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Meeting of the Executive Committee

*January 16, 2016
9:30 a.m.*

*Temecula Creek Inn
Temecula, California*

Minutes

1. OPENING BUSINESS	DISPOSITION	ITEM
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A. Call to order by Reggie Thompkins, President of the Council
Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call
All members were present

D. Introduction of Guests
Thom Simmons indicated that there were no guests present at this meeting.

E. Adopt Agenda Adopted 23-0

CIF-SS Director of Communications Thom Simmons reviewed the electronic voting system with the Executive Committee and walked them through signing into the system. There was a motion and a second to adopt the agenda. The motion was approved and the agenda was adopted without revision.

F. Approval of Minutes Approved 22-0

Mike West noted a spelling error of his name within the minutes from the August 13, 2015 Executive Committee Meeting. The error was noted and will be corrected. There was a motion and a second to approve the minutes with the correction. The motion was approved.

2. PUBLIC HEARING SESSION

A. Recognition of anyone wishing to address the Executive Committee. Speakers must limit their remarks to three minutes.

There was no one present to address the Executive Committee.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

1. Process and development of Bylaws for AB949 No Vote STATE 524
Carter Paysinger reviewed the proposal. The State Advisory Committee for cheerleading is meeting next week to determine the season of sport and the types of cheer competition offered for implementation in the 2017-18 school year. The legislator responsible for writing AB 949 is going to be at the meeting at the CIF State Office. There is no more to report regarding cheerleading until after that meeting. Therefore, there will be no vote on this item at this time and it remains an informational item only. Rob Wigod stated that the CIF State pulled this item from the CIF Federated Council meeting agenda.
2. Proposed Recommendations for Change to Bylaws 204, 207, 213 Approved 23-0 STATE525
Carter Paysinger reviewed the proposal regarding homeless and foster students. There was a motion and a second to approve this proposal. Jim Monico stated that this designation goes back to the school districts and how they determine homeless students. School districts view the situations differently and in order to avoid lawsuits, this language needed to be changed. Carter Paysinger said this is a step in right direction as homeless is a loose term. Reggie Thompkins stated that part of the proposal is the setting of a timeline to determine homelessness. Loren Kleinrock asked if there is a dovetail in this new language to the age limitation bylaw. Rob Wigod stated that these are looked at on a case by case basis and the age requirement is not usually waived. The Executive Committee approved the motion by a vote of 23-0.

B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposal Recommendation Change to Bylaw 3219 Approved 23-0 SS522
Reggie Thompkins reviewed the proposal. There was a motion and a second to approve this proposal. Jim Perry asked Rob Wigod what is the feeling around the Section regarding this proposal. Rob Wigod stated the Section is pretty positive and excited about it. Most of the questions have been regarding change, concern with football and formula-related questions. Rob Wigod is continuing his tour of the Section by going up north and to Orange County next week. Dick Billingsley stated that the schools up north are positive of the change. Loren Kleinrock asked why we are using the previous two years and not the current year data. Rob Wigod stated that the new process uses the same data that is being used in the current system with the rankings setting the divisions and the current season data being used to set the playoffs. We are in the process of a culture change in order to have all schools put in all scores, win or lose. The next step might be using previous years and the current year's data and then creating divisions right before the playoffs. Carter Paysinger said that schools may manipulate the system to keep them from the top division but they try to manipulate the system now. Chris Calderwood stated that the Citrus Belt Area held a huge discussion and that it should pass in his area. The scenarios and the "what ifs" are not going to solve all problems, but the big problem of a whole league moving divisions because of one powerhouse school will be solved. Reggie Thompkins commented that Chris Calderwood makes a good point that it is not perfect, but it is a good start. Rainer Wulf compared the starting of this new system to the starting of the basketball model. Passing this proposal is a good first start, but it will test the patience of the Section. Chris Calderwood said that a great example is Girls Tennis and the sticker shock for a Division 3 team moving to Division 1. Terry Orabona used the example of Laguna Beach High School dominating their league in several sports, but the other schools in their league not being very strong programs in those same sports. The system doesn't solve relegating issues, but it does help with the balancing of the playoffs and takes the sting out of getting blown out in the first round. Ultimately, you may not win your league but you could win a CIF-SS championship. Dick Billingsley added that having an Open Division in every sport will be good. Jim Perry said the sticker shock is over blown. Everyone knows where they belong and this system will help get them there. Carter Paysinger said it is on this Executive Committee to let their constituents know that it will take three to four years to get the kinks out and to settle into the new system. Terry Barnum reminded everyone that we can always go back to the current system if after a couple of years this system is not successful. The Executive Committee approved the motion by a vote of 23-0.

3. ACTION ITEMS (Cont.)

B. SOUTHERN SECTION ACTION ITEMS (Cont.)

2. Proposal Recommendation Change to Sports Calendar Approved 21-1-1 SS523
Reggie Thompkins reviewed the proposal. There was a motion and a second to approve this proposal. Dana Wilkerson voiced concern from the San Gabriel Valley league regarding the transition from the winter season to spring season and those athletes missing so much of the spring season if their schools advance deep in the playoffs of the winter season, especially Girls Water Polo to Girls Swimming. Rob Wigod mentioned that the winter calendar is unchanged because the CIF State is not moving the winter sports season at this time. The CIF State is looking to move their calendars up in the future. Remember when we removed the scrimmage date, we moved the start of season up a week. Maybe we need to look at moving it back to the original start week. The end of school year is also driving the calendar and the desire by our member schools to finish spring championships before June. Terry Barnum stated that the California Catholic Athletic Directors Association is upset with CIF State Basketball Championships being on Easter Weekend this year. They are ready to make a public issue of the CIF State not being considerate of religious observances and holidays. Bringing it up, as with this proposal, we should be sure we are not conflicting with major religious holidays. Jim Monico asked how the conversations were and Terry Barnum replied that they were great and the CCADA Board felt good with what was said and that awareness has been increased. Chris Calderwood said that within his area they were against moving the spring calendars forward as they are already having trouble getting fields in early spring because of the weather. Jim Perry stated that the CIF State Office had to go to the NBA to ask them to move a game so the CIF State could move their finals schedule to Thursday/Saturday and off of Good Friday this year. This was quite an undertaking for the CIF State Office to have the NBA grant the team permission to move the game. Paula Hart Rodas and Chris Calderwood agreed that this is a local issue and that is the best way to handle these calendar issues. Rob Wigod reminded the group that we work very hard to accommodate these requests when these special circumstances occur for championship games and during the rounds of our playoffs. We are fortunate that our schools work together to accommodate these requests as well. The Executive Committee approved the motion by a vote of 21-1-1.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. Proposed CIF State Budget 2015-2016 Non-Action STATE528
Carter Paysinger reviewed with the Executive Committee that we do not have the CIF State Budget at this time and we will not have it until after the CIF Federated Council Meeting on January 29.
2. CIF State Executive Committee Nominations Non-Action STATE529
Carter Paysinger reviewed that the Executive Committee has all the information in front of them. These are the nominations as of today and nominations can be taken from the floor at the CIF Federated Council meeting. Traditionally, we send our representatives uninstructed, however, we will support Jim Perry and Monica Colunga.
3. Proposed Revision of Bylaw 201; Bylaw 204; Bylaw 207 Non-Action STATE530
Carter Paysinger reviewed the proposal that defining attendance as being the first day a student is in a seat at a school, not just on the attendance sheet. Rob Wigod remarked that if a student is in school only 5 days, not 15, we count that as attendance for that student as they could have had a disciplinary issue or competed in a contest during that time. This proposal changes the language to count any attendance in a class instead of attendance in a class for at least 15 days. Terry Barnum asked about a concern regarding enrollment before school starts and Rob Wigod answered that a student could have played in an athletic contest before school starts, so that would count as enrolment in that school. Students need to be in school somewhere and if their first choice is on a waiting list, then they need to attend school until they are informed that they can enroll in the school there were waiting for. Once that happens, they are reviewed on a case by case basis, but being on an attendance sheet is not the same as being a student in attendance at that school.

4. NON-ACTION ITEMS (Cont.)

A. STATE FEDERATED COUNCIL NON-ACTION ITEMS (Cont.)

4. Proposed Revision of Bylaw 1901.B Non-Action STATE531
Carter Paysinger reviewed the proposal regarding football contact camps. State law states that there are to be no football contact camps in the off-season. There are five Sections in the state that allow team contact camps and there are five sections that do not allow them. Glenn Martinez stated that the Southern Section has a rule prohibiting team contact camps as an example of one of the Sections that does not allow them.
5. Proposed Revision of Bylaw 3103 Non-Action STATE532
Carter Paysinger reviewed the proposal and asked for the Executive Committee to review the information in front of them.

Break 11:05 – 11:15

B. SOUTHERN SECTION NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Nominations Non-Action SS526
Reggie Thompkins reviewed the information contained in the packet and asked the members of the Executive Committee to review the information in front of them.
2. Proposed CIF Southern Section Budget 2016-2017 Non-Action SS527
Chief Financial Officer Mitch Carty handed out the proposed 2016-17 budget and reviewed it with the Executive Committee. He pointed out items such as our support income is almost \$1 million, which is a significant increase. The TV/radio broadcast rights fees has increased as well. Football expenses dropped by \$115,000, mostly based on having only one game at Angel Stadium this year. Major Medical is not based on prior years, but on the trend of moving up that will be happening in the new year. Salary expenses will increase as a result of the changes voted into place last year, with no COLA and step increases for all current staff. With increased sponsorship income goes an increase in sponsorship expenses and with more broadcast rights fees coming in, more revenue is returned to the membership. Nancy Kelly asked for a reason in the decline in program sales. Mitch Carty stated that people are not wanting a souvenir program anymore and they want the information on their electronic devices. We have made changes to try and help with the losses, for example the size of the program itself. Jeff Jordan asked about the creation of a CIF-SS app. The website is good, but for those viewing information from their phones, an app would probably work better. Mitch Carty said that Marketing Director John Costello has contract obligations that need to be fulfilled but perhaps future contracts can be rewritten to match today's technology. Thom Simmons, Director of Communications, said that we are looking at creating two apps, one for the casual fan and one for CIFSSHOME. Jeff Jordan asked for clarification on the Champions for Character income being so low and Mitch Carty reminded him that the golf tournament in June will bring that up.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report

Mitch Carty

Mitch Carty reviewed the current year through a PowerPoint presentation. Overall the budget is on target for this time of year. Thom Simmons talked about the document scanning project. The scanning is complete and now the data needs to be organized to be OCR. Nancy Kelly questioned if CIF-SS event staffs are paid and if so, how they are paid. Mitch Carty stated that everyone is paid on a scale. Every dollar that goes out has to be accounted for by the auditors. Currently, our auditors are good with how we are handling the payouts. For our staff, working our events is optional but they do have first right of refusal.

B. CIF Southern Section Meeting Schedule 2016-2017

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Reggie Thompkins asked the Executive Committee to take a look at the draft of the meeting calendar.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Cont.)

C. CIF Bylaw 510 Interpretation Discussion

Rob Wigod – 5C

Reggie Thompkins opened the discussion regarding 510. It is difficult to have bylaws that are hard to enforce. There have been suggestions that have come through various committees which are in the packet. Rob Wigod updated the Executive Committee stating that all the committees have met and have sent the Executive Committee their ideas for discussion. The 510 chart in the Blue Book is something we created and we have the power to update. The task at hand is to review the chart and see what updates need to be made. Technology, student movement, all of these factors have an influence on these items on the chart. At the end of the school year, we can update the chart once we have talked to all the committees involved. Chris Calderwood asked for clarification that the 510 rule is the rule, but it is the interpretation that is up for discussion. When the 510 bylaw was written, some things like websites, school choice, Facebook, Twitter, etc., were not present. Loren Kleinrock brought up concerns regarding recruiting and the fact that we cannot look like we cannot enforce the rules. Any coach's contact could become contact that they probably should not be having and therefore there should be no contact. It should be appropriate to have an Athletic Open House that is very general and with no coaches talking to the kids. Rob Wigod stated that we need you to help us find a way to help schools market their schools within the rules. Dave Reid is the contact within the Corona-Norco School District for all parents and does the presentations at incoming freshman meetings including a signup area for additional information with no coaches involved. Jim Perry commented regarding advertising on page two of the Orange County Register talking about the academic integrity of the school but with pictures of their athletic program. How do we police that? Carter Paysinger wanted clarification regarding more of what the Southern Section Office deals with on a daily basis as it relates to 510 questions/situations. Do schools not understand the rule or do they understand and just ignore it? Maybe we should just keep what is in place and add additional situations to it. Once contact is opened up to coaches, there is the possibility of negative recruiting that will lead to other problems. Dick Billingsley said there has to be a happy medium and making the rule more public and more understandable as to how to follow the rule. Nancy Kelly is proud to be member of this group but thinks we are not doing enough for the people that are running programs filled with integrity. Chris Calderwood stated that these rules were written before technology was even discovered. We need to find how Twitter fits into 510. We have to adopt and change and be flexible as society and the culture changes. Terry Barnum reminds us to think of what we trust coaches to do now. Think about what families want and that they are factoring in sports as they make the decisions for what school to go to and are being public about it. All leading organizations adapt and evolve. Monica Colunga stated that we have an obligation to reeducate the administrators as to their role in high school athletics. We are looking at how to maintain the integrity of what this rule is trying to enforce. Jeff Jordan commented regarding social media and how you monitor who is following what is on a schools sports Twitter account. Glenn Martinez discussed the high turnover of athletic administrators, which does not help with the educations of what the rules are and how they are enforced. Terry Orabona stated that everyone has a Twitter account and you cannot regulate who is following who. It is the individual contact and we need to trust our coaches while monitoring what is going on.

Break for lunch – 12:33 p.m. – 1:27

Reggie Thompkins reconvened the meeting by stating that this discussion is moving to the next Executive Committee meeting in April. Rob Wigod asked that Committee bring suggestions to the next couple of meetings.

6. REPORT SESSION

A. President's Report

Reggie Thompkins

President Reggie Thompkins gave no report.

B. Treasurer's Report

Jeff Jordan

Mitch Carty did a great job of presenting the budget, therefore there is no Treasurer Report and thanked Sharon Hodge for the weekend.

6. REPORT SESSION (Cont.)

C. Commissioner's Report

Rob Wigod

Rob Wigod started his report by yielding the floor to Thom Simmons for an update on the progress in receiving a gold football from the NFL in recognition of the talent the Southern Section is responsible for in the last 50 years of the Super Bowl. Rob Wigod stated that this is an extraordinary year with the things we are discussing and the work we are doing to advance the Section in a positive way to make things better. He is proud of the Executive Committee and the support given to our office and its efforts. Thank you Sharon Hodge for all your work for this week.

D. Executive Committee Reports

Past President - Jim Monico – The office did a super job on the fall championships. Wow for what was said today. The debate here is so meaningful.

President Elect - Carter Paysinger – Thank you Sharon Hodge. It is our job to support you in the office and we need to know what you deal with. What you hear and what we hear can be used to make policy to help. How do we move forward as the number of football programs starts to dwindle from three to one in some areas.

Treasurer - Jeff Jordan – Report was given above.

Boys' Athletic Directors Representative - Chris Calderwood – Thank you Sharon Hodge. Debi Weiss, you are my favorite. Love you and hate to see you go.

Superintendent Representative - Nancy Kelly – We are so productive and comfortable. Rob Wigod, your leadership and supporting cast are second to none.

Northern Area Representative - Dick Billingsley – Rob Wigod and Sharon Hodge, thank you for today. Assistant Commissioners thank you. The newbies are so appreciative to be part of this committee. Being a football awards presenter was so much fun. We are in the middle of a Title IX lawsuit right now and it is moving west.

Girls' Athletic Directors Representative Terry Orabona – Thank you for this wonderful weekend. Our district is having many discussions regarding concussions since the release of the recent movie regarding concussions in the NFL. We are talking about new helmets for all the athletes. Mike West said spend the money on baseline testing and that the sensors in the helmets are not worth the money. Anaheim USD is looking at eliminating 6th period athletics. Thank you for the opportunity to be a presenter for football.

CAPSO Representative - Terry Barnum – Thank you for the retreat. California Catholic AD Association is new and still getting off the ground. The private schools appreciate that they have a voice in Terry Barnum with this board.

Orange County Area Representative - Monica Colunga – Thank you for the weekend and to all of you for taking on the challenge of a candid conversation. At the end of the day, we all want what is best for the students. Thank you for all your work.

Desert Area Representative - Rob Kostopoulos – Thank you. My family were made to feel quite welcome and comfortable. The small school struggle is real. We do not have open houses. Who wants to move to Boron? We play tough schools in the playoffs. Southern Section has been great to small schools but sometimes the small schools wonder where they fit in. They appreciate the honest effort in competitive equity.

CAPHERD Representative - Jim Perry – Perhaps we could use our League Compliance Officers for the 510 issues. Rob Wigod and staff, thank you. Glenn Martinez sent me to Mojave for an 8-Man Football Award presentation. It was phenomenal.

CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner - Mike Middlebrook – Enjoyed the frank 510 discussion. Athletic Directors are not asking the right questions. Brackets in the winter will look different. Thank you everyone for welcoming me and helping me to fit in.

CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner - Glenn Martinez – Thank you to all the presenters for football, it is so helpful. AD Summit was an overwhelming success. Thank you those that attended and presented. Great response this year and we are already preparing for next year. Next week, the Official Fees Committee will meet to begin the contract negotiations for first reading at the Southern Section Council meeting on January 27.

CIF-SS Director of Communications - Thom Simmons – Showed a picture of Dana Wilkerson from Indiana and ran through some of her stats in honor of her being named to their Hall of Fame.

CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner - Rainer Wulf – Thank you for your input. It is valuable and needed. Basketball is ongoing and with the passing of the SOP date, the first Open Division Watch Lists came out.

CIF-SS Chief Financial Officer - Mitch Carty – Thanks for your support. We finally have staff at full strength as we hired the reception at the beginning of the year and are a happy family of 17.

6. REPORT SESSION (Cont.)

D. Executive Committee Reports (Cont.)

CIF-SS Assistant Commissioner - Kristine Palle – Reminder regarding 510 and that administrators are the stewards of their programs, not just the cheerleader for the one student-athlete since that one is displacing another student-athlete.

Coast Area Representative - Paula Hart Rodas – Thank you Sharon Hodge for everything this weekend and always. AD Summit was a great opportunity to learn from our own. I have gained a great perspective on 510 through the discussion with this body.

Citrus Belt Area Representative - Mike West – Thank you for the weekend. Congratulations on the AD Summit. It was a great opportunity.

Activities Directors Representative - Debi Weiss – Thank you for an amazing weekend. CADA Conference is in Reno this year and I am running for CADA Vice President. The CADA Student Conference is in Ontario April 9-11. I am sad to see my eight-year reign coming to an end.

Foothill Area Representative - Loren Kleinrock – Thank you for the weekend and thank you to your staff that are always there when you need them. I needed clarification with the concussion protocol and had a great conversation with Mike West.

CADA Representative - Todd Arrowsmith – Thank you Rob Wigod and Sharon Hodge and I love the glasses. Thank you Glenn Martinez for allowing me to present awards at football. Thank you Rob Wigod for coming and meeting with our league. CADA Convention in Reno end of March.

At-Large Representative - Dana Wilkerson – Thank you for the congratulations on the Hall of Fame induction. I had to wait for 26 years for the honor.

CSBA Representative - John Norman – Thank you everyone.

CSADA Representative - Sandy Gahring – Thank you for this weekend. My school is being offered the gold Super Bowl football along with a \$5,000 grant. The CSADA Conference and Foothill-Citrus Area Awards Luncheon are coming up.

CSADA Representative - Dave Reid – Echoed Sandy Gahring regarding the CSADA Conference and the push for new venues. Thank you Glenn Martinez for allowing me to be an awards presenter for the football championships alongside Jim Perry. The football finals at Anaheim stadium were really well done.

Parochial Area Representative - Rita Dever – Rob Wigod thank you and Sharon Hodge. I love being on this committee.

Small Schools Representative - Mark Edgemon – Please encourage your athletic directors to come out to the CSADA Conference in San Diego this year. Once the contracts run out, we will start moving to new places.

Executive Assistant Sharon Hodge – Enjoyed the Fall playoffs and did some different things. I worked Boys Water Polo Championships and shadowed Administrative Assistant Susan Miller at the Football Championships at Anaheim Stadium. Looking toward Winter Playoffs and supporting the assistants wherever possible. Preparing to launch the nomination forms for the Jim Staunton Champions for Character awards, Hall of Fame/Distinguished Service Awards and Friends of Golf. We are starting the preliminary work on the Jim Staunton Champions for Character Golf Tournament to be held on June 21, 2016 and contacting donors. Thank you for your support.

7. ADVANCE PLANNING

A. DATES

1. January 27, 2016 – CIF Southern Section Council Meeting, The Grand, Long Beach, California, 9:00 a.m.
2. March 16, 2016 – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, Teleconference, 1:00 p.m. (Cancelled)
3. April 5, 2016 – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, Angel Stadium, Anaheim, California, 1:00 p.m.
4. April 6, 2016 – CIF Southern Section Council Meeting, The Grand, Long Beach, California, 9:00 a.m.
5. May 11, 2016 – CIF Southern Section Executive Committee Meeting, Old Ranch Country Club, Seal Beach, California, 1:00 p.m.

7. ADVANCE PLANNING (Cont.)

B. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

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8. ADJOURNMENT

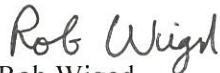
The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm

Submitted by:



Sharon Hodge
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Approved by:



Rob Wigod
Commissioner of Athletics
CIF Southern Section