



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
May 15, 2017  
University of Phoenix Stadium – Glendale, AZ**

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, May 15, 2017 at the University of Phoenix Stadium located in Glendale, Arizona.

President Jacob Holiday called the meeting to order at 9:30 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)  
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)  
Travis Udall, AdvancED (Round Valley Unified Schools)  
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D., AIA Executive Director

**Members Absent:**

Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)  
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler 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  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Joe Paddock, Amphitheater District  
Dr. Michael Fowler, Higley District  
James Simmons, Globe  
Jim Gowdy, Red Mountain  
Tim Matteson, Sunnyslope

**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:

✓ 12:00 pm – 12:20 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 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**

Clif McKenzie	Chaparral	Retired
Chris Harmonson	Sandra Day O'Connor	25 years
MaryBeth Mueller	Xavier	Retired
Robert Bohon	Shadow Ridge	25 years
Bob Grey	Millennium	40 years
Monica Barrett	Notre Dame Prep	Retired
Faith Klostreich	Yuma	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 Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2017

**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 April 2017

During the financial report there was a motion made, seconded, unanimously carried and **approved** that no refunds for cancelling a varsity program will be granted after the July 1 invoicing grace period of 60 days (September 1).

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

David Hines reported the following on behalf of Jeannine Brandel and the 4A Conference.

- The new 4A Region Chairs will be:
  - Kino Region: Barry Cromer, Walden Grove
  - West Valley Region: Brian Galbraith, Cortez
- Discussion of the start dates for the winter soccer season. The 4A Conference was asking why the start date couldn't be on a Saturday. Main concerns are for schools that experience bad weather conditions in the winter and aren't able to get all games in before the end of season. A couple options that were brought up were to extend the season or reduce the number of games in the season.
- The addition of language into the softball/baseball bylaws regarding the suspended game definition will need to be brought forward by the 4A Conference to the board in August once the bylaws convert to Policies and Procedures. This will eliminate the need for legislative council approval.

Monument Valley submitted a request for their cross country program to host an invitational prior to the start of the cross country season. The invitational will be held on August 25, 2017 after the home football game. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the board **approved** Monument Valley to host their cross country invitational.

Herman House discussed ongoing concerns of the confusion between southern Arizona and the AIA. Mr. House expressed that he has been receiving calls wondering why more games can't be held in Tucson if both teams playing are from Tucson. Mr. Hines and Mr. Bolitho explained the process of moving games from the valley to Tucson. In certain cases, we have contractual relationships with venues in Phoenix that are set well in advance of the tournament that would not allow us to move the games out of the Phoenix area. In addition, we have an agreement with the NFHS Network for TV production for replay on FOX Sports Arizona, and with that, the two games produced for TV in baseball and softball are at the 5A and 6A level and those games have to be at the same venue back to back, as we have one crew to cover the game.

Sister Lynn stated that at the April 2017 AIAAA Board Meeting, the final 2017 State AIAAA Conference Agenda was approved. Four Arizona ADs were selected to be installed at the September 2017 AIAAA Conference Hall of Fame Luncheon; Sandy Novak, Joe Burnside, Sid Bailey and Joe Kileen.

Planning for the December 2017 National ADs Conference is almost complete. Registration Area Entertainment is set, the Heard Museum is booked for the Spouse/Friend/Partner Breakfast. The Golf Tournament will be held at Camelback Golf Club, and the Fun Run will be held at Steele Park. The Downtown Hyatt and Phoenix Sheraton are the designated conference hotels and will be available for room reservations on September 1. Conference registration will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> as well. The Phoenix Convention Center is the conference location. The Conference volunteer list was emailed out to all who signed up. New names were received and added. Final National Conference volunteer duties will be assigned after the September AIAAA Conference.

The Friday night (December 8<sup>th</sup>) Fiesta, hosted by XCP on the Xavier campus, is open to all Arizona ADs, the National Federation and NIAAA leadership. An invitation will be sent to all Arizona ADs prior to the conference.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS** – Cont'd

Reports from the six conference representatives concerned scheduling, zero week football, AIA mandatory coaches meetings and spring state tournaments. AIAAA committee reports were given as well as those of Executive Director and NIAAA section VII board representatives.

**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

St. Mary's	FR Baseball Program
Tanque Verde	JV Softball Program
Peoria	FR Baseball Program
Central	JV Softball Program
Sedona Red Rock	VAR Baseball Contest w/ Williams
Northland Prep	VAR Baseball Contests w/ Williams and Joseph City
Joy Christian	VAR Softball Contest w/ Northland Prep
Bisbee	JV Softball Program
Metro Tech	VAR Baseball Contest w/ Greenway
Arcadia	FR Baseball Contest w/ Chaparral
Mingus Union	VAR B/G Tennis contest w/ Sunrise Mountain
Red Mesa	VAR Baseball / Softball contests w/ Window Rock and Fredonia
Kingman	JV Softball contest w/ River Valley
Mayer	VAR Softball contest w/ Gilbert Christian
Seton Catholic	JV Soccer contest w/ Thunderbird
Flagstaff	JV / FR Softball / Baseball contests w/ Lee Williams and Prescott
Sandra Day O'Connor	VAR Boys' Volleyball contest w/ Verrado
St. Augustine	VAR Softball contest w/ San Miguel
Hopi	VAR Baseball Program
Ray	JV Baseball Contest w/ Superior
Valley Sanders	VAR Baseball Contest w/ Round Valley and Alchesay

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Dr. Slemmer gave an update on the baseball recruiting allegations from Willow Canyon High School that were brought to the AIA's attention.

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

- Boulder Creek** – an additional JV football game to help fill **Shadow Mountain's** schedule.
- Scottsdale Prep** – an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Bourgade Catholic'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 **approved** the above request.

**REQUEST – 4A CONFERENCE ZERO WEEK FOOTBALL GAMES**

The 4A Conference would like to ask for the 4A 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 **approved** the above request.

*\*\*NOTE: The Executive Board has approved any school to participate in zero week at their discretion. Practice may begin no sooner than the 4<sup>th</sup> week with competition beginning no sooner than the Wednesday of the 7<sup>th</sup> week. **Emergency Legislation 5/15***

**REQUEST – ADDITIONAL BOYS' BASKETBALL GAME**

Red Mountain's boys' basketball program received an invite to play against Lone Peak (Utah) in the Hoopall West Event on Saturday, December 9, 2017.

Red Mountain currently has 18 regular season games. They are requesting an additional game on their schedule to accept this invitation. Their preference is to not ask another school to drop a game during the middle of a 2yr scheduling block.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **tabled** the above request and asked that Red Mountain take the request back to their 6A Conference.

**GLOBE / MIAMI – CO-OP AGREEMENT**

Globe High School would like to present the findings and results of the co-op agreement in Tennis and Track with Miami High School.

They will also like to discuss the possibility of adding other hard to fill sports like Cross Country, Wrestling, Golf, and Boys & Girls Soccer.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the request for Globe/Miami to add the above listed sports with the stipulation that they are allowed to complete in individual state tournament but cannot compete as a team in the state tournaments.

**ASH FORK / SELIGMAN – CO-OP AGREEMENT POSSIBILITY**

Ash Fork / Seligman would like to combine their soccer, girls' volleyball, baseball and softball programs.

Per the current AIA bylaws article 8.1.7 states that two 1A conference member schools (not associate member schools) may, by mutual agreement and with the approval of the Executive Board, join together to form one team in any team sport.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** for Ash Fork and Seligman to combine their soccer, girls' volleyball, baseball and softball programs for the 2017-18 school year.

**PAGE SOCCER PROGRAM MOVED TO FALL FOR 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

Page High School has been approved by the 3A Conference to move their soccer program to the fall for the 2017-18 school year. They are requesting board approval.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the request from Page to move their soccer program to the fall for the 2017-18 season.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**PARADISE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Paradise Valley Unified School District*

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

**Reported Violation:**

Three players participated on a non-school team beginning 3/27/17 and played in a game on 3/31. When we found out on 4/1/17 they were declared ineligible and the game versus Ironwood Ridge will be forfeited.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contest Forfeited. Coaches have been reminded of the rule and will be sure to have it on their player team meeting agendas. It is in our handbook.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Paradise Valley High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/15/17-5/5/18.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**MESA HIGH SCHOOL** – Mesa Public Schools

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

**Reported Violation:**

A player for the Mesa baseball team was in violation of 14.4.1. The athlete participated in an outside baseball league throughout the spring season of sport. The violation began on February 26, 2017 and concluded on April 9, 2017. The student was invited to play with the baseball league called "Liga Este DeMesa". On Thursday, April 13 after the Mesa vs Westwood game Mesa High coach asked the athlete about playing in the baseball league on Sundays throughout the season, the athlete said he ad.

On Friday, April 14, 2017 I was made aware of the situation, this was a holiday weekend with no one in the office. I continued my investigation on Monday, April 17. I had the opportunity to talk more with the coach, athlete, school personnel and the district personnel. It is my determination that the student athlete violated 14.4.10 and will remain ineligible the remainder of the season, there will be no appeal.

**School's Corrective Action:**

- AD will go over those bylaws at the beginning of the year, utilizing meetings, text messages, e-mail, internet etc.
- Coaches will educate parents at the beginning of each season in parent meetings about the importance of following and knowing the bylaws.
- Bylaws will be accessible through the schools website and the AIA site for the public.
- Coaches will go over bylaws with athletes at the beginning of each season.

The player has been removed from the team for the remained of the season and all baseball games from the beginning of the season until April 13, 2017 will be forfeited. The effected schools are: Dobson, Mountain Ridge, Mountain View (Mesa), Chandler, Copper Canyon, Gilbert and Maryvale. An e-mail has been sent to all schools.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesa High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/15/17-5/5/18.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

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

*Rule: Article 20. Baseball. Section 20.1 Rules*

**Reported Violation:**

AZ Pitch Smart: A senior pitcher was used on 4/11/17 in a varsity game at Washington HS. According to our pitch log, he threw 45 pitches. According to Washington, the official books he threw 58 pitches. He was then used again on 4/12/17 during an extra inning game that was suspended after 9 due to darkness. He did not rest for 2 complete days therefore the AZ Pitch Smart rule was violated.

**School's Corrective Action:**

The AZ Pitch Smart guidelines were reviewed with all baseball staff and managers as well as pitchers. The team manager will no longer track pitch count and it will be either the head or assistant baseball coach.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesa High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/15/17-5/5/18.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

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

- ✓ Letter from Vic Pear

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CONTRACT**



**FUTURE DATES**

July 22, 2017	Football Head Coaches Meeting – North
July 26, 2017	New AD Only Workshop
August 5, 2017	ALL Spiritline Coaches Meeting – Higley
	Fall Sports Head Coaches Meeting – Hamilton
August 8, 2017	FB / Golf Hardship Appeal Deadline
August 15-17, 2017	FB / Golf Hardship Appeal Hearings
August 16, 2017	Remaining Fall Sports Hardship Appeal Deadline
August 21, 2017	AIA Executive Board Meeting
August 29, 2017	AIA Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals
August 23-24, 2017	Remaining Fall Sports Hardship Appeal Hearings
September 5, 2017	AIA Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals
September 6, 2017	New AD Only Workshop
September 13, 2017	AIA Executive Board Meeting
October 16, 2017	AIA Executive Board Meeting
	Winter Sports Hardship Appeal Deadline
October 23-24, 2017	Winter Sports Hardship Appeal Hearings
November 13, 2017	AIA Executive Board Meeting
December 4, 2017	AIA Executive Board Meeting
January 16, 2018	AIA Executive Board Meeting
	Spring Sports Hardship Appeal Deadline
January 22-24, 2018	Spring Sports Hardship Appeal Hearings
February 20, 2018	AIA Executive Board Meeting
March 2, 2018	Legislative Council Meeting
March 19, 2018	AIA Executive Board Meeting
April 16, 2018	AIA Executive Board Meeting
May 21, 2018	AIA Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director