



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2022**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a special meeting of the Executive Board was held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

President Jim Dean called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Members in Attendance:

Ricky Greer, 2A Conference (Hopi Jr./Sr. High School)
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)
Matt Belden, 4A Conference (Glendale Union School District)
Jim Dean, Ed.D., 5A Conference (Dysart School District)
Jennifer Burks, 6A Conference (Perry High School)
Jerry Jennex, Arizona Superintendents Association (Globe Unified School District)
William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)
Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)
Renee Regoli, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Dobson High School)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Joe Paddock, Associate Executive Director
Naomi Vaughn, Director of Special Projects
Brian Gessner, State Commissioner of Officials
Denise Doser, Chief Financial Officer
Dean Visser, Director of Athletics and Activities
Dan Nero, Director of Athletics
Tyler Cerimeli, Director of Athletics & Officials
Mary Wimmer, Tournament Coordinator

Guests:

Barry Aarons, Legal Counsel
Tommy Eubanks, Mesa District

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Dean, in accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

✓ 8:30am – 9:06am

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Upcoming Fall Championships:
 - o Football: 2A Championship November 26, 3A November 26, 4A December 9, 5A December 9, 6A December 10, Open Division December 10
- Transfer Committee will meet again before the December 12 Executive Board Meeting to propose any new information
- Girls Flag Football Committee completed Girls Flag Football Rule Book. After researching, staff recommends Girls Flag Football be an emerging Fall Sport.
- Football Reclassification Committee will be presenting to the Executive Board on December 12 that teams meet a 2.0 standard deviation in order to move up conferences.
- Strategic Planning Committee to revise AIA Mission Statement and create four sub-committees to execute the mission and priorities of the AIA.

ACTION ITEMS:**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

(a) Approval of Minutes

- Executive Board Meeting – October 17, 2022
- 5A Conference Meeting – October 20, 2022
- SMAC Meeting – September 29, 2022
- 2A Conference Meeting – November 4, 2022
- 2A Sports Advisory Committee Members – November 4, 2022

(b) AIA Lifetime Passes

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 11 AIA Passes. Paragraph 1 Lifetime Passes

1. Joni Giacomino	Bisbee	36 Years
2. Richard Chavez	Bisbee	29 Years
3. Mike Oesterle	Centennial	26 Years
4. Elliot Talgo	Fort Thomas	36 Years
5. Ian Hugh	Glendale UHSD	40 Years
6. Roy Stewart	Ironwood Ridge	31 Years

FINANCIAL REPORT

In accordance with Article 6, Section 5, Paragraph 15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial reports:

- ✓ Financial Report for October 2022

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Cont’d

CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS

In accordance with Article 11, Section 4, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following cancellation request for a varsity, junior varsity, freshman program(s) that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

<u>SCHOOL REQUESTING:</u>	<u>PROGRAM:</u>
1. Chandler Prep	VAR Wrestling
2. San Simon	VAR Boys Basketball
3. Lincoln Prep	VAR Girls Soccer
4. ALA – Anthem South	VAR Boys and Girls Soccer
5. Tombstone	VAR Girls Soccer
6. Sequoia Charter	VAR Girls Basketball
7. Shonto Prep	VAR Girls Basketball
8. San Tan Charter	VAR Wrestling
9. Sequoia Charter	VAR Boys Soccer
10. Kingman Academy	VAR Boys and Girls Soccer
11. Mountainside	VAR Boys and Girls Soccer
12. Tempe HS	VAR Girls Wrestling
13. Copper Canyon	VAR Football

53 Sub Varsity Program Cancellations

<u>SCHOOL REQUESTING:</u>	<u>HEREBY DOES NOT CONSENT:</u>
1. Valley HS – Sanders	Pinon High School – VAR Football

CONTEST(S) CANCELLED: 225 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

MEMBER SCHOOL REQUEST

Article 22. Basketball Section 5 Number of Games in Season Paragraph 3

22.5.3 No player shall participate in more than six (6) quarters/night.

22.5.3.1 EXCEPTION: 2A/1A, because of their limited enrollment, may permit a player to participate in an unlimited number of quarters/night during the season.

- *Girls Basketball – Valley Christian High School*

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **denied** the above member school request.

MEMBER SCHOOL REQUEST- Cont'dArticle 8. Classification of Member High Schools

8.6 DIVISION AND SECTION PLACEMENT PROCESS (for individual sports: badminton, cross country, golf, swimming, tennis, track, wrestling) – A school shall be placed in a Division based on the Division Placement Determination (see below). A school's Section placement for the sports of wrestling and cross country shall be based on the recommendations of the Wrestling Sports Advisory and Cross Country Sports Advisory committees, respectively. A School may appeal its Division or Section placement directly to the Executive Board, following the procedure and timeline adopted by the Board for that purpose. The Board's consideration of any Division or Section appeal will utilize the criteria set out under Bylaws 8.1.10.1 and 8.1.10.4

- *Boys Wrestling – Chinle High School* is appealing to move from Division III Section II Boys Wrestling to Division IV North Boys Wrestling

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above member school request.

REQUEST TO FIELD COOPERATIVE ATHLETIC TEAMS

- *Boys Soccer – Globe High School (3A) and Miami High School (2A)*

Globe Unified School District and Miami Unified School District are requesting permission to field cooperative athletic teams for the 2022-2023 school year in boys' soccer. Both teams will not be eligible for post-season.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above member school request.

Jerry Jennex (Globe Unified School District) abstained from the vote.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – LEGAL GUARDIAN**

Rule: Article 15, Student Eligibility Rules, Section 5 Domicile Rule

- 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 attendance zone in which said legal guardian is domicile 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)

- EXCEPTION: If a legal guardianship appointment has been in effect for at least two years prior to the student's participation in interscholastic competition, it shall not be necessary to petition the AIA Executive Board for domicile hardship eligibility.
- The use in interscholastic competition of a student for whom a legal guardian has been appointed, without compliance with the above requirements, shall constitute the use of an ineligible player.
- 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).

- Xavier College Preparatory
- Highland High School

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above Student Eligibility Appeals.

HARDSHIP APPEALS

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

<u>Sandra Day O'Connor</u>	Jason Rypkema – Athletic Director, Charles Wilson – Girls Basketball Coach Parent, Students <u>Cactus Shadows</u> – Drew Ammon – Athletic Director
<u>Notre Dame Preparatory</u>	Jason Lavine – Athletic Director, Asst. Football Coach, Parent, Student <u>Cactus Shadows</u> – Drew Ammon – Athletic Director
<u>Seton Catholic</u>	Gregg Buchanan – Athletic Director, Parent, Student <u>Brophy College Preparatory</u> – Steve Shaff – Sports Information Director
<u>Desert Ridge</u>	Jim Lavin – Athletic Director, Parent, Student <u>Williams Field High School</u> – Darrell Stangle – Athletic Director
<u>Maricopa</u>	Craig Moody – Athletic Director, Parent, Student
<u>NFL YET</u>	Albert Ramirez – Athletic Director, Parent, Student <u>Maricopa</u> – Craig Moody – Athletic Director
<u>Coconino</u>	Eric Freas – Athletic Director, Parent, Grandparent, Student <u>Prescott</u> – Missy Townsend – Athletic Director
<u>Cienega</u>	Chris Desrosiers – Athletic Director, Parents, Student <u>Mica Mountain</u> – Whitney Holland – Athletic Director
<u>Payson</u>	Jacob Spear – Girls Wrestling Coach, Student <u>Chino Valley</u> – Matt Dunn – Athletic Director
<u>Valley Union</u>	Paper screen

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 14 of the AIA Bylaws, granted/denied the following hardship eligibility requests:

<u>School/Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
Sandra Day O'Connor	Granted 100%
Notre Dame Preparatory	Denied
Seton Catholic	Denied
Desert Ridge	Granted 50%
Maricopa	Granted 50%
NFL YET	Denied
Coconino	Denied
Cienega	Denied
Payson	Granted 100%
Valley Union	Granted 100%

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

1. **Sunnyside** – an additional VAR Baseball and Softball games to help fill **Tanque Verde** schedule.
2. **Horizon Honors** – an additional VAR Baseball game to help fill **Wilcox** schedule.
3. **Safford** – an VAR Boys Soccer game to help fill **Florence** schedule.
4. **Valley Christian** – a VAR and JV Boys and Girls Basketball games to help fill **Pima's** schedule.
5. **Blue Ridge** – a VAR, JV, FR/SO Basketball game to help fill **Thatcher's** schedule.
6. **St. John Paul II** - a VAR and JV Boys and Girls Basketball games to help fill **Madison Highland** schedule.
7. **Fort Thomas** - a VAR and JV Girls Basketball games to help fill **St. Michael Indian School** schedule.
8. **Round Valley** - a VAR, JV, FR/SO Boys and Girls Basketball games to help fill **Safford** schedule.
9. **Alchesay** - a VAR, JV, FR/SO Boys and Girls Basketball games to help fill **Hopi's** schedule.

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above additional game requests.

BYLAW APPLICATION FOR CLUB BASKETBALL TRANSFERS –

The Executive Board has approved **for this year only**, students that remained enrolled at their home schools and participated with a prep school team and returns to their home team are eligible for 100% participation.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

- a. Flagstaff Christian High School
- b. Maryvale Preparatory Academy
- c. Music Mountain Jr./Sr. High School
- d. Rough Rock High School
- e. Somerton High School

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the receipt of the above new membership applications.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

- (A) Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 8, Parental Or Legal Guardian Consent Rule

APACHE JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL – *Apache Junction Unified School District***Reported Violation:**

On Thursday, October 20th, AJHS wore a camouflage jersey in honor of our veterans and active service members. Our coach was told by the vendor prior to ordering the jerseys that they would be okay for that special occasion. Knowing we would have those jerseys, our coach sent out our senior players (18 of them) home black jerseys to have their names put on them for our senior night. Without the camouflage jerseys, we would not have had a full set of jerseys except our away whites. I was not made aware of the decision to wear these uniforms until the day of the game. This is when I was also made aware that our blacks had been sent out to be altered.

Schools Corrective Action:

As the athletic director, I sat down with the coaching staff and reviewed proper game attire for both home and away games. I have also had a discussion with the coaches and made them aware that these types of changes need to go through me before they make these types of decisions

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Apache Junction **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/21/2022-11/21/2023.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(B)** *Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility, Section 7, Physical Examination Rules***CIENEGA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Vail Unified School District***Reported Violation:**

On 10/31/2022 Cienega female student athlete participated in girls' basketball tryout without approved physical on file. Student had submitted paperwork, but it was rejected by our athletic trainer due to missing pages. Our new head coach Felix Morales, who is responsible for making sure girls participating are fully cleared, didn't initially catch the error and allowed the student to practice. Once the error was realized, the student was removed from tryouts immediately.

Schools Corrective Action:

Outline any new procedures and/or revisions to current procedures, which have been implemented to prevent a recurrence of this violation.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cienega **Girls Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/21/2022-11/21/2023.

(C) *Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 1, Coaching Qualification***CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL** – *Scottsdale Unified School District***Reported Violation:**

It has been brought to our attention from our Human Resource Department that we are in violation of Article 17.1 involving Coaches and Coaching. It was determined that two volunteers were participating as coaches, under the supervision of a paid head coach, that had not cleared the SUSD Human Resources process.

Schools Corrective Action:

- All impacted volunteers immediately removed from participation pending clearance
- Identification of clearance deficiencies for each volunteer and begin process to correct those deficiencies with HR
- Reeducation of volunteer clearance process with 1st year site AD, 1st year Administrative Support, and all sport level head coaches
- Review of Winter and Spring season volunteers at Chaparral to ensure there are no uncleared volunteers participating
- Review of SUSD volunteer clearance process done by SUSD HR to identify opportunities for improvement
- Planning for a potential training of all SUSD personnel needing refresher and/or training on volunteer clearance process by SUSD Human Resources

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Chaparral High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/21/2022-11/21/2023.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

(D) *Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 1, Coaching Qualification*

ESTRELLA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL- *Buckeye Union High School District*

Reported Violation:

In September 2021, Estrella Foothills Football Booster Club paid an assistant coach a one time stipend for coaching of \$1,000.

Schools Corrective Action:

School has suspended the head coach for the remainder of the 2022 season including all practices and games as of 11/2/22, and will work with the new booster club members to stay in compliance with AIA by-laws.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Estrella Foothills High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/21/2022-11/21/2023.

(E) *Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 2, Practice*

SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL – *Dysart Unified School District*

Reported Violation:

A Coach held an individual instruction with a player on a Sunday. (Boys Basketball)

Schools Corrective Action:

A packet has been created for lower-level coaches regarding by-laws. These lower-level coaches will sign off fully understanding these by-laws before the school year begins to prevent confusion in the future.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Shadow Ridge High School **Boys Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/21/2022-11/21/2023.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd**(F)** Rule: Article 41. Sports Medicine, Section 2 Opioid EducationRule: Article 41. Sports Medicine, Section 3 Concussion Education**TRIVIUM PREPARATORY ACADEMY****Reported Violation:**

Allegation of potential AIA violations regarding student eligibility for Trivium Prep from the 21-22 Boys Basketball season. More information found in backup materials.

Schools Corrective Action:

- All returning fall athletes were immediately notified and given until Monday 10/31 to complete any missing courses. As of today, Friday 10/28, 30 athletes are still missing their Opioid Course and 8 are missing Brainbook Course. As of Wednesday, 11/2 all our fall athletes were up to date with all courses and our winter athletes did not begin practices until the courses were completed.
- All returning winter athletes were notified and given until Monday 10/31 (the first allowable day of practice) to complete any missing courses to be able to begin practicing
- Winter athletes who showed up for tryouts on the first day but did not have their Brainbook or Opioid course were given computer access to complete the courses so they could begin practices
- All coaches, Fall, Winter, and Spring, were notified of this and athletics administration will be confirming and clearing all athletes in person, prior to their first day of practice
- Trivium Athletics Admin will be continuously educating and training families about the athletic registration and clearance process

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Trivium Preparatory Academy **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/21/2022-11/21/2023.

(G) Rule: Article 39. Spiritline, Section 4 Rules and Regulations**COCONINO HIGH SCHOOL** – Flagstaff Unified School District**Reported Violation:**

Members of the Danceline performed during an assembly with jewelry on and their hair not tied back for safety purposes.

Schools Corrective Action:

New coach this year did not realize the rules applied to assembly performances. Instructed new coach about rules applying every time they perform. Will monitor closely to help the new coach into her new role and the many rules that apply to her team performances.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed Coconino High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/21/2022-11/21/2023.

FUTURE DATES

November 24-25, 2022	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
November 27, 2022	Girls Flag Football at AZ Cardinals football game
December 10-13, 2022	NIAAA Conference
December 12, 2022	Executive Board Meeting
December 22, 2022 - January 2, 2023	Winter Break – Office Closed

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director