



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
May 15, 2023**

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 Monday, May 15, 2023 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

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

**Members in Attendance:**

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior Jr./Sr. High School)  
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)  
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)  
Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)  
Jerry Jennex, Arizona School Administrators (Globe 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  
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Brian Bolitho, Chief Business Development Officer  
Denise Doser, Chief Financial Officer  
Brian Gessner, State Commissioner of Officials  
Dean Visser, Director of Athletics and Activities  
Dan Nero, Director of Athletics  
Tyler Cerimeli, Director of Athletics & Officials  
Mary Wimmer, Tournament Coordinator  
Jose Garcia, Multimedia Contributor  
Seth Polansky, Director of Sports Information

**Guests:**

Evelyn Wynn  
Steve Wene  
Leilani Peat

**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 – 8:42am
- ✓ 10:10am – 10:43am

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:****MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

Miss Peat discussed NIL opportunities being missed by student athletes in Arizona due to the current bylaws in place.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Annual Membership Survey results were presented to the Executive Board. The survey had over 130 responses with positive feedback overall.

Phoenix Day School for the Deaf withdrew their request to be permitted to participate with the Great Plains Schools for football during the 2024 season.

Information regarding the Bisbee softball team withdrawing from the first round of playoffs was shared with the Executive Board. Based on the information provided by the AIA staff the Executive Board has recommended Bisbee be advised of a possible unreported violation.

Spring tournaments will conclude May 16<sup>th</sup> with 5A and 6A baseball. Congratulations to all the schools and individuals that participated in the tournaments this year.

**ACTION ITMES:****CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

- Executive Board Meeting – April 17, 2023
- 2A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023
- 5A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023
- 3A Conference Committee Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2023
- Southern Arizona Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2023

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

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

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| 1. Michael Tomooka  | Buena     | 31 years |
| 2. Tom Goodwin      | Agua Fria | 30 years |
| 3. Rick McConnell   | Dobson    | 40 years |
| 4. Henry Bribiescas | Dobson    | 27 years |

**Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2022-23 Master Calendar**

In accordance with Article 10, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2022-2023 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.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

- ✓ Financial Report for April 2023

**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:

**SCHOOL REQUESTING:**

1. San Simon
2. Palo Verde

**HEREBY CONSENT:**

- VAR Boys/Girls Track & Field Program  
VAR Boys/Girls Golf Program

**SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS – 15**

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**CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 175 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)**

**ELECTION OF 2023-2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 4, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as officers for the **2023-2024** school year:

**President**

Jennifer Burks – Perry High School  
6A Conference

**Vice President**

Matt Belden – Glendale Union High School District  
4A Conference

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

- A. **Salpointe Catholic**– an additional VAR boys’ volleyball game to help fill **Sabino’s** schedule.
- B. **Prescott** – an additional VAR/JV boys’ volleyball game to help fill **Crismon’s** schedule. ***\*for the 2024 boys’ volleyball season.***
- C. **Arizona Lutheran** – an additional VAR girls’ volleyball game to help fill **Crismon’s** schedule. ***\*for the 2023 girls’ volleyball season.***
- D. **Eastmark** – an additional VAR boys/girls’ tennis match to help fill **Crismon’s** schedule. ***\*for the 2024 tennis season.***
- E. **Payson** - an additional VAR girls’ volleyball game to help fill **Crismon’s** schedule. ***\*for the 2023 girls’ volleyball season.***
- F. **Ben Franklin** - an additional VAR/JV/FR/SO boys’ basketball game to help fill **Crismon’s** schedule. ***\*for the 2024 basketball season.***

**2023-2024 MEETING DATES**

On a motion made, seconded, and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the meeting dates for the 2023-2024 school year. The meeting dates include Executive Board meetings, hardship appeals meeting dates and deadlines, coaches meeting dates, New AD workshops, legislative council meeting and the Athletic Director Summit / Student Leadership Summit meeting date. Meeting Dates are available [here](#), will be posted to the AIA website and emailed out.

**REQUEST – GIRLS’ WRESTLING – DIVISION PLACEMENTS**

The wrestling advisory committee is requesting to add an additional division for the 2023-2024 girls’ wrestling season.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above request to add a division for girls’ wrestling beginning the 2023-2024 season.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT – ARTICLE 8 – FOOTBALL RECLASSIFICATION**

The Football Reclassification Committee proposed the following amendments to Article 8 regarding the football placement and reclassification process:

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 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.

8.1.6.8.2 **Football reclassification will take place every two years during the year opposing other sports reclassification.**

8.1.6.8.5 A school that was moved up a conference based on the Standard Deviation will be moved down one conference if the following occurs:

- Based on the rating system used, if a school is rated in the bottom 50% of that conference for two consecutive years. (Emergency Legislation – Ex Brd. 5/15/2022)
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On a motion made, seconded, and carried, the Executive Board **approved** for **Emergency Legislation** the above amendments to take effect July 1, 2023.

**REQUEST – SELIGMAN / ASH FORK – FALL SOCCER CO-OP**

Seligman and Ash Fork are requesting the Executive Board permit their fall soccer teams to combine for the 2023 season.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above request for the 2023 fall soccer season.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS****QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL** – *Queen Creek Unified*

*Rule: Article 32. Beach Volleyball, Section 7 Interschool Competition (32.7.4)*

**Reported Violation:**

During a match with Highland the Queen Creek’s #1 pairing played in the #2 position. This was done with the understanding of the line up pairs moving one position and this did not fulfill the rank order of the players. QCCHS won the match 3-2, forfeiting the match.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. We have reviewed the bylaw 32.7.4 with coaches to ensure rank order and pairing meet the requirement.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Queen Creek High School **Beach Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/15/23-5/15/24.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**CHANDLER HIGH SCHOOL** – *Chandler Unified School District*  
*Rule: Article 29. Tennis, Section 7 Interschool Competition (39.7.4)*

**Reported Violation:**

Coach had an issue with 2 girls at practice the day before the match and decided to change the line up for the match at Mountain Ridge the next day. He unfortunately skipped a JV player up 2 ladder spots instead of the 1 spot required not realizing the rule would apply with a JV player. The matches that were affected will be forfeited. Spoke with Bill Woods and the score of the overall match would remain the same because the matches that were affected were both won by Mountain Ridge.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Myself and the coach had a conference call with Bill Woods to review the rules. Moving forward the coach understands that this rule can also be applied to JV players being brought up to Varsity even in an emergency type situation.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Chandler High School **Girls' Tennis Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/15/23-5/15/24.

**POSTON BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Florence Unified School District*  
*Rule: Article 31. Volleyball, Section 5 Number of Games in Season (31.5.3)*

**Reported Violation:**

A player was subbed in for a 7<sup>th</sup> set in a varsity contest. He played 3 sets on JV. Players are only allowed 6 sets per contest.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. Conference with the head coach. Rules and rulebook refreshed in meeting with head coach. Correct contract for future contests signed and saved by the AD.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Poston Butte High School **Boys' Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/15/23-5/15/24.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**MOGOLLON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Heber-Overgaard Unified*

*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 2 Practice (14.2.2)*

**Reported Violation:**

On 4/25/23, after the umpires had ended the JV game the coaches of Joseph City and Mogollon decided to continue the JV game for two more innings after the officials had left the field.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Both schools have reviewed with the coaches the expectation that when a game is ended by an AIA official that the game is over and will end and no further game, practice, or any other contest between the two teams will take place.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mogollon High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/15/23-5/15/24.

**JOSEPH CITY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Joseph City Unified*

*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 2 Practice (14.2.2)*

**Reported Violation:**

On 4/25/23, after the umpires had ended the JV game the coaches of Joseph City and Mogollon decided to continue the JV game for two more innings after the officials had left the field.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Both schools have reviewed with the coaches the expectation that when a game is ended by an AIA official that the game is over and will end and no further game, practice, or any other contest between the two teams will take place.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Joseph City High School **Baseball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/15/23-5/15/24.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**FOUNTAIN HILLS HIGH SCHOOL** – *Fountain Hills District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 3 Enrollment Rule / Recruitment Rule (15.3.1 and 15.12)*

**Reported Violation:**

The Softball coach played a student athlete from Apache Junction HS during a tournament on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Payson. The head coach from Fountain Hills is also the student from Apache Junctions club coach and used her in the tournament under a different name, who is rostered on the Fountain Hills team but currently injured and not permitted to play until medically cleared.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. The school will follow District policies and procedures in addressing the coach's decision. The coach was suspended pending a complete investigation. The Fountain Hills AD is meeting with all head coaches on 3/30 to review the AIA bylaws which were violated and educate the staff on the importance of compliance. All coaches will be required to sign off that they understand the AIA Constitution & Bylaws.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Fountain Hills High School **Softball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/15/23-5/15/24.

**Reported Violation:**

The following school's athletic directors failed to attend the annual Athletic Directors Information meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Rule: Article 2. Membership, Section 5 Responsibility of School Administrators*

- (1) **ANTHEM PREP HIGH SCHOOL**
- (2) **SELIGMAN HIGH SCHOOL**
- (3) **CHINO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**
- (4) **APACHE JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL**
- (5) **DUNCAN HIGH SCHOOL**
- (6) **PARADISE HONORS HIGH SCHOOL**
- (7) **DESERT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL**
- (8) **TONOPAH VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**
- (9) **LOURDES CATHOLIC**
- (10) **SETON CATHOLIC PREP**
- (11) **BOURGADE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**
- (12) **BASIS FLAGSTAFF HIGH SCHOOL**

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the above High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/15/23-5/15/24.

**2023-2024 BUDGET PROPOSAL**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the 2023-2024 budget as presented.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION**

**FUTURE DATES**

May 21, 2023           AIA Champions Gala  
May 29, 2023           Holiday – AIA Office Closed  
June 26 – July 4, 2023       Summer Break – AIA Office Closed

Beginning May 29, 2023 until July 14, 2023 the AIA Office will be on summer hours:

Monday – Thursday | 7:00am – 3:00pm  
Closed Fridays

Regular Office hours will resume on Monday, July 17, 2023.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Hines,  
Executive Director