



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 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 Monday, November 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)
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)
Travis Udall, AdvancED (Round Valley Unified Schools)
Anna Battle, Ed.D, ExOfficio (Tempe Union High School District)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Les Willsey, AzPreps365
Peter Jelovic, Athletic Director, Chino Valley High School
Heidi Wolf, Principal, Chino Valley High School
Matt Belden, District Athletic Director, Glendale Union High School District
Randy Rochon, Athletic Director, Telesis Preparatory
Steve McDowell, District Athletic Director, Gilbert Public Schools

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. – 8:49 a.m.
- ✓ 11:17 a.m. – 11:43 a.m.
- ✓ 3:04 p.m. – 3:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from October 16, 2017 meeting were **approved**.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the following consent agenda items:

AIA Lifetime Passes

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| Steve Savoy | Peoria USD | Retired |
| Don Wilson | Sandra Day O'Connor | Tabled Action until next Executive Board Meeting (Dec 4) |

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- 1A-3A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes
- 2A Conference Metro West AD Meeting Agenda and Minutes

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 October 2017

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS

In response to a question regarding the fine structure, the Executive Board was informed that the fine structure is being imposed on schools listed under ‘Do Not Consent’ or ‘Consent Unknown.’

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:

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| Joy Christian | VAR Boys Soccer Program |
| Dysart | JV Boys Soccer Program |
| Immaculate Heart | JV Boys/Girls Basketball Program |
| Rough Rock | JV/VAR Girls Volleyball Program |
| Rough Rock | JV/VAR Boys/Girls Basketball Program |
| St. Augustine | VAR Girls Soccer Program |
| Sierra Linda | JV Football Program |
| Buckeye | FR/JV Girls Volleyball Contest w/ Yuma |
| Hamilton | VAR Boys/Girls Swim/Dive Contest w/ Desert Mountain |
| Sahuarita | JV Football Contest w/ Catalina |
| Washington | FR Football Contest w/ Dysart |
| Grand Canyon | VAR Boys Soccer Contest w/ The Gregory School |
| Safford | JV Football Contest w/ Globe |
| Safford | FR Football Contest w/ Thatcher |
| Hopi | JV Football Contest w/ Alchesay and Page |
| Scottsdale Christian | JV Football Contest w/ Phoenix Christian |
| Catalina Foothills | FR/JV Football Contest w/ Salpointe |
| Lake Havasu | JV Football Contest w/ Desert Edge and Verrado |
| Vista Grande | JV Football Contest w/ Notre Dame and Queen Creek |
| Bradshaw Mountain | JV Football Contest w/ Lee Williams |
| Mohave | FR Football Contest w/ Bradshaw Mountain |
| Barry Goldwater | JV Football Contest w/ Verrado, Agua Fria and Deer Valley |
| Bowie/San Simon | JV Girls Volleyball Contest w/ Duncan, Bisbee and The Gregory School |
| Bisbee | VAR Girls Volleyball Contest with Bowie/San Simon |
| Buena | VAR Boys/Girls Swim/Dive Contest w/ Sabino |

DO NOT CONSENT:

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| Kingman Academy | JV Football Contest w/ Kingman |
| Sierra Linda | VAR Football Contest w/ Centennial |
| Sierra Linda | JF Football Contest w/ Liberty |

CONSENTS UNKNOWN:

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| Green Fields | JV Boys Soccer Contest w/ Patagonia |
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

David Hines provided the Executive Board with a Fall Tournaments review. Overall, the crowds have been electric with standing room only for some tournaments. Additional tournament support volunteers by Athletic Directors in Southern Arizona provided additional logistic support during the Golf tournament. Mr. Hines shared a letter of thanks submitted by an AIA High School Athlete.

Mr. Hines updated the Executive Board with the Winter Coaches Meeting held at Pinnacle High School. Again, a fantastic turnout with a total number of 2,093 head coaches in attendance. Approximately 90% of schools have participated.

Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials, reported that an AIA Official, Chuck Copelan, has been awarded the "Great Call Award" by the National Association of Sports Officials for going above and beyond the call of duty. The award will be presented at the 3A Semi Football game at Campo Verde Saturday, November 18, 2017.

David Hines has attended several Principals' meetings throughout the state, with several more scheduled next week. The Principals have responded positively and are supportive.

Mr. Hines announced new hire, Brian Lucas, Account Executive with Out Front Media Sports, to begin on November 20, 2017.

Mr. Hines spoke regarding reclassification for the 2020-2022 two year block as it relates to football. Over the next two years, research and data will be collected to reclassify football separately from other team sports.

NFHS REPORT – DR. BATTLE

Dr. Battle provided the Executive Board a report on the topics discussed during the NFHS Board Meeting held on October 16, 2017.

FINE STRUCTURE PROCESS

Randy Rochon, Athletic Director, Telesis Preparatory addressed the Executive Board regarding the two Fall 2016 game cancellations not consented to by the opposing school. AIA Staff to report status at the next Executive Board Meeting, December 4, 2017

On a motion made, and seconded, the Executive Board **approved** to reaffirm the fine assessed to Telesis Preparatory per AIA Bylaw Article 11.4.4.2.1.

NEW SCHOOLS MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

In accordance with Article 2, Section 2.2 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board voted to recommend full membership for the 2018-2019 school year and gave approval to ballot the AIA member schools for their approval of the full membership applications from:

Canyon View High School (4A)

Heritage Preparatory Academy (2A)

Cicero Preparatory Academy (2A)

American Leadership Academy, Ironwood (3A) – approval for full membership with stipulation of no post-season participation for the first two years of membership.

American Leadership Academy, Gilbert North – pending Executive Board discussion at the November 20, 2017 Special Executive Board 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 requests:

- ❖ Mountain View Marana High School
- ❖ Hamilton High School
- ❖ Highland 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 requests:

- ❖ Chino Valley – beginning with Spring Sports
- ❖ Round Valley

REQUEST – REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLIMENTARY PASS

Gaye Kelley, AIA Official, is requesting a replacement of a complimentary pass for the 2017-2018 school year.

Beau Polvorosa, Baseball Head Coach, Washington High School, is requesting a replacement of a complimentary pass for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

REQUEST – TO EXCEED IN PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS

The 3A North Region requested an additional Wrestling tournament so that they may have a Region Championship.

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

REQUEST – TO EXCEED PERMISSIBLE NUMBER OF GAMES

Mohave - request to exceed for VAR Basketball to help fill Lourdes Catholic's schedule.

Perry – request to exceed for FR and JV Boys Basketball to help fill St. Mary's schedule.

Lake Havasu – request to exceed for FR/JV/VAR Boys/Girls Basketball to help fill Mohave's schedule.

Gilbert – request to exceed for VAR Boys Basketball to help fill Central's schedule (school withdrew request).

Glendale Preparatory – request to exceed for Varsity Girls Basketball to help fill Joy Christian's schedule.

Apache Junction – request to exceed JV Girls Soccer to help fill Safford's schedule.

Hopi – request to exceed JV/VAR Boys/Girls Basketball to help fill Greyhills Academy schedule.

Fort Thomas – request to exceed JV/VAR Boys/Girls Basketball to help fill St. Michael's schedule.

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

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

Casa Grande High School – *Casa Grande Union High School District*

SPORTSMANSHIP RULE: Article 16. Section 3.

Reported Violation:

The Casa Grande Varsity Football team played Higley on 10/6/17. During an injury time out (approximately 30 to 40 minutes) with roughly two minutes left in the game, an altercation between two fathers (of the two CG players) erupted in the visitor's side stands. The two varsity players (#34 & #20) witnessed their father's in a scuffle and left the bench area to check on their fathers.

Schools Corrective Action:

This incident had no impact on the outcome of the game. At the time of the incident (and injury time out) Higley was winning 56-7 with approximately two minutes left (running clock) in the game. It was my understanding the official called the game because of the long injury time out.

The two Casa Grande Varsity Football players have been suspended for their next game. The AD discussed with the two players as well as their fathers Article 16 and the repercussions that may and can happen if this happens again. Athletic Director instructed all head coaches to discuss Article 16.3.2 and 16.3.3 with their parents on the importance of good behavior and decorum at sporting events.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Football, Section 3.2 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Casa Grande **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/13/17-11/13/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)

DYSART HIGH SCHOOL – *Dysart Unified School District #89*

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION RULE: Article 15. Section 7.

PARENTAL OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT RULE: Article 15. Section 8.

Reported Violation:

A Freshman student tried to go out for Football but was not cleared at the time of equipment issue. He was informed of the clearance process by the Athletic Secretary and was also provided all necessary paperwork to get cleared. He never returned to get cleared for Football. A few weeks later he stole another student's football equipment out of an unlocked locker. (the other student was no longer on the team). He then went to practice telling the coach that he had been cleared and had been issued equipment. The Freshman Coach allowed him to practice based on the knowledge that equipment was only issued to cleared athletes. The Frosh Coach did not verify the student's status with the Athletic Secretary. The student practiced and then played in two games before the truth was uncovered (both games resulted in a loss). The Head Coach and Freshman Coach reported the issue to me as soon as it was discovered.

Schools Corrective Action:

All coaches will be re-trained on RegisterMyAthlete for determination of athletic clearance and eligibility. All coaches will be required to take a clinic and sign-off that they understand how to use it properly.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Football, Section 7.2, and Section 8 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Dysart High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/13/17-11/13/18.

LOURDES CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.3

Reported Violation:

Students participated in a game who were not enrolled in our school. The contest was forfeited.

Schools Corrective Action:

Strict enforcement of policies and additional supervision of coach. Coach has been reprimanded.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.3 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Lourdes Catholic **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/13/17-11/13/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)**VERITAS PREPARATORY ACADEMY** – *Great Hearts Academies*
*Article 17.COACHES AND COACHING, Section 1 and Section 2***Reported Violation:**

During Varsity Volleyball match vs Horizon Honors on 10/18/17, a former Veritas Prep assistant volleyball coach, was seated at the end of the Veritas Prep bench. And although previously cleared to coach in-season and at summer camps, she is not a current approved coach at Veritas Prep Academy. According to Veritas Prep head coach, the former assistant volleyball coach was there to support the team and program, but not actively coach during the match.

Schools Corrective Action:

Veritas Prep did not use an ineligible player during this match. Whether “actively coaching” or not, our head coach has now been educated that only current active coaches are allowed to sit in the bench area. Athletic Director has explained this rule to the Head Coach and she is now in complete understanding. Written explanation and clarification of these rules will be sent to all VPA high school coaches. AD will personally mentor all head coaches on the details outlined in Article 17 Sections 1 and 2.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 17, Section 1 and Section 2 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Veritas Preparatory Academy **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/13/17-11/13/18.

ST DAVID HIGH SCHOOL – *St. David School District #21*
*Rule: Article 31. Volleyball, Section 5.3.1***Reported Violation:**

A Freshman student played three sets of a Freshman match, then played three sets of a JV match then three sets of a Varsity match for a total of nine sets for one night. When the coach realized she had reached her ninth set, she pulled the student and did not play her for the rest of the match. This was accidental. The contest was forfeited.

Schools Corrective Action:

The coach has reviewed the bylaws with administration. The coach has developed a new system limiting the sets per match a player may play at the Freshman and JV levels to ensure that a player will not go over the maximum number of allowed sets.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 31, Section 5.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the St. David **Girls Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/13/17-11/13/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)**CATALINA HIGH SCHOOL** – Tucson Unified School District

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.5

Reported Violation:

In the 2016-17 school year, student was a home schooled student not residing in the Catalina attendance boundary. It is alleged the parents heard if they have an address in the attendance boundary of a school, he may play there. Parents reported a business address as a domicile. During a conversation between AD and parents at Catalina, it was discovered that the student does not live in the Catalina attendance area. Parents, during Basketball, reported an address in the Catalina attendance boundary, but for Track reported an address out of the district. Upon investigation, it was determined the student does not and has never lived in the Catalina attendance boundary. Parents reported a false address.

Schools Corrective Action:

Due to us finding out late, Catalina will conduct home visits of any open enrollment or home- schooled student to make sure they reside within the Catalina boundary.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Catalina **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/13/17-11/13/18.

BARRY GOLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL – Deer Valley Unified School District

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.10

Reported Violation:

After the varsity football game against North Canyon, I was notified by a coach from another school that one of our coaches was being brought up for playing an ineligible player. I called our District Athletic Director, to inform him of what I had heard, but didn't have any factual information. I met with our head coach to go over our entire roster and any incoming players 520/530 forms and still could not find the issue. I communicated with the AD at North Canyon that there may be a violation and that we are working on getting more information. It was later found that we had a player that had transferred from Shadow Ridge High School who plated one game at Paradise Honors during the 2016-17 season, He had a disciplinary incident after the first games of the year opted to Shadow Ridge. His 530 showed he participated in track and field but not in Football. Transcripts show he did attend Paradise Honors during the 2016-17 school year.

Schools Corrective Action:

Upon discovery of the student, the AD and DAD worked with the AIA regarding reporting and possible appeal of forfeiture. Later chose to let forfeiture stand. The student and his family were informed that he would not be eligible to play for the remainder of the season. We are working with our registrar and athletic office on procedures for new students to ensure that we do not have a repeat issue.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.10 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Barry Goldwater **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/13/17-11/13/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)

CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL – *Catalina Foothills #16*
Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Schedule Contracts, Section 2.

Reported Violation:

Our Cheer team has withdrawn from the State Spiritline Qualifier competition due to injuries and eligibility issues.

Schools Corrective Action:

None.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 11, Section 2 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Catalina Foothills **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/13/17-11/13/18.

Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Schedule Contracts, Section 2.

Reported Violation:

Our Pom team has withdrawn from the State Spiritline Qualifier competition due to inability to prepare with lack of numbers on team.

Schools Corrective Action:

None.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 11, Section 2 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Catalina Foothills **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/13/17-11/13/18.

CAMELBACK HIGH SCHOOL – *Phoenix Unified School District*
Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Practice Section 2

Reported Violation:

Camelback's girls varsity cross-country coach, while running school practice, allowed a non-student (who is an athlete from his USTA club team) to run at the same time and with some of the cross-country athletes.

Schools Corrective Action:

Upon learning that the coach may have violated one or more of the AIA bylaws, regarding practices, Phoenix Union High School District Athletic Director, Camelback High School Athletic Director, and the coach all met with the AIA to discuss the incident and possible violation(s). Following this meeting, the coach cancelled all USTA practices for the rest of the school year, and will make sure in the future that no USTA or any other club practices coincide with any school practices. The coach is being disciplined in accordance with PUHSD policies, and this issue will be added to the next scheduled coaches' meeting.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 14, Section 2 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Camelback **Cross Country Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/13/17-11/13/18.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS (cont)**VERRADO HIGH SCHOOL** – Agua Fria Union High School District*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Recruitment Rule Section 12.***Reported Violation:**

Former Varsity Assistant Football Coach ran an independent speed training camp for your football players. Student who attended this camp transferred to Verrado in July 2016. School was not aware the student attended the speed training camp. In October 2017, the school was informed of the potential violation. An investigation had revealed student did attend the speed training camp.

Schools Corrective Action:

Assistant Coach tendered his resignation October 2017. Verrado continues the investigation of other violations. The investigation has been hindered due to the coach's availability. Verrado requests that the AIA places a hold on the forfeiture request until the investigation is complete. Verrado has confirmed there are no current varsity football players who attended the coach's speed camp and lived outside Verrado district. Verrado anticipates completing the investigation on or before November 10, 2017.

Pending Forfeitures:

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| Lake Havasu | 10/7/16 |
| Goldwater | 10/14/16 |
| Agua Fria | 10/21/16 |
| Desert Edge | 10/27/16 |

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board tabled action per request of Verrado, until the December 4, 2017 Executive Board Meeting.

CONFERENCE – REGION – DIVISION PLACEMENT APPEALS**CONFERENCE APPEALS**

Globe (3A to 2A) - **APPROVED**

Gilbert Christian (3A Central to 2A Metro) - **DENIED**

Alchesay (3A East to 2A North) - **APPROVED**

Az College Prep (3A Metro to 2A Metro South) - **DENIED**

Seton Catholic (4A Desert Sky to 3A Central or Metro) - **DENIED**

Agua Fria (5A Desert West to 4A Southwest) - **DENIED**

Glendale (5A Desert West to 4A Black Canyon) - **APPROVED**

Empire (5A Sonoran to 4A Gila) - **DENIED**

Queen Creek – **WITHDREW APPEAL**

CONFERENCE – REGION – DIVISION PLACEMENT APPEALS (cont)

REGION APPEALS

- Glendale Prep (2A West to 2A Central) - **APPROVED**
- Payson (3A Metro to 3A East) - **APPROVED**
- Winslow (3A East to 3A North) - **DENIED**
- Lake Havasu (4A West to 4A Southwest) - **DENIED**
- McClintock (5A Northwest to 5A Union) - **DENIED**
- Raymond S. Kellis (5A Northwest to 5A Desert West) – **DENIED**

DIVISION APPEALS

- Valley Christian (Division III - Division IV in Cross Country & Track) - **APPROVED**
- Pusch Ridge (Division III - Division IV in Cross Country & Track) - **APPROVED**
- Page (Division III - Division IV in Wrestling) - **APPROVED**

FUTURE DATES

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| November 20, 2017 | Special Executive Board Meeting - Hardship Appeals |
| December 4, 2017 | Executive Board Meeting |

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hines
Executive Director