



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 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 Monday, November 14, 2016 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th 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.com
Scott Bordow, AzCentral
Monica Barret, Notre Dame Prep
Kraig Leuschner, Saguaro
Joe Page, North Phoenix Prep

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 17, 2016 meeting was **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

David Daniels	Payson	25 years
Don Heizer	Payson	29 years
Ernest Bombardieri	Official	27 years
Mike Woods	Hamilton	27 years
Scott Brown	Deer Valley	30 years

Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2016-2017 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

2A Conference Committee Meeting – September 11, 2016

4A Conference Committee Meeting – September 19, 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 October 2016

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Dr. Camille Casteel expressed some concerns about broadcasting the AIA's bracket shows on Sundays. This year was the first time that the AIA hosted its state volleyball bracket show on a Sunday. The schools were allowed to host viewing bracket get-togethers but are not allowed to practice or "talk shop" on Sundays. Dr. Casteel asked Sr. Lynn if she would ask AIAAA members their thoughts on Sunday bracket shows.

Sister Lynn Winsor reported that registration for the 2016 National Athletic Directors' Conference in Nashville is still open. The conference will be held at the Opryland Resort December 10-15, 2016. The next AIAAA meeting is Thursday, November 17th at Xavier College Prep. Planning for the 2017 AIAAA Conference and for the 2017 National Athletic Directors' Conference in Phoenix are the main agenda items. Sr. Lynn also stated that XCP will host a meeting to discuss Legislative Council agenda items. All 1A – 6A Athletic Directors are invited to attend. It is scheduled for 9:00 am on Friday, January 13, 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:

North Phoenix Prep	VAR Girls' Basketball Program
	VAR Girls' Soccer Program
Lee Williams	JV Football Contest w/ Flagstaff – 10/6 Mohave – 10/27
Seligman	VAR Volleyball Program
Sierra Linda	JV Football Contests w/ Centennial – 10/13 Campo Verde – 10/20 Shadow Ridge – 10/27
Trevor Browne	JV Football Contest w/ Maryvale – 10/13
Arizona Charter	VAR Boys'/Girls' Soccer Programs
	<i>*Leading Edge Academy does not consent</i>
Notre Dame Prep	FR Wrestling Program
Blue Ridge	FR Football Contests w/ Snowflake – 10/27 Payson – 10/20
Shadow Mountain	JV Football Program
Camp Verde	JV B Soccer Contest w/ Chino Valley – 10/20
Bowie/San Simon	JV Volleyball Contest w/ Duncan – 10/20
San Tan Foothills	JV Football Contest w/ Northwest Christian – 10/26
St. Augustine	VAR Wrestling Program

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The NFL Foundation wants to help Arizona's high schools fill a big void. About 40 percent of the state's high schools don't have a fulltime trainer on campus. To spur the hiring of trainers, the foundation picked Arizona to help launch a program that will assist schools augment the salary of trainers. Public Arizona high schools can apply for the NFL Foundation's grants for trainers now until December 16, 2016 at www.atgrant.nflfoundation.org.

Dr. Slemmer presented the Board with the results of a survey that was sent out to the membership last month. The information gathered was to help the Board know what characteristics/qualities the membership would like to see in the new Executive Director. A description of the job opening will be provided to the board during the December board meeting.

Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner or Officials, gave a brief presentation of the postseason selection process for officials. A few factors that go into the decision making process are; regular season evaluations of officials, ejection made by officials are evaluated, as well as input from area commissioners and coaches. Mr. Whelchel also indicated that if an official called a game in a certain conference during the regular season will remain in that conference during postseason.

The tournament coordinators updated the Board on the completed fall tournaments. Dean Visser who oversaw the badminton, cross country and golf tournaments lauded the professionalism of the state programs during the weather delays and second-day cancelation of the large school golf state events. Cross Country had a big fan turnout but no coyotes this year! David Hines recapped the extraordinary job the spiritline teams did during the first state qualifier held at Chaparral High School. The new spiritline event, Game Day, was a hit with 22 teams participating. Ron Halbach informed the board of some "unique challenge" with the 2A playoff sites, which forced some games to be moved, but overall was a success. A big thank you to all the schools and districts that hosted events during the fall tournaments.

Brian Bolitho updated the board on the new pilot scorekeeping app, Scorebird which was presented at the last meeting. Although they were only able to get to 24 teams to use the actual product, they had a large number of people download the app to view the live scoring during the games. They are hoping to have equipment to all playoff sites for boys and girls basketball tournaments.

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 ward of court request:

- a) Perry High School
- b) Trevor Browne High School

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- Mohave Accelerated** – an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Salome's** schedule.
- AZ College Prep** – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Gilbert Christian's** schedule.
- Queen Creek** - an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Gilbert Christian's** schedule.
- San Luis** – an additional basketball game to help fill **Yuma's** schedule.
- American Leadership** – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Gilbert Christian's** schedule.
- Coconino** – an additional JV girls' soccer game to help fill **Betty Fairfax's** schedule.
- Raymond Kellis** – an additional JV boys' soccer game to help fill **Peoria's** schedule.
- Payson** – an additional FR boys' basketball game to help fill **River Valley's** schedule.
- Odysee Prep** – an additional girls' soccer game to help fill **NFL Yet's** schedule.
- Tuba City** – an additional girls' and boys' basketball game to help fill **Hopi's** schedule.
- Agua Fria** – an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Cactus's** schedule.
- Ft Thomas** – an additional VAR boys' basketball game to help fill **Patagonia's** schedule.
- Campo Verde** – an additional girls' soccer game to help fill **Desert Vista's** schedule.
- Ft Thomas** – an additional VAR girls' basketball game to help fill **Valley Unions'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:

- (a) Mingus Mountain Academy

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.

Reggie Edwards, Coach at Page High school, is requesting a replacement of his complimentary pass for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

REQUEST – GRAND CANYON REGIONAL TOURNAMENT

The Grand Canyon Region is requesting the permission to have an additional tournament during the basketball season. Plan to have a region tournament during the week of February 6-10, 2017.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the Grand Canyon regions' request to have an additional tournament during the basketball season.

Jeannine Brandel abstained.

REQUEST – 6A CONFERENCE

The 6A Conference would like to create a committee of representation from each conference to review and write clarifying language for competition outside of the season of sport.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the creation of a committee to review and clarify language to be helpful in understanding the rule.

EXCEPTION – ARTICLE 14 GENERAL PROVISIONS. SECTION 14.3 MAXIMUM TEAMS PER SPORT / STUDENT GRADE LEVEL FOR TEAM PARTICIPATION

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14.3.2 *A member school may have multiple junior, junior varsity and freshman teams per sport.*

14.3.2.1 *A junior team shall be limited to 10th and 11th grade students.*

14.3.2.2 *A junior varsity team shall be limited to 9th, 10th and 11th grade students, with the exception of the 1A Conference.*

14.3.2.2.1 *EXCEPTION: Open cross country races at cross country invitational meets.*

14.3.2.3 *A freshman team shall be limited to the 9th grade students, except for the 1A Conference and 2A Conference which may also play 10th grade students.*

Valley Christian High School is requesting an exception to Article 14.3 to allow a sophomore to play on the freshman boys' basketball team to alleviate number issues at that level.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **denied** Valley Christian's request.

APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

North Valley Christian Academy, located at 42101 N 41st Drive, Suite 101, Anthem, AZ 85086 submitted a written application for associate membership effective with the 2017-2018 school year. In accordance with Article 2, Section 2.4 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board **accepted** North Valley Christian Academy as an associate member of the AIA effective with the 2016-2017 school year.

APPLICATION FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY - IRONWOOD

American Leadership Academy - Ironwood, located at 850 W Combs Road, San Tan Valley, AZ 85140, submitted a written application for full membership effective with the 2017-2018 school year. It is requested that an on-site inspection date be established and that an on-site evaluation team be appointed.

An on-site evaluation will be set up with American Leadership Academy – Ironwood.

APPEAL – NORTH PHOENIX PREPARATORY ACADEMY

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

Joe Page, Athletic Director

North Phoenix Preparatory Academy is appealing the fines applied to them by Superior and Duncan for the cancellation of their Varsity football program. Superior High School and Duncan High School did not consent to the cancellation and have requested that Article 11.4.4.2.1 be applied to North Phoenix Preparatory Academy.

11.4.4.2 *When a school finds it impossible to fulfill a varsity master schedule obligation which does not have a bearing on a regional or state play-off, it must notify the other school(s) involved as soon as possible. Any such cancellation or postponement must be by mutual consent of the school(s) involved.*

11.4.4.2.1 *In the event there is not a mutual consent between schools in the cancellation of a contest (varsity only), the school cancelling the contest shall be fined \$1,500.00. Appealable to the AIA Executive Board within 10 days of cancellation.*

No motion was made, therefore the appeal to rescind the fines fails.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**FLAGSTAFF HIGH SCHOOL** – *Flagstaff Unified School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.1 Student Eligibility Requirements

Reported Violation:

A young man turned in his physical and Brainbook but had not completed our online registration prior to showing up for golf practice. He was allowed to participate in practices until it was discovered he had not finished the registration process. This error occurred with the hiring of a new golf coach late in the summer and not providing adequate training.

School's Corrective Action:

The golf coach has been serviced regarding making sure that the students' names are on the roster prior to being allowed to participate in practices. We will also make sure and check the roster on a regular basis. Additionally we will be reviewing the registration process at upcoming coaches meetings.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Flagstaff High School **Golf Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/14/16-11/14/17.

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL – *Peoria Unified School District*

Rule: Article 14. General Provision. Section 14.4 Nonschool Participation

Reported Violation:

It was reported on October 4th that Centennial High School used ineligible girls' volleyball player. Upon investigating, it was determined that a 10th grade female JV volleyball player played in three (3) games while also participating on a club team. The family was not informed correctly by the head coach of the bylaw, 14.4.1.

School's Corrective Action:

3 Contests forfeited. Communication to the 3 schools was sent out notifying them of the forfeits. Coach was given letter of reprimand and copy was placed in her personnel file. Volleyball coaching staff will receive additional in-service training on AIA bylaws pertaining to article 14.4.1. Coaches will also receive in-service training on AIA bylaws and district protocol. Volleyball will send parent pre-season meeting presentation to administration highlighting AIA Bylaws prior to their meeting.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Centennial High School **Girls' Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/14/16-11/14/17.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**BABOQUIVARI HIGH SCHOOL** – *Indian Oasis Baboquivari Unified*

Rule: *Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Schedule Contracts. Section 11.4 Schedule Contracts – Varsity / Junior Varsity / Freshman*

Reported Violation:

BHS was unable to play the Ray High School football game due to mechanical breakdown of the bus. While in route, the bus sprung a significant oil leak that caused the engine to overheat and smoke the interior. By the time the second bus arrived it was 5:45pm with a three hour drive still ahead. The effort was made to notify Ray of the breakdown, however, we were unable to reach anyone by phone. No cell numbers were listed.

School's Corrective Action:

Our transportation department will be more thorough on their pre-trip inspection of the busses. They will continue to ensure that busses are serviced according to their regular service schedules.

Reported Violation:

BHS was unable to play St. David High School due to a lack of eligible players as per our schools athletic handbook. Our school requires "Cs" or better and 95% attendance in order to travel to away games. In addition to eligibility, our district has a shortage of bus drivers this year and was/is unable to transport two teams. We were scheduled to travel to St. David for football and volleyball. St. David was asked on 8/12/2016 via email to move the date on the volleyball game, and they were unwilling to accommodate this request. Thus, the decision was made to send the volleyball team and not the football team. St. David was able to find a replacement opponent.

School's Corrective Action:

I have met with our principal to discuss making changes to our athletic handbook to design a process to support our student-athletes. Including, lowering the attendance requirement, offering tutoring and having an individual plan for each athlete with a failing grade(s) to raise their grade in a timely fashion.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Baboquivari High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/14/16-11/14/17.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL – *Humboldt Unified*

Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching. Section 17.5 Open Facilities

Reported Violation:

Girls' basketball coach held an open gym and allowed his assistant coaches 8th grade daughter to attend. She brought her 8th grade friend who was the sister of a BMHS student athlete.

School's Corrective Action:

Coach admitted the mistake, and that the AIA rule was discussed during our coaches meeting in August. He was given a letter of direction, and open facilities were cancelled for the remainder of the school year. All coaches will be in-serviced again on 10/27/16.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Bradshaw Mountain High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/14/16-11/14/17.

MESA HIGH SCHOOL – *Mesa Public Schools*

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

Reported Violation:

Varsity football team participate in 11 games. During scheduling, a game with Galena, Nevada was already listed on their schedule. At the end of the conference(s) scheduling meeting, the 5A conference requested assistance to help Mesquite fill out their schedule. Mesa High was approved at the meeting by other 6A Conference members to go 1 over. The Mesa Athletic office input the games. Not knowing how to enter the out of state game, it was left off the master AIA schedule and was not noticed until after played.

School's Corrective Action:

If athletic office inputs games, we will make sure we are aware of how to input out of state opponents.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesa High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/14/16-11/14/17.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

SAGUARO HIGH SCHOOL – *Scottsdale Unified School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.3 Enrollment Rule

Reported Violation:

Student-athlete was cleared by the Saguaro Athletics office and joined the girls' cross country team on Wednesday 9/14. The student is not a Saguaro student and attends a charter school void of AIA programs. The initial interpretation of Article 15.5.3.6 was inaccurate and thus a violation.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests Forfeited – schools notified. In-service by the Athletic Director with the Athletic Secretary, registrar, guidance counselors and coaching staff regarding the athletic clearance process and eligibility rules set forth in Article 15 of the AIA Constitution and Bylaws.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Saguaro High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/14/16-11/14/17.

GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL – *Glendale Union High School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule

Reported Violation:

A student swam for the Glendale High School girls swim team until 10/20/16. She did not have the appropriate forms and did not go through the clearance process. Coaches allowed her to swim until 10/20/16 without appropriate clearance paperwork.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests Forfeited. Coaches have received disciplinary action according to district policies.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesa High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/14/16-11/14/17.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**PALO VERDE HIGH SCHOOL** – Tucson Unified School District

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions. Section 14.3 Maximum Teams Per Sport / Student Grade Level for Team Participation

Reported Violation:

During a JV football game on 9-8-16 vs Empire, and on 9-15-16 vs Cholla, we played a student whose peer group is the class of 2017. The athlete, transferred from Desert View last school year, 2015-2016, with sophomore credits even though his peer group was the junior class. He did play football for us last year, not having played the prior year at Desert View. Last year I helped him fill out the 520 form and I was aware of the peer group status from our old system (Mojave showed their group cohort) and assumed the coach was aware of it from last year. Evidently, he was not and it was my failure to communicate this to the coach.

School's Corrective Action:

Both games were won by the opposing team – no forfeitures needed. There will be a formal sit-down meeting and in-service with the head coach, athletic director and administration and the district athletic director will be notified. Additionally, the athletic director will be responsible for checking the cohort status of each player and monitoring the football program and all programs to make sure this doesn't occur again.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Palo Verde High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/14/16-11/14/17.

DESERT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL – Paradise Valley Unified School District

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.15 International Student Eligibility

Reported Violation:

Our swim coach let a student compete in two swim meets during the season. The student-athlete competed on 9/24 and 10/25 in two invitational.

School's Corrective Action:

A review of the eligibility bylaws, specifically 15.15.2, has been addressed with the Desert Mountain coaching staff.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesa High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/14/16-11/14/17.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

- Rancho Solano** Aaron Trigg – Athletic Director, Parents & Student
Chaparral – Tommy Eubanks – Athletic Director
- Joy Christian** Jason Mitchell – Athletic Director & Parent
- Skyline** Greg Schultz – Athletic Director, Parents & Student, Coach
Mountain View, Mesa – Roxanne Perrin – Athletic Director
- South Mountain** Brian Fair – Athletic Director, Parent & Student
Central – Gilbert Jones – Athletic Director
- Valley (Sanders)** Rick Krause – Athletic Director & Parent
- Salpointe Catholic** Phil Gruensfelder – Athletic Director, Parents & Student
Desert Christian – Cindy Riley – Athletic Director, Meg Chandler – Principal
- Willcox** Tammy Hall – Athletic Director & Parents

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:

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
Rancho Solano	Granted
Joy Christian	Granted
Skyline	Denied
South Mountain	Granted
Valley (Sanders)	Granted
Salpointe Catholic	Denied
Willcox	Granted

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- ✓ Developmental Golf Tournament

FUTURE DATES

November 24-25, 2016	AIA Office Closed – Holiday Observed
December 5, 2016	Executive Board Meeting
December 19 – 30, 2016	AIA Office Closed – Holiday Observed
January 16, 2017	AIA Office Closed – Holiday Observed
January 17, 2017	Executive Board Meeting (Tuesday)
	Spring Sports Hardship Appeal Deadline
January 23-24, 2017	Spring Sports Hardship Appeal Hearings
January 26, 2017	Legislative Council Agenda Deadline

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director