



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
December 10, 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, December 10, 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 Union 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  
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials  
Michele Staples, Projects and Operations Administrator  
David Hines, Tournament Coordinator  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Chris Lopezlira, Centennial	Kyle Odegard, EV Tribune
Richard Taylor, Centennial	Richard Obert, AZ Republic
Alison Bridgewater, Peoria District	Jose Garcia, AIA365
Mike Sivertson, Peoria District	Michael Elder, Northland Prep
Aaron Brown, Peoria District	Victor Mena, Carl Hayden
Mark Cisterna, Gilbert District	Jeremy Zimmerman, Carl Hayden
Marcus Williams, Chandler District	Monika Montiel Turner, Marana
Nathan Fairchild, Hamilton	Mike Griffith, Marcos de Niza
Dwayne Hall	Ken Salas, Tempe District
Dana Zupke, Pinnacle	Joe Paddock, Amphi District
Donnie Yannis, Paradise Valley	Dave Thatcher, Canyon del Oro
Les Willsey, AIA365	Ernest Molina, Tolleson
Corey Newland, Paradise Valley District	Chad Doyle, Tolleson
Zack Buchanan, AZ Central	

**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:

- ✓ 8:55 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
- ✓ 1:05 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- ✓ 1:20 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.
- ✓ 1:55 p.m. to 2:10 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on November 19, 2012 were corrected, as requested by Mr. Serrano, and **approved** as follows:

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.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

Bob Feist	Peoria	30 years
Ivan Walker	AIA Official	33 years

**AIA Complimentary Passes – Replacement Requests**

Samantha Maszton	Jr. High Principal	NW Christian
Jennifer Parker	Basketball Coach	Coconino
Debbie Arter	Booster Club President	Green Fields

**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.

**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:

Saguaro	Wrestling Program
Salt River	Wrestling Contest with Globe 11/20/12
Shonto Prep	Boys' Basketball Program

**Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

Swimming Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 11/20/12  
Track and Field Advisory Committee Agenda – 12/13/12

**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 November 2012

Discussion was held regarding **Westwind Prep** and AIA Bylaw 9.1.3.

- 9.1.3 *The AIA Executive Board shall approve and levy annual membership dues and participation fees. Annual increases in membership fees and participation fees shall be limited to be no greater an annual percentage increase than the percentage of increase in "new money" allocated to public schools for "maintenance and operations" by the Arizona State Legislature for that fiscal school year. Membership for the ensuing year must be renewed prior to September 1 of each year. **Member schools that do not pay their membership dues, participation fees, athletic mileage and student excess accident (catastrophic) insurance premiums, or make payment arrangements with the AIA Executive Director prior to October 1 will be dropped from membership.** Dues, fees, mileage, insurance premiums and a reinstatement fee of \$200.00 must be paid in order to regain membership. The AIA Executive Board may levy an assessment on all schools above and beyond the membership dues and fees with approval of the AIA Legislative Council.*

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board voted to **drop Westwind Prep's membership** effective immediately for failure to pay dues and fees.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

*The following representatives addressed the Board regarding division placement appeals:*

- ✓ Carl Hayden - Football  
Victor Mena, A.D. & Jeremy Zimmerman, Football Coach
- ✓ Northland Prep – Boys’ Basketball  
Michael Elder, A.D.
- ✓ Marcos de Niza - Swim/Dive  
Mike Griffith, A.D.
- ✓ Marana – Swim/Dive & Cross Country  
Monika Montiel Turner, A.D.
- ✓ Bisbee – Boys’/Girls’ Basketball & Baseball (paper review only)

Discussion was held regarding the appeal process being exhausted and deadlines being missed.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board voted to take no further action regarding division appeals as the final decisions were already made by the Executive Board during the scheduled appeal process. Dr. Slemmer suggested to Carl Hayden and Northland Prep the possibility of creating an independent schedule with the assistance of AIA staff.

***Doug Wilson abstained from voting.***

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Ms. Jody Redman, Associate Director from the Minnesota State High School League, addressed the Board. Ms. Redman outlined the "Anyone Can Save a Life" Program – Emergency Response Planning Guide for after-school practices and events currently used in Minnesota.

Ms. Redman noted that this emergency response program is for after-school practices and events. It is designed to save lives from emergencies, including sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), a leading cause of death among adults and student athletes. By implementing the program and, specifically, Student Response Teams, schools are empowering students to be part of the coordinated response necessary to ensure the best possible outcome to every emergency. Dr. Parsons, SMAC, Dr. Bobrow, S.H.A.R.E and Shellie Wenhold, Parent Heart Watch, also shared information with the Board. Staff will be sharing a plan in the February meeting.

2013-2014 Bylaw Proposals/Revisions were shared with the Board:

- ✓ Awards
- ✓ Membership/Sanctioning
- ✓ Transfer Rule (50-mile rule)
- ✓ Amateur Rule

Board members will share with conferences for feedback at the January 22, 2013 meeting.

Sr. Lynn noted concerns from membership with the current 6-quarter rule.

Dr. Slemmer shared information from the Nike Cross Nationals regarding Nike products and state high school association bylaws regarding the amount of product distributed to athletes.

Discussion was held regarding Division III, IV, V football sites. High seed/neutral sites, cold weather, staffing, logistics and size of stadiums were discussed. The Football Sports Advisory Committee will also be briefed at their next meeting.

The Board was updated on the scheduling process. It was noted that sections are ready to go and will be posted on 12/11/12. Schools will then have the opportunity to appeal their section placement to the Board at the January 22, 2013 meeting. After appeals, scheduling will happen.

An email from Coach Donald Yatis, Paradise Valley, regarding football divisional placements, was shared with the Board.

Open Discussion – Current Issues

**4A**

- ✓ Add Additional Meeting – Kino, Sonoran & Southern Regions – December 13<sup>th</sup> @ Amphitheater High School (scheduling for next two year block)
- ✓ Sky and Desert Sky Region (scheduling for next two year block)

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **approved** the additional meetings.

President Wagner informed the Board that an equity bylaw will be coming from the 4A Conference.

Dr. Slemmer congratulated Cindy Riley, Desert Christian, on winning the NFHS Citation Award. Ms. Riley will be recognized at the NIAAA meeting later this month.

Dr. Slemmer reported that an official's on-line evaluation program (basketball and softball) will be launched 12/10/12 on the AIA website. The process will be more efficient than the cards and feedback from Athletic Directors and coaches will be shared with Gary Whelchel and the Area Commissioners. The evaluation process will be available to all sports, where officials are scheduled by the AIA.

**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:

- Cholla High Magnet
- Cholla High Magnet
- Highland
- Joseph City

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

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

**Camp Verde** - an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Northland Prep's** schedule.

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

**Fairfax and North** - an additional JV boys/girls soccer game.

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

**Mountain View Mesa** - an additional girls' JV soccer game to help fill **Campo Verde'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:

- St. John’s – Girls only (roster provided)
- Willcox – Boys only (roster provided)
- Holbrook – Girls only (roster provided)

**CONFERENCE APPEALS**

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

Arizona Lutheran	1A to 2A
Desert Christian	1A to 2A
Joy Christian	1A to 2A
Camp Verde	2A to 3A
San Tan Foothills	2A to 3A
Imagine Prep Coolidge	3A to 2A
Amphitheater	3A to 4A
Catalina Magnet	3A to 4A
Cortez	3A to 4A
Notre Dame Prep	3A to 4A
Palo Verde	3A to 4A
Sabino	3A to 4A
Sahuarita	3A to 4A
Santa Rita	3A to 4A
Seton Catholic	3A to 4A
Salpointe Catholic	3A to 5A
Mt. View Marana	4A to 5A
Independence	5A to 4A
Sunnyslope	5A to 4A

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**COCONINO 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 pulled out of the partner stunt routine on 11/17/12. Our one male participant was injured this week prohibiting him from participating in this event.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Will move into the "All Girl" section of the competition as a result of this incident.

**Executive Board Action:**

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

**GREENWAY 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 withdrew from two (2) out of the three (3) sections of the cheer competition. Coach submitted their withdrawal online a few weeks in advance of the actual competition.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Athletic Director has talked to Spiritline coach about better communication skills and to make sure coach carefully reads the rules and regulations prior to signing up for each event. Will meet with coaches to discuss their competition next year as it occurs.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Greenway High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 12/10/12-12/10/13.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

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

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible boys' soccer player. Student was not properly cleared to participate in soccer tryouts and practice. Athlete failed to turn in any of the required paperwork.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Tryouts and practice only. Prescott has a clear policy for clearing athletes through the athletic department that is detailed in the Coach's handbook, the school's website, and in the preseason coach's meeting. A meeting will be held with winter and spring coaches before the season and coaches will be reminded of their responsibilities. A newly developed form will be collected and recorded by the coaches and returned to the athletic department to verify the completed required clearance process.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Prescott High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Warning** for one year 12/10/12-12/10/13.

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

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible boys' basketball player. Athletic Director did not fax 520 Form to the AIA office. Student transferred from San Carlos and parents did not change their domicile - the student moved in with his uncle and aunt.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited. Fort Thomas lost all three contests that the student participated in

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Fort Thomas High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 12/10/12-12/10/13.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**DESERT VISTA HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties & Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' soccer player. Player was ejected last game of the playoffs in 2011-2012. Player did not sit out the first game of the season. Coach did not report the ejection last year to the Athletic Department.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. The coaching staff will be in-serviced on the proper protocol of reporting an ejection of a player to the A.D. and will be in-serviced on AIA Bylaw 16.3.1.1.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Vista High School **Girls' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 12/10/12-12/10/13.

**YUMA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches/Coaching*

**Reported Violation:**

Spiritline coach allowed the spiritline team to stunt without having the proper certification. Coach was under the impression that she only needed to take the class once, not once every year.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Spiritline team has been forced to withdraw from the regional and state competitions that they previously signed up to attend. Athletic Director has given the coach direction and ensures that the coach has a complete understanding of the certification that she needs in order to not only coach, but to stunt as well.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Yuma Catholic High School **Spiritline Program** on **Warning** for one year 12/10/12-12/10/13.

**VIOLATIONS– CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL AND VISTA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL**

**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.*

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board directed staff to send a notification of a recruitment rule violation to **Centennial High School** and **Vista Grande High School**.

**Bev Hurley and Bill Gahn abstained from voting.**

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

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

**Canyon del Oro** David Thatcher, Athletic Director & Joe Paddock, District Athletic Director

**Tolleson** Ernie Molina, Principal, & Chad Doyle, Athletic Director

**SCHOOL/APPEAL      GRANTED / DENIED**

Canyon del Oro      Granted  
Tolleson              Granted

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

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

Correspondence:

- Thank You Note – Xavier Golf Team
- Thank You – San Manuel
- Article - Triple A Academy a budding basketball power, but some (including UIL) wonder if Class 1A status is fair (*dallasnews.com*)
- Email – Jon Borendame – Swim Meet
- Email – Kevin Mooney – Thanking Arcadia
- Email – David Hamblin – Streaming Webcast - Division IV Football
- Article – Changing Sexes, Clearing Barriers (*USA Today 12/5/12*)

**FUTURE DATES**

December 24-28, 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 Tuesday, January 22, 2013. 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, January 10, 2013.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director