



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
April 15, 2013**

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, April 15, 2013 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Vice-President Dan Serrano 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)  
Dan Serrano, 5A Conference (Perry High School)  
Doug Wilson, Ed.D., Arizona School Administrators (Marana Unified School District)  
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association  
(Xavier College Preparatory)  
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

**Members Absent:**

Arthur Wagner, CAA, 4A Conference (Higley Unified School District)

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Chuck Schmidt, Associate Executive Director/COO  
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials  
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting  
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:**

Lisa Lombard, Lombard & Associates  
Jeff Cospers, Lombard & Associates  
Mike Sivertson, Peoria District  
Corey Newland, Paradise Valley District  
Marcus Williams, Chandler District  
Mark Cisterna, Gilbert District  
Jeannine Brandel, Flagstaff  
Dr. Javier Cardenas, Barrow Neurological Institute/SMAC  
Kevin Gettings, Yuma District  
Tim Brienza, Cibola  
Jose Garcia, AIA365  
Zach Buchanan, AZ Central  
Richard Obert, AZ Republic

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, Vice-President Serrano, 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 10:35 a.m.
- ✓ 2:00 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the March 18, 2013 meeting were approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

|                  |                        |          |
|------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Dave Allison     | Gilbert Public Schools | Retired  |
| Sammy Chagolla   | Peoria                 | 26 years |
| Steve Galas      | Chandler               | Retired  |
| Sam Giangardella | Sahuaro                | Retired  |
| Scott Snider     | Catalina Foothills     | 28 years |
| Terry Williams   | Chandler               | Retired  |

**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:

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| Palo Verde | Entire Girls' Tennis Program |
| Sunnyside  | Entire Boys' Tennis Program  |

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Cont'd

**Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

1A West Region Minutes – March 4, 2013

AIA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Minutes – February 28, 2013

**AIA AUDIT**

Lisa Lombard, Lombard & Associates, P.L.L.C., the independent certified public accountant retained by the Executive Board to conduct the annual audit of the AIA financial accounts, presented the Independent Auditor's Report for the following:

- ✓ Fiscal years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.5, Paragraph 6.5.12 and 6.5.16 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board **approved** the annual audit report.

**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 report and the 2013-2014 AIA Operation Budget:

- ✓ Financial Report March 2013
- ✓ AIA 2013-2014 Operation Budget

**Narrative:**

The AIA Executive Board, on April 15, 2013, passed the operational budget for 2013-2014. The budget includes a 2.5% dues and fees increase that will bring the AIA dues and fees to 2006-2007 levels. In addition, to cover the costs related to services of the Officials Department, the Board also will be charging a \$1.00 assigning fee toward every official's assignment. This fee will be incurred by the officials of that particular contest. The AIA Executive Board is confident that these steps will ensure AIA's continued success in addressing AIA audit recommendations and a sound fiscal future.

- Full & Associate Membership Dues \$2,129.00 (increase of 2.5% from \$2,077.00 or \$52.00)
- Varsity Participation Fees \$ 203.50 per sport (increase of 2.5% from \$198.50 or \$5.00 per sport).
- Assessment Fee - \$1.00 per assignment fee to every official.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

A trophy presentation schedule was finalized with the Board for the 2013 Spring State Tournaments.

Dates for the Executive Board Meetings, Hardship Appeal Dates, Legislative Council Meeting, Superintendents' Advisory Committee Meetings, A.D. Workshops, AIA Bylaws Workshops, Fiscal/Tournament Workshops and Wrestling Workshops for **2013-2014** were **approved** as follows:

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS – 2013-2014**

August 1-2, 2013 (Board Orientation/Study Session)  
 August 19, 2013  
 September 3, 2013 (Tuesday) Meeting to Hear Fall Hardship Appeals  
 September 10, 2013 (Tuesday – Prescott)  
 October 21, 2013  
 November 18, 2013  
 December 9, 2013  
 January 21, 2014 (Tuesday)  
 February 18, 2014 (Tuesday)  
 March 17, 2014  
 April 21, 2014  
 May 19, 2014

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

March 7, 2014

**HARDSHIP APPEAL DATES**

**Fall Sports** - Football & Golf Appeals only - August 20-22, 2013  
 (Deadline for Football & Golf Appeals – August 13, 2013)

**Remaining Fall Sports** - August 28-29, 2013  
 (Deadline for remaining Fall Appeals – August 21, 2013)

**Winter Sports** – October 28-29, 2013  
 (Deadline for Winter Appeals – October 21, 2013)

**Spring Sports** – January 27-28, 2014  
 (Deadline for Spring Appeals – January 21, 2014)

**Superintendents' Advisory Committee**

October 23, 2013  
 January 22, 2014  
 April 23, 2014

**A.D. Workshops**

August 7, 2013 (Wednesday)  
 October 2, 2013 (Wednesday)

**AIA Bylaws Workshops**

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| August 5, 2013  | Chinle             |
| August 8, 2013  | Lake Havasu        |
| August 12, 2013 | Chandler & Liberty |
| August 14, 2013 | Amphitheater       |
| August 15, 2013 | Flagstaff          |

**Wrestling Workshops**

|                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| September 23, 2013 | AIA Office            |
| September 24, 2013 | Tucson High School    |
| September 25, 2013 | Flagstaff High School |

**Fiscal/Tournament Workshops** TBD

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Cont'd

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the employment of Tayler Levi who will replace Jewel Waddy as the Front Office Assistant. Welcome Tayler!

Dr. Slemmer and Mr. Hines explained to the Board the reason for requesting a date change for the 2014 State Track & Field Championships to May 4-10, 2014. It was noted that every five to six years, the NFHS standardized calendar gets pushed back a week and the 2013-2014 school year is the year the calendar is pushed back. The State Track & Field Championships are held on the 45<sup>th</sup> week of that calendar. Next May, the 45<sup>th</sup> week falls on May 11-17. Mesa Community College, the site of the Arizona Track Championships is hosting the NJCAA National Championships in 2014 during the week of May 11-17 causing a venue problem. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the date change – May 4-10, 2014.

Ms. Staples shared with the Board a new rule which will be added to the Spiritline Rule book for 2013-2014. Rule 2-1-15 (New)

*Each state association may, in keeping with applicable laws, authorize exceptions to NFHS playing rules to provide reasonable accommodations to individual participants with disabilities and/or special needs, as well as those individuals with unique and extenuating circumstances. The accommodations should not fundamentally alter the sport, heighten risk to the athlete/others or place opponents at a disadvantage.*

Dr. Javier Cardenas, representing SMAC, provided the Board with a recommended bylaw proposal regarding football practice.

Article 23 Football, Section 23.2 Season of Sport  
(New)

**23.2.7 Contact Rule** (Ex. Bd. 4-15-13)

**Pre-Season - During the preseason, no more than 1/2 of the practice time may be contact practice.**

**Regular Season - During the regular season, no more than 1/3 of the practice time may be contact practice.**

**Definition of Contact - Padded athletes in contact with each other.**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the new football contact rule – **effective July 1, 2013**. It was noted that the bylaw will again be placed on the March 7, 2014 Legislative Council Agenda.

The Board was updated on the AIA Champions Luncheon which will be held on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the University of Phoenix Stadium at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Mignella provided the Board with a ruling from the Superior Court of Arizona - Maricopa County - providing the Board the opportunity to reconsider the eligibility of a Joy Christian student under AIA Bylaw 15.15.2.

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board voted to **deny** the student's eligibility under AIA bylaw 15.15.2.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Cont'd

Discussion was held regarding the “Anyone Can Save a Life” Program. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following effective 2013-2014:

- Every school must have an **emergency action plan** in place in order to host a post season tournament.

Example -

- ✓ Calling 911
- ✓ CPR
- ✓ Automated external defibrillator (AED)

It was noted that all AIA Tournament Guides will have information related to emergency action plans. The AIA will also try to find grants to help schools purchase defibrillators. More information will be available June 20, 2013. (Please refer to the December 10, 2012 Board minutes for additional information.)

Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Bolitho provided the Board with a scheduling update. It was noted that some schools still had concerns with their schedules. Ms. Brandel addressed her scheduling concerns with the Board. The Board gave Ms. Brandel approval to meet with the 4A on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to address concerns and try to resolve schedules. The Board noted that if schedules do change, schools have to agree and approve of the schedule changes and ensure that there will not be a rippling effect with other schedules.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Mr. Bolitho to move ahead and fill schedules.

Dr. Slemmer noted that if schools refuse to cooperate and play their schedules, they will be in violation of the following bylaw and placed on Probation.

- 11.4.2 Master Schedules - A master schedule shall be considered a valid contract between the schools on that master schedule.

Discussion was held regarding dual membership. Dr. Slemmer explained to the Board that he has received requests from new charter schools requesting to be a full member of the AIA and also of a charter league. Example: play basketball as an AIA member and play all other sports in the charter or other league. Dr. Slemmer noted that Associate Members can now play non-member schools but not qualify for playoffs. Concerns were voiced regarding an unequal playing field. The Board directed AIA staff to develop language to clarify in the bylaws that dual membership is not permitted.

**Open Discussion – Current Issues****5A –**

Requested an additional meeting - April 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss schedules. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the additional meeting.

Concerns with track, dual meets and scheduling. Mr. Serrano noted that schools are not following schedules and are not showing up to meets - participation is being destroyed. The 5A will submit a solution at the May Board meeting.

**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 request:

- ✓ Higley High School

**GILBERT DISTRICT– MR. MARK CISTERNA**

*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.8 Tryouts*

- 14.8** **TRYOUTS** - Students who participate in more than two tryouts in any sport during that sport's season of competition shall become ineligible for the remainder of that sport's season of competition.

*Mr. Schmidt left the Board room before discussion started.*

Mr. Cisterna addressed the Board regarding a bylaw interpretation. Discussion was held regarding baseball tryouts and workouts, professional/college scouts and parent responsibility. Mr. Cisterna explained that major leagues do not have tryouts, but do have workouts. It was noted that since Arizona has so many spring training games, more scouts are in the state and observing student-athletes during the regular season. After discussion, the Board clarified that the above bylaw is interpreted for the collegiate level only as it applies to 14.8.

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

|                             |                    |                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b><u>Flowing Wells</u></b> | boys' tennis match | <b>Nogales</b> |
| <b><u>Prescott</u></b>      | VAR baseball game  | <b>Basha</b>   |

**2012-2013 TONY KOMADINA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GIRLS' ATHLETIC PROGRAM**

The AIA Executive Board reviewed recommendations from the Girls Equity in Sports Standing Committee for the 1A-3A Conference 2012-2013 Tony Komadina Award for Outstanding Girls' Athletic Program. In accordance with Article 13, Section 13.3 of the AIA Bylaws and on a motion made, seconded and carried, the Board unanimously voted to **approve** the following award recipients:

- ✓ **1A-3A**                      **River Valley**

**COMMITTEES**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board approved the 2013-2014 Sports Advisory Committee.

The following committees will be finalized at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Executive Board Members (AdvancED,ASBA)
- Conference Chairs
- Region Reps
- Hardship Appeals
- Spiritline Ad Hoc
- Sports Medicine Advisory
- Ethics & Sportsmanship
- Girls Equity in Sports
- Officials

*AIA staff left meeting before the selection process.*

**SELECTION OF NEW 2013-2015 AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as officer for the **2013-2015** school year:

**3A Conference**      **Brenda Mayberry**  
Principal – Combs High School

**POSSIBLE BYLAW AMENDMENT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following bylaw change due to an emergency situation and to provide clarity – **effective July 1, 2013**. It was noted that the bylaw will again be placed on the March 7, 2014 Legislative Council Agenda.

- 15.14 HARDSHIP** - In individual hardship cases the AIA Executive Board or the Hardship Appeals Committee may, at their discretion and upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed, waive or modify the Enrollment Rule (Article 15, Section 15.3, Paragraph 15.3.5 only), Domicile Rule (Article 15, Section 15.5), Maximum Participation Rule (Article 15, Section 15.9, Paragraph 15.9.1 only), Transfer Rule (Article 15, Section 15.10), and/or Recruitment Rule (Article 15, Section 15.12.4.14 only), **and/or the International Student Eligibility Rule (Article 15, Section 15.15.2 only)**. The appeal shall initially be heard and decided by the Hardship Appeals Committee. The decision of the Hardship Appeals Committee shall be final unless appealed to the AIA Executive Board within ten days from the date of said decision. AIA Executive Board consideration of such appeals will take place only at regularly scheduled monthly meetings, **unless otherwise scheduled by the Board**. (See Article 6, Section 6.3 regarding procedures for meetings of the AIA Executive Board.) Procedures for appeals to the Hardship Appeals Committee shall be as determined by the AIA Executive Board.
- 15.15 International Student Eligibility** - Prefatory Statement: In an effort to preserve and promote interscholastic competitive opportunities for Arizona students and further the goals of competitive fairness and equity, and recognizing the concerns of AIA member schools related to displacement of Arizona students by students from foreign countries, the following bylaw addresses the interscholastic eligibility status of international students attending an AIA member school:
- 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 (CSIET). 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.
- 15.15.2 **International Students:** An international student is a student who is in the U.S. under **an F-1 Visa any Visa or document other than a J-1 Visa** and who is attending an AIA member school. Except as stated below with regard to domicile, an international student must meet all eligibility requirements of any regularly enrolled student. An international student is eligible only for non-varsity level competition, which may include only 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade, and is not at any time of enrollment eligible for varsity level competition. With regard to domicile, an international student's non-varsity eligibility shall be at a school in the attendance zone of the home in which the student is placed.
- 15.5 DOMICILE RULE**
- 15.5.3 Special Domicile Placements
- 15.5.3.2 Legal Guardian – **Except in the case of a foreign exchange student or an international student under 15.15**, a student for whom a legal guardian has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction may be declared eligible at the school in the attendance zone in which said legal guardian is domiciled by petitioning as outlined in the AIA Bylaws under Article 15, Section 15.14 Hardship. (Form 15.5.3) For purposes of this rule, a court of competent jurisdiction does not include courts outside the United States.
- DETERMINATION: The AIA Executive Director, as designee of the AIA Executive Board, may rule on the eligibility of a student for whom a legal guardian has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction. (Ex. Bd. 4/15/96)*
- 15.5.3.2.3 ~~A hardship request based on a legal guardianship shall not be approved when the AIA Executive Board determines that athletic participation or circumvention of AIA domicile requirements is the reason for the legal guardianship.~~  
**Where it is determined by the Executive Board that athletic motivation and/or circumvention of AIA domicile requirements is involved in the legal guardianship, this is sufficient in and of itself for denial of the hardship request (see 15.14.2.4).**

**DUE PROCESS APPEAL OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION -****RAYMOND S. KELLIS HIGH SCHOOL**

On March 18, 2013, the Executive Board placed the Raymond S. Kellis **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/18/13-3/18/14 for a violation of Article 16. Penalties & Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule of the AIA Bylaws; specifically, players leaving bench.

In accordance with the due process provisions of Article 16, Section 16.4, Paragraph 16.4.5 of the AIA Bylaws, Raymond S. Kellis submitted an appeal for reconsideration of the disciplinary action against its Boys' Basketball Program. Following reconsideration, the Executive Board **reduced** the **Warning** sanction against the Boys' Basketball Program to **Advisement** for one year, 3/18/13-3/18/14.

**CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL - REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF SCHOOL'S CORRECTIVE ACTION AND DETERMINATION OF SANCTION**

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.12 Recruitment Rule.

**Determined Violation:**

Football – contact occurred prior to enrollment of student.

**School's Corrective Action:**

All Centennial and Peoria USD high school coaches, principals and athletic directors will be in-serviced on Bylaw 15.12.4.5 as it pertains to students contacting a coach about attending their school. The in-service will occur immediately with subsequent reminders throughout the school year at periodic coaches meetings. The PUSD Athletic Handbook will add specific information that pertains directly to AIA Bylaw 15.12.4.5. All high school administrators, receptionists, registrars and guidance counselors will review their enrollment process to ensure compliance with bylaw 15.12.4.5.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Centennial High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/15/13-4/15/14 and requested submission of documentation process showing corrective action has been fulfilled.

Mr. Sivertson stated documentation would be provided to the Board at end of this school year and at the beginning of 2013-2014 school year.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

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

**Reported Violation:**

Tuba City hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual varsity round robin softball tournament on 3-23-13. A.D. filled out the electronic form for sanctioning tournament and hit the “submit” icon. If did not submit. A.D. also submitted a 520 form on the same day and it did not submit. School’s server was having problems and A.D. should have followed up on it. Thought everything was OK because officials were assigned.

**School’s Corrective Action:**

Will follow up on ALL electronic requests in the future to ensure this does not happen again!

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tuba City High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/13-4/15/14.

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

**Reported Violation:**

Catalina Foothills requested an intrastate request on 7/7/13 for a boys’ VB tournament. Should have requested an interstate request – had one out of state team participate. Error was communicated to the AIA officials office. Neglected to contact Michele Staples and did not complete the interstate request until after the tournament. AIA sanctioning paperwork was not done properly.

**School’s Corrective Action:**

Will review the AIA bylaws more closely to ensure that proper procedures are followed when hosting a tournament.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Catalina Foothills High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/13-4/15/14.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**NORTH HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 11. Scheduling of Contests & Schedule Contracts, Section 11.4 Schedule Contracts

**Reported Violation:**

Girls' Tennis coach reported late on 3/26/13 that she needed to forfeit the match scheduled for 3/28/13 because of a lack of players to participate. Because of ongoing related issues there was no convincing the coach otherwise. The late notice gave little time for complete communication and agreement between the two schools. There was an additional miscommunication between the two athletic secretaries of the schools. The athletic directors did not speak to clarify the situation until the day following the scheduled match.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. The principal, athletic director and athletic secretary thoroughly reviewed and discussed AIA Bylaw 11.4 and its application. Steps are being taken to make necessary improvements in the Girls Tennis Program.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the North High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 4/15/13-4/15/14.

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

*Tim Brienza, Principal and Kevin Gettings, District A.D.*

**CIBOLA HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.6 Age Limit / Birth Record Rule, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible boys' tennis player. Student gave an invalid clearance card, without having the necessary documents on file the athletics office, to the coach prior to the first practice. When the coach reviewed the cleared athlete list prior to competition, he did not recognize that the athlete's name was not on the list. The error was caught during a checks and balance system. Athlete, parent and coach were notified immediately and interviewed regarding the use of an ineligible player.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Athlete ruled ineligible for the remainder of the 2013 tennis season. Coach reprimanded for failing to follow district and AIA policies. All rosters will be monitored by a school employee that is independent of the athletic team, to ensure that all participating athletes are cleared for participation.

**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 **Advisement** for one year 4/15/13-4/15/14.

*Note: Cibola withdrew their request to appeal forfeitures.*

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**

**FLOWING WELLS HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.12 Recruitment Rule, Paragraph 15.12.4

**Reported Violation:**

Girls' basketball program has a web-site that provides information about their program to include stats, schedules, calendars, etc. for parents and players. There is also a section that provides information to prospective players who may be moving to Tucson. This section could be construed as recruiting if a player happens to read the information on the page. Currently we are unaware of any athlete that may have happened on to this page.

**School's Corrective Action:**

The page has been taken down and any further pages that are displayed on the web page will have to first be approved by the A.D.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Flowing Wells High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/13-4/15/14.

**DEER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches / Coaching – NFHS Rule 2.2.1-A

**Reported Violation:**

Members of the Deer Valley Spiritline acted in an unsportsmanlike manner. They held one shoe up in protest to a ruling made regarding a shoe coming off during their performance.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contest not forfeited. The team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state competition so there was no need to forfeit a game. Head coach has been moved to an assistant coach for the remainder of the year. The coach and team wrote apology letters to Michele Staples, AIA Executive Board, DVHS staff, their parents, Xavier & Desert Mountain. They will be allowed to compete in Nationals, but will not be allowed to go to Disneyland following the competition. The coaching staff will be required to attend character/PVWH workshops. The coaching staff will develop a character piece that will be used throughout the year. They will teach good character to their team and require them to do community service activities.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Deer Valley High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/13-4/15/14.

***Bill Gahn abstained from voting.***

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with the following:

Correspondence:

- Blunt Force Drama (*Phoenix Magazine April, 2013*)
- Armao Tops List of Honors as Small Schools Player of Year (*azjournal.com 3/15/13*)
- Complaint Letter - Parent
- Thank You Note – Paul Nelson, Superintendent – Thatcher
- All Hart – Valley Vista setter earns AIA Section I honor (*Surprise Today 3/27/13*)

**FUTURE DATES**

May 20, 2013      Executive Board Meeting – **University of Phoenix Stadium**  
May 31, 2013      Holiday – AIA Office Closed

**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, May 20, 2013. The meeting will be held at the University of Phoenix Stadium - 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale, AZ 85305.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, May 9, 2013.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director