



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
November 19, 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, November 19, 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  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media  
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AIA365  
Zack Buchanan, AZ Republic

**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 and hardship appeals:

✓ 8:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

**Hardship Appeals:**

✓ 1:25 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

✓ 1:35 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

✓ 2:10 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

✓ 2:20 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

✓ 2:45 p.m. to 2:55 p.m.

✓ 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

✓ 3:20 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.

✓ 3:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

✓ 4:25 p.m. to 4:35 p.m.

✓ 4:40 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

✓ 5:10 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

✓ 5:25 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.

✓ 7:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on October 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**

Ed Kurakazu	Brophy	25 years
David Lopez	Saint Mary's	35 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Cont'd

**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	Girls' Basketball Program
Canyon State	Boys' Soccer Contest with Williams Field 12/10/12
San Carlos	Football Contest with Willcox 9/28/12
Shonto Prep	Girls' Volleyball & Football Contest with ASDB 10/13/12

**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 October 2012

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Board again addressed Coach Bill Lang's concerns regarding awards and the Ironwood Ridge 2011-2012 Volleyball season. Dr. Slemmer explained the difficulty and feasibility of going back and allowing for additional awards. The Board **denied** Coach Lang's request and noted that the current awards matrix process will continue to be implemented for the two year block.

Dr. Slemmer provided the Board with information related to NFHS Education courses. He noted that Arizona is high on the "State Statistic for Free Courses from NFHSLearn.com list. Please refer to [www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com) for additional information.

Matt Stone and Geoff Kane provided the Board with a girls' flag football presentation as requested by President Wagner.

Conference placement appeals were discussed. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following:

As per the AIA Executive Board, member schools may appeal their **conference placement** to the AIA Executive Board. Deadline to appeal conference placement will be Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 2 p.m.

All requests for conference placement appeals should be submitted to **Lorie Tranter**, by email at [ltranter@aiaonline.org](mailto:ltranter@aiaonline.org). You may also fax to the Attention of **Lorie Tranter** at 602-385-3779. The materials will then be sent to the Executive Board members for review. The appeals will be decided by the AIA Executive Board on Monday, December 10, 2012.

The following information should be provided when appealing conference placement:

1. School Name
2. Administrator of Name Submitting and Job Title
3. Conference Appealing From
4. Conference Appealing To
5. Location of School, if it's in a rural or metro population center

After the final conference placements are released on Tuesday, December 11, 2012, the conference committees will then begin the process to create the region alignments per AIA Bylaw 8.1.10.

The Board was updated on scheduling and division appeals. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** a Special Executive Board meeting to hear Division Appeals. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the AIA office.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Cont'd

President Wagner discussed scheduling of freedom games. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following:

After schedules are generated by the computer and released Feb. 21 through Feb. 28, 2013, membership will have a two week window to fill their schedules using their school login to request and accept freedom games for all sports beginning Feb. 28, 2013 with a deadline of 11:59 p.m. on March 14, 2013. The division scheduling committees will then meet to fill the remainder of school schedules to help all schools meet a full schedule March 21-28, 2013.

In all sports, except girls fall soccer, each school in each sport will be scheduled one time, either home or away, vs. each school in their section. In girls fall soccer, the computer will schedule two games vs. each school in their section, one home and one away game.

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

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Number of Teams/Division</b>	<b>Max Number of Sections</b>	<b>Optimal Number of Teams in Each Section</b>
Badminton	57	6	10
Baseball	59	6	10
Basketball (Boys)	62	6	10
Basketball (Girls)	62	6	10
Football (D-I to D-V)	40	7	6
Football (D-VI)	30	5	6
Soccer-Fall (Boys)	24	3	8
Soccer-Fall (Girls)	13	3	4
Soccer-Winter (Boys)	57	6	10
Soccer-Winter (Girls)	55	6	10
Softball	59	6	10
Tennis (Boys)	56	6	10
Tennis (Girls)	56	6	10
Volleyball (Girls)	50	5	10
Volleyball (Boys)	77	6	13

**Open Discussion – Current Issues**

Based on the request from Mr. Jeff Feldman, Greenway High School Athletic Director, the Board discussed the subject of exhibition events, e.g. 3-point contests, home run derbies, slam dunk competitions, etc. After consideration of all information, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board determined that exhibition events will not be permissible under AIA bylaws, primarily based on concerns related to catastrophic injury insurance and liability insurance coverage issues.

Mr. Youvella and the Board discussed safety concerns related to Pinon High School's football team. The Board directed staff to contact Pinon High School regarding discussed concerns.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL**  
**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DOMICILE RULE – LEGAL GUARDIAN**

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

*Matt Allen, Athletic Director, Jeff DeLaveaga, Basketball Coach, Guardians 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 legal guardian request:

Westwind Prep

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL**  
**REQUEST FOR DISABILITY HARDSHIP – 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 request:

ASDB

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

**Amphitheater** - an additional boys'/girls' basketball game to help fill Walden **Grove's** schedule.

**ASDB** - an additional girls' basketball tournament (Clerc Classic in Riverside, California) to allow opportunity to experience athletic competition for deaf students.

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

**Catalina Magnet** - an additional JV/Varsity boys' soccer game to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

**Flowing Wells** - an additional JV girls' soccer game to help fill **Sunnyside's** schedule.

**Grand Canyon** - an additional girls' Varsity basketball game to help fill **El Capitan's** schedule.

**Grand Canyon** - an additional boys'/girls' Varsity basketball game to help fill **Shonto Prep's** schedule.

**Joseph City** - an additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Ash Fork's** schedule.

**Marana** - an additional boys'/girls' basketball and soccer games to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

**Mingus Union** - an additional JV/Varsity boys' basketball game to help fill **Chino Valley's** schedule.

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS** – Cont'd

**Mohave** - two additional FR basketball games to help fill **Lee Williams'** schedule.

**Palo Verde** - an additional boys'/girls' basketball (all levels) and JV/Varsity soccer games to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

**Payson** - an additional girls' JV/Varsity basketball game to help fill Sequoia Charter's schedule.

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

**San Pasqual** – two additional girls' basketball games to help fill **Sequoia Charter's** schedule.

**Scottsdale Prep** - an additional boys'/girls' Varsity soccer game to help fill **Mesa Prep's** schedule.

**Sunnyside** - an additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule

**Valley Christian** - an additional boys' Varsity basketball game to help fill **Payson's** schedule.

**Willcox** - two additional boys'/girls' JV/Varsity basketball games to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

**Xavier** - an additional girls' basketball (all levels) game to help fill **Sandra Day O'Connor's** schedule.

**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.**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following requests for exemptions from the 6-quarter rule in Basketball:

- ✓ Gilbert Christian – Boys and Girls (rosters provided)
- ✓ Horizon Honors – Boys and Girls (rosters provided)
- ✓ Valley Christian – Girls only (rosters provided)

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **tabled** the following request for exemptions from the 6-quarter rule in Basketball:

- ✓ St. John's – Boys and Girls (the Board requests an official roster)

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**CATALINA MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 11. Scheduling of Contests and Schedule Contracts, Section 11.2 Scheduling of Contests*

**Reported Violation:**

Spiritline coach unexpectedly resigned. Cannot replace with a coach that meets all TUSD and AIA certification requirements in time for state qualifier on 11-17-12.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Catalina will recruit and hire a new coach(es) that will be committed to staying with the program for at least four (4) years or more!

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, **accepted the report** from Catalina Magnet High School.

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

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible football player. It was discovered after the season started, that a transfer student in the Spring of 2012, had not completed the 520 online form. Once we interviewed the student and parent, it was assumed that this process had been completed by previous administration. This was not complete and the season had already started. Shadow Ridge took the necessary precautions until the process was complete by not allowing the student to play again until a determination was made the Hardship Appeals Committee.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited. Games in which student played, were lost. Student immediately suspended from participating. The AD, AD secretary and registrar will add an additional step to the clearance process. The new process will require an additional section for all clearance paperwork to indicate whether a student has attended another high school in the previous twelve (12) months, the AD will be required to begin the "520" process. The athletic department will inform the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s) that the final decision on eligibility will be determined after the process has been completed. All coaches will again be in-serviced on the transfer rule, including the process for the completion of the 520 form.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Shadow Ridge High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/19/12-11/19/13.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**

**SEQUOIA CHARTER SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.4 Coach's / Sponsor's Code of Ethics*

**Reported Violation:**

With 1:05 seconds left in the game, two Sequoia Charter football coaches got into a heated verbal confrontation on the sidelines. Athletic Director proceeded to break it up. One coach took his coach's shirt off and walked off the field, screaming at the other coach. He was not ejected; the game was not affected by the behavior.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contest not forfeited - inappropriate behavior from coach. Coach has been suspended that removed his coach's shirt and has been placed on written warning/expulsion.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sequoia Charter School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/19/12-11/19/13.

**BETTY H. FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.5 Open Facilities*  
*Article 20. Basketball, Section 20.8 School Equipment*

**Reported Violation:**

Girls' basketball coach used school basketball funds, school issued practice jerseys and school vehicles to transport players to participate in the Mesa Fall League 2012 held at Dobson High School, in addition to coaching the players during the games.

**School's Corrective Action:**

This was an out-of-season league. The coach notified the Dobson coach that Fairfax would not be participating for the remainder of the league. As a result of the violation, AD conducted a meeting with the coaches on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> and provided documentation relating to open facilities and coaching out of season. AD also explained the procedures which would be necessary to operate as a club program and the procedures required by the Phoenix Union High School District.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Betty Fairfax High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/19/12-11/19/13.

**VIOLATION – VISTA GRANDE**

**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.*

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

*Tim Hamilton, Principal  
Tres Chapman, Athletic Director  
Ryan Brumley, Wrestling Coach  
Parent and Student*

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **tabled** the violation report and will address again at the December 10, 2012 Board meeting.

**RESULTS OF HARDSHIP APPEALS COMMITTEE – WINTER SPORTS**

<b>Granted</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>Denied</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>

<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Granted</u></b>	<b><u>School/Appeal</u></b>	<b><u>Denied</u></b>
Basha	Granted	Basha	Denied
Betty Fairfax	Granted	Central	Denied
Betty Fairfax	Granted	Cesar Chavez	Denied
Cactus	Granted	Chandler	Denied
Campo Verde	Granted	Chandler	Denied
Catalina Foothills	Granted	Copper Canyon	Denied
Chandler	Granted	Desert Mountain	Denied
Corona del Sol	Granted	Desert Vista	Denied
Desert Mountain	Granted	Dobson	Denied
Dysart	Granted	Dysart	Denied
Estrella Foothills	Granted	Ganado	Denied
Hamilton	Granted	Gilbert Christian	Denied
Higley	Granted	Highland	Denied
Higley	Granted	Horizon Honors	Denied
Ironwood Ridge	Granted	Horizon	Denied
Joy Christian	Granted	Joseph City	Denied
Joy Christian	Granted	Joy Christian	Denied
Joy Christian	Granted	McClintock	Denied
Liberty	Granted	McClintock	Denied
Liberty	Granted	Millennium	Denied
North Canyon	Granted	Mt. View Marana	Denied
Paradise Honors	Granted	Pinnacle	Denied
Paradise Valley	Granted	Saguaro	Denied
Paradise Valley	Granted	Shadow Ridge	Denied
Peoria	Granted	Shadow Ridge	Denied
Peoria	Granted	St. Gregory	Denied
Pueblo	Granted	Sunrise Mountain	Denied
Ray	Granted	Window Rock	Denied
Ray	Granted		
Red Mountain	Granted		
Salpointe Catholic	Granted		
Salpointe Catholic	Granted		
Scottsdale Christian	Granted		
Scottsdale Prep	Granted		
Scottsdale Prep	Granted		
Sedona Red Rock	Granted		
Sedona Red Rock	Granted		
Shadow Mountain	Granted		
St. Johns	Granted		
Tucson	Granted		
Tucson	Granted		
Tucson	Granted		

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

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

<b><u>McClintock</u></b>	Susan Edwards, Athletic Director, Parent and Student
<b><u>Saguaro</u></b>	Nathan Slater, Athletic Director, Attorney, Parents and Student
<b><u>Dobson</u></b>	<b><u>Chaparral:</u></b> Tommy Eubanks, Athletic Director Dr. Ray Perkins, Athletic Director, Parent and Student
<b><u>Pinnacle</u></b>	<b><u>Mesquite:</u></b> Jason Grantham, Athletic Director Corey Newland, District Athletic Director, Jay Thomas, Athletic Director, Parent, Grandparent and Student
<b><u>Millennium</u></b>	<b><u>Xavier:</u></b> Sr. Lynn Winsor, Athletic Director Brian Winter, Athletic Director, and Parent
<b><u>Desert Vista</u></b>	<b><u>Xavier:</u></b> Sr. Lynn Winsor, Athletic Director TJ Snyder, Athletic Director, Parents and Student
<b><u>Dysart</u></b>	<b><u>Maricopa:</u></b> Cory Nenaber, Athletic Director
<b><u>Central</u></b>	Tyrus Timbrooks, Athletic Director, Parent and Student Elizabeth Toledo, Athletic Director, Parent and Student
<b><u>Shadow Ridge</u></b>	<b><u>Brophy:</u></b> John Chambers, Athletic Director
<b><u>Gilbert Christian</u></b>	Matt Kuffell, Athletic Director, Parents and Student Janet Oitzman, Athletic Director, and Parents
<b><u>Basha</u></b>	Brent Rincon, Athletic Director, Parents and Student
<b><u>Copper Canyon</u></b>	Jason Nuttall, Athletic Director, Parent and Student <b><u>Westwind Prep:</u></b> Matt Allen, Athletic Director

<b><u>SCHOOL/APPEAL</u></b>	<b><u>GRANTED / DENIED</u></b>
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McClintock	Granted
Saguaro	Denied
Dobson	Denied
Pinnacle	Granted
Millennium	Granted
Desert Vista	Granted
Dysart	Granted
Central	Granted
Shadow Ridge	Granted
Gilbert Christian	Denied
Basha	Denied
Copper Canyon	Denied

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

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

Correspondence:

- Morgan upset over D4 football seedings (*NavApache Independent 11/2/12*)
- Email – Jon Borendame – Swim Meet
- 21-year old posed as high school senior in Michigan in elaborate prep football identity scam (*sports.yahoo.com*)

**FUTURE DATES**

December 10, 2012	AIA Executive Board Meeting
December 24-25, 2012	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 31-Jan. 1, 2013	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
January 17, 2013	Legislative Council Meeting Agenda Deadline
January 21, 2013	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
January 22, 2013	AIA Executive Board Meeting
January 22, 2013	Deadline – Hardship Appeals – Spring Sports
January 28-29, 2013	Hardship Appeals – Spring Sports

**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, December 10, 2012. The meeting will be held at the AIA Office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, November 29, 2012.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director