



**MINUTES**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – TELECONFERENCE**  
**December 7, 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, December 7, 2020 via teleconference.

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  
Ashley Gronewold, Tournament Coordinator  
Tayler Coady, Executive Assistant

**Guests:**

Jay Campos  
Jeff Penzone  
David Huffine  
Matt Belden

**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 – 9:37 am

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the November 16, 2020 meeting 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**

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| 1. Erica McClurg | Arcadia        | 25 years |
| 2. Leisa Hall    | AIA Official   | 27 years |
| 3. Fran Bader    | Corona del Sol | 27 years |
| 4. Adam Roberts  | Washington     | 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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

- ✓ Financial Report for November 2020

Ms. Doser provided three options for the 2020-2021 officials mileage bill back to the member schools. Based on the information provided, on a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board on **Emergency Legislation** **approved** the mileage bill back formula that will still apply the bylaw but only to those schools that participated in a season of sport. If an alternate season of sport takes place those schools would be assessed appropriately with the same formula.

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS**

St. Michael Indian School submitted a request that would modify the 14 day practice requirement as the students are not on campus in December.

Based on the information provided and the current pandemic situation, on a motion made, seconded and carried, the Executive Board **approved** the request for the 2020-2021 school year to allow the students at St. Michael Indian School to attend practice virtually for a maximum of nine (9) of the 14 days required. Five days must be in-person practice.

## **CANCELLATION REQUESTS – CONTEST AND/OR PROGRAMS**

In accordance with Article 11, Section 4, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 1 of the AIA Bylaws, the Executive Board **approved** the following cancellation request for a varsity, junior varsity, freshman program(s) that could have a bearing on regional or state playoffs:

### **SCHOOL REQUESTING:**

1. Santa Cruz Valley
2. Estrella Foothills
3. San Tan Foothills
4. River Valley
5. Kingman
6. Sahuarita
7. Ray
8. North Pointe Prep
9. Vista Grande
10. Catalina Foothills
11. Salpointe Catholic
12. Red Mountain

### **HEREBY CONSENT:**

JV Boys' Basketball Program  
 JV Girls' Basketball Program  
 JV Girls' Basketball Program  
 JV/FR/SO Girls' Basketball Program  
 JV/FR/SO Girls' Basketball Program  
 JV Boys' Soccer Program  
 JV Girls' Soccer Program  
 JV Girls' Basketball Program  
 JV Boys' Basketball Program  
 VAR Boys' Soccer Program  
 JV Girls' Soccer Program  
 VAR Girls' Wrestling Program  
 VAR/JV Boys' Wrestling Program  
 VAR/JV Boys' Wrestling Program  
 VAR/JV Girls' Wrestling Program  
 JV Boys'/Girls Soccer Program

### **CONTEST(S) Cancelled:**

Volleyball – 7  
 Football – 36

Soccer – 3  
 Basketball – 5

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Volleyball championship tournament has concluded with football finishing up this weekend. Although the fall season presented many challenges, we are extremely thankful to everyone that has supported our student athletes.

GoFan was utilized for the tickets this post season with great success. Each school in the tournament received a private link that was distributed by the school to faculty, students, parents and the community. If a school made a specific request regarding tickets, the AIA and GoFan worked closely to make those adjustments in a timely manner for the school. GoFan has been very accommodating and responsive to work with this season.

The Return to Activity Guidelines have been updated with the winter season start date of January 5, 2020. The Sports Medicine Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, 12/10 to review and discuss the guidelines.

**STUDENT ELIGIBILITY APPEAL – PAPER REVIEW**  
**REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY – LEGAL GUARDIAN**

Following review and discussion of the written and oral information presented, the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 15, Section 5, Paragraph 3, Subparagraph 2 of the AIA Bylaws, **approved** the following Legal Guardian request(s):

- ❖ Payson High School

**REQUEST- REPLACEMENT OF A COMPLIMENTARY PASS**

14.11.2.1.2 *Replacement of a Complimentary Pass – a request for a replacement of a complimentary pass must be approved by the AIA Executive Board.*

- Dalton Mills – Bagdad High School – Head Coach
- Mike Love – Bagdad High School – Assistant Coach

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the above request once the \$25 fee has been paid.

**WRESTLING – DIVISION / SECTION PLACEMENT**

Mr. Visser provided proposed placements for Division IV for the 2020-2021 season. Based on the number of schools in Division IV a sectional tournament may not take place this year.

On a motion made, seconded and carried the Executive Board **approved** the proposed Division IV placements.

**REQUEST – SET ASIDE ARTICLE 14.4.1 FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

Northwest Christian is requesting to set aside Article 14.4.1 for the 2020-2021 soccer season.

**Reason for requested modification:** Covid-19 created a dead period for colleges nationwide which has restricted in-person recruiting from March 2020 through December 31, 2020. Due to this restriction, the club soccer tournament schedule was shifted from the fall to the winter in many areas. This could dramatically shift AZ high school soccer as many club players who participate in HS soccer in the winter season, will now need to choose to play with either their club programs or their HS programs because of Bylaw 14.4.1 of the AIA General Provisions.

**Rationale:** Since soccer recruitment occurs primarily via the club teams and not the high school season, it is advantageous that athletes have the opportunity to be seen at showcases and tournaments during the HS winter season with their club teams as soon as the dead period is lifted on January 1, 2021 when in-person recruitment may resume. Because the tournament schedule now conflicts with Bylaw 14.4.1, we may lose players who now must choose to either play with their HS programs or their club teams which will dramatically impact soccer in HS and cancel their opportunity to experience maximum student participation that is fair and equitable to all member schools in the AIA and the students they represent.

**Proposal:** Due to the nature of this past year and its uncontrollable circumstances due to COVID, we request that the AIA Executive Board and Legislative Council set aside Bylaw 14.4.1 for the 2020-2021 school year only. This will allow athletes to not have to choose between participating in high school sports and club participation for recruitment purposes. California has already taken this step, and we are asking that Arizona do the same. Additionally, we are requesting that Bylaw 14.4.1 be set aside with the following guidelines:

- 1) Players can play in no more than two (2) club soccer tournaments during the HS season and approval must come from the HS head coach and athletic director at least one (1) week before the club tournament is to take place in which the player will participate
- 2) Players cannot train with their club teams during the HS season – no exceptions
- 3) If a club player participates in any club tournament during the HS season, they must return with proof of a negative COVID test to resume activities with their HS program
- 4) Players are restricted on playing in a club tournament during the HS season if there is a conflict involving competition (games) between the club and HS team
- 5) The setting aside of this bylaw is only for the 2020-2021 HS soccer season
- 6) Violation of these guidelines will be self-reporting as outlined in the AIA bylaws (Bylaw 16.4.1)

No motion was made, therefore the request dies.

**SCHOOL VIOLATIONS**

**MOON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL** – *Glendale Union High School District*  
*Rule: Article 16. Penalties and Policies, Section 3 Sportsmanship Rule*

**Reported Violation:**

Leaving the bench area – all but two Moon Valley players left the bench area during a fight that occurred with a Buckeye HS player. Most players left the bench to try and stop others from joining in. Players were on the field (during the play) from both schools also attempted to break up the fight. It is evident from watching the video and being present at the game that both Moon Valley and Buckeye players left the bench area and that this game should be treated as a No contest under subparagraph 16.3.2.2.1

**Schools Corrective Action:**

None provided.

**Executive Board Action:**

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

**FUTURE DATES**

Dec. 24 – Jan. 2, 2021	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
January 18, 2021	Holiday – AIA Office Closed
January 19, 2021	Executive Board Meeting
	Spring Sports Hardship Appeal Submission Deadline
January 22, 2021	Legislative Council Agenda Deadline
January 25-27, 2021	Spring Hardship Appeal Hearings – Conference

There being no further business, and on a motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines,  
Executive Director