



ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY – MARCH 4, 2022

In accordance with Article 4, Section 4.5, Paragraph 4.5.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, the regular annual meeting of the AIA Legislative Council (Council) was duly called and held on Friday, March 4, 2022, at the AIA Office, 7007 North 18th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020.

ROLL CALL

1A Conference (7)

Phillip Echeverria – Williams
George Diehl – Bagdad
Lydia Martinez – Hayden
Kari Avila – Salome
Lee Haws – Ft. Thomas
Angela Earnhart – Gregory School
Carl Adams – St. Michael

2A Conference (7)

Eric Dall – Scottsdale Christian
Leo Garcia – Morenci
Matt Akins – Trivium Prep
Donna Antonio – San Carlos
Duane Ediger – Scottsdale Prep
Tiarra Yazzie – Valley (Sanders)

3A Conference (7)

Dave Inness – Northwest Christian
Ryan Dodson – Window Rock
Greg Perkins – Holbrook
Kraig Leuschner – Eastmark
Garye LaFevers – Tonopah Valley

4A Conference (7)

Phil Gruensfelder – Salpointe Catholic
David Humphreys – Amphitheater
Shelly Arredondo – Tempe
Bill Wright – Estrella Foothills
Stacy Spencer – Deer Valley
Lenica Ruiz – Marcos de Niza
Yancey Devore – Mingus Union

5A Conference (7)

Nathan Orelup – Mtn View Marana
Mark Ernster – Peoria District
Remigio Gordillo – Millennium
Evana Santee – Central
Darrell Stangle – Williams Field
Stephen Cervantez – Desert Mountain
Eric Sowle – Nogales

6A Conference (7)

Zack Munoz – Phoenix Union District
Brett Pavey – Cibola
Derek Fahleson – Tolleson District
Aaron Frana – Mountain Pointe
Tommy Eubanks – Mesa District
Shawn Rustad – Chandler District

Arizona School Board Members (6)

1A – Carolyn Freeman – Bicentennial USD
4A – Steve Johnson – Florence USD
5A – Wendy Effing – Flowing Wells USD
6A – Ann Ordway – Deer Valley USD

Members Absent:

Shawn Lytle – Ben Franklin
Shawn Cluff – Florence
Lonnie Tvrdy – Pusch Ridge
Scott Warner – Deer Valley District
Arnold Goodluck – Sanders USD – 2A
Dr. Charles Lucero – Kingman USD – 3A

Others Present At Roll Call:

Executive Board:

Tim Carter
Toni Corona
Ricky Greer
Jim Love

AIA Staff:

David Hines – Executive Director
Joe Paddock – Assistant Executive Director
Tayler Coady – Executive Assistant
Robyn Bingham – Officials & Content Coordinator
Jeanie Kosower – Assistant Commissioner of Officials
Brian Gessner – Commissioner of Officials
Tyler Cerimeli – Officials & Tournament Coordinator
Denise Doser – Director of Finance
Dean Visser – Sports Administrator
Dan Nero – Tournament Coordinator
David Shapiro – Tournament Coordinator

Consultant/Parliamentarian:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel

Guests:

Sr. Lynn Winsor
Corey Newland
Nathan Slater
Nate Porter

After completion of roll call, Mr. Mignella introduced all others present and outlined procedures to be observed during the meeting. He reminded the Council Members that Article 5, Section 2 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total Council membership (32 members) is required to amend the AIA Constitution and that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a duly called meeting is required to amend the AIA Bylaws. Mr. Mignella continued by stating that Article 4, Section 5 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a quorum must be present at a meeting for the transaction of business, a quorum being two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership. He concluded that a quorum was present since roll call reflected that 42 of the 48 Council Members were present (32 members required for quorum). It was also determined, based upon the 42 members present, that a vote of 28 would be required for adoption of amendments to the AIA Bylaws. Mr. Mignella then reminded the Council that in accordance with Article 4, Section 5, Paragraph 5 of the AIA Constitution, proxy votes could not be accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 5, 2021 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Before entertaining a motion to approve the agenda for the March 4, 2022 meeting as presented, Mr. Mignella called for any request for additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOTION WAS MADE BY BILL WRIGHT AND SECONDED BY PHIL ECHEVERRIA TO ADD ITEM #10.

MOTION TO AMEND – PASSED

(Votes Cast: yes-39; No-2)

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS**AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

As recommended by the AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 8. Classification of Member High School. Section 1. Classification and Alignment

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

This change is based on the requirements found in 8.1.3.2 for the second conference placement of a newly created school. Approval of this change brings consistency to application of placement for newly created schools in football placements.

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8.1 CLASSIFICATION AND ALIGNMENT – A Conference is a group of member schools, each of whose October 1 enrollment falls within the same size range. A Region is a group of schools within the Conference.

8.1.6 Classification of Schools – INITIAL PLACEMENT

8.1.6.8 Football Placement – Schools will first be placed in the conference in which the school competed during the previous season. With the exception of the 1A Conference, using the average weighted (over 3 years) AIA Rankings powered by Maxpreps, schools with a standard deviation (rounding to the nearest whole number) of plus 2 or more move up 1 conference, schools with a standard deviation of plus 1, 0 or minus 1 do not move, schools with a standard deviation of -2 or below move down 1 conference.

8.1.6.8.3 For initial placement, new schools will be placed in the same conference as the initial placement of other team sports. For the second conference placement of a newly created school, the projected number of the fourth senior class will automatically place the school in a conference. All subsequent conference placements shall be based on the rules for existing member schools.

MOTION WAS MADE BY EVANA SANTEE AND SECONDED BY DAVID HUMPHREYS TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-41; No-0)

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CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS**AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

As recommended by the AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 8. Classification of Member High School. Section 1. Classification and Alignment

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

This change is based on issues regarding the appeal of placement into Conferences. With a report deadline of October 7th on odd numbers years for a school's October 1st enrollment numbers, the small school conferences have required extra days to set their conferences due to holidays and weekends. For the 2021 placement, the small schools met on October 12th which provided for the appeal deadline to become October 19th. If not approved, the small school conferences will need to meet on October 8th even if the 8th is a holiday or weekend day.

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8.1.10 Conference Placement Appeals – A school may appeal to be placed in a higher or lower Conference.

8.1.10.2 An appeal to be placed in a higher or lower Conference must be submitted in writing to the Conference committee no later than ~~October 15~~ the date set by the Executive Board of odd-numbered years.

MOTION WAS MADE BY GARYE LAFEVERS AND SECONDED BY ZACK MUNOZ TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-42; No-0)

Member arrived – total members in attendance at vote – 42 *Votes now needed to pass is 28

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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As recommended by AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 11. Amateur Rule

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

The addition of this language is to help further define and clarify amateur status.

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15.11 AMATEUR RULE

15.11.1 Each student, in order to represent his/her school in any AIA sanctioned contest, shall be and shall remain an amateur

15.11.1.1 Name Image and Likeness (NIL): A student is in violation of this bylaw and shall immediately lose eligibility if that student, his/her family member, or anyone else on behalf of that student, enters into an agreement with an individual, corporate entity, partnership, association, or any other party or organization, for use of that student's NIL which in any way relates to the student's connection to his/her high school team or activity program, or to any other non-school athletic team or activity program with which the student is connected. **(Emergency Legislation – Ex. Brd 10/18/2021)**

MOTION WAS MADE BY BILL WRIGHT AND SECONDED BY TOMMY EUBANKS TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-38; No-4)

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STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES**AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

As recommended by AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12. Recruitment Rule

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

Due to the word “participation” being defined as playing in a game, the added words of practiced and attended clarifies the intent of this bylaw.

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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.

15.12.4 Interpretations

15.12.4.14 PRIOR CONTACT – Prefatory statement: In an effort to preserve and promote competitive fairness and equity, and consistent with the AIA's mission to ensure that academics remain the primary focus of its member schools, the Prior Contact rule is an effort to deter recruiting of student-athletes and minimize athletically motivated transfers. However, the rule applies regardless of whether there is any evidence of athletic motivation or recruitment.

Despite compliance with the other provisions of AIA Bylaws, a student who transfers from one school (sending school) to another school (receiving school) is ineligible in the sport involved for one year from the date of attendance at the receiving school, if any of the following circumstances existed during the one year preceding the transfer:

- The student participated **or practiced** as an individual, on a school team, or on a non-school team coached, directed, supervised, managed, coordinated, owned or operated by any of the receiving school's coaches (in the sport involved), administrators or parents.
- The student participated **or attended** an open gym, open weight room, or open athletic facilities at the receiving school. For this circumstance, the sport involved is deemed to be any interscholastic sport in which the student has participated **or practiced** during the current or previous school year.
- A coach at the receiving school has served as a personal trainer, coach, conditioner or instructor for the student. For this circumstance, the sport involved is deemed to be any interscholastic sport in which the student has participated **or practiced** during the current or previous school year.
- The student participated **or attended** a camp, clinic, combine, showcase or similar event where a coach, trainer, or instructor in the sport involved at the receiving school worked, whether on a paid or volunteer basis. **(Emergency Legislation - 9/23/21)**

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY YANCEY DEVORE TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-38; No-4)

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NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION

4A CONFERENCE – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As recommended by AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Bylaw:

Article 14. General Provisions, Section 4. Nonschool Participation

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

This change will provide clarity and consistency to the start of the season of competition. The Executive Board will provide language in each applicable sport policy and procedure that will identify the first day of competition for each sport.

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14.4 NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION

- 14.4.1** A student who is a member or becomes a member of a school team shall not practice, have practiced or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport during the interscholastic season of competition. This rule applies to the following team sports: football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, track relay and swimming relay teams. For purposes of this rule, the interscholastic season of competition shall begin ~~with the first regularly scheduled game~~ **on the competition date as set in the policies and procedures of each sport**, and conclude with that particular team's final game. Any student violating the above rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that sport or up to a maximum of one calendar year.

MOTION WAS MADE BY PHIL ECHEVERRIA AND SECONDED BY BILL WRIGHT TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-37; No-5)

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There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 am by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director