



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
March 18, 2013**

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Arthur Wagner called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members in Attendance:

Ken VanWinkle, 1A Conference (Heber-Overgaard Unified)
Arthur Wagner, CAA, 4A Conference (Higley Unified School District)
Dan Serrano, 5A Conference (Perry High School)
Sr. Lynn Winsor, BVM, CMAA, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Xavier College Preparatory)
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)
Bill Gahn, CAA, AdvancED (Deer Valley Unified School District)
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. AIA Executive Director

Members Absent:

Wallace Youvella, Jr., 2A Conference (Hopi High School)
Beverly Hurley, Ed.D., 3A Conference (Buckeye Union School District)
Doug Wilson, Ed.D., Arizona School Administrators (Marana Unified School District)

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Chuck Schmidt, Associate Executive Director/COO
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting
Michele Staples, Projects and Operations Administrator
David Hines, Tournament Coordinator
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Ken Newell
Tim Forshey
Mike Sivertson, Peoria District
Corey Newland, Paradise Valley District
Bruce Kipper, Mountain Pointe
Jose Garcia, AIA365
Zach Buchanen, AZ Central

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Wagner, in accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.3, Subparagraph 6.3.3.2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

- ✓ 8:40 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.
- ✓ 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EVALUATION/REVIEW

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, President Wagner, in accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.3, Subparagraph 6.3.3.2 of the AIA Constitution, called for Executive Session to review the Executive Director’s Evaluation. Dr. Slemmer and all AIA staff members were excused from the meeting.

The Executive Board voted to **approve** Dr. Slemmer’s evaluation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the following Executive Board meetings were **approved**:

- February 19, 2013
- February 25, 2013
- March 4, 2013

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

AIA Lifetime Passes

Aaron Anderson	Page	25 years
Kylee Bean	Queen Creek	25 years
Brian Bogen	Youngker	25 years
Gus Brisco	Cholla	Retired
Sandy Novak	Sahuaro	26 years
Tom Pierson	Sahuaro	36 years

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Cont'd**Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2012-2013 Master Calendar**

In accordance with Article 10, Section 10.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2012-2013 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.

Cancellation Requests – Varsity Contests and/or Programs

In accordance with Article 11, Section 11.4, Paragraph 11.4.3, Subparagraph 11.4.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following cancellation request for a varsity program that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

Cholla	Entire Boys' Volleyball Program
Cibecue	Entire Baseball Program
Gilbert Christian	Entire Boys' Tennis & Baseball Programs
Santa Rita	Entire Boys' Volleyball Program
San Tan Foothills	Entire Tennis Program

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

3A Conference Meeting Agenda – 2/21/13

FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.5, Paragraph 6.5.15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial reports:

- ✓ Financial Report February 2013

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Mr. Kipper, Principal from Mountain Pointe High School, addressed the Board. Mr. Kipper noted that after 33 requests, he is still unable to complete his football schedule and is currently without full schedules for five (5) other sports.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Discussion was held at length regarding schedules. In order to finalize schedules, Mr. Bolitho will arrange a meeting with conference chairs to fill schedules. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board gave formal direction to staff regarding the following scheduling process:

- Schedule schools within Division by closest geographic location
- If schools have scheduled lower divisions, games will be unscheduled and schools placed in appropriate division
- Out-of-state games will be addressed
- Goal - by the end of March – all schools will have a full football schedule
- Extend deadline to March 28th for all other team sports (spring breaks)
- No appeal process

Rankings were discussed with the Board. Dr. Slemmer gave a brief history of the ranking process. It was noted that Colorado, New Mexico, CIF City Section, Georgia & Nebraska currently use MaxPreps and do not include forfeits in their rankings. The Board noted that they are concerned with the ethical culture of schools manipulating schedules & games resulting in cancellations and forfeitures. Membership was reminded to refer to the following link for information regarding the formula that determines AIA seedings powered by MaxPreps: <http://www.aia365.com/rankings/faq>.

Dr. Slemmer shared Indiana's team sports reclassification – tournament success factor information with the Board. Dr. Slemmer noted that before the next scheduling block (2015-2017), it could be reviewed as a possible alternative.

Dr. Slemmer thanked Mr. Schmidt and Mr. Mignella for their efforts in addressing the RefPay concerns which, it appears, will be resolved by legislation. It was noted that RefPay is beneficial to schools who participate in the service.

The large number of Arizona and out-of-state teams participating in baseball & softball tournaments was addressed. Assigning officials for these tournaments has become difficult. It was noted that the Officials Department's first priority is to honor Arizona scheduled games before trying to assign dozens of tournament games. Future bylaws changes may be needed to address the number of games allowed in a tournament.

Dr. Slemmer shared Dr. Beverly Hurley's notice of resignation as the 3A Conference Board member. Dr. Hurley announced her retirement on June 30, 2013. Applications for the 2013-2015 3A Board seat will now be accepted – deadline to apply is April 11, 2013.

The future Focus/Advisory Group was discussed with the Board. Names will be submitted to the Board in April and the committee will be engaged in May or June and will start officially meeting in August.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd

Open Discussion – Current Issues

AIA –

Mr. Rick Johnson, Liberty – pole vault question – Arcadia, California track meet

29.4 **NUMBER OF MEETS IN SEASON**

29.4.4 Schools may send individuals to only one non-scoring invitational without counting the meet as one of the 13 varsity meets.

Phoenix Union High School District – Club softball teams holding fundraisers during the high school season. Membership aware of potential bylaw infraction of Bylaw 14.4.1?

14.4 **NONSCHOOL PARTICIPATION**

14.4.1 A student who is a member of a school team shall not practice or compete with any other group, club, organization, association, etc., in that sport during the interscholastic season of competition. This rule applies to team sports only, which are football, baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, softball, track relay and swimming relay teams. For purposes of this rule, the interscholastic season of competition shall begin with the first regularly scheduled game and conclude with that particular team's final game. Any student violating the above rule shall forfeit his/her eligibility for a minimum of the balance of the season for that sport or up to a maximum of one calendar year.

AIAAA –

Schedules – positive action now being taken to address schools not being able to fill their schedules.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL –
REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – DOMICILE RULE – LEGAL GUARDIAN**

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

Herman House, Sam Giangardella, Bobby Estrella, Anthony Tarantola & Gary Abremt

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.5 of the AIA Bylaws, **denied** the following legal guardian requests:

- ✓ Sahuaro
- ✓ Sahuaro

EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 30.2.3

Rule: Article 30. Volleyball, Section 30.2 Season of Sport

30.2.3	<u>Fall Season</u> (Girls)	<i>Practice Competition Championship</i>	<i>no sooner than the no sooner than the to be concluded by the</i>	<i>6th week 9th week 23rd week</i>
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St. David & Duncan requested an early volleyball start. Reasons given: 8-man football starts the week before and would like the volleyball game on the same day.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the early volleyball start.

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the following to help fill schedules:

- Buena**
- Catalina Magnet**
- Cholla**
- Coconino**
- Mountain Pointe**
- Sunnyside**
- Xavier**

- VAR baseball & softball game
- VAR softball game
- VAR softball game
- VAR baseball game
- FR baseball game
- Girls' tennis match
- FR softball game

School's Schedule Filled

- Salpointe Catholic**
- Walden Grove**
- Walden Grove**
- Northland Prep**
- Casa Grande**
- Walden Grove**
- Verrado**

2012-2013 TONY KOMADINA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING GIRLS' ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The AIA Executive Board reviewed recommendations from the Girls Equity in Sports Standing Committee for the 1A-3A Conference and the 4A-5A Conference 2012-2013 Tony Komadina Award for Outstanding Girls' Athletic Program. In accordance with Article 13, Section 13.3 of the AIA Bylaws and on a motion made, seconded and carried, the Board unanimously voted to **approve** the following award recipients:

- **1A-3A** **TBD**
- **4A-5A** **Mountain Ridge & Xavier (Co-winners)**

COMMITTEES

The Board was reminded to submit Committee Member Nominations for 2013-2014

- Executive Board Members (3A)
- Conference Chairs
- Region Reps
- Hardship Appeals
- Sports Advisory
- Spiritline Ad Hoc
- Sports Medicine Advisory
- Ethics & Sportsmanship
- Girls Equity in Sports
- Officials

AIA staff left meeting before the selection process.

SELECTION OF NEW 2013-2016 AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as officers for the **2013-2016** school year:

<u>1A Conference</u>	Ken VanWinkle Superintendent – Heber-Overgaard Unified School District
<u>4A Conference</u>	Arthur Wagner, CAA District Athletic Administrator – Higley Unified School District
<u>3A Conference</u>	TBD
<u>AdvancED</u>	TBD
<u>ASBA</u>	TBD

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

VERITAS PREP ACADEMY reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.14 Concussion Education*

Reported Violation:

Ineligible boys' basketball player. Student-athlete did not complete the Brainbook concussion course and participated in varsity basketball games in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 seasons.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Findings were discovered through an investigation on 2/8/13. We have created a new checklist and form procedure that will assist in preventing this oversight in the future.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Veritas Prep Academy **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/18/13-3/18/14.

MESQUITE HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.1 Student Eligibility Requirements*

Reported Violation:

Ineligible girls' tennis player. Student turned in her athletic packet and was not given proper clearance slip due to missing paperwork. She was given direction by the athletic department as to the process to become cleared. The student never did complete it and was never cleared. Upon submission of the roster from our tennis coach, it was discovered that she was allowed to participate in practice and 4 JV tennis matches.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. The girls' tennis coach is a first time head coach. The A.D. met and went over the proper district clearance process again and explained the ramifications of not following that process. Submission of team members should be provided prior to the 1st practice and the coach match corresponding clearance slips with students in attendance.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mesquite High School **Girls' Tennis Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/18/13-3/18/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

PALO VERDE HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule, Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule*

Reported Violation:

Ineligible softball player. Coach allowed a student to participate in practice for three days at the start of the season. Student did not turn in participation packet until Friday of the first week of the season. Coach failed to check the roster provided daily by the A.D. to verify that students were on the roster.

School's Corrective Action:

Practice only. A letter of direction was provided to the coach. All coaches were instructed at the beginning of the season of the clearance process. Coach was again instructed on clearance process. Coach takes full responsibility for the error.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Palo Verde High Magnet School **Softball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/18/13-3/18/14.

PEORIA HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties & Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

Reported Violation:

J.V. boys' basketball game with Sunnyslope – all players from team left the bench area due to a physical altercation on the court. Both benches cleared and the game was called with four (4) minutes left on the clock.

School's Corrective Action:

Players in-serviced with the coaches in attendance in regards to not leaving the bench area when an altercation occurs on the court between players. Since this was the last game of the season, all six players ejected from this game will be required to sit out the first game of their next season. All players ejected are participating in a spring sport and will be required to sit out the first contest of the season. Athletic office will notify coaches of action.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Peoria High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/18/13-3/18/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties & Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

Reported Violation:

Boys' varsity basketball players left bench during game with Raymond Kellis. Based upon our investigation of the incident which involved interviewing players, coaches and spectators, we met with our team and suspended all bench players for participation in the next game. Since no players were identified by officials specifically, we determined who was on the bench by who was not on the court, and complied with the officials' request to allow no substitutions at the start of the fourth period. From all accounts, the incident occurred right in front of our bench area, as described, when two players became entangled and fell to the floor. The only physical contact made by anyone in the bench area was by the Kellis player #50, when he was being separated by our coach, and then shoved our coach. All witnesses stated there was no physical interaction between any other players of the two teams following the initial shoving of the coach, for which #50 Kellis player received a second technical and ejection. In fact, everyone (coaches and spectators) praised the Kellis administration, AIA officials, Glendale Police, game security and coaches for preventing spectators to become involved and preventing the teams from any physical interaction. Both teams were then kept in the respective bench areas, as the officials discussed the situation. The officials informed our coach, the bench players would be restricted to the bench for the remainder of the game, and play would continue for the fourth period. Both coaches agreed that the two teams would shake hands prior to resuming the fourth period and #50 apologized to our coach. Our coach accepted his apology and shook his hand. The game was completed without incident. In addition, our coaches addressed our fans as to their behavior for the remainder of the game as well. Both teams shook hands at the end of the game.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest not forfeited. Administration has met with coach and a designated bench coach has been assigned. Players have met with Administration and coaches to review Article 16.3.2.1 and compliance reinforced.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Liberty High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/18/13-3/18/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

RAYMOND S. KELLIS HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties & Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

Reported Violation:

Boys' varsity basketball players left bench during game with Liberty. Kellis Administration investigated the incident by interviewing the coach, individual players, and one of the referees. At the end of the third quarter during the Thursday, January 10th boys' basketball game between Kellis and Liberty, we determined that two players, including Kellis #50, became entangled in front of the Liberty bench, but did not actually engage in a fight. The Liberty head coach and the officials separated the two players, and the officials assigned technical fouls for both the Kellis #50 and the Liberty player. There were no further physical interactions other than #50 shoving Liberty's head coach, for which #50 received a second technical foul and was ejected.

Because members of both teams left the bench to assist in separating the players, the officials disqualified both benches from the remainder of the game. Both teams shook hands, the Liberty coach and Kellis #50 shook hands, and the game was completed without incident, the players again shook hands after its completion.

On Friday morning following Thursday night's game, we sought clarification from the lead official as well as AIA Commissioner of Officials, Gary Whelchel regarding the referees' decision to disqualify all players on both benches. Both Kellis and Liberty administrations held meetings with their teams and coaches, reviewed the applicable bylaws and consequences, and finally suspended their benches for the games that took place that evening. Friday, January 11th, between Kellis and Copper Canyon and Liberty and Thunderbird.

School's Corrective Action:

Contest not forfeited. Kellis administration reviewed the bylaws and the consequences in a meeting with the team and coaches and suspended bench players for the next game.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Raymond S. Kellis High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/18/13-3/18/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

CIBOLA HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties & Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule*

Reported Violation:

On 2/7/13, wrestler was involved in an altercation in the stands of the Tim's Toyota Center. The altercation took place after his second round match of the AIA 2013 state wrestling championship and involved an assistant coach from Perry High School. The coach, from the stands, reportedly addressed the referee multiple times during the match in regards to calls that should go against athlete. At the end of the match, student disagreed with the match deciding call and threw his head gear. The assistant coach from Perry yelled "that should be at team point." According to several witnesses, student proceeded to make profanity laced remarks to the coach from the center of the mat. After a brief exchange of words, student left the mat and attempted to enter the stands to confront the coach. To get into the stands, student had to break through coaches and fans that were restraining him, as well as jump a wall approximately three feet high. After he reached the fan, student continued to make threatening remarks and gestures to the assistant coach. According to at least one witness, student placed his hands on the throat of a parent that was attempting to diffuse the situation.

School's Corrective Action:

Based on student's actions, he violated the student code of conduct by challenging to a fighting, verbal abuse and defiance of authority. All three violations are considered Class II violations. Since student was under the jurisdiction of the Yuma Union High School District, he is being long term suspended through May 24, 2013. The administration is also enacting the "exclusion clause" that would limit student's participation in extracurricular activities for up to two calendar years until permission is requested of, and granted by, the campus administration.

Coaches will be trained in efficient ways to promote sportsmanship within their programs. The techniques taught in the trainings will be expected to be implemented and embedded in all team activities.

All security guards and game management personnel will be trained in deescalating situations before they turn violent. These practices will be incorporated into the standing operating procedure of Cibola Athletics.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cibola High School **Wrestling Program** on **Warning** for one year 3/18/13-3/18/14.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 18. Officials, Section 18.1 Registration, Requirements & Qualifications*

Reported Violation:

On 12/4/13, Hamilton had a home JV boys' soccer game schedule versus Corona. AIA referees did not show for the game, so one of Hamilton's coaches refereed the match. The coach had experience as a ref and participated in the soccer academy referee certification program held at Hamilton.

School's Corrective Action:

We will not longer use referees for JV boys' soccer games that are not assigned by the Commissioner of Officials.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Hamilton High School **Boys' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/18/13-3/18/14.

VISTA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 36. Spiritline, Section 36.10 Coaches / Coaching*

Reported Violation:

Spiritline – On January 10th at an away boys' basketball game, our spiritline was observed twist cradling and tumbling on a concrete tile floor outside of the gym. This surface was not an approved surface and the coach overlooked the athlete's safety by allowing the Spiritline to practice on this surface.

School's Corrective Action:

Coach received letter of direction (attached).

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Vista Grande High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 3/18/13-3/18/14.

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with the following:

Correspondence:

- Apology Letter/Response to CIF Southern Section
- Email – Gilbert Christian – Move to Division II Boys’ Basketball
- News Release – AIA Executive Board Affirms Prior Finding of a Recruiting Violation by Centennial High School
- AIA Finds Centennial in Violation (*Carolyn Dryer - peoriatimes.com*)
- Council’s inexplicable inaction assures transfer free-for-all continues (*Mark Heller, Tribune – 3/1/13*)
- Thank You – Bernon & Ellen Benson - Lifetime Pass
- Burning (with anger) questions on AIA transfer policy (*Scott Bordow, azcentral*)
- Con game continues after transfer rule falls by 1 vote (*Jason Skoda, Ahwatukee Foothills News*)

FUTURE DATES

April 15, 2013	Executive Board Meeting
May 20, 2013	Executive Board Meeting
May 31, 2013	Holiday – AIA Office Closed

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.3, Paragraph 6.3.1 of the AIA Constitution, the next regular meeting of the AIA Executive Board will be held on Monday, March 18, 2013. The meeting will be held at the AIA Office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, March 7, 2013.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director