



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2017**

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 Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Vice President Jacob Holiday 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)
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
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
Les Willsey, AzPreps365.com
Scott Bordow, AzCentral
Monica Barret, Notre Dame Prep
Jerry Zander, Notre Dame Prep
Dennis Naughtner, Notre Dame Prep
Mark Nolan
James Simmons, Globe
Marcus Williams, CUSD
Aaron Trigg, Rancho Solano
Corey Newland, PVUSD
Mike Sivertson, Peoria Unified
Dr. Anna Battle, TUHSD

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Holiday, 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:

✓ 8:34 a.m. – 8:54 a.m.

ELECTION OF 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:

President **Jacob Holiday**
3A Conference
Monument Valley High School

Vice President **Herman House**
6A Conference
Tucson Unified School District

SELECTION OF NEW AIA EXECUIVE BOARD MEMBER

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 a member for the remainder of the **2016-17** school year:

5A Mark Cisterna, District Athletic Director – Maricopa

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 5, 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

Mark Forster	Valley (Sanders)	30 years
Robert Weir	Camp Verde	25 years
Charles Welly	Mingus Union	29 years
Jeff Cube	Ray	28 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.

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

4A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes – 11/21/16

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 December 2016

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Sister Lynn reported on the NIAAA National Athletic Directors' Conference held in Nashville from December 10 -15th. It was the largest conference ever held with over 2,100 Athletic Directors attending. NIAAA membership is the highest it's been with over 10,000 members. She reviewed some of the conference highlights. Sponsors, LTI Courses, Awards Luncheon, Banquet, Ambience and Opryland.

On February 13th, Sister Lynn hosted a meeting at Xavier for all Arizona Athletic Directors. The AIA Legislative Council items, the 2017 AIAAA State Conference, the National Athletic Directors' Conference to help held in Phoenix in December 2017, the April 10th Athletic Director's Information Meeting sponsored by the AIA and the process for finding Dr. Slemmer's replacement were some of the topics discussed. Those in attendance supported holding this meeting yearly on the Friday before the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday from 10am – 1pm. The next AIAAA Board of Directors' meeting will be held on January 26th at Xavier from 9am – 1pm.

Several NIAAA Leadership Training Academy classes will be offered on February 24th and 25th at Glendale HS. Information on the classes will be sent out to all Arizona Athletic Directors.

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS – Cont'd

The AIAAA Will not hold a Legislative Council Caucus the day preceding the AIA Legislative Council because of the many opportunities provided to discuss the items and the very low turnout in the past four years.

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:

Casa Grande Union	FR Wrestling Program
Marcos de Niza	JV Girls Soccer Program
Coconino	JV Boys' Soccer Program
	JV Girls' Soccer Program
Globe	FR Boys' Basketball Program
Williams	JV Girls Basketball Program
North Phoenix Prep	VAR Boys' Tennis Program
	VAR Girls' Tennis Program
Rancho Solano	JV Girls' Basketball Program
Joseph City	JV Boys' Basketball Program
Tempe Prep	JV Boys' Basketball Program
Estrella Foothills	FR Girls' Basketball Program
Rough Rock	JV Boys' Basketball Program
Greyhills Academy	FR Boys' Basketball Contest w/ Tuba City -1/3
Lee Williams	VAR / JV Girls' Soccer Contest w/ Metro Tech – 12/15
Joy Christian	VAR Girls' Basketball Contest w/ Phoenix Christian – 1/3/17
Horizon Honors	JV Girls' Basketball Contests w/ Valley Christian – 1/3/17 Valley Lutheran – 1/5/17
Shonto Prep	VAR Boys' Basketball Contest w/ Greyhills Academy – 12/1/16

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer updated the board on the NFHS Winter meeting held in Florida from January 3 – 6, 2017. Many items were discussed but some main topics were:

- Resolutions for students transferring with military families
- Overuse Injury study done in Wisconsin
 - High risk in lower extremity injury with students who specialize in one sport over multiple sports.
- New hardware coming out – camera
 - Can be placed on bar in the gym
 - Records action / broadcasts games
 - Student broadcasting possibilities
 - Costs \$3,500
- Discussion on Transgender Policies

Dr. Slemmer also updated the board on the NFHS campaign, My Reason Why. He would like to get names of students from the board / membership on who they feel would be a good candidate to interview for the campaign.

Mr. Hines reported on the Cancellation and Out-of-Season meetings held last week.

Discussion topics during the cancellation meeting were:

- Creating a JV-B team option consisting of only 9th and 10th graders to help prevent the number of lower level cancellations that have been occurring.
- Creating a fees structure for all levels of contests cancelled without consent from both schools.
- If a varsity schedule/program is cancelled that will be a forfeiture for the following years schedule. The school would then be responsible for finding/creating their own schedule.

Discussion topics during the out-of-season meeting were:

- Bylaw amendment recommendation
 - Have a list of what coaches can and cannot work with during the out-of-season period.
- Possibly allowing coaches to work with students' out-of-season.

Dr. Slemmer, Mr. Hines, Mr. Halbach and Ms. Doser presented a feasibility update to the board regarding the request from the 4A Conference last month. Based on the information provided the Executive Board voted on allowing the 4A Conference to have a Double Elimination State Tournament for baseball and softball. On a motion made, seconded and carried the board **denied** the request for the 2017 baseball and softball seasons.

Dr. Slemmer also presented an email from the Miami High School and Globe High School Athletic Directors requesting for Miami athletes to run on Globe's Track team, along with Globe athletes competing on the Miami Tennis team without having to transfer. Mr. Simmons, the Athletic Director from Globe High School explained to the board that they are only looking at this for a pilot year. They are not sure if it will work but have had students show interest in participating in either program from both schools. The community seems to be behind the option of a pilot year as well. On a motion made, seconded and carried the board **approved** Globe and Miami to have a pilot year for their Track and Tennis teams without students having to transfer.

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- Barry Goldwater** – an additional baseball game to help fill **Northwest Christian's** schedule.
- Campo Verde** – an additional JV girls' soccer game to help fill **Desert Vista's** schedule.
- Lee Williams** – an additional VAR baseball and softball games to help fill **Kingman's** schedule.
- Combs** – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Gilbert Christian's** schedule.
- Deer Valley** – an additional VAR boys' volleyball game to help fill **Desert Edge's** schedule.
- Payson** – an additional VAR wrestling match to help fill **Flagstaff's** schedule.

REQUEST – SPRING FOOTBALL START DATE

The membership is requesting to have the Spring Football start date begin during the 43rd week, April 24th, to allow schools four (4) weeks to practice for three (3) weeks. Spring Football would conclude on May 20th, 2017.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the above request of moving the start date for Spring Football to April 24, 2017.

APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP**HOLBROOK INDIAN SCHOOL**

Holbrook Indian School, located at 2001 McLaws Rd, Holbrook, Arizona 86025 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** Holbrook Indian School as an associate member of the AIA effective with the 2017-2018 school year.

APPLICATION FOR NON-ATHLETIC MEMBERSHIP**BASIS Peoria**

BASIS Peoria, located at 25950 N Lake Pleasant Parkway, Peoria, Arizona 85383 submitted a written application for non-athletic membership effective with the 2017-2018 school year. In accordance with Article 2, Section 2.4 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board **accepted** BASIS Peoria as a non-athletic member of the AIA effective with the 2017-2018 school year.

REQUEST – 2A NORTH REGIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 2A North Region would like to host a regional basketball tournament February 1-4, 2017.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the regional basketball tournament for the 2A North Region.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

TEMPE HIGH SCHOOL – *Tempe Union High School District*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions. Section 14.2 Practice

Reported Violation:

Tempe boys' basketball team played in a scrimmage with non Tempe High School athletes after their own basketball practice on Saturday evening in the Tempe High School gym.

School's Corrective Action:

Review district policy and bylaws with the coach, also reviewing steps for approval of volunteers. Following district policies regarding responsibilities as a teacher/coach and expectations

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tempe High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

NORTH POINTE PREP – *Charter*

Rule: Article 25. Soccer. Section 25.1 Rules

Reported Violation:

Due to safety concerns of North Pointe's players and the officials' continual disregard for safety of the players, North Pointe discontinued play at halftime of the contest. North Pointe sustained two concussions inside the goalie box without a card being given.

School's Corrective Action:

North Pointe was down 8-0 at halftime and that was the end result – contest was not forfeited. No procedures have been implemented. North Pointe accepts the loss and respects the system that we have been held accountable for. Although, North Pointe will now allow officials to have the final determination of our student athletes safety.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the North Pointe Prep **Girls' Soccer Program** on **Probation** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

LAKE HAVASU HIGH SCHOOL – *Lake Havasu Unified*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility. Section 15.10 Transfer Rule

Reported Violation:

Athlete played in game without filling out the 520 form. First year head coach did not read report correctly when giving the athletes status.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. We have modified coaching status report of athletes, to make it clearer to prevent misunderstandings.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Lake Havasu High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

WESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL – Mesa School District

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

Reported Violation:

The student had not completed his necessary 520 form due to transferring from Mesa High School to Westwood High School this past season. He was marked ineligible on our eligibility list that was sent to the coach, but the coach disregarded the eligibility list and allowed him to wrestle even though his name was not on the list.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests Forfeited. We will now provide a list of all athletes that have registered for the sport to the coaches instead of just providing a list of the eligible athletes. This will ensure that the coaches know what the athlete is deficient in when they are ineligible so that the athlete and coach can work together to fix the issue.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Westwood High School **Wrestling Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

MARICOPA HIGH SCHOOL – Maricopa Unified

Rule: Article 21. Basketball. Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season

Reported Violation:

A freshman athlete played 4 quarters in a game against Campo Verde and then played in 3 quarters in the JV game.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests Forfeited. Coaches were aware of the bylaw, but did not keep track of the quarters played. They will communicate after each game on the number of quarters the girls play in. All 3 coaches were reprimanded for their error.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Maricopa High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL – Chandler Unified School District

Rule: Article 21. Basketball. Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season

Reported Violation:

Coach accidentally played a player in seven quarters in one night against Highland High School.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Our coach is aware of the quarter rule and will now have an assistant tracking any kids who play multiple levels.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Hamilton High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

Camille Casteel abstained.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

RIO RICO HIGH SCHOOL – Santa Cruz Valley Unified

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.10 Transfer Rule

Reported Violation:

Did not utilize the 530 form to verify sports participation for student athlete over the last 12 months.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests Forfeited. Students will be required to fill out a 530 form whether they have played sports or not when enrolling at school.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Rio Rico High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

SAHUARO HIGH SCHOOL – Tucson Unified School District

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

Reported Violation:

We had 2 girls get concussions and one girls have her arm put in a sling and therefore cannot compete. The 2 girls received concussions from a collision in practice Tuesday, Dec. 6 and the other girl hurt her arm on Thursday, Dec. 8 trying to put a new routine together. Our certified athletic trainer will not allow the girls to compete. Both girls with concussions missed school on Wednesday, Dec 7 and are out until concussion protocol is complete.

School's Corrective Action:

Unfortunately, there is not much we can do to avoid this situation. Our coach uses the safest practices allowed. Accidents happen.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sahuaro High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

Herman House abstained

DESERT EDGE HIGH SCHOOL – Agua Fria Union High School District

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

Reported Violation:

Injury to athlete. Unable to compete.

School's Corrective Action:

Injury to athlete. Non avoidable situation.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Edge High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

APACHE JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL – *Apache Junction Unified School District*

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

Reported Violation:

Our cheer team signed up to participate in the AIA State qualifier but were unable to participate due to injuries and turnover after football season.

School's Corrective Action:

Cheer will work to ensure we have ample participants to accommodate loss of participants before enrolling in competition.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Apache Junction High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

THUNDERBIRD HIGH SCHOOL – *Glendale Union High School District*

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

Reported Violation:

The student athlete played in the Liga Latino-Americano Men's league with his father on Sunday morning.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. The AD will personally hand out 14.4.1 to every coach and discuss all aspects of eligibility. And will again be emphasized at full coaches meetings.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Thunderbird High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL – *Buckeye Union High School District*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions. Section 14.2 Practice

Reported Violation:

On Sunday, December 11 the girls' soccer team gathered in the locker room on the EFHS campus for the purpose of celebrating the birthdays of two student-athletes. The event was organized by the student-athletes. The varsity coach was present for the celebration, which lasted approximately 40 minutes. While cleaning up, the topic of the next game arose, which promoted discussion about playing soccer. The ten to fifteen minute discussion about soccer (chalk talk) violates rule 14.2.1.

School's Corrective Action:

The entire EFHS coaching staff will be in-serviced on rule 14.2.1 to ensure an understanding of bylaws. Coaches will also be in-serviced on EFHS procedures of proper use and supervision of locker rooms.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Estrella Foothills High School **Girls' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

BOULDER CREEK HIGH SCHOOL – *Deer Valley Unified School District*

Rule: Article 2. Membership. Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators

Reported Violation:

After a home game a parent and his college age son, assaulted an official after a basketball game. There was also what looks to be a push to the official by the son. The two are relatives of a BCHS boys' basketball player. Attached are reports by the security guard, a visiting school administrator/parent of a BC player, and the official's report about the incident. Corrective action is including a parking map to be sent to officials and a letter sent to the violators.

School's Corrective Action:

Officials will now be asked to park in the back closer to the gym and be escorted to their cars at the end of the contest. Violators have been suspended.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Boulder Creek High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

ANTHEM PREPARATORY ACADEMY

Rule: Article 18. Officials. Section 18.1 Registration, Requirements and Qualifications

Reported Violation:

Used officials that were not registered with AIA as the AIA officials did not show up.

School's Corrective Action:

Was unaware of rule – has reviewed the bylaws and knows the rule for the future.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Anthem Preparatory High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/17-1/17/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY** – *Catholic Diocese of Phoenix***2 Violations***Rule: Article 2. Membership. Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators***Reported Violation ONE:**

On 9/16/16, the AIA Executive Board notified NDP of a potential recruiting violation regarding an allegation that in December 2015 (former) Head Football Coach Mark Nolan had made an unannounced visit to the home of a transferring football player, at which time he made inappropriate offers of assistance to the family as an inducement to keep the player from leaving the school.

None of the parties present during the home visit would cooperate with the investigation. However, the investigators obtained other information that appeared to corroborate the allegations. As such, NDP feels there is sufficient information to conclude that the former coach's actions violated AIA Bylaw 15.12.

Reported Violation TWO:

During the course of the above-reference investigation, NDP learned of another possible recruiting violations when received information that former coach may have attempted to recruit an 8th grade student to attend and to play football at NDP. (The student ultimately enrolled at a different school). The investigator was asked to investigate the allegation, as well, and was able to interview the father of the student. Based on the father's account of the contact with his son, NDP feels there is sufficient information to conclude that the former coach's actions violated AIA Article 15.12.4.5.

School's Corrective Action:

The individual directly responsible for the above-state violations, Mark Nolan, is no longer Head Coach of the Notre Dame Preparatory football team, and is no longer employed by Notre Dame Preparatory. In addition, NDP Athletic Director will continue to host seasonal meetings with coaches to review the AIA Rules, including the recruitment rule, in order to ensure full understanding of and compliance with the rules, and to ensure that NDP athletic program upholds the school's commitment to principles of integrity, fairness and sportsmanship.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, accepted the report from Notre Dame Preparatory with no further action taken.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

Sunnyside

Dan Bartley – Athletic Director, Ricky Torres – Assistant Principal & Coach

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:

School/Appeal

Sunnyside

Granted/Denied

Granted

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- ✓ Email – Thank you – AIA State Championships

FUTURE DATES

January 23-24, 2017	Spring Sports Hardship Appeal Hearings
January 26, 2017	Legislative Council Agenda Deadline
February 20, 2017	Holiday - AIA Office Closed
February 21, 2017	Executive Board Meeting (Tuesday)
March 3, 2017	Legislative Council Meeting
March 20, 2017	Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director