



MINUTES
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING - Teleconference
Sahuaro High School - Baseball
April 28, 2015

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a special meeting (teleconference) of the Executive Board was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Vice President Mike DeLaO called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Ken VanWinkle, 1A Conference (Heber-Overgaard Unified)
Wallace Youvella, Jr., 2A Conference (Hopi High School)
Anna Battle, Ed.D., 5A Conference (Tempe Union High School District) (*Teleconference*)
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

Members Absent:

Brenda Mayberry, 3A Conference (Combs High School)
Joe Paddock, 4A Conference (Amphitheater Unified District)
Toni Badone, AdvancED (Yuma Union High School District)

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Herman House
RJ Lundstrom

SAHUARO HIGH SCHOOL – APPEAL OF FORFEITURES – 6 REGULAR SEASON GAMES

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that rule 15.15 applied to these students as they had met all conditions under 15.5.3.2 and that legal guardianship superseded international status.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:

On 4/20/15, the 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.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** rescinding the forfeitures for the following six (6) games:

- **Cholla**
- **Ironwood Ridge**
- **Flowing Wells**
- **Douglas**
- **Desert View**
- **Marana**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director