



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
September 14, 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, September 14, 2016 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Dr. Anna Battle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Mark Goodman, 1A Conference (St. David Unified School District)  
Mark Showers, 2A Conference (Camp Verde High School)  
Jacob Holiday, 3A Conference (Monument Valley High School)  
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)  
Anna Battle, Ed.D, 5A Conference (Tempe Union High School District)  
Herman House, 6A Conference (Tucson Unified 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  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AzPreps365	Greg Macafee, ASU
Les Wilsey, AzPreps365	Chelsea Millner, ASU
Jacob Franklin, AzPreps365	Ariana Vallejo, ASU
Scott Bordow, azcentral	Luke Wright, ASU
Liana Garcia, Gallagher & Kennedy	Darriel Suriebach, ASU
Steve McDowell, Gilbert Public Schools	Hayley Boehm, ASU
Steve Hogen, Mesa School District	Ethan Gainel, ASU
Monica Barrett, Notre Dame	Bobbi Fisher, NDP Parent
John Renouard, Sierra Linda	

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Battle, 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. – 10:00 a.m.
- ✓ 10:50 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the following meetings were **approved**:

- August 15, 2016
- August 30, 2016 (Hardship Appeals)
- September 6, 2016 (Hardship Appeals)

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

Steve Silvernail	Saint Mary's	31 years
John Padilla	Tolleson	30 years
Stephen Ybarra	Maricopa	30 years
Pete Morales	Sahuarita	25 years
Steve Soto	Westview	25 years
Larry Wonner	Westview	27 years
Joanne Curley	Seligman	36 years
Perry Curley	Seligman	28 years
John Bryant	Ft. Thomas	25 years
Mark Medrano	Tolleson	28 years
Jerry Link	Florence	Retired
Andrew Tah	Greyhills Academy	Retired
Eric Godfrey	Youngker	26 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 2016-2017 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**

4A Conference – August 4, 2016

**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 August 2016

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

Sister Lynn Winsor reported on the AIAAA Conference that took place in Prescott this past weekend. The Fiscal training update (2.0) was given and a large group discussion entitled “Arizona Athletics-Fostering Our Future” was led by the six AIAAA Board of Directors Conference representatives. Sixteen outstanding men and women were honored at the awards luncheon, 196 Arizona Athletic Administrators were in attendance and over 50 vendors were present. Sister Lynn also reported that the AIAAA’s preparation for the National Athletic Directors Conference has begun which will be held in Phoenix in December of 2017.

**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:

Mingus Union	FR Football Contest w/ Cactus Shadows
Coolidge	JV Football Contest w/ River Valley
Tempe	JV Football Contest w/ Youngker
Rincon University	JV Football Program
Santa Rita	VAR B/G Swim & Dive Programs
Coconino	JV Football Program
Williams	VAR B/G Cross Country Program
Payson	JV Football Contest w/ Casteel
Blue Ridge	JV Football Program
Baboquivari	JV Football Program
Kingman	JV Football Program
Seligman	JV Volleyball Program
Desert Christian	VAR G Soccer Program
Marcos de Niza	FR B Tennis Program
Notre Dame Prep	FR B Tennis Program
ASDB	VAR Volleyball Contest w/ Academy of Tucson

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with a proposed timeline for the hiring process of the new Executive Director at the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the Executive Board **approved** the below timeline:

- September 16<sup>th</sup> – Survey sent out to membership
- November 14<sup>th</sup> – Discuss job description/qualifications
- December 5<sup>th</sup> – Finalize job description. Post position and distribute to membership
- February 10<sup>th</sup> – Close posting
- February 13<sup>th</sup> – Send applications to Executive Board electronically
- February 21<sup>st</sup> – Executive Board to receive hard copies of applications
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Executive Board to discuss and select eight candidates for interviews
- March 1<sup>st</sup> – Interviews
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> – Meet and greet with four finalists after Legislative Council Meeting
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – Executive Board to make final selection
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Announce new Executive Director

After much discussion and deliberation the Executive Board ruled that Notre Dame Preparatory violated AIA Bylaws 23.8.1 and 23.8.2. Notre Dame Preparatory will have ten days upon receiving written notification to respond to the Executive Board.

Dr. Slemmer informed the Board that it had been brought to the attention of the AIA Staff of an invitation sent to prospective student-athletes to attend a camp at Notre Dame Preparatory, a violation of the recruitment rule, 15.12. Dr. Slemmer explained that Notre Dame has acknowledged this and is planning to respond by Friday, September 16, 2016.

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with information concerning the 1A Conference football programs. He informed the board that there has been discussion regarding creating schedules too early before schools know if they will be able to field a team. Potential proposal could be brought forward to have schedules created after practices have begun for the 1A Conference.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW**  
**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE**

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 age rule requests:

- a) Catalina High School

*Herman House abstained.*

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW**  
**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DOMICILE RULE – WARD OF COURT**

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 ward of court requests:

- a) Cibola High School
- b) North Canyon High School

**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 guardian requests:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a) Hamilton High School      | f) Perry High School        |
| b) Desert Vista High School  | g) Perry High School        |
| c) Boulder Creek High School | h) Chino Valley High School |
| d) Chandler High School      | i) Combs High School        |
| e) Perry High School         | j) McClintock High School   |

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

- Cortez** – an additional football game to help fill **Antelope Union's** schedule.  
**Lake Havasu** – an additional boys' and girls' basketball games to help fill **Mohave's** schedule.  
**Blue Ridge** – an additional girls' soccer game to help fill **Chino Valley's** schedule.  
**Boulder Creek** – an additional baseball game to help fill **Coconino's** schedule.  
**South Mountain** – an additional JV and VAR badminton game to help fill **Tempe's** schedule.  
**San Manuel** – an additional football game to help fill **Hayden's** schedule.  
**Apache Junction** – an additional soccer game to help fill **Higley's** schedule.

**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:

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|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| (a) Arizona School for the Deaf | (i) Rough Rock         |
| (b) Brophy College Prep         | (j) St. Michael        |
| (c) Cibecue                     | (k) The Gregory School |
| (d) Green Fields                | (l) Tohono O'Odham     |
| (e) Hopi                        | (m) Valley Christian   |
| (f) Lourdes Catholic            | (n) Valley Lutheran    |
| (g) Many Farms                  | (o) Yuma Catholic      |
| (h) Phoenix Country Day         |                        |

**MISSING:**

*Mingus Mountain Academy*  
*Rancho Solano Prep*  
*Immaculate Heart*

*Greyhills Academy*  
*Rock Point*

**EXCEPTION – ARTICLE 23.5.3 FOOTBALL – NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

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

*Dr. John Renouard, Athletic Director*

Rule: Article 23. Football, Section 23.5 Number of Games in Season

**23.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

**23.5.1** No school shall schedule more than ten varsity games.

**23.5.2** No school shall schedule more than nine junior varsity or freshman games per team.

**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:** 3A, 2A and 1A 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.

Sierra Linda High School is requesting an exception to Bylaw 23.5.3 to allow 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and non-starting 11<sup>th</sup> graders in the football program the allowance given in exception 23.5.3.1.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved**, Sierra Linda's request for an exception to AIA Bylaw 23.5.3.1.

**APPROVAL – SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES – 6A CONFERENCE**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following Sports Advisory Committee Members for the 6A Conference;

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>ATHLETIC DIRECTOR</b>	<b>COACH</b>
Badminton	Scot Schmidt - Mesa High	Lerina Johnson - Perry
Baseball	Cory Nenader - Corona	Joe McDonald - Boulder Creek
Basketball	Steve McDowell - Gilbert District	Rachel Matakas - Valley Vista
Cross Country	Kris Alexander - Desert Mountain	Dave Van Sickle - Xavier
Football	Jay Kopas - Boulder Creek	Steve Belles - Hamilton
Golf	Tui Selvaratnam - Xavier	Frank Campos - Red Mountain
Soccer	Michel Fritz - Cibola	TJ Hagen - Mesa High
Softball	Red Morrow Tucson	Wayne Hill - Westwood
Spiritline	Larry Boyles - Horizon	Monica Gaspar - Xavier
Swimming	Roxanne Perin - Mountain View	Sam Kramer - Horizon
Tennis	Bill Woods - Brophy	Dan LeFevre - Desert Mountain
Track	Jennifer Burks - Perry	Marry Wimmer - Alhambra
Volleyball	Remigio Gordillo - Millenium	Brian Pomeranz - Perry
Wrestling	Shawn Rustad - Hamilton	Kyle Hare - Red Mountain

**REQUEST TO EXCEED IN PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS**

Peoria Unified District is requesting permission from the Executive Board to exceed in permissible tournaments to support participation in fall District Tournaments. The schools involved are:

- Cactus High School
- Centennial High School
- Ironwood High School
- Liberty High School
- Peoria High School
- Raymond Kellis High School
- Sunrise Mountain High School

## Tournament Dates:

- ✓ Badminton – October 11
- ✓ Swim – October 28 & 29
- ✓ Dive – October 22
- ✓ Cross Country – October 10
- ✓ Girls Volleyball – October 7
- ✓ Boys & Girls Golf – September 30

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the above schools request to exceed permissible tournaments.

**APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**

**East Fork Lutheran High School**, located at 4325 Fort Apache Road, Whiteriver, AZ 85941, requests acceptance as an AIA Associate Member effective with the 2016-2017 school year. In accordance with Article 2, Section 2.4 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board **accepted** East Fork Lutheran as an associate member of the AIA effective with the 2016-2017 school year.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**HIGLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Higley Unified School District*  
*Rule: Article 37. Spiritline. Section 37.6 Season of Activity*

**Reported Violation:**

The Higley HS spirit program took uniform measurements for 9<sup>th</sup> grade girls' in the summer for those interested in attending summer camps. The tryouts for these 9<sup>th</sup> graders did not take place until 8/2/16 but the measurements were taken earlier in the summer.

**School's Corrective Action:**

We will measure incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders after they make the team in fall.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Higley High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/14/16-9/14/17.

**CAMP VERDE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Camp Verde Unified*  
*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.14 Concussion Education*

**Reported Violation:**

Athlete had not completed concussion class. Parent of the student assured the coach that his student had taken the class. The head coach gave the parent the benefit of the doubt and allowed the student to practice. It was later found that the student had taken the wrong concussion class.

**School's Corrective Action:**

The coach received a letter of direction and was in-serviced in regards to communicating solely with the athletic secretary or the AD and to not give the benefit of the doubt to any athlete or parent.

Camp Verde HS implemented the Register My Athlete program to help our school conduct online athletic registration. However we have found that not all coaches have been able to appropriately transition to checking athlete clearance online. We will begin re-issuing former clearance cards to help make it absolutely clear whether an athlete is cleared or not.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Camp Verde High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/14/16-9/14/17.

*Mark Showers abstained.*



**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**CHOLLA HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL** – Tucson Unified School District

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule // Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

**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 his 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 in checking it thoroughly. The violation was caught after the athlete played in the scrimmage and the coach realized he had been practicing without proper clearance. He saw that he was not on the roster.

**School's Corrective Action:**

A meeting was held involving the Assistant Principal, Athletic Coordinator, District Athletic Director and the Coach. The coach was in-serviced on the importance of checking his roster daily. He was given instructions on the dangers of practicing an athlete without a physical. The coach was disciplined. The athlete was also disciplined. We did receive all the proper paperwork from the athlete.

**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 9/14/16-9/14/17.

*Herman House abstained.*

**MOGOLLON HIGH SCHOOL** – Heber-Overgaard Unified

Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching. Section 17.1 Coaching Qualification

**Reported Violation:**

Volunteer coach was not approved by the governing school board. He was present at practice and 1 JV football game. The individual is a former student of Mogollon HS. Head coach was under the impression that the volunteer coach would only be in town for a couple of weeks, however he ended up at some practice and a JV football game and he did participate in both. The volunteer coach had completed the fundamentals of coaching and concussion courses in another state.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Procedures to coach in-serviced on our preseason coaches meeting. Head coach was in-serviced on proper procedures to get volunteer coaches approved. Letter of reprimand was placed in head coaches file.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mogollon High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/14/16-9/14/17.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**YOUNGKER HIGH SCHOOL** – *Buckeye Union High School District*

*Rule: Article 37. Spiritline. Section 37.12 Nonschool / Club Participation*

**Reported Violation:**

Freshman girls belongs to an All Star Cheer program while cheering for Youngker.

**School's Corrective Action:**

The coach has been made aware and will now enforce this rule during the season of sport.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Youngker High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/14/16-9/14/17.

**HOLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL** – *Holbrook School District*

*Rule: Article 23. Football, Section 23.3 Pre-Competition Practice*

**Reported Violation:**

JV game was scheduled with Wickenburg in the Spring of 2016. A cancellation request was sent to Holbrook HS in the summer via AIA Website. Cancellation request was denied by Holbrook and contest was still on schedule. Holbrook traveled to the game and upon arrival Wickenburg's coaches were unaware of the game. Because of the distance traveled both coaches agreed to have a 20 play scrimmage.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Coaches were in-serviced about JV scrimmages and will be include in all preseason coaches meetings.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Holbrook High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/14/16-9/14/17.

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

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

**Gilbert** Dan Haasch – Athletic Director, Parents & Student  
**Perry** – Jennifer Burks – Athletic Director

**North** Ray Pino – Athletic Director, Parents & Student  
**St. Mary’s** – Greg Fahrendorf, Athletic Director

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.14 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following hardship eligibility requests:

<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Granted/Denied</u></b>
Gilbert	Denied
North	Granted

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

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

- ✓ Article: Coconino High hosts Sollenberger Classic’s return to Arizona.
- ✓ Article: AzCentral – Going for Gold... or Broke?
- ✓ Email – Michael Sears

**FUTURE DATES**

September 18-20, 2016	Sections 7 & 8 Conference – Arizona Grand Resort
September 26, 2016	Wrestling Workshop – Chandler / Tucson
September 27, 2016	Wrestling Workshop – AIA / Flagstaff
October 17, 2016	Executive Board Meeting Winter Sports – Hardship Appeal Deadline
October 24-26, 2016	Winter Hardship Appeals
November 14, 2016	Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director