



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 21, 2013**

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 Monday, October 21, 2013 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Dan Serrano called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Ken VanWinkle, 1A Conference (Heber-Overgaard Unified)
Wallace Youvella, Jr., 2A Conference (Hopi High School)
Brenda Mayberry, 3A Conference (Combs High School)
Joe Paddock, 4A Conference (Amphitheater Unified District)
Dan Serrano, 5A Conference (Perry High School)
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Xavier College Preparatory)
Doug Wilson, Ed.D., Arizona School Administrators (Marana Unified School District)
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)
Toni Badone, AdvancED (Yuma Union High School District)
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Chuck Schmidt, Associate Executive Director/COO
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials
Michele Staples, Projects and Operations Administrator
David Hines, Tournament Coordinator
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Tyler Killian, AZ Republic
Scott Bordow, AZ Central
Richard Smith, West Valley Preps
Steve Hogen, Mesa District
Marcus Williams, Chandler District
Corey Newland, Paradise Valley District
Jeff Feldman, Greenway
Deer Valley Guests

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Serrano, 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:

- ✓ 8:37 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were **approved**:

- ✓ Executive Board Meeting - September 16, 2013
- ✓ Hardship Appeals – September 3, 2013
- ✓ Hardship Appeals – September 11, 2013
- ✓ Special Executive Board Meeting – October 8, 2013

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

AIA Lifetime Passes

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| Frank Alcocer | St. Mary's | 25 years |
| John Lara | La Joya | 25 years |
| Mike Thiel | Mesa Mountain View | 29 years |
| Alex Villa | Dysart | 26 years |

AIA Complimentary Passes – Replacement Requests

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| Ron Bayer | Board Member | Deer Valley Unified |
| John Shalongo | Cross Country Coach | Millennium |

Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2013-2014 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 2013-2014 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <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**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:

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| Cibecue | Girls' Volleyball contest with NFL YET 9/6/13 |
| Marcos de Niza | Girls' Golf Program |
| Mayer | Boys' Basketball contest with Apache Junction 12/6/13 |
| Round Valley | Girls' Volleyball contest with Monument Valley 9/26/13 |
| Salt River | Varsity Football contests with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bagdad 10/4/13 • Salome 10/18/13 |
| St. Johns | Girls' Volleyball contest with Rock Point 10/28/13 |
| Tohono O'odham | Football contest with St. David 10/4/13 |

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

1A North Meeting Minutes – 9/5/13

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:

- ✓ Financial Report for September 2013

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Jeff Feldman, Athletic Director from Greenway, addressed the Board regarding a Home Run Derby. Mr. Feldman provided the Board with a draft copy of a "Home Run Derby" packet which contained the following:

- Participation Rule
- Timeline and Vote
- Rules of Play
- Set Up and Regulations
- Field Diagram
- Liability Waivers

Discussion was held at length regarding catastrophic insurance for such an event. It was determined that AIA staff and Mr. Feldman will investigate the cost of purchasing additional insurance to cover participating students and the Board will address again at the November 18th Board meeting.

The Board discussed creating Policy/Procedures designed for creating new programs – re: flag football, Robotics. etc. Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Mignella will draft a process which will be presented to the Board in November and will then be shared with the Superintendents' Advisory Committee and membership.

Mr. Schmidt briefed the Board on the Athletics for All Task Force Policies & Procedures – US Department of Education – Dear Colleague Letter.

The Board discussed the Hardship Appeals Committee and reviewed the operations of the committee. Mr. Schmidt noted that he had met with the committee and addressed their questions and concerns regarding hardships that were appealed to the Executive Board. Discussion was held regarding the term of the committee possibly being 3 years, corresponding to their Executive Board Rep's seat and the Sports' Advisory Committees.

It was announced that Tesseract (Associate Member) withdrew on 9/18/13 due to change of leadership and will reapply as a Full Member 2014-15.

A letter was shared with the Board from Monument Valley seeking permission to have their female members of the MVHS wrestling team compete in the Pa' Ani Wahine Wrestling Challenge to be held at Punahou High School in Honolulu, Hawaii on December 27, 2013. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Monument Valley's request.

Mr. Schmidt updated the Board on AIA365.com and the NFHS Network. Mr. Schmidt conveyed the growth of the networks and the opportunities for schools to engage students-journalists. He reminded schools that if they had any questions related to AIA365.com or the NFHS Network, to please contact the AIA.

Mr. Schmidt updated the Board on SMAC, football participation exemptions, cancellation of games and upcoming recommendations from the Football Sports Advisory Committee.

Open Discussion – Current Issues

5A Conference

Hi-Health contract

Approval of extra games

Super Sectionals – held at the #1 high seed school

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:

- Hopi (*Wallace Youvella abstained from voting*)
- Morenci
- Florence
- Seligman

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION

DEER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL –
PARTICIPATION OF TWO INELIGIBLE FOOTBALL PLAYERS

The following representatives entered the meeting and left upon completion of their presentations:

Dr. James Veitenheimer, Superintendent

Krista Anderson, Associate Superintendent

Bill Gahn, District Athletic Director

Heidi Vega, Manager – Communications & Community Engagement

At the request of DVUSD on behalf of DVHS Administration, Dr. Veitenheimer called for Executive Session to discuss personnel issues – 10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

On 10/8/13, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, and based on DVUSD's response to September 16, 2013, determined that the Deer Valley High School **Football Program will remain on Probation** and all other **Athletic and Activities Programs** will be placed on **Advisement** for one year – 9/16/13-9/16/14.

In accordance with the due process provisions of Article 16, Section 16.4, Paragraph 16.4.5 of the AIA Bylaws, Deer Valley Unified School District submitted an appeal for reconsideration of the Probation sanction against the Football Program.

Following reconsideration, and on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board, based on DVUSD's response to October 8, 2013, placed the Deer Valley High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year – 9/16/13-9/16/14.

CONCERNS REGARDING RACISM - RESERVATION SCHOOLS

Mr. Youvella briefed the Board on an incident that occurred at Monument Valley. Mr. Youvella reported that after the JV football game at Monument Valley, a Page football coach was overheard by Monument Valley staff making racial slurs directed at the Monument Valley community and student body. It was noted that the Page Superintendent is currently investigating the incident. Mr. Youvella suggested that the Diversity Committee be brought back and continue to educate schools regarding awareness/diversity of all races. It was proposed that a summit be created in the Northeast and that Mr. Youvella will be involved with AIA staff in making those arrangements.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO AIA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following as Emergency Legislation which will again be voted on by Membership at the March 7, 2014 Legislative Council Meeting:

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT (Emergency)

Amend AIA Bylaws: Article 12 Post-Season Tournaments
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Rationale:

The Tie Breaking procedures currently listed in the bylaws is out of date because it is linked to the power point system previously used in the last two year block.

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Rule: Article 12. Post-Season Tournaments, Section 12.1 Post-Season Tournaments

12.1 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS

- 12.1.6 ~~AIA Tie Breaking Procedure Proposal~~ **ALL SPORTS**
- ~~1. Head to Head (Regular Season)~~
 - ~~2. Regular Season Win Percentage Within Your Schools Division~~
 - ~~3. Regular Season Win Percentage in All Games~~
 - ~~4. Total Opponent Victory Points Divided by Number of Counting Games~~
 - ~~5. Total Opponent Opponent Victory Points Divided by Number of Counting Games~~
 - ~~6. Coin Flip (if for seeding only)~~
 - ~~7. Mini Playoff (if to get into the tournament)~~

12.1.6 **How Section Champions/ Automatic Qualifiers are Determined**

For purposes of determining the section champion/automatic qualifiers for the state tournament (section or super sectional tournament in basketball), it is based first on win percentage within section games only. Therefore, the section standings are sorted based on section win percentage.

If teams are tied on section win percentage, the tie breaker is as follows, and will be noted on the standings pages as such:

1. Head to Head in Section Games
2. Division Win Percentage
3. Overall Win Percentage
4. Overall Power Ranking
5. Coin Flip if simply to break a tie for seeding
6. Mini playoff if to get into the tournament

Seeding Tie Breaking Procedure for Team Sports

For purposes of determining the seeding in team sports for AIA related brackets, the first criteria is the AIA Seeding powered by MaxPreps.

If teams are tied at season end in the AIA Seeding powered by MaxPreps, the tie breaker is as follows:

1. Head to Head
2. Division Win Percentage
3. Overall Win Percentage
4. Coin Flip if simply to break a tie for seeding
5. Mini playoff if to get into the tournament

BYLAW DISCUSSION – BASEBALL & SOFTBALL – NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

Rule: Article 20, Baseball, Section 20.5 Number of Games in Season

20.5.3 No player shall participate in more than 20 baseball games per season, excluding ~~qualifying~~ and post-season tournaments.

20.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: Division IV players may participate in an unlimited number of baseball games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

20.5.3.2 EXCEPTION: Division III & IV schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 50% more matches or games than the regularly scheduled matches or games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

Example: If a school scheduled 20 games or matches, each player could participate in 50% more games or matches for a total of 30.

Rule: Article 23 Softball, Section 26.5 Number of Games in Season

26.5.3 No player shall participate in more than 20 softball games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

26.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: Division III & IV schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 50% more matches or games than the regularly scheduled matches or games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

Example: If a school scheduled 20 games or matches, each player could participate in 50% more games or matches for a total of 30.

Discussion was held regarding a contradiction in the above bylaws. A motion was made to eliminate 20.5.3.1 – but failed. The Board determined that the Baseball and Softball Sports Advisory Committees review the bylaws and discuss the discrepancy.

4A CONFERENCE – SPLIT NORTH/SOUTH SECTION

On February 25, 2013, the 4A Conference on a motion made by Jeannine Brandel and seconded by Joe Paddock, proposed the split of the section in which the North and South were placed into one, as each having their own section for an automatic qualifier to state and for section recognition, was **approved**. With that, the following is recommended for Board approval:

1. **Basketball:** Division II, Section I, split into two separate sections for purposes of auto qualifying to the state tournament and for section recognition. Each of the two sections will hold a three team section tournament with one automatic qualifier to state from the two respective sections.
2. **Winter Soccer:** Division II, Section V, split into two separate sections for purposes of auto qualifying to the state tournament and for section recognition. Each of the two sections will earn one auto qualifier to the state tournament.
3. **Baseball/Softball:** Division II, Section V, split into two separate sections for purposes of auto qualifying to the state tournament and for section recognition. Each of the two sections will earn one auto qualifier to the state tournament.
4. **Tennis:** Division II, Section III, split into two separate sections for purposes of auto qualifying to the state tournament and for section recognition. Each of the two sections will earn one auto qualifier to the state team tournament.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the above recommendation.

CONCERNS – CANCELLATION OF GAMES

Mr. Mark Goodman, Superintendent from St. David, addressed the Board, via web cam, regarding cancellation of games. Mr. Goodman related to the Board that St. David had 8 football games scheduled – 6 by computer and 2 freedom games and that 3 computer scheduled games have been cancelled – one being his homecoming game. He noted that this year, St. David has had no Homecoming or Senior night which has affected the students and the entire community – not to mention the financial loss. Mr. Goodman and the Board agreed that there should be some consequences to teams dropping games mid-season. Some suggestions made were:

- If a team cannot complete their schedules, they should be required to play a JV schedule the next year.
- Schools that cancel, would be held accountable for the financial losses of the other school
- Punitive action would be taken
- Review scheduling process for Division VI schools

AIA staff will review bylaws and develop a cancellation policy to address the cancellation of games.

REQUEST - EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 14.7

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.7 All-Star Competition

14.7 ALL-STAR COMPETITION**14.7.1 POSITION STATEMENT**

The member schools of the AIA oppose all-star competition during the school year and shall oppose all efforts of any organization, agency or individual to establish such competition.

14.7.2 During the school year, administrators and coaches shall decline any invitation to participate in all-star competition, shall refrain from recommending any student athlete for all-star competition and shall refuse to provide use of any high school facility for all-star competition, unless specifically sanctioned by the Executive Board.

The schools listed below are requesting exception to AIA Bylaw 14.7 to allow their coaches to participate in the Canyon Coast Classic All Star Game. The fourth annual Arizona-Southern California High School All-Star Football Game will be held on January 20, 2014 at Riverside City College, Wheelock Stadium.

- Paradise Valley Coach Donnie Yantis
- Verrado Coach Derek Wahlstrom
- Westview Coach Jeff Bowen

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **denied** Paradise Valley, Verrado and Westview's requests.

CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL - DETERMINATION

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.7 All-Star Competition

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Ms. Jody Brase, Athletic Director from Catalina Foothills requested an interpretation of the above bylaw and also provided information regarding Global Football and Coach Jeff Scurran.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **denied** the exception to the above bylaw for Coach Jeff Scurran.

DESERT EDGE – REQUEST – EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 20.5.1

Rule: Article 20. Baseball, Section 20.5 Number of Games in Season

20.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

20.5.1 *No school shall schedule more than 20 varsity games, including two invitationals, which shall count as one game each.*

Desert Edge is requesting an exception to the maximum allowable games bylaw. Lakeside High School – Seattle, WA will be in town to get some better weather, does not have the ability to stay for an extensive tournament and are looking for a game or two. Coaches have a relationship from college coaching.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **denied** Desert Edge's request.

RAYMOND S. KELLIS – REQUEST – EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 31.6.1

Rule: Article 31. Wrestling, Section 31.6 Number of Opportunities (Meets) In Season

31.6 NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES (MEETS) IN SEASON

31.6.1 *No school shall schedule more than 12 varsity meets, including four invitationals.*

Raymond S. Kellis is hosting the Peoria District's wrestling meet and is requesting an additional wrestling invitational for the following Peoria District schools:

- Raymond S. Kellis
- Peoria
- Sunrise Mountain
- Ironwood
- Cactus
- Centennial
- Liberty

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Raymond S. Kellis' request for the above mentioned schools.

3A NORTH – REQUEST - EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 21.5.1

Rule: Article 21. Basketball, Section 21.5 Number of Games In Season

21.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

21.5.1 No school shall schedule more than 20 varsity games, including two invitationals, which shall count as one game each.

3A North is seeking approval for the 2013 Tournament of Champions Basketball Tournament. Tournament will be held December 26-28, 2013 – site TBD. Schools involved:

- Chinle
- Ganado
- Holbrook
- Monument Valley
- Page
- Tuba City
- Window Rock
- Winslow

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** 3A North's request for the above mentioned schools.

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- Apollo** – an additional FR girls'/boys' basketball game to help fill **Glendale's** schedule.
Boulder Creek – an additional baseball game to help fill **Mountain Pointe's** schedule.
Coconino – an additional JV/VAR baseball game to help fill **Page's** schedule.
Copper Canyon – an additional boys' soccer game to help fill **Bradshaw Mountain's** schedule.
Independence – an additional FR girls'/boys' basketball game to help fill **Glendale's** schedule.
Ironwood – an additional boys' soccer game to help fill **Bradshaw Mountain's** schedule.
Kingman – an additional JV girls' basketball game to help fill **Lee Williams'** schedule.
Liberty – an additional boys' soccer game to help fill **Bradshaw Mountain's** schedule.
Payson – an additional baseball game to help fill **Page's** schedule.
Peoria – an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Raymond S. Kellis'** schedule.
Perry – an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Apache Junction's** schedule.
Red Mountain – an additional baseball game (all levels) to help fill **Corona del Sol's** schedule.
St. Johns – an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Pinon's** schedule.
Washington – an additional FR girls'/boys' basketball game to help fill **Glendale's** schedule.

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION -
FAILING TO APPEAR AS SENDING SCHOOL FOR HARDSHIP APPEALS**

15.14 HARDSHIP (Form 15.10)

15.14.7 *Upon request by the Executive Director or designee, the sending school shall provide a representative during the hardship appeal hearing(s) before the Hardship Appeals Committee and/or the Executive Board. Failure of the sending school representative to attend shall not prevent or otherwise delay any hearing or decision on the appeal, but the failure to appear SHALL be considered a violation of the AIA Bylaws and may result in sanction as determined by the Executive Board.*

***The following representative entered the meeting and left upon completion of his presentation:
Russell Doty, Athletic Director***

SABINO HIGH SCHOOL

On 9/16/13, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sabino High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year for a reported violation of Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.14 Hardship of the AIA Bylaws.

In accordance with the due process provisions of Article 16, Section 16.4, Paragraph 16.4.5 of the AIA Bylaws, Sabino High School submitted an appeal for reconsideration of the Advisement sanction against the Activities Program.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board determined that the Sabino High School's **Activities Program** will remain on **Advisement** for one year 9/16/13-9/16/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 10. Sanction Procedures, Section 10.1 Sanctioned Events

Reported Violation:

A golf tournament held on 9/6-7/13 was not approved by the NFHS until 9/9/13. NFHS stated the reason for the delay was due to issues with some Canadian provinces that had not responded to the request. Also, there were invitations to states that did not have any schools listed on the list of invited schools. Those states could not find where their schools were listed and were delayed in responding.

School's Corrective Action:

Met with Mr. Hines from the AIA to review sanctioning procedures.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Hamilton High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Advisement** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

Dan Serrano abstained from voting.

KINGMAN HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.1 Student Eligibility Requirements

Reported Violation:

Ineligible JV football player. Coaches failed to ensure that all necessary paperwork was recorded before allowing student to participate. Student did have his physical and concussion paperwork on file. He was a transfer student and athletic office had not yet finished the 520 paperwork when the coaches allowed him to play.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. The new coaches will be in-serviced again on the rules regarding student eligibility. The player has been removed from competition and will be held out until all paperwork has been filed.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kingman High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

BLUE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.1 Student Eligibility Requirements

Reported Violations: (2 violations – Boys' Soccer & Chess)

Ineligible boys' soccer player. Boys' JV soccer coach allowed student to play in a game without having received his white clearance slip. Student's 520 paperwork was incomplete.

Seven (7) ineligible chess players. Chess coach allowed non-cleared players to compete in a chess tournament at Goldwater prior to receiving their white clearance slips. Coach failed to keep proper track/record of which players were cleared for competition.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Coaches in violation were counseled and reminded of the proper procedures for allowing athletes to participate. A letter of concern was also placed in their files. Soccer player was benched for the next/first JV game he was eligible for.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Blue Ridge High School **Boys' Soccer and Chess Programs** on **Advisement** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

The following representatives entered the meeting and left upon completion of their presentations:

Dr. Michael Fowler, District Athletic Director

Jeremy Richards, Athletic Director

HIGLEY HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.1 Student Eligibility Requirements

Reported Violation:

Ineligible football player. Student transferred from Desert Ridge on 9-13-12, after participating in two (2) varsity football games. Once at Higley, the student did not participate in any interscholastic competition during the 2012-13 school year. Appropriate AIA forms were completed: 520, 530. This athlete should have been flagged for the 2013-14 school year because there were only two ways for this athlete to be eligible; 1) a successful hardship appeal, or 2) a change of domicile – 15.5.2.4).

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. A change in school A.D. has occurred. In-service of all district Athletic Directors. Use of the correct Form 15.13-A with all students who move with a 520 or 530 when applicable. Extensive review of all current athletic files with specific focus on transfer students. A clear process for all student athletes who transferred in from another school. Future transfer students will have their domicile change verified by the local Administration and District Administration. The ineligible student's domicile change was verified and supporting documents were presented and a home visit did occur prior to making an official determination regarding an official domicile change.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Higley High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Warning** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14 and **denied** rescinding the forfeitures.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

SAN LUIS HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 14, General Provisions, Section 14.14 Concussion Education
Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

Reported Violation:

Ineligible boys' swimmer. New swim coach did not follow clearance procedures and allowed a student to practice without being fully cleared. Coach had observed student turning in clearance packet and when he showed up to practice, the coach assumed he had been cleared. The clearance packet had been rejected due to lack of parental signatures and concussion testing.

School's Corrective Action:

Practice only. Coach held a meeting to confirm all participants were cleared. Coach will meet with the A.D. and review the clearing process once again. Coach will receive a print out of AIA rules for swim as previously they were directed to the website to review the rules. If errors in judgment continue, coach shall be removed.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Luis High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Warning** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

Toni Badone abstained from voting.

PERRY 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 boys'/girls' cross country runners. Runners attended practice without clearance from the athletic office. The coach of the girls' team had been collecting clearance cards from both the boys' and girls' teams. She did not communicate with the boys' coach about who had turned in their cards, so he assumed the male athletes were all cleared and allowed them to practice.

School's Corrective Action:

Practice only. All coaches were in-serviced on the clearance procedures prior to the start of the season. After the violation was found, the A.D. met with the entire cross country coaching staff and the procedures were explained again. At that time, they were directed to designate a specific coach from the boys' team and a specific coach from the girls' team who will be in charge of collecting clearance cards from the athletes on their respective teams.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Perry High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Warning** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

Dan Serrano abstained from voting.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

SAN PASQUAL 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 and volleyball players. After a review of the physicals, it was discovered that four (4) athletes were allowed to practice without their physicals.

School's Corrective Action:

Practice only. Coaches will be in-serviced on rules and policies regarding physical exam rule and parental or legal guardian consent.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Pasqual High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Warning** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY 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, Section 15.10.2*

Reported Violation:

Ineligible JV volleyball player. Student submitted paperwork to JV volleyball coach and began practice on 9/11/13. She was given a uniform by the coach and played in a JV match on 9/12/13. First year teacher/coach assumed the player was eligible because he had seen the paperwork. The student athlete was a transfer student and had not been cleared by the athletic administration.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Student athlete and parents were notified that the student is ineligible to participate in any volleyball matches – practice only. A.D. met with the coach to discuss the error in judgment causing the violation and readdressed the school's clearance policy. Athletic administration will add additional pre-season training and provide coaching handbooks for new and first year coaches, including review of all applicable bylaws.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Scottsdale Preparatory Academy **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Warning** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

The following representatives entered the meeting and left upon completion of their presentations:

*Shawn Wasson, Athletic Director
Zulema Suarez, Assistant Principal*

SANTA RITA HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.9 Maximum Participation Rule

Reported Violation:

Ineligible football player. Transfer student was a 5th year senior starting his 9th semester of school. Santa Rita has a new A.D. and a brand new administration this year, and while performing multiple jobs, did not realize the status of this athlete.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. In-service all athletic staff and school personnel who deal with new and incoming transfer students to be aware of graduation cohort and number of semesters enrolled in school. Add an addendum to AIA eligibility questionnaire. Letter of direction to all staff associated with the oversight. Re-evaluate personnel job duties/tasks and work with district leadership for possible additional funding for personnel.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Santa Rita High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Advisement** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14 and **denied** rescinding the forfeiture.

CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 17. Coaches & Coaching, Section 17.1 Coaching Qualification

Reported Violation:

A volunteer football coach completed the "Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know" but did not complete the required Fundamentals of Coaching class. The volunteer coach will not be allowed on the field until the class is complete. The head coach, in his first year at CF, was given a letter of direction

School's Corrective Action:

Contests not forfeited. The violation regarded office procedures and training of coaches. The head coach, in his first year at CF, was given a letter of direction to ensure that all coaches meet the timeline and complete the required classes needed for coaching. The proper clearance procedures were reviewed with the head coach and the athletic department. We have reviewed and corrected our office procedures to prevent this from happening in the future.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Catalina Foothills High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Advisement** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

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

*The following representative entered the meeting and left upon completion of his presentation:
Rocky Nelson, Athletic Director*

Reported Violation:

Head JV football coach removed his team from the field at half time of the contest. The head coach felt that the game was getting out of hand and was concerned for the health and safety of the players. Game played on Thursday - 9/12/13 at Payson.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Head JV coach was in-serviced with head coach present Friday morning on AIA Bylaw 23.1.2 Rule 23.1.2 will be included to pre-season coaches meeting agenda for all coaches. Head JV coach was suspended for two (2) games and removed from the JV head coaching position. Apology was sent to Payson A.D.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mogollon High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

Ken VanWinkle abstained from voting.

MARANA HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 23. Football, Section 23.9 Out-of-Season Football Activities

Reported Violation:

There was language in the football players' handbook that implied that participation on the Fall 2013 football team was contingent on participation in summer activities.

School's Corrective Action:

Marana will correct this action by in-servicing new coach, updating the football handbook and A.D. will attend workshops regarding bylaw interpretation.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Marana High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Advisement** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

Doug Wilson abstained from voting.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

The following representative entered the meeting and left upon completion of his presentation:

Mike Elder, Athletic Director

NORTHLAND PREPARATORY ACADEMY reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 25. Soccer, Section 25.1 Rules

Reported Violation:

Boys' Soccer - during the second game of the Old Pueblo Soccer Tournament, hosted by Desert Christian, it was determined by NPA coaches that the officials were losing control of the game. Play by both teams became dangerously rough. Two players were taken out of the contest due to injuries. On several occasions, NPA coaches tried to ask the officials to call the game "tighter" in the hopes that the unsportsmanlike play could be reigned in, however to no affect. There was no field marshal or anyone from Desert Christian's administrative staff present (violation of Bylaw 11.2.9) for coach to talk to in the hopes that they might convince the officials to tighten up the game. NPA coach was afraid for the safety of his players. Out of fear, he believed that the only way to protect them from sustaining any additional injuries was to remove them from play. This resulted in him calling them to the sideline and ending the game. He knew what he had done was an AIA violation, as he admitted on the phone after the game. He said he didn't know what else to do, and truly believed that another player could have been seriously injured had he not taken them off the field.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Before the start of the season, a coaches in-service is held where all go over NPA's athletic handbook and AIA Constitution and Bylaws. A "case study" will be included, beginning immediately that will simulate conditions that the team and coach experienced on 10/4 while competing at the Old Pueblo Soccer Tournament. Coaches will be asked, give this situation, what could you do to mitigate a dangerous situation? Coaches will brainstorm to come up with appropriate alternatives, such as, 1) talking to the official and the opposing team's coach to formulate a plan; 2) ask for a time out until a field marshal or a representative from the administration staff is present, and discuss the situation with them; but under no circumstances is a team to walk off the field.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Northland Preparatory Academy **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Probation** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

The following representative entered the meeting and left upon completion of his presentation:

Randy Walker, Athletic Director

DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 30. Volleyball, Section 30.1 Rules

Reported Violation:

During a volleyball game at Walden Grove, a player began to have stomach pain. After the varsity team had played two games, the trainer and coaches decided that she should go to the hospital. Since it was not an emergency issue, an ambulance was not called. The AD/trainer and coaches agreed that they would take her to the hospital by school bus. Douglas district has a rule that a bus may not leave without all students, so coaches decided that the athlete's condition was worsening and would transport her to the hospital.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Douglas High School **Girls' Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

THATCHER HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 30. Volleyball, Section 30.5 Number of Games in Season

Reported Violation:

The JV volleyball team played in the Thatcher invitational volleyball tournament.

School's Corrective Action:

A.D. will continue to attend all bylaw workshops to learn and understand the bylaws. Thatcher will not host an invitational volleyball tournament next year.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Thatcher High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Warning** for one year 10/21/13-10/21/14.

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with the following correspondence:

- ✓ Thank You – Lifetime Pass
- ✓ Thank You – Walden Grove
- ✓ AIA drops probation hammer on all Deer Valley High School sports (*yourwestvalley.com 9/17/13*)
- ✓ Updated: Deer Valley placed on probation (*AIA Blogs 9/16/13*)
- ✓ Petition – AIA – Repeal their 9/16/13 decision – Deer Valley (www.change.org 9/18/13)
- ✓ Would I Let My Son Play Football? (*New York Times 9/18/13*)
- ✓ The Case Against High School Sports (*The Atlantic 10/2013*)
- ✓ E-mail – Deer Valley Parent
- ✓ Kentucky high schools told no more postgame handshakes (*foxnews.com 10/9/13*)
- ✓ AIA lift postseason ban on all Deer Valley except football (Updated with results of DVUSD board meeting) (*West Valley Preps 10/9/13*)
- ✓ AIA only did its job in Deer Valley Case (*Scott Bordow - azcentral.com 10/11/13*)

FUTURE DATES

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| October 28-29, 2013 | Hardship Appeals – Winter Sports |
| November 11, 2013 | Holiday – AIA Office Closed |
| November 18, 2013 | Executive Board Meeting |
| November 28-29, 2013 | Holiday – AIA Office Closed |
| December 9, 2013 | Executive Board Meeting |
| December 24-25, 2013 | Holiday – AIA Office Closed |
| December 31-Jan. 1, 2014 | Holiday – AIA Office Closed |
| January 20, 2014 | Holiday – AIA Office Closed |
| January 21, 2014 | Executive Board Meeting |
| January 21, 2014 | Deadline – Hardship Appeals – Spring Sports |
| January 23, 2014 | Deadline – Legislative Council Meeting Agenda |
| January 27-28, 2014 | Hardship Appeals – Spring Sports |

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, November 18, 2013. 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, November 7, 2013.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director