



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
December 9, 2019**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Jeannine Brandel called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

**Members in Attendance:**

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)  
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)  
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)  
Mark Cisterna, 5A Conference (Notre Dame Preparatory)  
Zack Munoz, Ed.D, 6A Conference (Phoenix Union High 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)  
Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

**Members Absent:**

Mark Showers, 2A Conference (Camp Verde High School)  
Travis Udall, AdvancED (Round Valley Unified Schools)

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Joe Paddock, Assistant Executive Director  
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant  
Brian Gessner, State Commissioner of Officials  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development  
Denise Doser, Director of Finance  
Dean Visser, Sports Administrator  
Dan Nero, Tournament Coordinator  
David Shapiro, Tournament Coordinator

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AzPreps365  
Steve McDowell, Gilbert Public Schools  
Steve Hogen, Mesa Public Schools  
Greg Schultz, Skyline  
Pete Jelovic, Centennial  
Katie DeVenuto, SOAz

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Brandel, in accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

- ✓ 8:30 am – 8:53 am

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 18, 2019 meeting were **approved**.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

Danny Batraw	Thatcher	25 years
Tawn Argeris	Liberty	21 years/Retired

**Request for AIA Sanction / Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2019-2020 Master Calendar**

In accordance with Article 10, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2019-2020 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**

- Student Leadership Advisory Committee Minutes – October 2, 2019

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 5, Paragraph 15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial reports:

- ✓ Financial Report for November 2019

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

The AIA Officials Department wrapped up Phase I of their Cancer Awareness Campaign this month. A check for \$5595.00 was presented to the American Cancer Society at today's board meeting. The amount was the result of selling over 850 pink whistles plus generous donations by officials and staff. We intend to open Phase II in January to include our winter sport officials.

Dr. Munoz, Dr. Hogen and Greg Schultz presented to the Executive Board regarding the incident that took place during the after-game boys' basketball hand shake line between Skyline High School and Cesar Chavez High School on November 30, 2019. Schools have/are performing internal investigation to determine players' involvement and consequences. Currently based on the video evidence, a minimum 3 game suspension has been determined for any player involved. Both schools forfeited the following games (each with Tolleson High School) and are working with Tolleson Union High School District to help fill the lost games. Violation reports have been submitted by both schools. On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board placed the Skyline and Cesar Chaves **Boys' Basketball Programs** on **Warning** for one year 12/9/19-12/19/20.

**CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS**

In accordance with Article 11, Section 4, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 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:

<b><u>SCHOOL REQUESTING:</u></b>	<b><u>HEREBY CONSENT:</u></b>
1. Sunnyside	JV Girls' Soccer Program
2. Copper Canyon	FR/SO Girls' Soccer Program
3. Westview	FR/SO Girls' Soccer Program
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4. Pueblo	JV Girls' Soccer Program
5. Casa Grande	JV Girls' Soccer Program
6. Eastmark	JV Boys' Basketball Program
	JV Girls' Basketball Program
7. Notre Dame Prep	VAR Boys' Wrestling Contest w/ Gilbert
8. River Valley	JV Girls' Basketball Program
9. Bowie/San Simon	JV Girls' Basketball Program
10. ASDB	VAR Girls' Basketball Program
11. Phoenix Christian	VAR Boys' Soccer Program
12. East Fork Lutheran	FR/SO Boys' Basketball Program
13. Dysart	VAR/JV/FR/SO Wrestling Contest w/ Shadow Mountain
14. Combs	JV Girls' Basketball Program
15. Palo Verde (CA)	VAR/JV Girls'/Boys' Soccer Contest w/ Yuma Catholic
16. Payson	FR/SO Girls' Basketball Program
17. Cicero Prep	JV Girls' Basketball Program
18. Phoenix Country Day	JV Girls' Basketball Program
19. Coronado	JV Girls' Soccer Program
	FR/SO Girls' Basketball Program
20. Ironwood Ridge	JV Girls' Soccer Program
	JV Boys' Soccer Program
21. Pueblo	JV Girls' Soccer Program
22. Tanque Verde	JV Girls' Basketball Program
23. Corona del Sol	JV Girls' Basketball Program

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

24. Fountain Hills	JV Boys' Soccer Program
25. La Joya	FR/SO Soccer Contest w/ West Point and Sierra Linda
26. Florence	VAR/JV Boys' Wrestling Contest w/ Santa Cruz, Cortez & Apache Junction
27. Dobson	JV Girls' Soccer Program
28. Mesquite	JV Girls' Soccer Program
29. Chandler Prep	JV Girls' Basketball Program
30. Millennium	VAR/JV/FR Boys' Basketball contest w/ Notre Dame
31. Safford	JV Boys' Wrestling Program

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Five football games took place over a two day period (2A, 4A, 5A, 6A and Open) to conclude the fall state championship season. The games were held at Willow Canyon, Coronado and Arizona State University – a special thank you to everyone involved in assisting to make everything run smoothly.

Katie DeVenuto from Special Olympics Arizona is the new AIA Unified Sports liaison. If your school or district is looking to add Unified Sports programs please contact her for any assistance that may be needed.

East Fork Lutheran will not be pursuing a Full Membership for the 2020-2021 school year and will remain in the AIA as an Associate member.

Wrestling sports advisory committee will be meeting in January to discuss the division and section placements for the next two year block.

The Football Reclassification committee will meet Wednesday to discuss Conference. The results from this season and the past two seasons will be taken into consideration. Based on those results the schools will be placed into a conference and the standard deviation will be applied.

AIA staff and the football reclassification committee are recommending the continuation of the Open Division Championship for the next two year block.

**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 5 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Legal Guardian requests:

- ❖ Safford High School
- ❖ Carl Hayden High School

*Toni Corona and Zack Munoz abstained*

### **ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

**San Manuel** – an additional VAR boys'/girls' basketball game to help fill **The Gregory School's** schedule.

**Fort Thomas** – an additional VAR girls' basketball game to help fill **Baboquivari's** schedule.

**Douglas** – an additional VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Nogales'** schedule.

**Monument Valley** – an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Cortez Montezuma's (CO)** schedule.

**Walden Grove** – an additional wrestling match to help fill **Rio Rico's** schedule.

**Casteel** – additional wrestling match to help fill **Liberty's** schedule.

### **NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP – NEW APPLICATIONS**

In accordance with Article 2, Section 2 of AIA Constitution, the Executive Board voted to have an on-site evaluation conducted for the following school:

- ❖ Nadaburg High School

### **NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP – SITE VISIT CONDUCTED**

In accordance with Article 2, Section 2 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board voted to recommend full membership for the 2020-2021 school year and gave approval to ballot the AIA member schools for their approval of the full membership applications from:

- ❖ Sequoia Pathway High School – 2A
- ❖ Andrada Polytech – 3A

In accordance with Article 2, Section 2 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board voted to take no further action on the following full membership applications:

- ❖ Sequoia Charter High School
- ❖ Green Fields Country Day School (rejoin – Spring 2020 season)

### **NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP – MEMBERSHIP BALLOTING**

In accordance with Article 2, Section 2 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board voted to ballot the AIA member schools for the following full membership application:

- ❖ San Tan Charter High School – 2A
- ❖ Mica Mountain High School – 4A

Based on the information gathered from balloting, membership for the above schools, has been **approved** for full membership beginning the 2020-2021 school year. On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **accepted** the information gathered from balloting of the AIA member schools.

**DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

1. In an effort to clarify the present language the below determination was created:

14.4.2 **Tryouts/Workouts** - a student is permitted to participate in a maximum of two tryouts/workouts in any sport during that sport's season of competition. For purposes of this rule, a tryout/workout is defined as one for a professional team, a collegiate program, or for a national team. If a student participates in more than two tryouts/workouts, he/she shall be ineligible for the remainder of that sport's season of competition. **(Emergency Legislation 4/15/19)**

*DETERMINATION: Any ID Camp that is sponsored and held at a college/university meets the definition of a Tryout/Workout. An ID Camp that is not sponsored and held at a college/university must clearly indicate the college coaches that will be present in order to be considered a tryout/workout.*

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above determination.

2. The Executive Board and AIA Staff are looking for an exception to the ejection rule to address fighting, punching and directed profanity that will result in a multiple game suspension. An appeals process will be implemented for a multiple game suspension.

**EXCEPTION TO ARTICLE 14.7****14.7 ALL-STAR COMPETITION**

**14.7.2** *During the school year, administrators and coaches shall decline any invitation to participate in all-star competition, shall refrain from recommending any student athlete for all-star competition and shall refuse to provide use of any high school facility for all-star competition, unless specifically sanctioned by the Executive Board.*

Higley High School is requesting an exception to Article 14.7.2 for Eddy Zubey to coach in the Under Armour All-American Game in Orlando, FL. The game will take place on January 2, 2020 with practices occurring December 27<sup>th</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

*Michael Fowler abstained*

**EXCEPTION – ARTICLE 19: POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – 19.5.2****19.5 VARSITY INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

19.5.2 *Tournament Requirements and Restrictions:*

19.5.2.2 *Member schools can only host one in-season tournament in the sport per year*

Centennial is hosting a boys' and girls' wrestling tournament on January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (Officer Brad Jones Pack Invitational). Centennial is also hosting the Peoria Unified Girls' Wrestling Tournament this year. The tournament is taking place on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> and all Peoria schools will be competing. The girls' will be receiving awards.

We are seeking approval from the Executive Board to host an additional wrestling tournament this season.

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

## **REQUEST – REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLIMENTARY PASS**

14.11.2.1.2 Replacement of a Complimentary Pass - A request for replacement of a complimentary pass must be approved by the AIA Executive Board.

- Damon Lavato – San Manuel – Athletic Director
- Melissa Joliat – San Manuel – Principal
- Williams Smith – San Manuel – Track Coach

On a motion made seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above request for replacement complimentary passes.

## **APPEALS – DIVISION PLACEMENTS**

### **Swimming Placements:**

- Moon Valley High School – Division II to Division III
- Independence High School – Division I to Division II
- Cortez High School – Division II to Division III

### **Track & Field / Cross Country Placements:**

- Northwest Christian High School – Division III to Division IV
- Pusch Ridge Christian Academy – Division III to Division IV
- Valley Christian High School – Division III to Division IV

### **Tennis Placements:**

- Independence High School – Division I to Division II

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above division placement appeals.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS****SAN LUIS HIGH SCHOOL** – *Yuma Union High School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Student athletes were not cleared (no PPE on file) by the San Luis High School athletics office participated in practices.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The coach was given a letter of direction that included the following procedures: 1 – the athletic secretary is going to print out a list of who is cleared to practice at the end of every day. You will have to come to the office and collect that list for you program. If there is nobody available the athletics office will contact me and I will advise on how to proceed. You cannot start practice without one of those two things occurring. 2 – you will not, under any circumstance allow a student that is not cleared by the athletic office to practice. If you have doubts you will refer them to the athletics office for verification and confirmation. Verification and confirmation will return to you via the student athlete as a document that will indicate status and will have the signature of someone in the athletics office. You will relay this information to all coaches that you have on staff. If any coaches on your staff have any questions about the clearance process you will refer them to the athletics office.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Luis High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 12/9/19-12/9/20.

**MCCLINTOCK HIGH SCHOOL** – *Tempe Union High School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

The heads boys' basketball coach allowed an athlete that was not cleared through the athletics office to practice without having a physical on file.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

To ensure the oversight will be corrected moving forward, the AD met with the coach to go over the problem that occurred this season and to discuss steps the coach must take to ensure this will not happen again. A reminder email will be sent to all coaches on the clearing process and the importance of checking Register My Athlete before a student athlete is allowed on the court, mat or field.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the McClintock High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 12/9/19-12/9/20.



**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**SAN MIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL***Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 7 Physical Examination Rule**Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule***Reported Violation:**

A player who had not submitted the required paperwork and was not on the girls' soccer roster given to the coach prior to practice on 11/5/19 was allowed to practice for 45 minutes. At that time the AD arrived at the off-site field and did not recognize the player as being cleared and removed her from the field. The coach checked his roster and realized she was not cleared. The coach admitted he failed to check his roster prior to commencing practice and allowed the player on the field. When interviewed the player knew she had not turned in her paperwork and was not cleared and knew she was not to have been at practice but chose to come. Students had been notified as to their cleared status daily starting on 10/30/19 and running through 11/4/19.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

N/A.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Miguel High School **Activities and Girls' Soccer Program** on **Warning** for one year 12/9/19-12/9/20.

**FUTURE DATES**

Dec. 23, 19 - Jan 1, 20	AIA Closed – Holiday
January 20, 2020	AIA Closed – Holiday
January 21, 2020	Executive Board Meeting
	Spring Sports Hardship Appeal Deadline
January 24, 2020	Legislative Council Agenda Deadline
January 25, 2020	Spring Coaches Meeting (Northern & Southern)
January 27-29, 2020	Spring Hardship Appeals – Conference
February 8, 2020	Spring Coaches Meeting (Valley Vista High School)
February 17, 2020	AIA Closed – Holiday
February 18, 2020	Executive Board Meeting
March 6, 2020	Legislative Council Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines  
Executive Director