



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
November 17, 2014**

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, November 17, 2014 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Doug Wilson 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)  
Anna Battle, Ed.D., 5A Conference (Tempe Union High School District)  
Toni Badone, AdvancED (Yuma Union High School District)  
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)  
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  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media  
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Michael Fowler	Mike Sivertson	Anthony Licaroli
Les Willsey	Steve McDowell	Tony Licaroli
Scot Bordow	Rod Huston	Nedra Kelener
Tyler Killian	Rev. Jarrett Maupin	Florentino Fernandez
Greg Haagsma	Raymond Walcott	Rhonda Lightfoot
Marcus Williams	Bakari Evelyn	Shani Lee
Corey Newland	Kurt Keener	Mitch Lightfoot
Monica Barrett	Jim Sadler	

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

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

- 8:35 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.
- 12:50 p.m. to 1:25 p.m.
- 3:55 p.m. to 4:25 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following minutes were **approved**:

- Executive Board Meeting – October 20, 2014
- Special Executive Board Meeting – October 29, 2014

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

Jeff Bowen	Westview	26 years
Brad Frank	Horizon	25 years
Michael Griffith	Marcos de Niza	25 years
Lester Helton	Greyhills Academy	27 years
George Moate	Coconino	30 years

**AIA Complimentary Passes – Replacement Requests**

Monica Barrett	Athletic Director	Notre Dame Prep
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**Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate And Interstate Activities – 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 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 – 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 requests that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

ASDB	VAR Girls' Basketball Program
Bowie-San Simon	VAR Baseball Program
Fredonia	VAR Football Contest with Beaver Dam 8/30/14
Gila Bend	JV Girls' Basketball Program
Maryvale	JV Football Contest with Valley Vista 10/23/14
Phoenix Christian	FR Football Contest with Tempe 10/15/14
Pinon	VAR Football Contest with Many Farms 10/30/14
Queen Creek	FR Football Contest with Campo Verde 10/29/14
San Miguel	VAR Cross Country Program
Scottsdale Christian	JV Girls' Soccer Program
Seligman	VAR Volleyball Contest with Shonto Prep 10/28/14
Sierra Linda	JV Football Contest with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Desert Edge 10/16/14</li> <li>▪ Verrado 10/23/14</li> </ul>
Telesis Prep	Entire Girls' Basketball Program
The Gregory School	VAR Girls' Basketball Program
Vista Grande	VAR/JV/FR - Volleyball Contest with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Salpointe Catholic 10/30/14</li> </ul>

**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 reports:

- ✓ Financial Report for October 2014
- ✓ AIA Annual Report

*Rule: Article 6. Executive Board, Section 6.5 Duties of the AIA Executive Board, Paragraph 6.5.15*

- 6.5.7 *The AIA Executive Board shall employ a Commissioner of Officials and authorize that person to make decisions relating to recruiting, screening, assigning, supervision, evaluating, training, etc., in order to provide member schools with sports officials. **At least annually, prior to November 1, the Commissioner of Officials shall present to the Executive Board information regarding officials' fees and make recommendations regarding any proposed adjustment to said fees.***

As per the above bylaw, Mr. Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials, reported that he **will not** be recommending any fee increases for the 2015-2016 school year.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Dr. Slemmer provided the Board with information from CSIET – The CSIET Guide to United States International Student Visa Programs. The article refers to J-1 and F-1 visas.

Discussion was held regarding Canadian baseball teams “club teams” requesting to play in AIA sanctioned baseball tournaments. Mr. Schmidt explained that the Provincial Associations do not sanction baseball and that the teams **are not** approved per Article 10.

A Report from an AIA football official was shared with the Board regarding a Dysart FR Football Game. There was some confusion by a coach regarding the football speed-up rule and the running clock. It was noted that the clock **does not** run continuously.

23.1.5 FOOTBALL SPEED-UP RULE – *Special timing rules will apply anytime a team is ahead of an opponent by 42 or more points. The referee will start the clock on the ready for play signal if the clock was stopped because:*

- *The ball goes out of bounds*
- *There was a change of possession*
- *A legal or illegal pass is incomplete*
- *A delay of game penalty*
- *Following a legal kick play*

*Regular timing rules shall apply in the last two minutes of the game or when the score returns to less than 42 points.*

Discussion was held at length regarding realignment. The Board was presented with the following three (3) options for classification consideration:

Option 1 – continue with the current process for classifying member schools in all sports for the next three year block, including the current division/section and scheduling process.

Option 2 - continue for one year with the current division and section alignment.

Option 3 – AIA continues development on a new division alignment formula. The formula would take into account enrollment, free and reduced lunch, rankings history and participation, all of which over a three (3) to five (5) year span. AIA to work with experts in the mathematics field regarding the creation of the formula.

Please refer to the following link for reference to the presentation:

[Classification Realignment Scheduling Discussion - Board Meeting 11.17.14](#)

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Option 3.

The Board then discussed the number of divisions. Discussion points:

- Increasing divisions does not automatically increase revenue
- How many divisions do we really need?
- Managing additional games and tournaments – revenue and expenses
- Venue options
- Centralizing sites
- Maximizing revenue
- Every year something changes: difficult to plan; places Association and schools at risk

The Board asked for staff recommendations at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd**

The Board was provided a copy of the Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC) Agreement & Policy and also reviewed a letter from the AzATA regarding the New AIA policy regarding post-season medical coverage.

**Open Discussion – Current Issues**

**1A Conference**

- Football – venue qualification for high seed sites – some sites are not adequate by standards that should be in place for safety and quality.
- Five Divisions – basketball only – discussed recommendation to move to five divisions with 16 teams qualifying for the state tournament. Will again be discussed on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Wilson requested that AIA staff again draft language for the transfer / radius rule similar to that from 2013, to be presented at the March 6, 2015 Legislative Council meeting. Per Dr. Wilson's direction, the language will be presented at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting by staff.

**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:

- Cortez High School
- Sunnyside

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA BYLAW 11.4**

*Recommendation from Cancellation of Contests Committee  
Legislative Council Meeting – March 6, 2015*

**ARTICLE 11 – SCHEDULING OF CONTESTS & SCHEDULE CONTRACTS**

**11.4 SCHEDULE CONTRACTS - VARSITY / JUNIOR VARSITY / FRESHMAN**

11.4.4.2 When a school finds it impossible to fulfill a varsity master schedule obligation which does not have a bearing on a regional or state play-off, it must notify the other school(s) involved as soon as possible. Any such cancellation or postponement must be by mutual consent of the school(s) involved.

~~11.4.4.2.1 In the event a school(s) does not agree to the cancellation or postponement of a varsity master schedule obligation, the AIA Executive Board shall make the final decision.~~

11.4.4.2.1 In the event there is not a mutual consent between schools in the cancellation of a contest (all levels), the school cancelling the contest shall be fined \$1,500.00. Appealable to the AIA Executive Board within 10 days of cancellation.

11.4.4.2.2 The fine will be paid to the AIA and within 10 days upon receipt of the payment, AIA will send \$1,050.00 to the school whose game was cancelled.

11.4.4.2.3 In the case where a school cancels more than 20% of the games in a season (all levels – with or without mutual consent), the school will be excluded from post-season play in that sport for that season.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **Tabled** the proposal and suggested changes and additional feedback. The proposal will again be addressed in December.

**APPROVAL – COMMITTEES**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the selection of the following committees.

- ✓ **1A – Sports Advisory Committee**  
Basketball –
  - Rick Honsinger, Mogollon – Administrator
  - Steve Yoder, San Simon – Coach
  
- ✓ **5A – Sports Advisory Committee**  
Swim -
  - Scot Schmidt, Mesa - Administrator
 Badminton –
  - Steve Harris, Mesa Mountain View - Administrator
  
- ✓ **Placement Appeals Committee**
  - 5A - Greg Schultz, Skyline
  - 5A - Tommy Eubanks, Chaparral
  - 3A – Kevin Standerfer, Snowflake
  - 3A – Jennifer White, Payson

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

**Basha** – girls’ basketball game to help fill ***Cibola’s*** schedule.  
**Bradshaw Mountain** – FR boys’ basketball game to help fill ***Cortez’s*** schedule.  
**Chandler Prep** –VAR girls’ soccer game to help fill ***Arete Prep’s*** schedule.  
**Globe** – VAR boys’ basketball game to help fill ***Cibecue’s*** schedule.  
**Hamilton** – FR/JV boys’ basketball game to help fill ***Mt. View’s*** schedule.  
**Ironwood** – JV girls’ soccer game to help fill ***Cactus’*** schedule.  
**Kingman Acad.** – VAR girls’ basketball game to help fill ***Mohave Accelerated’s*** schedule.  
**Lake Havasu** – VAR/JV/FR girls’ basketball game to help fill ***Lee Williams’*** schedule.  
**Mingus** – VAR girls’ basketball game to help fill ***Lee Williams’*** schedule.  
**Mohave** – girls’ basketball & girls’ soccer to help fill ***Lee Williams’*** schedule.  
**Parker** - VAR girls’ basketball game to help fill ***Lee Williams’*** schedule.  
**Perry** – VAR/JV girls’ basketball game to help fill ***Apache Junction’s*** schedule.  
**Walden Grove** – boys’ soccer game to help fill ***Tanque Verde’s*** schedule.  
**Washington** – VAR boys’ basketball game to help fill ***Glendale’s*** schedule.  
**Westwood** – B/G basketball game to help fill ***Gila Ridge’s*** schedule.  
**Window Rock** – B/G basketball game to help fill ***Monument Valley’s*** schedule.  
**Winslow** – girls’ basketball game to help fill ***Safford’s*** schedule.

**REQUEST - EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 21.5.3**

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

**21.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

21.5.3 *No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night.*

21.5.3.1 *EXCEPTION: Division IV, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in an unlimited number of quarters/night during the season.*

One day only exception – 1/10/15 - Freshman B/G games for the following schools to be played at Hopi High School:

- Hopi
- Greyhills
- Many Farms
- St. Johns

2014-15 Season

Pusch Ridge Christian Academy – Boys & Girls (rosters provided)

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the above requests for an exception to AIA Bylaw 21.5.3

**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 an exception to AIA Bylaw 14.7:

- |            |                       |                                  |
|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Hamilton | Coach Steve Belles    | Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl |
| • Maryvale | Coach George Martinez | Blue/Grey All-American Bowl      |

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Hamilton & Maryvale’s requests for an exception to AIA Bylaw 21.5.3



**REQUEST - EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 31.6**

*Rule: Article 36. Wrestling, Section 31.6 Number of Opportunities (Meets) In Season*

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

The Peoria Unified School District is requesting approval to host an additional team wrestling tournament on January 14, 2015 for the following district schools:

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

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Peoria Unified School District's request for an exception to AIA Bylaw 31.6.1.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**VISTA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,  
*Article 11. Scheduling of Contests & Schedule Contracts, Section 11.4 Cancellation or Postponement*

**Reported Violation:**

Girls' varsity volleyball game was cancelled with Salpointe Catholic 24 hours prior to game due to previous behavior of two players on team. The volleyball coaching staff throughout the season has had difficulty with managing the team, specifically a few members of the varsity that continue to create drama amongst them. During previous game, girls made threatening comments to coaches, and the parents of one of these two girls were aggressively waiting in the parking lot for the coaches. Police and school security were called and were able to disperse the players, coaches and parents in an orderly fashion. After a thorough investigation, Principal and A.D. decided on the side of safety, emotional stress placed on entire volleyball team, coaches included, and well being of both the teams, coaches, and parents and would not permit the coaching staff and all players to participate in the game against Salpointe Catholic. At that time, the Adm. Assistant made the calls to both Salpointe and the AIA to cancel.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Investigation is still on-going. A.D. will fill out proper paperwork prior to events and contact AIA for guidance when in question.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Vista Grande High School **Girls' Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

**MOHAVE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,  
*Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.1 Student Eligibility Requirements*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible football player. Student did not change domicile when transferring from Mohave Accelerated Learning Center and played in varsity football games week 0 thru week 5.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Counselors will notify the A.D. and Asst. A.D. of transfer students that play to play sports for Mohave High School. The Asst. A.D. will run all rosters prior to the first competition to see if there are student transfers that might have gone unnoticed.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mohave High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**AJO HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.9 Maximum Participation Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible football player. Student was deemed ineligible due to maximum participation rule and domicile rule. He completed his 8 semesters at Morenci. Parents are not domiciled in the Ajo district.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. All students submitting participation packets will have the A.D. check for adequate records from school office and/or parents before any participation is allowed.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Ajo High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

**SHOW LOW HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' volleyball player. A 520 Form was not filled out as well as a 530 Form for a JV volleyball player who transferred from Snowflake High School. She did not play volleyball in Snowflake, so A.D. mistakenly thought that she did not need the forms filled out.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Show Low will identify all transfer students and file necessary paperwork in the future by having coaches report transfers and then more carefully research information.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Show Low High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**WILLIAMS FIELD HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.12 Recruitment Rule

**Reported Violation:**

In August, WFHS youth basketball organization (Nighthawks) posted a joint clinic with Team Recruit (AA Youth 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). B/G Fall Basketball Clinic flyer was posted via a link on the WFHS Basketball website that displayed Team Recruit and Nighthawk logos. At that time, coach mentioned served as the FR coach for WFHS. Clinics were to run on Saturdays, held on WFHS campus and open to any interested student across the east valley. Additional concern was raised from Higley High Administration regarding the participants in the club team (8<sup>th</sup> graders) that were not a part of the school district feeder program (MS to HS). The concern from HHS administration raised was that the coach was utilizing Club Recruit to find and attract students to participate in the WFHS basketball program. There were three specific students that Higley High cited as potentially being recruited to attend WFHS.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Investigation conducted. The three students were found not to have been influenced by coach to attend WFHS and were, in fact, planning on attending Higley. Upon being alerted to this concern, Principal Wattawa directed that the youth flyer be immediately removed from the website. A memo of direction was provided to the head coach to cease and desist affiliation with Team Recruit. Coach resigned his position as FR basketball coach at WFHS effective 9/4/14. Additionally, A.D. has been replaced.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Williams Field High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

*The following representative entered the meeting for a school report and left upon completion of their presentation:*

- *Jim Desmarchais, Superintendent*

**GILBERT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.12 Recruitment Rule

**Reported Violation:**

Violation of AIA Bylaws

**Executive Board Action:**

Accepted dismissal of violation report from Gilbert Christian.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**ANTELOPE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties & Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Head football coach received a 3<sup>rd</sup> warning with 2:05 seconds left in the fourth quarter from head official due to coach questioning a spot where the team did not make a touchdown. The official informed the coach that he was ejected and when he asked why, the official gave him the reason and the coach stated I am not leaving which is when the official called the game.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contest not forfeited. The game ended with 2:05 on the clock in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter with no affect on the outcome of the game or to the visiting team due to the difference in the score. Meeting held with head and assistant coach to outline the situation and the ramifications of the incident surrounding the incident. All coaches were reminded to be cognizant of what they say and who is within earshot of their conversation between each other to dispel any confusion or misunderstanding during the game. The head coach will speak to the referees before the game to clearly define game procedures and protocols. The A.D. will again speak to the referees before the game and be available on the sidelines to resolve any issues involving the game. Head coach reminded to follow through with established protocols already in place. The school feels confident that with these steps in place, there should not be a reoccurrence of this issue.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Antelope High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**MORENCI HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties & Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

A fight occurred between Morenci and Willcox players at the end of a point after attempt. The staff of both teams ran out onto the field, followed by the Morenci bench and later the Willcox bench. The Morenci Principal and A.D. who were on the sideline, also ran onto the field. One Morenci coach and three Willcox coaches were involved in restraining players. The altercation involved a total of three players and never spread to other athletes on the field or to those who came on the field. The time elapsed from the moment players left the bench until the time all players were back on the sideline was less than 30 seconds. Officials ejected the two players involved in the fight, counseled coaches and the game continued without incident. At the end of the game, the teams shook hands and Morenci provided a meal for the Willcox team.

**School's Corrective Action:**

The following Monday, a meeting was held with Administration and coaches. Morenci will suspend all players who left the bench for the next contest. Although coaches left the sideline, their intent was to restrain players and assist the officials. They will not be suspended. Coaches reviewed the rule with athletes and discussed expectations for future behavior.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Morenci High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

**BOULDER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 24. Golf, Section 24.4 Number of Meets in Season*

**Reported Violation:**

The girls' golf team played a match against North Canyon that had only two golfers. Coach believed the match did not count against total match count and considered it practice for her team. She scheduled another match to "make up" this match violating the total match rule by one.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Coach may no longer schedule matches directly with other schools as has been the past practice.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Boulder Creek High School **Girls' Golf Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**BASHA HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 24. Golf, Section 24.9 Post-Season Tournaments

**Reported Violation:**

A boy's golfer practiced at Aguila Golf Course (State Championship Venue) after 10/25/14. The student-athlete had been communicated the date on more than one occasion by the head boys' golf coach at Basha as a date that golfers could no longer practice or play at the State Championship Venue.

**School's Corrective Action:**

No contests forfeited. Student not allowed to compete at State Tournament. Basha High administration decision.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Basha High School **Boys' Golf Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

*The following representative entered the meeting for a school report and left upon completion of their presentation:*

- *Rod Huston, Athletic Director*
- *Steve McDowell, District Athletic Director*

**HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 24. Golf, Section 24.9 Post-Season Tournaments

**Reported Violation:**

A boy's golfer played the Aguila Golf Course (State Championship Venue) on November 1, 2014 with an athlete from another school. The Highland student had not been told by his coach that he could not play this course after October 25, 2014. The coach did not tell the student athlete because the athlete had participated in the tournament last year and had not gone to the course prior to the date. The student athlete plays his home course most weekends and the coach assumed he would just continue to do that, he encouraged the student to walk to prepare for the state tournament.

**School's Corrective Action:**

No contests forfeited. Student was not in competition. In the future during preseason meetings with coaches to discuss expectations, the A.D. will specifically highlight the dates (for all sports) that preclude them from practicing at state venues. Coaches will add these dates to codes of conduct and be sure they are signed by student athletes and parents, and will also give reminders after the last regular season competition. A.D. also shared with the AIA that he thinks it would be beneficial to post a sign at the golf venue beginning on the last day to remind student athletes that they cannot be on the course after the posted date.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Highland High School **Boys' Golf Program** on **Probation** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15 and **disqualified** the player.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**DESERT CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,  
*Article 25. Soccer, Section 25.1 Rules*

**Reported Violation:**

Girls' soccer team did not finish the soccer game due to an injured player. Coach took this action because he was concerned for the safety of his team. River Valley won the game.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Desert Christian decided to discipline themselves by removing the girls' soccer team from the AIA Fall Girls' State Tournament.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Christian High School **Girls' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

**EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,  
*Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches / Coaching*

**Reported Violation:**

JV Spiritline coach has not taken the annual NFHS rules course nor the online quiz. A.D. was under the impression that coaches only needed to review the rules each year and then take the online quiz. Head coach, JV coach and A.D. were not aware that coaches needed to take the class each year as well.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Coach will take the annual NFHS rules course on 10/25/14 at the AIA.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Empire High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.



**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**SAN TAN FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,  
*Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches / Coaching*

**Reported Violation:**

Certified cheer coach was not present during a stunting practice after school. A.D. personally counseled and directed cheer coaches in a meeting to make sure that no cheer or stunting practice can or will take place without proper certified cheer supervision.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Coaches have been counseled and directed that no practices without properly certified coach/coaches.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Tan Foothills High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

**LAKE HAVASU HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,  
*Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches / Coaching*

**Reported Violation:**

Spiritline coach indicated to athletic administrative secretary that she completed necessary certification requirements. Coach did not, as she did not pass exam. A.D. gave directive not to stunt until further notice. Coach continued to have team stunt, witnessed by A.D.

**School's Corrective Action:**

A.D. will not take verbal response as completing coaching requirement. New procedures in place prior to any stunting or tumbling. Better communication with off-campus coaches on expectations.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Lake Havasu High School **Spiritline Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/17/14 – 11/17/15.

**RESULTS OF HARDSHIP APPEALS COMMITTEE – WINTER SPORTS**

**Granted 49**  
**Denied 12**  
**Total 61**

**Granted**

Agua Fria	Gilbert	Red Mountain
Amphitheater	Greenway	Sahuaro
Basha	Horizon	Salpointe Catholic
Basha	Ironwood	San Carlos
Blue Ridge	Joy Christian	Santa Rita
Buckeye	Marcos de Niza	Santa Rita
Buckeye	Mesquite	Scottsdale Christian
Buena	Mountain Pointe	Shadow Ridge
Camp Verde	Mountain Pointe	South Mountain
Casa Grande	Mountain Ridge	Sunnyslope
Chandler	Mt. View Mesa	Tanque Verde
Cienega	Mt. View Mesa	Valley Vista
Combs	Notre Dame	Walden Grove
Combs	NW Christian	Walden Grove
Desert Edge	NW Christian	Walden Grove
Desert Mountain	Phoenix Country Day	
Desert Mountain	Pinnacle	

**Denied**

Arizona Lutheran	Horizon	Seton Catholic
Cibola	Ironwood Ridge	Shadow Mountain
Desert Edge	Joy Christian	Valley Christian
Gilbert Christian	Mesquite	Walden Grove

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

*The following representatives entered the meeting for a student eligibility appeal and left upon completion of their presentations:*

- Joy Christian** Brian Cole, Athletic Director, Parents & Student
- Walden Grove** Chris Murphy, Athletic Director, Parents & Student  
**Sahuarita:**
- Horizon** Larry Boyles, Athletic Director, Corey Newland, District A.D., Parent & Student  
**Desert Mountain:** Kris Alexander, Athletic Director
- Shadow Mountain** Mike Warren & Ron Safcik, Athletic Directors, Corey Newland, District A.D., Parents, Student, Mike Bibby, Coach  
**Perry:** Jennifer Burks, Athletic Director & Joe Babinski, Coach
- Seton Catholic** withdrew appeal
- Poston Butte** Jeff Cox, Athletic Director, Parents & Students  
**Queen Creek:**

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.14 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following hardship eligibility requests:

<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Granted/Denied</u></b>
Joy Christian	Denied
Walden Grove	Granted
Horizon	Denied
Shadow Mountain	Denied
Seton Catholic	withdrew
Poston Butte	Granted
	Granted
	Granted

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

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

**Articles**

- Gaona: AIA proposed football plan a winner
- T-birds set to host Bradshaw Mountain
- AIA: Arizona Transgender Student Eligible
- Devils, Broncs vie for playoff seed: River Valley, Parker will play for home field in playoff's opening round
- For Sunrise Mountain, two cords are better than one
- High Schools: OHSAA's competitive-balance proposal passes; what's next?
- Pennsylvania Sues Exchange Student Business

**Letters/E-mails**

- Robert Williams – Honoring of Veterans
- James Palacios – Santa Rita – Thank You for Opportunity to Represent
- Nancy Callahan – Tempe Prep – Participation Numbers – Football Coach
- Brent Rincon – Basha – Commend Gary Whelchel & Ejection Appeals Committee
- Jerry Van Gasse – Thank You – Piestewa Family

**FUTURE DATES**

November 27-28, 2014	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 8, 2014	Executive Board Meeting
December 24-26, 2014	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 31-Jan. 2, 2015	Holiday – AIA Office Closed

**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, December 8, 2014. The meeting will be held at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona at 8:30 a.m.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director