



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
May 18, 2026**

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, May 18, 2026, at the AIA Office located at 7007 N 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020 and via teleconference.

President Missy Townsend called the meeting to order at 8:23 am.

**Members in Attendance:**

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior Jr./Sr. High School)  
Tierra Yazzie, 2A Conference (Hopi High School)  
Greg Haagsma, 3A Conference (Valley Christian High School)  
William Wright, 4A Conference (Estrella Foothills High School)  
Corey Newland, 5A Conference (Paradise Valley School District)  
Jennifer Burks, 6A Conference (Perry High School)  
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent, Retired)  
Steve Johnson, Arizona School Boards Association (CAVIT)  
Missy Townsend, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Prescott High School)  
David Verdugo, Arizona School Administrators (Santa Cruz Valley School District – Rio Rico)  
Jim Dean, Ed.D, AIA Executive Director

**AIA Staff Present:**

Toni Corona, Associate Executive Director\*  
Nathan Slater, Associate Executive Director  
Erin Coy, Assistant Executive Director  
Tayler Coady, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development  
Amy Richmond, Director of Finance  
Brian Gessner, Commissioner of Officials  
Tyler Cerimeli, Director of Athletics & Officials

**Guests:**

Tony Miller  
Ted Gilmore  
Will Dunman  
Stephen McDowell  
Stephen Cervantez  
Tommy Eubanks

*\*Indicates attendance via teleconference.*

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA – MAY 18, 2026**

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the May 18, 2026 agenda.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Townsend, in accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions:

- ✓ 8:24 am – 8:32 am

**REGULAR MEETING:**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

On behalf of the AIA, we'd like to congratulate all our member schools on another outstanding school year. A special congratulations to every student-athlete who participated this year. Your hard work continues to represent your schools and communities well. Thank you to the coaches, administrators, parents, community members and everyone who supports our student-athletes. None of what we do is possible without you all! We wish everyone a restful summer and continued success in whatever comes next!

AIA Night of Champions well held at the Vista Center for the Arts on May 17. It was a night celebrating the incredible achievements, dedication, determination and commitment of our student athletes, administrators, coaches, officials and schools. Congratulations to all that were recognized!

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**FUTURE DATES**

- May 19, 2026            2A Baseball / Softball All Conference Selection Meeting
- May 20, 2026            3A Baseball All Conference Selection Meeting
- May 25, 2025            Holiday – AIA Office Closed
- May 29, 2026            AIA Office Closed – Summer Hours Begin

AIA Summer Hours:

- May 29 – July 10
- Monday – Thursday    7:00am – 3:00pm
- Friday                    Closed

July 6-9 – AIA Office Closed

**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 20, 2026
- Special Executive Board Meeting – April 27, 2026

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Bobby Armenta     | Globe               |
| 2. Andrew Lang       | Mountain Ridge      |
| 3. Scott Richardson  | Tolleson Union      |
| 4. Torin Lattie      | Peoria Unified      |
| 5. Michelle Gonzalez | Sabino              |
| 6. Bruce Williams    | Sabino              |
| 7. Justin McLain     | Sandra Day O'Connor |

**Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2025-26 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 2025-2026 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:****2026-2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL – REVISED**

On a motion made, seconded, and carried the Executive Board **approved** the revised 2026-27 Budget.

**2025-2026 BUDGET**

The AIA Executive Board approved a temporary decrease of \$1000 to the membership dues for the current school year, 2025-2026. As a result, a credit invoice of \$1000 will be issued to member schools prior to June 30, 2026.

**ELECTION OF 2026-2027 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 **2026-2027** school year:

**President**                      Corey Newland – Paradise Valley Unified School District  
5A Conference

**Vice President**                Willaim Wright – Estrella Foothills High School  
4A Conference

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS****NOGALES HIGH SCHOOL** – *Nogales Unified*

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 4 Non School Participation (14.4.1)

**Reported Violation:**

It was reported on 3/26 that a student engaged in baseball activities on 3/8 and 3/14 with non-school team in Nogales-Sonora. AD and coach reviewed game changer to find student did participate with non-school team and followed up directly with student, who did acknowledge his participation with his father's travel team in Mexico.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. Upon review, JVA coach was notified and student-athlete was not permitted to compete on 3/26 until investigation was complete. AD and Coach advised student and guardians of this forfeiture of eligibility and his impact on the school programs. AD and coach met with the rest of the student athletes and sent messenger to parent/guardians, reiterating non-school participation and consequences. This will continue to be covered in pre-season student/parent meetings along with each programs student/parent meetings.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Nogales High School **Athletic Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**NOGALES HIGH SCHOOL** – *Nogales Unified*

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

**Reported Violation:**

A sophomore student athlete exceeded the max pitches allowed.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited.

1. Assign designated pitch counter
  - a. Inning by inning verbal updates
  - b. Student-athlete removed near end range pitch count limit
2. Use of Pitch Count Tracking Sheet if Gamechanger is not being utilized
3. Report number of pitches and days' rest to HC post-game. HC will then report to AD.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Nogales High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**CORONA DEL SOL HIGH SCHOOL** – *Tempe Union High School District*  
*Rule: Article 21. Baseball, Section 1 Rules (21.1.5)*

**Reported Violation:**

On 4/15/2026 during the JVB baseball game, the pitch count rule was violated when pitcher Johnny Avila threw 109 pitches, exceeding the maximum limit of 95. The violation occurred due to an oversight by Coach Gutierrez, who lost track of the pitch count during the back-and-forth nature of the game and failed to monitor the count as required. The violation was identified by Head Varsity Coach Webb and Varsity Assistant Coach Rodriguez when they arrived at the freshman field, checked the pitch count, and immediately had the pitcher removed from the game. Coach Gutierrez acknowledged the error and accepted responsibility, stating he forgot to check the pitch count and apologized for the oversight.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

To prevent a recurrence of this violation, the school has implemented and will reinforce several corrective measures. First, an additional coach will be added at this level next season to provide increased supervision and support, including shared responsibility for monitoring pitch counts during games. Second, clearer game-day procedures will be established requiring pitch counts to be tracked and verbally confirmed at the end of each inning by the coaching staff. Third, all sub-varsity baseball coaches will receive additional training on pitch count regulations and game management expectations from the athletics office/athletic director and the varsity coaching staff prior to the season. As Coach Gutierrez is in his first year as a head coach, additional mentorship and oversight will be provided first by the athletics office, with continued support from the varsity coaching staff, to support compliance with all rules and procedures. These measures are intended to strengthen oversight and prevent this type of violation from occurring again.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Corona del Sol High School **Baseball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**MESA HIGH SCHOOL** – Mesa Public Schools

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule (15.10) / Section 7 Physical Examination Rule (15.7.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Mesa High School recently identified procedural violations related to AIA bylaws involving student eligibility documentation during an internal audit of the athletic department in the 2025–2026 school year. The audit found that a small number of student-athletes participated in tryouts, and in some cases early team activities, before required eligibility documents were fully completed, submitted, and properly reviewed. Specifically, there were deficiencies in the handling of AIA Form 550 (transfer documentation) and pre-participation physical examination (PPE) forms. Some students were cleared without a completed physical on file.

In certain cases, transfer students had begun but not finalized the AIA 550 process prior to participation. Although all forms were later completed and none of the students were ultimately deemed ineligible, this reflects a procedural lapse in ensuring full clearance before participation.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Mesa High School has taken immediate steps to address these issues and prevent recurrence:

- Staff Training: Retrained all athletic staff on AIA eligibility rules
- Revised Procedures: Implemented a standardized clearance process requiring all documentation (AIA 550 and PPE) before any participation, with approval centralized through the athletic office.
- Tracking Systems: Introduced checklist-based tracking and defined checkpoints to ensure all forms are completed.
- Ongoing Monitoring: Established periodic internal audits and accountability measures.
- Annual Training: Implemented required yearly AIA compliance training for all athletic staff.

These measures ensure consistent compliance with AIA bylaws moving forward.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesa High School Athletic Program on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WEST FOOTHILLS** – *American Leadership Academies*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule (15.12.4.14)

**Reported Violation:**

Student had prior contact with multiple varsity coaches at ALA West Foothills through club participation.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited.

1. ALA West Foothills will ensure that all Athletic Department policies and procedures are enforced by a trained Athletic Administrator. This has already been established with the hiring of Tony Miller in early 2026.
2. ALA West Foothills will establish both pre-season and post-season coaches meetings to ensure that coaches are staying in alignment with both AIA and ALA policies.
3. All ALA West Foothills high school coaches will become NFHS Level 3 certified by August 1, 2026. This includes paid head coaches and assistant coaches. Additionally, all junior high coaches will become NFHS Level 1 certified by the same date. This will help establish a system of accountability.
4. ALA West Foothills will work with the Positive Coaching Alliance to host two separate workshops (Double Goal Coach and Triple Impact Competitor), this will help ensure that coaches and athletes are aligned with their goals. This will be completed by November 1, 2026.
5. All ALA West Foothills head coaches will take the mandatory beginning of the season AIA courses. Campus Administration will ensure this happens every season.
6. ALA West Foothills Athletic Director, Tony Miller, will create a series of educational videos detailing and explaining how certain bylaws are enforced. These courses will be aligned with our bi-monthly coaches meetings.
7. ALA West Foothills will establish seasonal parent meetings. These meetings will educate parents, athletes and coaches on important policies within the athletic department. Those meeting dates have already been selected by Tony Miller.
8. ALA West Foothills will establish a SALT Team (Student Athlete Leadership Team). Each sport head coach will select two student athletes to serve on this team, Tony Miller will lead these student athletes through a series of leadership training courses during zero hour multiple times per year. These students athletes can then bring the new skills they've learned back to their respective teams.
9. ALA West Foothills Athletic Administration will thoroughly examine all athletic transfers to ensure that all bylaws are in compliance.
10. Failure to meet these expectations by any coach will result in non-renewal.

**Executive Board Action:**

With additional information provided, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the American Leadership Academy West Foothills High School **Softball and Athletic Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

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

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 12 Recruitment Rule (15.12.4.14)*

**Reported Violation:**

Student participated for a 6-4-3 affiliated club baseball team during two tournaments in September. The organization is owned by an assistant coach at Williams Field. My coach was unaware that the student was picked up for the tournaments by the coach of that 6-4-3 team until the violation was brought to our attention by a third party on 4/22.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. conduct a more thorough in-service training with the entire coaching staff of each sport, giving better examples and scenarios. No longer rely solely on the 550 forms but meet with the coaching staff about each transfer in their program to ensure that the transfer does not violate the prior contact rule or any other bylaw before determining eligibility. Any high school club tournament roster will be submitted to the Williams Field High School AD, prior to any game played.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Williams Field High School **Baseball and Athletic Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**MICA MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL** – Vail Unified School District

*Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 1 Coaching Qualification (17.1.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Head girls' basketball coach brought on a coach during Christmas break to help coach during practices only without proper clearance through the district. Also the coach did not meet the AIA requirements for coaching.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Head coach resigned from all coaching responsibilities at Mica Mountain.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mica Mountain High School **Girls' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL** – *San Carlos Unified*

**Reported Violation:**

Our FR/JV boys' basketball coach never completed any of the required AIA coaching courses by 45-day deadline, NFHS Fundamentals and Concussion. AD was taken out of the hiring and compliance process.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

All coaching applicants will turn in copies of their completed coaching courses to the athletic department prior to/by district interview for coaching positions. Attached is a list of the requirements here at San Carlos High School for coaching – our human resources department has this list as well and has been approved by our governing board. The second correction action to this violation will be, we will open and re-advertise the boys' basketball JV/assistant & FR/assistant positions.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the San Carlos High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**SABINO HIGH SCHOOL** – *Tucson Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 10. Sanctioned Procedures, Section 1 Sanctioned Events (10.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Sabino High School hosted an invitational track meet on 4/4/26. One of the teams that participated in the event was American Leadership Academy - Sierra Vista. ALA Sierra Vista is a member of the CAA and not the AIA. This was missed by Sabino in the processing step, and they were allowed to compete in the invitational. After being made aware of the issue, the times for ALA Sierra Vista were invalidated.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

The process for confirming participants in contests has been amended to explicitly confirm AIA membership to prevent this error from occurring again in the future.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sabino High School **Athletic and Track and Field Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd**HORIZON HONORS HIGH SCHOOL** – *Horizon Honors High School*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 10 Transfer Rule (15.10.3)*

**Reported Violation:**

A student transferred from Horizon Honors to Desert Vista on 12/20/24 then transferred back to Horizon Honors on 7/28/25. The student was at Desert Vista for one semester. The athletic department was unaware of the transfer and cleared the student to participate in Cross Country this fall and 5 track and field events to date. The student has now been removed from the Track and Field team. The dates and events have been sent to the AIA and are being removed from athletic.net. In regards to Cross Country, the student did not compete in the State Meet.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited. We will use Powerschool to check every single student on a roster to make sure that they are not a transfer student.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Horizon Honors High School **Athletic and Track and Field Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**DESERT MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL** – *Scottsdale Unified School District*

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 9 Maximum Participation Rule (15.9)*

**Reported Violation:**

Desert Mountain boys' basketball played a student athlete in his 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> semesters of high school.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest forfeited.

- All games for the 2025 and 2026 season have been forfeited.
- Head Coach and Staff not renewed for 2026-2027 school year.
- Human Resources was notified and made appropriate recommendations to staff.
- Training of registrar, counselors and athletic assistants. Registrar and Counselors will check incoming students birth years and cohorts to make sure we are following 8 consecutive semester by-laws.
- Registrar and counselors will notify the athletic office of all new students at the school. Athletic Director will check transcripts and meet with new students and family before they are cleared to participate in sports.
- Athletic Director will have yearly meetings with coaching staff to remind them to notify the athletic director if they have new athletes in their program.
- Site based Athletic Director will reach out to district athletic director if they have any questions regarding bylaws.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Mountain High School **Athletic and Boys' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL** – *Gilbert Public Schools*

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

**Reported Violation:**

Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders (current 8<sup>th</sup> graders) were allowed to participate with current members of the team during spring football drills. Coach was under the impression that he could combine the groups if they were all signed up for a camp.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

In-service with head football coach to review bylaws regarding camps and spring football. Gilbert High will have a new athletic director for the 2026-27 school year.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Gilbert High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

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

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 4 Non school Participation (14.4.1)

**Reported Violation:**

It was reported to the Athletic director that a student athlete played in a day tournament co-ed volleyball tournament for Arizona Chin Community at Washington Park on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Through investigation it was determined that he did participate in this tournament playing for one of the teams.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest Forfeited. The following corrective actions have and or will take place:

1. Student athlete has been removed from the team for the remainder of the season in accordance with bylaw. Parents have been made aware of the decision.
2. Formal meeting with head coach to review bylaws and plan in place for those students to continue to be educated on bylaws to ensure future compliance.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Independence High School **Boys' Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL** – *Glendale Union High School District*  
*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 4 Non school Participation (14.4.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Boys’ volleyball athlete participated in tournament style events during the season at a club affiliated facility on March 1 and March 8.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Contest Forfeited. Volleyball coach, parents, players\ were informed and aware of the policy. Student athlete did not believe he was violating a policy/bylaw by playing in what was called an “open gym” type tournament where anyone could pay to play in it. No awards, money trophies provided.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Washington High School **Boys’ Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**AMPHITHEATER HIGH SCHOOL** – *Amphitheater Unified District*  
*Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 2 Practice (14.2.1)*

**Reported Violation:**

Girls’ beach volleyball team practiced on a Sunday during the season.

**Schools Corrective Action:**

Addressed with coach who is brand new to coaching and wasn’t aware this was a violation. After the conversation our coach never held another Sunday practice.

**Executive Board Action:**

The Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Amphitheater High School **Girls’ Beach Volleyball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/18/26-5/18/27.

**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 that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

**SUB VARSITY PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS** – 3

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**CONTEST(S) Cancelled:** 143 total contests cancelled (VAR/JV/FR/SO)

**SCHOOL CANCELLING:**

1. St Augustine
2. Many Farms
3. Tonopah Valley

**SCHOOL DOES NOT CONSENT:**

- Tombstone – VAR Softball
- Hopi – VAR Softball
- Ben Franklin – VAR Softball

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

- A. **Cesar Chavez** – an additional VAR baseball game to help fill **Lee William's** schedule.
- B. **Yuma Catholic** – additional VAR/JV/FrSo girls' volleyball match to help fill **Parker's** schedule.

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

**REQUEST – FOOTBALL CO-OP – CIECRO PREP AND NORTH PHOENIX PREP**

Cicero Prep Academy and North Phoenix Prep Academy, both part of Great Hearts Academies and current 1A schools, would like to respectfully request permission to combine for football only and be post-season eligible for the upcoming fall season. This request comes due to a lack of interest at both schools to have a team on their own, but with the hope that they will be able to have their own teams in the future. This request is also for a year over year evaluation by the 1A Conference for this allowance to deem if necessary for continuation. We would like to have this approved until both schools can safely field teams on their own as that is the hope of both schools and Great Hearts.

At the recommendation of the 1A Conference, on a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive board **approved** the football co-op for Cicero Prep and North Phoenix Prep.

**OVERTIME NATIONALS**

Overtime requests the opportunity to select a top football program from the state of Arizona of their choosing to compete in the 2026 Overtime Nationals series and for that team to be able to compete after their state playoffs.

The Executive Board took no action on this item.

**BEACH VOLLEYBALL – PAIRS TOURNAMENT**

It has been five years since we expanded from 16 to 24 pairs. Due to the growth of programs and the current competitiveness of the sport it is time to expand to 32 pairs. This would result in very little impact to the overall tournament dates. It would apply to both boys' and girls' beach volleyball.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the expansion to 32 pairs for the tournament.

**TEXTURED VOLLEYBALLS – STATE ADOPTION**

The NFHS allows for states to adopt the use of textured volleyballs.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **tabled** the above adoption.

**AMENDMENT – SPORTS MEDICINE**

*43.4 **HAZING EDUCATION** – All student athletes shall complete the Hazing only education course prior to participating in practice or competition. The Hazing online education course must be completed by a student-athlete only once.*

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the amendment to Article 43.

## **AMENDMENT – CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS**

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 for schools placed in the 4A/5A/6A Conferences and 5 years for schools placed in the 2A/3A Conferences) 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.

8.1.6.8.1 *If a school's enrollment conference placement is different than their football conference placement, the football program will be moved, during football reclassification. If playing football in a conference lower than the other team sports...*

- *Football will be moved up one conference if, by using the same average weighted AIA rankings powered by MaxPreps used in the reclassification process, their football ranking is in the top 33% of their **current** football conference or was rated in the top 50% for both years of their prior scheduling block.*

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above amendment to Football Classification on **Emergency Legislation**.

## **AMENDMENT – STUDENT ELIGIBILITY RULES**

### **\*\*EMERGENCY LEGISLATION\*\***

15.14 **HARDSHIP (Form 15.10)** - *In individual hardship cases ~~the AIA Executive Board or the Hardship Appeals Committee~~ may, at their discretion and upon such terms and conditions as may be imposed, waive or modify the ~~Enrollment Rule (Article 15, Section 3, Paragraph 4 only), Domicile Rule (Article 15, Section 5), Maximum Participation Rule (Article 15, Section 9, Paragraph 1 only), Transfer Rule (Article 15, Section 10), and/or Recruitment Rule (Article 15.12.4.14 only), and/or the International Student Eligibility Rule (Article 15.15.2 only)~~. The appeal shall initially be heard and decided by the Hardship Appeals Committee. The decision of the Hardship Appeals Committee shall be final unless appealed to the AIA Executive Board within five business days from the date of said decision. AIA Executive Board consideration of such appeals will take place only at regularly scheduled monthly meetings, unless otherwise scheduled by the Board. (See Article 6, Section 3 regarding procedures for meetings of the AIA Executive Board.) Procedures for appeals to the Hardship Appeals Committee shall be as determined by the AIA Executive Board.*

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **tabled** the above amendment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Dean Ed., D.  
AIA Executive Director