

CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION
Southern Section

MINUTES OF 1929-1930

FIRST MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 1929

1. The Council of the California Interscholastic Federation, Southern Section, met at 9:30 A. M., in room 151, Central Junior High School, Los Angeles, California, on October 5, 1929.

2. The meeting was called to order by Mr. C. P. Fonda, Manual Arts High School, who is President for the year.

3. Roll call showed the following members present:

Bay League—A. R. Veenker—Santa Monica.

City League—C. P. Fonda—Manual Arts.

City Minor League—G. M. Montgomery—Belmont.

Citrus League—F. L. McEuen—Riverside.

Coast League—J. P. O'Mara—Pasadena.

Foothill League—J. Alman—South Pasadena.

Imperial League—C. B. Collins—Holtville.

Inyo County League—D. H. James—Bishop.

Orange League—J. W. Means—Tustin.

Preparatory League—Kinter Hamilton—Harvard.

Riverside League—R. A. Coverdale—Banning.

Marine League—H. S. Wood—Torrance.

San Fernando Valley League—G. W. Monroe—Owensmouth.

San Luis Obispo—A. M. Fosdick—Atascadero.

Southern League—C. E. Johnson—LaJolla.

San Gabriel Valley League—H. A. Keeley—El Monte.

Tri-County League—Earl Thompson—Claremont.

Ventura County League—F. M. Eakin—Santa Paula.

Secretary—Seth F. Van Patten—Van Nuys.

State Representative—H. J. Moore—Long Beach.

State Representative—E. W. Oliver—Los Angeles.

James A. Westcott—Santa Ynez.

R. E. Squire—Huntington Park.

M. G. Blair—Beverly Hills.

V. R. Ross—Covina.

4. Vice-Principal Eugene Wolfe of the Glendale High School asked for a ruling regarding the eligibility of a boy in his school who was reported to have been pledged to a fraternity last year. After lengthy discussion it was decided the evidence presented was not sufficient to warrant the Council in taking action against the boy.

It was moved by O'Mara, seconded by Keeley that the Constitutional Revision Committee determine what constitutes a "Pledge" to a Fraternity. Carried.

2. The President ruled the two Covina boys, Frederick Maurer and Lawrence Jackson, ineligible for competition this semester because of not being present ten weeks last semester and having, therefore, not passed in the required three subjects. Decision of Chair appealed from by Keeley. Appeal seconded by C. B. Collins. Chair sustained by vote of Council.

6. Chair ruled two boys, Dale Curry and Edward Valenzuela, of David Starr Jordan High School, should not be charged with a semester of competition though they had played "scrub" football with other boys of their school when they were in the eighth grade of a six-year high school, which had just been organized, and at the time was not identified with any league.

7. Moved by Moore, seconded by McEuen, that a committee of three, consisting of the Commissioner of Athletics and two others appointed by the President, decide questions of eligibility referred to the Commissioner of Athletics. Further, that their decision be final and legal until the next regular meeting of the Council, when an appeal from the decision may be presented. Carried.

Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Oliver appointed to the committee. Several other questions of eligibility in the hands of the Commissioner of Athletics were referred to this committee by the Chair.

8. Mr. McEuen presented the following statement regarding the Sherman Institute of Riverside:

ELIGIBILITY OF SHERMAN BOYS

"Three years ago Sherman Institute began a program looking to the creation of a four-year High School to be

accredited by the state. Prior to that time they had carried their students through the tenth year and those who were qualified and desired to go on with their education were then sent to the Riverside High School. During the first year of their new program they carried their students through the eleventh year, and year before last they graduated their first class, sending some of them on to the Junior College. This program evidently did not work out to the satisfaction of the government, so during the past summer they abandoned the idea of making Sherman into a High School and ordered the abandoning of some work and the creation of an Industrial School, not leading to High School graduation, and adopted the policy of allowing those students who desired to go on with the academic work already begun, to go to public high school."

Sherman has ceased to exist as a High School and has become an Industrial School not granting a High School diploma. Are boys who were in Sherman High School last year eligible if they attend Riverside High School this year? The boys were ruled eligible by the Chair.

9. Mr. Van Patten reported for the Committee appointed at the meeting on May 18th to harmonize the differences existing between the San Gabriel League and the Covina High School. He reported that all differences had been adjusted and that Covina and the San Gabriel Valley League had been given assurance by the committee that at the end of this school year if relations were satisfactory, Covina would be placed in some league where the schools were more nearly on a par with her in regard to size.

10. Mr. Blair made the following report on the meeting called by Mr. Neilsen, State Supervisor of Physical Education on October 1st:

"At a meeting called by Mr. Neilsen, State Supervisor, Physical Education and Athletics, held in room 320 Chamber of Commerce Building, October 1st, the following topics were discussed by a group representing various angles of physical education and athletics. This group consisted of Messrs. Neilsen, Van Patten, Pennywell, Glenn, Trieb, Wadsworth, Leonard, Davis, Blair, Martin and La Porte.

"This group of men asked Mr. Leonard and myself to submit a report to your body of the discussions, inasmuch as Mr. Neilsen could not be present at your meeting today.

The three topics suggested by Mr. Neilsen and discussed at some length were:

"The Administrative Set Up.' The fact was brought out that at the present time we have a dual system of control over our physical education activities; i. e., on one hand, we have the C. I. F. establishing certain policies, laying down certain rules and regulations, and on the other hand, we have the State Board of Education, through its various departments; for instance, in physical education Mr. Neilsen supervising the general work in the physical education field proper. The point was that physical education is a part of the general educational program; that athletics is a part of physical education, and in no way extra curricular activity; that the authority on matters of athletics should be as much in the hands of the State Supervisor as of any other subject in the curriculum. His plan was to divide the state into about eleven sections, having representatives who would meet at the annual State Principals' Association meeting and discuss matters pertaining to athletics in conjunction with the State Supervisor of Physical Education and Athletics, and set down certain principles and policies which would be followed throughout all sections of the state.

"His other two points, 'Championship' and 'Fairness in Competition,' tie up directly with the first point, 'Admin-

istrative Set Up"; that championships should be continued but modified to meet the educational trend, and with a centralized department, a better control of championships would be possible. Also, with regard to fairness in competition, the organization and distribution of schools in their respective leagues should be governed in a great measure by a central office more nearly equalizing the schools in their composition, conditioned, of course, by the geographical factors which we have to meet.

"Championships: (a) Assist certain localities in control and administration. (b) Standardize procedure. (c) Modify and lessen extensive schedules.

"Fairness in Competition: Reference to relegating on enrollment equality."

Mr. Moore reported upon the tenor of several conferences he and Mr. Oliver, as members of the State Council of the C. I. F., had had with Mr. Neilson on the relation of the C. I. F. to the State Office. In all of these conferences, Mr. Neilson had shown a desire to have the C. I. F. centralized and brought into closer association with the State Department of Education.

Mr. Van Patten reported that at the October 1st meeting, Mr. Neilson had stated that the question of the relation of the C. I. F. to the State Department of Education would be placed before the Council of the C. I. F. and the High School Principals' Association and if these organizations objected to a legal connection of the organization, being made, he expected to drop the matter.

Moved by Van Patten, seconded by Keeley that a committee of five be appointed to formulate an expression of policy for our State representatives, Moore and Oliver, to present to the State Council and to the High School Principals' Association when Mr. Neilson presents the question to those organizations. Carried. Mr. Squire, Mr. McEuen, Mr. Westcott, Mr. Keeley and Mr. O'Mara were appointed.

11. Mr. Oliver offered the following resolution:

"In changing the plan of administering the various branches of athletics from that of different men handling the different sports to that of the Commissioner handling all the various activities, the Southern Section of the C. I. F. therefore goes on record as thanking these various managers: Messrs. Moore, Squires, Reinhard, Eadsnoch, Hall and Johnson for their unselfish work on behalf of the High Schools of Southern California.

"These men have given conscientiously and unselfishly of their time and their abilities.

"They have had a profound impression upon sportsmanship upon fair dealing and upon the improvement of the several games under their supervision.

"The High School men of Southern California are

grateful to these men and we hereby spread upon the minutes our regard and appreciation of their work."

Moved by Oliver, seconded by O'Mara, that the resolution be adopted. Carried unanimously.

12. San Diego High School requested permission to play Phoenix High School a game of football in Phoenix. Moved by O'Mara, seconded by Moore, that permission be granted for the game provided it is not played so late as to be considered a post season game and possibly one for inter-state championships. Moved by Thompson to amend that the game be played not later than Thanksgiving Day. Amendment accepted by second to the motion. Amended motion carried.

13. Mr. James requested that Inyo County schools be allowed to play games in all lines of sports with Nevada schools near Inyo County. Moved by Bakin, seconded by O'Mara, that request be granted. Carried.

14. Moved by Thompson, seconded by Means, that home teams in basketball be allowed to select court. Carried.

15. Mr. Blair submitted the following report regarding the Los Angeles City High Schools entering the play-off series for the championship among the schools of the C. I. F. S. S.:

"The various city high school leagues have asked me to reply to your kind invitation to enter a team in the Southern California play-off. The city high schools fully appreciate your kind offer and consideration, but feel that the 'status quo' should prevail insofar as our competition in post season play-off games were concerned. All the four leagues feel that there should be no change in our general policy in this matter."

16. Moved by Alunan, seconded by Oliver, that the Commissioner of Athletics be authorized to arrange a short program for a meeting Institute week in December. Carried.

17. A. A. U. delegates, three in number, were to be appointed by the President.

18. Mr. Adam Leonard presented members of the Council with tickets to the U. S. C.-Oregon State College game at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

19. At this point Mr. Westcott, chairman of the committee on the revision of the Constitution, took charge of the meeting and discussed proposed changes in the Constitution. The discussion continued until 1:30 P. M.

20. Moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Fosdick, that the committee be requested to continue studies on the revision of the Constitution and report at the next meeting. Carried.

21. Moved by Oliver, seconded by several that the meeting adjourn. Carried.