



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 18, 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, April 18, 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)
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.com
Les Wilsey, AzPreps365.com
Scott Bordow, AzCentral
James DeRose, AIA Unified & Adaptive Coordinator
Nate Agostini, Horizon Honors

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:

- ✓ 8:33 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

SELECTION OF NEW AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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 members for the **2016-2019** school year:

- 1A** Mark Goodman, Superintendent – St. David
- 2A** Mark Showers, Athletic Director – Camp Verde
- 4A** Jeannine Brandel, Athletic Director – Flagstaff
- 6A** Herman House, District Athletic Director – Tucson USD
- ASBA** Mike DeLaO, Governing Board Member – Safford USD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 21, 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

Susan Edwards	McClintock	Retired
Neil Johnson	Cibola	Retired

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 requests that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

Sierra Linda	FR Baseball Contest with Cesar Chaves – 4/1
Palo Verde	JV Softball Program
	JV Baseball Program
Copper Canyon	JV Baseball Contest w/ Shadow Ridge – 3/18
St. Johns	JV Baseball Contest w/ Holbrook – 3/26
St. Augustine	VAR Softball Contest w/ Bisbee – 3/21
Tombstone	JV Baseball Contest w/ Bisbee – 3/31
Desert Vista	FR Softball Program
	VAR Sand Volleyball 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:

- ✓ Financial Report for March 2016
- ✓ 2016-2017 AIA Operation Budget

CATASTROPHIC INSURANCE

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the Board **approved** the catastrophic insurance.

- 9.2.2 **Student Excess Accident Insurance** - Each member school (full and associate members) shall purchase excess accident (catastrophic) insurance to insure students against injuries sustained while engaged in school sponsored interscholastic sports and activities sanctioned by the AIA during the season of sport or activity as identified in the AIA Constitution and Bylaws. The AIA Executive Board shall determine the insurance carrier for said coverage and notify member schools (full and associate members) of the carrier selected and the premium rate. Each member school shall pay the premium to the AIA office who, in turn, shall send a payment to the insurance carrier to cover the total annual premium for the member schools. It is understood that the AIA and the AIA Executive Board are not agents or representatives of, or in any way affiliated with, said insurance carrier. The insurance carrier shall set the terms and conditions of said coverage and AIA shall not be liable for any claims related to the terms and conditions of said coverage. Demonstration and/or exhibition events (e.g., home run derby, slam dunk competition, three point shooting competition, closest to the pin competition, etc.) are not considered "sports and activities sanctioned by the AIA" and will not be covered by the catastrophic insurance referenced in this bylaw.

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Sister Lynn updated the board on the 2016 AIAAA Conference. Registration opens on May 1st.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer updated the board on the feedback from the meeting held on April 4th with conference representatives. The meeting was a review of the new transfer rule and eligibility dates. Dr. Slemmer stated there was much positive feedback from the conferences regarding the new rule and the understanding of the rule.

The board was provided with a list of Spring Workshop Dates. Mr. Hines will be traveling to different schools around the state to review and update the athletic directors on the new transfer rule, as well as any other items that need to be addressed.

Dr. Slemmer also shared the new 2016-2017 meeting dates with the board, which they **approved**.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS – 2016-2017

TBD (Board Orientation/Study Session)
 August 15, 2016
 August 30, 2016 (Tuesday) Meeting to Hear Fall Hardship Appeals
 September 6, 2016 (Tuesday) Meeting to Hear Fall Hardship Appeals
 September 14, 2016 (Wednesday – location AIA Office)
 October 17, 2016
 November 14, 2016
 December 5, 2016
 January 17, 2017 (Tuesday)
 February 21, 2017 (Tuesday)
 March 20, 2017
 April 17, 2017
 May 15, 2017

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 3, 2017 (Friday)

HARDSHIP APPEAL DATES***Fall Sports -***

Football & Golf Appeals **only** August 16-17, 2016 (Deadline – August 9th)

Remaining Fall Appeals August 24-25, 2016 (Deadline – August 17th)

Winter Sports – October 24-25, 2016 (Deadline – October 17th)

Spring Sports – January 23-24, 2016 (Deadline – January 17th)

NEW AD ONLY WORKSHOPS
9:00 a.m.

July 26, 2016	Amphitheater
July 27, 2016	AIA Office
September 7, 2016	AIA Office

COACHES' WORKSHOPS

TBD (Season of Sport)

WRESTLING WORKSHOPS

September 26, 2016	Chandler District Office - 4:00 p.m.
September 27, 2016	AIA Office - 9:00 a.m.
	Flagstaff High School - 3:00 p.m.

FISCAL/TOURNAMENT WORKSHOPS - TBD

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

Mohave – an additional JV football game to help fill **River Valley's** schedule.

Blue Ridge – an additional girls' soccer game to help fill **Desert Christian's** schedule.

PROPOSAL – GUIDELINES FOR HYGIENE AND INFECTION PREVENTION IN WRESTLING – AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the proposed position statement for wrestling hygiene and infection prevention.

The transmission of communicable skin conditions is a major concern in the sport of wrestling. Proper precaution are needed to minimize the potential risk of the spread of communicable disease and skin infections during athletic competition. The best way to treat contagious skin infections is prevention. The following guidelines are based on recommendations from the Centre for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) and numerous NCAA Athletic Departments to help reduce the incidence of communicable skin conditions amongst wrestlers.

Equipment Sanitation Requirements:

- Wrestling mats shall be cleaned within 60 minutes prior to practice and immediately after practice and allowed to air dry with each use.
 - 10% bleach solution or equivalent
 - Solution should remain wet on mat for 4-10 minutes depending on the product being used.
- Clean and disinfect the undersurface of large floor mats that are not permanently fixed to the floor at least weekly as well as the floor beneath the mats.
- During tournaments, mats shall be cleaned and disinfected within 60 minutes of all competitions, between tournament rounds and multiple dual meet events.
- Use disposable or disinfected single use towels on the mat during practice and tournament.
- Wash wall mats with disinfectant cleaner 1-2 times per week.
 - 10% bleach solution or equivalent.
 - Solution should remain wet on mat for 4-10 minutes depending on the product being used.
- Exercise equipment shall be cleaned after each practice.

PROPOSED ADMENDEMT TO AIA CONSITUTION AND BYLAWS – UNIFIED SPORTS

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the addition of three Unified sports for **Emergency Legislation**:

- Unified Aquatics
- Unified Badminton
- Unified Floorball

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>	no sooner than the 5 th week
		<u>Competition</u>	no sooner than Wednesday of the 8 th week
		<u>Championship</u>	to be concluded by the 23rd week

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.

Williams Field High School and **Arcadia 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 (zero week).

POLICY – UNMANNED AEIRIAL SYSTEMS

To be placed in Articles 19 – 31:

UNMANNED AEIRAL SYSTEMS AT AIA CONDUCTED EVENTS

The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all AIA conducted 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 **approved** the above policy proposal to be added to Articles 19 – 31.

REGION APPEAL

Horizon Honors Granted

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL – Glendale Union High School District

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

Reported Violation:

Coach accepted the clearance packet and did not verify the roster properly. Parent permission was not included in the packet.

School's Corrective Action:

In-service with coach regarding specific detail on the clearance card provided by the school. We will also discuss strategies to implement these procedures that work for him.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Independence High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/18/16-4/18/17.

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL – Mingus Union High School District

Rule: Article 16 Penalties and Appeals. Section 16.2 Ineligible Player

Reported Violation:

Softball coach played a player in a tournament game that had been declared ineligible by the AD pending determination of hardship appeal from hardship appeal committee. Appeal was subsequently denied due to prior contact with softball coach.

School's Corrective Action:

Athletic Director to meet with coach to determine intent or circumstances that resulted in the ineligible player participating in athletic contest. If AD investigation determines that participation was due to lack of information, verbal and/or written reprimand of the head coach. If the investigation determines that participation was intentional with knowledge of the player's ineligibility status, written reprimand and/or suspension to be determined by school administrations.

At next coaches meeting, AD will instruct all coaches that any player declared ineligible shall not participate in any contest, regardless of waiting for final determination of eligibility status from the AIA. Athletic Director will personally notify coach, athlete and parents of final decision of appeal process and final eligibility status.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mingus Union High School **Softball Program** on **Probation** for one year 4/18/16-4/18/17.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont.

PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY – Private

Rule: Article 26. Softball. Section 26.1 Rules // Section 26.3 Preseason Interschool Varsity Scrimmage

Reported Violation:

Both coaches agreed to stop a game in the 2nd inning and conferred with umpires on this. Then all parties agreed to scrimmage after the game was called.

School’s Corrective Action:

Contests Forfeited. Head coach was suspended for one week which included two regular season games. AD talked to coaching staff for softball and filled them in on the rule and how it was violated. Will also be highlighted in our coaches meeting that we do at the end of the summer each year for all coaches at PRCA. AD has also talked to all of the spring coaches of our other sports to make sure they are aware of what happened in the softball program and the expectations that we have for them in their sports as well for this season.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Pusch Ridge Christian Academy **Softball Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/18/16-4/18/17.

Lonnie Tvrdy abstained.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNUAL EVALUATION

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 Session:

- ✓ 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

FUTURE DATES

April 20, 2016	Superintendents’ Advisory Committee Meeting
May 16, 2016	Executive Board Meeting (University of Phoenix)
	AIA Champions Luncheon (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, May 16, 2016. The meeting will be held at the University of Phoenix Stadium - 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, May 5, 2016.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director