



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
February 17, 2016**

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 Wednesday, February 17, 2016 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)
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

Members Absent:

Anna Battle, Ed.D, 5A Conference (Tempe Union High School District)

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	Ben Halverson, ASU
Les Willsey, AzPreps365	Lisa Lumbar, Lumbar & Associates
Scott Bordow, AZ Central	Lima Morales, ASU
Steve Hogen, Mesa	Ty Handlan, ASU
Ryan Wright, ASU	Troy Lynch, ASU
Kara Brown, ASU	

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the January 19, 2016 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

Clement Chapman	South Mountain	Retired
Steve Harris	Mtn View (Mesa)	33 Years

Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2015-2016 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 2015-2016 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.

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:

Bowie/San Simon	VAR Baseball Program
Mohave Accelerated	VAR Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Youngker-1/28
St. Johns	VAR Boys' Basketball Contest w/ Payson-1/5
Santa Rita	VAR/JV/FR Boys' Volleyball Programs
Shonto Prep	VAR Girls' Basketball Contest w/ Greyhills
	VAR Softball Program
The Gregory School	VAR Softball & Baseball Programs
Chino Valley	Girls' Basketball Contest with Wickenburg-1/6
Antelope Union	VAR Wrestling Contest with Odyssey-1/20
	JV Softball Program
Hopi	FR Boys' Basketball Contest w/ Ganado-1/20
Benjamin Franklin	VAR B/G Tennis Program
Casa Grande Union	FR Wrestling Program

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTESTS AND/OR PROGRAMS - CONT

Patagonia Union	VAR Softball Program VAR Baseball Program
Seton Catholic	VAR Girls' Soccer Contest with Queen Creek
Cibecue	JV Boys' Basketball Contest w/ Mogollon-1/26
Seligman	JV Boys' Basketball Contest w/ Mohave-1/13
Shadow Ridge	VAR/JV/FR B/G Track & Field Contests with Dysart on 3/2/16
Tohono O'odham	VAR Girls' Basketball Contest with Antelope Union on 1/22/16
Anthem Prep	VAR Boys' Tennis Program
Greyhills	JV Boys' Basketball Contest w/ Williams-2/5
Page	VAR Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Moon Valley on 1/27/16
Red Mesa	JV Boys' Basketball Program
Mohave	VAR/JV B/G Basketball Contest with Chino Valley on 1/6/16
Camp Verde	JV Girls' Basketball Contest with: St. Johns on 1/30/16 Chino Valley on 2/5/16
Catalina	JV Boys' Volleyball Program
San Pasqual	JV Girls' Basketball Contest with Antelope Union on 2/3/16
Arete Prep	VAR Softball Program
Santa Cruz Valley	VAR Boys' Basketball Contest with ASDB on 2/4/16 JV Boys' Basketball Contest with North Phoenix Prep on 2/4/16
Rancho Solano	VAR Girls' Basketball Contest with Joy Christian on 2/1/16

AIA AUDIT

Lisa Lombard, Lombard & Associates, P.L.L.C., the independent certified public accountant retained by the Executive Board to conduct the annual audit of the AIA financial accounts, presented the Independent Auditor's Report for the following:

- ✓ Fiscal years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.5, Paragraph 6.5.12 and 6.5.16 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board **approved** the annual audit report.

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.5 Paragraph 6.5.15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following:

- ✓ Financial Report for January 2016

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer informed the board that the AIA is planning to give a Health and Safety Honor Roll award to schools that take steps to help reduce the risk of injuries. Dr. Slemmer used the infection-control requirements at the wrestling tournaments as an example that can help a school land a Health and Safety Honor Roll award.

Dr. Slemmer announced that the production of a video about Native American traditions impacting high school student athletes as a result of an incident during a game on February 2. Regarding the incident, Jacob Holiday stated, "We can always do more. Those things are very sensitive to people." Sr. Lynn asked about the Diversity Committee and if recommendations were taken from them in order to put forth efforts regarding the diversity of our state. She feels this is an ongoing situation and believes that everyone needs to be educated and informed throughout the year on such topics.

The Legislative Council agenda was provided to the board by Dr. Slemmer. Not much feedback has been brought forward from the conferences. Joe Paddock inquired about an item he thought was being placed on the agenda. Mr. Hines informed him that after review and discussion with the party responsible for bring in forward, that it would be held off until next year. More understanding and discussion of the topic must take place prior to it being presented to the Legislative Council.

Dr. Slemmer and Mr. Hines provided the board with information on the Spiritline competitions. Mr. Hines stated that there was a 40% increase in attendance this year and over 5,500 paid attendees at the Spiritline State Championship held at Grand Canyon University.

Look for the Spiritline championships and qualifiers to grow next year to give more teams the chance to experience the high-energy and competitive AIA activity. Recreating situational game day moments for cheer squads is an event that might be added to Spiritline. In such a competition, teams will get three minutes to perform routines they do during specific moments in games. The AIA is seeking ways to incorporate more Spiritline teams that aren't as proficient in stunt and tumbling events. Also, the AIA's Unified Sports teams will be asked to participate in Spiritline activities, if they aren't already.

The AIA is working also on helping schools acquire catastrophic injury insurance for incoming 9th graders. Those students often train with high school teams before the first day of class.

Dr. Slemmer, along with many others met with state policy developers recently to successfully remove athletic trainers from a list of specialties the Governor office wants to deregulate in House Bill 2613.

The board was informed that there are 27 teams participated in Sand Volleyball this year. The emerging sport continues to grow year by year.

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- Camelback** – an additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Phoenix Christian's** schedule.
- Desert Mountain** – an additional baseball game to help fill **Mountain Ridge's** schedule.
- Campo Verde** – an additional JV boys' volleyball game to help fill **Williams Field's** schedule.
- Tolleson** – an additional baseball game to help fill **Cienega's** schedule.
- Highland** – an additional VAR baseball game to help fill **Cienega's** schedule.
- Williams Field** – an additional FR baseball game to help fill **Casteel's** schedule.
- Highland** – an additional FR baseball game to help fill **Casteel's** schedule.
- Deer Valley** – an additional JV/VAR b/g tennis match to help fill **Lake Havasu's** schedule.
- Seton Catholic** – an additional JV/VAR baseball and softball games to help fill **Yuma Catholic's** schedule.
- Xavier** – an additional girls' tennis match to help fill **Corona del Sol's** schedule.
- Prescott** – an additional FR softball game to help fill **Bradshaw Mountain's** schedule.
- South Mountain** – an additional baseball game to help fill **Phoenix Christian's** schedule.
- St Johns** – an additional softball game to help fill **Valley (Sanders)** schedule.
- Deer Valley** – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Prescott's** schedule.
- Sandra Day O'Connor** – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Prescott's** schedule.
- Douglas** – an additional softball game to help fill **Cienega'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.

The following are requesting a replacement of a complimentary pass for the 2015-2016 school year:

- Orlanda Roberts, Superintendent – Santa Cruz Union High School District
- Patricia Parrish, Governing Board Member – Kayenta Unified School District
- Samantha Keene, Administrative Specialist – Phoenix Union High School District
- Laurenda Begay – Red Mesa High School

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The AIA Staff would like to request the following amendment to AIA Bylaw Article 23 Football. Change for 2016 spring dates for spring football instruction.

23.9 SPRING FOOTBALL INSTRUCTION

23.9.1 *A coach may instruct candidates for the high school's football squad for three consecutive weeks, commencing on the 44th ~~44th~~ 43rd week of the AIA standardized calendar and concluding in the 46th week. The use of shields and dummies during this time is permissible.*

Rationale: Due to the rotation of the AIA Standardized Calendar and conflicts with graduations and other year ending curriculum activities at AIA member schools. This would be for a one year only determination and approval.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the amendment for the 2016 spring football dates.

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.*

Phoenix Christian Preparatory School and **Alchesay High School** are requesting approval to play during week zero of the 2016 football season.

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

PEORIA DISTRICT – REQUEST – ADDITIONAL DISTRICT TOURNAMENT, BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following request for the below Peoria district high schools to participate in an additional district boys' volleyball tournament.

Peoria District is requesting an additional district boys' volleyball tournament to be held on April 29, 2016 at Centennial High School. The following district schools would participate in the tournament:

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| • Peoria | • Ironwood |
| • Cactus | • Liberty |
| • Sunrise Mountain | • Raymond S. Kellis |
| • Centennial | |

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

SOUTH MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL reported a violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

Reported Violation:

Student was ejected from the South Mountain vs Trevor Browne freshman game because she left the bench area during an altercation.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Better communication between officials and coaches. The South Mountain program was addressed about sportsmanship.

Executive Board Action:

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

HIGLEY HIGH SCHOOL reported a violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 21. Basketball, Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season*

Reported Violation:

The player played in 4 quarters of the 9th grade game then the JV coach inadvertently used him for 3 quarters of the JV game.

School's Corrective Action:

I have asked the coaches to better communicate the quarters played at each level.

Executive Board Action:

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

NORTH CANYON HIGH SCHOOL reported a violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 21. Basketball, Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season*

Reported Violation:

A player was entered into all 4 quarters of the freshman game and the JV coach also entered him into 4 quarters of the JV game violating the allotted 6 quarter maximum.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Head coach was given a "letter of reprimand" and suspended for two games. He was also the varsity coach reiterated the rules to the JV coach immediately when the violation was realized. I have also spoken to the JV coach and made sure he is fully aware of the rules.

Executive Board Action:

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

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont.

CHOLLA MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL reported a violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 21. Basketball, Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season*

Reported Violation:

A JV player played all 4 quarters of her JV game. She then played the first two quarters of the varsity game. After half time the head coach put her in the start of the 3rd quarter. Six minutes into the third quarter it was caught that this was her 7th quarter./ she was pulled immediately. It was poor communication between the head coach and the assistant coach.

School's Corrective Action:

The coach and assistant coach were in-serviced on the importance of communication and proper record keeping.

Executive Board Action:

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

PUEBLO MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL reported a violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.1 Student Eligibility Requirements*

Reported Violation:

Student transferred from San Miguel to Pueblo Magnet over the summer. Due to a clerical error, student was transferred from girls' soccer tryout roster to the active roster without completion of a form 520. This oversight allowed ineligible player to participate in the Amphi "Panther Invitational" (3 total games). Player also played in two seasonal games.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. New revisions are as follows. We have notified TUSD to revise AIA Eligibility Questionnaire to include Assistant Principal or Athletic Coordinator Signature to ensure any transfer student has been cleared prior to practice. Prior to any student being cleared for practice athletic secretary will take sports packets turned in by every student and pull their transcripts to see if student is an incoming freshman, is a returning student or has transferred from another school the previous year. This will act as a failsafe should any student or their parents omit transfer information. All student transfer paperwork will be forwarded to Assistant Principal and/or Athletic Director for administrative review prior to being entered into district interscholastic monitoring system "Mojave".

Executive Board Action:

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

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont.

BROPHY COLLEGE PREPARATORY reported a violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.1 Student Eligibility Requirements*

Reported Violation:

A from 520 and hardship appeal was not filed before the player participated in six (6) JV soccer games. Once the AD found out that the player was a transfer, he sat out all other JV games until an appeal could be heard.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Admissions office will now refer all transfer students to the office of the Athletic Director.

Executive Board Action:

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

YUMA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL reported a violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 12. Post Season Tournament, Section 12.1 Post-Season Tournaments*

Reported Violation:

The Yuma Catholic Cheer coach withdrew the "Stunt Team" from the stunt portion of the state qualifiers. There were two girls that sustained injury and the coach felt it was a safety issue to proceed with the Stunt Team from that point. The coach did not notify the AD until after she had already withdrawn the team.

School's Corrective Action:

The coach has been advised that in the future she is to utilize alternates on the cheer team that can fill in any voids due to injury or other unforeseeable circumstances that would prevent a member of the team from competing. The coach has also been advised that she is to check with the AD before decisions like withdrawing from a competition are made.

Executive Board Action:

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

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont.

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL reported a violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

Reported Violation:

In our game with O'Connor, two of our players were ejected for a pushing altercation. Liberty's player was called for an illegal screen. An O'Connor player pushed him. LHS player pushed back, and then another O'Connor player pushed him resulting in another LHS player getting involved. All players were ejected. Liberty had 8 players step on the floor. 3 went to separate the pushing, four others stepped onto the floor but stopped after a couple of steps onto the floor. The altercation took place in front of the O'Connor bench. Those four did not cross half court and were nowhere near the altercation. Neither official ejected the players from either team that went on the floor. In speaking with Mr. Halbach, he mentioned to me and my principal that i would need to turn the violation into the board. The players ejected will sit the next game. The others that went on the floor and weren't ejected will also be suspended for one game.

School's Corrective Action:

Players were suspended and the AD met with coaches and players regarding rule 16.3.2.

Executive Board Action:

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

FLOWING WELLS HIGH SCHOOL reported a violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule and 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule*

Reported Violation:

A freshman soccer player was allowed to practice without having turned her paperwork into the athletic office. She attended three practices and when it was discovered that she had not turned in her athletic packet, she was removed from practice until all her paperwork was on file in the athletic office.

School's Corrective Action:

Coach will be required to attend an in-service on athletic office procedures and will be required to turn in documentation of all athletes that tryout.

Executive Board Action:

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

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont.

ST. MICHAEL HIGH SCHOOL reported a violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

Reported Violation:

It was identified through a check of paperwork that two volunteer basketball assistant coaches had not completed the required NFHS courses for assistant coaches within the 45-day period allowed by AIA. Both coaches put on leave until completion of the required NFHS courses. Both coaches are assistant coaches for our boys and girls basketball teams.

School's Corrective Action:

New procedures that have been implemented for the hiring process of all coaches.

1. Added AIA Article 17 to our application for all paid and volunteer coaches.
2. Created a school account with NFHS-Learn for our Human Resource Director and Athletic Director. Creation of this account will allow our HR Director and AD to assign the required NFHS courses, track progress to ensure completion is done within the 45-day period and obtain verification of completion of the courses.
3. AD to review AIA Bylaws with HR Director and Coaching Staff prior to start of school and start of each sport season; fall, winter and spring.

Executive Board Action:

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

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

- Chaparral** Tommy Eubanks – Athletic Director, Parents & Student, Attorney
Pinnacle – Alex Pavlenko – Athletic Director, Corey Newland – District AD
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Pinnacle – Alex Pavlenko – Athletic Director, Corey Newland – District AD
- Pinnacle** Alex Pavlenko – Athletic Director, Corey Newland – District AD, Parent, Attorney
Liberty – Aaron Coughanour – Athletic Director
- NW Christian** David Inness – Athletic Director, Parents & Student
Liberty – Aaron Coughanour – Athletic Director
- Cactus** Tony Vining – Athletic Director, Parent
Arizona Lutheran – Doug Meyer – Athletic Director
- Thunderbird** Jason Latham – Athletic Director, Parents & Student
Veritas – Keith Zaborski – Athletic Director
- Seton Catholic** Matt Mayo – Athletic Director, Parents & Student
Chandler – Jim Culver – Athletic Director
- Sahuaro** RJ Lundstrom– Assistant Principal, Parents & Student
St. David – Tylene Miller – Athletic Director
- Pueblo Magnet** Brandon Sanders – Athletic Director, Frank Rosthenhausler – Assistant Principal, Parent & Student
Cholla High – Peggy Baker – Athletic Director, Tariq Rasool – Assistant Principal
- Kingman** John Venega – Athletic Director, Parents & Student

School/Appeal **Granted/Denied**

- Chaparral Denied
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- Pinnacle Denied
- NW Christian Granted
- Cactus Granted
- Thunderbird Denied
- Seton Catholic Denied
- Sahuaro Denied
- Pueblo Magnet Denied
- Kingman Granted

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- National Association of Sports Officials – letter
- Campo Verde – email
- Wrestling Boulder Creek – email

FUTURE DATES

March 4, 2016	Legislative Council Meeting
March 21, 2016	Executive Board Meeting
April 18, 2016	Executive Board Meeting
April 20, 2016	Superintendents' Advisory Committee Meeting
May 16, 2016	Executive Board Meeting (University of Phoenix)

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 21, 2016. 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, March 10, 2016.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director