ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY – MARCH 3, 2017

In accordance with Article 4, Section 4.5, Paragraph 4.5.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, the regular annual meeting of the AIA Legislative Council (Council) was duly called and held on Friday, March 3, 2017, at the AIA office, 7007 North 18th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

ROLL CALL

1A Conference (7)
Billy Duarte – Superior
Lee Haws – Fort Thomas
Georg Diehl – Bagdad
Steve Ashley – Greyhills Academy
Phil Echeverria – Williams
Angela Vande Mheen – The Gregory School
Eric Miller – Joseph City

2A Conference (7)
Ricky Greer – Hopi
Darin Giltner – Benson
Cindy Riley – Desert Christian
Gary LaFevers – Tonopah Valley
Mike Elder – Northland Prep
Duane Ediger – Scottsdale Prep
Heather Osborn – Az College Prep

3A Conference (7)
Peter Jelovic – Chino Valley
Kevin Standerfer – Snowflake
Mike Brugiglio – Fountain Hills
Jill Ronsman – Sabino
Shaun Martin – Chino Valley

4A Conference (7)
Ron Safcik – Shadow Mountain
Jim Denton – Combs
Eric Freas – Coconino
Armando Soto – Amphitheater
Rob Roberson – Youngker
Joe Paddock – Amphithealer District
Shelly Arredondo – Tempe

5A Conference (7)
Whitney Holland – Cienega
Monica Barrett – Notre Dame Prep
Pat Weber – Flowing Wells
Mike Svarterson – Peoria District
Jim Dean – Dysart District
Renee Regoli – Campo Verde
Scott Warner – Deer Valley

6A Conference (7)
Zach Munoz – Phoenix Union District
Marcus Williams – Chandler District
Steve Hogen – Mesa District
Rob Jankowski – San Luis
Corey Newland – Paradise Valley District
Derek Fahleson – Valley View

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Shawn Cuff – Florence
John Venenga – Kingman
Dr. Charles Lucero – Kingman USD

AIA STAFF
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. – Executive Director
David Hines – Assistant Executive Director
Tayler Coady – Executive Assistant
Jessica Garcia – Front Office Assistant
Jeanie Kosower – Asst. Commissioner of Officials
Bobyn Bingham – Officials & Content Coordinator
Denise Doser – Director of Finance
Gary Wheelchel – Commissioner of Officials
Brian Bolitto – Director of Business Development
Brandy Young – Accounting Assistant
Dean Visser – Tournament Coordinator
Ron Halbach – Tournament Coordinator

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD:
Camille Casteel
Jacob Holiday
Jeanine Brandel
Herman House
Mark Cisterna
Mark Goodman
Mark Showers
Mike DeLaO
Sr. Lynn Winson
Travis Udall

GUESTS:
Les Willsey, AzPreps365
Jason Grantham, Mesquite
Rod Huston, Highland
Matt Belden, Glendale USD
Anna Battle, Tempe Union
Kevin Belcher, Betty Fairfax
Brett Palmer, Centennial
David Inness, Northwest Christian
Jon Pabst, AIAAA
Scott Bordow, AzCentral

CONSULTANT/PARIAMENTARIAN
Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
After completion of roll call, Mr. Mignella introduced all others present and outlined procedures to be observed during the meeting. He reminded the Council Members that Article 5, Section 5.2 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total Council membership (32 members) is required to amend the AIA Constitution and that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a duly called meeting is required to amend the AIA Bylaws. Mr. Mignella continued by stating that Article 4, Section 4.5 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a quorum must be present at a meeting for the transaction of business, a quorum being two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership. He concluded that a quorum was present since roll call reflected that 42 of the 48 Council Members were present. It was also determined, based upon the 42 members present, that a vote of 28 would be required for adoption of amendments to the AIA Bylaws. Mr. Mignella then reminded the Council that in accordance with Article 4, Section 4.5, Paragraph 4.5.5 of the AIA Constitution, proxy votes couldn’t be accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion duly made by Joe Paddock and seconded by Cindy Riley, the minutes for the March 4, 2016 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion duly made by Cindy Riley and seconded by Whitney Holland, the agenda as presented was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer provided the Legislative Council members with information regarding AIA Sports Properties and OutFront Media Sports. He stated that since having OutFront Media Sports join in 2014 there has been a 145% growth in Partnership Revenue. OutFront Media Sports brings the college model to high school associations. Making partners realize the relevancy of high school athletics and activities and how it can better their brand.

Fulfillment comes from different areas of AzPreps365, such as:

- AIA Radio Show
- Production of over 50 games a year
- Six bracket shows annually
- Multimedia staff
- Production of championships for replay on TV
- Golf.AzPreps365.com

Special event fulfillment:

- Sollenberger Classic
- AIA Champions Luncheon
- Robotics State Tournament

Website development has had over 100 projects successfully completed since 2009, examples include:

- 520 Form
- Division & Section Recognition
- Division & Section Alignment
- AIA Passes
- RefPay Integration
- Computer Scheduling
- Spiritline State Qualifiers Project
- State Tournament Brackets
- Financial Admin Billing
- Admin Overhaul

Other ways marketing benefits:

- Helps to offset the shortfalls from the officials and tournament programs
- Build back the AIA operation reserve, provide for capital maintenance & improvements, and catastrophic reserve.

Without the fulfillment in all these areas, there would not be the marketing revenue to compensate those programs or fortify the above state reserves.
MEMBERSHIP

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As recommended by the AIA Staff

Amend AIA Constitution:
Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
To improve communication between AIA Staff and Athletic Directors and coaches. To provide a one day forum for training, bylaw review, fiscal in-service and legislative updates. Opportunity for all athletic directors across the state to dialogue Arizona athletic issues in one setting.

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2.6 RESPONSIBILITY OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

2.6.6 On an annual basis, the school athletic director shall attend the AIA Athletic Director Information Meeting to be held each April. Failure to comply will subject the member school to possible penalty (16.1).

2.6.7 On an annual basis, each varsity head coach shall attend the AIA Head Coaches Information Meeting to be held at the beginning of each season of sport. Failure to comply will subject the member school to possible penalty (16.1).

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE PADDOCK AND SECONDED BY JIM DENTON TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE PADDOCK AND SECONDED BY MIKE BRIGUGLIO TO SPLIT THE PROPOSAL AS TWO ITEMS.

MOTION TO SPLIT – PASSED
(Unanimous Voice Vote)

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE PADDOCK AND SECONDED BY MIKE BRIGUGLIO TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL FOR 2.6.6. FOR EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

MOTION - PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-43; No-0; Abstain-0)

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE PADDOCK AND SECONDED BY MIKE BRIGUGLIO TO AMEND PROPOSAL 2.6.7 AS FOLLOWS
(Add: On an annual basis, each varsity head coach, or school designated coach, shall attend the AIA Head Coaches Information Meeting to be held at the beginning of each season of sport. Failure to comply will subject the member school to possible penalty (16.1).)

MOTION TO AMEND – PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-39; No-4; Abstain-0)

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PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL, OR BIE, OR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT
As recommended by the AIA Staff

Amend AIA Constitution:
Article 3. Certification of Staff, Section 3.1 Private, Parochial, or BIE, or Public Schools

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
Obsolete bylaw. Due to the many types of schools in our membership, staff certification can come in many forms.

(Motion was made by Joe Paddock and seconded by Cindy Riley to adopt the proposal as presented.)

(Motions passed)

(Votes Cast: Yes-43; No-0; Abstain-0)

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SCHEDULING OF CONTESTS AND SCHEDULING CONTRACTS

1A-6A CONFERENCE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT
As recommended by the AIA Staff

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Scheduling Contracts, Section 11.4 Scheduling Contracts – Varsity / Junior Varsity / Freshman

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
To help reduce the number of cancellation games. To provide a consequence for schools that cancel contests without mutual consent by both schools.

Supported by the Conference leadership.

(Motion was made by Joe Paddock and seconded by Whitney Holland to adopt the proposal as presented)

Main Motion as originally presented - PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-35; No-8; Abstain-0)

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1A-6A CONFERENCE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT
As recommended by the AIA Staff

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Scheduling Contracts, Section 11.4 Scheduling Contracts – Varsity / Junior Varsity / Freshman

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
To help reduce the number of cancellation games. To provide a consequence for schools that cancel contests without mutual consent by both schools.

Supported by the Conference leadership.

(Motion was made by Joe Paddock and seconded by Whitney Holland to adopt the proposal as presented)

Main Motion as originally presented - PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-35; No-8; Abstain-0)

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SCHEDULING OF CONTESTS AND SCHEDULING CONTRACTS

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT
As recommended by the AIA Staff

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Scheduling Contracts, Section 11.5 Reporting Results

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
Current language is out-of-date and new technology available. Reporting systems are now available for immediate results. Provides accurate rankings on a daily basis.

11.5 REPORTING RESULTS - It shall be the responsibility of the HOME TEAM athletic administrator or assistant to report the regular season game results through the administrative options immediately utilizing an electronic score reporting tool as designated by the AIA Executive Board in team sports, or if not available at www.admin.aiaonline.org within 72 hours from the scheduled start time completion of a contest. In the case of a regional tournament, it shall be the responsibility of the HOST SCHOOL to report via e-mail all tournament results immediately utilizing an electronic score reporting tool as designated by the AIA Executive Board in team sports, or if not available, at www.admin.aiaonline.org within 24 hours of the tournament concluding. If regular season, region games or tournament results are not reported within the required time, a reminder e-mail will be sent to the school as will be done as each subsequent level is reached. Failure to report an accurate result will cause the following progressive sanction(s) process per sport for each individual incident and in the time stated:

1st Level – Cautionary Letter (after 120 hour period)
2nd Level – Advisement to that program (personal contact to school Athletic Director after 144 hour period)
3rd Level – Warning to that program (after 168 hour period)
4th Level – Probation to that program (after 192 hour period)

MOTION WAS MADE BY MIKE BRIGUGLIO AND SECONDED BY DARIN GILTNER TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE PADDOCK AND SECONDED BY HEATHER OSBORN TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL AS FOLLOWS: (Change: It shall be the responsibility of the HOME TEAM athletic administrator … within 2 hours from the completion of a contest by 9:00 am the day following the contest. … within 2 hours from the tournament concluding by 9:00 am the day following the contest.)

MOTION AS AMENDED - PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-41; No-1; Abstain-0) (42 votes – 1 member left meeting)

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AWARDS

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT
As recommended by the AIA Staff

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 13. Awards, Section 13.2 Overall Excellence Awards // Section 13.4 The Glen Treadaway Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
Addition of the 6A Conference by the membership. The request to emphasize Sportsmanship as a priority with the membership.

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13.2 OVERALL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – The E. A. Row (1A Conference), Don F. Stone (2A Conference and 3A Conference), H. A. Hendrickson (4A Conference, 5A Conference) and Harold L. Slemmer (6A Conference) annual rotation trophies, plaques and permanent banners are awarded to schools with overall excellence in interscholastic activities. High schools are selected to receive these awards through the total points they have accumulated by their activity and excellence in music, speech and athletics.

13.4 THE GLEN TREADAWAY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP – The Glen Treadaway Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship is presented annually to a school from each of the six conferences, which have demonstrated great sportsmanship from their teams, student bodies and fans. The criteria and selection process to determine award recipients shall be established by the AIA Executive Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY CINDY RILEY AND SECONDED BY JILL RONSMAN TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED FOR EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-43; No-0; Abstain-0)

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

1A-6A CONFERENCE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT
As recommended by the AIA Staff

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.3 Maximum Teams Per Sport / Student Grade Level for Team Participation

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
To add an option for schools to avoid cancellation of contests. To provide schools an alternative to freshman teams.

Supported by the Conference leadership.

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

14.3.2.3 A junior varsity “B” team shall be limited to 9th and 10th grade students.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC FREAS AND SECONDED BY ROB ROBERSON TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-38; No-3; Abstain-2)

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BASEBALL

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT
As recommended by AIA Staff, Sports Medicine and Baseball Advisory Committees

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 20. Baseball, Section 20.1 Rules

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
The concern with the USA Baseball pitch count limit, from the baseball coaches and the administrator’s viewpoint, was that opposing coaches do not know the specific age of players and that there was not an existing tacking mechanism for tracking of pitch count by age.

All coaches know the grade level their players are in and there is an existing tracking mechanism (MaxPreps) that will allow coaches at the three levels of AIA competition (freshman, junior varsity and varsity) to track and hold accountable all coaches to comply with the proposed amendment.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BILLY DUARTE AND SECONDED BY GARY LAFEVERS TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED AND RATIFY EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED - PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-44; No-0; Abstain-0) (44 votes; 1 member arrived late)

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BASEBALL

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – to comply with NFHS Rules

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 20. Baseball, Section 20.1 Rules

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
The current AIA Bylaws, Article 20.1.4.3 rule includes varsity baseball contest and is contrary to the NFHS Baseball Rules. Per NFHS rules, for a varsity baseball game to be a recorded complete game, the game must be a minimum of 4 ½ or 5 innings to be a legal game.

If the state does not, at a varsity level, follow the NFHS Rules for a sport, the state loses their representation on the NFHS rules committee for that sport.

20.1 RULES

20.1.4 Speed-up Rules

20.1.4.3 15-Run Rule – A non-varsity a baseball game shall end any time after four innings (at the discretion of the losing coach) or after three and one-half (3 ½) innings when a team is fifteen or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE PADDOCK AND SECONDED BY DARIN GILTNER TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED FOR EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALY PRESENTED - PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-39; No-5; Abstain-0)

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SOFTBALL

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – to comply with NFHS Rules

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 26. Softball, Section 26.1 Rules

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
The current AIA Bylaws, Article 26.1.5 rule includes varsity softball contest and is contrary to the NFHS Softball Rules. Per NFHS rules, for a varsity softball game to be a recorded complete game, the game must be a minimum of 4 ½ or 5 innings to be a legal game.

If the state does not, at a varsity level, follow the NFHS Rules for a sport, the state loses their representation on the NFHS rules committee for that sport.

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26.1 RULES

26.1.5 15-Run Rule – A non-varsity softball game shall end any time after four innings (at the discretion of the losing coach) or after three and one-half (3 ½) innings when a team is fifteen or more runs behind and has completed its turn at bat.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JILL RONSMAN AND SECONDED BY MARK LANE TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED FOR EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED - PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-38; No-6; Abstain-0)

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WRESTLING

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT
As recommended by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 31. Wrestling, Section 31.10 Equipment Sanitation Requirements

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
To verify protocol needed for mat cleaning procedures in Wrestling for infection prevention.

31.10 EQUIPMENT SANITATION REQUIREMENTS

31.10.1 Wrestling mats shall be cleaned within 60 minutes prior to practice and immediately after practice and allowed to air dry with each use.
   31.10.1.1 10% bleach solution or equivalent.
   31.10.1.2 Solution should remain wet on mat for 4-10 minutes depending on the product being used.

31.10.2 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.

31.10.3 During tournaments, mats shall be cleaned and disinfected within 60 minutes of all competitions, between tournament rounds and multiple dual meet events.

31.10.4 Use disposable or disinfected single use towels on the mat during practice and tournaments.

31.10.5 Wash wall mats with disinfectant cleaner 1-2 times per week.
   31.10.5.1 10% bleach solution or equivalent.
   31.10.5.2 Solution should remain wet on surface for 4-10 minutes depending on the product being used.

31.10.6 Exercise equipment shall be cleaned after each practice.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT WEBER AND SECONDED BY ERIC FREAS TO TABLE THE PROPOSAL.

MOTION TO TABLE - PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-39; No-5; Abstain-0)

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WRESTLING

AIA WRESTLING SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT
As recommended by the AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 31. Wrestling, Section 31.6 Number of Opportunities (Meets) in Season

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
The Wrestling Sports Advisory Committee does not see the equity of allowing one tournament (The Blackford Duals) to be the only option for a school's 5th tournament. The SAC recognizes that the format would prohibit all the member schools the same level playing field, therefore the wrestling committee’s recommendation is to add the 5th invitational tournament with no restrictions as to which tournament a school can attend. The total maximum number of matches a school can schedule would be no more than 12 (including five tournaments).

Passed for Emergency Legislation by the Executive Board on August 15, 2016.

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31.6 NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES (MEETS) IN SEASON

31.6.1 No school shall schedule more than 12 varsity meets, including four five invitationals.

31.6.2 No school shall schedule more than 12 junior varsity or freshman meets per team, including four five invitationals.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ERIC FREAS AND SECONDED BY MARK LANE TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED AND TO RATIFY EMERGENCY LEGISLATION.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED - PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-42; No-2; Abstain-0)

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FOOTBALL

1A-6A – PROPOSED AMENDMENT
As recommended by the AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 23. Football, Section 23.7 Coaches / Coaching
Section 23.8 Out-of-Season Football Activities
Section 23.9 Spring Football Instruction

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
To add or delete language applicable to the new Out of Season request. To allow coaches to work with their students outside the AIA season of sport, with equipment and non-contact limitations as stated. Supported by the Conference leadership.

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23.7 COACHES / COACHING
23.7.1 Except as provided in 23.8.1, the AIA shall not have regulations concerning coaches coaching their own school teams outside of the AIA defined season of sport during the summer vacation period. Summer vacation period shall be identified as beginning with the last day of school and extending to the first day of football practice allowed by AIA bylaw.

23.8 OUT-OF-SEASON FOOTBALL ACTIVITY
23.8.1 Out-of-season football activities are permitted from the 47th week to the first day of bylaw approved football practice. During this time a coach may give football instructions to any member of his football squad.
23.8.21 Instructions are limited to non-contact activities and weight training. The only school equipment which may not be used out-of-season is helmets and shoulder pads, footballs, kicking tees and football shoes.
23.8.32 School Transportation During Summer – school provided transportation for summer activities is a local option.

23.9 SPRING FOOTBALL INSTRUCTIONS
23.9.1 A coach may instruct candidates for the high school's football squad for three consecutive weeks, commencing on the 44th week of the AIA standardized calendar and concluding in the 46th week. The use of shields and dummies during this time is permissible.
23.9.21 Student athletes attending spring football instructions shall have parental or legal guardian consent and a current physical examination on file. It is recommended that insurance coverage be provided as stated in Article 14, Section 14.15.
23.9.3 Group sessions are permissible for the showing of films, chalk talk, player/parent meetings and the distribution of printed material.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE PADDOCK AND SECONDED BY JIM DEAN TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE HOGEN AND SECONDED BY JIM LOVE TO AMEND THE PROPOSAL FOR EMERGENCY LEGISLATION AS FOLLOWS: (Keep 23.9.1 with the following changes: three consecutive weeks 18 practices ... 44th 43rd)

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED - PASSED
(Votes Cast: Yes-39; No-5; Abstain-0)

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As recommended by the AIA Staff.

Add AIA Bylaw:

Article 19. Policies and Procedures

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

Technically the sport bylaws are more policies and procedures than bylaws. Over many years, the auditor has suggested the sport bylaws be moved to policies and procedures. Exceptions requested by the Conferences can be directed to the Executive Board instead of the Legislative Council. Result of approval will cause current Articles 19-31 to become Policies and Procedures.

(Motion was made by Joe Paddock and seconded by Zach Munoz to adopt the proposal as presented.)

(Votes Cast: Yes-44; No-0; Abstain-0)

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE PADDOCK AND SECONDED BY ZACH MUNOZ TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED - PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-44; No-0; Abstain-0)
CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS

2A METRO WEST – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 8. Classification of Member High Schools, Section 8.1 Classification and Alignment

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
International students as defined in 15.15.2 are not allowed to participate in varsity competitions at any time during their attendance at an AIA member school. With this being the bylaw, these students should not be counted on a school’s enrollment figure for conference classification which is determined by enrollment.

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8.1 CLASSIFICATION AND ALIGNMENT - A Conference is a group of member schools, each of whose October 1 enrollment falls within the same size range. A Region is a group of schools within the Conference.

8.1.1.2 The October 1 student enrollment figure does not include International students on a Visa, other than students attending on a J-1 Visa.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RICKY GREER AND SECONDED BY ERIC MILLER TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALY PRESENTED - FAILED
(Votes Cast: Yes-5; No-39; Abstain-0)

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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES

2A METRO WEST – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend AIA Bylaw:
Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.15 International Student Eligibility

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:
If a student is going to be counted on a schools October 1 enrollment figure which determines a school classification, the student should then have opportunity to participate in varsity athletics at some point during their high school years. Proposal has guidelines put into place to discourage a school from making effort to bring students to a particular school for long term involvement in a varsity athletic program.

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15.15 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY - Prefatory Statement: In an effort to preserve and promote interscholastic competitive opportunities for Arizona students and further the goals of competitive fairness and equity, and recognizing the concerns of AIA member schools related to displacement of Arizona students by students from foreign countries, the following bylaw addresses the interscholastic eligibility status of international students attending an AIA member school:

15.15.2 International Students: An international student is a student who is in the U.S. under any Visa or document other than a J-1 Visa and who is attending an AIA member school. Except as stated below with regard to domicile, an international student must meet all eligibility requirements of any regularly enrolled student. An international student is eligible only for non-varsity level competition, which may include only 9th through 11th grade, and is not at any time of enrollment eligible for varsity level competition. International students would be eligible for participation in athletic competitions under the following conditions:
1. All international students are eligible for participation at the sub-varsity level in grades 9-11
2. International students must have completed 4 semesters, and be in their senior year, before becoming eligible for all varsity competition.
3. If international students are juniors and have completed 4 semesters, they may participate at the varsity level in non-power ranked competitions or competitions that do not impact post-season play.
   a. Example: 5th semester juniors may compete in a varsity basketball tournament outside of region and state tournaments.
   b. Example: 5th semester juniors may compete in a regular season cross country meet, but not sectionals or state.
   c. Example: 5th semester juniors may compete in a regular season swim competition that is a state qualifying meet, but his/her score would not be eligible for state competition.

With regard to domicile, an international student's non-varsity eligibility shall be at a school in the attendance zone of the home in which the student is placed.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DUANE EDIGER AND SECONDED BY CINDY RILEY TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED - FAILED
(Votes Cast: Yes-9; No-34; Abstain-1)

There being no further business, on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director