

MINUTES EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING May 16, 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, May 16, 2016 at the University of Phoenix Stadium located at 1 Cardinals Dr, Glendale, 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
Denise Doser, Director of Finance
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Herman House, TUHSD
Jeannine Brandel, Flagstaff
Mark Showers, Camp Verde
Scott Bordow, AzCentral
Andrea James, Santa Cruz Valley Union
Christopher Matthews, Round Valley
Greg Haagsma, Valley Christian

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:

✓ 8:32 a.m. to 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 18, 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

Dr. Javier Abrego	Morenci	Retired
Anthony Paterno	Millennium	30 years
John Ryan	San Manuel	Retired
Charles Grover	Hopi	26 years
Harvey Honyouti	Hopi	30 years
Rick Baker	Hopi	30 years
Derek Hoffland	McClintock	26 years
Steven Lopez	Pueblo	29 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 requests that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

Fountain Hills VAR Softball Program

Miami Softball contest w/ San Manuel – 3/1
Greyhills VAR Softball contest w/ Fredonia – 4/26
VAR Baseball contest w/ Fredonia – 4/26

South Mountain FR Softball Program

Pusch Ridge JV Softball contest w/ San Manuel – 4/20

JV Softball contest w/ Thatcher - 4/26

Cibola VAR/JV B Tennis Contest w/ Central – 4/15
Antelope Union VAR B/G Tennis contest w/ Veritas – 4/8
Red Mesa VAR Softball contest w/ Greyhills – 4/18

VAR Softball contest w/ St. Michael – 4/27

Page VAR G Tennis contest w/ Coconino – 4/15

Arcadia FR Baseball Program
San Pasqual VAR Softball Program

Valley (Sanders)

VAR Baseball contest w/ Rock Point – 4/25

Seligman

VAR Baseball contest w/ Bagdad – 4/15

VAR Baseball contest w/ Alchesay – 4/25

VAR G Tennis Contest w/ Washington – 4/12

Sierra Linda FR Baseball Program

Kingman

JV Baseball contest w/ River Valley – 4/21

Youngker

FR Baseball contest w/ Poston Butte – 4/20

Douglas

VAR G Tennis contest w/ Marana – 4/12

Sabino

VAR B Tennis contest w/ Lourdes – 4/14

Scottsdale Christian

JV Baseball contest w/ Youngker – 4/26

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 April 2016

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Sr. Lynn Winsor gave the AIAAA report. She stated that the 2016 AIAAA Conference will be held September 10 – 13, 2016 at the Prescott Resort. Conference registration materials can be found at www.aiaaa.org and hotel reservations can be made by calling the Prescott Resort and Reserving your room under "AIAAA Conference".

During the 2016 AIAAA Conference representatives from the NIAAA will meet with the AIAAA Board and Committee Chairpersons to expedite planning for the NIAAA conference to be held in Phoenix in December 2017.

Sr. Lynn also gave details about the speakers, Leadership Training Institute Courses, special events (golf tournament, fun run/walk) and other aspects of hosting an NIAAA National Conference.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

- ➤ 2A Mark Showers, Athletic Director Camp Verde
- ➤ 4A Jeannine Brandel, Athletic Director Flagstaff
- ➤ 6A Herman House, District Athletic Director Tucson Unified District

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. He also thanked Dave Shapiro for all his efforts with the track and field state tournament.

Dr. Slemmer stated that he felt the competitiveness shown during the spring tournaments continues to grow over the years.

The outgoing Board members were recognized:

Lonnie Tvrdy – 2A

Joe Paddock – 4A

ELECTION OF 2016-2017 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 **2016-2017** school year:

<u>President</u> Anna Battle, Ed.D.

5A Conference

Tempe Union High School District

Vice President Jacob Holiday

3A Conference

Monument Valley High School

APPROVAL OF 2016-2017 CONFERENCE CHAIRS & COMMITTEE

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

• 1A Conference

Chair
 East
 West
 Billy Duarte, Superior
 Lee Haws, Fort Thomas
 Cindy Kirk, Valley Lutheran

North TBD

Central Phillip Echevarria, Williams

South Angela Vande Mheen, The Gregory School

2A Conference

Darin Giltner, Benson Chair North Mark Gathmann, Pinon David Thursby, Tombstone East West Gary LaFevers, Tonopah Valley Central John Parks, Sedona Red Rock Metro West Duane Ediger, Scottsdale Prep Metro East Shawn Lytle, Chandler Prep Metro South Heather Osborn, Az College Prep South Cindy Riley, Desert Christian

3A Conference

Chair

4A Conference

Chair Matt Beldon, Glendale Union

Skyline Jason Latham, Thunderbird / Ron Sfatik, Shadow Mtn

Black Canyon
 Grand Canyon
 Gila
 Desert Sky
 Southwest
 Jim Denton, Combs
 Eric Freas, Coconino
 Randy Walker, Douglas
 Shelley Arrendondo, Tempe
 Rob Roberson, Youngker

Kino Joe Paddock, Amphitheater UnifiedWest Valley Mark Faust, Sunrise Mountain

5A Conference

Chair Mark Cisterna, Maricopa

Northeast Valley Monica Barrett, Notre Dame Prep
 Metro Mike Sivertson, Peoria Unified

San TanRenee Regoli, Campo VerdeSonoranPat Weber, Flowing Wells

Southern Whitney Holland, Cienega
 West Valley Jim Dean, Dysart Unified
 North West Scott Warner, Deer Valley

Union Zach Munoz

6A Conference

Chair Steve Hogen, Mesa Public Schools

Metro Zach Munoz, Phoenix Union
 Premier Marcus Williams, Chandler District
 East Valley Steve Hogen, Mesa Public Schools
 Southern(Yuma/Tucson) Rob Jankowski, San Luis / Dan Bartlett,

Desert Valley Corey Newland, PVUSDSouthwest Derek Fahleson, La Joya

Central Steve McDowell, Gilbert Public Schools

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

Cortez – additional FR/JV/VAR volleyball games to help fill Glendale's schedule.

Raymond Kellis – an additional soccer game to help fill Sunrise Mountain's schedule.

Ironwood – an additional basketball game to help fill Sunrise Mountain's schedule.

Scottsdale Prep – an additional volleyball game to help fill Rancho Solano's schedule.

Coconino – additional FR/JV/VAR baseball games to help fill Northland Prep's schedule.

Bourgade Catholic – an additional volleyball game to help fill Northland Prep's schedule.

St David – an additional VAR volleyball game to help fill Tombstone's schedule.

Mark Goodman abstained

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 2016-2017 school year and gave approval to ballot the AIA member schools for their approval of the full membership applications from:

Leading Edge Academy
Metro Tech High School
2A Conference
4A Conference

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 5th week

<u>Competition</u> no sooner than Wednesday of the 8th 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.

American Leadership Academy and Benjamin Franklin High School are requesting approval to play during week zero of the 2016 football season.

Tanque Verde High School and **Palo Verde 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 gave <u>approval</u> to the above early football start (zero week) as well as to any scheduled zero week games.

DIVISION APPEALS

Northwest Christian – Track (Division III to Division IV)	Granted
Pusch Ridge – Track (Division III to Division IV)	Granted
Valley Christian – Track (Division III to Division IV)	Granted

Lonnie Tvrdy abstained

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

<u>SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR HIGH SCHOOL</u> – Deer Valley Unified School District Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule

Reported Violation:

O'Connor has two students with the same name currently enrolled. One played freshman football and indicated he would like to try out for baseball, where the other had no indications of participating in fall or winter sports. Coaches where given a roster with all eligible players for roll call during tryouts. Coach called the students name and student indicated he was present. The student that had been participating on the team was the one whom originally wasn't planning to participate in winter sports. Therefore he did not have the proper paperwork completed. This was discovered during a grade check requested by a teacher.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Because of the serious implications this may cause our school and community are moving forward with the coaches identify the SA by name and school identification number. We will hold a coaches in-service and use this situation as to why we will need to identify the SA by name and ID number. We will seek the advice of our District Athletic Director as to any other up to date strategies on how to make sure that SA with the same first and last name can be identified.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sandra Day O'Connor High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/16/16-5/16/17.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

TANQUE VERDE HIGH SCHOOL – Tanque Verde School District

Rule: Article 12 Post-Season Tournaments. Section 12.1 Post-Season Tournaments

Reported Violation:

While at the State Individual Tennis Tournament held at Paseo Racquet Center on April 22 & 23 we encountered incidents taking place at the hotel by several members of our boys team that were in violation of the Tanque Verde and AIA Code of Conduct. After investigating the situation, we imposed a suspension of these individuals for the State Team Tennis Tournament schedule to begin on April 26. This imposed consequences coupled with the loss of 3 other players due to our district no pass no play policy created a situation in which we could not continue to participate in the tournament.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. We have taken what we think is appropriate action in response to this situation. Along with the suspension from participation, we have had multiple meetings with our tennis players regarding their behavior, and the expectations as a participant in our extra-curricular programs. We have had individual meetings with each of the parents of the athletes involved to inform them of our findings, consequences and expectations moving forward. We have addressed the issue with our coaches who supervised this overnight trip to educate them on the importance of appropriate supervision of our students/athletes. Documentation of everything involved in the process has been included in the files of all involved. We will continue, as always, to educate our students, athletes and coaches of the character traits that Tanque Verde High School and the AIA have in place per the six pillars of character education. This education process has and will continue to be communicated at coaches meetings, and parents/athlete meetings throughout the school year.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tanque Verde High School **Tennis Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/16/16-5/16/17.

<u>SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL</u> – Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District Rule: Article 16 Penalties and Appeals. Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule

Reported Violation:

Player and 2 coaching staff left bench, entering on to field during a team players altercation with opposing team player. Varsity team member in physical altercation with opposing team player.

School's Corrective Action:

All players ejected from the game sat out the next scheduled contest, which resulted in a forfeit for our school. The student involved in the physical altercation will serve a 9 day off campus suspension from school as well as be removed from the baseball team. A meeting was also held with the team, athletic director and principal of the school to address the situation. Students were made aware of the rules they violated and the severity of their actions.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Santa Cruz Valley Union High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/16/16-5/16/17.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVAULATION

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:

✓ 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

FUTURE DATES

May 30, 2016 Holiday – AIA Office Closed

August 15, 2016 Board Orientation and AIA Executive Board Meeting

August 30, 2016 AIA Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals (FB/Golf)

September 6, 2016 AIA Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals

September 14, 2016 AIA Executive Board Meeting

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 15, 2016. The meeting will be held at the AIA Office located at 7007 N 18th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, August 4, 2016.

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