



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
August 12, 2024**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at the AIA Office, 7007 N 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85020.

President Matt Belden called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

**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, 6A Conference (Perry High School)  
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)  
Steve Johnson, Arizona School Boards Association (CAVIT)\*  
David Verdugo, Arizona School Administrators (Santa Cruz Valley School District – Rio Rico)  
Missy Townsend, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Prescott High School)  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

**AIA Staff Present:**

Rosa Leon, Legal Counsel  
Jim Dean, Associate Executive Director  
Erin Coy, Assistant Executive Director  
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Brian Bolitho, Chief Business Development Officer  
Brian Gessner, Commissioner of Officials  
Dean Visser, Director of Athletics and Activities  
Dan Nero, Director of Athletics  
Mary Wimmer, Tournament Coordinator

**Guests:**

Tommy Eubanks  
Corey Newland  
Amy Garnand  
Eric Tatham  
Courtney Borquez  
Jonathan Watts  
David Loutzenheiser  
Darrell Stangle  
Jason Miller  
Travis Ebner

*\*Indicates attendance via Zoom*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA – AUGUST 12, 2024**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the adoption of the August 12, 2024 agenda.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Belden, 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:

- ✓ 8:30 am – 9:53 am
- ✓ 10:01 am – 10:51 am

**REGULAR MEETING:**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

The NFHS Summer Meeting took place in Boston at the end of June. It was another successful meeting filled with great information from across the nation.

Members of the AIA Staff attended the NASO Conference in Atlanta, Georgia this summer.

The September 10<sup>th</sup> Executive Board Meeting will be held in Prescott following the AIAAA Conference.

**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 – May 15, 2023

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

1. Deborah Le Clair	Cortez
2. Ed Campos	Mica Mountain
3. Holly Williams	Mesa Public Schools
4. Jim Addabbo	Deer Valley
5. Julia Asonavich	Miami
6. Kelly Saufley	Mountain Ridge
7. Jerod Aker	Apollo
8. Corey Newland	Paradise Valley District
9. Kellin Lovegren	Rincon/University
10. Dave Jefferies	Ben Franklin
11. Deborah Taylor	Sunrise Mountain
12. Chris Becker	Buckeye Union
13. Troy Hanzal	Valley Christian
14. Shawn Dukes	Campo Verde
15. Randy Allison	AIA Official
16. Crus Alvarez	AIA Official
17. Quinn Ashton	AIA Official
18. Jeff Barker	AIA Official
19. Brian Bombardieri	AIA Official
20. Pat Damiani	AIA Official
21. David Garcia	AIA Official
22. Julie Haskell	AIA Official
23. Deron Halliday	AIA Official
24. Alan Kinnell	AIA Official
25. Henry Maldonado	AIA Official
26. Patrick McDonnell	AIA Official
27. Tom McMahon	AIA Official
28. Robert Morgan	AIA Official
29. Bernie Noe	AIA Official
30. Joseph OHara	AIA Official
31. Andy Passmonick	AIA Official
32. Luther "Rick" Prewitt Jr.	AIA Official
33. Jaime Quintana	AIA Official
34. Jeffrey Rodemeyer	AIA Official
35. Ryan Sanderson	AIA Official
36. Mike Scholtz	AIA Official
37. Mark Sidell	AIA Official
38. Terri Swaney	AIA Official
39. David Trinidad	AIA Official
40. Kenneth White	AIA Official
41. Torin Williams	AIA Official
42. Gary Wilson	AIA Official
43. Theresa Acuna	AIA Official
44. Jesus Aguilera	AIA Official

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Cont'd****AIA Lifetime Passes – Cont'd**

45. William Bolton	AIA Official
46. Kelvin Faulks	AIA Official
47. Rafael Federico Jr.	AIA Official
48. James Flanagan	AIA Official
49. Gary Germroth	AIA Official
50. Guy Giardino	AIA Official
51. Lauren Krueger	AIA Official
52. Marcellus Lisotta	AIA Official
53. Guy McLee	AIA Official
54. Nancy Milan	AIA Official
55. Anthony Miles	AIA Official
56. Elmer Murray	AIA Official
57. George Paco	AIA Official
58. Donald Riley	AIA Official
59. Bradley Rinehart	AIA Official
60. Michael Rodriguez	AIA Official
61. Joseph Schmidt	AIA Official
62. John Whiteley	AIA Official
63. Paul Whitson	AIA Official
64. Marvin Williams	AIA Official
65. Keith Zaborski	AIA Official

**Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2024-25 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 2024-2025 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.

**ACTION ITEMS:****STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL****REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION**

15.9 **MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION RULE** – *After a student first enrolls in the ninth grade, he/she has a maximum of eight semesters of opportunity and a maximum of four seasons of opportunity in each sport or activity. **Semesters 1-8 must be consecutive.***

❖ Pusch Ridge Christian Academy

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

❖ Benson High School

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

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL**  
**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE / BIRTH RECORD RULE**

15.6.1 **Age Limits** – *If a student becomes 19 years of age on or after September 1, he/she is eligible to compete for the remainder of that school year. If he/she becomes 19 years of age before September 1, he/she is not eligible for any part of that school year.*

❖ Bisbee High School

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

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**WILLIAMS FIELD HIGH SCHOOL** – *Higley Unified*

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

*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 4 Nonschool Participation (14.4.1)*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules. Section 3 Enrollment Rule (15.3.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Members of the boys' volleyball team leading up to the state tournament engaged in a scrimmage that included individuals not enrolled at the member school.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. Coaches professional development will include a more in depth explanation of the pertinent bylaws and education on who may participate in practices during the season of sport.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Williams Field High School **Boys Volleyball Program** on **Probation** for one year 8/12/24-8/12/25, vacated all 2024 tournament games and vacated the 2024 championship title.

On a secondary motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board moved the 2024 boys' volleyball state championship title to Casteel High School.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL** – *Glendale Union High School District*

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

**Reported Violation:**

We held a football camp for incoming 8th graders on 4/27 and 5/4. On Monday, 5/6 an 8th grader participated in our spring ball.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

An in-service of the eligibility rules was provided to include expectations and best practices on organization and attendance records of all participants regardless of season. Liability concerns and expectations were also expressed to the football coaches. We will be providing some oversight to assist the program as well.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Glendale High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/12/24-8/12/25.

*Matt Belden abstained.*

**KOFA HIGH SCHOOL** – *Yuma Union High School District*

*Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules (21.1.5)*

**Reported Violation:**

We had a pitcher that threw in last night's game vs Youngker (4/19) that was not supposed to pitch until he had 4 days rest. He was on his 4th day of rest. My head coach notified me immediately after the game as it was an oversight. Youngker's coach is aware and so is Tonya (AD at Youngker).

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. After speaking with the coach, we will have more diligence with our pitch counts. The coaching staff will be posting their pitching rotation and days' rest in their coaching book and in the dugouts at each game.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kofa High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/12/24-8/12/25.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont’d

**LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL** – Peoria Unified School District

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 3 Enrollment Rule (15.3.1)

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule (15.12)

**Reported Violation:**

Enrollment rule: 8th grade students allowed to wrestle with Liberty team during winter break practices.

Recruitment rule: 8th grade non-feeder school student at wrestling matches with the team, and on team communication during the season.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Head Coach has been suspended for one calendar year from the program.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Liberty High School **Boys’ Wrestling Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/12/24-8/12/25.

**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. Lincoln Prep
2. Casa Grande
3. Rock Point
4. Anthem Prep
5. Lake Havasu
6. Vista Grande
7. San Carlos
8. Anthem Prep
9. Fredonia
10. Palo Verde
11. El Capitan
12. El Capitan
13. Safford
14. PDS
15. Tempe Prep
16. Metro Tech

**HEREBY CONSENT:**

- VAR Girls’ Soccer Program
- VAR Boys’ Volleyball Program
- VAR Boys/Girls’ Wrestling Programs
- VAR Football Program
- VAR Beach Volleyball Program
- VAR Boys’ Volleyball Program
- VAR Girls’ Wrestling Program
- VAR Boys’ Swimming Program
- VAR Girls’ Swimming Program
- VAR Boys/Girls Wrestling Program
- VAR Boys/Girls’ Cross Country Programs
- VAR Boys/Girls Track and Field Programs
- VAR Girls’ Wrestling Program
- VAR Girls’ Volleyball Program
- VAR Boys’ Volleyball Program
- VAR Flag Football Program

**SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS** – 14

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**CONTEST(S) Cancelled:** 132 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

- A. **Millennium** – an additional VAR flag football game to help fill **Red Mountain's** schedule.
- B. **Show Low** – additional VAR/JV girls basketball games to help fill **Pusch Ridge's** schedule.
- C. **Nogales** – additional VAR/JV/FR/SO boys' basketball games to help fill **Pusch Ridge's** schedule.
- D. **Skyline** – an additional VAR boys' basketball game to help fill **Phoenix Christian's** schedule.
- E. **Gila Ridge** – additional FR/SO boys & girls' basketball games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- F. **Yuma** – additional FR/SO boys & girls' basketball games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- G. **Kofa** – additional FR/SO boys & girls' basketball games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- H. **Cibola** – additional JV/FR/SO boys' basketball games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- I. **Cibola** – additional JV girls' basketball games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- J. **Coconino** – additional VAR/JV/FR/SO boys' & girls' basketball games to help fill **Page's** schedule.
- K. **Cibola** – additional JV boys'/girls' soccer games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- L. **San Luis** – additional JV boys'/girls' soccer games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- M. **Gila Ridge** – additional JV boys'/girls' soccer games to help fill **Somerton's** schedule.
- N. **Mohave** – an additional VAR boys' basketball game to help fill **Mohave Accelerated's** schedule.

**AIA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – MEETING DATE**

It is recommended that the annual AIA Legislative Council Meeting be held on **March 7, 2025**. Based on a March 7, 2025 meeting date, and in accordance with Article 5, Section 1 of the AIA Constitution, the deadline for submitting an agenda item would be January 24, 2025. The agenda mail-out deadline would be February 7, 2025.

**TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS**

The Executive Board reaffirmed its determination of September 16, 1996 concerning Article 15, Section 15, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Bylaws, which states that the AIA member schools should recognize only the foreign exchange programs approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) ([www.csiet.org](http://www.csiet.org)).

The Executive Board directed that, as a convenience for AIA member schools, these official minutes reflect the travel and exchange programs listed in the CSIET's **2024-2025** edition of **Advisory List** - <https://aiaonline.org/files/17830/current-csiet-advisory-list.pdf>

*It shall be the responsibility of the local school administrator to ensure that all other eligibility requirements are met before a student participates in interscholastic activities*

**EMERGING SPORT CONSIDERATION – BOYS' BEACH VOLLEYBALL**

Tommy Eubanks, Mesa Public Schools District Athletic Director discussed the possibility of having boys' beach volleyball become an emerging sport for the 2024 fall season.

Further information was asked to be provided to the Executive Board at the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Eubanks will send out a survey asking member schools for any inquiries in adding boys' beach volleyball.



**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**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 June 2024
- ✓ Financial Report for July 2024

**SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – UPDATE**

Discussion surrounding a new policy and procedure being created regarding any medical intervention on-site during day of tournaments.

**FUTURE DATES**

August 13-14, 2024	Hardship Appeal Hearings – Fall Rd. 1
August 14, 2024	1A Conference Committee Meeting
August 15, 2024	5A Conference Committee Meeting
August 20-21, 2024	Hardship Appeal Hearings – Fall Rd. 2
August 26, 2024	4A Conference Committee Meeting
	6A Conference Committee Meeting
August 27, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals – Fall Rd. 1
August 28, 2024	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting
September 2, 2024	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
September 3, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals – Fall Rd. 2
September 7-10, 2024	AIAAA Conference – Prescott, AZ
September 10, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – Prescott, AZ
September 14-17, 2024	Section 7&8 Conference
September 25, 2024	District AD / Conference Leadership Meeting
September 30, 2024	4A Conference Committee Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Hines, AIA Executive Director