

**4A Conference Committee
Minutes
January 22, 2018 @ 9am AIA Office**

Region Rep Attendees:

Matt Belden, Chair, Ron Safcik, Skyline, Brian Galbreath, Black Canyon, Armando Soto, Gila, Bill Wright, Southwest, Eddie Lopez, West Valley, Shelley Arredondo, Desert Sky, Eric Zimmerman, 4A AIAAA Rep, Tess Dellisanti, 4A Admin Asst.

Absent:

Missy Townsend

Guests:

Scott Hare, Mesquite HS, Kraig Leuschner, Saguaro HS

Call to Order: 10:04

AIA Staff:

Brian Gessner

Meeting Notes for all Conferences:

AIA Executive Board Report Update: Ms. Brandel

- 10 finalists for the Wendy's High School Heisman award – although he didn't win, a Chaparral HS student received a \$5,000 scholarship.
- The Native American Basketball Classic will be held at Arizona State University on March 10th. 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.
- Bob Gardner's retirement from the NFHS has been announced.
- AIA has admitted several new schools, most noted is the American Leadership Academy. They will be in Gilbert North (3A).
- Concern for officials at games and venues and crowd conduct towards officials were discussed. Communication between coaches and officials needs to improve.
- 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 \$16 for the year to participate.

Region Reports: None

Skyline – Safcik

Black Canyon – Galbreath

Gila – Soto

Southwest- Wright

Desert Sky – Arredondo

Kino – Cromer

Grand Canyon – Townsend

West Valley – Lopez

AIAAA Report Update: Eric Zimmerman

The first meeting since the conference will be held this Thursday. Mr. Zimmerman, representing AIAAA, thanked everyone that helped with the National Conference. The amount of cooperation was greatly appreciated. Information will be sent out in February regarding classes for CAA coming up in May. This will include classes for middle schools.

AIA Report: Brian Gessner

Asking for support for b/g basketball 3 person (officials) for State tournament play, quarters, semis, and finals. Coaches have been asking for this. This will help increase the number of officials we have on hand. Mr. Wright asked if a third official can be requested for play-in games. Mr. Gessner indicated this could be a possibility. If play-in game is included, the official's cost would be incurred by the high seed host school. The 4A Conference Reps decision was to support this idea for this year's State tournament.

Mr. Gessner was in favor of improved communication between officials and coaches and is open to any discussion on the subject.

Meeting notes for 4A Conference:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**1. WINTER ALL-REGION TEAMS – BELDEN**

Soccer tournament play starts the end of this week and basketball will end 2/6– region meetings to select all region teams need to be held by:

Soccer – by 2/12

Basketball – by 2/20

All-Conference surveys will be put out the week of the meetings.

Please make sure selections are made for the correct positions (off of the AIA template) and that rosters are entered in MaxPreps. Mr. Belden asked the group for input on how long we wait on a region for input before posting results.

2. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ITEMS - BELDEN

Deadline for agenda items submission for Legislative Council is Friday 1/26. Items already on the agenda are:

*New 550 form (combines the 520 and 530 forms)

*Sports Medicine bylaws

4A has no items to take forward to Legislative Council.

Mandatory Coaches meetings were discussed.

ADD ON ITEMS:**Play-In Games – Bill Wright**

Soccer games need to be completed by tomorrow 1/23. Brackets are posted the day after play-ins on 1/25.

Basketball – season ends 2/6, play-ins are 2/8 girls, 2/9 boys. Brackets come out on Sat. 2/10.

Future Items: None

Officials/Coaches Communication – B. Gessner

Good of the order: None

Adjourned: 11:20a