



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
September 13, 2011  
Prescott Resort – Copper Basin Room**

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 Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at the Prescott Resort – Copper Basin Room - in Prescott, Arizona.

President Derek Fahleson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

Ken VanWinkle, 1A Conference (Heber-Overgaard Unified)  
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)  
Bill Gahn, CAA, AdvancED (Deer Valley Unified School District)  
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. AIA Executive Director

**Members Absent**

Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)

**AIA Staff Present:**

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel  
Charles Schmidt, Associate Executive Director  
Denise Doser, Director of Accounting  
Michele Staples, Projects and Operations Administrator  
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media  
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Jose Garcia, AZ Republic	Charles Ragle, Chaparral
Lonnie Tvrdy, Pusch Ridge	Clif McKenzie, Scottsdale District
Nate Agostini, Horizon Honors	Gayle Holland, Chaparral
Matthew Wright, SUSD Counsel	Michelle Marshall, SUSD Counsel

**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:

- ✓ 2:02 p.m. to 3:06 p.m.
- ✓ 3:47 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **CHAPARRAL HIGH SCHOOL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

The Board reviewed the investigative report submitted by an outside firm. Based on the results of the investigation, after review and consideration, it was determined that there was no reasonable evidence to conclude that there was any rule violation by Chaparral High School related to the transfer of a student from Raymond S. Kellis High School to Chaparral. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board **Accepted the Report.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on August 15, 2011 and August 22, 2011 were **approved.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

### **AIA Lifetime Passes**

Mike Aylstock	Sedona Red Rock	Retired
James Boyd	San Tan Foothills	26 years
Frank Denogean	South Pointe	27 years
Duane Ediger	Scottsdale Christian	25 years
Jim Ewan	Chandler	25 years
Bob Fredericks	Scottsdale Christian	26 years
Michael Maas	Peoria District	25 years
Catherine Pletchette	Mesa District	Retired
Will Thompson	Westview	25 years
Robert Wendel	Canyon del Oro	Retired

### **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 Addendum**

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:

Snowflake (3A)	Cross Country Program
Maricopa (4A)	Girls' Golf Program
Palo Verde (4A)	Girls' Golf Program

**Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

4A – Conference Agenda – August 22, 2011  
 4A – East Sky/Desert Sky Agenda – August 25, 2011  
 1A – North Agenda – August 25, 2011  
 Football Sports Advisory Committee Agenda – August 31, 2011  
 Soccer Sports Advisory Committee Agenda – August 30, 2011  
 4A – Northwest Region Minutes – August 23, 2011  
 1A – North Minutes – August 25, 2011  
 5A – Conference Agenda – September 8, 2011  
 Cross Country Sports Advisory Committee Minutes – August 17, 2011  
 East Sky/Desert Sky Minutes – August 25, 2011

**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 and handbook:

- ✓ Financial Report for August 2011
- ✓ AIA Operations & Policies Handbook

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

None

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

A trophy presentation schedule was presented to the Board for the 2011 Fall State Tournaments

Dr. Slemmer reported on the Sollenberger Classic. Special thanks to Washington High School, Camelback High School, Phoenix Union High School District, Arizona Biltmore & the Arizona Cardinals for the use of their facilities.

Dr. Slemmer noted that Verde Valley (1A) dropped their membership.

Dr. Slemmer requested that every Board member submit two (2) names for each of the following committees:

- Equity (Competition)
- Diversity
- Revenue/Expenses

Committees are to be finalized by the October meeting and meeting dates set. It was noted that the Revenue/Expenses committee should consist only of Superintendents ASBA members, business managers and individuals with financial experience.

The Board was provided a copy of a **Guidance Document** created by the Arizona Athletic Trainers' Association. The purpose of the document is to provide licensed athletic training members of the Arizona Athletic Trainers' Association (AzATA) with guidance related to compliance with SB1521 and AIA concussion and head injury policies. The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) will review the document at their September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and report back to the Board.

The Board reviewed the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit regarding the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA). The court said the WIAA has the right to enter into exclusive contracts for live streaming of its sporting events, and that the First Amendment doesn't entitle other media outlets to claim the same broadcasting rights without paying for them. It was noted that **AIA365** allows all schools to utilize, at no cost to them, the opportunity to have their own school sites and benefit by receiving 100% of sponsorship monies. Dr. Slemmer noted that AIA's position is that whatever the AIA can do on those sites will benefit **ALL** schools.

Mr. Schmidt, per the direction received, created a response to the New Times Article, Knocked Out. It was noted that there were several inaccuracies and were clarified by Mr. Schmidt on his AIA365 blog on behalf of the AIA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and the AIA Executive Board.

The Board was provided with an update on the Unified Sports program. It was noted that over 60 schools are currently registered and participating. Discussion was held regarding the need to draft a bylaw for eligibility and pre-participation physicals for these student athletes. Staff was directed to craft the bylaw for the Board to review and move at the October 17, 2011 meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd**

Dr. Slemmer shared a copy of the AIA newsletter with the Board. He stressed the importance of information/communication going out of the AIA office and how all information is emailed to member schools and also immediately posted on the AIA website.

**Open Discussion – Current Issues**

AIA Bylaw – 14.14

**14.14 Concussion Education- All student athletes shall complete the Brainbook online concussion education course. Student athletes participating in fall sports of the 2011-12 school year shall complete the course no later than 10/1/11. All other student athletes shall complete the course prior to participation in practice or competition. (Ex. Bd. 8-15-11)**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved extending the deadline to October 15<sup>th</sup>** for fall sports. It was noted that the concussion educational opportunity is part of the student athlete clearance process for eligibility prior to any participation and that the course is taken only **one** time.

**5A Conference**

- Heat advisory – request getting information to everyone up front.

**1A Conference**

- Concern with basketball – last week of sectionals, chance of going to state and use of power points.
- Sports Advisory Committees – reminder that committees are advisory – and do not have the ability to change policies.

**4A Conference**

- Section play – Tucson vs. valley. Site locations depend on contracts – consider the possibility of future rotation basis. Reminder that this is the first year and adjustments will be considered.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd**

Weather Issues – The Board **approved** the following:

**Article 14.6****SUSPENDED GAME PROTOCOLS**

After further review of AIA bylaws, policy and NFHS rules, the AIA Executive Board on 13 September 2011 reviewed and addressed concerns related to games being interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority. Games shall be continued from the point of interruption unless the teams agree to terminate the game. In the event of a cancellation, postponement, termination, or forfeiture of a game due to inclement weather, the following guidelines will be applied and put in place to promote cooperation between the school administrators, coaches and officials promoting the safest environment at all AIA events.

**CATASTROPHIC OR POTENTIAL CATASTROPHIC INJURY**

**(Game is stopped and player has a defined catastrophic injury, or evaluation is in process)**

1. Official(s) have determined that either a catastrophic injury has occurred, or that the injury sustained is potentially catastrophic (Decision reached following consultation with available medical personnel or trainers).
2. FB: Rule 3.3 and/or Rule 3.4 will be invoked. All other sports shall be handled as per the rulebook.

**WEATHER RELATED SCENARIO**

1. In all sports, the NFHS “Guidelines on Handling Contests During Lightning Disturbances”, found in all sports rulebooks for outdoor sports, **will** be followed (Located in Rule Book Appendixes).
2. **The decision to stop play and resume play is determined by the officials. This decision can and should be made in consultation with school administrators and/or coaches.**
3. Pressure to complete or resume a game should never outweigh the safety of the players or fans.
4. **In the event that a Football Game has been suspended** and is in a lightning delay, the following options are available for conclusion of the event:
  - a) Wait out the delay and complete the game when conditions warrant.
  - b) Complete the suspended game from the point of interruption at a later date.
  - c) One team forfeits to the other and statistics are nullified.
  - d) The teams agree to terminate the contest at the point of interruption, keep the score, and the statistics up to the point of interruption shall count. The game is entered on [www.aiaonline.org](http://www.aiaonline.org) with the score of the game.
  - e) In the case where a game is tied and terminated during regulation play or OT, teams may elect to split power points. The game is entered on [www.aiaonline.org](http://www.aiaonline.org) as a tie.
  - f) Game is “Cancelled”, and games counted for computation of power points is reduced by one for the affected teams. The game is entered on [www.aiaonline.org](http://www.aiaonline.org) as a cancelled.

**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:

Flowing Wells High School  
Blue Ridge High School – until January 4, 2012  
Hopi High School  
Gilbert Christian

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

**Globe** - an additional girls' basketball game and an additional baseball game to help fill Safford's schedule.

**Snowflake** - an additional boys' soccer game to help fill Northland Prep's schedule.

The following schools – an additional badminton game to help fill **Pinnacle's** schedule:

- Shadow Mountain
- Highland
- Desert Ridge
- Perry
- Sandra Day O'Connor
- Paradise Valley
- Saguaro
- Desert Mountain
- Combs
- Chaparral
- Xavier
- North Canyon
- Horizon

**Gilbert** – an additional badminton game to help fill Mountain Pointe's schedule.

**VERIFICATION OF FACULTY – PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL, BIA, COLLEGE  
PREPARATORY AND SPECIAL FUNCTION SCHOOLS**

In accordance with Article 3, Section 3.1, Paragraph 3.3.3; Section 3.2, Paragraph 3.2.1; and Section 3.3, Paragraph 3.3.1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **accepted** verifications of faculty from the following schools:

Arizona Lutheran Academy  
Arizona State Schools for the Deaf & Blind  
Bourgade Catholic High School  
Brophy College Preparatory  
Desert Christian High School  
Green Fields Country Day School  
Greyhills Academy High School  
Immaculate Heart High School  
Joy Christian School  
Mingus Mountain Academy  
Northwest Christian School  
Notre Dame Preparatory High School  
Phoenix Christian High School  
Phoenix Country Day  
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf  
Pusch Ridge Christian Academy  
Rancho Solano Preparatory School  
Rock Point High School  
Rough Rock High School  
San Miguel High School  
Scottsdale Christian Academy  
Seton Catholic Preparatory High School  
St. Gregory College Preparatory School  
The Orme School of Arizona  
Tohono O’odham High School  
Valley Lutheran High School  
Yuma Catholic High School

**SCHOOLS IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 3, CERTIFICATION OF STAFF:**

Cibecue Community School  
St. Michael High School  
Thunderbird Adventist Academy

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Cibecue Community School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the St. Michael High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Thunderbird Adventist Academy **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

**COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS (SPORTS ADVISORY)**

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

**5A Conference:**

Girls' Basketball	Steve McDowell, Gilbert – replacing Steve Hogen
Girls' Soccer	Todd Gavelick, Mountain View – replacing Matt Kuffel
	Matt Smith, Corona – replacing Barb Chura
Boys' Swimming	Susan Edwards, McClintock – replacing Steve Hogen
Girls' Volleyball	Sunny Resch, Horizon – replacing Sharon Vanis
	Bill Lang, Ironwood Ridge – replacing Kim Ulrich

**4A Conference:**

Boys' Basketball	Mike Fowler, Glendale D.O.- replacing Herman House
Boys' Volleyball	Phil Camacho, Peoria - replacing David Thatcher
Wrestling	Ryan Ridenour, Desert Edge - replacing Michael
Girls' Volleyball	Christine Gutierrez, Sunrise Mountain – replacing Brian Duguid

**3A Conference:**

Boys' Basketball	Troy Powell, Safford – replacing Clint Cross
Boys' Cross Country	Doug Clementz, Wickenburg – replacing Shawn Martin
Boys' Soccer	Joe Rhoades, Estrella Foothills – replacing Amy Wilcox
Softball	Jorge Mendivil, Empire – replacing Bob Varner
Boys' Track	Lori Showers, Camp Verde – replacing BB Anderes

**2A Conference:**

Baseball	Garye LaFevers, Tonopah – replacing Alan Boelter
Girls' Basketball	Nate Agostini, Horizon Honors – replacing Mark Showers
Boys' Cross Country	Mike Elder, Northland Prep – replacing Leonard Quimby
Girls' Golf	Bob Fredericks, Scottsdale Christian – replacing Dane Ediger
Boys' Swimming	Shane Lewis, Phoenix Country Day – replacing Dave Nelson
Girls' Tennis	David Thursby, Tombstone – replacing John Blabe
Girls' Track	Matt Allen, Westwind Prep – replacing Duane Ediger
Boys' Volleyball	Cindy Riley, Desert Christian
Wrestling	Rick St. Clair, Antelope – replacing Bob Weir
Football	Jeff Fox, Scottsdale Christian – replacing Don Conrad

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**INDEPENDENCE HIGH 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 football player. Student practiced without clearance card on file in office or in the possession of head coach.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Practice only. Student was immediately removed from practice. Head coach accepted responsibility and will delegate additional power to the athletic trainer to monitor clearance as part of the process.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Independence High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

**RIO RICO HIGH 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 football player. Student athlete packet was incomplete and student was not cleared to participate.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Practice only. A meeting between the principal, athletic director and the head football coach was held regarding the violation. A letter of reprimand has been imposed and the coach has been provided with related information in accordance with the Governing Board Policy GCQF and a copy of the AIA Bylaws. An in-service will be provided for all head coaches to review the AIA Bylaw and mandates to prevent recurrence of Articles 14 & 15 violations.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Rio Rico High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**YOUNCKER HIGH 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 football players. Students did not go through the proper clearance to practice. Discovered during preseason and removed those students from practice. All students involved have now completed proper paperwork for clearance.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Practice only. All off campus coaches will go through a clearance workshop to ensure they know and follow all clearance procedures.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Youngker High School **Football Program** on **Warning** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

**CATALINA FOOTHILLS HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.12 Recruitment Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Students who do not live in the Catalina Foothills district either contacted or were contacted by the boys' basketball coach about attending CFHS. The coach held meetings with individual players and families to discuss the merits of the CFHS basketball program.

**School's Corrective Action:**

The coach will not be offered a contract for the 2011-12 school year. Students involved are not attending CFHS. Continuing education to all CFHS coaches about AIA Bylaws, specifically recruitment policy.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Catalina Foothills High School **Boys' Basketball Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**FLAGSTAFF HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,  
*Article 23. Football, Section 23.1 Rules*

**Reported Violation:**

The FHS freshman football program dressed out in pads on Wednesday of the first week, rather than waiting until Thursday.

**School's Corrective Action:**

The freshman and varsity coach were both educated regarding this bylaw and will be expected to review all the bylaws pertaining to football and share them with their entire coaching staff.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Flagstaff High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

**PEORIA HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,  
*Article 23. Football, Section 23.1 Rules*

**Reported Violation:**

The spiritline performed cheers at the varsity football scrimmage. **New** cheer coach was unaware that spiritline was not allowed to perform at the scrimmage.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Both JV and Varsity coaches and spiritline will be in-serviced for one hour on AIA Bylaws regarding football and cheer.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Peoria High School **Spiritline Program** on **Advisement** for one year 9/13/11-9/13/12.

**SELECTION OF NEW 2A CONFERENCE AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER – 2011-2014**

*Dr. Slemmer and Mr. Schmidt left meeting before the selection process.*

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected **Wallace Youvella, Jr.** to serve as the 2A officer for the **2011-2014** term.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with the following:

Letters/E-mails:

- Kathy Kaufman – Concussion Course
- NFHS News Release - Attendance
- Merle Sloan – Running up game scores

Articles:

- High schools put more focus on concussions (*AZ Republic 8/17/11*)
- Suicide due to concussion (*Associated Press 8/30/11*)

**FUTURE DATES**

September 21, 2011	AIA Operations & Policy Handbook In-Service – AIA Office
September 22, 2011	AIA Operations & Policy Handbook In-Service – Amphitheater High School
September 27, 2011	AIA Operations & Policy Handbook In-Service – Webinar
September 28, 2011	AIA Operations & Policy Handbook In-Service – AIA Office
September 29, 2011	Rosh Hashanah
October 5, 2011	AD Workshop – AIA Office
October 8, 2011	Yom Kippur
October 11, 2011	Deadline – Winter Hardship Appeals
October 17, 2011	Executive Board Meeting
October 18-19, 2011	Winter Hardship Appeals

**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, October 17, 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, October 6, 2011

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director