



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 18, 2019**

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 18, 2019 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Herman House called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)
Mark Showers, 2A Conference (Camp Verde High School)
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford 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
Dan Nero, Tournament Coordinator
David Shapiro, Tournament Coordinator
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

Guests:

JD Healy, Legacy ESports
Andrew Barnett, Legacy ESports
Randy Eccker, Legacy ESports
Toni Badone, AdvancED

ESPORTS**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President House, 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 – 9:23 am
- ✓ 12:04 pm – 12:55pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were **approved**:

- February 19, 2019

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

AIA Lifetime Passes

John Fanning	Rio Rico	39 years
Dana Zupke	Pinnacle	27 years
Nathan Slater	Scottsdale District	25 years

Request for AIA Sanction / Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2018-2019 Master Calendar

In accordance with Article 10, Section 10.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2018-2019 Master Calendar. The master calendar is posted online at <http://www.aiaonline.org/calendar/?id=5>.

The Master Calendar, which is prepared by the AIA for its member schools, reflects activities (events) that have been sanctioned by the AIA Executive Board. It is the responsibility of each member school to limit its participation in these sanctioned activities to the maximum number of contests set forth in the AIA Bylaws.

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- 2A Conference Meeting Minutes – February 11, 2019
- 4A Conference Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2019

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 report:

- ✓ Financial Report for February 2019

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Herman House discussed the following topics from the 6A Conference:

- Coaches Meeting agendas have been and will continue to be sent out at least one week prior to all meeting dates. Agendas will be sent to administrators and coaches.
- Discussion on webinars has been ongoing, at the time they are not available due to the number of sport specific break out session. However, starting next school year there will be two additional dates for each season of sport available. Meetings will take place in Northern Arizona, Southern Arizona and the Metro area. Coaches shall be required to attend at least one of the scheduled meetings to be in compliance with the AIA Bylaws.
- The soccer mercy rule will be discussed further at the April 15th Board meeting.

Mark Cisterna thanked Dean Visser and Brian Bolitho for the notification of travel during the state tournament and how it helped Notre Dame with preparation of travel arrangements.

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, junior varsity, freshman program(s) that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

<u>SCHOOL REQUESTING:</u>	<u>HEREBY CONSENT:</u>
1. Phoenix Christian	VAR Boys/Girls Tennis Program
2. Barry Goldwater	FR Softball Program
3. Deer Valley	FR Softball Program
4. Bourgade Catholic	JV Baseball Program
	VAR Track contest w/ Coronado & Saguaro
5. Marcos de Niza	JV-B Softball Program
6. Ash Fork	JV/FR Softball Program
	FR Baseball Program
7. Pima	JV Softball Program
8. Cholla	VAR Boys' Volleyball Program
9. Tanque Verde	JV Softball Program
	JV Baseball Program
10. North Canyon	FR Baseball Program
11. Desert Edge	JV Boys' Volleyball Contest w/ Ironwood
12. Alchesay	VAR Baseball Contest w/ Valley & Many Farms
13. Cortez	VAR/JV/FR Baseball/Softball Contest w/ Lee Williams
	FR Baseball Program
14. Catalina Foothills	FR Baseball Program
15. McClintock	FR Baseball Program
	FR Softball Program
16. Yuma	FR Baseball Program
	FR Softball Program
17. Ironwood Ridge	FR Softball Contest w/ Gilbert
18. Central	FR Baseball Program
	FR Softball Program
	JV Boys' Volleyball Program
19. Horizon	FR Softball Program

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS – Cont'd

20. Odyssey Institute	JV Softball Program
21. Willow Canyon	VAR Beach Volleyball Program
22. Pinnacle	FR Softball Program
23. Cactus Shadows	VAR Track Contest w/ Fountain Hills
24. South Mountain	FR Baseball Program
25. Tempe Prep	VAR Softball Program
26. Casteel	FR Softball Program
27. Wickenburg	JV Softball Contests w/ Paradise Honors, Parker & River Valley
28. Lake Havasu	FR Baseball Contest w/ Gila Ridge
29. Highland	FR Softball Program
30. Buckeye Union	FR Baseball Program
	JV-B Baseball Program
31. Camelback	JV Boys' Volleyball Program
32. Northwest Christian	JV Boys' Volleyball Program
33. Mesa	JV/FR Softball Contest w/ Maryvale
34. Skyline	FR Softball Program
35. Cesar Chavez	JV Baseball Contest w/ Kofa
36. Red Mesa	VAR Baseball Contest w/ Shiprock Northwest, NM
37. Blue Ridge	VAR Baseball/Softball Contest w/ Ganado
38. Catalina	JV Baseball Program
39. Maryvale	FR Baseball Program

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

As another reminder the AD Information Meeting and Student Leadership Summit will be held at Xavier College Prep on Monday, April 22, 2019.

AIA Staff will meet with Joni Pabst, Executive Director of AIAAA, to discuss procedures regarding the AIAAA/NIAAA Membership Dues.

As part of the Strategic Plan the AIA is forming a Community Advisory Board of individuals from different business backgrounds throughout Arizona. The first meeting will take place on May 9, 2019 at the AIA Office.

The nominations submitted for the Executive Board openings have been sent to the conferences. The conferences will submit names to the AIA by April 4th, those names will then be brought forward to the Executive Board at the April 15th meeting for final selection. The positions that are currently open are 1A, 4A, 6A, ASBA and AdvancED.

The AIA Membership Survey went out to all Athletic Directors, District Athletic Directors, Principals, and Superintendents. A summary will be compiled and presented at a later date.

A \$160,000 grant was approved to begin the process of creating an Opioid Initiative Course for student athletes. The course will be structured similar to the Brainbook course students are currently required to complete.

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:

- ❖ Willow Canyon High School

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUEST

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the following student eligibility appeal request:

- Valley Vista High School

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- Parker** – an additional VAR softball game to help fill **Kingman's** schedule.
- Liberty** – an additional FR baseball game to help fill **Horizon's** schedule.
- Chandler** – an additional JV football game to help fill **Casteel's** schedule.
- San Carlos** – an additional JV softball & baseball games to help fill **Globe's** schedule.
- Mingus Union** – an additional JV softball game to help fill **Williams'** schedule.
- ALA Gilbert North** – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Phoenix Christian's** schedule.
- Seton Catholic** – an additional JV football game to help fill **St. John Paul II's** schedule.
- Thatcher** – an additional softball games to help fill **Chandler Prep's** schedule.

REQUEST – EXCEED PERMISSIBLE TOURNAMENTS – PAGE HIGH SCHOOL

Page High School would like to request an additional softball tournament due to the Dobson Memorial Tournament being rained out and only being able to play one game. Page would like to attend the Chandler Invitational on March 22-23, 2019.

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

NEW SCHOOLS MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

In accordance with Article 2, Section 2.2 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board granted full membership effective the 2019-2020 school year and gave approval to ballot the AIA member schools for their approval of the full membership applications from the following schools:

- ❖ Eastmark High School (4A)

Based on the information gathered from balloting the membership the above school has been approved for membership.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above school for full membership.

NEW SCHOOLS MEMBERSHIP

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board is taking no further action on the membership application for Valiant College Preparatory at this time.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

The following representatives entered the meeting for a student eligibility appeal and left upon completion of their presentations:

South Mountain Brian Fair - Athletic Director, Parent & Student
Saint Mary's – Greg Fahrendorf – Athletic Director

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.14 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following hardship eligibility request:

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
South Mountain	Denied – 50%

ADVANCED – TONI BADONE

Ms. Badone gave a presentation on the merger between AdvancED and Measured Progress that occurred in December. With the merger there are additional tools for members and additional services for school improvement.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE PROPOSAL – ARTICLE 40 – THEATER

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the proposed policy and procedure amendments for Theater for the 2019-2020 school year.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE – TOURNAMENT SANCTIONING & FEES

Brian Gessner, AIA State Commissioner of Officials, provided documentation to the Board regarding potential tournament sanctioning and assigning fees. The Executive Board asked Mr. Gessner to bring more information back in April for further discussion.

2018-19 TONY KOMADINA AWARD RECIPIENTS

- River Valley High School (1A-3A)
- Empire High School (4A-6A)

The above schools will be presented their award during the 2018-19 AIA Champions Luncheon on May 17, 2019 at the State Farm Stadium.

ARTILE 14 – GENERAL PROVISIONS – 14.8 TRYOUTS

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board requested that clarification language be drafted on the rule and be presented at the April 15th meeting.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

PAYSON HIGH SCHOOL – *Payson Unified*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.2 Application of Student Eligibility Rules (15.2.3)

Reported Violation:

Golf coach allowed three golf players to practice prior to the being cleared by the athletic department.

Schools Corrective Action:

Head golf coach has been reminded that players may not start practice until cleared by the Athletic Department. He has been given a review of the clearance of athletes' policies and procedures with the AD. A letter of direction has also been placed in his file.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Payson High School **Golf Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/18/19-3/18/20.

BISBEE HIGH SCHOOL – *Bisbee Unified*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.2 Practice (14.2.1)

Reported Violation:

Baseball coach held a non-mandatory practice on Sunday. His thought being because of the severe weather (snow) on Friday and Saturday that a practice could be held as long as it was not mandatory.

Schools Corrective Action:

Coach was brought in and the Rule 14.2.1 was explained. He understands the violation and has been written up by the administration. Any further infraction will result in suspension. All coaches have been notified of the rule and understand the ramifications.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Bisbee High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/18/19-3/18/20.

BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL – *Humbolt Unified*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.3 Maximum Teams Per Sport / Student Grade Level for Team Participation (14.3.2.2)

Reported Violation:

My girls' tennis coach accidentally played a senior in a JV match. He didn't realize the error until the match had begun.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contests Forfeited. Coach will need to ask the opposing coach the level of play prior to the match beginning. Coach will need to stop the match if there are any errors with matchups.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Bradshaw Mountain High School **Girls' Tennis Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/18/19-3/18/20.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

TANQUE VERDE HIGH SCHOOL – *Tanque Verde District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule (15.7.1)

Reported Violation:

The head softball coach allowed an athlete that was not cleared through the Athletics office, to participate in a practice on 2/6/19. The student did not have the required medical physical on file.

Schools Corrective Action:

Participation policies were reviewed during the spring coaches' meeting. An email reminder was sent out to the spring coaches regarding eligibility lists. This procedure will continue to be followed. The head coach was given a letter of reprimand. The AD will be present at tryouts to ensure this policy is being followed.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tanque Verde High School **Softball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/18/19-3/18/20.

NOGALES HIGH SCHOOL – *Nogales Unified*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule (15.7.1)

Reported Violation:

An softball player who had not been cleared through the athletics' office was allowed to practice without having a physical on file. Each coach is provided a list of cleared athletes for try-outs during each day of try-outs. The first-year coach delegated attendance taking duty to a student manager, and realized the mistake and reported to the athletic office.

Schools Corrective Action:

The AD and Principal provided an in-service training to the coach and outlined and reinforced the athletics procedures for physical clearance. The coach as provided a copy of the AIA bylaws regarding the physical examination clearance. The coach understands the mistake, and has taken direct responsibility.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Nogales High School **Softball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/18/19-3/18/20.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

CAMP VERDE HIGH SCHOOL – *Camp Verde Unified*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule (15.8.1)

Reported Violation:

A male golfer was allowed to practice without turning in a parent signature giving consent for the sport.

Schools Corrective Action:

To ensure this oversight will be corrected moving forward, I met with the coach detailing the problem that occurred this year as well as steps he must take to ensure this will not happen again. In addition, a letter of direction has been written and sent to the coach detailing the process that he must follow to clear athletes before participation.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Camp Verde High School **Boys' Golf Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/18/19-3/18/20.

Mark Showers abstained.

DESERT RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL – *Gilbert Public School District*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1.1)

Reported Violation:

Desert Ridge High School had an ineligible female track athlete compete in a dual track event against Skyline on 2/27. This athlete also competed in the Queen Creek Desert Classic Invitational on 3/1. The athlete transferred here from another school where she competed in track the year before, and should have not participated in competitive duals or invitationals until sitting out the 1st half of the season.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Starting with our next dual/invitational, the student-athlete will sit out the next 6 competitions. Track coaches will be serviced on transfer rules and a new system will be put in place to ensure all track athletes are properly cleared and eligible to compete.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Ridge High School **Girls' Track Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/18/19-3/18/20.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

RAYMOND S KELLIS HIGH SCHOOL – *Peoria Unified School District*
Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1.1)

Reported Violation:

A student participated in a track and field invitational and she is still ineligible because of the transfer rule. We are waiting to hear back about the hardship we submitted but at the time of the invitational she was ineligible.

Schools Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Raymond S. Kellis High School **Girls' Track Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/18/19-3/18/20.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION

FUTURE DATES

April 15, 2019	Executive Board Meeting
April 19, 2019	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
April 22, 2019	Athletic Director/Student Leadership Summit – XCP
May 17, 2019	AIA Champions Luncheon – State Farm Stadium
May 20, 2019	Executive Board Meeting
May 27, 2019	Holiday – AIA Office Closed

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director