



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
October 16, 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, October 16, 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 8:31 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)  
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

**Members Absent:**

Travis Udall, AdvancED (Round Valley Unified Schools)

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Joe Paddock, Assistant Executive Director  
Denise Doser, Director of Finance  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Maria Ferrell, Accounting Assistant

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AzPreps365  
Les Willsey, AzPreps365  
Joni Pabst, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association  
Calvin Baker, Superintendent, Vail Unified School District  
Matt Donaldson, Principal, Empire High School  
Peter Jelovic, Chino Valley High School  
Matt Belden, Glendale Union High School District  
Corey Newland, Paradise Valley Unified School District  
Eric Dall, Scottsdale Christian Academy  
Bruce Cooper, KPNX Channel 12

**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:

- ✓ 8:34 a.m. – 9:28 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 5, 2017 (Hardship Appeals) meeting and the September 13, 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**

John Ewing	Phoenix UHSD	Retired
Ed McQuade	Greenway	42 years
Steve Chrisman	Washington	Retired
Terry Hinton	Thatcher	31 years

**Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

- 4A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes
- Swim/Dive Sports Advisory Committee 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 September 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 requests for a varsity program that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

**HEREBY CONSENT:**

Miami	JV Football Program
Immaculate Heart	JV/VAR Boys/Girls Soccer Program
Leading Edge Academy	VAR Girls Soccer Program
Cibeque	JV Girls Volleyball Program
Glendale	JV Football Program
Desert Mountain	JV Girls Badminton Program
Ash Fork	JV Girls Volleyball Contest w/ Mayer, Camp Verde, Mogollon
Barry Goldwater	JV Football Contest w/ Lake Havasu, Desert Edge
Buckeye	FR/JV/VAR Girls Volleyball Contest w/ Mohave
Cortez	JV Football Contest w/ Coronado, Flagstaff
Desert Edge	VAR Boys/Girls Cross Country Contest w/ Thunderbird, Washington
Dobson	VAR Girls Golf Contest w/ Highland
Kingman	JV B Football Contest w/ Laughlin
Lourdes Catholic	VAR Boys Soccer Contest w/ Willcox
Many Farms	VAR Football Contest w/ Chinle
North Canyon	JV Football Contest w/ Agua Fria, Barry Goldwater
Gilbert Christian	JV Football Contest w/ Phoenix Christian
Rincon	FR Football Contest w/ Catalina Foothills
River Valley	JV Football Contest w/ Lake Havasu
Safford	JV Football Contest w/ Casteel
Immaculate Heart	JV Volleyball Contest w/ San Manuel
Parker	VAR Football Contest w/ Santa Cruz
Desert Vista	VAR Boys Golf Contest w/ Skyline
Willcox	JV Boys Soccer Contest w/ Green Fields

**DO NOT CONSENT:**

Grey Hills Academy	VAR Football Contest w/ Mogollon
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**CONSENTS UNKNOWN:**

St. Michael	JV Boys Soccer Contest w/ Show Low
Hamilton	VAR Boys/Girls Swim/Dive Contest w/ Desert Mountain
Mesquite	FR Football Contest w/ Desert Edge
Estrella Foothills	JV Football Contest w/ Apache Junction
Marana	VAR Boys/Girls Swim Contest w/ Catalina Foothills
Lourdes Catholic	VAR Soccer Contest w/ Academy of Tucson
Lourdes Catholic	VAR Girls Volleyball Contest w/ The Gregory School (9/26/17) and Academy of Tucson (10/2/17)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

David Hines updated the Executive Board regarding the evaluation of the 520 and 530 eligibility forms and the possibility of combining the forms to one document. Upon further feedback, the AIA recommended the Executive Board to bring this forward to Legislative Council once the final document is created.

Mr. Hines addressed the District Online Schools participation rule. The AIA is working to better define the rule for greater clarity especially in regards to current practices.

Mr. Hines has begun to schedule meetings with Principals throughout the state to help promote student leadership and sportsmanship.

The Winter Head Coaches Meeting scheduled is for October 28, 2017, at Pinnacle High School, with an anticipated 1200 in attendance.

Assistant Executive Director, Joe Paddock, provided the Executive Board an update on the AIA Bylaw workshops. Total attendance thus far at 48 with the remaining workshops tracking well. Three AIA Bylaw workshops forthcoming, Oct. 18, 19, and 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION**

Joni Pabst, presented the Executive Board with updates to the upcoming National Athletic Directors Conference, December 8-12, 2017, Phoenix Convention Center. Registered delegate numbers are on target of the projected 2017 conference attendance goal. A total of thirty LTI courses will be offered.

### **FINE STRUCTURE PROCESS**

Telesis Preparatory will be notified regarding outstanding fines. The AIA staff will follow-up with Telesis regarding fines imposed and the Executive Board has postponed action until the November meeting.

### **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:

- ❖ Cactus High School
- ❖ Apache Junction High School

### **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUEST**

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.2 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following student eligibility request:

- ❖ Mingus Union
- ❖ Sedona Red Rock

### **VAIL ACCREDITATION**

Vail Superintendent, Calvin Baker, and Empire High School Principal, Matt Donaldson, expressed interest in exploring alternative accreditation processes. The AIA Staff and Executive Board recommended that the discussions should begin with the membership beginning with regions and conferences.

**REQUEST – REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLIMENTARY PASS**

Greyhills Academy High School requested 15 replacement passes as the passes were never received. This request was withdrawn as the passes had been found. Greyhills Academy High School emailed the AIA on Monday, October 16, 2017.

**REQUEST – 4A CONFERENCE WINTER SEASON PLAY-IN GAMES**

The 4A Conference proposed Play-In games for the Winter Season.

Matt Belden, Glendale Union High School District, 4 A Conference, presented to the Executive Board a proposal for Play-In games for the Winter Season.

On a motion made, and seconded, the Executive Board **approved** the above request from the 4A Conference.

**REQUEST – TO EXCEED IN PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS**

Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind requested permission from the Executive Board to exceed in permissible tournaments to participate in the nationwide Clerc Basketball Classic. Current schedule is 15 regular season games and if approved 3 tournaments. Participation in all 3 tournaments are with schools for the Deaf.

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

**REQUEST – TO EXCEED PERMISSIBLE NUMBER OF GAMES**

Bowie/San Simon requested to exceed for Varsity Basketball to help fill Lourdes Catholic's schedule.

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

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**San Manuel High School** – Mammoth/San Manuel School District  
*SPORTSMANSHIP RULE: Article 16. Section 3.*

**Reported Violation:**

Three athletes left the bench area during the game, as viewed on video by Hudl/Krossover.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Administration met individually with the three players who left the bench area as well as the Football Team and Spiritline to address the issue of leaving the bench area and the incident on the field. The three players were reported for violating the Bylaws and were required to miss the next contest.

Another meeting was held with the head coach and the three players to discuss the consequences of the incident. The principal/superintendent and AD attended a parent meeting to explain the incident and situation. Copies of the Bylaws were available for the parents and referenced during the meeting.

The principal/superintendent addressed the athletes, parents and coaches regarding behavior and expectations. Questions from the parents, coaches and athletes were addressed.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Football, Section 3.2 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Manuel **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

**MIAMI HIGH SCHOOL** – *Miami Area Unified*  
*SPORTSMANSHIP RULE: Article 16. Section 3.*

**Reported Violation:**

Football players left the bench.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Administration completed an investigation of the incident and filed a report with the AIA office. Administration identified the two players involved in leaving the bench area. The Sportsmanship Ejection Forms were completed and submitted. Both players sat out the next contest as required.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Football, Section 3.2 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Miami High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

**CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL** – *Scottsdale Unified School District*  
*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.12*

**Reported Violation:**

An assistant coach initiated contact with a non-enrolled student.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Assistant coach was reprimanded and communication was made with entire coaching staff regarding contact with players and AIA recruiting bylaws.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.12 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Coronado **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)****Paradise Valley HIGH SCHOOL** – *Paradise Valley Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 19. Policies and Procedures, Section 19.3*

**Reported Violation:**

The Paradise Valley Freshman Football coach took his team off the field with about a minute to go in the first half as he felt it was unsafe for his 28 players to continue the game. There had been 5 concussions and a broken collar bone and he felt the game was getting way “out of control.” He said he could not get the official to talk to him. He was concerned about helmet to helmet hits, blindsides hits, cheap shots and late hits.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

If a similar incident occurs, the Athletic Director is to be contacted. Gather coaches, officials, athletic director to establish a safe plan to finish the game – minimizing the risk of harm to the players. Remain calm and under control.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 19, Section 3 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Paradise Valley **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

**DOBSON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Mesa School District*

*Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 2.1*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10.1*

**Reported Violation:**

During the JV Football game vs Central High School on 8/31/17, Dobson High School played an ineligible transfer student. There was a discrepancy between the coach’s roster and the Athletic Departments roster.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Dobson High School is in the process of revising the clearance process specific to academic/district clearance vs the AIA transfer clearance protocols necessary to accurately track student-athletes to minimize any future discrepancies.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 2.1 and Article 15, Section 10.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Dobson **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

**SAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL** – *Safford Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.12*

**Reported Violation:**

Two Freshman football players participated in football practice prior to completing their Brainbook certification. Coaches did not verify the participation status of each boy on the official clearance document.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)****Schools Corrective Action:**

The Athletic Department will continue to utilize its two-phase online/electronic clearance document for clearing athletes (practice and competition). Coaches were educated on the document and clearing process. Upon discovery of error, Athletic Director stopped practice and verified clearance of all athletes participating. Head coach has been reprimanded.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.12 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Safford **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

**MESA MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL** – Mesa School District

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

**Reported Violation:**

On 8/9/17, the Mountain View head varsity Badminton coach allowed two freshman student athletes to try out for the team without verifying that they had been cleared by the athletics department. Neither student had submitted a physical. Coach admitted to not checking her roster on Register My Athletes prior to conducting tryouts.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

In-serviced coach regarding Register MY Athlete in verifying athletic eligibility. Coach was also in-serviced regarding strategies for identifying ineligible student athletes.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.7 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesa Mountain View **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

**MESA MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL** – Mesa School District

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

**Reported Violation:**

The Mountain View head varsity Cheer coach allowed two student athletes to try out for the Cheer team without verifying that had completed all of their clearance paperwork. Specifically, the junior had not submitted a physical to the Athletic Department. The freshman had not submitted any clearance paperwork. This became an issue when the coach moved tryouts up one day without notifying the athletics department.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

In-serviced coach regarding Register MY Athlete in verifying athletic eligibility. Coach was also in-serviced regarding strategies for identifying ineligible student athletes.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.7 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesa Mountain View **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.



**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)****NORTH CANYON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Paradise Valley Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 17. Coaches Coaching, Section 4.3*

**Reported Violation:**

On Friday, 9/22/17, our coaches approached the ref crew at the end of the game. Our head coach did say “he wanted to write them up”, “that he did not want them to officiate at North Canyon again”, and “he did not agree with their calls, etc.” There was an angry tone. Our assistant principal stood between the coach and ref crew. We did not show proper professionalism in sharing our concerns with the ref crew.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Met with assistant coaches and documented that they will not be talking with or toward the ref crew at any possible time. We demoted an assistant coach from the field and he will be in the press box from now on. We will hold our team and coaches further away from where the refs leave the field.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 17, Section 4.3 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the North Canyon **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

**CHINO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Chino Valley School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Recruitment Rule Section 12.*

**Reported Violation:**

Three coaches did not follow proper contact procedures with regard to possible transfer students. Phone calls were placed and received during this process. Discussions took place regarding the athletic programs influencing the students to enroll at the high school.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Coach not permitted to have contact with Chino Valley students pending decision of the AIA Executive Board. If violation is upheld, coach will be terminated and prohibited contact with Chino Valley students.

The other two coaches have received a letter of direction regarding the AIA bylaw violations. The Athletic Department will continue to conduct in-service sessions with coaches in regards to the AIA bylaws.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 12 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Chino Valley **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)****SCOTTSDALE CHRISITAN ACADEMY**

*Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Sportsmanship Rule Section 3.*

**Reported Violation:**

A Scottsdale Christian Academy athlete was ejected from the State Baseball Tournament at the end of the 2017 Spring Season. In June of the same year, there was a change in athletic administration, both Athletic Director and Assistant Athletic Director. The ejected student was unintentionally allowed to play in the football opening game on August 18, 2017.

On Oct. 4, 2017, the new Athletic Director was made aware of the details of the ejection. The Athletic Department then called the Varsity Baseball coach to get confirmation that the ejection took place and when it occurred. Having found that we were in violation the following steps were taken: Head Football Coach, High School Principal, and Athletic Director met to discuss violation, ejected athlete will be withheld from the next game on Friday, October 6, 2017. Violation was reported to AIA on October 5, 2017.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Coaches will be instructed at each pre-season meeting that any ejection should be reported to both the Athletic Director and the High School Principal. In addition, the new Athletic Administration keeps a file of the ejection reports. Both items will ensure that any change in administration will not result in missing information on ejected players.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 3 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Scottsdale Christian Academy **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1.1.5.1 of the AIA Bylaws, rescinded the Scottsdale Christian Academy Football forfeiture.

**SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL** – Mesa School District

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Recruitment Rule Section 12.4.12.4*

**Reported Violation:**

Skyline Boys Basketball Coach provided transportation to and from school for three Skyline athletes participating in basketball during the 2016-17 season (one of the three athletes was the Coach's step-son who also plays basketball). At no point did the coach feel he was doing anything wrong. The coach was unaware of the AIA Recruiting Bylaw.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The Skyline Athletic Director showed the Coach the AIA Recruiting Bylaw (then read by the coach). The coach understands and accepts the reported recruiting violation. The head coach and athletic director agree to forfeit all Skyline Boys Basketball games from the 2016-17 season in which one or both players participated.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)**

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 12 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Skyline **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

**SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL** – Mesa School District

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Transfer Rule Section 10.*

**Reported Violation:**

Transfer student participated prior to gaining eligibility. School was unaware of participation while student was enrolled in out of state school.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Athletic Director will conduct a more thorough background check of each transferred student. Athletic Director will meet with parent(s) of each transferred student, along with head coach of sport, to complete a 520 Form together so accurate and complete information can be gathered.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 10 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Skyline **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/16/17-10/16/18.

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

**Vista Grande** Harley Grigg - Athletic Director, Parent, Student  
**Santa Cruz Valley Union** – Al O’ Campo – 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>
Vista Grande	Granted

**FUTURE DATES**

October 23-24, 2017	Winter Sports Hardship Appeals
November 13, 2017	Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines  
Executive Director