

**4A Conference Committee  
Minutes  
Feb. 25, 2019 @ 9am AIA Office**

**Region Rep Attendees:**

Matt Belden, Chair, Jeannine Brandel, AIA Board Rep, Kraig Leuschner, Desert Sky, Ron Safcik, Skyline, Brian Galbreath, Black Canyon, Ty Cephers, Kino, Bill Wright, Southwest, Stacy Spencer, West Valley, Missy Townsend, Grand Canyon, Jonathan Chavez, Gila, Kraig Leuschner, 4A AIAA Rep, Tess Dellisanti, 4A Admin Asst.

Absent: Shelly Arredondo

**Guests:**

Greg Haagsma – AD Valley Christian Schools  
Nate Agostini – AD Horizon Honors HS  
Cory Neuland – PV Dist. AD

**Call to Order:** 9:00a

**AIA Staff:**

David Hines, Executive Director  
Joe Paddock, Asst. Exec. Dir

**Meeting Notes for all Conferences:**

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**AIA Executive Board Report Update: Ms. Brandel**

Items discussed during Legislative Council discussion.

**Region Reports:**

Skyline – none  
Black Canyon – none  
Gila –  
Southwest-  
Desert Sky – none  
Kino –  
Grand Canyon – Boys volleyball trying to add games for lower levels. You can run multiple one level games. Add through Robyn Bingham as an extra JV game. Ms. Brandel talked to Robyn about rescheduling of games due to weather and was told Tuesdays and Fridays are full.  
West Valley –

**AIAA Report Update:**

4A needs to submit Athletic Director of the Year nominations. Reps need to bring Region AD of the year name to March meeting for selection of 4A Conference AD of the Year.

Rookie ADs, regions can have two (2) nominees for 1-3<sup>rd</sup> year rookie award.

**AIA Report:** None

**Meeting notes for 4A Conference:**

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **Placement of Schools** (Article 8.1.6) – Haagsma/Agostini  
Greg Haagsma and Nate Agostini explained the proposal to be submitted by 3A Metro West at Legislative Council: Member Schools shall be divided equally into small and large conferences, with small defined as 1A-3A Conferences and large defined as 4A-6A Conferences. 4A Conference – the smallest (in enrollment) 33% of schools with student

enrollment of 1,000 or more. Also included would be Private Schools with enrollment of 601-1000, and Charter Schools with enrollment of 651-1000.

Questions were answered and discussion was held on pros and cons of this proposal.

2. **Legislative Council Voting Members** – Belden

The 4A Conference has eight (8) regions and only seven (7) votes for Legislative Council. It was decided by the conference in 17-18 to have one conference sit out on the vote going alphabetically. Black Canyon was the non-vote last year. Desert sky is the non-vote for 18-19. It is critical that all seven (7) voting members attend Legislative Council. In the event of an absence, a proxy cannot be used.

3. **Winter Recognitions** – Belden

Mr. Belden reviewed regions that are missing either Boys/Girls Basketball and/or Boys/Girls Soccer Region Awards.

4. **Paper Screens** – Belden

Paper screens that have been submitted since our last meeting were reviewed and voted on.

5. **Forfeits and Impact on Power Rankings** – Leuschner

Covered in LC discussion. The 25% should fix this concern.

6. **Post Season Soccer Rankings and Eligibility** – Leuschner

Covered in LC discussion

7. **Input of Baseball Pitch Counts** – Leuschner

Mr. Leuschner asked if there is a hard copy sheet that both coaches sign agreeing on pitch count even if it is posted on Game Changer. Matt read and emailed the rule to region reps. Some teams have coaches sign the official score book showing pitch count and coaches signatures. Pitch count must be entered by the school AD (or designee) by 10 am the following day and can be disputed after posting.

8. **AIA Executive Board 4A Rep Selection** – Belden

Ms. Brandel's position on the Executive Board is up this year. 4A will need nominations for this position. Anyone interested in the position must complete an application by March 8th. Tayler Coady will forward the applications to the 4A Conference Committee. Three (3) candidates must be selected for presentation at the April Executive Board meeting provided more than three apps are submitted.

9. **4A Conference Chair Selection** – Belden

4A Conference Chair position is up for renewal as well. This selection is decided by the Conference and no application is required. Mr. Belden will send out information on selection process for the Chair position and Region Rep positions. New members are selected in April and are invited to attend the May meeting.

10. **Post Season Forfeits & Tournament Impact** - Belden

Item covered during Legislative Council Agenda review. Mr. Belden asked if there has ever been any sanction put in place on a student athlete when it was discovered that a violation was committed due to self-serving motivation of one member of a team with no regard to the effect on the team as a whole. Mr. Paddock answered the bylaw is written to allow that, but it depends on the circumstances.

**ADD ON ITEMS:**

ESports – Hines/Spencer

ESports has been pushed to Fall 2019:

- Number of people registered
- Lack of the timing for equipment needed
- Problems with owner of Play Versus that partnered with NFHS.

- Ms. Brandel asked if OverWatch is a shooting game. Mr. Hines indicated that there was some shooting in the game, but to a lesser degree than other popular games. The membership will make the determination of what games they want kids to play. An announcement will be sent out TODAY at 10:00 AM.

### **Spring Football vs club Football in spring** – Safcik

Athlete may participate in school spring football and club 7 on 7 football.

### **Legislative Council Agenda Review** – **Football Classification.**

Mr. Hines indicated that it is possible model 9 may be brought forward. Mr. Paddock clarified the voting procedures for Legislative Council. Mr. Belden discussed the difficulty of adding amendments on the floor and the success rate being fairly low of those amendments passing. Mr. Hines reiterated how important cross conference scheduling will be for competition purposes.

### **3A Metro West / Proposal on Placement of Schools**

The effect of this proposal will be hard to predict. Discussion continued on pros and cons.

### **5A San Tan / AIAAA Amendment**

Concerns were discussed. Athletic Director changing schools and new AD has to be added to AIAAA. Is school charged again for new AD? Impact on AIA staff with processing this additional fee.

### **6A East Valley / Deletion of Frosh Sports**

Schools can have the following: VARSITY – made up of 9-12 graders (one team) JV – made up of 9-11 graders (multiple teams allowed as “B” teams – JV B) FROSH/SOPH – made up of 9-10 graders (multiple teams allowed as “B” teams – Frosh/Soph B) Clarification of levels. Provides flexibility for schools lacking in numbers to field lower level teams.

### **2A Metro / Non School Participation**

Fall Soccer – any soccer player, whose school participates in fall soccer, shall be permitted to play for both school and club during the fall soccer season.

### **Student Eligibility / Domicile Rule**

Domicile portion of bylaw is in question. This is a clean-up item 15.5. 6A may try to amend this to include a 50% opportunity. Mr. Hines indicated that would be a hardship situation.

### **3A Metro East / Transfer Rule**

Proposal requesting a limited eligibility declaration to allow student to be eligible to play a full season at the sub-varsity level in any sports that they participated in during current or previous year. This declaration would render them ineligible for varsity sport.

### **5A Northeast Valley / Transfer Rule**

Those students who leave school to pursue academic, not athletic, options at another school that does not offer sports. For example a student that attends School A transfers to Primavera, and back to School A would be eligible for sports since Primavera does not offer sports. If a student initially attends School A transfers to Primavera, then transfers to School B the student would be considered a one-time transfer not a two-time transfer.

### **Recruitment Rule / Emergency Legislation**

Addresses concerns brought up regarding the current language for Prior Contact. 550 form will be looked at for consistency.

### **Possible Additions to LC Agenda**

Consent to Treat Form is already a bylaw but must be ratified.

**Possible Addition to LC Agenda - 3A Conference / Forfeits**

Proposal stating a school that forfeits 25% or more of their *power rated* games due to a violation of AIA bylaw and/or policy will not be eligible for post season play in that sport for that school year. AIA may recommend changing the wording to *regular season* games/contests instead of *power rated* games, which would then include individual as well as team sports. Mr. Hines discussed the effect of forfeiture on other schools when the power rating system is involved. A discussion was held on forfeitures that occur when State tournament has already begun.

**Future Items:**

4A Rep to Executive Board

4A Conference Chair Selection

Nominations for 4A Athletic Director of the Year

**Good of the order:**

**Adjourned:** 12:52 PM