



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 21, 2020**

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, September 21, 2020 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Toni Corona called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)
Ricky Greer, 2A Conference (Hopi High School)
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)
Jim Dean, 5A Conference (Dysart Unified School District)
Zack Munoz, Ed.D, 6A Conference (Phoenix Union High School District)
Marcus Williams, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Chandler Unified School District)
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)
Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)
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
Dean Visser, Sports Administrator
Dan Nero, Tournament Coordinator
David Shapiro, Tournament Coordinator
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant
Seth Polansky, Sports Information Coordinator*

Guests Present:

Les Willsey, AzPreps365*	David Huffine, Tempe District*
Neo Cruz, Valiant College Prep*	Tiarra Yazzie, Valley Sanders*
Tracy Brown, Valiant College Prep*	Shaun Martin, Chinle*
Ryan Dodson, Window Rock*	Lynette Lookingback, Ganado*
David Wilson, Alchesay*	Richard Obert, AzCentral*
Jamie Roe, Tuba City*	Bob Parson, Valley Lutheran
Frank Smith, Red Mesa*	Brian Porter, Valley Lutheran
Ernie Rivers, Page*	Steve Saban, Pinon
Carl Adams, St. Michaels*	Jami Watters*

**Indicates present via Zoom*

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Corona, 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 – 8:43am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the following meetings were **approved**:

- August 17, 2020
- September 2, 2020 – Special Board Meeting
- September 15, 2020 – Hardship Appeals

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

AIA Lifetime Passes

1. Patricia Malvido	San Pasqual	33 years
2. Tom Bennett	Gilbert	25 years
3. Steve McDowell	Gilbert District	28 years
4. Phil Gruensfelder	Salpointe Catholic	37 years
5. Wolfgang Weber	Salpointe Catholic	38 years
6. Todd Schulte	Salpointe Catholic	26 years
7. Joe Bernier	Salpointe Catholic	31 years
8. Mike Urbanski	Salpointe Catholic	29 years
9. Brian Fitzgerald	Moon Valley	28 years
10. Mark Nold	Perry	27 years

Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2020-21 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 2020-2021 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 – August 13, 2020
- 2A Central Region Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2020

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- ✓ Financial Report for August 2020

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

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:

SCHOOL REQUESTING:

1. Lincoln Prep
2. San Tan Charter
3. Mountain Pointe
4. Paradise Valley
5. Thunderbird
6. Patagonia Union

7. The Gregory School
8. Sunnyside
9. Horizon Honors
10. Mesquite
11. River Valley
12. Holbrook

13. BASIS Flagstaff
14. Lourdes Catholic
15. PDS D
16. Anthem Prep
17. Tempe
18. Grand Canyon
19. Benjamin Franklin
20. Northwest Christian
21. Greenway
22. Moon Valley
23. North Canyon
25. Sunnyside

HEREBY CONSENT:

- VAR Boys/Girls Swim Program
- FR/SO Volleyball Program
- FR Girls' Tennis Program
- JV Football Program
- VAR Girls' Golf Program
- VAR Boys/Girls Cross Country Program
- VAR Boys/Girls Track Program
- JV Boys Soccer Program
- Cross Country, Girls' Golf, Volleyball and Fall Soccer Programs
- JV Football Program
- FR/SO Volleyball Program
- JV Football Program
- VAR Boys/Girls Cross Country Program
- JV Boys/Girls' Soccer Program
- JV/FR/SO Football Program
- VAR Soccer, Volleyball and Swim and Dive Programs
- ALL Fall Sports Programs
- VAR Football and Volleyball Programs
- VAR Boys/Girls' Golf Program
- VAR Golf Program
- VAR/JV Volleyball, VAR Fall Soccer Program
- FR/SO Volleyball and Football Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Football Program
- VAR Swim and Dive Program

CONTEST(S) Cancelled:

Volleyball – 5
Cross Country – 19
Football – 4

Swim and Dive – 7
Fall Soccer – 8
Golf – 120

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Nadaburg High School has changed their name to Mountainside High School.

Some of the Southern Arizona schools have submitted a proposal to start the process of returning to activity. A meeting with the Superintendents is scheduled to discuss the proposal. Based on the information submitted to the AIA staff at this time it would fall within the guidelines already discussed and approved.

The AIA accounting department has typically not allowed member schools to pay by credit card, however, there has been an increase of requests. The Executive Board is in support of allowing member schools to pay invoices by credit card with the understanding that a service charge will be added to the invoice, and schools receive prior notification of the service charge.

The AIA Recommended Guidelines for Returning to Activity have been updated with the metric adjustment set to 75/100,000 cases. Although approved by the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, SAMC members have concerns regarding potential cardiac issues in students that could potentially occur after contracting COVID-19. The committee is strongly encouraging any student returning to participation after contracting COVID-19 be seen by a health care professional and a cardiovascular screening completed. The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee is aware of the potential issues with accessibility to a cardiologist and is working to compile a network that would be available to assist any of our rural schools

As a reminder to our member schools the 2020 Fall Sports Modifications have been updated and posted to both the AIA websites. All member schools are now **required** to follow the 2020 Fall Sports Modification for the 2020-2021 season.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

<u>Rancho Solano</u>	Aaron Trigg - Athletic Director, Parent <u>Shadow Ridge</u> – Jim Dean – Assistant Superintendent
<u>San Tan Charter</u>	Nicole Tatum – Athletic Director, Parent <u>Valley Christian</u> – Greg Haagsma – Athletic Director
<u>Benjamin Franklin</u>	Colman McArthur - Athletic Director, Parent <u>Lincoln Prep</u> – Jon Rickey – District Athletic Director

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 14 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following hardship eligibility requests:

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
Rancho Solano	Denied
San Tan Charter	Denied
Benjamin Franklin	Denied

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW **REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE**

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 6, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Age Rule request:

- ❖ Greenway High School
- ❖ Coconino High School

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 9 of the AIA Bylaws, **denied** the following Maximum Participation request:

- ❖ Valley Lutheran High School

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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, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 2 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Legal Guardian request(s):

- ❖ Boulder Creek High School
- ❖ Desert Ridge High School
- ❖ Deer Valley High School
- ❖ Red Mountain High School
- ❖ Pinnacle High School
- ❖ Mountain Ridge High School

NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP – NEW APPLICATIONS

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** for the following school to be sent out for balloting by the membership:

- BASIS Scottsdale – *Non-Athletic Application for 2021-22 SY*

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** for the following school to have a site visit set up and conducted:

- Madison Highland Prep

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** for the following school to have a site visit set up and conducted:

- Valiant College Preparatory

NORTHEAST REGION – PROPOSED PLAN FOR SEASON OF SPORT

Ryan Dodson, Window Rock Athletic Director, on behalf of the Northeast Region, presented a proposal for a one year exception for an alternate season of sport for the 2020-2021 school year. The proposal included 16 schools – team sports would be divided into two divisions by small school and big school and individual sports would all be in one division.

Basketball and wrestling would participate during the winter season. All remaining sports would participate during the spring season.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved a 1 year exception** for the Northeast Region to proceed with the proposed plan for season of sport for the 2020-2021 school year. If any minor adjustments are needed, it is requested that those be presented to the AIA Staff. If any major adjustments are needed, it is requested that be brought back to the Executive Board for consideration.

YUMA UNION – TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved a 1 year exception** for the Yuma Union schools to participate in a Yuma only fall sports season. Based on the proposal presented team sports will not participate in a championship tournament, however, if an individual qualifies they are permitted to participate in an individual sports state tournament.

PHOENIX UNION – PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE FALL SPORTS SEASON

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved a 1 year exception** for the Phoenix Union High School District to participate in an alternative fall sports season which would begin with phase II workouts starting as early as October 1, 2020.

Phoenix Union does not anticipate requesting an alternative season for winter or spring sports.

PAGE HIGH SCHOOL – EXCEPTION – FALL BOYS' GOLF AND BOYS'/GIRLS SOCCER

Page High School is requesting a one year exemption for the following programs:

- 2020 Fall Golf program to compete in the 2021 Spring season in the CO-ED Division III Section V.
- 2020 Fall Boys Soccer program to compete in the 2020-2021 Winter season in Division 3A Northwest Region.
- 2020 Fall Girls Soccer program to compete in the 2020-2021 Winter season in Division 3A Northwest Region.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the one year exception for Page High Schools fall golf program to compete in the 2021 spring season, boys/girls soccer programs to compete in the 2020-2021 winter season.

FUTURE DATES

October 19, 2020	Executive Board Meeting Winter Hardship Appeal Submission Deadline
October 26-28, 2020	Winter Hardship Appeal Hearings
October 31, 2020	Winter Coaches Courses Deadline
November 16, 2020	Executive Board Meeting
December 7, 2020	Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director