



MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 13, 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 Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Jacob Holiday called the meeting to order at 8:31 am

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 (Notre Dame Preparatory)
Herman House, 6A Conference (Tucson Unified School District)
Michael Fowler, Ed.D, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Higley Unified School District)
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

Members Absent:

Travis Udall, AdvancED (Round Valley Unified Schools)
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Joe Paddock, Assistant Executive Director
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials
Denise Doser, Director of Finance
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator
Maria Ferrell, Accounting Assistant
Brian Gessner, Officials Department

Guests:

Jose Garcia, AzPreps365
Duane Ediger, 2A Conference (Scottsdale Preparatory Academy)

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:

- ✓ 8:31 a.m. – 8:44 a.m.
- ✓ 10:09 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the August 21, 2017 meeting and the August 29, 2017 Hardship Appeals 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

Patrick Nelson	Amphitheater PS	Retired
Mike Brown	Pinnacle	31 years
James Rattay	Cesar Chavez	32 years
Mark MacGowan	Paradise Valley	27 years
Gary S. Lee	Cesar Chavez	26 years
Rick Glider	Canyon del Oro	Retired
Tracy Hernandez	Official	25 years

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- 2A Conference Meeting
- 4A Conference Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORT

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 August 2017

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST 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:

Anthem Prep	VAR Boys/Girls Golf Program
BASIS Flagstaff	JV Girls Volleyball Program
Desert Vista	FR Football B Program
Green Fields	JV Girls Volleyball Program
Joy Christian	VAR Boys Golf Program
Miami	VAR Boys Soccer Program

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS (cont)

Odyssey Institute	FR Girls Volleyball Program
Payson	JV Boys Soccer Program
Shadow Mountain	JV Football Program
Tohono O’odham	JV Boys Basketball Program
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Mohave Accelerated	VAR Football Contest w/ Benson & Kingman Academy
Payson	JV Boys Soccer Contest w/ Camp Verde (Aug 29, Sep 12 th)
Cactus	JV Football Contest w/ Cactus Shadows, Marcos de Niza, Higley, Sunrise Mountain
Leading Edge Academy	VAR Girls Soccer Contest w/ Holbrook
Desert View	JV Football Contest w/ Maricopa
Perry	VAR Boys Golf Contest w/ Mesa, Mountain View, Horizon
Rough Rock	JV Girls Volleyball Contest w/ Red Mesa
Santa Rita	VAR Football Contest w/ Florence
Red Mesa	JV Football Contest w/Shiprock NM
Immaculate Heart	Swim/Dive Boys/Girls Program

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

David Hines reported that the Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (AIAAA) Conference was a record year in attendance. Two hundred seventeen athletic directors, including fifty two new athletic directors attended. The AIA Question and Answer session on Monday night was a success. Mr. Hines would like to expand this session during conference break-outs, to include AIA Staff specific to sport.

Mr. Hines presented information regarding reclassification timeline. October 1, 2017, enrollment numbers due. Conference Placement meetings will follow and initial placement blocks will be presented at the October Executive Board Meeting. Mr. Hines emphasized that all individual sports schedules must be completed first, then all other sports follow.

Assistant Executive Director, Joe Paddock, informed the Executive Board of Voluntary Bylaw Workshops available at three locations in October (Lake Havasu, Amphitheater and Bradshaw Mountain).

American Leadership Academy – Ironwood campus in Queen Creek has requested AIA membership. Mr. Hines will visit the campus and welcome Executive Board members to join him at the site visit.

RESPONSE TO END OF GAME UNDERSTANDING / OFFICIALS

Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials, responded to the Executive Board regarding the officials’ role with End of Game. Mr. Whelchel clarified that the officials manage games by the rules books and do not interpret bylaws.

UNIFIED LANGUAGE FOR SOCCER

Executive Director, David Hines, recommended an editorial addition to the bylaws for Unified Soccer. Mr. Hines also recommended adding an Article under Policies and Procedures / Activities specific to Unified for Legislative Council.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – 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:

- ❖ Ironwood High School
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- ❖ Mountain View Marana High School
- ❖ Perry High School
- ❖ Thunderbird High School

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION RULE**

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.9 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following maximum participation rule request:

- ❖ NFL-Yet College Preparatory Academy – one additional semester

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.9 of the AIA Bylaws, **denied** the following maximum participation rule request:

- ❖ South Mountain High School

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- Benson** – an additional JV and VAR Girls basketball game to help fill **Valley Union's** schedule.
- St. Mary's** – an additional VAR Boys Basketball game to help fill **Perry's** schedule.

REQUEST – ASH FORK / SELIGMAN – ADD BOYS/GIRLS BASKETBALL TO THE CO-OP

Seligman High School wishes to include Boys and Girls Basketball with the other sports that the AIA Executive Board approved on May 15, 2017, for them to join with Ash Fork High School.

On a motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above request.

REQUEST – PROPOSAL – 2A CONFERENCE – BASKETBALL

The 2A Conference proposed a 24 team State Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament.

Duane Ediger, Scottsdale Preparatory Academy, 2A Conference, presented to the Executive Board a proposal for a 24 team State Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament.

On a motion made, and seconded, the Executive Board **denied** the above request from the 2A Conference.

REQUEST – TO EXCEED IN PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS

Peoria Unified District is requesting permission from the Executive Board to exceed in permissible tournaments to support participation in fall District Tournaments. The schools involved are:

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

Tournament Dates:

- ✓ Badminton – October 10
- ✓ Swim – October 27
- ✓ Dive – October 27
- ✓ Cross Country – October 19
- ✓ Girls Volleyball – October 6
- ✓ Girls Golf – September 29
- ✓ Boys Golf – October 13

On a motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above request.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

CENTENNIAL High School – *Peoria Unified School District*
Pre-Competition Practice: Article 24. Football, Section 3.1

Reported Violation:

Centennial High School and Chandler High School participated in a scrimmage on the 14th day of permissible practice for the football season. We had scheduled this scrimmage on 4/11/17 prior to the emergency legislation being passed and referees were assigned and worked the scrimmage. Unfortunately, neither school, nor AIA, caught this scheduling issue and both teams ended up scrimmaging. Both schools were not trying to circumvent the rule rather just unaware of update.

Schools Corrective Action:

Centennial will continue to in service all football coaches on bylaws and appropriate dates. AD will make sure all bylaws, in regards to future scrimmages, that number of practices are met. We would also like to request some help for the AIA in blacking out officials and scheduling prior to.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 24, Football, Section 3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Centennial Football Program on **Advisement** for one year 9/13/17-9/13/18.

CHANDLER HIGH SCHOOL – *Chandler Unified School District*
Pre-Competition Practice: Article 24. Football, Section 3.1

Reported Violation:

Chandler High School and Centennial High School participated in a scrimmage on the 14th day of permissible practice for football season. We had scheduled this scrimmage on 4/11/17 prior to the emergency legislation being passed and referees were assigned and worked the scrimmage. Unfortunately, neither school, nor AIA, caught this scheduling issue and both teams ended up scrimmaging. Had we known we would have gladly moved the scrimmages back to meet the bylaw.

Schools Corrective Action:

We will make sure to check all bylaws with scrimmages in the future for all sports to ensure that the correct number of practices are met. It would also be helpful to have blackout dates where scrimmages cannot be scheduled so as schools we are aware as well.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 24, Football, Section 3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Chandler High School Football Program on **Advisement** for one year 9/13/17-9/13/18.

MESQUITE HIGH SCHOOL – *Gilbert Public Schools*
Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.3.1.1

Reported Violation:

Home Schooled students live in Chandler School District. Students lives just across the street out of Mesquite boundary. No intention to break the rule by either Mesquite High School or the parents – lack of due diligence was cause for violation. Parents assumed they were in Mesquite boundary based on how close they lived. Mesquite did not double check the address. Sister and brother did swim and brother did track.

Schools Corrective Action:

We are working with Register My Athlete to red flag all home school student athletes.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 14, Section 14.2 Practice of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesquite Swim and Track Programs on **Advisement** for one year 9/13/17-9/13/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)**BETTY FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL** – Phoenix Union High School District

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule // Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

Reported Violation:

On July 31st 2017 the Freshman Football Program began practice with (12) student – athletes who were not properly cleared through the Athletic Office. The Athletic Trainer, informed the Freshman HC that only student athletes that are cleared can practice. The Freshman HC stopped the practice and removed the non-cleared athletes.

Schools Corrective Action:

The Coach responsible for the violation has received a letter and in-service regarding relevant bylaws. The Athletic Department at Betty Fairfax HS will continue to utilize the Register My Athlete (RMA) program for Athletic Clearance. The Athletic Department will require ALL Programs to designate a Freshman, Junior Varsity, Varsity coach to report to the Athletic Office prior to practice to receive an updated clearance list. The Athletic Trainer and Athletic Director will continue walkthroughs at practice to verify that only cleared athletes are participating. The Coaching staff will receive an additional in-service on AIA bylaw Article 15 Student Eligibility. The Coaching staff will be required to complete a test on AIA bylaw Article 15 Student Eligibility and their Sport Specific Article.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.7 // 15.8 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Betty Fairfax Football Program on **Warning** for one year 9/13/17-9/13/18.

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

Corona del Sol

Cory Nenaber - Athletic Director, Principal, Parent

Gilbert – Steve McDowell – District 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:

School/Appeal

Corona del Sol

Granted/Denied

Denied

FUTURE DATES

October 16, 2017	Executive Board Meeting
October 16, 2017	Winter Sports Hardship Appeals Deadline
October 23-24, 2017	Winter Sports Hardship Appeals

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hines
Executive Director