



ARIZONA INTERSCHOLASTIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY - MARCH 5, 2021

In accordance with Article 4, Section 4.5, Paragraph 4.5.1 of the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA) Constitution, the regular annual meeting of the AIA Legislative Council (Council) was duly called and held on Friday, March 5, 2021, at Xavier College Preparatory, 4710 N 5th Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

ROLL CALL

1A Conference (7)

Phillip Echeverria – Williams
George Diehl – Bagdad
Kari Avila – Salome
Lydia Martinez - Hayden
Lee Haws – Ft. Thomas
Carl Adams – St. Michael

2A Conference (7)

Eric Dall – Scottsdale Christian
Shawn Lytle – Chandler Prep
Donna Antonio – San Carlos
Duane Ediger – Scottsdale Prep
Tierra Yazzie – Valley Sanders
Matt Akins – Trivium Prep

3A Conference (7)

Dave Inness – Northwest Christian
Ryan Dodson – Window Rock
Garye LaFevers – Tonopah Valley
Shawn Cluff – Florence
Kraig Lueschner – Eastmark
Paul Demuth – Holbrook
Tim Bridges – Catalina

4A Conference (7)

Brian Galbreath – Cortez
Ron Safcik – Shadow Mountain
Bill Wright – Estrella Foothills
Stacy Spencer – Deer Valley
Lenica Ruiz – Marcos de Niza
Yancy Devore – Mingus Union
David Humphries - Amphitheater

5A Conference (7)

Matt Johnson – Cienega
Nathan Orelup – Mtn View Marana
Mark Ernster – Peoria District
Remigio Gordillo – Millennium
Julie Patton – Glendale
Stephen Cervantez – Desert Mountain
Darrell Stangle – Williams Field

6A Conference (7)

Steve Hogen – Mesa District
Derek Fahleson – Tolleson District
Scott Warner – Deer Valley District
Steve McDowell – Gilbert District
Brett Pavey – Cibola
Jim Culver – Chandler
Brian Fair – South Mountain

Arizona School Board Members (6)

1A – Carolyn Freeman – Bicentennial USD
2A – Arnold Goodluck – Sanders USD
3A – Dr. Charles Lucero – Kingman USD
4A – Steve Johnson – Florence USD
5A – Wendy Effing – Flowing Wells USD
6A – Ann Ordway – Deer Valley USD

Members Absent:

Frank Ogas – Morenci
Angela Earnhart – Gregory School

Others Present At Roll Call:

Executive Board:

Toni Corona
Jeannine Brandel
Billy Duarte
Zack Munoz
Tim Carter

AIA Staff:

David Hines – Executive Director
Joe Paddock – Assistant Executive Director
Tayler Coady – Executive Assistant
Robyn Bingham – Officials & Content Coordinator
Jeanie Kosower – Assistant Commissioner of Officials
Brian Gessner – Commissioner of Officials
Tyler Cerimeli – Officials & Tournament Coordinator
Brian Bolitho – Director of Business Development
Denise Doser – Director of Finance
Brandy Young – Tournament & Operations Coordinator
Dan Nero – Tournament Coordinator
David Shapiro – Tournament Coordinator
Jessica Garcia – Tournament & Operations Assistant
Amy Richmond – Staff Accountant
Herman House – Human Resources
Marie Espino – Front Office Assistant

Consultant/Parliamentarian:

Mark Mignella, Legal Counsel

Guests:

Sr. Lynn Winsor
Corey Newland
Nathan Slater
David Huffine

After completion of roll call, Mr. Mignella introduced all others present and outlined procedures to be observed during the meeting. He reminded the Council Members that Article 5, Section 2 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total Council membership (32 members) is required to amend the AIA Constitution and that a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at a duly called meeting is required to amend the AIA Bylaws. Mr. Mignella continued by stating that Article 4, Section 5 of the AIA Constitution stipulates that a quorum must be present at a meeting for the transaction of business, a quorum being two-thirds (2/3) of the total membership. He concluded that a quorum was present since roll call reflected that 45 of the 48 Council Members were present. It was also determined, based upon the 45 members present, that a vote of 30 would be required for adoption of amendments to the AIA Bylaws. Mr. Mignella then reminded the Council that in accordance with Article 4, Section 5, Paragraph 5 of the AIA Constitution, proxy votes couldn't be accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the March 6, 2020 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Before entertaining a motion to approve the agenda for the March 6, 2020 meeting as presented, Mr. Mignella called for any request for additions or deletions to the agenda.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY RON SAFCIK TO APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

MOTION TO APPROVE – PASSED – VOICE VOTE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Thank you, to Xavier College Prep, Sister Lynn, Sister Joan and staff for allowing us to have our meeting here today. Thank you to the Executive Board for the time and sacrifice they have given to the membership this year. Decisions have been challenging, but made with thought, discussion and information not available to everyone. Thank you to the AIA membership. This has been an extraordinarily difficult year for everyone. Great effort has been shown by, the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, the School Boards, Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, Coaches, Athletes and Parents.

We are very appreciative that we have had any high school activities this year, and for the flexibility and diligence needed by all groups to make our seasons a reality. We are also saddened for our member schools that were not able to participate because of the COVID-10 pandemic and for the losses by our schools during this time.

As we look to the future, working to come out of this pandemic, I am going to challenge each of you; as a conference; as a region; as a school; and as a community. To have a vision – the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination and wisdom. We are five months away from the start of the 2021-22 school year. What is our vision as we begin to move forward with educational athletics coming out of a devastating past 17 months of a pandemic? We need to prepare for the future, we have to make a plan. We need to imagine what's possible. We must believe what's possible.

We must begin working on a vision for your community, parents, students, coaches and administration as we enter the 2021-22 school year. We must come back stronger as a school and community. We have the opportunity to re-create high school sports, to promote what we do, to engage our communities in support of our student-athletes and doing so, build stronger communities.

As a staff we are committed to this process and will engage as a team to work with the AIA membership to promote all the great work that our schools do, as we begin to come out of this pandemic.

MEMBERSHIP

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As recommended by the AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Constitution:

Article 2. Membership. Section 1. Membership Requirements

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

To clearly set out and codify the principle that as a voluntary membership association, each member voluntarily accepts the association’s rules and governance process. Of note, similar rules exist in many interscholastic associations around the country.

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2.1 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS - Any Arizona high school or bordering state high school, which meets the following requirements, is eligible for membership.

- 2.1.4 As a condition of membership, on an annual basis each member school shall fully execute and return to the AIA no later than September 1 the **Declaration Regarding Membership In the Arizona Interscholastic Association, Inc. (AIA)**. A member school’s failure to comply with the requirement shall subject that member school to any disciplinary action by the AIA Executive Board authorized under Article 16, Bylaw 16.1, Penalties. **Emergency Legislation (Ex. Brd 5/28/2020)**

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE MCDOWELL AND SECONDED BY BILL WRIGHT TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-45; No-0)

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As recommended by AIA Staff for **Emergency Legislation**.

Amend AIA Constitution:

Article 6. Executive Board. Section 4. Officers of the AIA Executive Board

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

To provide the Conference/Organization in which the presiding officer represents the opportunity to vote.

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6.4 OFFICERS OF THE AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD

6.4.2 The President shall preside over all meetings of the AIA Executive Board and the AIA Legislative Council. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. ~~The presiding officer shall cast a vote only in the case of a tie.~~

MOTION WAS MADE BY SCOTT WARNER AND SECONDED BY LEE HAWS TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-45; No-0)

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FINANCES

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As recommended by AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Constitution:

Article 9. Finances, Section 1. Dues and Fees – Full and Associate

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

The annual budget does contain funds to cover legal issues, however, there are times those funds do not cover all expenses. The intent of this fund is to cover costs when the budgeted amount is exceeded.

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9.1 DUES AND FEES – FULL AND ASSOCIATE

- 9.1.3.3 **Legal Defense Recovery Fund** – On an annual basis, the Executive Board shall determine an amount each school shall be billed as a result of legal defense fees incurred over and above the annual budgeted amount approved by the Executive Board. This may be a zero amount. **Emergency Legislation (Ex Brd 5/28/2020).**

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE MCDOWELL AND SECONDED BY JULIE PATTON TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-33; No-12)

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PENALTIES AND APPEALS

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As recommended by AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Constitution:

Article 16. Penalties and Appeals, Section 3. Sportsmanship Rule

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

To address and deter the increased number of serious ejections that have occurred in recent years.

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16.3 SPORTSMANSHIP RULE

16.3.1 Ejection from a Contest - If an AIA contest official determines that a coach or player has acted in an unsportsmanlike manner during either a period or intermission, the coach or player may be ordered to leave the contest.

16.3.1.1.1 First Ejection - Ineligible for the next contest at that level of competition and all other contests during that interim at any level.

16.3.1.1.1.2 **EXCEPTION:**

Coach:

- Football/Soccer/Wrestling/Basketball/Baseball/Softball/Volleyball
 - Direct Profanity at Opponent, Coach or Official – 2 Games
 - Unsportsmanlike Behavior – 2 Games
 - Refusal to leave the facility after an ejection – Additional 1 Game
 - Intention Contact with Official – Season
 - Fighting - Season

Player:

- Football/Soccer/Wrestling/Basketball/Baseball/Softball/Volleyball
 - Direct Profanity – 2 Games
 - Fighting / Punching / Kicking / Spitting – 2 Games
 - Violent Conduct – 2 Games
 - Intentional Contact with Official - Season

Please note: Appeals to the exceptions listed above are permissible as set forth in Bylaw 16.3.1.1.5.2

Ineligibility periods listed above shall double for a second ejection of the season.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY YANCEY DEVORE TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MAIN MOTION AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED – FAILS

(Votes Cast: Yes-28; No-18)

Member arrived – total members in attendance at vote – 46 *Votes now needed to pass is 31

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OFFICIALS

AIA EXECUTIVE BOARD – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

As recommended by AIA Staff.

Amend AIA Constitution:

Article 18. Officials, Section 3. Fees / Schools – Official’s Responsibility

Rationale for Proposed Amendment:

The proposed fee increase addresses the current market conditions that Arizona is currently below the national average in every sport with officials’ fees. It has been nine years since there has been an officials’ fee increase. To schedule and compensate on field officials a sub varsity fee for scrimmages.

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18.3 FEES / SCHOOLS – OFFICIAL’S RESPONSIBILITY

18.3.2 Regular season contest and tournament fees shall be paid as set forth in this Article.

FEE SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIALS REGULAR SEASON			
	<u>VARSIITY</u>	<u>JV & FROSH</u>	<u>SCRIMMAGE FEE</u>
Baseball	\$ 63 73	\$ 45 50	50
Basketball (2 person)	65 80	45 50	50
Basketball (3 person)	50 65	--	
Beach Volleyball	70 75	35 50	50
Football	70 85	45 50	50
Soccer	60 70	45 50	50
Softball	55 68	45 50	50
Swimming (Starter 4A&5A)50	--	--	
Swimming (Referee 4A&5A)	50	--	
Track (Starter)	50	45	
Track (Referee)	50	45	
Track (Clerk)	50	45	
Volleyball	50 60	35 40	50
Wrestling	63	45	

OFFICIALS SHALL RECEIVE ONE FEE FOR COMPLETING A SUSPENDED CONTEST

(3) Volleyball - Two AIA officials assigned to the state tournament, but not calling the game, shall be line judges and shall be paid ~~\$30.00~~ \$40.00 per match for sectionals, and JV/FR fee for championship match.

18.3.3 Tournament Fees – The following fee formula shall be used:

18.3.3.1 Regional/Sectional Contests

\$1.25 x regular season fee

(Example: Basketball - ~~\$65.00 x \$1.25 = \$81.25~~ \$80.00 x \$1.25 = \$100.00

18.3.3.2 Final Contests for State Championships

\$1.50 x regular season fee

(Example: Basketball - ~~\$65.00 x \$1.50 = \$97.50~~ \$80.00 x \$1.50 = \$120.00

MOTION WAS MADE BY SHAWN CLUFF AND SECONDED BY BILL WRIGHT TO ADOPT THE PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY STEVE JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY PHIL ECHEVERRIA TO SPLIT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT INTO TWO SEPARATE ITEMS (Officials Fee Increase and Scrimmage Fee).

MOTION TO AMEND – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-42; No-3)

MAIN MOTION – AS AMENDED (OFFICIALS FEE INCREASE) – PASSED

(Votes Cast: Yes-37; No-8; Abstain – 1)

MAIN MOTION – AS AMENDED (SCRIMMAGE FEE) – PASSED

(Votes Vase: Yes-40; No-5)

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There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hines
Executive Director