

MINUTES EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING March 17, 2014

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, March 17, 2014, at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Vice-President Doug Wilson 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)

Joe Paddock, 4A Conference (Amphitheater Unified District)

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)

Toni Badone, AdvancED (Yuma Union High School District)

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. AIA Executive Director

Members Absent:

Brenda Mayberry, 3A Conference (Combs High School)

Dan Serrano, 5A Conference (Perry High School)

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:

Shay Pausa

Tyler Killian

Steve Belles

Corev Newland

Marcus Williams

Jim Culver

Lu Albanese

Stuart Minck

Matt Bentz

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, Vice-President Wilson, 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:

- ✓ 8:55 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.
- ✓ 1:25 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on February 18, 2014 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

Frank J. Begay	Many Farms	25 years
Diane Reece	Shadow Mountain	25 years
Paul Wyatt	Show Low	25 years

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.

<u>Cancellation Requests – Contests and/or Programs</u>

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:

Agua Fria JV Boys' Tennis Program

Apache Junction FR Baseball contest with Arcadia 4/21/14

Barry Goldwater FR Softball Program
Camelback FR Baseball Program
Carl Hayden FR Baseball Program

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Cont'd

Cibola FR Softball Contest with:

Millennium 3/21/14Maricopa 4/28/14

Coronado FR Baseball & JV Softball Programs

Combs JV B/G Tennis Programs

Gilbert Classical VAR Boys' Tennis Match with Northland Prep 3/11/14

Glendale Prep B/G Tennis Programs Highland FR Softball Program Immaculate Heart VAR B/G Tennis Program Palo Verde Girls' Tennis Program Paradise Valley FR Softball Program Prescott FR Softball Program San Luis FR Softball Program San Tan Foothills JV Baseball Program St. Michael VAR Baseball Program Sunnyside VAR Boys' Tennis Program

VAR Boys' Volleyball Program (Desert View does not consent)

Tempe Prep VAR Softball Program
Vista Grande VAR Boys' Tennis Program

Williams Field FR Softball Program
Willow Canyon FR Baseball Program

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

3A Conference Meeting Agendas/Minutes

2A North Meeting Agenda - 3/5/14

Soccer Sports Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes 2/25/14

Desert Sky/East Sky Meeting Minutes - 2/27/14

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 February 2014

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer briefed the Board on the Legislative Council Meeting and thanked the Board members who attended, the legislative council members and Mr. Mignella for conducting the meeting.

Dr. Slemmer attended the Founders' Day Event, hosted by the ASU Alumni Association. Dr. Javier Cárdenas was honored for his contributions in promoting the health and safety of AIA athletes. Dr. Slemmer thanked Dr. Cárdenas for chairing the SMAC committee, for his contribution to the Brainbook program and for all he's done for the student-athletes.

Discussion was held at length regarding cancellations of programs, games and forfeits. The Board agreed that master schedules are expected to be followed. It was suggested that a committee be formed to discuss sanctions and solutions to this continuing problem. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** creating the committee and members will submit one (1) or two (2) names from each conference before the April Board meeting.

The Board was updated on the AIA Emergency Action Plans:

- 14 sports tracked
- 128 AIA schools submitted EAPs
- 302 EAPs have been processed thru the AIA Online Academy for all 14 sports

As a result, **2 lives have been saved** – a soccer official and wrestling coach!

Dr. Slemmer shared a hardship appeals concern from Salpointe Catholic regarding information presented during the first round of hardship appeals. Dr. Slemmer explained that Form 15.10 will be updated with the following sentence added to page 4 of the Hardship Appeal: **As the sending school, do you wish to attend the hardship appeal hearing – yes or no?** The sending school will now have the opportunity to be present at the 1st meeting.

Ms. Shay Pausa reported on the AIA Insight Panel. Ms. Pausa explained that the panel consists of school administrators, coaches, parents, fans and students. She noted that the panel allows a platform for other voices to be heard. Sample topics discussed: equipment, Deer Valley violation, recruitment, bylaw violations, tournaments and AIA365 financing. She shared that parents want to be more involved with decision making and don't feel adequately represented by the Board, committees or member schools. Communication is a concern with the panel and they are working to find solutions re: collection of parent email addresses, etc.

Open Discussion – Current Issues

5A Conference – requested an additional meeting – April 9, 2014. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **approved** the additional meeting.

2A Conference - fan seating at basketball games was discussed. Mr. Youvella noted that at two different state basketball games, fans were separated as instructed by site directors. Fans felt this was segregation/discrimination. Mr. Youvella explained that the culture of reservation schools is different than other areas of the state – fans arrive early to get the best seats to enjoy basketball all day. The behavior of separating the fans disrupted the games and Mr. Youvella asked that if this is a new practice, everyone needs to be notified of that in advance. Mr. Youvella was informed that this is **not** the practice of the AIA. The Diversity Committee will continue discussion and possible solutions regarding these situations addressed by the 2A.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT - Cont'd

On behalf of Maricopa High School, the Board was presented information from Alliance Youth Sports and the Maricopa Youth Football Alliance. The document noted that MYFA is only for Maricopa male and female youth residents in K-8 and is fully supported by Maricopa High School. The program will offer a structured youth program that promotes exercise, health, teamwork, dedication, commitment, problem solving, goal setting and cooperative learning. The Board discussed the document and, as presented, did not consider it to be a problem under the Recruitment Rule (15.12).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - ANNUAL EVALUATION

At the recommendation of Dr. Wilson and pursuant to AIA Bylaw 6.5.6, a committee of the Executive Board was formed for the purpose of establishing components to be included in the Executive Director's annual evaluation. The committee will consist of Mr. Serrano, Dr. Wilson, representing the President and Vice-President and one other member TBD.

<u>STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW</u> 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:

- Blue Ridge
- Highland
- Joy Christian
- Marana
- Rincon

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY - AGE LIMIT RULE

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

Robert Edwards, Principal, Steve Adolph, Vice President, Rodger Schenks, Football Coach, Parent & 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, **approved** the following age rule request:

San Tan Foothills

1A CONFERENCE

Rule: Article 8. Classification of Member High Schools, Section 8.1.7

- 8.1.7 Two 1A Conference member schools (not associate member schools) having a combined enrollment of less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the maximum allowed enrollment in grades 9-12 may, by mutual agreement, join together to form one team in any team sport.
 - 8.1.7.1 <u>EXCEPTION</u>: 1A schools in close proximity may combine to form a football team. Teams will not be eligible for state playoffs and do not have to meet the seventy-five percent (75%) rule for combined enrollment. Schools wanting to combine must get the approval of the 1A Conference at the February meeting.
 - 8.1.7.2 Schools planning to use this rule shall request approval from the AIA Executive Board no later than March 15 preceding the two-year block period.

Salt River High School and **Rancho Solano High School** request approval to combine football teams for the 2014-2015 school year.

Fredonia High School and **El Capitan High School** request approval to combine football, baseball and softball teams for the 2014-2015 school year.

8-Man Football Schedules

1A Conference Committee voted to meet on August 8, 2014 to schedule Division VI (8-man) football. Prior to the 8th, any school that will be involved in Division VI football, must declare in writing that they will have a team. At the end of the meeting a football schedule will be complete and given to Brian Bolitho to be entered in the computer.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the 1A Conference requests listed above were **approved**.

EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 23.2

Rule: Article 23 Football, Section 23.2 Season of Sport

23.2.3 <u>Fall Season</u> <u>Practice</u> no sooner than the 5th week

<u>Competition</u> no sooner than Wednesday of the 8th week

<u>Championship</u> to be concluded by the 23rd week

23.2.3.1 The AIA Executive Board may approve a game to be scheduled in the 7th week if scheduling difficulties exist due to unforeseen circumstances. Those schools beginning competition the 7th week may begin practice the 4th week and on Monday of the 6th week.

Shadow Mountain High School and **Central High School** are requesting their scheduled football game be moved to the zero week. Both teams currently play during a time when grades become an issue and also because of low numbers on their teams, a bye week, to become healthy, helps both squads. Would not affect anyone else's schedule.

Hamilton High School and Sandra Day O'Connor High School are requesting their football game be scheduled zero week. Hamilton will not be participating in the Brother in Arms game in San Diego and Sandra Day O'Conner agreed to play to help fill Hamilton's schedule.

Due to San Luis dropping their football program, the following schools are requesting permission to play zero week:

- Cibola and Trevor Brown
- Parker and Yuma
- Kofa and North

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board <u>approved</u> the above early football starts (0-week) for this year only and added that in the future, schools need to look for resolutions before the next 2-year block.

EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 23.2 & 23.5 - SHOW LOW HIGH SCHOOL

Rule: Article 23 Football, Section 23.2 Season of Sport

23.2.3 <u>Fall Season</u> <u>Practice</u> no sooner than the 5th week

Competition no sooner than Wednesday of the 8th week

<u>Championship</u> to be concluded by the 23rd week

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23.5 NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON

23.5.1 No school shall schedule more than ten varsity games.

Show Low High School is requesting approval to play **Williams Field** during week zero of the 2014 football season – Friday, August 22, 2014. Show Low's football team has been invited to play in the Bahamas with the KSA Events Group on 8/29/14. Williams Field has agreed to change. Show Low is also requesting an 11th game.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Show Low to add an 11th game and to the early football start.

REQUEST - EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 26.5.3 – SHOW LOW HIGH SCHOOL

Rule: Article 26 Softball, Section 26.5 Number of Games in Season

26.5 <u>NUMBER OF GAMES IN SEASON</u>

26.5.3 No player shall participate in more than 20 softball games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

26.5.3.1 <u>EXCEPTION</u>: Division III & IV schools, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in 50% more matches or games than the regularly scheduled matches or games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.

<u>Example</u>: If a school scheduled 20 games or matches, each player could participate in 50% more games or matches for a total of 30.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following request for an exemption from the number of games in season:

Show Low - roster provided

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board <u>approved</u> the following:

Campo Verde – an additional football game to help fill Salpointe Catholic's schedule.

Deer Valley – an additional boys' volleyball game to help fill Desert Ridge's schedule.

Desert Christian – an additional VAR baseball game to help fill **San Manuel's** schedule and an

additional VAR boys' tennis match to help fill St. Gregory's schedule.

Ironwood – an additional FR softball game to help fill Sunrise Mountain's schedule.

Kingman – an additional football game to help fill Lake Havasu's schedule.

Mohave - an additional football game to help fill Gila Ridge's schedule.

Saguaro – an additional FR baseball game to help fill **Chaparral's** schedule.

Sandra Day O'Connor – an additional football game to help fill Hamilton's schedule.

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

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

5A Conference – Sports Advisory Committees

Ray Pino, North (Administrator)

Jay Thomas, Pinnacle (Adm.)

Robert DeBerry, Tucson (Adm.)

Spiritline

Golf

Wrestling

COMPUTER SCHEDULING COMMITTEE - 2015-2016

1A Conference -

Vic Acuna, St. Gregory Lu Albanese, Shonto Prep Brian Pereira, Ashfork

2A Conference -

Mike Elder, Northland Prep Donna Antonio, San Carlos Shawn Gatson, Bourgade Catholic

3A Conference -

Derek Fahleson, Estrella Foothills Jacob Holiday, Monument Valley Leeann Lacapa, Alchesay

4A Conference -

Nathan Slater, Saguaro Jeannine Brandel, Flagstaff Nemer Hassey, Cienega

5A Conference - TBD

CASA GRANDE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT -

Clarification - CGUHSD governing board is considering the relocation of its District Sponsored Charter School (DSCS) to Vista Grande High School (VGHS). Currently, Casa Verde High School serves as the DSCS and does not participate in AIA athletics. Topics/questions to be addressed:

- Participation
- Geographical Boundaries
- Transfer Students
- Change of Domicile

The Board discussed Vista Grande High School becoming a charter school and the students who are currently enrolled at Casa Verde High School and Vista Grande High School. Without representation from CGUHSD in attendance, the Board was unable to answer questions and instructed staff to meet with Superintendent Goodsell upon his return from spring break.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

AGUA FRIA HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,

Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators

Article 18. Officials, Section 18.7 Officials / Schools - Contract & Responsibility

Reported Violation:

Following a girls' JV basketball game, the Athletic Director confronted an AIA official at Agua Fria HS. He assumed an argumentative posture, volume, and tone with the official. He threatened to withhold payment for officiating services. He stated that the official was not welcome back to Agua Fria HS.

School's Corrective Action:

District and site personnel are addressing the behavior displayed per district policy. A former A.D. will serve as the site director for the Division II, Section 3 tournament at AFHS.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Agua Fria High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

<u>SAN MIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL</u> reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, <u>Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.2 Practice</u>

Reported Violation:

Softball coach called a practice on Sunday, but was unable to find field space to practice. Coach believed since the only players invited were members of his club team, that the practice was allowed. All coaches at San Miguel are informed that they are not to be coaching any of our athletes on Sundays during the school year.

School's Corrective Action:

Coaches are told that Sundays may not be used for meetings or practices and are to be non-contact days with our student athletes. We feel the head coach was trying to circumvent the rule and is no longer associated with the program effective 2/25/14. The interim coach has been reminded of the no contact rule on Sundays and a letter is going home to our parents explicitly stating that "Sundays are not be utilized by our teams, individual players, or coaches in any way, shape or form."

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Miguel High School **Softball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

<u>CHANDLER HIGH SCHOOL</u> reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, <u>Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.5 Domicile Rule</u>

Reported Violation:

Ineligible girls' swimmer. Student was flagged as a "520" who had previously swam at Arizona College Prep during her 9th grade year. Student was given a "blue card" which allows her to practice only and not participate in meets, games, or matches. This blue card had "520" written on it so coaches would know not to enter her into any swim meets. Coach allowed student to participate in meets.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Have generated a new check off sheet that needs to be turned in with all athletic paperwork which identifies new students. Added a new "red card" with 520 on it to identify any new students, when are given to coaches during tryouts. Will continue with current procedures and practices which have worked well in the past, if followed by the coaches as intended.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Chandler High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

DEER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.5 Domicile Rule Section, 15.10 Transfer Rule & 16.2 Ineligible Player

Reported Violation:

Ineligible football player. The woman the student listed as his mother/guardian on the DVHS enrollment papers was, we believe as of now after our conversation with Tolleson A.D., his girl friend's mother, so there was no change in domicile. Student was not truthful on his enrollment papers and did not complete the DVHS Previous Sports Participation form honestly. He did not indicate that he had played football at Tolleson and told the DVHS A.D. he would not go out for any fall sport. Two weeks later, he was cleared for football, but a 520 Form was not completed. The student portrayed a woman as his mother/legal guardian which led us to believe that there had been a change in domicile as there was no father listed on the birth certificate. The student withdrew from DVHS on 12/20/13 to go to Maricopa High School. Tolleson A.D. called DVHS on 2/7/14 to ask about a 520 Form for the student, as the student is now re-enrolled at their high school. During the discussion, we learned that the student's real mother had him removed from the home last April and declared himself homeless.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest forfeited. Transfer students will be required to complete the 520 Form during registration prior to receiving an athletic packet to complete for athletic participation and only then they will be cleared by the Athletic Office.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Deer Valley High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

DEER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule, Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

Reported Violation:

Ineligible spiritline athletes. Athletes were allowed to practice without clearance from Athletic Office. They didn't have a physical exam on file nor had they been cleared. They have not competed in any event.

School's Corrective Action:

Practice only. Pom and cheer coaches have been given an oral warning and reinstructed on the proper procedure for athletic clearance. Students will not be allowed to practice and/or compete without approved emergency card.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Deer Valley High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

PARKER HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule, Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

Reported Violation:

Ineligible baseball player. Student practiced 2 days without having been released. No concussion, physical, insurance or parent permission on file.

School's Corrective Action:

Practice only. Students are to hand yellow release forms to the coach before they are allowed to practice. This procedure was covered in the spring coach's meeting. Coach will get a letter of direction placed in his file.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Parker High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

MOUNTAIN RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule, Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

Reported Violation:

Ineligible boys'/girls' track athletes. Students were allowed to practice with the track team before they turned in their athletic packet to the office.

School's Corrective Action:

Practice only. Event rosters were reconfigured and have been cross referenced with the athletic department's official roster. Coaches in-serviced on procedures.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mountain Ridge High School **Track Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

<u>RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL</u> reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 16. Penalties & Appeals, Section 16.2 Ineligible Player

Reported Violation:

Ineligible boys' basketball player. Student was granted eligibility based upon preliminary information taken as reliable. Upon reinvestigation of the circumstances surrounding the transfer of student, it has been determined that the student was ineligible resulting from a transfer without a change in domicile.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Will more thoroughly investigate domiciles of transfer students, make personal contact with the family at their place of residence, and request further documentation regarding dates of residency.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the River Valley High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

<u>PEORIA HIGH SCHOOL</u> reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 21. Basketball, Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season

Reported Violation:

Ineligible girls' JV basketball player. Coach inadvertently played a player 8 quarters in one night. She played 4 quarters in the FR game and 4 quarters in the JV game.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Entire girls' basketball coaching staff will be in-serviced on all bylaws regarding player participation by the A.D. with the Principal in attendance. The next infraction of this bylaw by the same coaching staff will result in the dismissal of the offending coach. A.D. apologizes on behalf of his coaching staff and Peoria High School to Alhambra players, coaches and administration.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Peoria High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

ALTA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,

Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches/Coaching

Reported Violation:

Spiritline head coach did submitted paperwork with the exception of in-person orientation of 1st year spiritline coaches. Spiritline coach did submit concussion course and AIA safety course.

School's Corrective Action:

Spiritline will not compete in any spiritline events.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Alta Vista High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

ARIZONA CHARTER ACADEMY reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,

Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches/Coaching

Reported Violation:

High school spiritline club team participated in an AIA competition. Arizona Charter Academy did not indicate participation in spiritline as part of their AIA sports this year. They always ran the cheer program as a combined 7-10 grade after school club. In October, ACA decided that they had enough student participation to split the club. Although both the junior high and high school coaches for spiritline completed several of the required classes, it was done online and not in compliance with AIA bylaws. ACA has ceased the line for the remainder of the year and will initiate spiritline as a stated AIA activity for the 2014-15 school year.

School's Corrective Action:

Next year, cheer will be an official high school sport and all coaches will have participated in required course work.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Arizona Charter Academy **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

RANCHO SOLANO PREP reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches/Coaching*

Reported Violation:

Cheer sponsor was not certified through the AACCA Safety Certification process and did not attend the NFHS Spirit Rules Interpretation Class prior to the group's season. This was due to administration failing to direct the cheer club sponsor to attend the above courses due to a misinterpretation of the status of the cheer club as a Spiritline activity sanctioned by the AIA.

School's Corrective Action:

The Rancho Solano Prep administration has been in contact with AIA officials to ensure greater clarity on the qualifications of a Spiritline group as outlined in the AIA bylaws. The administration has required each person on the administration staff to re-read and discuss all AIA team specific bylaws to ensure those overseeing each sport understand all sport coaching requirements. The administrative team will require all coaches to meet with the administrative team to discuss the team specific bylaws to ensure each coach fully understands and completes the requirements to coach their respective sport.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Rancho Solano Prep **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

<u>SAN LUIS HIGH SCHOOL</u> reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, <u>Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches/Coaching</u>

Reported Violation:

Cheer coach did not attend NFHS Spirit Rules course. Coach had attended in past and did not think she needed to attend, as they were not going to compete and asked the administrative assistant instead of asking the new A.D. Coach had other needed documentation, but rules course was missed. New A.D. missed it, as he was still learning everything that comes with the start of school and fall sports.

School's Corrective Action:

Once aware of violation, cheer was not allowed to stunt. Procedural change made to look for all three pieces of certification in cheer files. Personnel changes were made. A meeting with the cheer coach and A.D. took place outlining the necessary paper work that needed to be on file, whether or not if the team competes. The Cheer coach has decided not to return as coach next year. The A.D. will not be returning next year.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Luis High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

<u>DESERT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL</u> reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches/Coaching

Reported Violation:

Cheer coach did not attend NFHS Spirit Rules course.

School's Corrective Action:

Desert View disbanded the cheer program after the 2013 football season due to the varsity coach taking a leave of absence due to personal reasons and resigning.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert View High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

<u>PINNACLE HIGH SCHOOL</u> reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, <u>Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches/Coaching</u>

Reported Violation:

Cheer stunt team wore a non-compliant uniform to a function which was deemed crossover representation of affiliation violating the "shall not practice or compete" with another group while in that season of competition portion of the bylaws.

School's Corrective Action:

A.D. met with the coach and team to make sure of their understanding of the bylaw. Received from them clear understanding and this will not happen again.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Pinnacle High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/17/14-3/17/15.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

Bobby Estrella, Athletic Director, RJ Lundstrom, Asst. Athletic Director, & Guardian

SCHOOL/APPEAL GRANTED / DENIED

Sahuaro 2 Students - Denied

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- Email Morenci Wrestling Coach thanks for efforts and doing the right thing by kids
- Memo Bryan Bullington Bagdad Concerns with wrestling tournament
- Email Parent Hardship Appeal
- Article Athletic Transfers, school classifications in bill's sights (JournalStar.com)
- Article A Historic Day for AIA Legislative Council, Executive Board (Jose Garcia)
- Article Raising officiating stipends a good first step (Mark Heller, Tribune)
- Article Bordow: Deer Valley lucky punishment wasn't worse

FUTURE DATES

April 18, 2014	Holiday - AIA Office Closed
April 21, 2014	Executive Board Meeting
May 19, 2014	Executive Board Meeting
May 26, 2014	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, April 21, 2014. The meeting will be held at the AIA Office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, April 10, 2014.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. Executive Director