



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 19, 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, October 19, 2015 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Mike DeLaO called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Mark Goodman, 1A Conference (St. David Unified School District)
Lonnie Tvrdy, 2A Conference (Pusch Ridge Christian Academy)
Jacob Holiday, 3A Conference (Monument Valley High School)
Joe Paddock, 4A Conference (Amphitheater District)
Anna Battle, Ed.D, 5A Conference (Tempe Union High School District)
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Xavier College Preparatory)
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)
Travis Udall, AdvancED (Round Valley Unified Schools)
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D., AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
David Hines, Assistant Executive Director
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials
Denise Doser, Director of Finance
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Jose Garcia, AzPreps365
Les Willsey, AzPreps365
Steve Hogen, Mesa Public Schools
Dr. Wendy Truvillion, Alhambra High School

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, 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

✓ 8:30 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the September 16, 2015 meetings 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

Randy Boardman	Mingus Union	25 years
Michael Parillo	Mtn. View - Marana	Meritorious – 24 years
Vicki Jones	Deer Valley	26 years
Hal Miles	Centennial	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 2015-2015 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

5A Conference Minutes – 9/13/15

5A Conference Minutes – 9/24/15

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 request for a varsity program that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

Sierra Linda	JV Football Program
Pueblo Magnet	FR Volleyball contest with Catalina 9/15/15 FR Football contest with Palo Verde 10/8/15
Superior	JV Football Contest with: Hayden – 10/15/15 Chandler Prep – 10/28/15
Immaculate Heart	VAR Boys' Soccer contests with: Show Low – 9/17/15 Northland Prep – 9/26/15
Seligman	JV Volleyball Program
The Gregory School	VAR Girls' Soccer Program
Camelback	JV Football Contest with Betty Fairfax 9/10/15
Window Rock	JV Football Program
Wickenburg	JV Football Contest with Mohave 9/24/15
Shonto Prep	VAR Boys' Soccer Contest with Snowflake 9/23/15
Seton Catholic	VAR Boys' Golf Contests with: Mountain Pointe – 9/22/15 Chandler – 9/22/15
Desert View	VAR Boys/Girls' Swim & Dive Contest with Tanque Verde – 10/22/15
Antelope Union	VAR Girls Soccer Program
San Manuel	JV Football Contest with Globe 9/23/15
Holbrook	JV Boys Soccer Program
BASIS Flagstaff	VAR Volleyball Contests with Fredonia – 10/13/15 Telesis Prep – 10/16/15
Youngker	VAR/JV Boys' and Girls' Cross Country contest with Peoria – 10/14/15

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 September

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer updated the board that the initial conference placements have been sent out and the schedule is posted on the website. There was discussion about the individual sports and concerns coming from the member schools. If an appeal reaches the board, the board has requested a written summary explaining why a conference denied an appeal. The board also would like the conference appeal chairperson to be present during the conference appeals the board hears.

Dr. Slemmer discussed that with the AIA adding a division and switching back to the conference/region format after the 2015-16 school year, the formation of a committee of business managers and board members to address any budget issues that may surface in the future is needed, and the board agreed.

Ms. Doser informed the board that the annual audit field work is scheduled for November 20-26, 2015. She also gave the board an overview and timeline of that process.

Mr. Hines discussed the move of the spiritline state championships to Grand Canyon University. They will be hosting the January 23 state spiritline events along with one qualifier. Chaparral High School will be hosting a qualifier as well. The score sheets will be handed out the day of the event rather than days later. Sister Lynn Winsor said that she's looked over the tournament/qualifier guide and it is the most comprehensive one she's seen so far for spiritline.

Dr. Slemmer included all fall tournament guides for the board to review. They are all posted on the sport specific pages. He informed the board that Badminton state tournament begins on Friday, October 23 and Cross Country begins next week.

Dr. Slemmer also gave the board a preliminary update on the results of a survey returned to the AIA completed by member school coaches and administrators. The survey was sent to gather opinions on how the AIA can better serve its member schools. Over 4,000 surveys were sent, with 1,700 opened, about 700 recipients clicked through the survey and only 372 completed the survey. The final results will be compiled and shared with the board at the November meeting.

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 guardianship requests:

- Estrella Foothills
- Copper Canyon

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

Paradise Valley – an additional VAR baseball game to help fill **Scottsdale Christian's** schedule.
Northland Prep – an additional VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Desert Christian's** schedule.
Ash Fork – an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **El Capitan's** schedule.
Coconino – an additional JV girls' soccer game to help fill **Betty Fairfax's** schedule
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Mohave – additional volleyball games to help fill **Chino Valley** and **Joy Christians'** schedules.
Lake Havasu – additional volleyball game to help fill **Telesis'** schedule.
Empire – additional FR, JV and VAR boys' basketball games to help fill **Douglas'** schedule.
Prescott – additional VAR boys' basketball game to help fill **Sedona Red Rock's** schedule.
Desert Christian – additional girls' VAR basketball game to help fill **Valley Union's** schedule.
Desert Mountain – additional FR, JV and VAR baseball games to help fill **Mountain Ridge's** schedule.
Ironwood Ridge – additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Canyon Del Oro's** schedule.

REQUEST - REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLIMENTARY PASS

14.11.2.1.2 Replacement of a Complimentary Pass - A request for replacement of a complimentary pass must be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

Marcus Williams, District Athletic Director at Chandler Unified School District, is requesting a replacement of his complimentary pass for the 2015-2016 school year.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Marcus Williams to receive a new complimentary pass, upon payment of replacement fee.

CHANDLER HIGH SCHOOL – REQUEST – EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 14.7.2

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.7 All Star 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.

Chandler High School is asking for an exception for coach Shaun Aguano to participate in the Under Armour Bowl game in Florida on January 2, 2015.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the above request for above named coach to participate in an all-star competition.

ANTELOPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL – REQUEST – EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW EXCEPTION 23.5.3.1

23.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

23.5.3 No player shall participate in more than ten football games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

23.5.3.1 **EXCEPTION:** Division IV, **V & VI** schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 50% more matches or games than the regularly scheduled matches or games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

Example: If a school scheduled 20 games or matches, each player could participate in 50% more games or matches for a total of 30.

Based on Article 23.5.3.1 Antelope Union is asking for a variance to play an additional JV game with Tonopah Valley so they do not lose a scheduled game.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the above request for an additional game with Tonopah Valley.

GANADO HIGH SCHOOL – REQUEST – ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT

The former 3A North Schools are requesting permission to play a third basketball tournament to replace a traditional region tournament.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the above request for an additional tournament for Ganado High School.

CONSENSUS AIA BASKETBALL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The AIA Basketball Advisory Committee recommends the following actions by the AIA Executive Board related to the 2015-2016 AIA State Basketball Sectionals and automatic qualifiers to the 2015-2016 AIA State Basketball Tournaments.

In Division I for boys and girls, teams that finish first in the region standings will each earn automatic state berths. Instead of organizing region tournaments, D-I schools will be allowed to play two games between Feb. 8-11. The D-I teams that are crowned regular season region champs will receive a top-8 state seed and a bye. Sections in D-II, III, IV and V have the option to run region tournaments to determine their automatic state qualifiers. The boys regular season or region tournament champs in D-II-V will earn a top-12 state seed, and a top-11 seed will go to the girls' teams that win their regions in D-II-V.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the basketball committee recommendation for the 2015-2016 AIA State Basketball Tournament.

VERIFICATION OF FACULTY – PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL, BIA, COLLEGE PREPARATORY AND SPECIAL FUNCTION SCHOOLS

In accordance with Article 3, Section 3.1, Paragraph 3.3.3; Section 3.2, Paragraph 3.2.1; and Section 3.3, Paragraph 3.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **accepted** verifications of faculty from the following schools:

The Gregory School
Rough Rock High School

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

THE ODYSSEY INSTITUTE

Reported Violation:

During a freshman football game on September 8, 2015 at Youngker High School, a junior was put in the game in an attempt to recover an onside kick. Odyssey lost the kick anyway, however, the junior was put in on the “hands team” for that particular play.

School’s Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. We implemented a new policy that only eligible players dress and travel with the team. This will eliminate the issue in the future. All coaches on the sideline were formally reprimanded and given more training in the AIA Bylaws regarding freshman games.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Odyssey Institute **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS - Cont'd

COCONINO HIGH SCHOOL

Reported Violation:

Student attends a charter school and was participating and playing on our volleyball team and is domiciled outside of our boundaries. The student was originally homeschooled and moved to a charter school without notifying the school.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Cross referencing with class schedules and rosters and informing parents of such violations.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Coconino High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Reported Violation:

A former American Leadership Academy student participated in two varsity football practices in November 2014. This student participated as quarterback for the ALA scout team. He was in full pads and was involved in practices for approximately 30 minutes over a two day period. He did not participate in any games.

School's Corrective Action:

ALA has instituted quarterly in-service meetings to review with and update coaches on bylaw compliance.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the American Leadership Academy **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16.

CHOLLA HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL

Reported Violation:

A varsity football athlete was allowed to practice without completing proper paperwork and being cleared by the Activities office. The athlete had not turned in hi complete physical and parent permit/emergency card to the Activities office to be cleared on the roster. The coach received a roster daily but was lax at checking it thoroughly. The violation was caught when the athlete turned in his paperwork and the coach realized he had been practicing without proper clearance.

School's Corrective Action:

A meeting was held involving the Principal, Assistant Principal, Athletic Coordinator, District Athletic Director and the Coach. The coach was in-services on the importance of checking his roster daily. He was given instruction on the dangers of practicing and athlete without a physical. Coach was disciplined. The athlete is being held out the first two weeks of competition.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cholla High Magnet School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS - Cont'd

SABINO HIGH SCHOOL

Reported Violation:

After working with the band new coach for 2 weeks (our original one resigned in late July. I informed the student and parents that she was ineligible to play until I heard back from her last high school and AIA approved her transfer. The student completed her 520 form and told the coach she was cleared. The coach believed her and allowed her to play. After extensive research, documentation and correspondence with AIA; the student has been declared ineligible to compete at the varsity level due to international student status.

School's Corrective Action:

The new coach was informed of the rules and a letter of concern has been issues to the coach. All coaches have been informed that to get clearance of a player they must get the official clearance from the administrator and/or the AD. Written documentation will be given to each ineligible student waiting on 520/530 forms to come through stating that they understand they are ineligible until approved by administrator.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Sabino High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16.

BARRY GOLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL

Reported Violation:

During the duels against Prescott, Willow Canyon and North Canyon swimmers from Barry Goldwater High School swam in 5 events. Per NFHS regulations, swimmers may only swim in 2 individual and 2 team events.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited and schools notified of the forfeit. Instruction regarding the rules and violation have been provided to the coaching staff.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Horizon Honors High School **Swim Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

KINGMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Reported Violation:

In a game scheduled as a freshman football game, the opposing team brought sophomore level players and uses them. In response, our coaches also played sophomore level players in an AIA scheduled freshman football game.

School's Corrective Action:

More training with the first year coach, at that level, about what is allowed and not allowed at that level.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kingman High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16.

VALLEY VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

Reported Violation:

On September 18 and 19, 2015 the Valley Vista JV girls' volleyball team participated in Valley Vista's White Tanks Volleyball Tournament. This is a varsity tournament so the participation violated Article 30.5.1 and 30.5.2. There were no excuses for this foresight; I just know the tournament had a problem with the 16th team joining the tournament resulting in an incomplete bracket. The JV team will now exceed the number of allowable contests based on their participation.

School's Corrective Action:

New procedures have been put in place. The school will ensure that 16 teams will be in the tournament next year. If there are not, then the bracket and tournament will be adjusted. School will ensure no lower level teams will participate in this tournament. Administrators will review the bracket and attend all opening round games to ensure that all teams are varsity level teams.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Valley Vista High School **Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS - Cont'd**CHINLE HIGH SCHOOL****Reported Violation:**

The head coach held an open conditioning camp the week prior to the official start of practice. The coach had students wear helmets and practice jerseys one evening. School conditioning equipment was used. They did not practice with them on, however, they did put them on and take photos. Students did not wear pads. There was no contact and no specific game play coaching.

School's Corrective Action:

Full in-service with coaching staff. Head coach was suspended for one game (10/9/15). Require all coaches to checkout equipment on the first official day (no sooner) and require return day after last competition.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Chinle High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16.

ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL

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

Dr. Wendy Truvillion, Athletic Director

Reported Violation:

2013-14: Alhambra had a student that did not meet the domicile requirement or legal guardian requirements. No 520 form or hardship appeal was submitted to this affect. The athlete was allowed to compete in 8 football games.

2014-15: Alhambra had a student that did not meet the domicile requirement or legal guardian requirements. No 520 form or hardship appeal was submitted to this affect. The athlete was allowed to compete in 5 football games and 3 track meets.

2015-16: Alhambra had a student that did not meet the domicile requirement or legal guardian requirements. No 520/530 form or hardship appeal was submitted to this affect until September 17, 2015. The athlete was allowed to compete in 2 football games.

School's Corrective Action:

Previous administrator involved in the 2013 & 2014 violations has been removed from his position and placed in an alternate administrative position. The present administrator that was involved in the 2015 violation was in-serviced on the proper handlings of the eligibility and clearance process for all athletes. The registration office has obtained correct registration documentations from the student's enrollment (2013 and 2014) and the alternative school (Bostrom HS) where the student is presently enrolled has obtained proper enrollment documentation which identifies the student as emancipated and student in transition which meets the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act requirements. All events that the student participated in were forfeited.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Alhambra High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16 and **rescinded** the forfeitures.

16. **SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** - Cont'd**COPPER CANYON HIGH SCHOOL****Reported Violation:**

Student participated in practice without being cleared through the athletic office. Once the athletic office became aware, student was removed from practice.

School's Corrective Action:

Professional development for all head coaches takes place at the start of each school year. TUHSD and AIA Bylaw procedures on athletic clearance were reviewed. The AD also meets one-on-one with each head coach as their season begins, once again reviewing general procedures, including proper athletic clearance procedures. Coaches received training on athletic clearance procedures on two occasions with a clear understanding that if students are not cleared by the athletic office they cannot take part in practices or games. As a result of this violation the Principal, AD and the coach met and reviewed the events that lead to the proper procedures not being followed. Proper Procedures were reviewed again. The Principal will ensure compliance of TUHSD and AIA Bylaw procedures by the head coach of the cheer program.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Copper Canyon High School **Spiritline Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/19/15-10/19/16.

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- Email – Armando Valenzuela, Yuma Catholic Principal
- Letter – Wall Street Worldwide

FUTURE DATES

October 26-27, 2015	Winter Hardship Appeals
November 4, 2015	Superintendents' Advisory Meeting
November 16, 2015	Executive Board Meeting
November 26-27, 2015	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 7, 2015	Executive Board Meeting
December 24-25, 2015	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 31-Jan. 2, 2016	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, November 16, 2015. The meeting will be held at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th 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, November 5, 2015.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director