



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 19, 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 Monday, March 16, 2018 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Jacob Holiday called the meeting to order at 8:34 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
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development
Dean Visser, Sports Administrator
Ron Halbach, Sports Administrator
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Randy Ricedorff, ALA Gilbert North
Erik Husso, ALA Gilbert North
Brent McCarther, ALA Gilbert North
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:

- ✓ 8:34 am – 9:16 am
- ✓ 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 20, 2018 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

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| William Webster | Mountain View - Mesa | 33 years |
| Edward Thompson | Chaparral | Retired |
| John Batina | Casa Grande | 27 years |
| Kurt Kieser | Casa Grande | 31 years |

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- ❖ 2A Conference Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2018
- ❖ 3A Conference Meeting Minutes – February 22, 2018

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 February 2018

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 request for a varsity program that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

HEREBY CONSENT:

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| 1. Scottsdale Christian | VAR Boys/Girls Tennis contest w/ Antelope Union |
| 2. Coronado | JV Softball contest w/ Gila Ridge |
| 3. Casa Grande | FR Softball contest w/ Flagstaff |
| 4. Combs | FR Baseball Program |
| 5. South Mountain | FR Baseball Program |
| 6. Globe | VAR Boys/Girls Tennis Program |
| 7. North Canyon | FR Baseball Program |
| 8. Red Mesa | VAR Baseball contest w/ Rock Point |
| 9. Santa Cruz | JV Softball contest w/ San Manuel |
| | JV Baseball Program |
| 10. Apache Junction | VAR Boys' Tennis Program |
| 11. Phoenix Christian Prep | VAR Boys' Tennis Program |
| | JV Softball Program |
| 12. Northwest Christian | JV Boys' Volleyball Program |
| 13. Scottsdale Prep | VAR Softball Program |
| 14. River Valley | JV Baseball Program |
| 15. Coolidge | JV Softball Program |
| 16. Gilbert Christian | VAR Boys' Tennis Program |
| 17. Pinnacle | FR Softball Program |
| 18. Florence | FR Baseball Program |
| 19. Seton Catholic | FR Baseball Program |
| 20. Barry Goldwater | FR Softball contest w/ Lake Havasu |
| 21. Catalina Foothills | FR Baseball Program |
| 22. Chinle | JV Softball Program |

CONSENTS UNKNOWN:

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| 1. Combs | FR Softball Program |
| 2. South Mountain | FR Softball Program |
| 3. Deer Valley | FR Softball Program |
| 4. Casteel | FR Baseball Program |
| 5. Cortez | FR Baseball Program |
| 6. Palo Verde | JV Softball Program |
| | JV Baseball Program |
| 7. La Joya | FR Baseball Program |
| | FR Softball Program |

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Hines showed a video from Childhelp. Before continuing to Brainbook, the students will be prompted to watch a public service announcement presented by Childhelp, that will bring awareness to child abuse and bullying.

Mr. Hines reminded the Executive Board of the upcoming Athletic Directors Information Meeting that will be held on April 2nd at Xavier College Preparatory.

The first Native American Basketball Classic was held at Arizona State University's Wells Fargo Arena on March 10th. A total of ten teams participated from around the state, including two Unified teams from Page High School and Hopi High School.

Brian Gessner, State Commissioner of Officials, presented some data to the Board regarding the sportsmanship ejections that have occurred this year. With a total of 815 ejections for the 2017-2018 school year, basketball and soccer have the highest numbers. There have been over 100 coaches ejected this year and almost 700 players ejected. Although the number of ejections is troublesome, there are 113 member schools that have zero ejections to date.

Students from across Arizona, representing all six conferences and all but two AIA sanctioned sports, met on March 9th to initiate an AIA student leadership group. The primary purpose of the group is to work as an advisory committee voicing the views of the student athlete. The some of the students will make a short presentation at the annual Athletic Director meeting on April 2nd and have a second meeting set for April 20th. They have begun to set team core values and discussed the goal of a student led state-wide Student Leadership Conference in the Spring of 2019.

Mr. Hines informed the Executive Board of the upcoming NFHS Summer Meeting that will be held in Chicago, IL this summer.

Mr. Hines also informed the board that the April meeting will include the selection of new board members for the Arizona Superintendent's Association, AdvancED, 3A Conference and the 6A Conference representatives. It will also have the 2018-2019 Annual Budget presentation as well as the 2017-2018 Annual Audit and Form 990 presentations.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – GILBERT NORTH

Motion was made, seconded and passed that the Board will review and reconsider at its April 2019 meeting ALA Gilbert North's two year (2018-19 and 2019-20) exclusion from participation in post-season competition. The Board at that time will review the record and conduct of ALA Gilbert North as an AIA member and make a determination of whether the exclusion from post-season competition will be ended sooner than the completion of the 2019-20 school year and, if so, by what date.

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:

- Chandler High School

Camille Casteel abstained.

REQUEST – TO EXCEED PERMISSIBLE NUMBER OF GAMES

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

- Flowing Wells** - request to exceed in boys' volleyball to help fill **Cholla's** schedule.
- Snowflake** – request to exceed in girls' volleyball to help fill **Mogollon's** schedule.
- Yuma Catholic** – request to exceed in boys' tennis to help fill **Combs'** schedule.
- Tombstone** – request to exceed in softball to help fill **Academy of Tucson's** schedule.
- Many Farms** – request to exceed in baseball to help fill **Hopi's** schedule.

NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

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 application from the following school:

- ❖ North Valley Christian Academy - (1A)

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

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

AIA MEMBER SCHOOLS NOT UTILIZING REFPAY

Ms. Doser provided the Executive Board a list of the eight member schools not utilizing RefPay.

On a motion made and seconded, the Executive Board **tabled** this item until the April 16th meeting. The Executive Board has asked AIA staff to create verbiage that would require schools to utilize this feature.

PROPOSAL - 3A CONFERENCE - FOOTBALL

24.5 NUMBER OS GAMES IN SEASON

24.5.3 *No player shall participate in more than ten football games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.*

24.5.3.1 *EXCEPTION: 3A, 2A and 1A schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 50% more matches or games than the regularly scheduled matches or games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments. 3A player may participate in 6 quarters per week during the regular season.*

Total number of quarters possible to play in regular season = 66 quarters (most students 60-62 quarters)

This is more restrictive regarding the possible number of quarters a player may participate in a week. Provides an opportunity for a player to be used each week at all levels, but does restrict a player to no more than six quarters per week. A concern is the tracking of quarters each week especially since games are played on different nights.

Possible scenario – a student could still play in three games during the week, freshman, JV and varsity, but would be restricted to a total of six quarters for the week. It also provides more flexibility during a bye week for any level, permitting the student playing time not afforded under the game limit restriction.

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above request from the 3A Conference.

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – IRONWOOD

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Executive Board rescinded the 2 year stipulation of no post-season participation for American Leadership Academy – Ironwood.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

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 fil 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.

***UPDATE:** The football coach will create a Google sheets document that will be shared with the athletic director. The document will have the game schedule along the vertical and the roster down the horizontal. At the conclusion of each game the coach will mark off every player who played in that game. The document will keep a running total of how many games a player played in to date. This will allow both the football coach and the athletic department knowledge of games played by each athlete.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesquite **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/19/18-3/19/19.

NORTH CANYON HIGH SCHOOL – *Paradise Valley Unified School District*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.4 Non-School Participation

Reported Violation:

Had multiple soccer players that participated in a Sunday soccer league during the season. Once we were made aware of the students we forfeited our state game and season.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the North Canyon **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/19/18-3/19/19.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**SAGUARO HIGH SCHOOL** – *Scottsdale Unified School District*

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

Reported Violation:

With 6:48 remaining in the 4th quarter, the game was stopped and ultimately declared over due to an altercation in progress that led to multiple players leaving the bench area. Per bylaw 16.3.2.2.1 "If the contest is terminated, the team(s) that left the bench area must forfeit the contest and record a lost."

Schools Corrective Action:

Students returning to the Saguaro boys' basketball program will complete the NFHS learn sportsmanship course and submit a certificate of completion prior to their next contest. Leaderships meetings have taken place, and consequences have been given per the SUSD Student Code of Conduct to ensure we meet both NFHS and AIA sportsmanship expectations.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Saguaro **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/19/18-3/19/19.

Michael Fowler abstained.

HIGLEY HIGH SCHOOL – *Higley Unified*

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

Reported Violation:

On February 9th, Saguaro HS was playing at Higley HS in a boys' basketball state tournament play-in game. With just a little over 6:00 minutes remaining in the 4th quarter two players got into a verbal and then physical altercation. When their teammates saw this all but one Higley player left their bench to break up the fight. Officials called the game at that time. Leaving the bench is in violation of bylaw 16.3.2. Although Higley was leading at the time the game was called they forfeited their next tournament game due to bylaw 16.3.2.2.2.

Schools Corrective Action:

All players that are underclassmen will sit their first contest next season. In addition to the suspension and post-season forfeit Higley is instituting mandatory sportsmanship training for all teams and has hired a company to conduct monthly training. They are working with all coaches to install in-practice drills and weekly lessons that will educate student-athletes on how to show increased sportsmanship, avoid altercations, and never leave the bench.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Higley **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/19/18-3/19/19.

Michael Fowler abstained.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

CAMP VERDE HIGH SCHOOL – *Camp Verde Unified*

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

Reported Violation:

The CVHS head track coach allowed a student to participate in practice without receiving proper clearance from the athletic office.

Schools Corrective Action:

Our track coach has received an official reprimand. He has been required to take daily roll to ensure each student has been properly cleared.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Camp Verde **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/19/18-3/19/19.

Mark Showers abstained.

SAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL – *Safford Unified*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.14 Concussion Education

Reported Violation:

Student did not complete Brainbook prior to participation.

Schools Corrective Action:

The entire softball coaching staff understand and strictly follows the clearance procedures for SHS athletics. All coaches utilize the official clearance document. All coaches attended the pre-season training in which clearance procedures were explained. The head coach takes full responsibility and feels foolish for the error. The coaching staff was in-serviced again on SHS clearance procedures and has been instructed to always refer to the electronic (official) clearance document, rather than her printed paper copy.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Safford **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/19/18-3/19/19.

Mike DeLaO abstained.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL – *Dysart Unified School District*
Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators

Reported Violation:

Head baseball coach was ejected from the game for arguing close call at home plate and addressing the home plate umpire not in the spirit of sportsmanship. The conduct displayed was not in the principle of Pursuing Victory with Honor.

Schools Corrective Action

The athletic director and the coach reviewed the proper conduct to be represented at an athletic event. The reputation of the school can be damaged and inappropriate behavior is not tolerated. Explanation of Article 2 bylaws and the conduct of the host school and conduct of the participants was thoroughly reviewed. Coach was ejected and put on warning.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Shadow Ridge **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/19/18-3/19/19.

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

Reported Violation:

A student transferred to Shadow Ridge from another in-state school. She was to sit out 50%. The coach believed that the tournament is called an 'exhibition' and bylaws indicated it was 50% of allowable power ranked regular season contests. According to the coach she played in the bottom half of the last inning in a 18-4 game and the player did not bat only played the field.

Schools Corrective Action

Contests forfeited. Athletic director reviewed the transfer bylaw to the coach and indicated what the 50% rule and if affects all contests up to 50% and not just power ranked games. All of bylaw 15.10 was reviewed for clarity.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Shadow Ridge **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/19/18-3/19/19.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont’d

SABINO HIGH SCHOOL – Tucson Unified School District

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

Reported Violation:

On February 21, 2018 I allowed our girls head tennis coach to begin coaching after he had secured his substitute teaching certification. He was our retired coach who took the job when our replacement told us on February 2nd that his new work requirements would not allow him to coach our team. I called our retired coach who had let his substitute certificate expire and he agreed to take the position knowing that the season was going to start on February 5th. He completed all necessary steps on his part by February 21st but his paperwork was not submitted until March 1st. therefore we feel we have committed an AIA violation of article 17.1.1.

Schools Corrective Action

Assistant Principal will receive written discipline letter. Administrative Assistant will submit paperwork in the system as soon as the coach has completed it per hiring checklist.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sabino **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/19/18-3/19/19.

Herman House abstained.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION

FUTURE DATES

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| March 30, 2018 | Holiday – AIA Office Closed |
| April 2, 2018 | AIA AD Information Meeting – Xavier College Prep |
| April 16, 2018 | AIA Executive Board Meeting |
| May 21, 2018 | AIA Executive Board Meeting – University of Phoenix Stadium |
| | AIA Champions Luncheon |
| May 28, 2018 | Holiday – AIA Office Closed |

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director