



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
February 21, 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, February 21, 2017 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Jacob Holiday called the meeting to order at 8:28 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)
Mark Cisterna, 5A Conference (Maricopa 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)
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D., AIA Executive Director

Members Absent:

Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)

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
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Jose Garcia, AzPreps365.com
Dr. Anna Battle, Tempe District

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:

- ✓ 8:29 a.m. – 8:49 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 17, 2017 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

Mike Briguglio	Fountain Hills	26 years
Dr. Kino Flores	Tolleson	Retired
James Stoll	Cortez	Retired

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

2A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes – 11/4/16
4A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes – 1/23/17

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 January 2017

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Jeannine Brandel brought up a situation that occurred during a regular season soccer game at Flagstaff involving the use of a drone. Although there is a policy in place regarding the uses of drones during post-season events, there is nothing that regulates the use of drones during regular season play. Ms. Brandel was hoping the AIA could provide more clarification on what schools are expected to do if this occurs again.

Ms. Brandel also brought up the concerns of the 4A Conference with the conclusion of seasons and when the bracket shows are being held. With the potential of severe weather in parts of the state, some schools had to cancel multiple games, which left them without a completed season of play. Ms. Brandel stated that she would like to see maybe an extra day after the end of regular season to fit another game in before the brackets are released. Further discussion took place about the start and end dates of the soccer season. Fitting 14 games into an 8 weeks season is a challenge for many schools, but with club season, the board and legislative council members would have to vote to either extend the season or put a stipulation on the season.

Ms. Brandel asked the AIA staff why sand volleyball has now become beach volleyball. Mr. Hines stated that based on the rest of state associations, collegiate and professional levels calling it beach volleyball falls into lines with them all.

Sr. Lynn Winsor updated the board with the following for her AIAAA report

- The AIAAA website is updated and NIAAA LTI Classes will be offered on February 24th and 25th at Glendale High School.
- Joni Pabst AIAAA Executive Director met with NFHS and NIAAA conference organizers in Indianapolis to discuss plans for the December NIAAA 2017 Conference in Phoenix.
- The AIAAA is looking for sponsors to assist in financing the National Conference expenses, as it host the 2017 Athletic Directors Conference in Phoenix in 2017.
- Planning is underway for the September 2017 state AIAAA Conference in Prescott.
- Due to a job change President Elect, Cindy Kirk cannot remain as AIAAA President Elect and Dr. Zach Munoz current AIAAA President Elect will serve as AIAAA President and President elect in the 2016-17 school year.
- John Chambers is stepping down as Hall of Fame Committee Chairperson- the AIAAA is looking for a replacement. If you are interested contact Joni Pabst.
- The next AIAAA board meeting will be Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 10:00 am at Xavier. Following by a fact finding trip to the Phoenix Convention Center, to visit the site of the 2017 National Athletic Directors Conference.

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:

Rough Rock	VAR Softball Program JV Boys' Basketball Contests w/ Fredonia – 1/21 Greyhills Academy – 2/1
St. Augustine	VAR Girls' & Boys' Golf Programs
Notre Dame Prep	JV Softball Program
St. Michael	VAR Baseball Program
Arizona Charter	VAR Baseball Program
Valley Lutheran	VAR Girls' & Boys' Golf Programs
Tempe	VAR/JV/FR Boys' Volleyball Programs
Mayer	JV Girls' Basketball Program
Duncan	VAR Softball Program
Phoenix Christian	JV Girls' Basketball Program
Maricopa	FR Baseball Program FR Softball Program
Antelope Union	VAR Girls' & Boys' Track Programs
Vista Grande	FR Girls' Basketball Program
Santa Rita	VAR Boys' Volleyball Program JV Softball Program JV Baseball Program
Leading Edge	VAR Baseball Program
Seligman	VAR Softball Program
Patagonia	VAR Softball Program
Barry Goldwater	FR Baseball Program
Telesis Prep	VAR Softball Program
Desert Christian	VAR/JV Boys' Volleyball Program
Bowie/San Simon	VAR Girls' & Boys' Golf Programs
Paradise Valley	FR Baseball Program
Coconino	VAR Girls' & Boys' Soccer Contests
Saguaro	JV Girls' Soccer Contests w/ Shadow Mountain – 1/24 Cactus Shadows – 1/26
Sedona Red Rock	VAR Girls & Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Anthem Prep
Anthem Prep	VAR Girls' Soccer Contest w/ Odyssey – 12/5 VAR Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Veritas – 1/23
Seton Catholic	JV Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Saguaro – 1/23
Miami	VAR/JV Girls' & Boys' Basketball Contest w/ Bisbee
Kingman Academy	VAR Girls' Basketball Contest w/ Northland Prep
Shadow Mountain	VAR/JV Girls' Soccer Contest w/ Paradise Valley
Academy of Tucson	VAR Girls' & Boys' Basketball Contest w/ Baboquivari

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTESTS AND/OR PROGRAMS – Cont'd

Mingus Union	VAR/JV Girls' & Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Flagstaff VAR Wrestling Contest w/ Tempe, Raymond Kellis & Coronado
Rio Rico	VAR Girls' Soccer Contest w/ Santa Rita
Veritas	VAR Girls' Soccer Contest w/ Anthem Prep VAR Girls' & Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Page
Independence	VAR/JV Girls' Soccer Contest w/ Raymond Kellis
Casteel	VAR Football Contests w/ Odyssey & Kingman
Safford	VAR Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Miami
Greenway	VAR/JV Girls' Soccer Contest w/ Flagstaff
Benson	JV Girls' Basketball Contest w/ Tombstone

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer shared with the board a PowerPoint that Dr. Cardenas of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee presented during a luncheon this month. It was very informative of the progress that the AIA and the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee has made over the last five years.

Dr. Slemmer and Mr. Hines gave an update on the winter tournaments as they are beginning to wrap up. Wrestling took place at the PVEC last weekend with a wonderful turn out and great sportsmanship. Basketball is still currently underway and will conclude next week with the 5A and 6A Conferences competing at Grand Canyon University. A game was moved from the valley down to Tucson with two Tucson teams competing, it will be held at Amphitheater High School.

Dr. Slemmer added that by having six conferences it has added about 40 games with a total of about 300 games for the entire basketball state tournament.

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

Kingman Academy – an additional VAR baseball game to help fill **Lee Williams'** schedule.

Carl Hayden – an additional VAR softball game to help fill **Peoria's** schedule.

Notre Dame Prep – an additional boys'/girls' tennis match to help fill **Salpointe's** schedule.

Chandler – an additional FR baseball game to help fill **Mesquite's** schedule.

Highland – an additional beach volleyball game to help fill **Xavier's** schedule.

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 request:

- a) Mountain Pointe High School
- b) Millennium High School

REQUEST - REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLIMENTARY PASS

Silvia Hendricks, Board Member – Indian Oasis Baboquivari Unified District is requesting a replacement of a 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.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**MARYVALE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Phoenix Union High School District*

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

Reported Violation:

Freshman student was cleared for Maryvale wrestling with other family members. He has brothers who attend Maryvale and mother signed up each student through Register My Athlete. This student attends Metro Tech, not Maryvale.

School's Corrective Action:

Maryvale will be including additional clearance procedures for athletes outside Register My Athlete.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Maryvale High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

KINGMAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL – *Kingman Academy District*

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

Reported Violation:

The athlete was observed playing in a varsity game before completing 520 and 530 forms. It was also stated she had played in a JV contest the week before. AD is out on sick leave, assistant AD notified schools.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Meeting was held with coach, coach will review clearance paperwork provided to him, refreshed on AIA bylaws.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kingman Academy High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**LAKE HAVASU HIGH SCHOOL** – *Lake Havasu Unified*

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

Reported Violation:

Student played in an adult soccer league over Christmas break and then competed in first day after break vs River Valley. Coach was informed that another player played by the officials and she sat that player. However, this student also played in the contest. Coach informed the players of the rule 14.4.1 prior to season starting.

School's Corrective Action:

Havasu lost contest – did not need to forfeit. Consequences of this violation will be used to remind students not to play on other teams during season.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Lake Havasu High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

PUEBLO MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL – *Tucson Unified School District*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions. Section 14.2 Practice

Reported Violation:

On 12/25/16 (Sunday) Pueblo girls' head coach was reported on school grounds in gymnasium with a player. School safety officer states that the coach advised he and player were "shooting around" which is a violation of Article 14.2.1.

School's Corrective Action:

Currently Pueblo has seasonal meetings with all head coaches prior to the beginning of their sport. Included in this meeting coaches are given respectively:

- District Handbooks
- Professional boundaries guidelines
- Sport specific Rule Books
- AIA Sports specific Articles
- AIA Article 15

Pueblo Athletic Administration will now include Article 14 to review and address any concerns. PMHS will also introduce a form to be signed by the coach acknowledging the information has been reviewed, understood and been provided the opportunity to have any questions or concerns addressed prior to the start of season.

Pueblo Athletic Administration shall also add an additional Bylaw meeting for all head coaches prior to summer break in regards to but not limited: Article 14, 15 and 17.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Pueblo Magnet High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

Herman House abstained.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

SAN LUIS HIGH SCHOOL – *Yuma Union High School District*

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

Reported Violation:

During a home boys soccer game between San Luis and Gila Ridge an incident occurred on the field that involved players pushing, punching and kicking each other. Spectators jumped over the fence and came onto the field and in some cases physically assaulted others.

School's Corrective Action:

San Luis High School Resource Officer or a member of the San Luis PD will be present at all home boys' soccer games.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Luis High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Warning** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

PUSCH RIDGE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY – *Private*

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

Reported Violation:

A senior was allowed to practice with the team when he did not have a valid physical form on file.

School's Corrective Action:

Meeting with all coaches to ensure that they understand that if an athlete is not on the approved roster provided to them on the first day of practice, he/she is absolutely not allowed to participate until they have met with a representative of the Athletic Department. During this new transition, this is the only instances of the protocol not being following. The head coach of the boys' basketball team was going to receive a week suspension, however he resigned his position shortly after for personal reason unrelated to this violation.

Going forward, the athletic office will continue to stress the importance of the protocol to coaches. Also, when an athlete does join a team after the first day of practice, we meet with that athlete and ensure that all requirements have been met. We then add them to the roster and we speak directly with the coach to inform them that the new athlete is cleared to participate, and we provide an updated roster.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Pusch Ridge Christian Academy **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**NOTRE DAME PREPARATORY** – *Catholic Diocese of Phoenix*

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

Reported Violation:

On Monday, January 23, 2017 NDP hosted the Ironwood varsity boys' soccer team for a match at 4:00 pm. During the second half of the varsity game, a series of incidents occurred that resulted in the game being halted. After a player received a red card during play, there was a negative reaction from the spectators. As the site administrator, I was unable to comply with the officials' request to clear the field area. At this point it was a joint decision by the officials and the Athletic Director to halt the game.

School's Corrective Action:

Score has been recorded as a tie (1-1). The athletic director will send a letter to all soccer parents addressing the violation and the school expectation for all parents, athletes and spectators to act in a Christ-like manner, that vulgar and foul language is not acceptable at any athletic event, home or away.

The athletic director will address both the boys' and girls' soccer coaches, parents and athletes during their mandatory preseason meetings that the AIA has bylaws that are expected to be followed by all member schools. Spectators do not have the right to determine the outcome of a game.

The NDP Principal and administrative designee will review the student handbook Code of Conduct expectations for all students and parents during the required orientation sessions prior to each school year. Specific attention will be given to the school's commitment to principles of integrity, fairness and sportsmanship. Parents and students are required to sign off on the student handbook prior to each school year.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Notre Dame Preparatory **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – *American Leadership Academy School District*

Rule: Article 20. Baseball. Section 20.2 Season of Sport

Reported Violation:

The baseball team held an open field/tryouts on February 1-3rd. there was no coaching or instruction given as the coaches only observed. We did this because we only have one field with no lights and 3 teams that use the field. We were merely trying to be efficient with the use of the field. We thought if there was not coaching or instruction it would not be considered practice.

School's Corrective Action:

The athletic director, assistant director and all spring coaches have met and reviewed the bylaws.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the American Leadership Academy **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

THE ODYSSEY INSTITUTE

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

Reported Violation:

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

School's Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Unaware of rule. We have reviewed the bylaws with coaches and they now know the rule for the future contests.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Odyssey Institute **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

SUNNYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL – *Sunnyside Unified School District*

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

Reported Violation:

The basketball team has 21 games on its schedule. We did not ask the AIA to approve the extra game, and it is too late in the season to cancel one of our games. There was an extra game due to not having the final 6A south game with Yuma schools on our schedule; that's added on at the end of the season.

School's Corrective Action:

We will remove one game prior to the start of the 2017-18 season.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sunnyside High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

COMBS HIGH SCHOOL – *JO Combs Unified School District*

Rule: Article 31. Wrestling. Section 31.6 Number of Opportunities (Meets) in Season

Reported Violation:

Exceeded the number of opportunities in season by one. By the time they realized it, the other team needed the game to complete their schedule.

School's Corrective Action:

Coaches will no longer have input into schedules. AD will handle completion of the schedules. Coaches will receive in-serve on schedule guidelines.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Combs High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

SAGUARO HIGH SCHOOL – *Scottsdale Unified School District*

Rule: Article 22. Cross Country. Section 22.9 Post-Season Tournaments

Reported Violation:

The head cross country coach director Paradise Valley Community College head coach to drive three athletes to the state cross country course at Cave Creek Golf Course for the purpose of practicing on the course prior to the state tournament.

School's Corrective Action:

The coach was instructed to refrain from practicing at the site in the future.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Saguaro High School **Cross Country Program** on **Warning** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

CHOLLA HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL – *Tucson Unified School District*

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

Reported Violation:

The athlete had a 2nd transfer back to her home school in the same year. She had played soccer in the previous year but was allowed to play this year without submitting a hardship. The school AD and the District AD misinterpreted the rule and thought only a 520/530 had to be completed.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. If there is doubt about the interpretation of a rule we will need to get further input.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cholla High Magnet School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 2/21/17-2/21/18.

Herman House abstained.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

- Desert Vista** TJ Snyder – Athletic Director, Parent & Student
- Valley Vista** Brad Larremore – Athletic Director, Parent & Student
Millennium – Remigio Gordillo – Athletic Director
- Copper Canyon** Mike Abbas – Athletic Director, Parent & Student
Raymond Kellis – Scott Hollabaugh – Athletic Director
- Santa Cruz Valley** Al Campo – Athletic Director, Parent & Student
Vista Grande – Andy Lukievics – 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:

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
Desert Vista	Granted
Valley Vista	Granted
Copper Canyon	Denied
Santa Cruz Valley	Denied

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- ✓ New Paper Article: Football Remains King in Texas

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

FUTURE DATES

March 3, 2017	Legislative Council Meeting
March 20, 2017	Executive Board Meeting
April 14, 2017	AIA Office Closed - Holiday
April 17, 2017	Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director