



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
August 20, 2012**

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, August 20, 2012 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Arthur Wagner called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Ken VanWinkle, 1A Conference (Heber-Overgaard Unified)  
Wallace Youvella, Jr., 2A Conference (Hopi High School)  
Beverly Hurley, Ed.D., 3A Conference (Buckeye Unified School District)  
Arthur Wagner, CAA, 4A Conference (Higley Unified School District)  
Dan Serrano, 5A Conference (Perry High School)  
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Xavier College Preparatory)  
Doug Wilson, Ed.D., Arizona School Administrators (Marana Unified School District)  
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)  
Bill Gahn, CAA, AdvancED (Deer Valley Unified School District)  
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. AIA Executive Director

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Chuck Schmidt, Chief Operating Officer  
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting  
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials  
Michele Staples, Projects and Operations Administrator  
David Hines, Tournament Coordinator  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media  
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AIA365	Tim McBurney, Tempe High
Les Willsey, AIA365	Donnie Yantis, Paradise Valley
Marcus Williams, Chandler District	Corey Newland, Paradise Valley District
Jim Threadgill, Glendale District	Doug Meyer, Arizona Lutheran
Scott Bordow, AZ Republic	Bob Wolf, Valley Lutheran
Richard Obert, AZ Republic	Nate Agostini, Horizon Honors
Mark Heller, EV Tribune	Bob Fredericks, Scottsdale Christian
Tom Joseph, Corona del Sol	Shane Lewis, Phoenix Country Day
Roy Lopez, Marcos de Niza	Grey Haagsma, Valley Christian
Rich Wellbrock, Desert Edge	Alan Boelter, Joy Christian
Steve Belles, Hamilton	Matt Harris, Rancho Solano
Derek Wahlstrom, Verrado	Nathan Fairchild, Hamilton
R.C. Helton, AZFCA	Lynnette Michalski, Gila Bend
Dana Zupke, Pinnacle	Shawn Lytle, Salt River
Jeff Bowen, Westview	R.J. Moore, Gila Bend
Lee Brush, AZFCA	Bill Sorensen, Cactus
Larry Fetkenhier, Cactus	

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Wagner, 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 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
- ✓ 1:15 p.m. to 1:25 p.m.
- ✓ 1:50 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.
- ✓ 3:15 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on May 21-22, 2012 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**

John Allen	Round Valley	29 years
Tom Archer	AIA Official	25 years
Brenda Corte	Pinnacle	Retired
Fred DePrez	Hamilton	25 years
Rick Fultz	Dobson	Retired
Denise Lindeman	San Pasqual	Retired
Dr. Carl Madzey	Apache Junction	Retired
Brian Mahoney	AIA Official	26 years
Brenda Mayberry	Combs	25 years
Roland Medina	Mayer	Retired
Kate Mueller	St. David	Retired
Louis Navarro	AIA Official	26 years
Jerry Nunez	Sunrise Mountain	Retired
Scott Patton	Round Valley	25 years
Cindy Rudrud	Deer Valley District	Retired
Roger Scott	Glendale	44 years
Dennison Young	AIA Official	27 years

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** (Cont'd)**Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate And Interstate Activities – 2012-2013 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 2012-2013 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.

**Non-Sanctioned Activities – 2012-2013 Informational Calendar Addendum**

The Executive Board accepted the calendar placement requests for the non-sanctioned activities reflected in the 2012-2013 Informational Calendar.

The Informational Calendar, which is prepared by the AIA as a convenience for its member schools, reflects non-sanctioned activities, which do not fall under AIA jurisdiction. The Informational Calendar is posted online at <http://www.aiaonline.org/calendar/?id=2>

**Cancellation Requests – Varsity Contests 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 program that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

Academy of Tucson	Softball contests with Empire on 3/5/13 and 4/22/13
	Girls' Volleyball contest with St. David on 10/5/12

**Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

Tennis Advisory Committee Agenda – 5/24/12  
Swimming Advisory Committee Minutes – 8/1/12  
Volleyball Advisory Committee Agenda – 8/7/12  
Volleyball Advisory Committee Minutes – 8/7/12  
Football Advisory Committee Minutes – 7/18/12

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.5, Paragraph 6.5.15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial reports:

- ✓ Financial Report for May 2012
- ✓ Financial Report for June 2012
- ✓ Financial Report for July 2012

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

Mr. Jeff Bowen, Westview High School, addressed the Board representing the Arizona Football Coaches Association. Mr. Bowen distributed a handout outlining meeting objectives, agenda, survey results, and an exploratory summary.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **voted** to adopt the following resolution:

***The Executive Board expresses its full, unequivocal and unanimous support for the excellent work and service performed by Associate Executive Director and Chief Operations Officer Chuck Schmidt. The countless hours of guidance and direction he provides the membership are done with the highest levels of integrity and effectiveness. Any statements implying otherwise, made by guests regarding this agenda item, are without merit and are categorically rejected by the Board. Mr. Schmidt has been, and continues to be an integral, appreciated and respected member of the AIA leadership team.***

Mr. Doug Meyer, Arizona Lutheran, addressed the Board representing the Private/Parochial Schools and the proposed Placement Process and Appeals bylaw. Mr. Myer provided the Board with a handout outlining the following:

- concern with the process for change
- let the change to less divisions have a chance
- delay this decision until a new committee can build on the work of the previous committee

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Dr. Slemmer reported on the Sollenberger Classic which was held on Saturday, August 18, 2012 and recognized Blue Ridge and Desert Vista for their wins. He also noted that an officials clinic was held and well attended by over 700 officials.

Dr. Slemmer reviewed the history of the Hardship Appeals. It was noted that the Executive Board will hold a special meeting on **September 4, 2012** to hear hardship appeals.

The following awards will be presented by AIA Executive Staff:

**Overall Excellence Award Winners**

- Joseph City (1A)
- Thatcher (2A)
- River Valley (3A)
- Saguaro (4A)
- Xavier (5A)

**Directors' Cup Award**

- Notre Dame

Dr. Slemmer and Sr. Lynn reported on the upcoming AIAAA Conference which will be held September 8-11, 2012 at the Prescott Resort and encouraged Athletic Directors to register.

Dr. Slemmer reported that the regularly scheduled September Board meeting will be held on September 11, 2012 (Tuesday) in Prescott Valley following the AIAAA Conference.

Mr. Schmidt presented the Board with a GetTix.NET proposal regarding online ticket purchases. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** a pilot program with GetTix, which will be launched in Prescott Valley.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** a Fiscal Reserve Policy as identified by staff and the AIA Fiscal Ad-Hoc Committee on July 19, 2012.

Discussion was held regarding the proposal of a transfer/radius rule. Dr. Slemmer recommended that the proposal be discussed further and possibly be placed on the March 2013 Legislative Council agenda. If proposed and passed, the rule would not be implemented until July, 2013.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **approved** the Legislative Council Meeting Agenda for September 28, 2012.

Discussion was held at length regarding the eligibility of a Williams Field student whose parents are divorced, have equal custodial rights and the father is in the process of being granted "full educational rights" through the court. It was determined that this circumstance will be treated similar to a change of custody, and that educational rights be treated similar to custodial rights.

The Board again discussed the legal liabilities and rules related to special events (e.g. - 3-Point Competitions, Slam Dunk Competitions, and Home Run Derbies). The Board directed staff to place the concept of these events on the agenda of each Sports Advisory Committee to provide a recommendation to the Board on the following:

- A. Should these events exist?
- B. If yes, what is the format and/or rules structure for these events?
- C. If yes, how should the AIA sanction and/or keep track of these events?

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd**

Dr. Slemmer addressed the Board on behalf of Clifton High School. Dr. Slemmer explained that Clifton was a member of the AIA for many years and dropped membership a couple of years ago. Clifton is now seeking re-instatement as an Associate Member. Dr. Slemmer noted that Clifton would be responsible for making their own schedules and will be participating in JV only in football, girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, baseball and softball. Associate membership would become effective immediately. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Associate Membership to Clifton High School for the 2012-2013 school year.

**Open Discussion – Current Issues**

Mr. Youvella noted that there is currently a vacancy in the 2A North which will be filled soon.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW  
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DOMICILE RULE – 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 requests:

Desert View  
Show Low

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL  
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 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following age rule requests:

Phoenix Day School for the Deaf  
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf  
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf

***The following representatives entered the meeting for a school report and left upon completion of their presentations:***

Bill Sorensen, Athletic Director – Cactus  
Aunt, Uncle and Student

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, **denied** the following age rule request:

Cactus High School

**EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 14.2.1 – HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL**

*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.2 Practice*

14.2.1 No practice, contest, chalk talk or films are permitted on **Sunday** during the school year

Mr. Fairchild, Athletic Director from Hamilton High School addressed the Board regarding the football team traveling to Ireland over Labor Day weekend. He noted that their flight schedule has them departing early morning on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and that the team and coaching staff will be missing a day of practice and preparation. Hamilton is requesting approval to allow a one-time practice to take place at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **denied** Hamilton's request to practice on a Sunday.

**EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 21.5.3**

*Rule: Article 21. Basketball, Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season*

21.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night.

**21.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: Division IV, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in an unlimited number of quarters/night during the season.**

**St. Johns** requested an exception to the 6-quarter rule in Basketball.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **tabled** the request to the exception and is requesting a **roster** from St. Johns. The Board will address St. John's request again at the October 22, 2012 meeting after additional information is submitted.

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

**Benson** - an additional football game to help fill **Tanque Verde's** schedule.

**Bisbee** - an additional girls' volleyball game (all levels) to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

**Blue Ridge** - an additional soccer games to help fill **Arizona College Prep's** schedule.

**Campo Verde** - an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Queen Creek's** schedule.

**Desert Edge** - an additional girls' soccer game to help fill **Apache Junction's** schedule.

**Green Fields** - an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **San Simon's** schedule.

**Kingman** - an additional girls' frosh volleyball game to help fill **Lee Williams's** schedule.

**Northwest Christian** - an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **Mesa Prep's** schedule.

**River Valley** - an additional volleyball, cross country, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball and softball game to help fill **Needles (CA)** and **Lee Williams's** schedules.

**Seton Catholic** - an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill **Queen Creek's** schedule.

**St. Johns** - an additional boys' and girls' soccer game to help fill **Arizona College Prep's** schedule.

**St. Johns** - an additional football game to be played against **Show Low**.

**Willcox** - an additional girls' volleyball game (all levels) to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

**Xavier** - an additional girls' frosh tennis match to help fill **Notre Dame's** schedule.

**Xavier** - an additional badminton match to help fill **Pinnacle's** schedule.

**AIA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – ANNUAL MEETING DATE**

In accordance with Article 4, Section 4.5, Paragraph 4.5.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board established Friday, **March 1 2013** as the AIA Legislative Council meeting date for the 2012-2013 school year. In accordance with Article 5, Section 5.1 of the AIA Constitution, the deadline for submitting an agenda item would be January 17, 2013. The agenda mail-out deadline would be January 31, 2013.

**Added – additional meeting:**

Special AIA Legislative Council Meeting – **September 28, 2012**. In accordance with Article 5, Section 5.1 of the AIA Constitution, the deadline for submitting an agenda item would be August 17, 2012. The agenda mail-out deadline would be August 31, 2012.

## **VERIFICATION OF FACULTY – PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL, BIA, COLLEGE PREPARATORY AND SPECIAL FUNCTION SCHOOLS**

In accordance with Article 3, Section 3.1, Paragraph 3.3.3; Section 3.2, Paragraph 3.2.1; and Section 3.3, Paragraph 3.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **accepted** verifications of faculty from the following schools:

Arizona Lutheran Academy  
 Bourgade Catholic High School  
 Desert Christian High School  
 Gilbert Christian High School  
 Green Fields Country Day School  
 Greyhills Academy High School  
 Joy Christian School  
 Mingus Mountain Academy  
 Phoenix Christian High School  
 Phoenix Country Day  
 Phoenix Day School for the Deaf  
 Saint Augustine Catholic High School  
 Saint Mary's High School  
 Salpointe Catholic  
 Valley Christian High School  
 Valley Lutheran School  
 Yuma Catholic High School

## **TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

The Executive Board reaffirmed its determination of September 16, 1996 concerning Article 15, Section 15.5, Paragraph 15.5.3, Subparagraph 15.5.3.4 of the AIA Bylaws, which states that the AIA member schools should recognize only the foreign exchange programs approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) ([www.csiet.org](http://www.csiet.org)).

The Executive Board directed that, as a convenience for AIA member schools, these official minutes reflect the travel and exchange programs listed in the CSIET's 2012-2013 edition of **Advisory List** - are as follows:

*It shall be the responsibility of the local school administrator to ensure that all other eligibility requirements are met before a student participates in interscholastic activities.*

### **ORGANIZATION**

**Asian American Cultural Exchange Association**

Listing Status: Full

**American Cultural Exchange Service**

Listing Status: Full

**Academic Foundation for International Cultural Exchange (AFICE)**

Listing Status: Full

**AFS-USA**

Listing Status: Full

**American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS)**

Listing Status: Full

**AIFS Foundation- Academic Year in America**

Listing Status: Full

**American Intercultural Student Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**Amicus International Student Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**Aspect Foundation**

Listing Status: Full

**ASSE International Student Exchange Programs**

Listing Status: Full

**American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers (ASSIST)**

Listing Status: Full---

**Association for Teen-Age Diplomats**

Listing Status: Full

**AYUSA International**

Listing Status: Full

**Azumano International**

Listing Status: Full

**Children Around the World**

Listing Status: Provisional

**Center for Cultural Interchange**

Listing Status: Full

**Council for Educational Travel, USA**

Listing Status: Full

**Council on International Educational Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**Cultural Academic Student Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**Cultural Homestay International**

Listing Status: Full

**Education Travel & Culture**

Listing Status: Full

**Educational and Cultural Interactions**

Listing Status: Full

**Educational Merit Foundation**

Listing Status: Full

**Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT/SHARE!)**

Listing Status: Full

**EF Foundation for Foreign Study**

Listing Status: Full

**Face The World Foundation**

Listing Status: Full

**F.L.A.G.**

Listing Status: Full

**Forte International Exchange Association**

Listing Status: Full

**The Foundation for Academic Cultural Exchange**

Listing Status: Conditional

**The Foundation for Worldwide International Student Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**German American Partnership Program, Inc. (GAPP)**

Listing Status: Full

**Global Insights**

Listing Status: Full

**Heritage Student Foundation**

Listing Status: Provisional

**International Cultural Exchange Services**

Listing Status: Full

**International Experience USA (iE-USA)**

Listing Status: Full

**International Fellowship**

Listing Status: Full

**International Student Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**Ivy Bridge Group**

Listing Status: Provisional

**The Laurasian Institution**

Listing Status: Full

**Next International Cultural Exchange**

Listing Status: Provisional

**Nacel Open Door**

Listing Status: Provisional

**NorthWest Student Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**NW Services PEACE Program**

Listing Status: Full

**Organization for Cultural Exchange Among Nations (OCEAN)**

Listing Status: Full

**Pacific Intercultural Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**PAX - Program of Academic Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**Quest International**

Listing Status: Full

**Reflections International**

Listing Status: Full

**North Star Youth Exchange/ Rotary Districts 5950 and 5960**

Listing Status: Full

**Rotary California-Nevada District 5190**

Listing Status: Full

**Rotary Central States Youth Exchange Program**

Listing Status: Full

**Empire State Rotary Youth Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**ESSEX Rotary (Eastern States Student Exchange)**

Listing Status: Full

**Rotary Youth Exchange Florida, Inc.**

Listing Status: Full

**Rotary Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange Program**

Listing Status: Full

**Rotary YES/SCANEX**

Listing Status: Full

**South Central Rotary Youth Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**States' 4-H International Exchange Programs**

Listing Status: Full

**STS Foundation**

Listing Status: Full

**Student American International**

Listing Status: Full

**Terra Lingua USA**

Listing Status: Full

**World Experience**

Listing Status: Full

**World Heritage**

Listing Status: Full

**World Link**

Listing Status: Full

**Youth For Understanding USA (YFU USA)**

Listing Status: Full

**The Zource**

Listing Status: Provisional

**Outbound Listed Programs: 2012-2013**

**AFS-USA**

Listing Status: Full

**American Councils for International Education (ACTR/ACCELS)**

Listing Status: Full

**ASSE International Student Exchange Programs**

Listing Status: Full

**Association for Teen-Age Diplomats**

Listing Status: Full

**AYUSA International**

Listing Status: Full

**Council on International Educational Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**Center for Cultural Interchange**

Listing Status: Full

**International Cultural Exchange Services**

Listing Status: Full

**International Experience USA (iE-USA)**

Listing Status: Full

**NorthWest Student Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**Quest International**

Listing Status: Full

**South Central Rotary Youth Exchange**

Listing Status: Full

**The Traveling School**

Listing Status: Full

**Youth For Understanding USA (YFU USA)**

Listing Status: Full

**Short-term Listed Programs: 2012-2013**

**Abbey Road Programs**

Listing Status: Full

**Youth For Understanding USA (YFU USA)**

Listing Status: Full

**Full Listing** is the status that organizations and programs described in the CSJET Advisory List are accorded when they have demonstrated full compliance with the CSJET Standards.

**Provisional Listing** reflects the Evaluation Committee's determination that an organization, during its first or second evaluation, is judged to be in compliance with CSJET standards on the basis of its application materials. Provisional Listing will be granted to a newly accepted organization for two one-year periods, provided experience with the organization during this time affirms the Committee's assessment. After one year, Provisional Listing may be renewed for a second year. Or, if there is inadequate compliance with specific standards, the organization may be denied listing.

**Conditional Listing** is a status that may be granted to an organization that had previously achieved either a Full or Conditional Listing. It is issued to organizations that the Accreditation Committee determines are substantially in compliance with the standards but which need improvement in one or more areas. Conditional Listing is granted for one year, but may be renewed for subsequent one-year periods upon completion of review by the Accreditation Committee

**Inbound** – a program that brings students into the United States.

**Outbound** – a program that sends American students out of the United States.

**Short Term Program** – exchange programs with an in-country duration of generally eight weeks or less.

**Long Term Program** – exchange programs with an in-country duration of eight weeks or longer.

**J-1 Exchange Visitor Program** – a non-immigrant visa category designed to promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries through bona fide educational and cultural exchange.

**F-1 Academic Student Program** – a non-immigrant visa category intended for use by nonresident aliens whose primary purpose for visiting the United States is to study full-time at an approved institution.

## **STATUS OF PROPOSALS –**

Matt Smith – Soccer Advisory Committee

Rod Huston – Volleyball Advisory Committee

Mark Showers –Basketball Advisory Committee

Al Trejo –Wrestling Advisory Committee

Proposal analysis data, gathered by AIA staff, was shared with the Board related to the above proposals. Discussion was held at length regarding the rippling effect of adding additional games related to the current AIA budget, seat time of students, logistics, venues, etc.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the Wrestling Proposal and **denied** the Soccer, Volleyball and Basketball proposals for this year. In the future, there will be separate budgets showing the increases by each sport. The Board appreciates the work of all the Sports Advisory Committees and thanked Ms. Doser, Mr. Schmidt, Ms. Staples and Mr. Bolitho for their efforts in gathering the cost analysis data.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**LAKE HAVASU HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.2 Nonschool Participation*

**Reported Violation:**

Sunday baseball practice. Student athletes were told by volunteer coach for the Freshmen baseball team to meet on a Sunday for extra bull pen practice. He stated it was not mandatory, but he would be down to work with them on Sundays. Paid assistant baseball coach assumed he was just working with his son and not aware that a team statement was made and other team mates were showing up to get extra practice. Future violations will result in possible dismissal of the paid assistant coach and volunteer coach.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited. Discovered after the season was completed when a parent was talking about the extra practice time that his son goes to and still doesn't play. Paid coach was written up with a letter of direction, head coach was notified and volunteer coach will be placed under A.D. probation contract if he continues to coach. Athletic Director will meet with volunteer and head coaches prior to season instead of one time annually at the beginning of the year to go over specific rules. Email was generated to schools that we played informing them that the violation was submitted.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Lake Havasu High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**GILA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.2 Nonschool Participation*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible softball players. Students played in a weekend co-ed softball tournament while still on the Gila Ridge JV softball team.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited. Violation was found out before the next competition was held. Players will not be allowed to play in the remaining games.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Gila Ridge High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.2 Nonschool Participation*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible softball player. Student participated in a charity (co-ed slow pitch) softball tournament on 3/24/12. As soon as coaching staff was informed of her participation, she was asked to leave the softball field and will not participate in any future practices. Coach then informed the athletic office and AIA was contacted on 4/27/12. The athlete did play in the San Tan game on 4/5/12 and was used as a courtesy runner in two other contests.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. The following actions have been taken to ensure that this does not happen in the future: The team rules now include Article 14.4 that states that any player(s) that participate in any said events will forfeit their position on the team. In addition to adding the bylaw to the team rules, it will also be discussed at all parent meetings as well as team meetings.

**Note: Florence is requesting that the forfeitures be rescinded and be allowed to participate in post-season competition.**

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Florence School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13 and **denied** the rescinding of the forfeitures.

**GILA BEND HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.3 Enrollment Rule

**The following representatives entered the meeting for a school report and left upon completion of their presentations:**

*Lynnette Michalski, Superintendent - Gila Bend*

*Richard Moore, Athletic Director -Gila Bend*

*Shawn Lytle, Athletic Director - Salt River*

**Reported Violation:**

Reported by Superintendent - Ineligible baseball player. Volunteer coach participated in game. Team was scheduled to play in an invitational tournament in the Salt River Baseball Classic. Six players did not show up that morning to get on the travel bus. Prior to leaving the parking lot, Coach Young needed to make a decision regarding cancelling our participation or playing our board approved, volunteer coach - the coach's son (LD). Coach called the Athletic Director Moore .and explained the situation who then gave his verbal approval to play the volunteer coach as long as coach obtained permission from Salt River's A.D. Mr. Moore believed this was not a violation since the tournament did not count towards the power points. As soon as the bus arrived at the tournament ball fields, Coach sought out and found Mr. Lytle and explained the situation to him. Mr. Lytle not only gave his verbal permission for LD to play, he also expressed his sincere appreciation for not backing out of the tournament. The games were played as scheduled.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Gila Bend's A.D. believed that no violations occurred since the tournament did not count towards the power points. Also, since Salt River's A.D. approved the playing of the volunteer coach, Mr. Moore believed we were in compliance. Corrective action will include additional training for our Athletic Director to ensure that AIA rules and regulations will be followed and not inadvertently violated again. We fully accept the consequences of this violation and it will not happen again.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Gila Bend High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**CIBOLA HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.3 Enrollment Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' tennis players. Two students were attending a charter school and were cleared by the athletic office to participate in the school's tennis program. The athletic secretary was unaware that charter school students could not participate in the athletic program.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. The athletic office will screen all athletic clearance packets to ensure that all eligibility rules are followed before a student is cleared to participate in the school's athletic program.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cibola High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**BLUE RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.5 Domicile Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible cross country runner. Head cross country coach allowed an ineligible athlete to compete in a JV cross country meet. The athlete was not cleared for competition by the Athletic Director. A review of emails concerning the athlete clearly showed that the coach was informed of the athlete's ineligibility. The reason for ineligibility was due to domicile issues. The cross country coach did not follow eligibility procedures; receiving a "white competition clearance slip" from the A.D. Discovery of violation was during track season when athlete tried to get cleared for track.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited. No J.V team scores were kept at meets in question. Information was provided to the local paper; White Mountain Independent. A review of the eligibility clearance procedures was reviewed with the cross country coach. A letter of concern over the violation was also placed in the coach's file in the athletic office.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Blue Ridge High School **Cross Country Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**MOHAVE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' basketball player. Student transferred during the school year to Mohave, after the beginning of the school year and prior to the start of the basketball season to live with her mother. The mother had established domicile back in 2009 in Bullhead City. However, student continued to attend Northland Prep until October 2011. The transfer to Mohave was not made at the time of domicile change of the mother or at the beginning of the 2011-12 school year.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Athletic Director will review the AIA transfer bylaws. School administration will assist in overseeing student athlete transfers to determine eligibility.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mohave High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**DESERT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.12 Recruitment Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Head baseball coach sent an email (attached) to a middle school student. The student lives in the DMHS attendance area and attended Mountainside Middle School, which is a feeder school to DMHS. The content of this email is a violation of the recruitment rule by targeting and encouraging a specific student to attend and play baseball at DMHS.

**School's Corrective Action:**

The Athletic Director will require coaches to attend an in-service to understand appropriate communication practices to prospective students and parents. Failure to adhere to these practices will have potential consequences for their actions. The head baseball coach who sent the email is no longer the baseball coach at DMHS.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Mountain High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 17. Coaches & Coaching, Section 17.1 Coaching Qualification*

**Reported Violation:**

Assistant girls' basketball coach was paid a stipend through a booster club account. The head coach initiated the stipend of \$750.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited. No ineligible player was involved. Skyline coaches and Skyline booster club Executive Board members met with Athletic Director to discuss proper payment of coaches. AIA Bylaws were shared with everyone.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Skyline High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**BOURGADE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 20. Baseball, Section 20.9 Interschool Competition*

**Reported Violation:**

Umpires did not show up for our varsity baseball game against Yuma Catholic (YC) on April 10<sup>th</sup>. This was YC home game and it was being played at Peoria Sports Complex. Knowing the distance traveled by YC and the rental of the complex, both teams decided that the game would be played using parents as umpires. YC won the game by a score of 7-3.

**School's Corrective Action:**

We are requesting that the game score not be entered into the AIA system. We would recommend a forfeiture by both teams, but the system will not allow for that. Home school will follow up with Commissioner's office to secure umpires in the future.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Bourgade Catholic High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**YUMA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 20. Baseball, Section 20.9 Interschool Competition*

**Reported Violation:**

Yuma Catholic played a varsity baseball game against Bourgade Catholic on April 13<sup>th</sup>. In the absence of AIA umpires, the two coaches agreed to play the game with volunteer umpires.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. The Yuma Catholic A.D. has become familiar with the guidelines regarding obtaining officials when the home game does not take place in the city of the school that is listed as the home team.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Yuma Catholic High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**SABINO HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 23. Football, Section 23.9 Out-of-Season Football Activities

**Reported Violation:**

Coaches are permitted to have clinics and camps during the off-season. The Sabino football staff advertised a camp and used a registration form to sign students up for the camp. However, the camp was **not** approved by the district office and the camp utilized blocking pads for several drills. The AIA guidelines specifically state that players may use only football shoes, footballs and tees in the off-season.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Disciplinary action taken against head football coach.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sabino High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 8/20/12-8/20/13.

**VISTA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL – UNREPORTED VIOLATION**

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.1 2 Recruitment Rule*

15.12 **RECRUITMENT RULE** - There shall be no recruitment of athletes. Recruitment is defined as the act of influencing a student to enroll in a school or to transfer from one school to another in order that the student may participate in interscholastic athletics. No school administrator, athletic coach or employee of a high school district shall engage in recruitment either by direct contact with a student or indirectly through parents, legal guardians, common school employees, directors of summer athletic programs or other persons who are in a position to influence the student's choice of a school.

15.12.2 *If school personnel condone or actively engage in recruitment or a school uses a recruited student, the school shall be subject to disciplinary action by the AIA Executive Board. (See Article 16, Section 16.1)*

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, directed staff to notify Vista Grande High School of a violation of the above bylaws.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with the following correspondence:

- ✓ NSBA's National Hispanic Caucus of School Board Members Elects New Leadership and Regional Directors (*nsba.org 5/23/12*)
- ✓ Xavier College Prep – Thank you letter (5/24/12)
- ✓ Mark Cisterna – Study Session
- ✓ AIA365.com Helps to Fuel Arizona High School (*MHSAA benchmarks*)
- ✓ DPS struggles to OK wave of teacher fingerprints – backlog ties up educator certifications (*azcentral.com 8/9/12*)
- ✓ In high school, "two-a-days" may soon only be a phrase (*USA Today 8/17/12*)

**FUTURE DATES**

September 3, 2012	Holiday – Labor Day
September 4, 2012	Special Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals
September 8-11, 2012	AIAAA Conference – Prescott
September 11, 2012	Executive Board Meeting – Prescott Valley
September 28, 2012	Special Legislative Council Meeting

**NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the AIA Constitution, the next regular meeting of the AIA Executive Board will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Library/Crystal Room in Prescott Valley, Arizona.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Friday, August 31, 2012.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director