



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
April 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 Monday, April 17, 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)  
Herman House, 6A Conference (Tucson Unified School District)  
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

**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

**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. – 10:10 a.m.
- ✓ 1:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATIONS –**

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 members for the **2017-2020** term:

- 2A** Mark Showers, Athletic Director – Camp Verde
- 5A** Mark Cisterna, District Athletic Director - Maricopa
- AIAAA** Dr. Michael Fowler, District Athletic Director – Higley

The AIA Executive Board voted to appoint Dr. Anna Battle to serve as a non-voting ExOfficio member for the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Battle will complete her term on the Executive Board of the National Federation of State High School Associations. As liaison to the NFHS Board, Dr. Battle will give quarterly reports to the AIA Executive Board following the NFHS meetings.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 20, 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**

Dan Gaul	Sahuaro	Retired
Sr. Joan Fitzgerald	Xavier	43 years
Gayle Holland	Chaparral	Retired
Vicki Johnson	Glendale Union	Retired
Darron Butler	AIA Official	25 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Cont'd**Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

1A Central & North AD Meeting Minutes

**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 March 2017
- ✓ 2017-18 AIA Budget

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

Jeannine Brandel discussed setting a common start date for all conferences and all football teams for the 2018-2020 two year block. The board agreed to table this request from the 4A Conference until all Conferences had a chance to discuss.

Ms. Brandel also brought up the confusion and concern over the difference between a suspended game and a completed game. Mr. Gary Whelchel spoke on the matter, stating that the rule is broken down in the softball and baseball NFHS Rule Books. He also stated that adding a Rule from the Rule Book into the Bylaws is something that the AIA should stay away from. Ms. Brandel stated that there is a lot of confusion on what a suspended game really means and it would help for clarification if it was written out in the bylaws for coaches, administrators and fans to view. The rule on suspended games can be found in the baseball/softball rule books under section 4-2.

Jeannine Brandel brought forward a request on behalf of the 4A Conference and Buckeye Union High School to allow Buckeye Union to exceed to 11 games for the football season. This request would then allow the Buckeye Union football team to travel and play a team in Hawaii. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** for the 2017 varsity Buckeye Union High School football team to travel to Hawaii for an 11<sup>th</sup> game during their season.

Sister Lynn Winsor reported that the AIAAA continues planning for the September State Athletic Directors' Conference as well as for the December National AD's Conference. Sister Lynn this week will be sending out to all those who volunteered for the National Conference a confirmation of their willingness to assist as well as gathering new volunteers from Arizona's Athletic Directors. Joni Pabst, AIAAA Executive Director made a presentation at the AIA Athletic Directors Information Meeting held at Xavier on April 10<sup>th</sup>. She gave extensive information on the upcoming State and National AD's Conferences. The next meeting of the AIAAA board of Directors will be held on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Xavier.

**CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTESTS AND/OR PROGRAMS**

In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.4, Paragraph 11.4.3, Subparagraph 11.4.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following cancellation request for a varsity program that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

North Phoenix Prep	VAR Boys' Golf Program
Willcox	JV Softball Program
Mohave Accelerated	VAR Boys' Soccer Program
North Canyon	FR Baseball Program
Youngker	FR Baseball Program
Wickenburg	JV Softball Program
The Odyssey Institute	VAR Softball Program
San Tan Foothills	JV Baseball Program
Santa Cruz Valley	JV Softball Contest w/ Bourgade Catholic
North Pointe Prep	VAR Softball Contest w/ American Leadership
Shadow Mountain	VAR Boys' Tennis Contest w/ Flagstaff
	VAR/JV Softball Contest w/ Marcos de Niza
San Manuel	VAR Baseball Contest w/ Gilbert Classical
	VAR Softball Contest w/ Gilbert Classical
Veritas	VAR Baseball Contest w/ Az Lutheran
Chaparral	VAR Football Contest w/ Centennial
Superior	VAR/JV Baseball/Softball Contest w/ Coolidge
Rio Rico	VAR Baseball Contest w/ Pusch Ridge
Anthem Prep	VAR Girls' Tennis Contest w/ Northland Prep
Joy Christian	Beach Volleyball Contest w/ Valley Christian

***\*Valley Christian does not consent to this cancellation and is requesting that Article 11.4.4.2.1 be applied to Joy Christian.***

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Dr. Slemmer and David Hines provided a summary from the AIA AD Information Meeting held on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Xavier. There were over 280 Athletic Directors / Assistant Principals / District Athletic Directors present and over 300 total guests present. The information provided during the meeting seemed to be helpful through the feedback survey sent out to the conferences last week. The information provided covered all areas of the AIA (sponsorships, dashboard, financial, officials, legal, bylaws and more). The dates for the Coaches Information Meetings were passed out and will be emailed out again towards the end of the month with times for those meetings.

Dr. Slemmer updated the board on the investigation report from the American Leadership Academy incident that occurred with Globe High School during the basketball season. Administrators from both ALA and Globe met at the AIA office with Dr. Slemmer to discuss the situation and how both schools can work together moving forward. Dr. Slemmer stated it was a very positive meeting.

The meeting dates for the 2017-2018 school year were passed out and approved by the AIA Executive Board. Those meeting dates will be posted on the AIA Website as well as emailed out to all membership.

### **ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

**Salpointe Catholic** – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Ironwood Ridge's** schedule.  
**Lake Havasu** – an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **River Valley's** schedule.

The Board asked to send the following request back to the conferences for discussion:

**Campo Verde** – an additional football game to help fill **Sabino's** schedule.

### **REQUEST – 1A CONFERENCE ZERO WEEK FOOTBALL GAMES**

The 1A Conference would like to ask for the 1A Football teams in the 2017-2018 school year to have zero week available to play games. This will allow added flexibility in scheduling.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **tabled** the above request until the May 15, 2017 AIA Executive Board meeting.

### **REQUEST TO EXCEED IN PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS**

Peoria Unified District is requesting permission from the Executive Board to exceed in permissible tournaments in boys' volleyball to host a district tournament on April 21, 2017 at Raymond Kellis High School. The following are the Peoria schools participating:

- Cactus High School
- Centennial High School
- Ironwood High School
- Liberty High School
- Peoria High School
- Raymond Kellis High School
- Sunrise Mountain High school

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

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**ST. JOHNS HIGH SCHOOL** – *St. Johns Unified*

*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions. Section 14.2 Practice*

**Reported Violation:**

During the afternoon of Sunday, March 19, 2017 a volunteer track coach was working with an individual student on his event on our high school track. The coach claims he did not understand the bylaw and assumed that working with one student individual did not constitute a “practice” and thus violate the bylaw.

**School’s Corrective Action:**

Our track coaching staff have been given a written letter of director of the bylaw and our expectations going forward. A copy has been placed in the file of the head coach and the volunteer coach. Also we took the opportunity to remind all SJHS athletic personnel about this particular bylaw.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the St. Johns High School **Track and Field Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/17/17-4/17/18.

**KINGMAN HIGH SCHOOL** – *Kingman Unified*

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

**Reported Violation:**

We had a transfer softball player that was allowed to play in two tournament games that had not yet reached her eligibility date. The coach miscounted games and included games from another tournament the team had played in.

**School’s Corrective Action:**

The team lost both games played so there was no need to forfeit. I have met with the coach and we have recovered the rule on the fact that tournaments do not count, only regular season games. We recounted games and set the students eligibility date as April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kingman High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/17/17-4/17/18.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Dysart Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 28. Tennis. Section 28.6 Interschool Competition*

**Reported Violation:**

Due to an absence the varsity team did not move the position of the #1 by advancing all team members. An alternate was put into the #1 position and remaining athletes stayed in their positions. Notified March 17<sup>th</sup> and the investigation was done after Spring Break.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contest Forfeited. Coach was in-serviced about the AIA Bylaw 28.6.4 and the purpose of this bylaw. Meeting with coach to review the AIA bylaw.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Shadow Ridge High School **Tennis Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/17/17-4/17/18.

**LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Peoria Unified School District*

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

**Reported Violation:**

Student transferred from Sandra Day O'Connor High School where she participated in track. She participated in meets for Liberty this year without sitting out 50% and without filling out a 520 form.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contest Forfeited. Coaches were in-services on eligibility and transfer rules. The athlete will now not participate in 50% of the total meets for the season. 520 submitted by the athlete.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Liberty High School **Track and Field Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/17/17-4/17/18.

**TUCSON HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL** – *Tucson Unified School District*

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

**Reported Violation:**

THMS boys' volleyball coach officiated 10 minutes of the JV boys' volleyball match vs. CDO. She officiated to a score of 6-6 in the first game. The regular game officials took over at that point when they arrived.

**School's Corrective Action:**

All THMS coaches will be in-serviced on this officiating bylaw and other pertaining bylaws. The AD has met with Assistant principal and received a letter of director and was schooled on the correct AIA bylaw.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tucson High Magnet School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/17/17-4/17/18.

*Herman House abstained.*

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont’d

**PAYSON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Payson Unified*

*Rule: Article 21. Basketball, Section 21.2 Season of Sport*

**Reported Violation:**

Payson’s FR girls’ basketball team participated in a middle school tournament after their last regular season game. They played two games.

**School’s Corrective Action:**

All head coaches of PHS and RCMS have already been informed and in-serviced concerning this particular violation and the bylaws that were violated.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Payson High School **Girls’ Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/17/17-4/17/18.

**CASA GRANDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL** – *Casa Grande Union High School District*

*Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching. Section 17.1 Coaching Qualifications*

**Reported Violation:**

It was identified through a public information request and CGUHS review that our varsity softball coach does not have his softball coaching certificate. He does have all the other coaching certifications. It was also discovered that one of our softball volunteer coaches was on the bench without being approved by our board he was approved the next board meeting.

**School’s Corrective Action:**

CGUHS is conducting a review and in-service of our coaches to make sure they have the correct qualifications.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Casa Grande Union High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/17/17-4/17/18.

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

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

Hamilton                      Shawn Rustad – Athletic Director, Parent, Student & Coach  
**McClintock** – Jermaine Whitaker – 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:

<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Granted/Denied</u></b>
Hamilton	Denied



