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, April 15, 2024 at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

President Jennifer Burks called the meeting to order at 8:23am

**Members in Attendance:**
William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior Jr./Sr. High School)
Tiarra Yazzie, 2A Conference (Valley (Sanders) High School)
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)
Matt Belden, 4A Conference (Glendale Union School District)
Nathan Slater, 5A Conference (Scottsdale School District)
Jennifer Burks, CAA, 6A Conference (Perry High School)
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)
David Verdugo, Arizona School Administrators (Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District – Rio Rico)
Missy Townsend, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Prescott High School)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director**

**Members Absent:**
Steve Johnson, Arizona School Boards Association (CAVIT)

**AIA Staff Present:**
Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Jim Dean, Associate Executive Director
Eric Coy, Assistant Executive Director
Taylor Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant
Brian Bolitho, Chief Business Development Officer
Jake Litwiller, Chief Financial Officer
Brian Gessner, Commissioner of Officials
Dean Visser, Director of Athletics and Activities
Tyler Gerimeli, Tournament Coordinator
Mary Wimmer, Tournament Coordinator

**Guests:**
Richard Obert
Tommy Eubanks
Mark Ernster
Adam Larsen
Darien Schoolcraft
Pete Jelovic
Tamee Gressett
Gretchen Hann
LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT
On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, President Burks, 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:

✓ 8:23 am – 9:36 am
✓ 10:40 am – 12:42 pm

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS
None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
The Athletic Director and Student Leadership Summit took place at Xaiver College Prep on Monday, April 1st with over 400 students and 280 Administrators. Positive feedback from both Athletic Directors and Students that attended. The feedback is greatly appreciated and will help us to improve for the summit next year. Mark your calendars… the Athletic Director and Student Leadership Summit will be held at next year Xaiver College Prep on Monday, April 14, 2025.

The AIA Champions Gala will be held on May 19th at the Vista Center for the Arts in Surprise. We look forward to recognizing and honoring all our wonderful student athletes.

Process information was provided to the Board regarding the Executive Director Evaluation.

FUTURE DATES

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ACTION ITEMS:

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS
On a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the Executive Board approved the following consent agenda items

Approval of Minutes
- Executive Board Meeting – March 18, 2024

AIA Lifetime Passes
Rule: Article 14, General Provisions, Section 11 AIA Passes, Paragraph 1 Lifetime Passes
1. Mark Gronewold Peoria District 40 Years
2. Johnny Williams Peoria District 28 years
3. Jim Brunenkant Flowing Wells 25 years
4. Raul Hodgers Desert View 35 years
5. Howard Yauney Williams Field 35 years
6. Randall Clifford Williams Field 26 years
7. Rick Miles Williams Field 25 years
8. Carlos Chavez Douglas 25 years
9. Chris Gilmore Westwood 26 years

Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2023-24 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 2023-2024 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.

Additional Game Requests
A. Brophy Prep – Fr/So baseball game to help fill Desert Mountain’s schedule.
B. McClintock – VAR softball game to help fill Mountain View (Mesa)’s schedule.

Cancellation Requests – Contest and/or Programs

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SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS – 7

CONTEST(S) Cancelled: 198 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)
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 March 2024

2024-2025 BUDGET PROPOSAL
On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board approved the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

2024-2025 MEETING DATES
On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board approved the 2024-2025 Meeting Dates.

The meeting dates include meetings for the Executive Board, Legislative Council, New AD Workshops, Coaches Courses, and the AD / Student Leadership Summit. Hardship appeal hearing and deadlines are also included.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL – Vail Unified School District
Rule: Article 14, General Provisions, Section 2 Practice (14.2.1)

Reported Violation:
On Sunday, March 11, 2024 one of our assistant varsity baseball coaches threw batting practice to several Empire varsity baseball players.

Schools Corrective Action:
The assistant coach has been suspended indefinitely, and all Empire coaches across all sports and all levels will be reminded of this policy.

Executive Board Action:
The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Empire High School Baseball Program on Advisement for one year 4/15/24-4/15/25.
SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont’d

EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL – Vail Unified School District
Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules (21.1.5)

Reported Violation:
In the varsity baseball game at Rio Rico on 3/7/24, one of our assistant coaches who was managing the game in our head coach’s absence, inserted a pitcher who needed another day’s rest. Athlete threw 64 pitches on 3/4/24 and therefore, needed three days rest. He threw 17 pitches after only two days rest in the game at Rio Rico.

Schools Corrective Action:
Pitch counts for all levels will be reviewed by the head coach with all assistant coaches before the next game.

Executive Board Action:
The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Empire High School Baseball Program on Warning for one year 4/15/24-4/15/25.

CHANDLER HIGH SCHOOL – Chandler Unified School District
Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules (21.1.5)

Reported Violation:
Chandler High had a 10th grade pitcher exceed the 95-pitch count during a game vs Skyline High School on March 30, 2024. The chandler coach called skyline to report the violation.

Schools Corrective Action:
Contest Forfeited. The school will do a better job of cross-referencing pitch count among multiple coaches. Coaches will work with one another each inning to verify the accuracy of the number of pitches a player has thrown.

Executive Board Action:
The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Chandler High School Baseball Program on Warning for one year 4/15/24-4/15/25.

DOBSON HIGH SCHOOL – Mesa Public Schools
Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 4 Nonschool Participation (14.4.1)

Reported Violation:
A student played in a Sunday baseball league with his father.

Schools Corrective Action:
Contest Forfeited. The coach previously addressed this bylaw at least twice to the student-athletes and at the parent meeting with the parents. The coach is contacting each parent to review the bylaw and confirm their understanding of this bylaw.

Executive Board Action:
The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Dobson High School Baseball Program on Advisement for one year 4/15/24-4/15/25.
**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont’d

**YUMA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** – Catholic Diocese of Tucson  
*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule (15.10.2)*

**Reported Violation:**  
The two female track athletes were transfers that joined the track team late and were not on the roster when eligibility and clearance were checked. Our off-campus coach is in her first year and she didn’t know they were transfer students and thought the students were eligible and they were allowed to participate within two track meets. Both students are required to sit 50% of the track events due to being transfer students.

**Schools Corrective Action:**  
The two female track athletes were transfers that joined the track team late and were not on the roster when eligibility and clearance were checked. Neither of the girls earned a state qualifying mark or time within the two meets. Our track coach was hired one week into the track season. She is off campus and didn't go through our coaches workshop which is where we explain our policies and procedures. Moving forward we will make sure late additions to the roster are properly cleared through the Athletics Office prior to practicing and competing.

**Executive Board Action:**  
The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Yuma Catholic High School Girls’ Track and Field Program on **Warning** for one year 4/15/24-4/15/25.

**PARKER HIGH SCHOOL** – Parker Unified  
*Rule: Article 32. Volleyball, Section 5 Number of Games in Season (32.5.3)*

**Reported Violation:**  
Parker High School’s player number 17 played 7 sets in a regular season game. He played 3 sets for JV and 4 sets for Varsity.

**Schools Corrective Action:**  
Contest Forfeited. The 6-set rule for players has been reviewed with the coaching staff. This is the first violation for this coach of 25+ years. It was an oversite that will not happen again.

**Executive Board Action:**  
The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Parker High School Boys’ Volleyball Program on **Advisement** for one year 4/15/24-4/15/25.
SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont’d

FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL – Florence District
Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules (21.1.5)

Reported Violation:
In a game against Tonopah on 3/29 we played an ineligible player. #22, a sophomore, had a pitch count of 50 pitches recorded on Game Changer against San Tan on 3/27, which meant he was supposed to have a 2-day rest. Our coaching staff made an honest mistake and put him in the game on 3/29. The student threw 16 pitches on 3/29.

Schools Corrective Action:
Contest forfeited. The coach will assign an assistant coach to verify eligible pitchers for every game. The coach will report pitch counts to the athletic office after every game.

Executive Board Action:
The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Florence High School Baseball Program on Warning for one year 4/15/24-4/15/25.

BRADSHAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL – Humboldt Unified
Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule (15.10.1)

Reported Violation:
We had a home school student play in a varsity baseball game that he shouldn’t have played in until the hardship paperwork was completed. Unfortunately, the coach nor the Athletic Director were aware this athlete had played at another school. The mom had talked to the Athletic Secretary and it was never stated that he played for another school. When dad filled out our paperwork needed for doing weekly eligibility (which we start 2 weeks after the season starts) it came out that he had played for Glendale High School the previous year. We then looked at our RMA (RMA and the questions asked don’t really pertain to home school students). Up until now we have relied on the conversations the Athletic Secretary has asked to get any information we need to know if a homeschool student is a transfer student. We have now added an additional question to catch any home school students in RMA for the 2024-25 School year.

Schools Corrective Action:
We have decided to create a backup to catch any home school students so it is not dependent on the Athletic Secretary to find out if they have transferred. We have created a one sheet page of questions that they have to answer themselves and then we have added a question on RMA to notify the AD if they have been to another school.

Executive Board Action:
The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Bradshaw Mountain High School Activities Program on Advisement for one year 4/15/24-4/15/25.

Matt Belden abstained.
SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont’d

DESERT EDGE HIGH SCHOOL – Agua Fria Union High School District
Rule: Article 15, Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule (15.12)

Reported Violation:
A member of the football coaching staff responded directly to a parent on social media. The parent was asking for feedback on high schools due to their child transferring. The coach responded directly to the parent which could be perceived as suggesting Desert Edge as a possible destination. Additional comments to the parent from the coach could be viewed as influencing. 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.

Schools Corrective Action:
Desert Edge High School corrective actions:
- Continued in-service for all coaches regarding recruitment bylaws.
- In-service on the do's and don'ts of social media for all coaches.
- Executive Session is requested to discuss specifics of the corrective action plan.

Executive Board Action:
The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Edge High School Football and Boys’ Track and Field Programs on Probation for the 2024-2025 school year.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – CENTENNIAL
Centennial High School is appealing the 1-year suspension of a student athlete due to a violation of the NIL bylaw.

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board reduced the penalty of a one-year suspension to two games (20% of season) for the 2024 football season.
HARDSHIP APPEALS
The following representatives entered the meeting for a student eligibility appeal and left upon completion of their presentations:

Hamilton Brett Plamer - Athletic Director, Parent, Student, Attorney
Yuma Cecile Lopez - Athletic Director, Parents, Student, Attorney

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:

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COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATIONS – EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS (2A, 5A, AIAAA)
In accordance with Article 6, Section 4, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as members for the 2024-2027 term:

3A Toni Corona – Safford High School – Athletic Administrator
6A Jennifer Burks – Perry High School – Athletic Administrator

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 1:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hines,
Executive Director