



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 20, 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 Monday, April 20, 2015 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Vice President Mike DeLaO 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) (*Teleconference*)
Toni Badone, AdvancED (Yuma Union High School District)
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Xavier College Preparatory)
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D., AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting
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:

Lisa Lumbard	Phil Gruensfelder	David Tait
Jeffrey Cospier	Mark Borkowski	Heather Solomon
Michael Fowler	Sue Turner	Greg Haugsman
Tyler Killian	Zack Munoz	Scott Longanecker
Les Willsey	Greg Schultz	Sean Feinerman
Corey Newland	Monica Barrett	Lonnie Tvirduy
Marcus Williams	Monika Montiel Turner	Nick Browder
Barry Luca	Paul Reynolds	Amy Gittler

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, Vice President DeLaO, 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:

- ✓ 10:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.
- ✓ 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

SELECTION OF NEW AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as members for the **2015-2018** school year:

- 1A** Mark Goodman, Superintendent – St. David **(2015-2016)**
- 3A** Jacob Holiday, Athletic Director – Monument Valley
- AdvancED** Travis Udall, Superintendent – Round Valley
- ASA** Camille Casteel, Superintendent – Chandler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 16, 2015 Executive Board Meeting and the March 23, 2015 Special 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 Lifetime Passes

Bruce Palmer	Snowflake	26 years
Mark Tregaskes	Safford	Retired

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

1A North Agenda – 4/23/15

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A trophy presentation schedule was finalized with the Board for the 2015 Spring State Tournaments.

The Board was shown a Spiritline Video and was updated on the upcoming Spirit of the Game Championship Format which will take place next Fall. The initial "Game Day" event will only involve the football season and will include three (3) levels of competition - All Girls, Co-ed & Unified. Logistics and venues are still being finalized.

The following individuals were recognized as NFHS Award Winners:

- Kevin Berlat – Heart of the Arts Award (Section 7)
- Cassie Alber – Speech, Debate & Theatre Association Award (Arizona)
- Jonathan Silva Stern – Spirit of Sport Award (Section 7)

The Board was updated on the AIA Champions Luncheon which will be held on Monday, May 18th at the University of Phoenix Stadium at 1:00 p.m.

The Board was updated on the upcoming AIA/Barrett Foundation State Robotics Championship which will be held on May 23rd at the Prescott Valley Event Center. Thirty (30) teams have qualified for the FIRST Robotics Championship "Recycle Rush" event. It was noted that there will be no entry fees for schools to participate and the event will be free of charge for fans thanks to sponsorship funds raised by AIA staff.

Dr. Slemmer shared with the Board a question from the Mesa District regarding Pop Warner/NYS/AZ Youth Football using their district equipment. It was noted that there is nothing specific in the AIA Bylaws that would prohibit this practice. It is an individual district/school decision.

The Board was presented a draft of recommended questions for a future survey. Topics discussed for the survey were as follows:

- AIA bylaws
- Governance of the AIA
- Restructuring of the Executive Board & Legislative Council
- Conferences and Regions
- Different Issues - Metro vs. Rural & Charter Schools
- Appeals

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd

Dr. Slemmer presented the Board with the following proposal, which was unanimously approved, by the Track Sports Advisory Committee:

The field for the state track meet be increased to 26 in all events except relays, the high jump and the pole vault. There would no longer be alternates.

Rationale: the track at Mesa Community College has nine (9) lanes which means that there would be no need to increase the number of races. In the event there was a tie for the 26th time, there would be an open lane for the 27th athlete.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the Board **approved** the following ***Emergency Legislation*** effective immediately.

29.8 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**29.8.1 Post-Season Tournaments**

NOTE: See Article 12 for additional post-season tournament rules.

29.8.1.1 *The top ~~24~~ **26** automatic and provisional qualifiers for each individual event will advance to the state tournament. The top 18/16 (based on venue) automatic and provisional relay teams will advance to the state meet. (Refer to rule 29.1.4)*

Open Discussion – Current Issues

AIAAA –

Sr. Lynn reported that the AIAAA Conference will be held September 12-15, 2015 in Prescott and encouraged all athletic directors to attend the conference.

The Board **approved** the following dates for the 2015-2016 school year:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS – 2015-2016

- August 3-4, 2015 (Board Orientation/Study Session)
- August 17, 2015
- September 1, 2015 (Tuesday) Meeting to Hear Fall Hardship Appeals
- September 8, 2015 (Tuesday) Meeting to Hear Fall Hardship Appeals
- September 16, 2015 (Wednesday – AIA office)
- October 19, 2015
- November 16, 2015
- December 7, 2015
- January 19, 2016 (Tuesday)
- February 16, 2016 (Tuesday)
- March 21, 2016
- April 18, 2016
- May 16, 2016

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

March 4, 2016 (Friday)

HARDSHIP APPEAL DATES

Fall Sports -

Football & Golf Appeals **only** August 18-20, 2015 (Deadline – August 11th)

Remaining Fall Appeals August 26-27, 2015 (Deadline – August 19th)

Winter Sports – October 26-27, 2015 (Deadline – October 19th)

Spring Sports – January 25-26, 2016 (Deadline – January 19^h)

SUPERINTENDENTS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- October 21, 2015
- January 20, 2016
- April 20, 2016

AD / BYLAWS WORKSHOPS

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|-----------------|--------------|
| August 5, 2015 | Lake Havasu |
| August 6, 2015 | Liberty |
| August 7, 2015 | Show Low |
| August 10, 2015 | Chandler |
| August 11, 2015 | Tombstone |
| August 12, 2015 | Amphitheater |
| August 13, 2015 | Flagstaff |
| August 14, 2015 | Chinle |

NEW AD ONLY WORKSHOPS

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| July 29, 2015 | AIA Office |
| September 9, 2015 | AIA Office |
| September 10, 2015 | Amphitheater |

COACHES’ WORKSHOPS

TBD (Season of Sport)

WRESTLING WORKSHOPS

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| September 28, 2015 | Chandler District Office - 11:00 a.m. |
| | Tucson High - 4:00 p.m. |
| September 29, 2015 | AIA Office - 9:00 a.m. |
| | Flagstaff High School - 3:00 p.m. |

FISCAL/TOURNAMENT WORKSHOPS - TBD

APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

BASIS Mesa, located at 5010 S. Eastmark Parkway, Mesa, AZ 85212, 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 **BASIS Mesa** and granted approval to proceed with an on-site evaluation.

BASIS Flagstaff, located at 1700 N. Gemini Drive, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, 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 **BASIS Flagstaff** and granted approval to proceed with an on-site evaluation.

APPEALS - INDIVIDUAL SPORTS

Results of the individual sport appeals can be found here:

<http://www.aiaonline.org/files/14773/executive-board-appeals-individual-sport-division-placement-results.pdf>

EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 23.2

Rule: Article 23 Football, Section 23.2 Season of Sport

23.2.3	<u>Fall Season</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<i>no sooner than the 5th week</i>
		<u>Competition</u>	<i>no sooner than Wednesday of the 8th week</i>
		<u>Championship</u>	<i>to be concluded by the 23rd week</i>

23.2.3.1 *The AIA Executive Board may approve a game to be scheduled in the 7th week if scheduling difficulties exist due to unforeseen circumstances. Those schools beginning competition the 7th week may begin practice the 4th week and on Monday of the 6th week.*

Page High School and **Tuba City High School** are requesting their scheduled Varsity & JV football games be moved to the zero week due to scheduling conflicts. JV scheduled for August 20th and Varsity is scheduled for August 21st.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the above early football starts (0-week) request.

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

American Leadership – Baseball & Softball game to help fill ***Mohave Accelerated's*** schedule.

Chino Valley – Softball game to help fill ***Page's*** schedule.

Horizon – JV Baseball game to help fill ***Hamilton's*** schedule.

Sandra Day O'Connor – Softball game to help fill ***Mountain Ridge's*** schedule.

2014-2015 TONY KOMADINA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GIRLS' ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The AIA Executive Board reviewed recommendations from the Girls Equity in Sports Standing Committee for the 2014-2015 Tony Komadina Award for Outstanding Girls' Athletic Program. In accordance with Article 13, Section 13.3 of the AIA Bylaws and on a motion made, seconded and carried, the Board unanimously voted to **approve** the following award recipient:

- Arizona Lutheran Academy

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

PEORIA HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.4 Nonschool Participation

Reported Violation:

Ineligible softball player. A member of the softball team participated in a club softball game on March 14th. The player was aware of the rule, but states she was told by the club coach that the rule only applied to players who start or play in games. Since the violation, the student-athlete has not played in any AIA games or participated in any practices.

School's Corrective Action:

No forfeits since violation occurred during Spring Break and no games or tournaments were played. Will continue to stress the nonschool participation rule, as is done before each season.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Peoria High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/20/15-4/20/16.

SAN MIGUEL 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 softball player. Student was not cleared to participate. Coach told student that she could watch, but not practice because she was not cleared and was coming out past the established deadline and would need to speak to the A.D. She did not participate in the practice, however, at the end of practice the coach was timing the girls around the bases and he allowed her to run with the team. When A.D. spoke to the coach, he stated that he did not ask her to run, but when he was sending the girls around the bases, he saw her running with the team.

School's Corrective Action:

Practice only. This is an issue taken extremely seriously. Have counseled coaches and stressed at each and every preseason coaches' meetings that we cannot allow an un-cleared athlete to participate under any circumstances. A.D. just sent out an email to all the coaches again explaining the serious consequences for violating the bylaw. Information is communicated to parents and students and a process that is clear and simple to follow is in place. Newly hired coach has received a written reprimand and the decision to retain him for next year will be reviewed at the end of the season.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Miguel High School **Softball Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/20/15-4/20/16.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS - Cont'd

GLENDALE 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 football player. Student-athlete did not have the appropriate signatures on the forms and did not go through the appropriate clearance process. Coaches allowed him to play all season (2014-2015) without appropriate clearance paperwork.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. All coaches have received disciplinary action according to district policy.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Glendale High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/20/15-4/20/16.

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC 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:

Two (2) ineligible baseball players. Students participated without submitting physicals. They were immediately withdrawn from participation until they submitted their physicals. All athletes are required to turn in physicals in the summer before school begins. These two were undetected. Both students were new to the school and did not understand the process.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Standard operating procedure for student physicals has been updated (see detailed report). A flagging system will be established with the compliance director that will identify students who fail to return their physical forms before school starts. A list of participating athletes will also be created before their season begins so they can be checked for a physical submission. At the beginning of each school year, and at the beginning of each season, the A.D. will call a coaches' meeting and include on the agenda a review of AIA and school requirements for eligibility.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the St. Augustine Catholic High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/20/15-4/20/16.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS - Cont'd

TEMPE PREP ACADEMY 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 softball player. Athlete was not cleared to participate by the athletic office. Athlete competed in a softball game on 4/2/15.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Coach has been warned by the A.D. and informed about correct procedure to receive clearance for athletic participation.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tempe Prep Academy **Softball Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/20/15-4/20/16.

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

Reported Violation:

Ineligible softball player. During the 2013-14 school year, student-athlete attended Millennium and played FR softball. She moved into the Kellis attendance area last summer and registered at Kellis, completing all required paperwork, including the transferring student attestation form indicating her participation in Millennium's FR softball program. Somehow, the athletic department did not see or did not receive a copy of the previous participation form and so never visited with student to require a 520 Form. Student was cleared, made the team and competed in a tournament and one regular season game without having first completed 520 Form.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. 520 Form completed on the same day that A.D. became aware of missing 520 Form. All transfer students complete a Transferring Student Athlete Attestation form. It requires students and their parents to list all high-school level sports the transferring student has played and schools for which they competed. The registration officer supplies A.D. with a copy of every form. When students indicate prior participation or indicate athletic motivation for transfer, A.D. meets with them to require a 520 Form. Moving forward, any time a transferring athlete enrolls at Kellis, the registration officer will provide an additional handout that directs the student to complete a 520 Form within one week. Any time a transferring student seeks to try out, the student will not be cleared until the athletic secretary confirms that all cleared students have completed AIA required transfer paperwork.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Raymond S. Kellis High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/20/15-4/20/16.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS - Cont'd

QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.3 Enrollment Rule*

Reported Violation:

Ineligible tennis player. Tennis coach allowed a student not enrolled at Queen Creek to play in a match. The student that is not enrolled at Queen Creek played a JV1 match with another student from Poston Butte on 3/12/15.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Coach has been in-serviced again on proper clearance procedures. Letter of reprimand in coach's file. A.D. will again review clearance procedure with all coaches.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Queen Creek High School **Tennis Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/20/15-4/20/16.

CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 23. Football, Section 23.10 Spring Football Instruction*

Reported Violation:

During the 2014 spring football session, the Chaparral football team used sleds during practice. Though they were not used in the traditional sense of driving them back, but rather as dummies or a shield which is permissible under 23.10.1. Because sleds are not listed as "impermissible" the football staff was not aware that they could not be utilized.

School's Corrective Action:

The Chaparral Administration has contacted the football coach to inform him of this and he is now aware that sleds cannot be touched.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Chaparral High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/20/15-4/20/16.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS - Cont'd

SAHUARO HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.5 Domicile Rule, Section 15.15 International Student Eligibility

Reported Violation:

Two (2) ineligible baseball players. The site administrator interpreted the eligibility status of the students under Article 15.5.3.2. At the time of the hardship appeal in 2014, the clause to 15.5.3.2 "Except in the case of a foreign exchange student or an international student under 15.15" had not been included. The site administrator was not aware of the change and when it was brought to his attention in April of 2015, felt that it would not have applied to the students ex post facto; the application of bylaw 15.5.3.2 would have been classified under the previous bylaw prior to the change. The site administrator did not believe that rule 15.15 applied to these students as they had met all conditions under 15.5.3.2 and that legal guardianship superseded international status. The students had not participated in varsity athletics for the previous two years and had been under proper legal guardianship. As per District Leadership, the interpretation by the site administrator was incorrect; the students' status for eligibility falls under 15.15 as international students and the additional clause in 15.5.3.2, in effect since July 1, 2014, applies to the students as well.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Site administrator will review AIA Bylaws prior to the start of the school year with the site A.D. to note any changes in rules, specifically Article 15 and consult with the District Leadership on the eligibility of special situations to ensure any new legislation is applied and that all AIA bylaws are interpreted correctly prior to allowing students to participate.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sahuaro High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/20/15-4/20/16.

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

The Executive Board was provided with the following correspondence:

- Article – Gap atop Arizona could widen – *NationalHSFootball.com* - Dallas Jackson 3/9/15
- Letter – Parent of Photojournalist for the Ak-Chin Indian Community Newspaper
- Letter – Dr. Doug Wilson, Superintendent – Marana Unified School District

FUTURE DATES

May 18, 2015
May 25, 2015

Executive Board Meeting - ***University of Phoenix Stadium***
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, May 18, 2015. The meeting will be held at the University of Phoenix Stadium - 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, May 7, 2015.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Stlemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director