



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
November 21, 2011**

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, November 21, 2011 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Derek Fahleson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Ken VanWinkle, 1A Conference (Heber-Overgaard Unified)  
Wallace Youvella, Jr., 2A Conference (Hopi High School)  
Derek Fahleson, CAA, 3A Conference (Estrella Foothills High School)  
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)  
David Woodall, Ed.D., Arizona School Administrators (Benson Unified School District)  
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

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Chuck Schmidt, Associate Executive Director  
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting  
Gary Whelchel, State Commissioner of Officials  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator  
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AZ Republic

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

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

- ✓ 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on October 17, 2011 were **amended** and **approved** as follows:

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**Executive Director Report**

Re: Sand Volleyball

- Season would start February 6, 2012. A three week training and pre season would allow one scrimmage. The 6-week regular season would begin the week of February 27<sup>th</sup>, with teams playing 2 matches per week for a total of 10-12 with one (1) invitational tournament (Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>) allowed in the 6-week competitive season. ~~A state playoff/final would be held on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to crown the State Champions.~~

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**AIA Lifetime Passes**

|                      |                      |          |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------|
| Rob Archer           | Barry Goldwater      | 25 years |
| Keith Brown          | Mountain View (Mesa) | 31 years |
| Brent Carter         | Saguaro              | Retired  |
| Joseph Fairchild     | Westwood             | 25 years |
| Keith Greer          | Coolidge             | Retired  |
| Jim Rice             | Blue Ridge           | 26 years |
| Andy Richey          | Youngker             | 25 years |
| Michael Dennis Smith | Ray                  | 29 years |

**AIA Complimentary Passes – Replacement Requests**

|                 |                   |                 |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Brandon Buck    | Baseball Coach    | Mountain Pointe |
| Nicole Duquette | Asst. Principal   | Boulder Creek   |
| Mike Giovando   | Football Coach    | Shadow Mountain |
| Jennifer Burks  | Athletic Director | Higley          |

**Requests for AIA Sanction / Intrastate And Interstate Activities – 2011-2012 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 2011-2012 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.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS** – Cont'd**Non-Sanctioned Activities – 2011-2012 Informational Calendar**

The Executive Board accepted the calendar placement requests for the non-sanctioned activities reflected in the 2011-2012 Informational Calendar.

The Informational Calendar, which is prepared by the AIA as a convenience for its member schools, reflects non-sanctioned activities, which do not fall under AIA jurisdiction. The Informational Calendar is posted online at <http://www.aiaonline.org/calendar/?id=2>.

**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:

|                    |                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Hayden (2A)        | Entire Wrestling Program             |
| San Pasqual (1A)   | Football Contest with Ajo (10/14/11) |
| Westwind Prep (2A) | Entire Softball Program              |

**Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

Equity Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes – 10/24/11  
 4A – East Sky/Desert Sky Agenda & Minutes – 10/27/11  
 3A Conference Agenda – 11/3/11  
 3A East Region Agenda – 11/9/11  
 Golf Sports Advisory Committee Agenda – 11/9/11  
 5A Conference Agenda – 11/17/11  
 5A AD Agenda – 12/7/11  
 5A Conference Agenda – 12/15/11

**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 report:

- ✓ Financial Report for October 2011

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS** (Postponed until December 19, 2011)

- Fountain Hills - Mike Briguglio

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Dr. Slemmer presented an overview of Tournaments and discussed the process of calendaring for 2012-2013 which is currently taking place. Changing venues when commitments are made and contracts are signed was addressed.

Minutes from the Competitive Equity, Diversity and Revenue/Disbursements Ad Hoc Committees were shared with the Board.

Dr. Slemmer provided the Board with a request from Cienega regarding clarification of eligibility for students who will be attending a new high school - Andrada Poly Tech High School – which will not offer sports. It was noted that any current student who transfers to the new school from Cienega or Empire (next year only) will only be eligible to participate at Empire.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** Ms. Ali Bridgewater, Peoria District Athletic Director, as the new **4A Conference Chair**.

Per the direction of the Strategic Plan and recommendations from several sports advisory committees, Mr. Schmidt addressed the future development of a State Component which will be proposed early next year regarding tournament guidelines, rules of the game, bylaws and eligibility.

Dr. Slemmer talked about the following articles provided to the Board under the Executive Board Information:

- NCAA tightens its rule for postseason bowl games (*AZ Republic 10/28/11*)
- Helmets popping off at alarming rate in college football (*USA Today 10/31/11*)
- Following the Rules (*Athletic Management Oct/Nov 2011*)
- Unprecedented Agreement for Pac-12 (*pac-12.org*)
- Atrisco Parents Want Injunction (*New Mexico Journal*)

**Open Discussion – Current Issues****5A Conference – Mr. Serrano**

- Girls' basketball sports advisory – Steve McDowell replaced Steve Hogen (**approved** by Executive Board on 9/13/11)
- Additional meeting request –  
On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** an additional meeting on December 14, 2011.
- Issues –
  - Discussion - wrestling and volleyball tournaments being held in Prescott – too far to travel
  - Discussed the sand volleyball pilot – some don't want to get involved unless sanctioned.
  - Necessity of emergency legislation
  - Stunt – requests additional feedback at December meeting

**Sand Volleyball** – on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** making Sand Volleyball a **two (2) year pilot** to allow additional planning time related to facilities, budgets, etc.

**4A Conference – Mr. Wagner**

Requested an additional meeting, if needed, for legislative council discussion – date TBD.

**3A Conference – Mr. Fahleson**

- Issues with schools who appeal up and then request a waiver to the 6-quarter rule
- Aia365.com website – maps to schools – need to add to site

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

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, **approved** the following legal guardian requests:

Cibecue  
Gilbert Christian (**only until December 12, 2011**)  
Red Mountain

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – NORTH HIGH SCHOOL**  
**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE**

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

Ms. Laura Telles, Principal  
Mr. Melville McCay, Athletic Director  
Parent

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.14 of the AIA Bylaws, **denied** the hardship eligibility request.

**EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 21.5.3**

*Rule: Article 21. Basketball, Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season*

*21.5.3 No player shall participate in more than ~~20 games per season, excluding qualifying and post-season tournaments.~~ **six (6) quarters/night.***

The following schools requested an exception to the 6-quarter rule in Boys' and Girls' Basketball:

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Ajo               | Seligman         |
| Ash Fork          | St. Augustine    |
| Duncan            | Superior         |
| Gilbert Christian | Tohono O'odham   |
| Joseph City       | Tombstone        |
| Phoenix Christian | Valley Christian |
| Pima              | Valley Union     |
| San Pasqual       |                  |

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the exceptions. It was also noted that all future requests **must have a roster attached** to the exception request before being considered.

**ADDITONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

- Camp Verde** - an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Northland Prep's** schedule.
- Empire** - an additional girls'/boys' basketball game to help fill **Safford's** schedule.
- Fort Thomas** - an additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Cibecue's** schedule.
- Parker** - an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Lake Havasu's** schedule.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**MOUNTAIN VIEW (MESA) HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.5 Domicile Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible boys' soccer player. A 520 form was completed for student – returned with no RED FLAGS. The student originally started in 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Highland. Parents separated during the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Mom moved to Mesa. Student finished year at Highland but chose to go to school Mountain View where he and his Mom lived. He finished his sophomore year at Mountain View. Mom moved again this summer but he did not want to attend the new school and requested to go back to Highland to live with his Dad. Spoke with Highland A.D. and situation came to light.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Athletic Director will now thoroughly comb through the 520 Form even when it comes back with no RED FLAGS.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Mountain View High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/21/11-11/21/12.

**PINON HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.1 Coaching Qualification*

**Reported Violation:**

Two assistant football coaches were not certified in the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching and coached after the 2011-2012 football season started. They are now both certified. One assistant coach was not certified in the "Concussion in Sports – What You Need to Know" and coached after the 2011-2012 football season started. He is now certified.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited. Violation did not involve ineligible players. Athletic Director realizes that it is his responsibility to ensure compliance of all AIA bylaws. From now on will ensure all coaches have the required qualifications before they come in contact with athletes.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Pinon High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/21/11-11/21/12.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**TUCSON HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.1 Coaching Qualification*

**Reported Violation:**

Girls' varsity soccer coach was hired in November, 2010 to coach girls soccer with the understanding that she would complete the NFHS Coaching Fundamentals course within 45 days as Article 17 allows. She coached the entire season without completing the course.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited. Violation did not involve ineligible players. Athletic Director met with coach to discuss matter. A letter of direction was issued to coach for not fulfilling her professional duties as an interscholastic coach. Tucson High has adopted a policy that requires any coach to complete the NFHS Fundamentals course prior to coaching.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tucson High Magnet School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/21/11-11/21/12.

**VISTA GRANDE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 21. Basketball, Section 21.2 Season of Sport*

**Reported Violation:**

Boys' basketball coach held tryouts on Saturday, October 29, 2011, prior to the official start date of practice.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Athletic Director has met with coach. As a consequence, he will sit out for the first contest. Team will open up in a tournament on 11/25/11 and play two games. He will not be allowed to coach that day, which suspends him for two games. He understands the seriousness of the offense and did not commit the violation purposely. Athletic Director will implement a coaches meeting prior to the start of each season. Furthermore, will communicate to coaches the most current start date of official practice as outlined by the AIA.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Vista Grande High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 11/21/11-11/21/12.

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

**Reported Violation:**

Spiritline coaches did not complete the NFHS Rules Interpretation course that is required for stunting. The squad was practicing stunting during this period of time.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Spiritline did not compete during the time they were out of compliance. Coaches have been provided a copy of the AIA Bylaws, specifically Article 36 and proof of completion must be provided to the Athletic Director prior to the continuation of stunting.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sierra Linda High School **Spiritline Program** on **Warning** for one year 11/21/11-11/21/12.

**HARDSHIP APPEALS**

*Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.14 Hardship*

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

- Empire** Jorge Mendivil, Athletic Director, Parent and Student  
**Cienega**: Whitney Holland, Athletic Director
- Gilbert Christian** Jim Desmarchais', Superintendent, Janet Oitzman, Athletic Director, Parents and Student
- Saguaro** Bob LaRue, Athletic Director, Parents and Student
- Window Rock** Bill Stiver, Athletic Director, and Parent
- Yuma Catholic** Rhett Stallworth, Athletic Director, Parents and Student

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 15.14 of the AIA Bylaws, **granted / denied** the following hardship eligibility requests:

| <b><u>School / Appeal</u></b> | <b><u>Granted/Denied</u></b> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Empire                        | Granted                      |
| Gilbert Christian             | Denied                       |
| Saguaro                       | Granted                      |
| Window Rock                   | Granted                      |
| Yuma Catholic                 | Denied                       |

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with the following:

Letters/E-mails:

- Mathew Phares – Age requirement of student athletes

Articles:

- Arizona makes girls' beach volleyball a high school sport (*offthebench.nbcsports.com 10/31/11*)
- NCAA tightens its rule for postseason bowl games (*AZ Republic 10/28/11*)
- Helmets popping off at alarming rate in college football (*USA Today 10/31/11*)
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**FUTURE DATES**

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|---------------------|---|
| December 19, 2011   | AIA Executive Board Meeting                 |
| January 16, 2012    | Holiday – AIA Office Closed                 |
| January 17, 2012    | AIA Executive Board Meeting                 |
| January 17, 2012    | Deadline – Hardship Appeals – Spring Sports |
| January 19, 2012    | Legislative Council Agenda Deadline         |
| January 23-24, 2012 | Hardship Appeals Spring Sports              |

**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, December 19, 2011. The meeting will be held at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

Proposed items for the next Executive Board agenda must be received in the AIA office by Thursday, December 8, 2011

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director