



MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
May 21, 2012
May 22, 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 Monday, May 21, 2012 at the University of Phoenix Stadium located at 1 Cardinals Drive, Glendale Arizona and on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 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)
Bill Gahn, CAA, AdvancED (Deer Valley Unified School District)
Mike DeLaO, Arizona School Boards Association (Safford Unified School District)
Harold Slemmer, Ed.D. AIA Executive Director

Members Absent: (5-22-12 only)

David Woodall, Ed.D., Arizona School Administrators (Benson Unified School District)
Bill Gahn, CAA, AdvancED (Deer Valley Unified School District)

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:

Les Willsey, AIA365
Kyle Odegard, EV Tribune
Dana Zupke, Pinnacle
Dr. Steven Erickson, SMAC
Herman House, Tucson Union School District
Ian Moses, Mountain Pointe
Bruce Kipper, Mountain Pointe
Mark Showers, Camp Verde
Corinne Brown, Pinnacle
Elfido Hernandez, Pinnacle
Brenda DeLaO, AIA Guest

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:

Monday – 5/21/12

✓ 8:35 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Tuesday – 5/22/12

✓ 8:35 a.m. to 9:10 a.m.

✓ 2:00 p.m. to 2:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the Executive Board meeting held on April 16, 2012 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

Rich Engelhard	Mountain View	33 years
Robert Estrada	La Joya	Retired
Bill Ferguson	La Joya	Retired
Don Fuentes	Desert View	33 years
Cheryl Ingram	La Joya	Retired
Walter McCloud	Yuma Catholic	25 years
David Pastor	San Carlos	Retired
Richard Trujillo	Perry	25 years
Bob Brannan	AIA Official	25 years
Anthony Cromwell	AIA Official	25 years

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Cont'd**AIA Lifetime Passes** – Cont'd

JC Johnson	AIA Official	25 years
Bill Maurer	AIA Official	25 years
Alan Moore	AIA Official	25 years
Addison Perkins	AIA Official	25 years
Joseph Sanchez	AIA Official	25 years
Matt Widmann	AIA Official	25 years
Andrew Williams	AIA Official	25 years
Scott Williams	AIA Official	25 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

Thunderbird Adventist (1A)	Varsity Baseball Contest with: Gilbert Classical – 4/18/12 Phoenix Country Day - 4/2012
Westwind Prep (2A)	Entire 2012-2013 Programs: Football, Girls Basketball, Softball, Girls' Volleyball
Green Fields (1A)	Entire 2012-2013 Programs: Soccer, Baseball & Softball

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

2A Conference Agenda – 4/26/12

1A North Athletic Director Meeting Minutes – 4/26/12

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

ELECTION OF 2012-2013 EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICERS

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as officers for the **2012-2013** school year:

President **Arthur Wagner**
4A Conference
Higley Unified School District

Vice President **Dan Serrano**
5A Conference
Perry High School

SELECTION OF NEW 2012-2015 AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.4, Paragraph 6.4.1 of the AIA Constitution, the Executive Board selected the following to serve as officers for the **2012-2013** school year:

3A Conference **Dr. Beverly Hurley**
Superintendent – Buckeye Union High School District

ASA **Dr. Doug Wilson**
Superintendent – Marana Unified School District

Tuesday – May 22, 2012**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

- ✓ Financial Report for April, 2012
- ✓ Board Designated Assets

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dr. Slemmer, at the request of Joe Paddock representing the Hardship Appeals Committee, suggested that the Hardship Appeals Rep's position/term parallel that of their Executive Board Rep's term. Mr. Paddock noted that from his experience on the Hardship Appeals Committee, it is much easier as a member of the committee the 2nd year than it was the first. Based on the number of appeals heard the last two years, having at least two members carry over from one year to the next would facilitate the process and provide more consistency from year-to-year with the decisions. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** the 3-year term and noted that the Executive Board member would **appoint** a Hardship Appeals Rep at the beginning of their term.

Form 15.10 – Transfer Rule Hardship Appeal was discussed at length and revised.

The Fall Hardship Appeal dates were revised as follows:

Fall Sports -

August 15-17, 2012 Football & Golf Appeals only
(Deadline – August 8th)

August 23-24, 2012 Remaining Fall Appeals
(Deadline – August 16th)

It was determined that the September Board meeting date would be changed to Tuesday, September 11, 2012 and will be held in Prescott Valley following the AIAAA meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the current process of schools adding games – even if they are under the limit. It was noted that schools are adding games simply to try and make the playoffs. It was determined that a deadline date (TBD) will be utilized in the future.

Staff shared with the Board information from the OHSAA Booster Summit Summary. Dr. Slemmer noted that information obtained from the summit will be shared with membership (upon request) regarding ramifications for booster clubs regarding tax compliance, Title IX issues and nonprofit compliance guidelines.

Dr. Slemmer noted that Beaver Dam will be moving from 1A to Associate – 2012-2013.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd

Dr. Slemmer updated the Board on the Computer Scheduling and Competitive Equity Committees. The Competitive Equity Committee met on May 14th and amended their proposal by excluding Charter schools from moving up and Dr. Slemmer explained the appeal process as follows:

- ✓ when placed, schools appeal up/down to the their respective Sports Advisory Committees
- ✓ if denied, can appeal to the Executive Board

Dr. Slemmer stated that the Computer Scheduling Committee is considering the following:

- ✓ no interdivision play
- ✓ making sections smaller
- ✓ utilizing geography to create sections

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board voted to move forward with the Placement Process & Appeals proposal and scheduled a special Legislative Council Meeting for **Friday, September 28, 2012.**

Refer to the following link to view the proposal: <http://www.aiaonline.org/story?id=13120>

Dr. Slemmer shared correspondence and information from the Arizona Football Coaches Association regarding their concerns with the AIA office and MaxPreps. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board voted to send a letter to the members of the Arizona Football Coaches Association Board and member schools regarding concerns related to the AZFCA and false information being circulated by that entity and/or their agent.

Staff shared “**AIA by the Numbers**” with the Board. The following was noted:

- **Total State Tournament Games/Meets - 8,222**
- **Total Attendance in 2011-2012 exceeded 617,000**
- **Operations Management**
 - ✓ 650+ TIER reports
 - ✓ 4,250+ checks distributed to AIA employees
 - ✓ Over 4,000 employees working tournaments – AIA manages/pays
 - ✓ Tournament worker expenses – over \$600,000
 - ✓ Manage schedules for 275 member schools
 - ✓ Over 100 hours of web development & programming to engage computer scheduling
 - ✓ Over 40,000 games assigned via computer scheduling system
- **Officials Management**
 - ✓ Background checks – 363 new and 489 returning random checks
 - ✓ Game assignments:

regular season games	40,893
tournament games	4,659
state tournament games	796
1 invitational games	1,096
 - ✓ Ref Pay - \$3.1 million in RefPay deposits on behalf of AIA member schools
204 member schools participating currently
Over 1,350 game fees paid thru RefPay for AIA post-season events

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Cont'd**"AIA by the Numbers"** (Cont'd)

- **AIA365.com Numbers**
 - ✓ Page Views: 1,421,543 (8/1/09 to 7/31/10)
1,787,247 (8/1/10 to 7/31/11)
3,927,362 (8/1/11 to 4/30/12)
Up 119.7% over the last year
Still three (3) months remaining
 - ✓ Snapshot of April page views
Up 335.6% April 2012 vs. April 2011

- **AIAonline.org & AIA365.com Numbers**
 - ✓ Page Views: 4,765,245 (8/1/09 to 7/31/10)
5,265,249 (8/1/10 to 7/31/11)
6,781,900 (8/1/11 to 4/30/12)
Up 28.8% over the last year
Still three (3) months remaining

- **Content drives revenue to promote the AIA365.com platform and AIA membership message**
 - ✓ Sponsorship Revenue (does not include in-kind)

2008-2009:	\$309,860
2009-2010:	\$437,400 (up 41% from prior year)
2010-2011:	\$541,092 (up 24% from prior year)
2011-2012:	\$638,925 (up 18% from prior year)
 - ✓ In-kind (current) \$295,000
 - Wilson
 - Gatorade
 - SW Section PGA
 - Kukulski Brothers
 - ✓ Licensing Dollars
 - Through AIA's efforts and the LRG/NFHS relationship, \$8,131.52 has been delivered to member schools since March 2011

- **Educational Outreach and Communication**
 - ✓ Total emails sent via Constant Contact 150,691
 - ✓ Meetings for administrators & coaches 98
(includes in-services for Bylaws & new AD's)
 - ✓ NFHS FOC courses completed 2,334
 - ✓ NFHS Concussion awareness courses 7,983
 - ✓ Brainbook courses taken 97,879

Open Discussion – Current Issues

Sr. Lynn – Encouraged Athletic Directors to attend the AIAAA Conference – September 8-11, 2012 in Prescott. Refer to the following link for information: <http://www.aiaaa.org/>

APPROVAL OF 2012-2013 CONFERENCE CHAIRS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

1A Conference:

Chair: **Shawn Lytle, Salt River**
 North Rocky Nelson, Mogollon
 South Vic Acuna, St. Gregory
 East Lee Haws, Ft. Thomas
 West Roland Medina, Mayer
 Hardship Appeals Committee: Mark Goodman, St. David

2A Conference:

Chair: **Doug Meyer, Arizona Lutheran**
 Chair-Elect: David Thursby, Tombstone
 North Marcus Forrester, Valley Sanders
 South Al Trejo, San Manuel
 East James Driggers, Benson
 West Shawn Gatson, Bourgade
 Central Nate Agostini, Horizon Honors
 Hardship Appeals Committee: Lonnie Tvrdy, Pusch Ridge

3A Conference:

Chair: **Mark Showers, Camp Verde**
 North James Roe, Tuba City
 South Jorge Mendivil, Empire
 East Gary Fishel, Payson
 West John Parks, Sedona
 Hardship Appeals Committee: James Roe, Tuba City

4A Conference:

Chair: **Steve Bebee, Cactus Shadows**
 Chair-Elect: Pat Witter, Buckeye
 East Sky Shelly Arredondo, Tempe
 Desert Sky Paul Reynolds, Queen Creek
 Black Canyon TBD
 Kino Jody Brase, Catalina Foothills
 Grand Canyon Jeannine Brandel, Flagstaff
 Sonoran Joe Paddock, Amphi District
 West Valley TBD
 Skyline Pat Witter, Buckeye
 Hardship Appeals Committee: Joe Paddock, Amphi District

5A Conference:

Chair: **Mike Sivertson, Centennial**
 Central Dan Nero, Corona del Sol
 Desert Valley Corey Newland, Paradise Valley District
 Desert West TBD
 East Valley Steve Hogen, Mesa District
 Fiesta Mark Cisterna, Gilbert District
 Gila Valley Kevin Gettings, Cibola
 Northwest Matt Kuffel, Boulder Creek
 Southern Herman House, Tucson District
 Metro TBD
 Hardship Appeals Committee: Reynaldo Peru, Betty Fairfax

FOOTBALL SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE -**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FOOTBALL BYLAW – EMERGENCY LEGISLATION**

Dana Zupke, representing the Football Sports Advisory Committee, addressed the Board with the proposed bylaw amendment listed below. Discussed at length was the permissive practice bylaw and the definition of non-contact conditioning. Safety concerns were addressed by the Board. Dr. Steven Erickson, representing the AIA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee joined Mr. Zupke for further conversation with the Board.

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

To align with spring practice bylaw 23.10.1, which already allows for the use of shields and dummies during spring practice when no protective equipment is worn. It is the belief that the ability to use shields and dummies increases the safety to the student athlete by teaching contact techniques in a controlled, safe progression prior to full contact practice.

23.3 PRE-COMPETITION PRACTICE

23.3.1 Permissive - Permissive practice on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday shall be conducted without pads and limited to non-contact conditioning. Permissive practice on Thursday, Friday and Saturday will allow the addition of shoulder pads, blocking dummies and blocking sleds.

23.3.1.1 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday no coaching/instructional football equipment shall be used for on-the-field practice. However, coaches may use whistles, stopwatches, clipboards, megaphones and air horns, and players may wear helmets, shoes and mouthpieces. The use of footballs, kicking tee, ropes, tires and pylons are permitted.
The use of shields and dummies during this time is permissible.

23.3.1.2 Thursday, Friday and Saturday the coaching/instructional football equipment of shoulder pads, blocking dummies and blocking sleds are permitted.

23.10 SPRING FOOTBALL INSTRUCTION

23.10.1 A coach may instruct candidates for the high school's football squad for three consecutive weeks, commencing on the 44th week of the AIA standardized calendar and concluding in the 46th week. The use of shields and dummies during this time is permissible.

SMAC - HEAT ACCLIMATIZATION & EXERTIONAL HEAT ILLNESS MANAGEMENT POLICY RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Steven Erickson, representing the AIA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, addressed the Board with their Heat Acclimatization & Exertional Heat Illness Management Policy Recommendation. Mr. Zupke also participated in the discussion with the Board.

The following points were made during the discussion:

- ✓ SB1035 which was introduced this year never came forward for a vote – Legislators expected the AIA to handle the issue.
- ✓ Discussion has been ongoing since the end of last school year regarding guidelines
- ✓ Policy needed for every high school, especially those who don't have trainers
- ✓ Heat illness is 100% preventable – coaches must be educated
- ✓ Sickle testing (red blood cells) very effective
- ✓ Define “contact” with football coaches
- ✓ Define “walk-through”
- ✓ Intent of policy – education and trust of coaches
- ✓ Video will be available this summer through the NFHS “A Guide to Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention”

It was noted that the SMAC will meet again on Thursday, May 24th with AIA staff. At that time they will begin discussion of a Policy/Rule to include three (3) categories: Football, Indoor Sports and Outdoor Sports.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board agreed to the following: **Approved**, as emergency legislation, the SMAC Heat Acclimatization & Exertional Heat Illness Management Policy, to be incorporated into Article 23, Football, and elsewhere as appropriate; and **approved** the bylaw proposal by the Football Sports Advisory Committee, also as emergency legislation, contingent on approval by the SMAC at its meeting on 5/24/12. **Please refer to the following link to read minutes from that meeting:**

http://www.aiaonline.org/story/uploads/SMAC_Minutes_05_24_2012_1338329584.pdf

- 23.3.1.1 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday no coaching/instructional football equipment shall be used for on-the-field practice. However, coaches may use whistles, stopwatches, clipboards, megaphones and air horns, and players may wear helmets, shoes and mouthpieces. The use of footballs, kicking tee, ropes, tires and pylons are permitted. **The use of shields and dummies during this time is permissible. Contact is only allowed with shields and dummies and not players.** (Ex. Bd. 5-22-12)

Definition of “walk through” No contact with other individuals, dummies, sleds and shields.

EXCEPTION TO AIA BYLAW 14.2.1 – SALPOINTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Rule: Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.2 Practice

14.2.1 No practice, contest, chalk talk or films are permitted on **Sunday** during the school year

Tabled at the March 19, 2012 meeting:

Salpointe Catholic High School has scheduled a varsity football game for Saturday, August 18, 2012 against Crespi Carmelite High School from Encino, CA at 7:00 p.m. Salpointe's fear is that Tucson will have a monsoon storm and will not be able to play the game that evening. If granted the waiver, the game could be played on Sunday morning at 9:00 or 10:00 a.m. and still give Crespi ample time to return to California. Salpointe would not exercise this exception if not needed.

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **denied** the request.

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

Safford - an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

Snowflake - an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **Mingus Union's** schedule.

Palo Verde - an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

Desert Christian - an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

Benson – an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

Cholla – an additional girls' volleyball game to help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

EARLY GAME /ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS - FOOTBALL / SEASON OF SPORT

Discussion was held at length regarding zero week football games. A recommendation that a new policy be drafted regarding zero week games for future requests was brought forward to the Board.

It was noted that zero week games are generally intended to fill schedules of schools who have lost games or who need a game to meet the minimum number of games needed for state qualifying. On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Board directed staff to use all reasonable efforts to accommodate the following if possible:

Poston Butte - an additional football game with **Sierra Linda** on August 17, 2012 at Poston Butte.

Bradshaw Mountain - an 11th game to be played zero week help fill **Walden Grove's** schedule.

Pusch Ridge - a JV football game with **Globe** on August 21st.

Brophy football game with St. Margarita on August 25th.

Mountain Pointe - a zero week game vs. **Mesa High** for the 2012-2013 school year **only**.

Dan Serrano opposed. Bill Gahn abstained from voting.

STATUS OF PROPOSALS -

- ✓ Matt Smith – Soccer Advisory Committee (Addressed Board on 3-19-12)
- ✓ Rod Huston – Volleyball Sports Advisory Committee (Addressed Board on 4-16-12)

Mark Showers, representing the Basketball Sports Advisory Committee addressed the Board with a proposal and alternate proposal related to expanding sectional tournaments and decreasing state tournaments which would allow all schools to know if they are advancing to the post season at the conclusion of the regular season.

It was also noted that the Wrestling Sports Advisory Committee will submit a proposal at the August Board meeting.

No action taken on any proposals. Discussed was the fact that the AIA Budget has already been approved for next year and proposals will have a significant budgetary impact. Review of financial reports will be conducted and the proposals will be discussed and considered again in August.

2011-2012 LEADERSHIP IN GIRLS'/WOMENS' ATHLETIC AWARD

Dr. Slemmer presented the AIA Executive Board with recommendations from the Girls Equity in Sports Standing Committee for the 2011-2012 Leadership In Girls'/Womens' Athletic Award. In accordance with Article 6, Section 6.6, Paragraph 6.6.1 of the AIA Constitution and on a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board unanimously voted to **approve** the following recipient:

Nancy Callahan, Athletic Director Tempe Preparatory

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board **approved** that starting next year, there will be two recipients for the award – 1A-3A and 4A-5A.

PINNACLE HIGH SCHOOL – NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.5 Domicile Rule

15.5.1 *Domicile Requirements - Except as otherwise stated in Article 15, a student, whether an adult or not, is privileged with eligibility for interscholastic competition only at the school in the district in which his/her parents are domiciled. In multi-school districts, the student is eligible only at the school in the attendance zone in which his/her parents are domiciled.*

15.5.2.3 *Domicile - Except as otherwise stated in Article 15, a domicile is a place where a person has his/her true, fixed and permanent home, and to which, whenever absent, he or she has the intention of returning. A student shall have only one domicile for the purposes of these eligibility rules.*

16.2.1 *When an ineligible player(s) participates in a contest, the member school must automatically forfeit all contests in which the ineligible player(s) participated.*

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

***Jason Reynolds, Principal
Corey Newland, Athletic Director
Parent and Attorney***

Ineligible baseball player. Student does not meet domicile requirement at Pinnacle High School. Contests in which student participated must be forfeited.

Pinnacle High School is appealing the athletic eligibility of student athlete and the subsequent forfeitures of games that the student participated in (7 total – 5 of which were wins for the baseball team) during the 2012 baseball season.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 16.1 of the AIA Bylaws, declared the student eligible for the 2012-2013 school year and **denied** rescinding the forfeitures.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS

Due to time constraints, all violations tabled until the August 20, 2012 meeting.

Gila Ridge High School reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.4 Nonschool Participation

Reported Violation:

Ineligible softball players. Students played in a weekend co-ed softball tournament while still on the Gila Ridge JV softball team.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests not forfeited. Violation was found out before the next competition was held. Players will not be allowed to play in the remaining games.

Executive Board Action:

Tabled until August 20, 2012

Florence High School reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 14. General Provisions, Section 14.4 Nonschool Participation

Reported Violation:

Ineligible softball player. Student participated in a charity (co-ed slow pitch) softball tournament on 3/24/12. As soon as coaching staff was informed of her participation, she was asked to leave the softball field and will not participate in any future practices. Coach then informed the athletic office and AIA was contacted on 4/27/12. The athlete did play in the San Tan game on 4/5/12 and was used as a courtesy runner in two other contests.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. The following actions have been taken to ensure that this does not happen in the future: The team rules now include Article 14.4 that states that any player(s) that participate in any said events will forfeit their position on the team. In addition to adding the bylaw to the team rules, it will also be discussed at all parent meetings as well as team meetings.

Note: Florence is requesting that the forfeitures be rescinded and be allowed to participate in post-season competition.

Executive Board Action:

Tabled until August 20, 2012

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

Gila Bend High School reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. General Provisions, Section 15.3 Enrollment Rule

Reported Violation:

Reported by Superintendent: Ineligible baseball player. Volunteer coach participated in game. Team was scheduled to play in an invitational tournament in the Salt River Baseball Classic. Six players did not show up that morning to get on the travel bus. Prior to leaving the parking lot, Coach Young needed to make a decision regarding cancelling our participation or playing our board approved, volunteer coach - the coach's son (LD). Coach called the Athletic Director Moore and explained the situation who then gave his verbal approval to play the volunteer coach as long as coach obtained permission from Salt River's A.D. Mr. Moore believed this was not a violation since the tournament did not count towards the power points. As soon as the bus arrived at the tournament ball fields, Coach sought out and found Mr. Lytle and explained the situation to him. Mr. Lytle not only gave his verbal permission for LD to play, he also expressed his sincere appreciation for not backing out of the tournament. The games were played as scheduled.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Gila Bend's A.D. believed that no violations occurred since the tournament did not count towards the power points. Also, since Salt River's A.D. approved the playing of the volunteer coach, Mr. Moore believed we were in compliance. Corrective action will include additional training for our Athletic Director to ensure that AIA rules and regulations will be followed and not inadvertently violated again. We fully accept the consequences of this violation and it will not happen again.

Executive Board Action:

Tabled until August 20, 2012

Blue Ridge High School reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, Article 15. Student Eligibility Rules, Section 15.5 Domicile Rule

Reported Violation:

Ineligible cross country runner. Head cross country coach allowed an ineligible athlete to compete in a JV cross country meet. The athlete was not cleared for competition by the Athletic Director. A review of emails concerning the athlete clearly showed that the coach was informed of the athlete's ineligibility. The reason for ineligibility was due to domicile issues. The cross country coach did not follow eligibility procedures; receiving a "white competition clearance slip" from the A.D. Discovery of violation was during track season when athlete tried to get cleared for track.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests not forfeited. No J.V team scores were kept at meets in question. Information was provided to the local paper; White Mountain Independent. A review of the eligibility clearance procedures was reviewed with the cross country coach. A letter of concern over the violation was also placed in the coach's file in the athletic office.

Executive Board Action:

Tabled until August 20, 2012

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

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

Reported Violation:

Ineligible girls' basketball player. Student transferred during the school year to Mohave, after the beginning of the school year and prior to the start of the basketball season to live with her mother. The mother had established domicile back in 2009 in Bullhead City. However, student continued to attend Northland Prep until October 2011. The transfer to Mohave was not made at the time of domicile change of the mother or at the beginning of the 2011-12 school year.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. Athletic Director will review the AIA transfer bylaws. School administration will assist in overseeing student athlete transfers to determine eligibility.

Executive Board Action:

Tabled until August 20, 2012

Skyline High School reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 17. Coaches & Coaching, Section 17.1 Coaching Qualification*

Reported Violation:

Assistant girls' basketball coach was paid a stipend through a booster club account. The head coach initiated the stipend of \$750.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests not forfeited. No ineligible player was involved. Skyline coaches and Skyline booster club Executive Board members met with Athletic Director to discuss proper payment of coaches. AIA Bylaws were shared with everyone.

Executive Board Action:

Tabled until August 20, 2012

Bourgade Catholic High School reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 20. Baseball, Section 20.9 Interscholar Competition*

Reported Violation:

Umpires did not show up for our varsity baseball game against Yuma Catholic (YC) on April 10th. This was YC home game and it was being played at Peoria Sports Complex. Knowing the distance traveled by YC and the rental of the complex, both teams decided that the game would be played using parents as umpires. YC won the game by a score of 7-3.

School's Corrective Action:

We are requesting that the game score not be entered into the AIA system. We would recommend a forfeiture by both teams, but the system will not allow for that. Home school will follow up with Commissioner's office to secure umpires in the future.

Executive Board Action:

Tabled until August 20, 2012

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

Yuma Catholic High School reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 20. Baseball, Section 20.9 Interschool Competition*

Reported Violation:

Yuma Catholic played a varsity baseball game against Bourgade Catholic on April 13th. In the absence of AIA umpires, the two coaches agreed to play the game with volunteer umpires.

School's Corrective Action:

Contests forfeited. The Yuma Catholic A.D. has become familiar with the guidelines regarding obtaining officials when the home game does not take place in the city of the school that is listed as the home team.

Executive Board Action:

Tabled until August 20, 2012

Sabino High School reported a violation of the AIA Bylaws; namely, *Article 23. Football, Section 23.9 Out-of-Season Football Activities*

Reported Violation:

Coaches are permitted to have clinics and camps during the off-season. The Sabino football staff advertised a camp and used a registration form to sign students up for the camp. However, the camp was **not** approved by the district office and the camp utilized blocking pads for several drills. The AIA guidelines specifically state that players may use only football shoes, footballs and tees in the off-season.

School's Corrective Action:

Disciplinary action taken against head football coach.

Executive Board Action:

Tabled until August 20, 2012

EXECUTIVE BOARD INFORMATION

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

- ✓ Handout – Nonprofit Board Governance Considerations (*Walker & Armstrong LLP*)
- ✓ Article – AIA365.com Helps to Fuel Arizona High School Brand (*news and views from outside the MHSAA*)
- ✓ Letter – Arizona International Educators
- ✓ Anonymous Letter – re: camps as recruiting
- ✓ Email – Parent
- ✓ Letter – Karl Uterhardt, Superintendent – Tombstone
- ✓ Email – The Orme School
- ✓ Article – Blame coach, not AIA, for Glendale Independence's absence from state championships (*azcentral.com 5-9-12*)
- ✓ Article – AIA looking into 50-mile transfer rule to curtail abuse of transfers for athletic reasons (*azcentral.com 5-9-12*)
- ✓ Article – Court order allows Cienega's Edgar Poe to compete in state track and field meet (*azcentral.com 5-9-12*)
- ✓ Article – Glendale Independence High School's track title hopes dashed by late entries (*azcentral.com 5-9-12*)
- ✓ Article – The NFL's concussion conundrum (*Sports Business Journal 5-7-12*)
- ✓ Article – Mind Games: Football & Head Injuries (*NPR 5-9-12*)
- ✓ Season of "Head Hits" May Dull Athletes' Thinking (*medpagetoday.com 5-16-12*)
- ✓ Mom sues over son's roster cut (*Maumelle.todaysthv.com 5-10-12*)

FUTURE DATES

July 2-13, 2012	AIA Office Closed
August 2-3, 2012	AIA Executive Board Orientation/Study Session
August 8, 2012	AD Workshop – AIA Office
August 8, 2012	Deadline – Fall Hardship Appeals – Football & Golf Appeals only
August 16, 2012	Deadline – Fall Hardship Appeals – Remaining Fall Appeals
August 15-17, 2012	Fall Hardship Appeals – Football & Golf Appeals only
August 23-24, 2012	Fall Hardship Appeals – Remaining Fall Appeals
August 20, 2012	AIA Executive Board Meeting
August 21, 2012	Bylaws Workshop – Chandler & Liberty
August 22, 2012	Bylaws Workshop – Amphitheater
August 23, 2012	Bylaws Workshop – Cibola
August 24, 2012	Bylaws Workshop - Flagstaff

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, August 20, 2012. 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, August 9, 2012.

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned on Monday at 12:46 p.m. and on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director