



MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
August 17, 2020

In accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, a regular meeting of the Executive Board was held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at the AIA office located at 7007 North 18th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

President Toni Corona called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Members in Attendance:

William Duarte, 1A Conference (Superior High School)
Ricky Greer, 2A Conference (Hopi High School)*
Toni Corona, CAA, 3A Conference (Safford High School)
Jeannine Brandel, 4A Conference (Flagstaff High School)
Jim Dean, 5A Conference (Dysart Unified School District)
Zack Munoz, Ed.D, 6A Conference (Phoenix Union High School District)
Marcus Williams, Arizona Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (Chandler Unified School District)
Tim Carter, Cognia (Yavapai County School Superintendent)
Jim Love, Arizona School Boards Association (Flowing Wells Unified School District)
Camille Casteel, Ed.D, Arizona School Administrators (Chandler Unified School District)
David Hines, AIA Executive Director

AIA Staff Present:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel
Joe Paddock, Assistant Executive Director
Brian Gessner, State Commissioner of Officials
Denise Doser, Director of Finance
Brian Bolitho, Director of Business Development
Dean Visser, Sports Administrator
Dan Nero, Tournament Coordinator
David Shapiro, Tournament Coordinator
Tyler Cerimeli, Tournament Coordinator
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant
Seth Polansky, Sports Information Coordinator

Guests Present:

Derek Fahleson, Tolleson District*
Jay Campos, Mica Mountain*
Stacy Spencer, Deer Valley*
Kim Crooks, Deer Valley*
Zach Alvira, Times Media Group*
Brett Palmer, Hamilton*
Corey Newland, PV District*
Ryan Ridenour, Casteel*
Jim Culver, Chandler*
Jennifer Burks, Perry*

Richard Obert, AzCentral*
David Huffine, Tempe District*
Matt Belden, Glendale District*
Brandi Haskins, West Point*
Kraig Leuschner, Eastmark*
Eric Magana, Basha*

**Indicates present via Zoom*

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried, President Corona, in accordance with Article 6, Section 3, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 2 of the AIA Constitution, called for the following Executive Sessions to receive report from legal counsel:

- ✓ 8:30 am – 10:36 am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the May 18, 2020 meeting were **amended** and **approved** as follows:

2020 DIVISION I STATE CHAMPIONSHIP VENUE – GOLF

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** for the Golf State Tournament to be held at the Omni in Tucson for the **next three years beginning the 2020-2021 school year.**

The minutes from the following meetings were **approved**:

- May 28, 2020 – Special Executive Board Meeting
- July 8, 2020 – Special Executive Board Meeting
- August 5, 2020 – Special Executive Board Meeting

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

AIA Lifetime Passes

1. Vince Greer	Officials	25 years
2. Sherrie Greer	Officials	25 years
3. Lee Tompkins	Officials	25 years
4. Scott Nodes	Officials	25 years
5. Mike Flummer	Officials	25 years
6. Alphonso Parks	Officials	25 years
7. David Whatton	Officials	25 years
8. Kenneth Maly	Officials	25 years
9. David Hawley	Officials	25 years
10. Warner Orr	Officials	25 years
11. Ron Lomeli	Officials	25 years
12. Jan Wolfe	Officials	25 years
13. Arthur Ulibarri	Officials	25 years
14. Robin Henderson	Officials	25 years
15. Michael Bregante	Officials	25 years
16. Bob Dianovsky	Officials	25 years
17. Robert Montes	Officials	25 years
18. Pamela Brockman	Officials	25 years
19. Gary Berumen	Officials	25 years
20. Gary Skow	Officials	25 years
21. James Armijo	Officials	25 years
22. Scott Millette	Officials	25 years

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23. Andres Lopez	Officials	25 years
24. Al Guinee	Officials	25 years
25. John Croteau	Dysart Unified	25 years
26. Nell Brown	Williams	26 years
27. Edgar Brown	Williams	34 years
28. Ann Wells	Williams	25 years
29. Herman Nixon	Williams	27 years
30. Rick Honsinger	Williams	30 years
31. Quinn Kellis	Dysart Unified	26 years
32. Vicki Haro	Mesquite	25 years
33. Phil Martin	Thatcher	29 years
34. Nellie McCurtain	Pinon	30 years
35. Kevin Standerfer	Snowflake	25 years

Request for AIA Sanction/Intrastate and Interstate Activities – 2020-21 Master Calendar

In accordance with Article 10, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board approved the sanction requests for the intrastate and interstate activities reflected in the 2020-2021 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.

Conference/Region Meeting Agendas and Minutes

- 2A North Region Conference Meeting Minutes – March 25, 2020
- 2A Conference Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2020
- 2A Conference Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2020

FINANCIAL REPORT

In accordance with Article 6, Section 5, Paragraph 15 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following financial reports:

- ✓ Financial Report for May 2020
- ✓ Financial Report for June 2020
- ✓ Financial Report for July 2020

MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee is updating the AIA Recommended Guidelines for Return to Activity. The guidelines will be shared with the Executive Board at a Special Executive Board Meeting on September 2, 2020.

Data from the 2020 Fall Start Date Survey was shared with the Executive Board. The majority of schools that submitted the survey indicated that they planned to begin practice on the 1st permissible week and competition on the proposed start dates.

Guidelines have been created for member schools to use as recommendations from the media standpoint. These guidelines will be shared with media personnel as well as school administration. Sites/Districts are able to be more restrictive than the recommendations provided.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW **REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – AGE RULE**

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 14, Paragraph 5 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Age Rule request:

- ❖ Mohave High School

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 14, Paragraph 5 of the AIA Bylaws, **denied** the following Age Rule request:

- ❖ Willcox High School

ADDITIONAL GAME REQUESTS

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

- A. **Desert Christian** – an additional soccer game to help fill **Rancho Solano's** schedule.
- B. **Sunnyside** – an additional boys' and girls' soccer games to help fill **Palo Verde's** schedule.
- C. **Brophy** – an additional FROSH/SOPH football game to help fill **Skyline's** schedule.
- D. **Sahuaro** – additional boys' basketball game to help fill **Tanque Verde's** schedule.

AIA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL – MEETING DATE

It is recommended that the annual AIA Legislative Council Meeting be held on **March 5, 2021**. Based on a March 5, 2021 meeting date, and in accordance with Article 5, Section 1 of the AIA Constitution, the deadline for submitting an agenda item would be January 22, 2021. The agenda mail-out deadline would be February 5, 2021.

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

The Executive Board reaffirmed its determination of September 16, 1996 concerning Article 15, Section 15, Paragraph 1 of the AIA Bylaws, which states that the AIA member schools should recognize only the foreign exchange programs approved by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) (www.csiet.org).

The Executive Board directed that, as a convenience for AIA member schools, these official minutes reflect the travel and exchange programs listed in the CSIET's **2020-21** edition of **Advisory List** - <http://aiaonline.org/files/17052/2020-2021-csiet-advisory-list.pdf>

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – POLICY AND PROCEDURES – TENNIS

The Tennis sports advisory committee is requesting the below amendment to the Tennis Policy and Procedures regarding freshman tennis matches.

29.7 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

29.7.7 The match score for freshman tennis will be the 8 game no-ad method

On a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the above amendment.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

There are two criteria that must be met in order to qualify as an out of state transfer. 1. This would be the first time the transfer student has attended an Arizona High School; 2. The family must move to Arizona, changing domicile from the previous state to Arizona. It is important that member schools are clear with families and inquiries regarding out of state transfers that both conditions must be met and the move to Arizona requires the entire family to move to Arizona.

DISTRICT ONLINE STUDENTS

Three specific scenarios have developed due to Districts creating virtual schools as separate high schools/entities.

1. A student who is domiciled within the same District as the District Virtual School is eligible at the district high school in which the domicile is located.
2. A student who open enrolls into one of the District High Schools and then attends that District's Virtual school is eligible at the school where the open enrollment was accepted.
3. A student from outside the School District enrolls directly into the Virtual School may have eligibility at the school in which that student's domicile is located. This student would not be eligible at any of the schools within the District sponsoring the Virtual School.

AIA OFFICE PROPERTY

Based on the information discussed no action was needed at this time.

APPEALS – DIVISION PLACEMENTS

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the following division appeal.

Swim and Dive Placement:

- Mingus Union High School – Division II to Division III

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL** – *Gilbert Public Schools*

Rule: Article 15. Student Eligibility Rule, Section 12 Recruitment Rule

Reported Violation:

The girls' volleyball coach has been a club/private coach with a junior high student, who will be entering 9th grade this year for about 1.5 years. During several practice sessions dating back to last summer, the student expressed interest in and told the coach that she planned on attending Highland. On Monday, May 25th, the coach reached out to the mother of the student via text and checked to see if there student was still coming to Highland, to give her dates and times of summer camp is she was going to be attending Highland. Unbeknownst to the coach the mother had already open enrolled the student in Gilbert High School earlier in the semester (lives in Mesquite boundaries). After discussions with the coach via text about the volleyball program, on June 6th the student was withdrawn from Gilbert and enrolled in Highland. The District AD and Highland AD conducted an investigation.

Schools Corrective Action:

Coach has been put on probation for one year with the school. Athletic Director reviewed bylaws with coach to ensure knowledge of both the prior contact rule and recruitment rule, and how they differ in regards to incoming freshman. Athletic Director is also preparing continuing education for all programs at school to address how to handle incoming freshman and summer participation.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, placed the Highland High School **Girls' Volleyball Program** on **Warning** for one year 8/17/20-8/17/21.

SHADOW RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL – *Dysart Unified School District*

Rule: Article 39. Spiritline, Section 6 Season of Activity

Reported Violation:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the shutting down of the school, the Cheer and Pom programs were unable to hold their spring tryouts for the Fall 2020-2021 season. Summer camps could not begin until June 1st and thus the team needed time to condition in order to learn a routine. The Cheer/Pom program held a virtual "tryout" only for those athletes who were students at Shadow Ridge last year.

Schools Corrective Action:

The AD and coaches have reviewed the bylaw to prevent the confusion in the future due to circumstances. Also, if tryouts cannot be held by the end of school then all athletes will tryout for all teams at the beginning of the next school year.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, **accepted** the Shadow Ridge High School violation report.

SCHOOL VIOLATIONS – Cont'd

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL – Peoria Unified School District

Rule: Article 39. Spiritline, Section 6 Season of Activity

Reported Violation:

Our cheer team with permission held tryouts with returning students on July 27th.

Schools Corrective Action:

After speaking with AIA, I now fully understanding bylaw 39.6. I have met with coaches to inform them.

Executive Board Action:

Executive Board, in accordance with Article 16, Section 1 of the AIA Bylaws, **accepted** the Liberty High School violation report.

FUTURE DATES

August 31-Sept. 2	Fall Hardship Appeal Hearings (Football, Fall Soccer, Golf)
September 2, 2020	Special Executive Board Meeting
September 3, 2020	New AD Workshop
September 7, 2020	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
September 8-10, 2020	Fall Hardship Appeal Hearings (Remaining Fall Sports)
September 15, 2020	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals
September 21, 2020	Executive Board Meeting
September 22, 2020	Executive Board Meeting – Hardship Appeals
October 19, 2020	Executive Board Meeting
October 26-28, 2020	Winter Hardship Appeal Hearings
November 16, 2020	Executive Board Meeting

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director