



**MINTUES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
March 20, 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 Monday, March 20, 2017 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

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)  
Mark Cisterna, 5A Conference (Maricopa High School)  
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford 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:**

Herman House, 6A Conference (Tucson 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  
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioners of Officials  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AzPreps365.com  
Les Willsey, AzPreps365.com  
Scott Bordow, AzCentral  
Lisa Lumbard, Lumbard & Associates  
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:

- ✓ 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

**DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FINALISTS**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, Sr. Lynn Winsor recommended Mr. David Hines for the Executive Director position beginning July 1, 2017.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the February 21, 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**

Leon Goodwin	Buckeye Union	27 years
Terrence Woods	Brophy	27 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.

**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:

- ✓ FY 2015-16 Annual Audit and IRS Form 990
- ✓ Financial Report for February 2017

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

Sr. Lynn Winsor shared information on the 2017 AIAAA State Conference to be held on Friday, September 8, 2017 through Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Prescott Resort. The keynote speaker is Dr. Ray Anderson, Athletic Director at ASU. The new NIAAA Leadership Training Institute Class, LTI 510 Legal Issues, will be given on Monday, September 11 in the afternoon. 2017 is the AIAAA's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and all Middle School and High School Athletic Directors are encouraged to attend. This 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AIAAA Conference registration will go online on May 1, 2017.

Plans for the National AD's Conference to be held in Phoenix on December 9-12, 2017 were discussed. The AZ Host Committee met with the NFHS-NIAAA Conference Planning Group following the March 2<sup>nd</sup> AIAAA Board meeting. The Hyatt and Sheraton Downtown Hotels and the Phoenix Convention Center are the conference venues. Registration for the National Athletic Director's Conference will go online on September 1, 2017. Nine Arizona Athletic Directors took Leadership Training Institute classes offered in February. Dr. Lee Green and Eric Faust were the LTI instructors.

**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:

Moon Valley	FR Baseball Program
Camelback	FR Baseball Program
Copper Canyon	FR Baseball Program
Dobson	FR Baseball Program
Rough Rock	VAR Baseball Program
Arcadia	FR Softball Program
Williams Field	FR Softball Program
Cortez	JV Baseball Program
North Pointe Prep	VAR Boys'/Girls' Golf Programs
Leading Edge	JV Boys' Volleyball Program
Casa Grande	FR Baseball Program
	JV Boys'/Girls' Tennis Programs
Shadow Mountain	FR Baseball Program
	FR Softball Program
Westview	FR Baseball Program
San Tan Foothills	JV Softball Program
Northwest Christian	JV Softball Program
Dysart	FR Softball Program
The Odyssey	VAR Softball Program
Mesquite	FR Softball Program
Saguaro	JV Softball Program
Cactus	FR Baseball Program
	FR Softball Program
Pinnacle	FR Softball Program
Sierra Linda	FR Baseball Program
Cholla	VAR Boys' Volleyball Program
Notre Dame Prep	JV Softball Program

**CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTESTS AND/OR PROGRAMS – CONT'D**

NFL YET	JV Boys' Volleyball Program
Wickenburg	JV Softball Program
Thatcher	VAR Boys'/Girls' Tennis match w/ Bisbee
Mohave	FR/JV Boys'/Girls' Basketball contest w/ Flagstaff
Highland	FR Softball contest w/ Westview
Verrado	JV Boys' Volleyball contest w/ Agua Fria
Horizon Honors	JV Baseball contest w/ Valley Christian
Az Lutheran	JV Boys' basketball contests w/ Scottsdale Christian & Valley Christian

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Hines shared with the Board the Conference / Region Scheduling Timeline for the next two year block (2018-2020). He stated that conferences will determine when they are ready to release schedules to the member schools within their conference. Member schools will be responsible for ensuring they stay under the max number of games by sport.

Mr. Hines updated the board on the meeting held regarding the possible combination of the 520 and 530 forms. This would not take place until the 2018-19 school year as it is still in the process of being created.

Mr. Hines also addressed reevaluating some ideas to improve the competitiveness of spiritline. The biggest challenge for spiritline continues to be access to the state championship arena. The arena topics and others, including tryouts for 8th graders, the non-participation rule and reclassifying into big and small divisions within a division will be discussed during the Coaches meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup> at Higley High School.

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

- Scottsdale Christian** – an additional football game to help fill **Az College Prep's** schedule.
- Chaparral** – an additional FR football game to help fill **Casteel's** schedule.

*Camille Casteel abstained.*

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW  
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DOMICILE RULE – LEGAL GUARDIAN**

Following review and discussion of the written information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Legal Guardian request:

- a) Perry High School

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

Following review and discussion of the written 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) Marana High School

**REQUEST – EXCEPTION TO BYLAW 26.5**

**26.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON**

- 26.5.1 No school shall schedule more than **20** varsity games, including two invitationals, which shall count as one game each.
- 26.5.2 No school shall schedule more than **19** junior varsity or freshman games per team.
- 26.5.3 No player shall participate in more than **20** softball games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.
- 26.5.3.1 **EXCEPTION:** 3A, 2A and 1A schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 50% more matches or games than the regularly scheduled matches or games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.  
**Example:** If a school scheduled 20 games or matches, each player could participate in 50% more games or matches for a total of 30.

Seton Catholic is requesting a waiver on bylaw 26.5 for softball due to low participation numbers. Seton may need to exceed the maximum allowed number of games played for some of the athletes in order to play out both JV and Varsity schedules.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the above request from Seton Catholic.

**REQUEST – RECONSIDERATION OF VIOLATION**

Saguaro High School is requesting a reconsideration of prior violation. ***NOTE: Falsely submitted***

**SAGUARO HIGH SCHOOL** – *Scottsdale Unified School District*

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

Following review and discussion of the information presented, the Executive Board, **approved** the above request and rescinded the sanction of warning to the Cross Country Program due to the violation report being falsely submitted.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE TRYOUTS FOR POM AND CHEER**

Mr. Hines brought up concerns from the Spiritline Sports Advisory Committee regarding the allowance of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to tryout during the spring for pom and cheer. Recommendations were made that it would be a school/district based decision with the understanding that the catastrophic insurance would be absorbed by the school/district for those students.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **denied** the request.

**EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 14.7**

*Rule: Article 14 General Provisions, Section 14.7 All-Star Competition*

**14.7.1 POSITION STATEMENT**

*The member schools of the AIA oppose all-star competition during the school year and shall oppose all efforts of any organization, agency or individual to establish such competition.*

*14.7.2 During the school year, administrators and coaches shall decline any invitation to participate in all-star competition, shall refrain from recommending any student athlete for all-star competition and shall refuse to provide use of any high school facility for all-star competition, unless specifically sanctioned by the Executive Board.*

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following high school coaches to coach in The Show All-Star Game in Phoenix, AZ on March 30, 2017 at Talking Stick Arena:

- Corey Rojeck – Millennium
- Ray Portela – Sunnyslope
- Rachel Matakas – Valley Vista
- Candice Gonzales – Mesquite
- Jacob Marin – Apollo
- Justin Hager – Mountain Pointe

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS****CASTEEL HIGH SCHOOL – Chandler Unified School District**

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.12 Recruitment Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Former coach of Payne Junior High School, is now coaching at Casteel High School. Following the game Payne Junior High and Casteel, the coach grabbed the Payne soccer players and stated that Casteel had a great thing going and they should come to Casteel next year.

**School's Corrective Action:**

I will be reviewing bylaw 15.12 with all my soccer staff and make sure that we have a clear understanding of our parameters. We are a 7-12 model and our conversations should never extend beyond our currently enrolled students. We will also be reviewing the AIA bylaws as a whole staff.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Casteel High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/20/17-3/20/18.

*Camille Casteel abstained.*

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**THE ODYSSEY INSTITUTE**

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

**Reported Violation:**

Female student sustained a serious injury while practicing for partner stunting for state. Student had to withdraw from state competition due to serious injury.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Situation / injury was unavoidable. Our coaches follow the safest procedures to keep students safe.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed The Odyssey Institute **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/20/17-3/20/18.

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

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 15.8 Parental Or Legal Guardian Consent Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

The assistant coach was in charge of practice until the head coach moved. Due to presidents day school was not in session. Asst. Coach was in serviced at the coaches meeting in Aug. of 2016, she did not realize that all participants must be cleared through the office before they are eligible to participate. When the head coach came to practices he did not realize the 2 students were at practice w/o clearance from the high school office. Head coach then informed the athletic director. Students did have a physical on file due to previous sports participation.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Assistant coach was in serviced on proper clearance procedures and will have a seasonal coaches in-service for coaches instead of a yearly coaches in service which is closer to the current time of sport participation.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mogollon High School **Softball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/20/17-3/20/18.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**DEER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Deer Valley Unified School District*

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

**Reported Violation:**

Athlete played in two matches and practices with the team without having been cleared by the athletic office. Because the student had been on the team the year prior, the coach did not check his name against the eligibility list.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contest Forfeited. Coach was disciplined and recommend for non-retention as he had received in-service training regarding eligibility and clearance two weeks prior to the violation. Athletic department will review clearance procedures internally.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Deer Valley High School **Boys' Tennis Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/20/17-3/20/18.

**APOLLO HIGH SCHOOL** – *Glendale Union High School District*

*Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals. Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Baseball game between Apollo and Queen Creek, there was a hard/late slide at the plate. The catcher and pitcher reacted to the batter sliding late, players from both benches ran on to the field. The game was called after players entered the field of play.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Players who were ejected not eligible for next contest. Contest forfeited, baseball coach and varsity baseball team were instructed of the importance of restraint during emotional times in the game, and not to enter the field during a close call play.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Apollo High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/20/17-3/20/18.



**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL** – *Queen Creek Unified*

*Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals. Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Baseball game between Apollo and Queen Creek, QC had a hard, late slide in to home plate, the Apollo catcher & pitcher reacted to the batter sliding late by pushing him. Players from both teams ran on to the field. The official called the game because Apollo did not have enough players, game was forfeited, QC was up 4-0.

**School's Corrective Action:**

I identified the baseball players in the video that left the bench. They did not travel to the next game that was on the following Monday (3/6/17). We had 19 players on the roster for the Apollo game. The players that were on the field and did not leave the bench were allowed to play in the next game. We took four JV student athletes to fill the team.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Queen Creek High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/20/17-3/20/18.

**BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL** – *Humboldt Unified*

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

**Reported Violation:**

JV football coach made a mistake reading the eligibility report. He viewed the report on his phone instead of the computer and accidentally name the wrong player as academically ineligible. This led to an ineligible player entering the game and playing. (\*Report was originally submitted on 9/15/16 but went to junk folder of AIA Staff member)

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Coach was asked to check on a computer and verify the eligibility report in the athletics office if needed. AD also informed all coaches of all sports importance of verifying eligibility weekly as well as the process and important points to adhere to.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Bradshaw Mountain High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/20/17-3/20/18.

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

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

- Washington**                    Eric Zimmerman – Athletic Director, Coach, Parent & Student
- Shadow Ridge**                    Matt Kuffel – Athletic Director, Parent & Student  
**Willow Canyon** – John Williams – Athletic Director, Jim Dean – Asst. Superintendent
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- Shadow Ridge**                    Matt Kuffel – Athletic Director, Parent & Student  
**Willow Canyon** – John Williams – Athletic Director, Jim Dean – Asst. Superintendent
- Sabino**                                Tim Bridges – Athletic Director, Jay Campos – Asst. Principal

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

<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Granted/Denied</u></b>
Washington	Granted
Shadow Ridge	Denied
Shadow Ridge	Denied
Shadow Ridge	Denied
Sabino	Granted

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

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

- ✓ Email – Hillcrest Prep

**FUTURE DATES**

April 14, 2017	AIA Office Closed - Holiday
April 17, 2017	Executive Board Meeting
May 15, 2017	Executive Board Meeting (University of Phoenix Stadium)

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director