



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 18, 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, November 18, 2013 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Dan Serrano called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Ken VanWinkle, 1A Conference (Heber-Overgaard Unified)
Brenda Mayberry, 3A Conference (Combs High School)
Joe Paddock, 4A Conference (Amphitheater Unified District)
Dan Serrano, 5A Conference (Perry High School)
Doug Wilson, Ed.D., Arizona School Administrators (Marana Unified School District)
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)
Toni Badone, AdvancED (Yuma Union High School District)
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. AIA Executive Director

Members Absent:

Wallace Youvella, Jr., 2A Conference (Hopi High School)
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Xavier College Preparatory)

AIA Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Alfred Trejo, Wrestling Advisory Committee	Jeff Feldman, Greenway
Sheri Svendsen, Phoenix Christian Guest	Ed McQuade, Greenway
Jerry Dobbs, Citizen	Bill Gahn, Deer Valley District
Marcus Williams, Chandler District	Eric Bolus, Deer Valley
Corey Newland, Paradise Valley District	Lori Mora, Deer Valley
Shawn Rustad, Mesa District	Larry Eubanks, Deer Valley
Tyler Killilan, AZ Republic	Brigitte Dayton, Catholic Community Foundation
Jose Garcia, AIA365	

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, 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:

- ✓ 9:25 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- ✓ 10:40 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes were **approved**:

- Executive Board Meeting – October 21, 2013
- Special Executive Board Meeting – October 30, 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

Ernesto Lopez	AIA Official	30 years
Kenneth Troutt	Peoria	26 years
Kat Wagner-Hughes	Higley	

AIA Complimentary Passes – Replacement Requests

Samuel Eid	Boys' Soccer Coach	Agua Fria
Leslie Standerfer	Principal	Estrella Foothills

Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2013-2014 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 2013-2014 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:

Bowie/San Simon	Girls' Basketball game with Morenci 12/18/13
El Capitan	Entire Girls' JV Basketball Program
Green Fields	Girls' Basketball game with ASDB – 1/14/14
Greyhills	Volleyball game with Shonto Prep – 10/23/13
Imagine Prep Coolidge	Football game with San Carlos – 10/4/13 – San Carlos does not consent
	Football game with Pusch Ridge – 11/1/13 – Pusch Ridge does not consent
Mayer	Baseball game with Fredonia – 3/14/14
Miami	Boys/Girls' Basketball game with Superior – 12/20/13
NFL YET Acad.	Volleyball game with AZ Charter – 10/30/13
North Canyon	Entire FR Football Program
Page	JV Football game with Chinle – 10/17/13
San Luis	Entire JV Football Program
Shonto Prep	JV Volleyball game with: Shonto Prep – 10/22/13 Greyhills – 10/23/13

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

Kino/Sonoran/Southern Region Meeting Minutes – 8/8/13
 3A Conference Meeting Minutes – 9/8/13
 Kino/Sonoran/Southern Region Meeting Minutes – 10/14/13
 2A North Region Meeting Agenda – 10/14/13
 3A Conference Meeting Agenda – 11/7/13

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:

- ✓ Financial Report for October 2013

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Mr. Bill Gahn introduced to the Board the following staff from Deer Valley High School:

Lori Mora – Assistant Principal

Larry Eubanks – Athletic Director

Eric Bolus – Football Coach

Ms. Brigitte Dayton from the Catholic Community Foundation addressed the Board regarding the Jackie Ranger Hutt Sport Life Coaching Scholarship and the application process. The Board referenced bylaw 15.12.4.1 and had concerns regarding the eligibility requirement of the applicant - applicant must be an 8th grade student who has been accepted to Xavier College Prep, demonstrates financial need through FAIR process and **shows interest in sports/athletics**. The Board did not approve the scholarship and application process.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Dave Stead, Executive Director from Minnesota, addressed the Board and provided information regarding Robotics. The Board enjoyed the presentation and thanked Mr. Stead for the valuable information. The Board instructed staff to work with FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition) to establish an AIA Robotics State Championship.

Mr. Jeff Feldman and Mr. Ed McQuade from Greenway addressed the Board regarding home run derbies and catastrophic insurance. The Board suggested that Mr. Feldman hold his home run derby after the state championship baseball game to avoid violating the all-star and non-school participation rules.

Discussion was again held regarding policy for new programs such as Robotics. Dr. Slemmer and staff will continue to work on the process and will move forward with Robotics.

The Board was informed that Imagine Prep Superstition & Canyon View Prep dropped their membership.

5A Basketball Section Request – Tabled – Will address in December.

Open Discussion – Current Issues

ASA - Dr. Wilson discussed football. He asked if the Football Committee has ever considered flag football as an alternative for smaller schools related to the safety of the players. The Board discussed the playoffs and points of discussion as follows:

- Should 16 teams really be playing?
- Why not the top 8 instead?
- Championship – top 8 teams
- Sub-championship – bottom 8 teams
- Rankings are accurate with the outcome of playoffs

3A Conference – had questions regarding rankings. Dr. Slemmer explained that the AIA system was perceived as flawed and based on membership input, the current system now being used is accurate and utilizes the variables the Association has chosen, excluding those that are not in step with the Association's mission and philosophy.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DOMICILE RULE – LEGAL GUARDIAN

Following review and discussion of the written information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following legal guardian requests:

✓ Cienega

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO AIA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following as Emergency Legislation which will again be voted on by Membership at the March 7, 2014 Legislative Council Meeting:

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT (Emergency)

Amend AIA Bylaws: Article 9 Finances
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Rationale:

This change helps protect and ensure the continuing availability and economic viability of catastrophic injury coverage. It clarifies that demonstration and/or exhibition events are not intended to and will not be covered under the catastrophic coverage.

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Rule: Article 9 Finances, Section 9.2 Assessments

9.2 ASSESSMENTS

- 9.2.2 Student Excess Accident Insurance - Each member school (full and associate members) shall purchase excess accident (catastrophic) insurance to insure students against injuries sustained while engaged in school sponsored interscholastic sports and activities sanctioned by the AIA during the season of sport or activity as identified in the AIA Constitution and Bylaws. Demonstration and/or exhibition events (e.g., home run derby, slam dunk competition, three point shooting competition, closest to the pin competition, etc.) are not considered "sports and activities sanctioned by the AIA" and will not be covered by the catastrophic insurance referenced in this bylaw. The AIA Executive Board shall determine the insurance carrier for said coverage and notify member schools (full and associate members) of the carrier selected and the premium rate. Each member school shall pay the premium to the AIA office who, in turn, shall send a payment to the insurance carrier to cover the total annual premium for the member schools. It is understood that the AIA and the AIA Executive Board are not agents or representatives of, or in any way affiliated with, said insurance carrier. The insurance carrier shall set the terms and conditions of said coverage and AIA shall not be liable for any claims related to the terms and conditions of said coverage.

REQUEST - EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 14.7

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.7 All-Star Competition

14.7 ALL-STAR COMPETITION**14.7.1 POSITION STATEMENT**

The member schools of the AIA oppose all-star competition during the school year and shall oppose all efforts of any organization, agency or individual to establish such competition.

14.7.2 During the school year, administrators and coaches shall decline any invitation to participate in all-star competition, shall refrain from recommending any student athlete for all-star competition and shall refuse to provide use of any high school facility for all-star competition, unless specifically sanctioned by the Executive Board.

The school listed below is requesting an exception to AIA Bylaw 14.7:

- Chandler Coach Shaun Aguano Army All-American Football Bowl

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **approved** Chandler's request.

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The schools listed below are requesting an exception to AIA Bylaw 14.7:

- Desert Edge Coach Rich Wellbrock Canyon Coast Classic
- Cactus Coach Larry Fetkenhier Canyon Coast Classic
- Yuma Catholic Coach Jim Ewan Canyon Coast Classic

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **denied** the requests from Desert Edge, Cactus, and Yuma Catholic.

REQUEST - EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 21.5.3

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

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:

- Pusch Ridge Christian Academy – Girls only (roster provided)
- Horizon Honors - Boys & Girls (rosters provided)
- Valley Christian – Girls only (roster provided)
- Gilbert Christian – Boys only (roster provided)
- Bisbee – Boys only (roster provided)

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

Corona del Sol – an additional boys' soccer game to help fill **Flagstaff's** schedule.

Flagstaff – an additional JV/VAR girls' soccer game to help fill **Corona del Sol's** schedule.

Ft. Thomas – an additional VAR girls' basketball game to help fill **San Simon/Bowie's** schedule.

Gilbert – an additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Mountain View's** schedule.

Glendale – two additional JV girl' soccer games to help fill **Washington's** schedule.

Glendale – an additional JV boys' soccer game to help fill **Cortez's** schedule.

Glendale – an additional JV/VAR boys' soccer game to help fill **Flagstaff's** schedule.

Kingman – an additional JV boys'/girls' soccer game to help fill **Lee Williams's** schedule.

Seligman – an additional VAR boys'/girls' basketball game to help fill **Tri-City Prep's** schedule.

Seton Catholic – an additional VAR girls' basketball game to help fill **Flagstaff's** schedule.

Sunnyslope – an additional JV boys'/girls' soccer game to help fill **Cortez's** schedule.

Washington – an additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Bradshaw Mountain's** schedule.

WRESTLING PROPOSAL

Mr. Al Trejo from the Wrestling Sports Advisory Committee provided the Board with a proposal which would allow wrestlers to be placed and advance in the 2013-2014 State Wrestling Tournament. Dr. Slemmer indicated that he has heard opposition to the proposal and suggested that the Wrestling Committee find an avenue to get the information out to all athletic directors and wrestling coaches for feedback and input. Dr. Slemmer suggested that in the future for seeding, wrestlers could be power ranked since the technology is now in place. No action taken.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

SABINO HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.7 All-Star Competition

Reported Violation:

Assistant football coach participated in the Global Football game in Italy. Coach was also the father of one of the six Sabino athletes who participated in the program in Italy. Coach had resigned verbally to the varsity football coach at the end of the football season last year and is now a Principal in Oregon.

School's Corrective Action:

Coaches will not be allowed to participate without requesting AIA approval.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sabino High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Advisement** for one year 11/18/13-11/18/14.

SAHUARITA HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.72 Practice

Reported Violation:

Spiritline – a practice was held on a Sunday at the Sahuarita High School gym.

School's Corrective Action:

Coaches will be in-serviced again on the rules regarding permissible practice dates. Letter of counsel will be placed in coaches' files.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sahuarita High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/18/13-11/18/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

ROUND VALLEY 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. New student data system failure (Schoolmaster) – 6 weeks severe technical difficulties. New Athletic Director, counselor, and assistant principal. All resulted in incorrect student information identifying transfer students.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited – but rescinded at special Executive Board meeting held on 10/30/13. Technical difficulties have been rectified. Training will continue on the new system. A.D. will attend all AIA trainings on policy & procedures. Administrators and office staff will be trained on protocol for identifying new student athletes. Coaches will receive training on communicating with administration on any new student athletes in the system to verify accuracy of student athlete status. Athletic office and coaches will review student athlete list prior to the season. Will continue to work closely with the AIA in regards to future policy and protocol development.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Round Valley High School **Activities/Athletic Programs** on **Advisement** for one year 11/18/13-11/18/14.

PARADISE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 36, Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches/Coaching

Reported Violation:

Hired new coaches last year. Coaches were AACCA safety certified and attended rules clinic, but thought rules clinic was for two years. Coaches did have NCA rules training in Summer 2013 but not NFHS AIA rules class. Spiritline practiced stunts and tumbled.

School's Corrective Action:

Added this to the Coaches Certification spreadsheet to prevent further issues and act as a reminder.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Paradise Valley High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/18/13-11/18/14.

RESULTS OF HARDSHIP APPEALS COMMITTEE – WINTER SPORTS

Granted	51
Denied	31
Total	82

Granted

Arcadia
 Barry Goldwater
 Basha
 Basha
 Basha
 Betty Fairfax
 Camp Verde
 Campo Verde
 Catalina Foothills
 Cienega
 Deer Valley
 Desert Edge
 Desert Ridge
 Empire
 Flowing Wells
 Gilbert
 Greenway

Greenway
 Hamilton
 Holbrook
 Liberty
 Mesquite
 Mountain Pointe
 Mountain Pointe
 Mountain Ridge
 Mt. View (Mesa)
 NW Christian
 Paradise Valley
 Red Mesa
 Red Mesa
 Red Mesa
 Red Mesa
 Red Mountain
 Sabino

Sahuarita
 Sahuaro
 Sandra Day O'Connor
 Seton Catholic
 Skyline
 Sunnyslope
 Tanque Verde
 Thunderbird
 Tombstone
 Valley Christian
 Valley Christian
 Valley Lutheran
 Canyon del Oro
 Desert Ridge
 Tohono O'Odham
 Williams Field
 Williams Field

Denied

Boulder Creek
 Boulder Creek
 Centennial
 Centennial
 Chino Valley
 Chino Valley
 Cholla
 Corona del Sol
 Florence
 Florence
 Florence

Flowing Wells
 Globe
 Globe
 Greenway
 Hamilton
 Pinnacle
 Pinnacle
 Rancho Solano
 Red Mesa
 Saguaro
 Scottsdale Christian

Sedona Red Rock
 Sedona Red Rock
 Skyline
 South Mountain
 South Mountain
 Tonopah
 Vista Grande
 Walden Grove
 Xavier

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

Chino Valley	<i>Duane Howard, Superintendent, Peter Jelovic, Athletic Director, Parent and Student</i>
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Globe	<i>Jim Simmons, Athletic Director, God-Parents, Grandmother and Student</i>
	<u>San Carlos:</u> <i>Donna Antonio, Athletic Director</i>
Walden Grove	<i>Chris Murphy, Athletic Director, Parent and Student</i>
Corona del Sol	<i>Brent Brown, Principal, Ken Salas, District Athletic Director, Dan Nero, Athletic Director, Attorney, Parents and Student</i>
South Mountain	<i>Brian Fair, Athletic Director, Parent, Attorney and Student</i>
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Pinnacle	<i>Jay Thomas, Athletic Director, Corey Newland, District Athletic Director, and Student</i>
	<u>North:</u> <i>Ray Pino, Athletic Director</i>
Rancho Solano	<i>Aaron Trigg, Athletic Director, Parent and Student</i>
	<u>Saguaro:</u> <i>Bob LaRue, Athletic Director</i>
Boulder Creek	<i>Matt Hreha, Athletic Director, Parent and Student</i>
Xavier	<i>Sr. Nancy Perlick, Asst. Athletic Director, Parents and Student</i>
	<u>St. Mary's:</u> <i>Greg Fahrendorf, Athletic Director</i>
Scottsdale Christian	<i>Yvonne Winsbury, Athletic Director, Bob Fredericks, Basketball Coach, Parents and Student</i>
	<u>Notre Dame Prep:</u> <i>Monica Barrett, Athletic Director</i>
Centennial	<i>Christine Lopezlira, Principal, Erik Stone, Athletic Director, Parent, Grandparent, Attorney and Students</i>

SCHOOL/APPEAL**GRANTED/DENIED**

Chino Valley	Granted	
Chino Valley	Granted	
Globe	Denied	
Walden Grove	Denied	
Corona del Sol	Granted	
South Mountain	Granted	
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Pinnacle	Granted	
Rancho Solano	Denied	
Boulder Creek	Denied	
Xavier	Denied	<i>(Mr. Mignella excused himself from meeting)</i>
Scottsdale Christian	Denied	
Centennial	Granted	
Centennial	Granted	

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- Email – Matt Kuffel – True Character Exhibited by Thunderbird Girls' Volleyball Program
- NFHS News Release – NFHS Responds to Report on Sports-related Concussions
- NIAAA –Congratulations to Charles Schmidt – “Ten Year Commendation”
- AIA lifts Deer Valley football playoff ban (*West Valley Prep 10/21/13*)
- Local Roundup: Appeal rejected, NPA boys soccer out of postseason (*azdailysun.com 10/31/13*)
- MAXPREPS TODAY (*10/11/13*)
- Vigil for boy with the “heart of a lion” (*Scott Bordow- azcentralsports*)

FUTURE DATES

November 28-29, 2013	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 9, 2013	Executive Board Meeting
December 24-25, 2013	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 31-Jan. 1, 2014	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
January 20, 2014	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
January 21, 2014	Executive Board Meeting
January 21, 2014	Deadline – Hardship Appeals – Spring Sports
January 23, 2014	Deadline – Legislative Council Meeting Agenda
January 27-28, 2014	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 9, 2013. 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 Wednesday, November 27, 2013.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director