
Michelle Helm, Tempe Union
Mark Lane, Paradise Valley

OTHERS PRESENT AT ROLL CALL WERE:

AIA Staff:

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D., Executive Director
Chuck Schmidt, Associate Executive Director
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials
Jeanie Kosower, Asst. Commissioner of Officials
Christie Messner, Officials Dept. Assistant
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator
David Hines, Tournament Coordinator
Michele Staples, Projects & Operations Administrator
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

Consultant/Parliamentarian

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel

GUESTS

Matt Harris, Rancho Solano
Cindy Kirk, Valley Lutheran
Bruce Consier, Phoenix Christian
Phil Adams, Phoenix Christian
Janet Oitzman, Gilbert Christian
Greg Haagsma, Valley Christian
Bob Fredericks, Scottsdale Christian
Alan Boelter, Joy Christian
Shane Lewis, Phoenix Country Day
Marcus Williams, Chandler District
Rod Huston, Highland
James McGuire, Westwood
John Chambers, Brophy
Les Willsey, AIA365
Scott Bordow, AZ Republic
Zach Buchanan, AZ Central
Richard Obert, AZ Central

AIA Executive Board

Bill Gahn
Ken VanWinkle
Sr. Lynn Winsor
Wallace Youvella, Jr.

After completion of roll call, Mr. Mignella introduced all others present and outlined procedures to be observed during the meeting. He reminded the Council Members that Article 5, Section 5.2 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total Council membership (29 members) is required to amend the AIA Constitution and that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a duly called meeting is required to amend the AIA Bylaws. Mr. Mignella continued by stating that Article 4, Section 4.5 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a quorum must be present at a meeting for the transaction of business, a quorum being two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership. He concluded that a quorum was present since roll call reflected that 37 of the 44 Council Members were present. It was also determined, based upon the 37 members present, that a vote of 25 would be required for adoption of amendments to the AIA Bylaws. Mr. Mignella then reminded the Council that in accordance with Article 4, Section 4.5, Paragraph 4.5.5 of the AIA Constitution, proxy votes couldn't be accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Jim Threadgill and seconded by Pat Witter, the minutes for the March 2, 2012 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Before entertaining a motion to approve the agenda for the September 28, 2012 meeting as presented, Mr. Mignella called for any requests for additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JEANNINE BRANDEL AND SECONDED BY VIRGIL BROWN TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION PASSED – VOICE VOTE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer reported on the proposed bylaw. He encouraged healthy discussion and noted that it was time to move on and receive direction.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JIM THREADGILL AND SECONDED BY DEREK FAHLESON TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

1st Amendment -

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE PADDOCK AND SECONDED BY HERMAN HOUSE TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL AS FOLLOWS:

Two Votes – Separate Items 4, 5 and 6 for separate vote.

8.1.11 PLACEMENT PROCESS AND APPEALS – A school may appeal to be placed in a higher or lower Division and may also appeal its Section placement. With respect to its representation on Legislative Council, a school may appeal its conference and/or region placement directly to the Executive Board once placed by the respective conference committee. The following process will place schools in Division and Sections for competition purposes.

The following process will be used to determine placement of schools for competition purposes:

1. Each member school will enter their enrollment as of October 1 on the AIAonline.com administrative platform.
2. Each school selects the varsity sports they will participate in for the next two year scheduling block.
3. The AIA computer scheduling software will then divide schools, per sport, into equal divisions.
- ~~4. The AIA computer scheduling software will then place all private schools up one division per sport, with the exception of eight man football.~~
- ~~5. The AIA computer scheduling software will then move all other schools over 225 in enrollment up one division to keep the lowest division capped at an enrollment of 225.~~
- ~~6. The AIA computer scheduling software will then move an equal number of non-private schools down, by sport, one division to make the divisions equal with the exception of the lowest division in any sport that will not allow a school of over 225 students to be included.~~
7. Schools will then have the opportunity to appeal up or down a division on a sport by sport basis. Utilizing as general guideline, where applicable, the criteria as set forth in 8.1.11.1. Schools may appeal up or down by an entire school, by all team sports, by all individual sports or by each separate sport.
8. A separate committee, the Placement Appeals Committee, having representation from each Conference will consider appeals made by an entire school, by all team sports, or by all individual sports and approves or denies the appeal. The corresponding Sports Advisory Committee then views appeals by each separate sport and approves or denies the appeal.
9. A school may then bring forward to the Executive Board appeals of denials made by the Placement Appeals Committee and/or Sports Advisory Committee. The decision of the Executive Board is final.
10. Once appeals are finished school will then be placed in divisions on a sport by sport basis and finalized.
11. Section placements are then generated utilizing the computer scheduling software and released to the schools.
12. Schools can appeal section placement directly to the Executive Board. Utilizing as general guideline, where applicable, the criteria as set forth in 8.1.11.1.
13. The Executive Board hears the appeals and finalizes the sections.
14. The Divisions and Section are finalized and made public.
15. The Computer Scheduling Program is then initiated to generate schedules based on the program outline as determined by the Executive Board.

- 8.1.11.1 The Placement Appeals Committee or the appropriate Sports Advisory Committee will review, consider and decide a school's appeal, with the Executive Board hearing any appeal of the sports advisory committee findings. The appealing school may utilize as a general guideline, where applicable, the following criteria:
 - 8.1.11.1.1 Number and level (freshman, junior varsity and varsity) of athletic and activity programs;
 - 8.1.11.1.2 Student enrollment, including previous four (4) school years;
 - 8.1.11.1.3 Geography/loss of school time;
 - 8.1.11.1.4 Makeup of student population, including but not limited to how many students are on free or reduced lunch and/or received financial tuition assistance;
 - 8.1.11.1.5 Competitive history over last three (3) school years in the appealing sport, at all levels, e.g. has the school been in the bottom eight of final season power rankings for the past three (3) years;
 - 8.1.11.1.6 Record of cancellation of games and/or sports at all levels over last four (4) school years;
 - 8.1.11.1.7 Location of school, if it is in a rural or metro population center;
 - 8.1.11.1.8 Any other information considered significant by the appealing school or the Executive Board.
- 8.1.11.2 A school's appeal shall be submitted in writing, and procedures for appeals shall be determined by, the Executive Board. A calendar for the process will be posted by August 15 of each reclassification and scheduling year.
- 8.1.11.3 The burden of providing evidence in support of the appeal is on the appealing school. The weight given to any particular criteria is in the sole discretion of the sports advisory committees and the Executive Board.

MOTION PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-33; No-4; Abstain-0)

2nd Amendment –

MOTION WAS MADE BY BRIAN ENGLISH AND SECONDED BY JIM THREADGILL TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL AS FOLLOWS (Include - do not delete - 4, 5 and 6):

- ~~4.—The AIA computer scheduling software will then place all private schools up one division per sport, with the exception of eight man football.~~
- ~~5.—The AIA computer scheduling software will then move all other schools over 225 in enrollment up one division to keep the lowest division capped at an enrollment of 225.~~
- ~~6.—The AIA computer scheduling software will then move an equal number of non-private schools down, by sport, one division to make the divisions equal with the exception of the lowest division in any sport that will not allow a school of over 225 students to be included.~~

MOTION FAILED

(Votes Cast: Yes-12; No-25; Abstain-0)

There being no further business, on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director