



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 21, 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 Monday, March 21, 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)
Anna Battle, Ed.D, 5A Conference (Tempe Union High School District)
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Xavier College Preparatory)
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:

Joe Paddock, 4A Conference (Amphitheater District)
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
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
Scott Bordow, AzCenral

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes from the February 17, 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

Dan Kuiper	Valley Christian	28 years
Al Nelson	Valley Christian	28 years
Greg Haagsma	Valley Christian	25 years
Herman Andrews	Safford	42 years
Tommy Navarrete	Safford	33 years
Mike Childress	Sunnyslope	27 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:

Catalina	VAR Girls Tennis Program
	JV Baseball contest w/ Amphi on 3/28/16
	JV Softball contest w/ Marana on 2/29/16
Seton Catholic	FR Baseball Program / JV Softball Program
Seligman	JV Boys' Basketball contests w/
	Greyhills Academy on 2/4/16
	Pinon on 1/23/16
	Ash Fork on 2/2/16
St. Johns	JV Baseball contest w/ Round Valley on 2/29/16
Kingman	JV Boys Tennis Program
Telesis Prep	VAR Softball Program

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTESTS AND/OR PROGRAMS – Cont'd

Barry Goldwater	FR Baseball Program
Marcos de Niza	VAR Sand Volleyball Program
North Canyon	FR Baseball Program
Willow Canyon	FR Baseball Program
Cactus	FR Baseball Program
Dobson	FR Baseball Program
Shadow Mountain	FR Softball Program
San Pasqual	VAR Softball Contest w/ Yuma Catholic on 2/25/16
Notre Dame Prep	JV Softball Program
Cortez	FR Softball Program
Camelback	FR Baseball Program
Higley	FR Softball Program
Rincon/University	FR Boys' Volleyball Program
San Tan Foothills	JV Baseball Program
Mingus Mountain	Girls' Track Program
Trivium Prep	JV Softball Program
Shonto Prep	VAR Softball Program
The Odyssey	JV Baseball Contest w/ Cortez on 3/10/16
Santa Rita	VAR Boys' Tennis Program
Desert Vista	VAR Sand Volleyball Program
	FR Softball Program
Tombstone	JV Softball Contests w/ Tanque Verde on 3/24/16 Pima on 3/10/16
Copper Canyon	FR Baseball Program
Antelope Union	VAR Girls' Track Program

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 Report for February 2016

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Sister Lynn Winsor presented the Board with information regarding the AIAAA Conference being held on September 10-13, 2016. Online vendor registration will open April 1, 2016 and attendee registration will open May 1, 2016. Sister also informed the board of some personnel changes on the AIAAA committee.

- Renee Regoli – Campo Verde: AIAAA Secretary
- Cindy Kirk – Valley Lutheran & Missy Townsend – Prescott: Awards Committee Chairpersons
- Eric Zimmerman – Washington: Certification Committee Chairperson
- Julie Patton – Glendale: Leadership Training Institute Chairperson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer discussed the amendment that had been brought forward to the Legislative Council on March 4th regarding the Transfer Rule. He indicated that the original proposal submitted dealt with the 50% sit out but did not include all transfers. Dr. Slemmer informed the Board that there will be a meeting at the AIA office on April 4, 2016 with conference representatives to discuss the concerns and understandings of the new Transfer Rule.

Also discussed were Transfer Eligibility Dates. A form was created to show when a transfer student would be eligible for interscholastic activity. During season of sport is defined as first day of practice through last contest.

Dr. Slemmer stated that the NFHS now has a free "Introduction to Pitch Smart" course that can be taken through NFHSLearn.com. This course aims to explain the principles behind Pitch Smart, a joint arm care initiative between Major League Baseball and USA Baseball. Topics covered are risk of arm injuries, common misconceptions, and the Pitch Smart guidelines. Dr. Slemmer was pleased to move forward in promoting the health and safety of our students and implementing these guidelines.

Staff will be holding spring workshops for Athletic Directors around the state throughout the month of April. These dates will be posted when confirmed.

Dr. Slemmer provided the board with information on a Youth Football Lawsuit that took place in Wisconsin. He stated that this would be a discussion topic at the NFHS Legal Meeting next month.

Mike DeLaO, Board President, indicated that he already created a committee to assist in preparing the Executive Director Evaluation. That committee will consist of Joe Paddock, Mark Goodman and Dr. Anna Battle.

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 request:

- (a) Flowing Wells
- (b) Williams Field

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

Chino Valley – an additional VAR baseball game to help fill **Mohave's** schedule.
Sandra Day O'Connor – an additional JV/VAR boys' volleyball game to help fill **Prescott's** schedule.
Hopi – an additional VAR baseball game to help fill **Monument Valley's** schedule.
Casteel – an additional FR baseball game to help fill **Marcos de Niza's** schedule.
Sahuaro – an additional softball game to help fill **Gilbert's** schedule.
Perry – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Prescott's** schedule.

POLICY – UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS

To be placed in Articles 19 – 31:

UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS AT AIA SANCTIONED EVENTS

The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA sanctioned events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.

The Board **tabled** the above policy proposal for the April regularly scheduled meeting.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**MCCLINTOCK HIGH SCHOOL** – Tempe Union High School District

Reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators.

Reported Violation:

At the end of a girls basketball game a Skyline player pushed a McClintock player at the time of celebration and a fight broke out.

School's Corrective Action:

Conducted an internal investigation and reported the incident to the Tempe Police Department. The participants in the incident from McClintock have been disciplined in accordance with District policy. TUHSD will be changing operating procedures for events to include the additional and proper position of adult presence (mostly administration, staff and security) for the minutes just prior to half-time as well as the end of the game. If multiple events are being held on campus during a basketball game or other larger event, then staff from other areas may be called in to assist. Based on our analysis of the incident, we believe that a greater adult presence will assist in preventing similar incidents in the future.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the McClintock High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/21/16-3/21/17.

Dr. Battle abstained.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont.

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL – *Phoenix Union High School District*

Reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.3 Maximum Teams Per Sport / Student Grade Level for Team Participation.

Reported Violation:

A 12th grader was allowed to play during a junior varsity girls' soccer game on January 22, 2016

School's Corrective Action:

In service of coaches on AIA rules/bylaws. Will require game rosters prior to JV contests. Uniforms monitored.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Central High School **Girls' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/21/16-3/21/17.

KINGMAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL – *Kingman Academy District*

Reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Schedule Contracts. Section 11.4 Number of Games in Season

Reported Violation:

We were unaware as a school of a sectional game that our girls' team was in. Due to finding out last minute we had to cancel the game against Wickenburg at Parker. This resulted in a forfeiture.

School's Corrective Action:

AD and Assistant AD will check AZPreps365.com at the end of all sports to make sure this doesn't occur in the future.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kingman Academy High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/21/16-3/21/17.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont.

BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL – Humboldt Unified

Reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 36. Spiritline. Section 36.10 Coaches / Coaching

Reported Violation:

Spiritline performed on illegal 2-2-1 stunt at a basketball game. When administration was informed of the illegal stunt, coach was immediately contact and directed not to perform the stunt again. Coach misinterpreted the rule, and was directed to attend the spirit rules class in person for the 16-17 school year. Coach will contact the AACCA to check legality of any stunt she is unsure of in future.

School's Corrective Action:

Coach will attend rules class in person and check with AACCA for any future stunt for legality.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Bradshaw Mountain High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/21/16-3/21/17.

JOSEPH CITY HIGH SCHOOL – Joseph City Unified

Reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule

Reported Violation:

On February 16, 2016, a student paid his fee to participate in baseball but did not have the paperwork for his doctor's physical. He attended practice February 16-18 and was allowed to participate without clearance. As soon as this was discovered by the office the player was removed from practice on February 18, 2016.

School's Corrective Action:

The AD has discussed the issue with the coach. Clearance procedures will be given monthly in coaches meetings.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Joseph City High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/21/16-3/21/17.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont.**CAMP VERDE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Camp Verde Unified*

Reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 20. Baseball, Section 20.1 Rules

Reported Violation:

With 2 outs in the 2nd inning, a Wickenburg base runner was attempting to score on a throw from the outfield. The Camp Verde catcher was attempting to receive the throw. The Wickenburg runner did not attempt to slide into home plate and a collision occurred. The umpires ruling on the collision was “incidental contact.”

The Camp Verde Head Coach argued for a ruling of “malicious contact” and ejection of the Wickenburg player. After conferring with his partner the umpires maintained their decision for incidental contact.

With Camp Verde being next at bat, our Coach pulled his team into a huddle outside the dugout to get the boys under control. The boys were quite upset about the situation since our catcher had been hurt and our coach was trying to determine whether he had a concussion or not. Our coach was intent on keeping them focused on finishing the game. The umpire called for the batter a couple of times. Our coach felt that it was more important to talk to his players and refocus them so a batter was not sent out right away. The umpire then called 2 strikes and our batter finally made it out to the box. He grounded out. The next batter came up to the plate. After a pitch in the dirt the umpire called the pitch a strike. The CVHS player began to argue the call. At this point seeing the situation between our players and the umpire deteriorating our coach came out and said if you can’t call balls and strikes we’re done. The umpire asked him if he wanted to quit and he replied “yes”. At that point the umpire called “game”.

When discussing this situation with our coach he felt it appropriate that the game be discontinued because a previous team we had faced in the tournament decided to end a game because they were out of pitchers. Not that this condones the violation of the bylaw, but gives some insight.

School’s Corrective Action:

The CVHS head baseball coach was placed on administrative leave for 1 week, in which he will miss 2 games. A letter of direction will be submitted in regards to the incident. Since then CVHS administration has contacted the parents of the athletes to inform them of the rule violation and the suspension of the head coach. The administration has also met with all paid and volunteer coaches in the CVHS baseball program to reiterate AIA bylaw 20.1.2. Administration has also sent an e-mail to all CVHS coaching staff in all sports reiterating the importance of following AIA bylaw 20.1.2.

Finally Bylaw 20.1.2 will be specifically placed on the preseason coaches meeting agenda for future meetings.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Camp Verde High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/21/16-3/21/17.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont.**CIENEGA HIGH SCHOOL** – Vail Unified School District

(2 Violations Reported)

Reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule

Reported Violation:

#1: JV Coach allowed an athlete to participate in track practice without checking to see if she were cleared with athletic office. Athlete did not submit physical and or complete athletic packet.

#2: JV Coach allowed two athletes to participate in baseball practice without checking to see if they were cleared with athletic office. Both athletes did not submit physicals or complete athletic packet.

School's Corrective Action:

Along with our current procedures head coaches are now required to verify every athlete on all fields by taking attendance with emergency release forms, not any other attendance list, and submitting the attendance to the athletic office every day. If coaches do not have emergency release form then that athlete is not able to participate till cleared by athletic office. Letter of direct placed in coach's file and will reflect on coach's evaluation.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cienega High School **Girls' Track and Baseball Programs** on **Warning** for one year 3/21/16-3/21/17.

AGUA FRIA HIGH SCHOOL – Agua Fria Union High School District

Reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 20. Baseball, Section 20.1 Rules

Reported Violation:

Student had completed a 520/530 form in regard to eligibility. A hardship was needed in regard to the student participation in sport during the last year at Independence High School. The paperwork had not been processed prior to participation. Student was a lower level kid that was brought up to play in a tournament game.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests Forfeited. Along with changes in procedure, specific to this situation, we will be updating out process for in-servicing coaches. Our coaches are informed prior to school year, as well as going into their season of eligibility process. Our baseball coach had a lapse. I have several coaches that in their first couple years of coaches and it is apparent that there needs to be additional training. We will begin in-servicing and adding components of the AIA procedure/bylaws at our next meeting.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Agua Fria High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/21/16-3/21/17.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**SABINO HIGH SCHOOL** – Tucson Unified School District

Reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,

Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.3 Maximum Teams per Sport / Student Grade Level for Team Participation.

Reported Violation:

Tennis coach played a senior in a JV match against Tucson High Magnet School

School's Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. Tennis coach will receive written discipline. A coaches' reminder about playing seniors will be sent out reminding them that "seniors can ONLY play varsity". Will be emphasized in mandatory coaches meeting at the beginning of every year.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sabino High School **Tennis Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/21/16-3/21/17.

ACADEMY OF TUCSON – Charter (2 Violations)

Reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,

Article 26. Softball. Section 26.3 Preseason Interschool Varsity Scrimmage // Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.3 Enrollment Rule

Reported Violation:

On Saturday March 5th Academy of Tucson softball team played Pusch Ridge Christian Academy in the Phoenix Country Day Tournament. Academy only had nine players to start the game and their starting pitcher had to go out of the game after aggravating an injury that happened to her the previous day of the tournament. This injury put Academy down to 8 players without a backup for pitcher. The coaches from each team decided that Academy would forfeit the game and talked to the umpires about this decision as well. The two teams stopped the game in the 2nd inning and then proceeded to scrimmage each other for the rest of the time they had before the next game would be starting. The umpires stayed and umpired this scrimmage. PRCA also lent one player to AOT to pitch for them against our team.

School's Corrective Action:

Coach Moten will be issued this letter of correction, will review AIA Bylaws with the Athletic Director and placed on one week suspension from practices and games starting Friday, March 11, 2016 through Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Academy of Tucson **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/21/16-3/21/17.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

Mingus Union Allen Mitchell – Athletic Director, Father & John Brown – Softball Coach

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
Mingus Union	Denied

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- Email - Brian Quinn, Special Olympics
- Varsity Proposal
- Email – Gretchen Dorner, Lee Williams High School

FUTURE DATES

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, April 18, 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, April 7, 2016.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director