



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
May 18, 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, May 18, 2015 at the University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, 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*)
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:

Toni Badone, AdvancED (Yuma Union High School District)

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant
Tayler Coady, Front Office Assistant
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media

Guests:

Jose Garcia
Scott Bordow
Mark Goodman
Jacob Holiday
Travis Udall

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 Session to receive report from legal counsel:

- ✓ 8:30 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 20, 2015 Executive Board Meeting and the April 28, 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

Jan Allen	Pinnacle	25 years
Douglas Beilfuss	Bradshaw Mountain	25 years
Sam Messina, Jr.	Chaparral	25 years
Lorie Tranter	AIA Staff	25 years

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 Minutes – 4/23/15
- 2A Conference Agenda – 5/8/15
- 3A Conference Minutes – 5/7/15

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 April 2015
- ✓ 2015-2016 AIA Operation Budget

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None

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:

Alchesay – D-3/S-5	Remaining JV Baseball and Softball Programs
Cactus Shadows – D-2/S-3	JV Softball Contest with Prescott
Casa Grande	Boys' Golf Program
Cortez - D-3/S-4	FR Baseball Program
Duncan & Pima – D-3/S-2	VAR B/G Tennis Contest
Ray – D4/S-6	JV Baseball Contest with San Manuel
Red Mesa – D-4/S-1	VAR Softball Program
Rock Point – D-4/S-1	VAR Softball Contest with St. Michael
	VAR Softball Contest with Seligman –
	Seligman DOES NOT Consent
San Pasqual Valley – D-4/S-5	VAR B Soccer Program
	VAR Softball Contest with Arizona Lutheran Academy
Seligman – D-4/S-4	JV Baseball & Softball Contests with Kingman Academy
The Gregory School - D-4/S-2	VAR Baseball Program

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer introduced and welcomed new AIA Executive Board Members:

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

Dr. Slemmer presented the Board with a proposal from the sports advisory committees regarding the number of teams making it to postseason.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the board **approved** the proposal with one amendment – Boys Basketball D I Playoff Teams **27 to 24**.

Please refer to the following link for the 2015-2016 State Qualifying Number of Teams by Sport by Division: <http://aiaonline.org/files/14864/state-qualifying-for-team-sports-2015-2016.pdf>

The board also discussed the following topics regarding state tournaments:

- The addition of Division V to some sports
- Increased number of games, sites and official assignments
- Centralized sites
- Testing dates
- Prescott Valley and hotel accommodations
- Student ticket price change - from \$6 to \$5

Discussion was held regarding concerns from the 1A, 2A & 3A Northeastern Schools. The board will again address those concerns at their August Board study session.

Dr. Slemmer expressed his appreciation for the hundreds of state tournament workers, including the folks who work long hours during the track and field state meets.

Mr. Paddock also thanked AIA Staff for moving the games involving two Tucson schools to Tucson to accommodate the schools, athletes, fans and community.

Open Discussion**4A Conference –**

The following 2015-2016 conference meeting dates were **approved**:

- August 13, 2015
- October 26, 2015
- January 7, 2016
- February 22, 2016
- April 25, 2016

AIAAA

Sr. Lynn discussed the upcoming AIAAA Conference. She noted the conference will be held September 12–15th in Prescott and that registration forms are now available online.

5A Conference

Importance of the conference meeting dates being set and posted on the AIA calendar.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd

The outgoing Board members and staff were recognized:

Brenda Mayberry – 3A

Ken VanWinkle – 1A

Lorie Tranter – AIA Executive Assistant (retiring)

Pam Eckert – AIA Accounting Assistant (retiring)

Mr. DeLaO thanked the Executive Board and the AIA Staff for all their support and hard work this year.

DATE FOR ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2015

To address possible bylaw changes, in accordance with Article 4, Section 4.5, Paragraph 4.5.2 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board established Friday, **September 25, 2015** as an additional AIA Legislative Council meeting.

ELECTION OF 2015-2016 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

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 officers for the **2015-2016** school year:

President

Mike DeLaO

ASBA

Safford Unified School District

Vice President

Anna Battle, Ed.D

5A Conference

Tempe Union High School District

APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 CONFERENCE CHAIRS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following Conference Chairs and Committee Members;

- **1A Conference**
 - **Chair** **Billy Duarte, Superior**
 - East Toni Corona, Duncan
 - North Phil Echeverria, Williams
 - South Vic Acuna, Gregory School
 - West Cindy Kirk, Valley Lutheran
- **2A Conference**
 - **Chair** **Doug Meyer, Arizona Lutheran**
 - Central Nate Agostini, Horizon Honors
 - East David Thursby, Tombstone
 - West Shawn Gatson, Bourgade Catholic
 - South Lonnie Tvrdy, Pusch Ridge Christian
 - North Mark Gathmann, Pinon
- **3A Conference**
 - **Chair** **Jamie Roe, Tuba City**
 - West Pete Jelovic, Chino Valley
 - South Mike Briguglio, Fountain Hills
 - North Jim Dowse, Ganado
 - East Kevin Standerfer, Snowflake
- **4A Conference**
 - **Chair** **Rob Roberson, Youngker**
 - Black Canyon Matt Belden, Glendale District
 - Desert Sky Monica Barrett, Notre Dame Prep
 - East Sky Mark Cisterna, Maricopa District
 - Grand Canyon Jeannine Brandel, Flagstaff
 - Kino Whitney Holland, Cienega
 - Skyline Leslie Saulsby, Desert Edge
 - Sonoran Randy Walker, Douglas
 - West Valley Phil Camacho, Peoria
- **5A Conference** **TBD**
 - **Chair**
 - Central
 - Desert Valley
 - Desert West
 - East Valley
 - Fiesta
 - Gila Valley
 - Metro
 - Northwest
 - Southern
- **SMAC**
 - Aaron Nelson, Phoenix Suns
 - Ken Crenshaw, Arizona Diamondbacks
 - Jason Serbus, Arizona Coyotes

PROPOSAL – PARAGON MARKETING GROUP – 2015 BURGER KING STATE CHAMPIONS BOWL SERIES & 2016 DICK’S NATIONALS

The board discussed at length a proposal from Paragon Marketing Group regarding national tournaments which would allow Division I football champions to participate in a championship bowl game against other out of state champions.

Topics discussed:

- Catastrophic Insurance
- District/School decision vs. State Association decision
- Waiver of rule for postseason event/tournament
- Students having to extend season of sport
- Questions regarding physical issues/background information from opponent - will students be competitive with unknown team
- Public vs. Private schools
- Legal issues

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the board voted to **Table** this proposal until the August board meeting.

The Board would like to continue playing the Sollenberger Classic, which honors the AIA's late historian Barry Sollenberger. Unlike previous seasons, the Sollenberger Classic will take place a week after the AIA's football playoffs are completed.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried the board **approved** extending the football season by one week.

CONFERENCE APPEALS FOR REPRESENTATION

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

- Arizona Lutheran 1A to 2A

- Williams 2A to 1A

- Cortez 3A to 4A
- Many Farms 3A to 2A
- Notre Dame Prep 3A to 4A
- Rio Rico 3A to 4A
- Sahuarita 3A to 4A
- Salpointe Catholic 3A to 4A
- Seton Catholic 3A to 4A
- St. Mary's 3A to 4A
- Walden Grove 3A to 4A

- Amphitheater 4A to 3A
- Combs 4A to 3A
- Pueblo Magnet 4A to 3A

- Apollo 5A to 4A
- Buena 5A to 4A
- Cienega 5A to 4A
- Desert View 5A to 4A
- Independence 5A to 4A
- Sunnyside 5A to 4A
- Sunnyslope 5A to 4A
- Vista Grande 5A to 4A

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- Antelope** – Football game to help fill **Odyssey's** schedule.
Barry Goldwater – JV Boys' Soccer game to help fill **San Luis'** schedule.
Ben Franklin – VAR Football game to help fill **Odyssey's** schedule.
Benson – VAR Girls' Basketball game to help fill **St. David's** schedule.
Bourgade Catholic – Football game to help fill **Odyssey's** schedule.
Cibecue – VAR B/G Basketball game to help fill **Globe's** schedule.
Desert Edge – Girls' Basketball game to help fill **Moon Valley's** schedule.
Immaculate Heart – VAR Girls' Basketball game to help fill **St. Augustine's** schedule.
Lee Williams – Boys' Soccer (winter) game to help fill **River Valley's** schedule.
Lee Williams – Girls' Volleyball game to help fill **Mohave's** schedule.
Mesquite – Football game to help fill **Cibola's** schedule.
Mohave Academy of Learning – Football game to help fill **Odyssey's** schedule
Mohave – VAR Girls' Soccer game to help fill **River Valley's** schedule.
Nogales – Football game to help fill **Kofa's** schedule.
Salome – Football game to help fill **St. David's** schedule.
Tolleson – Football game to help fill **Cibola's** schedule.

APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP – ON-SITE EVALUATION REPORTS

In accordance with Article 2, Section 2.2 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board **granted** full membership effective the 2015-2016 school year and gave approval to ballot the AIA member schools for their approval of the full membership applications from:

- Anthem Preparatory Academy 1A Conference
- BASIS Flagstaff High School 1A Conference
- BASIS Mesa High School 1A Conference
- Casteel High School 4A Conference
- NFL Yet College Preparatory Academy 1A Conference
- North Phoenix Preparatory 1A Conference
- Telesis Preparatory Academy 1A Conference
- The Odyssey Institute 3A Conference
- Trivium Preparatory Academy 1A Conference

2014-2015 LEADERSHIP IN GIRLS'/WOMENS' ATHLETIC AWARD

Dr. Slemmer presented the AIA Executive Board with recommendations from the Girls Equity in Sports Standing Committee for the 2014-2015 Leadership In Girls'/Women's Athletic Award. In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.6, Paragraph 6.6.1 of the AIA Constitution and on a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board unanimously voted to **approve** the following recipient:

Kandice Kelley-Williamson, Coach Horizon

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

SUNNYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.2 Practice*

Reported Violation:

JV Softball conducted a scrimmage with a middle school. Teams shared a practice field. Two innings were played.

School's Corrective Action:

Practice only. The coaching staff has been counseled on all AIA Bylaws for softball. The assistant coach received reprimand and her re-hire for next year will be reviewed at the end of the season. The A.D. will conduct a coaches meeting to review AIA Bylaws at the beginning of next season.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sunnyside High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/18/15-5/18/16.

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

Reported Violation:

Ineligible boys' track athlete. Student was asked to complete his eligibility packet as required for all students. He completed his physical exam and all other requirements with the exception of the parent signature. The parent gave the coach verbal approval, but failed to sign the form. The athletic office could not accept the packet without the signature. The coach allowed the athlete to participate assuming that he had been cleared. The coach has been coaching for nine (9) years and has never had a violation of policy or bylaws. He took ownership of his error and has been involved in creating a solution that will ensure it never happens again.

School's Corrective Action:

No contests forfeited. The times were not qualifying and no one was displaced, so there was no disqualification that could be initiated. The entire coaching staff will be retrained by the A.D. on proper procedures for athletic eligibility. They will be required to submit written verification for athletes in their programs and review the new google.doc.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Dysart High School **Boys' Track Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/15-5/18/16.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS - Cont'd

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

Reported Violation:

The Skyline administration challenged their coaches to develop programs to support young students in their athletic development. In an effort to accomplish this, a Skyline coach operated a camp open to any students. Skyline coach went to a feeder junior high school and spoke to specific athletes (some living in another high school's boundary area) about attending a Skyline athletic camp. A camp flyer was distributed to only those students who played a specific sport at the junior high school.

School's Corrective Action:

Skyline administration will meet with all coaches to educate them on recruitment rules. Meeting with junior high athletes will occur before or after school hours.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Skyline High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/15-5/18/16.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNUAL EVALUATION

Dr. Slemmer's evaluation will be finalized at the August 17, 2015 board meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- Email – Thanks for Andy Morales – Mark Malone
- Email – Thank You! – Megan Olson, The Odyssey Prep Academy

FUTURE DATES

May 25, 2015	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
August 3-4, 2015	AIA Executive Board Orientation/Study Session
August 5, 2015	AD/Bylaws Workshop – Lake Havasu
August 6, 2015	AD/Bylaws Workshop – Peoria District Office
August 7, 2015	AD/Bylaws Workshop – Show Low
August 10, 2015	AD/Bylaws Workshop – Chandler District Office
August 11, 2015	AD/Bylaws Workshop – Tombstone
August 11, 2015	Deadline – Fall Hardship Appeals – Football & Golf Only
August 12, 2015	AD/Bylaws Workshop – Amphitheater
August 13, 2015	AD/Bylaws Workshop – Flagstaff
August 14, 2015	AD/Bylaws Workshop – Chinle
August 17, 2015	AIA Executive Board Meeting
August 18-20, 2015	Fall Hardship Appeals – Football & Golf Only
August 19, 2015	Deadline – Remaining Fall Hardship Appeals
August 26-27, 2015	Remaining Fall Hardship Appeals

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, August 17, 2015. 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, August 6, 2015.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director