



**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
October 17, 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, October 17, 2011 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th 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
Michele Staples, Projects and Operations Administrator
David Hines, Tournament Coordinator
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator
Dean Visser, Tournament Coordinator
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Media
Lorie Tranter, Executive Assistant

Guests:

Jose Garcia, AZ Republic
Les Willsey, AIA365.com
Eric Hodgson, USA Volleyball
Jim Desmarchais, Gilbert Christian
Roger Heap, St. Johns
Dave Bradshaw, St. Johns
Larry Heap, St. Johns

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 11:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on September 13, 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

Doug Clementz	Wickenburg	26 years
Robert Epperson	Morenci Unified	Retired
Larry Eubanks	Deer Valley	29 years
Tom Joseph	Corona del Sol	30 years
Dan Nero	Corona del Sol	26 years
Hugh Smith	San Manuel	32 years
Kim Ulrich-Suss	Deer Valley	26 years

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.

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:

Thunderbird Adventist (1A)	Girls' Volleyball Contest with Paradise Honors (10/19/11)
Cibecue (1A)	Football Contest with Gilbert Christian (10/7/11)
St. Michael (1A)	Boys' Soccer Contests with Snowflake (10/6/11& 10/11/11/)
Coolidge (3A)	Boys'/Girls' Swim Contest with Tanque Verde (10/6/11)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Cont'd

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- 4A – Black Canyon Agenda/Minutes – 8/24/11
- 3A – East Region Agenda/Minutes – 9/7/11
- 1A – Agenda – 9/11/11
- Wrestling Sports Advisory Committee Agenda – 9/26/11
- Basketball Ad Hoc Agenda – 9/26/11
- Soccer Sports Advisory Committee Agenda – October 11, 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:

- ✓ Financial Report for September 2011

Ms. Doser shared with the Board a list of schools who have not yet taken the Fiscal In-Service. It was determined that an additional in-service and webinar will be conducted – SEE BELOW

Academy of Tucson	1A	Rancho Solano Preparatory School	2A
Adobe Mountain School	Assoc	Ray High School	1A
Agua Fria High School	4A	Rough Rock High School	1A
Alta Vista High School	Assoc	San Miguel High School	2A
Antelope High School	2A	San Simon High School	1A
Apache Junction High School	4A	San Tan Foothills High School	3A
ASDB	1A	Scottsdale Preparatory Academy	2A
Baboquivari High School	2A	Shonto Prep High School	1A
Beaver Dam High School	1A	South Ridge High School	Assoc
Bella Vista Private School	1A	St. Augustine Catholic High School	1A
Bowie High School	1A	St. Michael High School	1A
Canyon State Academy	2A	Thunderbird Academy	1A
Canyon View Preparatory	Assoc	Tohono O'Odham High School	1A
Central High School	5A	Tolleson High School	5A
Chandler Preparatory Academy	2A	Tri City College Prep High School	Assoc
Copper Canyon High School	4A	Tuba City High School	3A
Desert Hills High School	Assoc	Veritas Preparatory Academy	2A
El Capitan High School	1A	White Cone High School	1A
Flagstaff Arts/Leadership Academy	N/A	Williams High School	2A
Fredonia High School	1A	Willow Canyon High School	5A
Gila Bend High School	1A		
Gila Ridge High School	4A		
Glendale Preparatory Academy	Assoc		Attendees
Green Fields Country Day School	1A	9/12/11 - (Prescott)	93
Heritage Academy - non athletic	N/A	9/21/11 - (AIA)	10
Horizon Honors High School	2A	9/22/11 (Tucson)	31
Imagine Preparatory - Coolidge	3A	9/27/11 Webinar (1:00)	24
		9/27/11 Webinar (9:00)	34

Imagine Preparatory - Surprise	Assoc	9/28/11 - (AIA)	33
Immaculate Heart High School	1A	10/6/11 Webinar (9:00)	53
Liberty High School	4A		
Many Farms High School	2A	TOTAL - attendees	278
Maricopa High School	4A		
Mesa Preparatory Academy	Assoc	Member schools have not attended.	60
Miami High School	2A		
Mingus Mountain Academy HS	1A	7 prior opportunities to attend.	
North Pointe Preparatory	3A		
Paradise Honors High School	Assoc	FINAL FISCAL IN-SERVICE	
Payson High School	3A	OPPORTUNITIES:	
Phoenix Day School for the Deaf	1A	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011	
Pima High School	2A		
		Webinar - 9:00 AM	
		Onsite - AIA OFFICE - 2:00 PM	

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mr. Schmidt rescheduled presentation for the November meeting.

FUTURE OF MEDIA RIGHTS

Mr. Kevin Ray from **AIA365.com** reported to the Board on the opportunities that schools and student athletes can benefit from by utilizing this website. He noted that schools can showcase their competitors and programs, benefit from establishing their own school store to sell their customized school's product, and to create sponsorships.

Mr. Jeff Proctor from ProAngle Media also gave a presentation to the Board regarding AIA's future and how the Association is at the forefront of the rest of the country in protecting school content.

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Eric Hodgson from the Arizona Region of USA Volleyball submitted a proposal for adding sand volleyball to high schools. Specifics of the proposal included the following:

- Teams of 5 doubles teams for match play with up to 2 alternates
- For this first year, a season will go forward with a minimum of 8 schools and no more than 32 schools participating.
- Matches would be played at Victory Lanes Sports Park in Glendale with court time starting at 3:00 p.m. and ending on or before 6:00 p.m.
- Matches would consist of a school seeding their 10 players into doubles teams as the #1 seed, #2 seed and so on through 5 teams. The #5 seeds would play a 2 out of 3 match to 21, third game if necessary to 15. Then the #4 seed and etc.
- All match rules and court dimensions being used would comply with the USA V Beach Domestic Competition Regulations.

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- 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 27th, with teams playing 2 matches per week for a total of 10-12 with one (1) invitational tournament (Friday, March 23rd) allowed in the 6-week competitive season. A state playoff/final would be held on April 11th, 13th and 14th to crown the State Champions.
- Uniforms will be spandex or shorts with a t-shirt or sleeveless t-shirt with school name or logo and either name or number on the back of the jersey to differentiate players for scorekeeping purposes. At no time will bare midriffs, swimsuits or tank tops be acceptable attire.

It was noted that schools have the opportunity to participate and that not every school has to participate. Also clarified was that girls' volleyball and girls' sand volleyball are two different sports. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** moving forward to **pilot** this program which will begin in the **Spring of 2012**.

Dr. Slemmer noted that the Arizona School for the Arts (Non Athletic) dropped their membership due to the fact that the AIA is not longer in charge of music activities.

Dr. Slemmer reported that the following committees will meet at the AIA office as noted:

- Competitive Equity - November 1, 2012 - 1:00 p.m. (Chair – Mr. Bill Gahn)
- Diversity – November 2, 2012 - 1:00 p.m. (Chair – Mr. Don Logan)
- Revenue/Disbursements – November 3, 2012 – 1:00 p.m. (Chair – Mr. Arthur Wagner)

Mr. Schmidt noted that as of October 17, 2011, 48,781 student athletes have completed the Brainbook online concussion education course. Mr. Bill Gahn personally thanked the AIA staff for creating this tool making it helpful and easier for all Districts to comply with policy.

Discussion was held regarding Unified Sports and updating the current bylaws. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following bylaws have been **approved** and adopted as **Emergency Legislation**:

Add the following new language:**Article 21 – Basketball**

21.11 Unified basketball is a joint effort between the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) and Special Olympics of Arizona (SOAZ) to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Basketball programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration, unless otherwise stated below.

- 21.11.1 Official rules for Unified basketball shall be those published by SOAZ and AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board.
- 21.11.2 All participants must have the appropriate pre-participation packet completed including the pre-participation physical per the AIA Executive Board as recommended by the AIA Sports Medicine advisory Committee for the respective participants (15.7).
- 21.11.3 In order to further participation in the Unified Sports initiative, participation by SOAZ athletes will have the following exceptions to AIA eligibility requirements:
- 21.11.3.1 Exception regarding enrollment and domicile (15.3.1 and 15.5): SOAZ athletes may participate in a cooperative program among member schools for the purpose of creating combined school teams.

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- 21.11.3.2 Exception to the Academic rule (15.4.1): SOAZ students participating will follow the guidelines as set forth in their individual educational plans.
- 21.11.3.3 Exception to the age limit (15.6): SOAZ athletes will be eligible per age limitation of SOAZ and AIA rules for Unified basketball.

Article 23 – Football

23.12 Unified flag football is a joint effort between the n AIA and SOAZ to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified flag football programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

- 23.12.1 Official rules for Unified flag football shall be those published by SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board.
- 23.12.2 All participants must have the appropriate pre-participation packet completed including the pre-participation physical per the AIA Executive Board as recommended by the AIA Sports Medicine advisory Committee for the respective participants (15.7).
- 23.12.3 In order to further participation in the Unified Sports initiative, participation by SOAZ athletes will have the following exceptions to AIA eligibility requirements:
 - 23.12.3.1 Exception regarding enrollment and domicile (15.3.1 and 15.5): SOAZ athletes may participate in a cooperative program among member schools for the purpose of creating combined school teams
 - 23.12.3.2 Exception to the Academic rule (15.4.1): SOAZ students participating will follow the guidelines as set forth in their individual educational plans.
 - 23.12.3.3 Exception to the age limit (15.6): SOAZ athletes will be eligible per age limitation of SOAZ and AIA rules for Unified flag football.

Article 24 – Golf

24.10 Unified golf is a joint effort between the AIA and SOAZ to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified Golf programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

- 24.10.1 Official rules for Unified golf shall be those published by SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board.
- 24.10.2 All participants must have the appropriate pre-participation packet completed including the pre-participation physical per the AIA Executive Board as recommended by the AIA Sports Medicine advisory Committee for the respective participants (15.7).
- 24.10.3 In order to further participation in the Unified Sports initiative, participation by SOAZ Athletes will have the following exceptions to AIA eligibility requirements:

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- 24.10.3.1 Exception regarding enrollment and domicile (15.3.1 and 15.5): SOAZ athletes may participate in a cooperative program among member schools for the purpose of creating combined school teams.
- 24.10.3.2 Exception to the Academic rule (15.4.1): SOAZ students participating will follow the guidelines as set forth in their individual educational plans.
- 24.10.3.3 Exception to the age limit (15.6): SOAZ athletes will be eligible per age limitation of SOAZ and AIA rules for Unified golf.

Article 29 - Track and Field

29.9 Unified track and field is a joint effort between the AIA and SOAZ to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified track and field programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

- 29.9.1 Official rules for Unified track and field shall be those published by SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board.
- 29.9.2 All participants must have the appropriate pre-participation packet completed including the pre-participation physical per the AIA Executive Board as recommended by the AIA Sports Medicine advisory Committee for the respective participants (15.7).
- 29.9.3 In order to further participation in the Unified Sports initiative, participation by SOAZ athletes will have the following exceptions to AIA eligibility requirements:
 - 29.9.3.1 Exception regarding enrollment and domicile (15.3.1 and 15.5): SOAZ athletes may participate in a cooperative program among member schools for the purpose of creating combined school teams.
 - 29.9.3.2 Exception to the Academic rule (15.4.1): SOAZ students participating will follow the guidelines as set forth in their individual educational plans.
 - 29.9.3.3 Exception to the age limit (15.6): SOAZ athletes will be eligible per age limitation of SOAZ and AIA rules for Unified track and field.

Article 36 – Spiritline

36.13 Unified spiritline is a joint effort between the AIA and SOAZ to incorporate Unified programs in AIA member schools recognizing and offering opportunities for SOAZ athletes and partners to compete in an AIA sanctioned activity. Unified spiritline programs shall be administered by each participating member school and follow the requirements per AIA Bylaws for eligibility, rules and program administration.

- 36.13.1 Official rules for Unified spiritline shall be those published SOAZ and the AIA prior to each season, as approved by the AIA Executive Board.

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- 36.13.2 All participants must have the appropriate pre-participation packet completed including the pre-participation physical per the AIA Executive Board as recommended by the AIA Sports Medicine advisory Committee for the respective participants (15.7).
- 36.13.3 In order to further participation in the Unified sports initiative, participation by SOAZ Athletes will have the following exceptions to AIA eligibility requirements:
- 36.13.3.1 Exception regarding enrollment and domicile (15.3.1 and 15.5): SOAZ athletes may participate in a cooperative program among member schools for the purpose of creating combined school teams.
 - 36.13.3.2 Exception to the Academic rule (15.4.1): SOAZ students participating will follow the guidelines as set forth in their individual educational plans.
 - 36.13.3.3 Exception to the age limit (15.6): SOAZ athletes will be eligible per age limitation of SOAZ and AIA rules for Unified spiritline.

Mr. Desmarchais, Principal from Gilbert Christian, addressed the Board regarding an eligibility interpretation/clarification related to EVAC (East Valley Athletes for Christ) Sports Teams for Home School Students Playing in Charter School Leagues. After much discussion, and considering that the Board generally seeks to treat home school students similarly to enrolled students in similar circumstances, under the authority of 6.5.3 (Board has authority to determine eligibility when it may not be clearly defined), it was determined that the transfer rule does apply to these students – if a home school student has competed in a sport the previous year in an EVAC league, on a transfer without a change of domicile he/she would be ineligible in that sport the next year.

Mr. Schmidt presented information to the Board regarding the analysis of past Region Tournaments. It was noted that the transition from region to sectional format in individual and team (region) tournaments has increased profits. Mr. Schmidt stated that basketball was the only profitable “region” tournament in 2010/2011, remaining as a sectional tournament with controlled venue, staffing and awards budgets.

Ticket prices were discussed. Dr. Slemmer stated that Arizona ticket prices are about midway as related to the rest of the country. It was the consensus of the Board that cross country ticket prices would remain the same this year. As far as all other ticket prices, they will also remain the same this year.

A detailed draft of a Division & Section Recognition Project was shared with the Board. It was noted that with this new procedure, all students will have the opportunity to be recognized. At the conclusion of the regular season for the respective sports, coaches will have the ability to enter nominations for their players for all-section and all-division honors. Those names will be put together and coaches will be able to vote for each position for all-section teams. They will then vote for section player and section coach of the year. At the conclusion of the championship, coaches will have three business days to update the information on those players selected to all section teams. At that point, all coaches within that division can then vote for the all division teams. They will then vote for division player and division coach of the year. Please click on the following link to see complete document: <http://www.aiaonline.org/story?id=12559>

Dr. Slemmer shared information related to USA Cheer's emerging sport initiative – Stunt. Board members will share this information with their conferences for future feedback.

Clarification of the ASEP courses was addressed. The ASEP courses that are equivalent to the NFHS courses are accepted for the Level I Certification and the courses are also available at colleges around the state. However, instructors in the state of Arizona cannot receive a part of the proceeds from the courses.

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Dr. Slemmer shared a memorandum from John Black, NFHS counsel, related to the WIAA vs. Gannett case.

The Board discussed issues related to Article 17.4.2.2 and Article 2.6.2.3 and considered possible placement of these bylaws in a different section, or that they may be worded or incorporated in an existing bylaw in a different manner. The Board members will discuss this with their constituents and will review their discussions at a future Board meeting.

Rule: Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.4 Coach's / Sponsor's Code of Ethics Rule 17.4.2.2 *Not make statements to the news media critical of any game official, the AIA or another school's team, players, coaches or administrators.*

Rule: Article 2, Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators Rule 2.6.2.3 *Conduct of Participants* - *The responsibility for the conduct of the coaches, players and spectators at any athletic or nonathletic contest shall lie with the administrators of the schools whose teams are participating in the contest. **This responsibility includes ensuring conduct by the coaches, players and spectators which adheres at all times to the principles and spirit of good sportsmanship.***

The issue of the eligibility of international students was discussed. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following bylaw change was **approved** as **Emergency Legislation (NOTE: EFFECTIVE DATE 7/1/12, but adopted at this time in order to provide advance notice to member schools that may be affected):**

- Amend 15.3.2: Add to the beginning of the sentence: **Except as stated in 15.15** an eighth grade student.....

15.3.2 Ninth Grade Enrollment - **Except as stated in 15.15**, an eighth grade student graduate enrolling in the ninth grade for the first time may attend any member high school and be eligible for interscholastic activities.

- Delete existing section 15.5.3.4 (Foreign Exchange)

~~15.5.3.4 Foreign Exchange—A foreign exchange student who is placed in the attendance boundary of the school by a bona fide exchange program meets the domicile requirements.—The eligibility period for a bona fide foreign exchange student may not exceed one school year.~~

~~DETERMINATION:—The AIA Executive Board determined that a bona fide exchange program is a program approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET).—(Ex. Bd. 9/16/96)~~

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

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- Add new section:

15.15 International Student Eligibility - Prefatory Statement: In an effort to preserve and promote interscholastic competitive opportunities for Arizona students and further the goals of competitive fairness and equity, and recognizing the concerns of AIA member schools related to displacement of Arizona students by students from foreign countries, the following bylaw addresses the interscholastic eligibility status of international students attending an AIA member school:

15.15.1 Foreign Exchange Students: A foreign exchange student is a student that is in the U.S. under a J-1 Visa, and who is placed in a school by an educational exchange program approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). A foreign exchange student is eligible at a school in the attendance zone of the home in which the student is placed. A foreign exchange student must meet all other eligibility requirements and is eligible for a maximum of one school year.

15.15.2 International Students: An international student is a student who is in the U.S. under an F-1 Visa and who is attending an AIA member school. Except as stated below with regard to domicile, an international student must meet all eligibility requirements of any regularly enrolled student. An international student is eligible only for non-varsity level competition, which may include only 9th through 11th grade, and is not at any time of enrollment eligible for varsity level competition. With regard to domicile, an international student's non-varsity eligibility shall be at a school in the attendance zone of the home in which the student is placed. *The limitation to non-varsity eligibility only shall not apply to an international student who is enrolled as an 11th grader as of 10/17/11 at an AIA member school. (Italicized sentence to be eliminated at conclusion of 2012-13 school year)*

The definition of boarding schools was discussed. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following bylaw change was **approved** as **Emergency Legislation (NOTE: EFFECTIVE DATE 7/1/12, but adopted at this time in order to provide advance notice to member schools that may be affected)**:

Article 15 – Student Eligibility Rules

15.10.4.3 Boarding School – The transfer rule (15.10) shall not apply to a student who transfers to and is a full time resident of an AIA member school which is a bona fide boarding school. The transfer rule shall apply to any subsequent transfers by that student from that boarding school. A school is a bona fide boarding school only if it meets both of the following criteria:

15.10.4.3.1 The school shall be currently accredited by an appropriate and proper accrediting agency for secondary boarding schools, which accrediting agency shall be approved by the Executive Board or its designee; and

15.10.4.3.2 A majority of the school's students must reside full time on the actual school campus. Off campus housing does not meet this requirement.

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Open Discussion – Current Issues

1A Conference

Requested time changes for Division VI Football state playoff games. It was requested that game times for state football semi-finals for Division VI on Saturday, November 5th, be scheduled at **2:00 p.m. for game 1 and 6:00 p.m. for game 2.**

Requested to change game time of the Division VI Championship Football game to **4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12th.**

✓ Request **approved.**

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:

- Agua Fria High School
- Gilbert Christian High School
- Red Mountain High School – only until November 1, 2011
- Desert Ridge High School – only until March 19, 2012
- Santa Rita High School
- Blue Ridge High School
- Fredonia High School

EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 21.5.3

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:

- Bagdad**
- Fredonia**
- Ft. Thomas**
- Gilbert Christian**
- Green Fields Country Day School**
- Mayer**
- Mogollon**
- Rock Point**
- Salome**
- St. David**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the exceptions.

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

Payson - an additional girls' volleyball match to help fill **Flagstaff's** schedule.

Salpointe Catholic - an additional football game (2012 season) – Crespi Carmelite High School from Encino, California on August 17th or 18th, 2012.

Tanque Verde - an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Safford's** schedule.

Hamilton - an additional freshman boys' basketball game to help fill **Brophy's** schedule.

Pima - an additional girls' volleyball match to help fill **Safford's** schedule.

Fountain Hills - an additional baseball game to help fill **Safford's** schedule.

Safford - an additional girls' soccer game to help fill **Alta Vista's** schedule.

Florence - an additional girls'/boys' basketball game to help fill **Safford's** schedule.

Independence – an additional girls'/boys' basketball game to help fill **Cortez's** schedule.

Joseph City – an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Round Valley'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 school:

- Thunderbird Adventist Academy

On September 13, 2011, the 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.

Following reconsideration, the Executive Board, **reduced the Warning sanction** against Thunderbird Adventist Academy Activities Program to **Advisement** 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:

3A Conference:

Boys' Basketball Mark Showers, Camp Verde – replacing Clint Cross

2A Conference:

Football Don Conrad, Thatcher – replacing Jeff Fox

1A Conference

Boys' Basketball Curry Donaldson, Bowie/San Simon – replacing Roland Medina

Boys' Track Mike Sterkowitz, Joseph City – replacing Jim James

Girls' Volleyball Angela Vande Mheen, Green Fields – replacing Cindy Kirk

POSSIBLE BYLAW CHANGE

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following bylaw change was **approved** as **Emergency Legislation**:

Article 20 - Baseball**20.2 SEASON OF SPORT**

20.2.3 Spring Season Practice no sooner than the 32nd week
 Competition no sooner than Wednesday of the 35th ~~34th~~ week
~~Championship to be concluded by the 45th week~~
Division 1 & 2 Championship to be concluded by Tuesday of the 46th week

Article 26 - Softball**26.2 SEASON OF SPORT**26.2.3 Spring Season

~~1A/2A/3A~~ Practice no sooner than the 32nd week
~~Division III & IV~~ Competition no sooner than the 35th week
~~Championship to be concluded by the 45th week~~
Division 1 & 2 Championship to be concluded by Tuesday of the 46th week

SANTA RITA HIGH SCHOOL – AMPHITHEATER HIGH SCHOOL**Report regarding the following incident:**

Reported violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely,
Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule, Paragraph 16.3.4 Spectator Behavior

Reported Violation:

Amphi was playing a varsity softball game at Santa Rita. An Amphi player was ejected from the contest. After the game, the mom of the ejected player was able to get onto the field and confronted the umpire, yelling at him about the ejection.

School's Corrective Action:

The mother is suspended from attending any games, home or away, for the remainder of the year – a total of 6 contests. In addition, an Amphi administrator will also attend all away games for the remainder of the year (an administrator already supervises all home games) to ensure the mom does not attend and this type of behavior does not happen again.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Amphitheater High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 5/16/11-5/16/12.

REPORT ACCEPTED

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.5 Domicile Rule*

Reported Violation:

Ineligible girls' volleyball player. Student-athlete was part of the Willow Canyon volleyball team during the school year 2010-2011, her freshman year. Student enrolled in Shadow Ridge November, 2010 and did not participate in any sports at SRHS during the 2010-2011 school year. Student was part of the SRHS JV volleyball team during the current season. Student did not move domicile.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Athletic package will include question about prior schools attended and if the student participated in athletics at previous school. If so, has the student completed a 520 form?

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Shadow Ridge High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/17/11-10/17/12.

QUEEN CREEK HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.5 Domicile Rule*

Reported Violation:

Ineligible boys' golfer. A petition for legal guardianship was filed through the courts, but will not be finalized until the end of September when the guardian meets in front of the judge.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. All requests for eligibility for court appointed guardianship of a student athlete will be submitted with the proper forms to the AIA office for approval.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Queen Creek High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/17/11-10/17/12.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

SUNRISE MOUNTAIN 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's physical had expired. Student participated in a NFL player development camp at the end of May. All players were required to have a physical to attend. The NFL required that each player's physical fall within the calendar year. Summer workouts started after the camp, and student got extremely sick and was in the hospital. He missed the summer camp, and didn't get cleared until August 15th. At that time, the coaches had all the physicals for the team in a folder and saw that he had one. Coaches did not notice that the physical was from October 10th. SMHS put the doctor's release letter that was received in with the physical. The mistake was noticed and student went to get an undated physical and made copies of the doctor's note from August.

School's Corrective Action:

Practice only. The football coaches participated in an in-service with the AD to make sure that everyone understands the paperwork protocol. In the future, the football program will have three (3) coaches check the dates on all physicals. These coaches will be responsible for ensuring that all school and district athlete clearance policies will be upheld. The entire coaching staff at Sunrise for all sports will be getting an updated in-service to remind everyone to double check dates on all physicals and paperwork. The head coach of the varsity football program at SMHS will receive a letter of advisement in his file.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Sunrise Mountain High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 10/17/11-10/17/12.

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

Larry Heap, Superintendent
Roger Heap, Principal
Dave Bradshaw, Athletic Director

ST. JOHNS HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule.

Reported Violation:

Ineligible football player. Failure to fill out and complete 520 Form before an athlete competed in game competition. It was discovered that the student was living with his Aunt in the Sanders area, thus making him ineligible. (see detailed violation summary)

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Student immediately suspended from participating. An additional page has been added to the sport paperwork packet. This new page requires the student to indicate whether they have attended any other high school in the past 12 months and if so, instructs them on how to begin the "520" process. The page also informs the student that merely filling out the information does not make them eligible to play, that an eligibility determination will be made after the process is complete. Coaches have been and will continue to be in-serviced on transfer student eligibilities.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the St. Johns High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/17/11-10/17/12 and **rescinded** the forfeitures.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

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

Reported Violation:

Three fall coaches who were hired on August 1, 2011 are in violation of Bylaw 17.1. At the time of hire they were informed of the requirements to take the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching and NFHS Concussion courses. They were reminded that they had 45 days to fulfill these requirements. They needed to have these courses completed by September 14, 2011. On September 29, 2011, when it was discovered that they had not completed these courses, they were informed they were in violation and pulled from coaching until the requirements are met.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests not forfeited. Did not affect any games, matches or meets. Have reviewed how to better communicate with our coaches that these requirements are fulfilled in a timely manner.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Desert Christian High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/17/11-10/17/12.

PAGE HIGH SCHOOL reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 23. Football, Section 23.3 Pre-Competition Practice

Reported Violation:

A varsity football player participated in the scrimmage versus Sedona. He had not had ten (10) practices before the game.

School's Corrective Action:

Scrimmage only. The football coach was again in-serviced regarding the rules in Article 23.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Page High School **Football Program** on **Advisement** for one year 10/17/11-10/17/12.

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:

Blue Ridge Eric Harmon, Principal, Rich Ormand, Athletic Director, Parents and Student
Show Low: Nathan Richardson, Athletic Director

Betty Fairfax Reynaldo Peru, Athletic Director, Parent and Student
South Mountain: Consuelo Nava, Athletic Director

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:

<u>School / Appeal</u>	<u>Granted/Denied</u>
Blue Ridge	Granted
Betty Fairfax	Denied

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with the following:

Letters/E-mails:

- Bob Doom – Reduction of Divisions – Good Thing
- Linda Duke – APTA – Dr. Javier Cardenas
- Shadow Mountain parent – Hardship Appeal
- Alicia Bono – Page High School

Articles:

- The Shame of College Sports (*The Atlantic Oct. 2011*)
- Tennessee team vacates wins after mom’s Facebook scolding (*yahoo*)
- High School Football Player Suffers Head Trauma after Hard Hit (*myfoxphoenix.com*)
- AIA should man up about criticism of organization (*Scott Bordow 10/5/11*)
- Time Warner Cable and California Interscholastic Federation Sign One of Nation’s Largest High School Sports Programming Deals (*The CIF News October 2011*)
- Youvella first Hopi appointed to AIA’s Executive Board (*Navajo-Hopi Observer 10/6/11*)

FUTURE DATES

November 11, 2011	Holiday – Veterans Day – AIA Office Closed
November 21, 2011	AIA Executive Board Meeting
November 24-25, 2011	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 19, 2011	AIA Executive Board Meeting
December 22-23, 2011	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
December 29-30, 2011	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
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, November 21, 2011. 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, November 10, 2011

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.
Executive Director