



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
January 16, 2018**

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 Tuesday, January 16, 2018 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 8:30 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)  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Joe Paddock, Assistant Executive Director  
Brian Gessner, State Commissioner of Officials  
Denise Doser, Director of Finance  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AzPreps365.com  
Steve McDowell, Gilbert Public Schools  
Reed Carr, GPS Board Member  
Greg Shultz – Skyline  
James Capriotti – Skyline  
Tommy Eubanks – Desert Vista  
Buddy Allen – ALA Ironwood

## **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:

- ✓ 8:30 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.
- ✓ 9:56 a.m. – 10:43 a.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 4, 2017 minutes 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 Cooper	Glendale	27 years
George De La Torre	San Tan Foothills	42 years

### **Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

- ❖ 4A Conference Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2017

## **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 December 2017

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

Mr. Reed Carr, Gilbert Public Schools board member, presented concerns to the Executive Board regarding the entrance of American Leadership Academy – Gilbert North into the AIA.

**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:

**HEREBY CONSENT:**

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| 1. Cactus Shadows         | JV/FR Wrestling Program   |
| 2. Pusch Ridge            | VAR/JV Girls' Soccer Contest w/ Canyon Del Oro  |
| 3. Red Valley Cove        | VAR Girls' Basketball Contest w/ Red Mesa   |
| 4. Northland Prep         | FR Boys' Basketball Contest w/ Winslow  |
| 5. Mountain View (Marana) | JV Girls' Soccer Program  |
| 6. Phoenix Christian      | FR Boys' Basketball Program   |
| 7. San Pasqual            | VAR Boys' Soccer Program  |
| 8. Desert Edge            | JV Girls' Soccer Contest w/ Sierra Linda  |
| 9. Deer Valley            | VAR/JV/FR Wrestling Contest w/ Desert Edge  |
| 10. Lee Williams          | JV Girls' Soccer Contests w/<br>Mingus Union, Sunrise Mountain & Bradshaw<br>Mountain |
| 11. Kingman               | JV Boys' Soccer Contests w/<br>River Valley & Lake Havasu                             |
| 12. Winslow               | Wrestling Contest w/ Payson   |
| 13. Fredonia              | JV Boys' Basketball Program<br>JV Girls' Basketball Program                           |

**CONSENTS UNKNOWN:**

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| 1. Catalina        | JV Girls' Basketball Program                          |
| 2. Santa Rita      | VAR Girls' Soccer Program<br>VAR Boys' Soccer Program |
| 3. Highland        | JV B Girls' Soccer Program                            |
| 4. Tanque Verde    | JV Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Thatcher                   |
| 5. Horizon Honors  | JV Girls' Basketball Contest w/ Valley Christian      |
| 6. Mingus Mountain | JV Girls' Basketball Program                          |

**DOES NOT CONSENT**

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| 1. Telesis Prep | VAR Girls' Basketball Program (Bagdad) |
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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Hines stated that a student from Chaparral High School was 1 of 10 finalists for the Wendy's High School Heisman award. Although he did not win he was still presented with a \$5,000.00 scholarship.

The Native American Basketball Classic will be held at Arizona State University on March 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a total of four (two boys' and two girls') games played along with a Unified Sports game. This event is to showcase and bring awareness to each team cultural background. A leadership group from the reservation schools has been put together to help select the teams that will be participating in this special event. More information will be provided once available.

Mr. Hines updated the board on the progress of the NFHS Network and how they continue to see it grow throughout the country as more state associations begin to participate.

The NFHS has teamed up with a company, PlayVersus, which is a sponsor of ESports. As ESports are becoming more prominent in the world, this is something some state associations are starting to test out with their students. There are already millions of students across the country that are participating in these games. ESports are quickly surpassing the number of participants and monetary awards than the NBA and NFL. With this program students would pay a total of only \$16 for the year to participate.

Mr. Hines informed the board that at the NFHS Winter Meeting the topic of bringing middle schools into the state associations was discussed. Some states already incorporate their middle schools, however not all are interested in doing so. The main reasons state associations are considering this is to help control the club level sports, recruiting and to keep them under the high school association bylaws.

## **NFHS REPORT – DR. BATTLE**

Dr. Battle presented the Executive Board with a report on the topics discussed during the NFHS Board Meeting held in January at the NFHS Winter Meeting.

## **NEW MEMBER SCHOOL BALLOT RESULTS**

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

- ❖ American Leadership Academy – Gilbert North (3A)

Based on the information gathered from balloting of the membership the above school has been approved for membership for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Executive Board.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** above schools for membership for the 2018-2019 school year as recommended by the Executive Board.

**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:

- Flowing Wells High School
- Flowing Wells High School
- San Tan Foothills High School

**REQUEST - REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLIMENTARY PASS**

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the following replacements of complimentary pass upon receipt of payment.

- Lori Walden – Safford High School – Volleyball Coach
- Claudia Jackson – Holbrook Unified District – Board Member
- Deanna Day – Amphitheater Unified School District – Board President

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

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

- **Flagstaff** - request to exceed for FR/JV/VAR boys' basketball games to help fill **Monument Valley's** schedule.
- **McClintock** – request to exceed for boys' volleyball match to help fill **Fountain Hills'** schedule.
- **AZ College Prep** – request to exceed for boys' volleyball to help fill **Fountain Hills'** schedule.

**REQUEST – EXCEPTION TO ARTICLE 22.5 – TANQUE VERDE HIGH SCHOOL**

Tanque Verde High School would like to petition AIA Bylaw 22.5.3. TVHS currently has 18 girls in the basketball program. One athlete is ineligible for 50% of the season and two are currently injured. Currently sharing 15 girls between two programs. As the season progresses, there may be circumstances that require the use of athletes for more than 6 quarters a night.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above request from Tanque Verde High School.

**DIVISION APPEAL**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the appeal below from Horizon Honors for the next two year block.

- Horizon Honors High School (Division III to Division IV in Cross Country & Track)

**REQUEST – GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOLS – CHAMPIONSHIP MEET**

Gilbert Public Schools would like to request that the schools in our district be allowed to compete in a district track championship meet, which would be counted as a qualifier but not against our invitational limit. I know several other districts are doing the same type of thing, so we would ask for the same consideration as those districts.

Our request is for the spring of 2018 and the 2018-2020 scheduling block.

The teams involved would be:

- Campo Verde High School
- Desert Ridge High School
- Gilbert High School
- Gilbert Classical Academy (only 9-12 students)
- Highland High School
- Mesquite High School

On a motion made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above request for the 2018 season only. If they wish to continue this in the years to come – they will need to request an exception to the Executive Board.

**EXCEPTION TO ARTICLE 14.7 – ALL-STAR COMPETITION**

Chandler High School is requesting an exception to Article 14.7.2 for Shaun Aguano to coach in the Under Armour Bowl Game on January 4<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, Florida.

Saguaro High School and SUSD is requesting an exception to Article 14.7.2 for Jason Mohns and Rich Camarrillo to coach in the US Army All-American gam on January 6<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above request from the two schools to allow the coaches to participate in the specified events.

*Camille Casteel abstained.*

**EXCEPTION TO ARTICLE 14.8 – DESERT VISTA**

Desert Vista is requesting an exception for a female soccer player to exceed the allowable amount of tryouts. With the season ending when it does and the schools she would like to go and look at one of them falls towards the end of the year. Please see dates and locations below of the tryouts she would like to attend:

- 1) Multi-school – January 13<sup>th</sup>
- 2) Belmont – January 20<sup>th</sup>
- 3) Either WSU or CSU – January 27<sup>th</sup> (which is after the regular season game)

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

**REQUEST – TO EXCEED IN PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS – WRESTLING**

Peoria Unified District is requesting permission from the Executive Board to exceed in permissible tournaments to support participation in the District Tournament for wrestling on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at Liberty High School. 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

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

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – ARTICLE 32**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the below amendment to be placed on the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Council Agenda.

Amend AIA Bylaw: Article 32. Beach Volleyball, Section 32.1 Season of Sport

**Rationale for Proposed Amendment:**

- To ensure enough time for all tournament games.

32.1.1 <u>Spring Season</u> (Girls)	Practice Competition Championship	no sooner than the no sooner than the to be concluded by the	<del>31<sup>st</sup> week</del> 32 <sup>nd</sup> week 34 <sup>th</sup> week <del>42<sup>nd</sup> week</del> 46 <sup>th</sup> week
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – ARTICLE 15**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the below amendment to be placed on the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Council Agenda.

Form 550 (Form 520/530)  
Updated language in Article 15

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO AIA CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS – ARTICLE 41**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the board **approved** the below amendment to be placed on the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Council Agenda.

Add AIA Bylaw: Article 41. Sports Medicine Policies

**Rationale for Proposed Amendment:**

- Group all Sports Medicine rules and procedures together

**AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – IRONWOOD**

Buddy Allen, Athletic Director, asked the Executive Board the reasoning behind their 2 year stipulation upon entrance into the AIA starting the 2018-2019 school year. The board asked Mr. Allen to provided procedures they are implementing regarding the AIA bylaws. The appeal has been **tabled** until that documentation is provided.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS****MARANA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Marana Unified School District*

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

**Reported Violation:**

The head coach was removed from her position. The assistant who took her place operated under the assumption all cheerleaders who were participating were cleared. When she pulled the roster we discovered they were not.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The athletics secretary and new cheer coach have both been re-trained on eligibility requirements and use of RMA rosters. The students who are not cleared have been removed from participation.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Marana High School **Spiritline Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

**MARANA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Marana Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.4 Coach's / Sponsor's Code of Ethics*

**Reported Violation:**

Assistant boys' basketball coach referred to opposing player as "cupcake" and should things like "he doesn't belong on the same court as you" this contributed to a confrontation after the game.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The coach has been suspended for all games, practices and meetings until January 2, 2018. He must take 3 NFHS courses assigned by the AD that deal with sportsmanship and respectful intentions.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Marana High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.



**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**MESQUITE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Gilbert Public Schools*

Rule: Article 24. Football, Section 24.5 Number of Games in a Season

**Reported Violation:**

It was brought to the ADs attention that one of our JV football players might have played in more than the ten game maximum. The football coach reviewed file and it was discovered that he did play in 11 games.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The AD and head football coach discussed the need to have a better tracking system for athletes who play for two teams at different times of the year.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board **tabled** the above violation until the February 20, 2018 meeting.

**SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Mesa Public Schools*

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

**Reported Violation:**

Head boys basketball coach made contact via twitter (direct message) to a student who transferred from Skyline to Desert Vista. The contact was made September 9, 2017. The messages asked for the student to “come back”.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

AD meets daily with head boys’ basketball coach to discuss players, academics and program. Boys’ basketball head coach will immediately be suspended from next 2 varsity basketball games, a letter of reprimand will be placed in coach’s district file. And coach will attend December 4<sup>th</sup> AIA Executive board meeting to answer any questions regarding recruiting violations against boys basketball program.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Skyline High School **Boys’ Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

**IRONWOOD HIGH SCHOOL** – *Peoria Unified School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule

**Reported Violation:**

Girls’ basketball coach had a player try out, that had the doctor’s signature on the PPE, but not the parent signature (did not appropriately follow new “Register My Athlete” procedures).

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Coach and coaches will continue to be educated on the new “Register My Athlete” procedures.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Ironwood High School **Girls’ Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**CHOLLA HIGH SCHOOL** – Tucson Unified School District  
*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Two transfer students were allowed to compete in a pre-season soccer tournament who had not completed the 520/530 forms. The coach thought one athlete was cleared because he enrolled at Cholla last spring. The other athlete was absent when the coach went over the transfer rule and the coach overlooked that.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contests Forfeited. The coach was given all pertinent information concerning transfers in the pre-season coaches meeting and through emails. The coach met with Asst. Principal and AD and told the importance of clearing all transfer students. It was an oversight of the coach. The coach was disciplined.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cholla High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

*Herman House abstained.*

**CHOLLA HIGH SCHOOL** – Tucson Unified School District  
*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

A transfer student was allowed to compete during the cross country season who had not completed the 520/530 form. After he was cleared academically on September 7<sup>th</sup> the coach allowed him to compete.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contests Forfeited. The coach was given all pertinent information concerning transfers in the per-season coaches meeting and through emails. The coach met with Asst. Principal and AD and told the importance of clearing all transfer students. It was an oversight of the coach. The coach was disciplined.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cholla High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

*Herman House abstained.*

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**CARL HAYDEN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Phoenix Union High School District*

*Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators*

**Reported Violation:**

The conduct of some football players who participated in the football game was unsportsmanlike after the game had concluded. During the handshake, a player from the opposing team shoved a Carl Hayden football player. Within seconds, players from both teams were shoving and/or throwing punches. The teams were separated by coaches, security and administration within one minute.

**Schools Corrective Action**

Security from both schools, guest and home, will be on the field during the post-game handshake. Security for their respective schools will be nearest their school's athletes. Administration will be present on the field, as well. Referrals will also be sent.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Carl Hayden High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

**WILLOW CANYON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Dysart Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators*

**Reported Violation:**

Following an altercation that was taking place along the North Canyon HS bench, a parent came down from the stands and stepped on the basketball court. Security immediately stepping in and redirected the parent back to the stands. Officials managed the altercation along the North Canyon bench.

**Schools Corrective Action**

Ongoing steps taken: proper staffing of 3 security, 1 administrator and 2 Surprise Police Officers. Ongoing character training with the student-athletes will continue. Conference will be held with the athletic director, principal and parent whom committed the violation. Communication with the community will go out in regards to spectator behavior.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, **accepted** the Willow Canyon High School violation report.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**TUCSON HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL** – *Tucson Unified School District*

Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.1 Coaching Qualifications

**Reported Violation:**

The Tucson High JV soccer coach was not approved and cleared before starting his duty as coach.

**Schools Corrective Action**

The AP in charge of athletics will meet weekly with the athletic department to follow the trail and approval of coaches to see where they are on the cleared process. No coach will be allowed to practice/work with our teams until they receive written approval from my office.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tucson High Magnet School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

*Herman House abstained.*

**LAKE HAVASU HIGH SCHOOL** – *Lake Havasu Unified*

Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule

**Reported Violation:**

Our JV coach was ejected from the JV boys' basketball game against Mohave on 12/6. After consulting with the officials and the varsity coach, it was determined that our JV coach could sit on the bench for the varsity game. However, after it was later determined that this was not true according to the AIA Bylaws.

**Schools Corrective Action**

To prevent future violations all coaches will meet with the AD to review relevant AIA bylaws that relate to coaching conduct during games. The AD will keep a record of all discussions with coaches to insure they understand all relevant bylaws.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Lake Havasu High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Dysart Unified School District*  
Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule

**Reported Violation:**

When completing "Register My Athlete" the parent indicated that her student did attend Shadow Ridge the previous year and was not a transfer student. By indicating that he attending Shadow Ridge this did not trigger a transfer notification. A 520 was not completed due to the parent providing false information.

**Schools Corrective Action**

Contests Forfeited. At our winter parent meeting there will be continued publication of the transfer rule and completing forms correctly. At the tryouts multiple times the coaches asked the students about transfers. Once, the tryout was finished the players were asked again. Information to the parent needs to be prompted more at the beginning of each season.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Shadow Ridge High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**SANTA CRUZ VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL** – *Santa Cruz Valley Union High School District*  
*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.5 Domicile Rule***Reported Violation:**

The student enrolled at Santa Cruz Valley UHS at the start of the school year, transferring from Chicago, Illinois. At the time I met with this student and his step mother concerning the transfer rule and that he would have to sit out 50% of all contests in the sports he played in Chicago that he chooses to play here at SC. He went out for football and sat out 50% of the games and played throughout the remainder of the season including the playoffs. On Monday (11-27-17) immediately following the state football championship game he turned in his gear and was given a release form from the head football coach to turn into the athletic secretary, who then issues the student a practice permit that is signed by me stating that the student is cleared to participate in the next sport. I reminded the student that he had to sit out 50% of the basketball games and had previously let the head coach know that the student in questions had to sit out 50% of the games before being able to play. Unfortunately, that information did not get to the JV basketball coach by either myself or the head basketball coach prior to their first basketball game the following day Tuesday, 11/28/17 in which the student played.

**Schools Corrective Action**

This was an honest mistake, the coach received a practice permit that we use here at SC clearing the student for practice. So the assumption of the coach was that the student was good to play also. Two things I will do first; since many of our coaches at SC are walk-ons (including out boys' basketball coaches) and are not familiar with the students, especially those who have transferred, I will develop a color code practice permit one that indicates that the student is completely eligible to practice and play (green) and one that is red that indicates that the student is a transfer student and must sit out 50% of the games before the student can participate in the game. This will allow coaches, athletic secretaries and myself/AD a better way of monitoring the 50% rule of transfer students who choose to participate. Along with this color code, I need to communicate more effectively with assistant coaches as well as the head coaches in the future.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Santa Cruz Valley High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL** – *Phoenix Union High School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.9 Maximum Participation Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Student transferred from a school in New York to South Mountain. Based on the information provided at time of transfer the student was determined eligible based on completed credit hours. After more information became available it was established that the student had already completed 8 semesters therefore was ineligible per AIA Bylaw 15.9. Student was pulled from participation effective December 19, 2017.

**Schools Corrective Action**

Contests Forfeited. The procedures that we will have to follow as a district is that we demand transcript information be delivered to new school in a timely fashion instead of this incident that took 3 months. This incident is being discussed with Dr. Munoz to ensure that this does not happen again. Please see attached documents.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the South Mountain High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19 and **denied** the request to rescind forfeitures.

**SAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL** – *Safford Unified*

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

*Rule: Article 26. Soccer. Section 26.1 Rules*

**Reported Violation:**

Coach removed team from field during tournament.

**Schools Corrective Action**

Action Taken: Removal of coach, interim head coach(s), formal explanation/education of team, publication of violation, and coach education.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Safford High School **Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

*Mike DeLaO abstained*

**CATALINA HIGH SCHOOL** – Tucson Unified School District

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

**Reported Violation:**

During a tournament in Globe with approximately 2:45 left in the game Catalina’s head coach was ejected from the game. At that point, he made the decision to take the team off the court for the remained of the game.

**Schools Corrective Action**

Contests Forfeited. The head coach will be suspended from coaching for the remainder of the 17-18 basketball season. Additionally, a letter will be placed in his file and the coach will need to review all AIA bylaws regarding coaching and leaving contests.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Catalina High School **Boys’ Basketball Program** on **Probation** for one year 1/16/18-1/16/19.

*Herman House abstained*

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

Kingman High School withdrew the hardship appeal.

**FUTURE DATES**

January 22-24, 2018	Spring Hardship Appeal Hearings
January 25, 2018	Legislative Council Agenda Deadline
February 3, 2018	Spring Coaches Meeting – Valley Vista High School
February 19, 2018	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
February 20, 2018	AIA Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines  
Executive Director