



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
October 19, 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, October 19, 2020 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> 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)  
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

**Members Absent:**

Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)

**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  
Tyler Cerimeli, Tournament Coordinator  
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

**Guests Present:**

Les Willsey, AzPreps365\*  
Richard Obert, AzCentral\*  
Jay Campos, Mica Mountain\*  
Whitney Holland, Mica Mountain\*  
David Huffine, Tempe District\*  
Jason Barr\*  
Paul Cicala\*

**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 – 9:10am

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the September 21, 2020 meeting 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**

1. Herman Andrews Jr.      Safford                      25 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**

- 2A North Region Conference Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2020
- 2A Conference Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2020
- 4A Conference Meeting Minutes – September 28, 2020
- Student Leadership Advisory Committee Meeting – October 7, 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 September 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. Mountain Pointe
2. Immaculate Heart
3. Tempe
4. Scottsdale Christian
5. Dobson
6. San Simon
7. Willow Canyon
8. Independence
9. Estrella Foothills
10. Desert Mountain
11. Youngker
12. Apache Junction
13. Phoenix Country Day
14. Deer Valley
15. St. Johns
16. Washington
17. North Pointe Prep
18. Peoria
19. Pinnacle
20. Raymond Kellis
21. River Valley
22. Glendale
23. Boulder Creek
24. Superior
25. Mingus Union
26. Chandler
27. St. Mary's
28. Globe
29. Santa Rita
30. Wickenburg
31. Holbrook Indian School
32. Apollo
33. Sequoia Charter
34. Coolidge
35. Chino Valley
36. Mayer
37. Hayden

**HEREBY CONSENT:**

- JV Football Program
- JV Volleyball Program
- VAR Boys' Cross Country Program
- FR/JV Football Program
- JV Volleyball Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Volleyball Program
- JV Badminton Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Volleyball Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Boys' Soccer Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Volleyball Program
- JV Badminton Program
- FR/SO Football Program
- JV Football Program
- FR/SO Volleyball Program
- JV Badminton Program
- JV Badminton Program
- VAR/JV Volleyball Program
- JV Football Program
- FR/SO Boys/Girls Tennis Program
- Boys/Girls Swim Program
- FR/SO Volleyball Program
- VAR Boys' Golf Program
- Boys/Girls Cross Country Program
- JV/FR/SO Volleyball Program
- JV Football Program
- JV Football Program
- FR/SO Volleyball Program
- JV Girls' Soccer Program
- JV Football Program
- All Fall Sports

**CONTEST(S) Cancelled:**

- Volleyball – 51**
- Cross Country – 10**
- Football – 60**
- Swim and Dive – 16**

- Fall Soccer – 5**
- Golf – 32**
- Badminton – 10**
- Freshman Tennis – 1**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Erin Coy has worked tirelessly to ensure a safe environment for our student-athletes to have the opportunity to participate in a state swim and dive meet. A plan has been established to keep the number of students allowed in the pool area to a minimum. Although fans will not be permitted to attend the meets they will be able to view each race via the NFHS Network. On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved**, the following entry fee be put into place for the 2020 swim and dive state tournament.

The fees are based on school teams and qualifying individuals.

- 1-5 individuals (\$50)
- 6-10 individuals (\$100)
- 11+ individuals (\$150)

Spectators will be limited during the state tournaments for fall sports. Most tournaments will be held at high seed sites and capacity will be determined by the school/district. AIA staff would like to get to 50% capacity at the state events which would allow fans from both teams to attend. Tickets for the state tournament will all be 100% digital and purchased through GoFan.

AIA Passes to state events will be limited this year due to the capacity limits set by each facility. A number of tickets will be set aside specifically for spectators utilizing AIA Passes.

The AIA is tracking the number of contest cancellations due to COVID related incidents. At this time there have been only 13 varsity volleyball contests and 18 varsity football contests cancelled.

The Tournament Coordinators have been working on the winter sports modifications for basketball and wrestling. The Executive Board, on a motion made, seconded and carried requested that the modifications be sent to the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee for review and recommendations. The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in a Special Executive Board Meeting called to discuss and review the modifications.

Discussion took place regarding invitationals for the winter season. On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board determined that 1 invitational will be permitted for basketball and winter soccer with the following guidelines:

1. Any school hosting or participating in the invitational must be on winter break.
2. No more than eight (8) schools permitted per court/field.
3. All games must be played on non-adjacent courts/fields.
4. Team are only permitted to participate in one (1) game per day.
5. No out of state schools are permitted.

## **HARDSHIP APPEALS**

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

**Red Mountain** Jason Grantham - Athletic Director, Parents, Football Coach

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:

<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Granted/Denied</u></b>
Red Mountain	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:

- ❖ Arizona School for the Deaf and the Blind

**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):

- ❖ Central High School

**NEW SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP – SITE VISITS CONDUCTED**

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

- Madison Highland Prep

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **denied** for the application for membership from the following school. The application will not be sent out for balloting of the membership.

- Valiant College Preparatory

**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 application:

- ❖ BASIS – Scottsdale (Non-Athletic Membership – 2021-2022 SY)

Based on the information gathered from balloting the membership the above school has been **approved** for non-athletic membership for the 2021-2022 school year. On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the information gathered from balloting of the AIA member schools.

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA – 2020 SOUTHERN ARIZONA FOOTBALL PROPOSAL**

Jay Campos presented the Southern Arizona football proposal to the Executive Board. It is the desire of the Southern Arizona Public Schools to allow student-athletes to compete in football this school year from October 30 – December 18, 2020, if the benchmarks set by the Arizona Department of Health Services are met in Pima County and/or with school district approval. The southern Arizona schools are requesting to allow their season of sport to extend until December 18<sup>th</sup> so they can schedule 7 or 8 varsity games per school. Freshman and Junior Varsity games will be played through December 9<sup>th</sup>. Schools are not required to participate until December 18<sup>th</sup> and may end their seasons earlier which would give the fall athletes the ability to participate in winter sports. The week of December 11<sup>th</sup>, Southern Arizona games will be moved to Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> as not to compete with AIA's State Championships.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the Southern Arizona Football Proposal for the 2020 football season.

**EXCEPTION – AIA PASSES – COMPLIMENTARY PASS**

**14.9 AIA PASSES** – *The AIA Executive Board shall have the responsibility and authority to approve and issue all types of passes and may, at its discretion, issue any type of pass to any individual it deems deserving. An AIA pass which has been approved and issued in accordance with the provisions of Article 14, Section 14.11 of the AIA Bylaws shall grant admittance to any AIA sanctioned event. Should a pass be found in the possession of a person other than the named holder, said pass will be confiscated and the named holder will lose the privilege of an AIA pass for one year from the date of confiscation.*

**14.9.2 Complimentary Pass** – *A Complimentary Pass shall admit the holder and one guest to any member high school interscholastic competition.*

A high school pastor in Tempe at Arizona Community Church is requesting an AIA complimentary pass for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

**EXCEPTION – ARTICILE 15 – INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

Barry Goldwater is seeking an exception to Article 15 to allow a foreign exchange student to participate in athletics. Barry Goldwater is the next closest school to the domicile. The school in the attendance zone of the home in which the student was placed did not accept the student.

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

**EXCEPTION – ARTICILE 15 – DEAF AND BLIND STUDENTS**

15.5.2.6 Deaf and Blind Students

15.5.2.6.1 *A student enrolled in an AIA member or associate member school who also qualifies for enrollment at Phoenix Day School for the Deaf or Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind shall have primary interscholastic eligibility at the school in which he/she is enrolled. In the event the handicap precludes the student from participating in an activity at the school in which the student is enrolled, the student shall have eligibility at one of the aforementioned special program schools for that activity while maintaining enrollment and attendance at the school where enrolled*

Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind is requesting an exception to Article 15.5.2.6.1 to allow students who have been placed at Innovations High School, due to the student’s IEP, to participate in athletics at ASBD. Innovation High School is a school of the Tucson Unified School District.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above exception from Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**SALPOINTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** – *Salpointe Catholic High School*

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

**Reported Violation:**

Freshman football student was allowed to practice without being cleared through the Athletic office.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Coaches were reminded that the only list that should be used regarding student participation is the list from the Athletic Office which is from Register My Athlete. Coaches will be in-serviced/reminded of the proper protocol regarding student eligibility before practices begin.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Salpointe Catholic High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/19/20-10/19/21.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont’d

**FLOWING WELLS HIGH SCHOOL** – *Flowing Wells District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rule, Section 8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Head girls’ golf coach did not following through District procedures ensuring eligibility of student-athlete by not completing an athletic packet. Allowed student-athlete to compete in one match on Sept 29.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest Forfeited. In-service training with coach on procedures related to eligibility requirements.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Flowing Wells High School **Girls’ Golf Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/19/20-10/19/21.

**BASHA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Chandler Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 2 Practice*

**Reported Violation:**

New pom coach brought in 5 student choreographers, on Sunday, to plan a dance for the week.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Advise coach, sent general email reminding coaches of no practices on Sunday, coach provides schedule for practice.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Basha High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/19/20-10/19/21.

*Marcus Williams and Camille Casteel abstained.*

**FUTURE DATES**

October 26-28, 2020	Winter Hardship Appeal Hearings
November 6, 2020	Winter Coaches Course Deadline
November 11, 2020	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
November 16, 2020	Executive Board Meeting
November 26-27, 2020	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 7, 2020	Executive Board Meeting
Dec. 24 – Jan. 1, 2021	Winter Break – AIA Office Closed

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines  
Executive Director