



**MINUTES  
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
HARDSHIP APPEALS – FALL  
September 5, 2017**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a special meeting of the Executive Board was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Vice President Herman House called the meeting to order at 8:27 a.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Mark Goodman, 1A Conference (St. David Unified School District)  
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)  
Mark Cisterna, 5A Conference (Notre Dame Preparatory)  
Herman House, 6A Conference (Tucson Unified School District)  
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)  
Travis Udall, AdvancED (Round Valley Unified Schools)  
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

**Members Absent**

Jacob Holiday, 3A Conference (Monument Valley High School)  
Mark Showers, 2A Conference (Camp Verde High School)  
Michael Fowler, Ed.D, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Higley Unified School District)

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Joseph Paddock, Assistant Executive Director  
Maria Ferrell, Accounting Assistant  
Ron Halbach, Sports Administrator

**AIA STATE COMMISSIONER OF OFFICIALS - RECOMMENDATION**

David Hines, Executive Director, recommended Mr. Brian Gessner for the position of AIA State Commissioner of Officials. On a motion made and seconded, Mr. Gessner was unanimously **approved** by the Executive Board for this position.

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

**Marcos de Niza** Brian Fleming – Admin Principal Activities, Parent, Student  
**Chandler** – Jim Culver – Athletic Director

**Horizon Honors** Nate Agostini - Athletic Director, Attorney, Parent, Student  
**Valley Christian** – Greg Haagsma – Athletic Director

**Copper Canyon** Mike Abbas - Athletic Director, Parent  
**Dysart** – Tyrus Timbrooks – Athletic Director

**Estrella Foothills** William Wright - Athletic Director, Attorney, Parent

**Casteel** Ryan Ridenour - Athletic Director, Parent, Student  
**Perry** – Jennifer Burks – Athletic Director

**Winslow** Sal Hernandez - Athletic Director, VB Coach, BSKT Coach, Parent, Student

**Winslow** Sal Hernandez - Athletic Director, Parent  
**Flagstaff** – Jeannine Brandel – Athletic Director

**Saguaro** **Kraig Leuschner** - Athletic Director, Parent  
**Sunnyslope** – Tim Matteson – Athletic Director

**Saguaro** **Kraig Leuschner** - Athletic Director  
**Hamilton** – Marcus Williams – 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:

<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Granted/Denied</u></b>
Marcos de Niza	Denied
Horizon Honors	Granted
Copper Canyon	Denied
Estrella Foothills	Granted – 50%
Casteel	Denied
Winslow	Denied
Winslow	Granted
Saguaro	Denied / Upheld 4A Conference FB – 50%
Saguaro	Denied

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

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines  
Executive Director