



**MINUTES  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
January 17, 2012**

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, January 17, 2012 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  
Michele Staples, Projects and Operations Administrator  
Ron Halbach, Tournament Coordinator  
David Hines, 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  
Mark Cisterna, Gilbert District  
John Carlson, Chandler District  
Gary Begay, Many Farms  
Matt Allen, Westwind Prep  
Adam Desautels, Westwind Prep  
Stephanie Vaughan, Agua Fria  
Matt Bentz, Agua Fria  
Carlos Robles, Agua Fria  
Barbara Dobbs, Deer Valley  
John Allen, Deer Valley  
Mark Mendoza, AIA Official  
Ernie Molina, Tolleson  
Ben White, Tolleson

## **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 10:40 a.m.
- ✓ 12:25 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- ✓ 3:55 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on December 19, 2011 were **approved**.

## **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

### **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>.

### **Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes**

Badminton Sports Advisory Committee Minutes – 11/18/11  
Cross Country Sports Advisory Committee Minutes – 11/22/11  
Softball Sports Advisory Committee Agenda – 1/11/12

## **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 December 2011

**MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

**Mark Cisterna – Gilbert District** – addressed the Board regarding the AIA Operations and Policies Handbook, specifically payment of workers. Discussed was the possibility of changing the levels/tiers of security paid at tournaments and adjusting their pay accordingly. Dr. Slemmer indicated that any changes made to the tournament payment guides would have to be Board approved.

**John Carlson – Chandler District** – addressed the Board regarding out-of-season full contact football camps and the use of equipment. Discussed was the practice of equipment rental and the costs involved to districts to maintain their equipment. Dr. Slemmer referred to Bylaw 23.9 – Out-of-Season Football Activities and indicated that if any restrictions are to be removed from the bylaws that would have to be done through Legislative Council.

*23.9.2 Instructions are limited to non-contact activities and weight training. The only school equipment which may be used out-of-season is footballs, kicking tees and football shoes.*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

At the recommendation of Mr. Fahleson and pursuant to AIA Bylaw 6.5.6, a committee of the Executive Board was formed for the purpose of establishing components to be included in the Executive Director's annual evaluation. The committee will consist of Mr. Fahleson, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Woodall and Sr. Lynn Windsor – representing the President, Vice-President, Outgoing Board Member and Incoming Board Member.

The 2012 Winter Season awards schedule was shared with the Board. Board members signed up for awards presentations for all winter tournaments.

Dr. Slemmer reported on the National Federation Winter Meeting and shared the following information with the Board:

- ✓ NCAA Eligibility. New clearinghouse procedures this year – 2.3 GPA for core classes, and currently the ten (10) core classes must be completed before 7 semesters indicating normal academic progression.
- ✓ Sliding scale of SAT/ACT scores needs to be higher
- ✓ Foreign Exchange students – Department of Homeland Security addressed
- ✓ Competition Equity – Public vs. Private
- ✓ Unified Sports
- ✓ Issue of insurance coverage for claims related to student abuse and/or failure to report

Dr. Slemmer explained that the NFHS and NIAAA worked together and created new PSA announcements specific to Arizona promoting high school sports, which were shared with the Board. The announcements will soon be heard on various Arizona radio stations and on AIA365. Mr. Schmidt also shared 2011 social media results from AIA365, Facebook and Twitter.

Dr. Slemmer stated that new school visitation dates will be established in the next few months.

Nonschool Participation and All-Star Competition were discussed at length. It was noted that 3-point shoot outs and slam dunk competitions are taking place at tournaments, which has been unknown to the Association. The possible lack of catastrophic insurance coverage for athletes competing in these events is a serious issue.

*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.*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd**

Discussion was held at length regarding **SB 1035** which is being introduced by Senator Gray related to heat index. Currently the bill reads: **24.(b) Guidelines, information and training, developed in consultation with a statewide private entity that supervises interscholastic activities, to inform and educate coaches, pupils and parents about the heat index and the dangers of dehydration, heat stroke and other heat-related symptoms and conditions.** Dr. Slemmer also shared a power point from the NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee – *Heat Illness & Acclimatization Policy: A New Approach.*

Mr. Schmidt submitted a Heat Acclimatization & Exertional Heat Illness Management Policy Recommendation from the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee. The policy will be taken back to the conferences and sports committees for feed-back. Please refer to link below to review the Heat Exhaustion Policy Proposal – AIA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Minutes – November 17, 2011: [http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/SMAC\\_Minutes\\_11\\_17\\_11\\_1326987749.pdf](http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/SMAC_Minutes_11_17_11_1326987749.pdf)

Per the approval of the AIA Executive Board and consultation with the NFHS, the following professional development seat hours for the NFHS Coaches Education online courses are listed below and will be highlighted on [www.aiaacademy.org](http://www.aiaacademy.org);

<u>Course</u>	<u>Seat Hours</u>
Concussion in Sport	1 hour
Fundamentals of Coaching	11 hours
First Aid for Coaches	5 hours
Sport Specific Courses	5 hours
Teaching Sport Skills	4 hours

Dr. Slemmer updated the Board on the Ad-Hoc Committees. Minutes were shared from the Competitive Equity and Diversity meetings. Dr. Slemmer noted that Ms. Doser provided the Revenue/Disbursement Committee with information showing regular season mileage by school and their sports participation. She outlined the difference between the cost differences of schools being billed as follows: 1) by Conference, 2) being billed by all sports, 3) being billed by sports that use AIA assigned officials. The Revenue/Disbursement Committee approved and recommends to the Board the following:

#### 9.2.1 Athletic Mileage

9.2.1.1 ~~All AIA member schools shall be assessed an annual fee to cover expenses incurred by the AIA on behalf of the schools for varsity athletic officials' mileage. The assessment shall be computed as follows: the total amount of varsity athletic officials' mileage shall be averaged by Conference, and each member school of the Conference shall be assessed that amount.~~

All AIA member schools shall be assessed an annual fee to reimburse expenses incurred by the AIA on behalf of the schools for regular season varsity athletic officials' mileage. The assessment shall be computed as follows:

- Amount of varsity officials' regular season mileage paid out totaled.
- That amount divided by the total number of sports participation fees paid for sports with assigned AIA officials = "one unit" = cost per sport.
- Participation in those sports totaled by each school.
- Each school assessed one unit for each of those sports participated in that utilized AIA assigned officials.
- Example:
  - Total Regular Season Mileage = \$400,000 / 2,000 total sports = \$200 per sport.
  - School with 8 sports = \$1,600 in Regular Season Officials Mileage bill back.

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

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Cont'd

**Open Discussion – Current Issues**

**3A Conference** – Mr. Fahleson indicated that there was some confusion as to the start date of football. Mr. Halbach explained the following:

In 2011-12, the AIA Executive Board (at their March 2011 meeting - refer to link below:) [http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/ExBdAgenda\\_March\\_21\\_2011\\_2\\_1302203477.pdf](http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/ExBdAgenda_March_21_2011_2_1302203477.pdf) ), due to the availability of the venues for the state football championships, passed emergency legislation stating the following;

**FOOTBALL / SEASON OF SPORT** (Executive Board Minutes March 21, 2011)

Discussed at length was the fact that all divisions need approval for an early start date. In accordance with Article 23 Football, Section 23.2 Season of Sport, Paragraph 23.2.3, Subparagraph 23.2.3.2 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **granted** approval for **ALL Divisions** to schedule varsity football games in the 8th week of the 2011-2012 school year.

Pending AIA Legislative Assembly or AIA Executive Board Action, we anticipate that the 8<sup>th</sup> week will once again be week one of the ten game regular season varsity football schedule. If that is the case, permissive football practice for varsity football teams (and any junior varsity or freshmen teams that request an early 8<sup>th</sup> week game start from the AIA Executive Board) will be the 5<sup>th</sup> week on the AIA Standardized calendar. The Monday of the 5<sup>th</sup> week in 2012 is July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please watch the AIA Legislative meeting minutes and future AIA Executive Board minutes for finalization of the football related calendar items.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 2012-2013 AIA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS**

In accordance with Article 5, Section 5.1, Paragraph 5.1.2, Subparagraph 5.1.2.4 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board **approved** the following proposed amendments to the AIA Constitution and Bylaws for submission to the AIA Legislative Council at its regular annual meeting on March 2, 2012:

- Finances – Assessments – Article 9
- Sanction Procedures – Sanctioned Events – Article 10
- Post-Season Tournaments – AIA Tie Breaking Procedure – Article 12
- General Provisions – Nonschool Participation – Article 14
- General Provisions – Suspended Game Protocols – Article 14
- General Provisions – Complimentary Pass – Article 14
- General Provisions – Concussion Education – Article 14
- Student Eligibility Rules – Ninth Grade Enrollment – Article 15
- Student Eligibility Rules – Foreign Exchange Students – Article 15
- Student Eligibility Rules – Maximum Participation Rule – Article 15
- Student Eligibility Rules – Boarding School – Article 15
- Student Eligibility Rules – International Student Eligibility – Article 15
- Coaches and Coaching – Code of Ethics – Article 17
- Officials – Interstate Reciprocity – Article 18
- Officials – Fee Schedule for Officials – Article 18
- Officials – Fee Schedule for Officials – Article 18
- Officials – Mileage Fees – Article 18
- Baseball – Season of Sport – Article 20
- Baseball – Post-Season Tournaments – Article 20
- Basketball – Number of Games in Season – Article 21
- Football – Season of Sport – Article 23
- Football – Helmet Rule – Article 23
- Softball – Season of Sport – Article 26
- Basketball – Unified – Article 21
- Football (Flag) – Unified – Article 23
- Golf – Unified – Article 24
- Track – Unified – Article 29
- Spiritline – Unified – Article 36
- Golf – Interschool Competition – Article 24
- Soccer – Rules – Article 25
- Soccer – Preseason Interschool Varsity Scrimmage – Article 25
- Track – Post-Season Tournaments – Article 29

**ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS**

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

**Blue Ridge** - an additional boys'/girls' basketball game to help fill **Payson's** schedule.

**Payson** - an additional girls' basketball game to help fill **Blue Ridge's** schedule.

**Alchesay** - an additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Payson's** schedule – date TBD.

**Boulder Creek** - an additional baseball game (all levels) to help fill **Coconino's** schedule.

**Trevor Browne** - an additional softball game (all levels) to help fill **Betty Fairfax's** schedule.

**Mountain Pointe** - an additional baseball game (all levels) to help fill **Casa Grande's** schedule.

**Paradise Valley** - an additional boys' tennis match with **Shadow Mountain** and **Pinnacle**.

**Sahuarita** – an additional JV boys' soccer game to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

**Kiwanis Tennis Tournament** – Friday & Saturday – early start.

**Brophy** – an additional Freshman boys' basketball game to help fill **Fairfax's** schedule.

**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 Girls' Basketball:

Bourgade Catholic  
 Florence  
 Greyhills Academy (Boys' & Girls' Basketball)  
 Ray

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

The following is a list of schools that have been **approved** to the exception of the 6-quarter rule in Boys' and Girls' Basketball as of January 17, 2012:

<b>Ajo</b>	<b>Pima</b>
<b>Ash Fork</b>	<b>Ray (Girls' Only)</b>
<b>Bagdad</b>	<b>Rock Point</b>
<b>Bourgade Catholic (Girls' Only)</b>	<b>Salome (Girls' Only)</b>
<b>Duncan</b>	<b>Salt River</b>
<b>Florence (Girls' Only)</b>	<b>San Pasqual</b>
<b>Fredonia</b>	<b>San Simon</b>
<b>Ft. Thomas</b>	<b>San Tan Foothills</b>
<b>Gilbert Christian</b>	<b>Seligman</b>
<b>Grand Canyon</b>	<b>St. Augustine (Boys' Only)</b>
<b>Green Fields Country Day School</b>	<b>St. David</b>
<b>Greyhills Academy</b>	<b>Superior</b>
<b>Hayden</b>	<b>Tohono O'odham</b>
<b>Joseph City</b>	<b>Tombstone (Girls' Only)</b>
<b>Mayer (Girls' Only)</b>	<b>Valley Christian (Girls' Only)</b>
<b>Mogollon</b>	<b>Valley Union</b>
<b>Phoenix Christian (Girls' Only)</b>	

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**DEER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 2. Membership, Section 2.6 Responsibility of School Administrators

***The following representatives entered the meeting for a school violation and left upon completion of their presentations:***

*Barbara Dobbs, Principal  
John Allen, Athletic Director*

*Gary Whelchel, AIA State Commissioner of Officials  
Mark Mendoza, AIA Official*

**Reported Violation:**

On Friday, October 21, 2011, at the football game against Ironwood High School, following the game, Mr. John Allen, Athletic Director, walked from the south end zone up along the Ironwood sideline. As he walked up the sideline, he tapped the Line Judge (Mr. Mark Mendoza) on the shoulder and said "Nice game". Mr. Allen then continued walking and extended his hand to shake the hand of the Referee (Mr. Howard Baca) and said, "Nice game, but your crew was very ineffective."

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited – incident took place after the football game was completed and involved only the Athletic Director and two officials. No students were involved. Mr. Allen has been given a Written Express Directive by the principal to only speak to the officials regarding game management issues. Mr. Allen has been directed to refrain from speaking to officials regarding their performance but to use the appropriate AIA form to file any concerns or complaints.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Deer Valley High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/12-1/17/13.

***Mr. Gahn abstained from voting.***

**TUCSON HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.4 Nonschool Participation

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' soccer player. Student participated in a club soccer scrimmage in Tucson after the start of the season. She was told by the club coach and the official that, because it was a scrimmage, it would not be a violation. This is after being told by a Tucson High coach earlier that day not to participate. She did not play in any AIA sanctioned contests after this incident as it happened on a Sunday and was reported to us the next day.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Girls' soccer coach met with the team the following day to review this rule. This had been done at a team meeting during the pre-season. Coaches will again be reminded of this rule at the pre-season coaches meeting. The club coach was called and made sure he understood that his info was incorrect. Student was dismissed from team.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Tucson High Magnet School **Girls' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/12-1/17/13.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**LAKE HAVASU 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 wrestler. Student was allowed to wrestle against Gila Ridge on 11/30/11 and allowed to practice without completing any paperwork to be cleared to wrestle through the high school administration athletic office. Student and varsity coach failed to follow proper procedures in place and the emergency card was overlooked by the varsity coach. The student brought down his physical to be turned in on 12/8/11 and was questioned by Athletic Director – “why is this being turned in at this point, when you have been wrestling?” The student responded, “I just got done with my physical and coach told me to turn it in.” This was after he wrestled. When coach was confronted he thought the athlete was cleared. When asked to show the athlete the emergency card, he didn't have it. The coach stated, “this got by me, I apologize, it is my error.” A.D. explained to the coach the liability he and the school have with the paperwork not being completed as well as the AIA violation. Again, the coach took the blame.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Student has now completed proper paperwork. Coach will receive a letter of direction from athletic administration office to be kept on file. The letter of direction will lay out proper procedures. Any future violations will result in immediate dismissal of varsity coach.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Lake Havasu High School **Wrestling Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/17/12-1/17/13.

**WESTWIND PREP** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule

***The following representatives entered the meeting for a school violation and left upon completion of their presentations:***

*Matt Allen, Principal*  
*Adam Desautels, Boys' Basketball Coach*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible boys' basketball player. Student attended Marcos de Niza High School last year and lived in Maricopa County. He enrolled at Westwind Prep and moved to Pinal County a little bit after school started. He never went to school in Pinal County and continued to attend Westwind Prep.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. Principal is implementing training with each coach to over the AIA Bylaws so Westwind will not have an oversight like this again.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Westwind Prep **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year – 1/17/12-1/17/13, **rescinded the forfeitures** and approved Westwind's self imposed non-participation in the boys' basketball state tournament.

***Mr. Gahn abstained from voting.***

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**KINGMAN HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 16.3 Sportsmanship Rule, Section 16.3.1 Ejection from a Contest*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' soccer player. Student was given a red card during the team's last game in a tournament. When she was ejected, the head coach asked the official if that meant that the player also had to sit out the next regular season match. The official responded that the rule only affected the tournament and not the regular season. The girl was allowed to play in the following game, a 2-0 loss.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited. The player was not allowed to play in the next regular scheduled game. Additional in-service on AIA Bylaws was provided to the coach. The sportsmanship rule will be a point of emphasis on subsequent preseason meetings with all coaches. All coaches will be reminded that all ejections must be reported immediately to the athletic office to ensure that proper procedures will be followed.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Kingman High School **Girls' Soccer Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/12-1/17/13.

**FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL** reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 21. Basketball, Section 21.5 Number of Games in Season*

**Reported Violation:**

Ineligible girls' basketball players. Two JV players exceeded the 6-quarter rule. On the varsity level, there were three (3) girls out for suspension and one (1) out for injury therefore reducing the number of eligible varsity players to six (6).

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests not forfeited. Asking for an exemption for the remainder of the season due to low numbers on all levels as a result of suspension, injury and eligibility. If granted the allowance, this would prevent any forfeiting or cancellation of any freshman/JV games. Rosters attached.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Florence High School **Activities Program** on **Advisement** for one year 1/17/12-1/17/13 and granted the exemption from the 6-quarter rule in girls' basketball.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS** – Cont'd

**AGUA FRIA HIGH SCHOOL** reported the following violations of the AIA Bylaws; namely,  
Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.14 Concussion Education  
Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.1 Student Eligibility Requirements  
Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.2 Application of Student Eligibility Rules  
Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.6 Age Limit / Birth Record Rule  
Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.7 Physical Examination Rule, Section 15.8 Parental or Legal Guardian Consent Rule  
Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.10 Transfer Rule  
Article 17. Coaches and Coaching, Section 17.1 Coaching Qualification

**The following representatives entered the meeting for a school violation report and left upon completion of their presentations:**

*Mathew Bentz, Ed.D., Principal*  
*Stephanie Vaughn, Assistant Principal*  
*Eugenio Vazquez, Athletic Director*

**Reported Violation:**

Numerous ineligible winter athletes – listed in report.

Numerous coaches – listed in report - were not certified in the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching and the Concussion Course. Only 9 out of the 37 fall and winter coaches met all AIA mandated qualifications.

**School's Corrective Action:**

Contests forfeited.

- ✓ Performed comprehensive audit of athletic clearance process including examination of every Fall and Winter student-athlete's athletic file and eligibility of coaches.
- ✓ Halted participation/competition of ineligible student-athletes.
- ✓ Implemented immediate measures to fully clear athletes.
- ✓ Conducted training sessions to review clearance processes for Athletic Director and Athletic Secretary with former AFHS Athletic Director.
- ✓ Established weekly meetings with in-season coaches to discuss eligibility, rosters, practices, competitions, department practices, etc.
- ✓ Established weekly update meetings between AD and Principal.
- ✓ Identified AIA resources and communicated with appropriate AIA staff members.
- ✓ Spring athletic eligibility/clearance process for student-athletes and coaches will be overseen by Principal and former AD.

**Executive Board Action:**

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Agua Fria High School **Activities Program** on **Warning** for one year 1/17/12-1/17/13.

**TOLLESON HIGH SCHOOL**

- December 8, 2011 Boys' Basketball Game vs. Peoria High School

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

*Ernie Molina, Principal  
Ben White, Athletic Director*

Mr. Molina and Mr. White addressed the Board regarding an incident at a boys' basketball game on 12/8/11 against Peoria.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION**

Dr. Slemmer provided the Executive Board with the following correspondence:

- NFHS – Inquiry Results – Background Checks on Officials
- Mark Cisterna – AIA Operations and Policies Handbook
- Frank Mirizio – Current Divisions
- NFHS News Release – National Coaches of the Year

**FUTURE DATES**

February 20, 2012	Holiday – President's Day
February 21, 2012	Executive Board Meeting (Tuesday)
March 2, 2012	Legislative Council Meeting
March 19, 2012	Executive Board Meeting

**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 Tuesday, February 21, 2012. 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, February 9, 2012.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Slemmer, Ed.D.  
Executive Director