



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

President Jacob Holiday called the meeting to order at 8:30 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
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development
Dean Visser, Sports Administrator
Ron Halbach, Sports Administrator
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Les Willsey, AZPreps365.com
David Nikolaus, Show Low High School
Lisa Lumbard, Lumbard & Assoc.
Vanessa Burke, Lumbard & Assoc.
David Simis, Lumbard & Assoc.
Mike Peterson, Red Mountain

Steve Campbell, Williams Field
Travis Schureman, Queen Creek
Darrell Stangle, Williams Field
Spencer Stevens, Casteel
Rich Edwards, ALA Queen Creek
Chris Moss, ALA Queen Creek

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 am – 8:54 am
- ✓ 12:54 pm – 1:30 pm

**COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATIONS –
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (3A, 6A, ASA, AdvancED)**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as members for the **2018-2021** term:

- 3A** Toni Corona, Athletic Director – Safford High School
- 6A** Herman House, District Athletic Director – Tucson Unified School District
- ASA** Camille Casteel, Superintendent – Chandler Unified School District
- AdvancED** Travis Udall, Superintendent – Round Valley Unified Schools

Mark Goodman, 1A Conference representative announced his resignation from the Executive Board effective at the end of the current school year. Mr. Goodman has one year remaining in his three year term. The 1A Conference will be notified and applications will be requested to fill the vacancy for the 2018-2019 school year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 19, 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

Troy Puzzi	Bisbee	25 years
Victor Mena	Carl Hayden	25 years
Patrick Quinn	Basha	Retired
Steve Ashley Jr.	Greyhills Academy	36 years
Dr. Ray Perkins	Tolleson	28 years
Don Conrad	Thatcher	25 years

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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:

- ✓ FY 2016-17 Annual Audit
- ✓ Financial Report for March 2018
- ✓ 2018-19 AIA Budget

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

The following football coaches entered the room to discuss the possibility of hosting a Spring Practice / Jamboree at one school for four football programs:

Mike Peterson, Red Mountain
Steve Campbell, Williams Field
Travis Schureman, Queen Creek
Spencer Steves, Casteel

The coaches discussed the possibility of hosting a Spring Football Practice at Red Mountain High School in order to allow college recruiters a chance to look at multiple schools / students at one location. Since it would be during the season of sport they are not permitted per AIA Bylaws to play/compete against another school. However, the AIA Bylaws do not specify where school practices occur.

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. Yuma | JV Boys' Tennis Program |
| 2. Mountain Ridge | VAR/JV Beach Volleyball Contest w/ Flagstaff
FR Softball Contest w/
Sandra Day O'Connor & Boulder Creek |
| 3. Peoria | FR Baseball Contest w/ Flagstaff |
| 4. Mingus Union | FR Baseball Contest w/ Greenway
JV-B Softball Contest w/ Cactus Shadows |
| 5. Tombstone | JV Softball Contest w/ Benson |
| 6. Catalina | JV Baseball Contests w/
Empire, Sahuarita, Pueblo & Sabino
JV Boys' Volleyball Program |
| 7. Blue Ridge | VAR/JV Softball Contest w/ St. Johns |
| 8. Bisbee | JV Softball Program |
| 9. Miami | JV Softball Contest w/ San Manuel |
| 10. North Canyon | FR Baseball Contest w/ Arcadia |
| 11. Peoria | FR Baseball Contest w/ Tempe |
| 12. Coronado | JV Softball Program
VAR Boys/Girls Tennis Contest w/
Flagstaff & Estrella Foothills |
| 13. Prescott | FR Baseball Contest w/ Coconino |
| 14. Chaparral | JV Softball Contest w/ Canyon Del Oro & Verrado |
| 15. Sierra Linda | FR Softball Contest w/ Verrado |
| 16. Lordsburg (New Mexico) | VAR Baseball Contest w/ Safford |
| 17. Gilbert Christian | JV Baseball Contest w/ Horizon Honors |
| 18. Camp Verde | JV Baseball Contest w/ Bagdad |
| 19. Kingman | JV Baseball Contest w/
Northwest Christian & Lake Havasu |
| 20. Dysart | JV Baseball Contest w/ Washington |
| 21. Fort Thomas | JV Softball Program |
| 22. Benson | JV Baseball Contest w/ Bowie/San Simon |

DO NOT CONSENT:

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| 1. Verrado | VAR/JV Boys' Volleyball Contest w/ Prescott |
| 2. Chinle | JV Baseball Contest w/ Joseph City |

REQUEST TO RESCIND FINE:

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| 1. Hamilton | VAR Boys/Girls Swim Contest w/ Desert Mountain |
| 2. St. Michael | JV Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Show Low |
| 3. Telesis Prep | VAR Girls' Basketball Contest w/ Bagdad |
| 4. Tanque Verde | JV Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Thatcher |
| 5. Kingman Academy | JV Football Contest w/ Kingman |

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Hines updated the Board on the attendance at the Athletic Directors Information Meeting. He provided a list of all the schools that were not in attendance. There were over 250 Athletic Directors present at the meeting and 56 not in attendance. Those that were not present now have the ability to view the videos through their dashboard.

Mr. Hines provided the Board with a spreadsheet indicating which schools didn't have coaches at the fall, winter and spring Coaches meetings. There were over 150 schools that had one or less coach miss the entire year.

The Executive Board was given a list of 2018-2019 AIA Meeting Dates. These included the AIA Executive Board Meeting dates, Hardship Appeal Hearings and Deadlines, Coaches' Information Meetings, Legislative Council Meeting and New AD Workshops.

Mr. Hines provided the Executive Board with an overview of the AIA Office hours for the 2018-2019 school year. These include the summer hours which begin, June 1st.

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:

- Mountain View (Marana) High School

REQUEST – TO EXCEED PERMISSIBLE NUMBER OF GAMES

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

North - request to exceed in girls' volleyball to help fill **Westwood's** schedule.

Mesa – request to exceed in boys' basketball to help fill **Westwood's** schedule.

Dobson – request to exceed in girls' basketball to help fill **Westwood's** schedule.

Shadow Mountain – request to exceed in VAR softball to help fill **Bradshaw Mountain's** schedule.

CONSENT TO TREAT FORM

Based on recommendation from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee the Executive Board **approved** the Consent to Treat form for schools during the 2018-19 school year. The Executive Board recommended use of the Consent to Treat Form by the schools and will submit the form to Legislative Council at the March 1, 2019 meeting.

REQUEST – RECONSIDERATION OF VIOLATION**AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY – QUEEN CREEK** – American Leadership Academy District*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.9 Maximum Participation Rule // 15.15 International Student Eligibility***Reported Violation:**

Student attended 8 consecutive semesters and graduated from high school in Canada in June 2017. Student is not in the US on a J-1 Visa, he is on an F-1 Visa and therefore is ineligible for varsity sports.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests Forfeited. Student service department will attend an in-service training on the AIA eligibility bylaws and moving forward will review all transfer students transcripts with the AD for both academic and athletic eligibility. We have assigned a part time employee to act as a compliance officer for AIA bylaws who will be conducting in-service training sessions for all coaches, student services and staff members who are involved with athletics. We have now instituted a policy and supporting procedure that requires all transfer student records be reviewed by our District legal department before they are allowed to participate athletically on any level.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the American Leadership Academy **Football and Boys' Basketball Programs** on **Probation** for one year 2/20/18-2/20/19.

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried the Executive Board **upheld** the sanction placed on the Football and Boys' Basketball programs at American Leadership Academy – Queen Creek.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 39: SPIRITLINE**39.12 – NONSCHOOL/CLUB PARTICIPATION**

~~39.12.1 A student who is a member of a school Spiritline team shall not practice or compete with any other cheer/pom group, team, club, organization, association, etc., in that athletic activity during the interscholastic season of competition. For purposes of this rule, the interscholastic season of competition shall begin with the first week of football practice and concludes with the individual school's last basketball game, including Post-Season competitions. Any student violating the above rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that athletic activity or up to a maximum of one calendar year.~~

The Spiritline Advisory Committee is requesting that Article 39.12 be removed from the Policies and Procedures and allow the schools and coaches decide at the school level if they want to permit athletes to participate in both.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above request from the Spiritline Advisory Committee.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 18: OFFICIALS**18.3 FEES / SCHOOLS – OFFICIAL'S RESPONSIBILITY**

18.3.1 Officials are entitled to receive only one fee per contest. Officials and schools are not permitted to negotiate with one another for fees. *Member schools shall utilize the electronic payment and reporting tool designated by the Executive Board (presently "RefPay") and shall follow all policies and procedures related to RefPay as set out in the AIA Policies and Procedures Manual.*

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried the Executive Board **approved** the above amendment as **Emergency Legislation**.

REQUEST – 2A CONFERENCE – GIRLS’ FALL SOCCER

The 2A girls’ fall soccer would like to add a Play-in game at high seed between #3 vs #6 and #4 vs #5.

Both Region Champs school receive an automatic berth to the state tournament. Then all 6 schools will be power pointed to determine seeding for the 2A Fall Soccer State Tournament.

2A fall girls’ soccer play-in game on Wednesday (just like the boys’ state tournament game) played at the high seed. So #3 seed vs #6 seed with #3 hosting and #4 seed vs #5 seed with the #4 seed hosting.

2A fall girls’ soccer semifinal game on Friday and the State Championship on Saturday.

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously carried the Executive Board **approved** the above request for the 2A Girls’ Fall Soccer.

REQUEST – 3A CONFERENCE – BASEBALL / SOFTBALL

In order to qualify, a school must have scheduled a minimum of fourteen (14) games. Based on region standings, *the Region Champions will earn an automatic bid at minimum to the 3A Conference Play-in tournament.* The Conference Play-in tournament will match up teams ranked #9 through #24. Teams #1 through #8, along with eight winning teams for the Conference Play-In tournament, will make up the 16-team State tournament. The State Tournament bracket will be seeded according to the Overall Power Point Rankings of the 16 teams. *The State Tournament consists of two rounds of single elimination and double elimination in the Semi Final and Championship rounds. The 3A Conference will have 7 automatic bids and 17 at-large qualifier bids.*

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

REQUEST – SHOW LOW HIGH SCHOOL EXCEPTION – SEASON OF SPORT – SOCCER

26.2

SEASON OF SPORT

26.2.3	<u>Fall Season</u>	Practice	no sooner than the	6 th week
		Competition	no sooner than the	9 th week
		Championship	to be concluded by the	23 rd week

Show Low High School is requesting an early start to their boys’ fall soccer program for the 2018-19 school year. This request would allow them to participate in a tournament in Nevada.

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

DIVISION APPEAL – 2018-2020

- Chinle High School – Wrestling Program
 - Currently Division III appealing down to Division IV

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** Chinle's request to move from Division III down to Division IV in Wrestling for the 2018-2020 block.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**ROUND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Round Valley Unified*

Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 21.1 Rules

Reported Violation:

Round Valley baseball is in violation of the Pitch Count Guidelines Protocol process for the first 10 games of this season. On March 29, 2018, the AIA sent an e-mail in regard to the Arizona Pitch Count Guidelines Protocol which our head baseball coach received. Coaches reported not having the correct sign-in information and were sent a MaxPrep ID on April 1st. Baseball coaches were not current in entering pitch counts on MaxPreps for individual games until April 4th.

Schools Corrective Action:

Training and review of the Arizona Pitch Count Guidelines Protocol was completed. The athletic director will verify compliance with the Arizona Pitch Count Guidelines Protocol by checking MaxPreps by 10:00 am the following day of games to ensure correct pitch count data has been entered.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Round Valley High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/16/18-4/16/19.

Travis Udall abstained.

KINGMAN ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL – *Kingman Academy District*

Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 21.1 Rules

Reported Violation:

After an email from Ron Halbach to all AD's, I checked to make sure we were in compliance with the Pitch Count Guidelines Protocol. After investigating our teams, it was noticed that our JV baseball program was not synching online properly through Game Changer. The problem was identified and all games were able to upload properly.

Schools Corrective Action:

All coaches were instructed to check online after games to make sure it was uploaded. Coaches will continue to give a pitch log to the AD.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kingman Academy High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/16/18-4/16/19.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**MESA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Mesa Public Schools*

Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 21.1 Rules

Reported Violation:

Mesa HS was in violation of 21.1.5 of the Arizona Pitch Smart Guidelines reporting procedures. The baseball program complied information of the number of pitches thrown in every contest utilizing the AIA Baseball Game Pitch Log and also through the GameChanger computer program. The team coaches carried a copy of the AIA Official Pitch Count Record from any games that occurred during the previous four days. At no point was any pitcher in violation of the max pitch count as set forth in the AIA policy. The violation occurred for a failure to transfer the information to MaxPreps.

Schools Corrective Action:

The Athletic Director immediately met with all baseball staff members and reviewed the bylaws. Coaches were educated on where they were to log in to MaxPreps and enter the pitchers of record and the number of pitches on MaxPreps by 10:00 AM the day following the game. Coaches will have extensive computer training, including iPads, at the beginning of each season to understand how the information is to be entered. Bylaws will be accessible through the schools website and the AIA site for coaches and the public. The AD will review the MaxPreps website the following day of each game at 10:00 AM to check that all pitchers and number of pitches thrown have been correctly entered based on the pitching logs that have been provided to the AD.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesa High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/16/18-4/16/19.

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL – *Chandler Unified School District*

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

Reported Violation:

A number of football coaches were paid for summer-time activities through an outside source.

Schools Corrective Action:

In-service to football staff and site athletic program. Removal of coaches. Practices redefined.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Hamilton High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/16/18-4/16/19.

Dr. Casteel not present at time of vote.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

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

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule

Reported Violation:

A 50% transfer student played in the pre-season baseball tournament. Coach thought pre-season did not count.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. We had a meeting and retaught the transfer rules. Discussed the issue with the entire team and coaching staff. Brought up in coaches meeting this last week.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the North Canyon High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/16/18-4/16/19.

MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL – *Deer Valley Unified School District*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.3 Maximum Teams per Sport / Student Grade Level for Team Participation

// Rule: Article 21. Baseball. Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season

Reported Violation:

By allowing our JV team to play in the Coach Bob Tournament we had multiple varsity squads that day, which is a violation of 14.3.1. In addition, by allowing our JV team to participate in the Coach Bob Tournament our JV team took on an additional game.

Schools Corrective Action:

Athletic Director and Head coach will review relevant bylaws and review how the incident could have been avoided. In the future the AD will consult the AIA in similar situations.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mountain Ridge High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/16/18-4/16/19.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL – *Scottsdale Unified School District*

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

Reported Violation:

An athlete was issued a "Go Pass" when no current physical was on file. It was a clerical error as the date on the athletic packet misread.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest Forfeited. First SUSD will implement "Register My Athlete" (RMA). Second, additional training of a new assistant on the importance that all students obtain/have an up-to-date physical. This will further assure against this type or error.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Chaparral High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/16/18-4/16/19.

PUEBLO HIGH SCHOOL – *Tucson Unified School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule

Reported Violation:

Played ineligible player in Douglas Tournament. Student transferred to Pueblo from another in-state school. She was to sit out 50%. Coach was confused in regards to power ranking seasonal game and invitational tournament. Player played 2 innings when coach was notified player could not play and immediately removed player from game.

Schools Corrective Action

Seasonal meetings held prior to beginning of season of sport where coaches are given the following documents: district handbooks, professional boundaries guidelines, sports specific rule books, AIA sports specific articles, AIA Article 14, 15, and 17. They receive the Quick Glance Calendar as well. In addition to the review of this they will have a printed season schedule for each coach to review and give the target eligibility date for each transfer in their particular sport. This schedule will be signed by the coach and school administrator to confirm acknowledgement.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Pueblo High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/16/18-4/16/19.

Herman House abstained.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

LEE WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL – *Kingman Unified*

Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 21.1 Rules

Reported Violation:

Lee Williams left the field of play on 3/16. The cause was that Cortez HS left the field of play and the umpires called the game and left. The school administrator that was working the game was unaware of the inning rule.

Schools Corrective Action

The contest has been reschedule. All school administrators and coaches have been further educated about the inning rule.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Lee Williams High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/16/18-4/16/19.

CORTEZ HIGH SCHOOL – *Glendale Union High School District*

Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 21.1 Rules

Reported Violation:

Cortez, Lee Williams and umpires agreed to call a game during the 3rd inning, violating bylaw 21.1.3. Prior to the beginning of the bottom of the 3rd inning LWHS placed two subs in the lineup and the score was 12-0. During the bottom of the 3rd inning the score became 15-0 and the Cortez coach approached the umpire about being down by 15 runs and asked the umpire if the game could end. The umpire spoke with the LWHS coach and he agreed to end the game. At that time, it was also agreed to let the two substitute players bat and to end the game after each player had a chance to bat. After the second batter walked, the home plate umpire called an end to the game with the score 18-0. The LWHS coach and administrator on duty never objected to ending the game.

Schools Corrective Action

The Cortez baseball coach has been provided training on the rules of a complete game.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cortez High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/16/18-4/16/19.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION / STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Board reviewed the Executive Directors evaluation and staff recommendations. The Executive Board will discuss further at the May 21, 2018 meeting.

FUTURE DATES

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 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director