



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2012
Prescott Valley – Library – Crystal Room**

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 Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at the Prescott Valley Library located at 7401 E. Civic Circle in Prescott Valley, Arizona.

President Arthur Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.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)
Bill Gahn, CAA, AdvancED (Deer Valley Unified School District)
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. AIA Executive Director

Members Absent:

Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Chuck Schmidt, Chief Operating Officer
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting
Michele Staples, Projects and Operations Administrator
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Debra Slagle, Westwind Prep
Matt Allen, Westwind Prep
Bruce Consier, Phoenix Christian
Howard Frampton, Phoenix Christian

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:

✓ 1:05 p.m. – 2:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on August 20, 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

Rich Brumbaugh	Buckeye	27 years
Scott Cook	Highland	27 years
Rick Dunn	Ironwood	26 years
Steve Erwin	Highland	26 years
Abel Figueroa	Highland	27 years
Joe Garcia	St. Johns	26 years
Pete June	Buckeye	27 years
Thomas Dean Lyle	Flagstaff	25 years
Dr. Hank Newberry	Buckeye	Retired
Shannon Radford	Mountain Pointe	30 years
Marcy Sanchez	Chaparral	25 years
Steve Schneider	Snowflake	28 years
Rick Shipley	Williams	35 years
Doug Watson	Winslow	Retired
Miner Webster	Highland	34 years

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>.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer commented on the AIAAA meeting. He noted that the AIA was pleased to be involved with the conference and noted the eagerness of the new athletic directors who attended the various sessions to receive information and direction.

A trophy presentation schedule was presented to the Board for the 2012 Fall State Tournaments.

The Board was provided information, **including a recommendation to move forward from the “Power Ranking” Committee**, regarding AIA Seedings Powered by MaxPreps and State Tournament Qualifying for 2012-2013. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** moving forward with the process that was presented. (Corrected 10/22/12-per Board Member Bev Hurley).

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the AIA/Arizona Abuse Policy which outlines the process for reporting child abuse. Arizona law currently requires those people charged with the welfare of a minor to report reasonably suspected incidences of child abuse to a peace officer. Arizona Rev. Stat. (“A.R.S.”) §13-3620.

Discussion was held regarding the eligibility of a Williams Field student. It was noted that the student attended Hamilton Prep that closed. Arizona College Prep (2A) opened as a new school and moved to a new location. The Board determined that the following bylaw would be followed for the student in determining eligibility:

15.10.5 Public School Closures / Drop Of AIA Membership - Upon closure or drop of AIA membership by the governing board, students may transfer at the beginning of the following semester to another school in the district as approved by the governing board, to the public high school of another district closest to the domicile of the parents, or to a private, parochial or BIA school and be automatically granted athletic eligibility.

Discussion was held at length regarding International Students participating in cross country and track. Joy Christian suggested that the students be allowed to participate as “unattached” (not scoring points) if a school does not have a JV team. The Board addressed how these athletes could change the course of the event and referred the request to the Sports Advisory Committees for their input.

Dr. Slemmer reported on a prior violation report and sanction against Many Farms High School. It was noted that a recent personnel change has been made at the school. The Board noted the development and stated that if there are any future violations reported by the A.D. – that information will be relevant in determining future sanctions.

Ms. Debra Slagle and Mr. Matt Allen addressed the Board regarding their basketball program at Westwind Prep. Ms. Slagle noted that Westwind Prep has three (3) basketball teams: A Prep team (post-grad), an International team and an AIA team. She explained that there are three (3) separate coaches for each team and noted that the teams are kept separate. The Board reported that there is a perception among Arizona schools that Westwind Prep is pulling players from AIA member schools. Ms. Slagle stated that it is OK for her coaches of non-AIA teams to talk to Arizona kids who are currently enrolled at AIA member high schools. Ms. Slagle referred to the Finley Prep School in Nevada. The Board directed AIA staff to readdress bylaw 15.15 and make changes needed to make it crystal clear and will revisit the situation on October 22nd.

Dr. Slemmer noted that Pusch Ridge (Catalina Foothills Church Schools) approved online virtual academy students to be able to participate in 2012-2013 school year athletics.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd

Discussion was held regarding the eligibility of an International/Foreign Exchange Student at Chandler High School. The Board referred to bylaw 15.15.1 for determining eligibility.

- 15.15.1 *Foreign Exchange Students: A foreign exchange student is a student that is in the U.S. under a J-1 Visa, and who is placed in a school by an educational exchange program approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSJET). A foreign exchange student is eligible at a school in the attendance zone of the home in which the student is placed. A foreign exchange student must meet all other eligibility requirements and is eligible for a maximum of one school year.*

Dr. Slemmer addressed the criteria for a meritorious Lifetime Pass. The Board agreed that the individual contribution at the state level is necessary, as opposed to an individual campus.

- 14.11.1.4 **Meritorious** - *A superintendent or principal of an AIA member school may submit a request for a meritorious Lifetime Pass on behalf of an individual he/she believes has contributed to the overall goals and objectives of the AIA on the state level. Such a request shall indicate the rationale for the request, including documentation of the individual's contribution to Arizona's interscholastic athletic or activity programs.*

Board Members Ken VanWinkle and Wallace Youvella reported that they had a meeting with representatives from their conferences regarding the proposed Classification and Alignment Proposal which will be addressed at the September 28th Legislative Council Meeting. It was noted that some individuals from the meeting wanted the Legislative Council meeting to be postponed until they could amend the bylaw. At this time, there is no concrete information/amendment from those individuals to justify postponing the meeting. The Board agreed to respect the Legislative Council process and determined that the meeting will take place as scheduled.

Dr. Slemmer provided the board with positive emails from the Sports Advisory Wrestling Committee regarding their proposal which was passed by the Board. He noted that he was encouraged by some solid recommendations that are coming through the Sports Advisory Committees. Mr. Gahn made the following statement – “The Executive Board and AIA staff desire to work with coaches and all Sports Advisory Committees in developing a working relationship to create an atmosphere of collaborative cooperation.”

The Board was presented with a Computer Scheduling Timeline. The Board directed staff to post the timeline after the September 28th Legislative Council Meeting pending the outcome from that meeting.

Sand Volleyball was discussed at length. Dr. Slemmer asked the Board for direction in adding sand volleyball as an AIA sanctioned sport. The Board requested that AIA staff provide information regarding the requirements and costs associated with sand volleyball. The Board also asked that a Sand Volleyball Sports Advisory Committee be formed to create schedules and rules for the bylaws. It was noted that the conferences will continue discussing sand volleyball with their representatives and that schools have a choice to participate - there are schools that want and need the sport on their campuses. Discussion will continue at the October 22nd meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd

Open Discussion – Current Issues

5A Conference –

- 50-mile radius proposal
- Heat advisory
- AIA streaming of games
- Sports Advisory Committee names – October meeting

1A Conference –

- I-pads – Apple – Adobe Flash

AIAAA –

- Thank AIA Staff – leadership classes
- Appreciates state association
- Will conduct different classes at next year's conference
- Will address social media and key note speaker for next year
- Cindy Riley will be Secretary
- Basketball – 5 divisions

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:

Coconino
Higley
Kingman

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:

ASDB
Canyon del Oro

Following review and discussion of the written information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, **denied** the following age rule request:

Fountain Hills

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

Casa Grande - an additional FR tennis match to help fill **Notre Dame's** schedule.

Rincon - an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **Salpointe's** schedule.

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

Safford – an additional girls' soccer game to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

(Correction from August 20, 2012)

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

3A North Region - the Tournament of Champions for the 3A North teams (Basketball)

5A CONFERENCE - CROSS COUNTRY SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Requested increasing the medal counts from **14 to 21**. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the increase of medals. It was determined that the cost would be approximately \$168.

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS (SPORTS ADVISORY)

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

4A Conference

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| Girls' Basketball | Roberto Thompson, Palo Verde - replacing Joe Paddock |
| Boys' Golf | Joe Paddock, Amphi District - replacing Bill Taylor |
| | Craig Mai, Mingus – replacing Bill Rader |
| Girls' Golf | Jacquelyn Gardner, Higley – replacing Andy Richey |
| West Valley Rep | Phil Camacho, Peoria |

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

In accordance with Article 3, Section 3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **accepted** verifications of faculty from the following schools:

Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind
Brophy College Prep
Cibecue Community Schools
Hopi High School
Immaculate Heart High School
Many Farms High School
Northwest Christian High School
Notre Dame Preparatory Catholic High School
Pusch Ridge Christian Academy
Rancho Solano Preparatory School
San Miguel High School
Scottsdale Christian Academy
Seton Catholic Prep
St. Gregory College Preparatory
St. Michael High School
Thunderbird Adventist Academy
Tohono O’odham High School
Valley Christian High School
Xavier College Preparatory Roman Catholic High School
Rock Point High School

SCHOOLS IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 3, CERTIFICATION OF STAFF:

Canyon State Academy
Rough Rock High School

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

PARKER HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 10. Sanction Procedures, Section 10.1 Sanctioned Events*

Reported Violation:

Football team participated in a scrimmage with a non-member school.

Last fall Parker High hosted Laughlin High for a varsity preseason football scrimmage. This fall Parker returned the normal procedure of traveling to them. Unfortunately, Laughlin High invited other schools to create a jamboree experience.

Laughlin invited a school that was not a member of any state association – Kingman Academy. The oversight was unintentional and Parker gained no athletic advantage or real benefit from scrimmaging this school.

School's Corrective Action:

Will include Bylaw 10.1 narrative to athletic handbook. Any changes in games or scrimmages must be communicated to the A.D. In-service with coaching staff and administration.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Parker High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/11/12-9/11/13.

DESERT RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.17 Heat Acclimatization & Exertional Heat Illness Management Policy*

Reported Violation:

As we planned the practice schedule, coach planned day 1-6 as Mon-Sat. Coach went shorts and shirts Mon-Wed, shells on Thurs & Fri. Due to some dings, coach didn't have the kids go in shells on Sat to give them a break. He came back on Mon in full pads, on what we counted as day 7. Mon., after practice, the question was raised about whether that counted as day 7 or reverted to day 6, since the team was not in shells on Sat. I asked for clarification from the AIA office and was informed that it should have counted as day 6 and the kids should have been in shells.

School's Corrective Action:

None listed.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Ridge High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/11/12-9/11/13.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

SAGUARO HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.7 Physical Exam Rule

Reported Violation:

Ineligible athlete – spiritline. Coach allowed student to participate without a physical.

School's Corrective Action:

Spiritline had not compete at the time of violation. Met with coach to reiterate the "Go Pass" process at Saguaro High School.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Saguaro High School **Spiritline Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/11/12-9/11/13.

LEE WILLIAMS HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.7 Physical Exam Rule

Reported Violation:

Ineligible football player. Student participated in practice without turning in his physical and other consent forms.

School's Corrective Action:

The violation was noticed before any competitions took place. Violation has been corrected. Student has turned in all proper documentation to A.D. Conference with all coaches about collecting clearance cards before allowing athletes to participate.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Lee Williams High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/11/12-9/11/13.

HARDSHIP APPEAL

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.14 Hardship

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

Phoenix Christian Bruce Consier, Athletic Director and Board Member

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** the hardship eligibility request.

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- ✓ Berk's Beat: Coaches want changes, communication (azstartnet.com 8/24/12)

FUTURE DATES

September 28, 2012	Special Legislative Council Meeting
October 1, 2012	Enrollment Counts
October 3, 2012	AD Workshop – AIA Office
October 22, 2012	Executive Board Meeting
October 22, 2012	Deadline – Winter Hardship Appeals
October 29-30, 2012	Winter Hardship Appeals

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 Monday, October 22, 2012. The meeting will be held at the AIA Office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, October 11, 2012.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director