



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
February 17, 2015**

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, February 17, 2015 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 11:10 a.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Ken VanWinkle, 1A Conference (Heber-Overgaard Unified)  
Wallace Youvella, Jr., 2A Conference (Hopi High School) (*Teleconference*)  
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)  
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  
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:**

Jose Garcia  
Scott Bordow  
David Hines

Tyler Killian  
Rich Wellbrock  
Corey Newland

Daniel Gaona  
Brad Larremore

**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:

- 11:10 a.m. to 1:05 p.m.
- 1:10 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.
- 4:20 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 20, 2015 Executive Board Meeting were **approved**.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**AIA Complimentary Passes – Replacement Requests**

Brandi Gleason Board Member - Desert Christian

**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.

**Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

2A North Agenda & Minutes – 1/21/15

**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:

Alta Vista	Remaining VAR Boys' Basketball Program
Cibecue	VAR Boys' Basketball contest with ASDB 2/6/15
Dobson	All Levels – Wrestling – Gilbert 1/15/15
Dysart	FR Baseball & Softball Programs
Grand Canyon	VAR/JV Boys' Basketball contest Rock Point 1/26/15
Greyhills Academy	Remaining FR Girls' Basketball Program
Hopi	FR Girls' Basketball contest with Many Farms 1/20/15
Parker	FR Boys' Basketball Program
Rancho Solano Prep	Baseball Program
Mohave	JV Boys' Soccer contest with Prescott 1/16/15
San Luis	Girls' Soccer contest with Kofa 1/20/15
San Miguel	VAR Girls' Basketball Program
San Pasqual	VAR Girls' Basketball contest with Gilbert Christian 1/28/15
Santa Rita	JV Boys' Baseball Program
Scottsdale Christian	VAR Boys' Tennis Program & Softball Program
Sedona	JV Girls' Soccer Program
Seligman	VAR Girls' Basketball contest with Shonto Prep 2/2/15
Shonto Prep	VAR Boys' Basketball contests with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fredonia 1/29/15</li> <li>• Red Mesa 1/30/15</li> </ul>
Show Low	VAR Wrestling contest with Chinle/Flagstaff 1/28/15
Telesis Prep	VAR Boys' Volleyball Program
The Gregory School	VAR Girls' Soccer & Softball Programs
Valley Union	JV Softball Program
Willcox	VAR Wrestling contest with Hayden 1/22/15
Williams Field	FR Softball Program

**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 January 2015

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS****Mike Wright, Superintendent – Blue Ridge**

Mr. Wright addressed the Board regarding the care and safety of his student-athletes. He noted that head injuries are a hot topic with parents and that Blue Ridge is dealing with budget restraints. He asked the Board to consider his appeal from D3 to D4.

**Travis Udall, Superintendent – Round Valley**

Mr. Udall addressed the Board regarding Round Valley's football appeal from D4 to D5. He explained his huge budget deficit and the cost of travel - \$120,000 and 60,000 miles. He explained that Round Valley is currently on a 4-day week and has concerns with students missing class time for travel.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Board was provided a copy of the Legislative Council Meeting Agenda. Dr. Slemmer noted that AIA staff will be present at upcoming conference meetings to discuss and answer any questions regarding the proposed agenda items.

Dr. Slemmer reported on the 2015 NFHS Proposed Football Rules Changes and provided the Board with a copy of the proposed changes. Dr. Slemmer noted that insurance carriers, are looking at football rules and how they are being enforced regarding safety issues.

Dr. Paul Stanton, Humboldt Unified District – requested that AIA staff research officials' mileage – at lower levels. Dr. Slemmer noted that this cost-sharing arrangement would model the current process being used for Varsity sports and that the process would take significant time and work – possibly a summer project.

**Open Discussion – Current Issues**

**5A** – Address dates for spring ball at March meeting.

**4A** – Look at moving the lockout dates on the AIA website for scheduling to after the first week of the season.

**AdvancED** – Develop a communications/organizational plan for membership.

**ASA** – Finalize a date for developing plan/survey.

**AIAAA** - Sister Lynn reported on the Minutes from the January 29, 2015 AIAAA meeting. She read the motion passed by the AIAAA Executive Board regarding the succession policy.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW**  
**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DOMICILE RULE – LEGAL GUARDIAN**

Following review and discussion of the written information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Legal Guardian request:

- Mesa Mountain View

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW**  
**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE**

Following review and discussion of the written information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Age Rule request:

- Phoenix Day School for the Deaf

**INDIVIDUAL SPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTION OF SCHOOLS UP A DIVISION**

The Board was presented with a copy of the Individual Sport Recommendations for Promotion of Schools. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **approved** the recommendations from the Sports Advisory Committees.

**PROCESS - DIVISION APPEALS**

The Board reviewed and voted on some of the division appeals. Due to the volume of appeals, the remaining appeals will be heard by the Board on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 p.m.

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

**Amphitheater** – Softball game to help fill **Tombstone's** schedule.

**Bisbee** – VAR Softball game to help fill **Tanque Verde's** schedule.

**Corona del Sol** –VAR/JV Baseball game to help fill **Desert Edge's** schedule.

**Desert Christian** – VAR Baseball game to help fill **Ray's** schedule.

**Dobson** – VAR Boys' Volleyball game to help fill **AZ College Prep's** schedule.

**Florence** – VAR Baseball & Softball game to help fill **Ray's** schedule.

**Hamilton** –V/JV Boys' Volleyball game to help fill **AZ College Prep's** schedule.

**Joy Christian** – Softball game to help fill **Lee Williams'** schedule.

**Kingman** – VAR Baseball & Softball game to help fill **Lee Williams'** schedule.

**Lake Havasu** – Baseball game to help fill **Lee Williams'** schedule.

**Mohave** – V/JV Softball & Baseball game to help fill **Lee Williams'** schedule.

**Northland Prep** – Boys' Tennis match to help fill **Lee Williams'** schedule.

**Perry** – FR Baseball game to help fill **Combs'** schedule.

VAR Boys' Volleyball match to help fill **AZ College Prep's** schedule.

**Show Low** – V/JV/FR Baseball & Softball games to help fill **Ray's** schedule.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROPOSALS**

The Board reviewed and discussed the following proposals:

**Football -**

1. Instead of going ahead with a three-year block for placement & schedules, the football advisory committee would like to have a one-year block for the 2015 season. After next season, we would like to reevaluate the placements & give schools the opportunity to appeal their placements for the next two-year block (2016-2017).
2. The football advisory committee would like to hear ALL football appeals instead of having some go through the school placement appeals process. The football advisory committee would then have a better understanding of what schools were appealing & have all the information to make the most appropriate decisions on placement.
3. The football advisory committee would like to split into two groups for the placement appeal hearings. This would help speed up the appeal process & ensure that committee members have more knowledge of the schools associated with their respective conferences. What this process would look like is below:
  - *Schools traditionally that are in the 1A, 2A & 3A conferences would appeal to the committee members representing those three conferences.*
  - *Schools traditionally that are in the 4A & 5A conferences would appeal to the committee members representing those two conferences.*
  - *If for some reason there was a tie-vote or other issues with a school's appeal, then it would be brought forth to the entire football advisory committee.*

**Tennis - Order of Competition Team Play**

During the regular season, the hosting school makes the determination whether singles or doubles are played first. The determination must be voiced to the opposing school team coach when the line-ups are exchanged prior to the matches beginning.

At the AIA state tennis tournament, singles would still be played first.

Only the school board approved head coach and one assistant coach be allowed to coach during changeovers or between games.

**APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP**

**NFL YET College Preparatory Academy**, located at 222 E. Olympic Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85042, submitted a written application for full membership effective with the 2015-2016 school year. In accordance with Article 2, Section 2.2, Paragraphs 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board **accepted** the written application from NFL YET College Preparatory Academy and granted approval to proceed with an on-site evaluation.

**COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS**

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

**Sports Advisory Committee**

5A - Tennis –

- Bill Woods, Brophy – Administrator

4A - Football –

- Mark Cisterna, Maricopa – Administrator (replacing Nathan Slater)

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**MCCLINTOCK HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 11. Scheduling of Contests & Schedule Contracts, Section 11.2 Schedule Contracts

**Reported Violation:**

Withdrew from Spiritline competition in Prescott. One student was injured in an athletic event (basketball) and the alternate was already injured. The last student was notified and he had the SAT.

**School's Corrective Action:**

N/A

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the McClintock High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/17/15-2/17/16.

*Dr. Battle abstained from voting.*

**CORTEZ HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.4 Non School Participation

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible boys' soccer players. After a thorough investigation, it was determined that two student athletes participated in a religious family event on 1/2/15. It was believed to be an organized event. Both players were immediately removed from the team and all activities pertaining to the team – practices, meetings, games.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. A thorough investigation was conducted, both players removed from the team and all schools were notified.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cortez High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/17/15-2/17/16.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**BASHA HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.7 Physical Exam Rule & 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' soccer player. A 10<sup>th</sup> grade female JV girls' soccer player was inserted into four (4) games without being cleared by the athletic office. The student had not completed the AIA paperwork for clearance, nor the additional CUSD requirements for clearance.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Teacher/coach has been in-serviced again on proper clearance procedures. Letter of reprimand in coach's file. A.D. will AGAIN review clearance procedures with all coaches at the next regularly scheduled coaches meeting.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Basha High School **Girls' Soccer Program** on **Warning** for one year 2/17/15-2/17/16.

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

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible boys' basketball player. On January 30<sup>th</sup> the athletic office personnel became aware of a student-athlete participating in the boys' basketball program who might be ineligible. Upon learning this information, immediately an investigation was conducted. The outcome proved to be true; the student in question was indeed a 5<sup>th</sup> year senior. The student was notified that he was no longer eligible to participate in athletics.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. New protocols implemented when student athletes sign up for sports to ensure these types of errors do not occur in the future.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert View High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/17/15-2/17/16.



**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

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

**Reported Violation:**

Violation occurred in the 2012-2013 school year in the boy's basketball program.

An IRHS graduate 2014, transferred from Buena in January 2013. The student and mother changed domicile to the Tucson area, and completed the 520 Form. There were no red flags identified as it was stated that the move was to be closer to his mother who was undergoing treatment for an illness. The former IRHS A.D. filled out the appropriate documentation of the move and had conversations regarding the transfer with the A.D. of Buena. The former A.D. found no information indicating a concern. The information received from the sending school was encouragement for the student to be able to participate due to the family circumstances. Upon investigation in mid-December, 2014, it was discovered by the current A.D. through a phone conversation with student's Mom, that student played on the AAU team, Tucson HEAT, coached by the boys' basketball coach for the 2012-2013 school year. That coach, nor any other individual on the 2012-2013 basketball coaching staff is currently a coach at IRHS. This new knowledge indicates that a violation occurred during the 2012-2013 basketball season.

**School's Corrective Action:**

The current IRHS administration is requiring transfer athletes to fill out documentation that provides information that will best determine the eligibility of these athletes.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Ironwood Ridge High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/17/15-2/17/16.

*Joe Paddock abstained from voting.*

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

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' JV soccer player. Student transferred to Hamilton from Perry on 3/7/2014 without a change of domicile. When she completed her clearance packet for the 2015 season, she indicated that she was not a transfer student. Student lives in Hamilton's boundaries and open enrolled at Perry her freshman year.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Will continue to educate coaches in regards to transfer students.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Hamilton High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/17/15-2/17/16.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd

**DESERT RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. General Provisions, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' soccer player. Player was ejected on a Tuesday. Coach called Thursday and A.D. cleared the student-athlete knowing that girls' soccer was held on Wednesday. A.D. did not realize until after looking at the schedules that Varsity did not play on Wednesday.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. The A.D. will take time to ask the follow-up questions, regardless of what he is involved in. Will in-service coaches again on the sportsmanship ejection rule to cut down on opportunities for miscommunication.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Ridge High School **Girls' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/17/15-2/17/16.

**TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. General Provisions, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

When the boys' soccer competition (Tucson High vs. San Luis first round state playoff game) concluded, a fight broke out. The Tucson High bench cleared (leaving the bench area) and the players rushed onto the field. Fans also came from the stands to the field.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Tucson High lost the game so San Luis moved on to the next round. Team meetings that include the specific explanation of this rule. Parent meetings to reinforce the rule. Teams addressed by Administrator regarding bench clearing.

**Executive Board Action:**

**Tabled.** Executive Board requests Tucson High to attend March 16, 2015 meeting to address Board regarding the incident/violation.

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

**Reported Violation:**

Assistant Spiritline coach did not complete the full AACCA safety certification.

**School's Corrective Action:**

None listed.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Page High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/17/15-2/17/16.

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

**Granted - 31**  
**Denied - 06**  
**Total - 37**

**GRANTED**

American Leadership	Gilbert	Pinnacle
Apollo	Highland	Pinnacle
Basha	Joy Christian	Red Mesa
Basha	Maricopa	Saguaro
Centennial	Maricopa	Sahuaro
Cibola	Mogollon	Sandra Day O'Connor
Cibola	Mountain Pointe	Skyline
Desert Mountain	Mountain Pointe	Skyline
Desert Mountain	Nogales	The Odyssey Institute
Dobson	Pinnacle	
Flagstaff	Pinnacle	

**DENIED**

Liberty  
 Perry  
 Joy Christian  
 Empire  
 Flagstaff  
 Independence

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

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

**Flagstaff**      *Bob Kuhn, Asst. Superintendent, Tony Cullen, Principal, Jeannine Brandel, Athletic Director, Parent & Student*  
**Northland Prep:** *Mike Elder, Athletic Director*

**Mountain Pointe**      *Bruce Kipper, Principal & Brian Winter, Athletic Director*

**Liberty**      *Aaron Coughanour, Athletic Director, & Parents*  
**Deer Valley:** *Lori Mora, Athletic Director*

**SCHOOL/APPEAL**

**GRANT/DENY**

Flagstaff	Denied
Mountain Pointe	Granted
Liberty	Granted
Joy Christian	Withdrew Appeal

***Dr. Battle abstained from voting.***

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

The Executive Board was provided the following correspondence:

- Article - To Allay Fears, NFL Huddles With Mothers – *NY Times* 1/29/15
- Article – CHSAA considers major changes – *The Daily Sentinel* 1/27/15
- Article – Prep pitchers could face pitch count – *The Daily Sentinel* 1/27/15
- Article – CHSAA votes to add new regulations during meeting - *The Daily Sentinel* 1/29/15
- Article – Cheerleaders at risk for concussions too – *Azcentral.com* 2/9/15
- Letter – Congratulations – Chuck Schmidt – Mindee Blount, Dissinger Reed, LLC
- Letter – Congratulations – Chuck Schmidt – Mark Koski, NFHS
- Email – Joe Wright, Superintendent – Fredonia – Alignment Formula

**FUTURE DATES**

March 6, 2015	Legislative Council Meeting
March 16, 2015	Executive Board Meeting
April 20, 2015	Executive Board Meeting
May 18, 2015	Executive Board Meeting
May 25, 2015	Holiday – Memorial Day

**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, March 16, 2015. 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 Thursday, March 5, 2015.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director