

# MINUTES CCACA CONFERENCE CALL Wednesday, April 9, 2012 ~ 12:00p.m. ET

### Participants:

Mary Mulvenna, Warren Lane, America East; Brad Hostetter, Shamaree Brown, ACC; Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Ed Pasque, Jill Redmond, Atlantic 10; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, Kenny Schank, BIG EAST; Jaynee Nadolski, Big Sky; Sherika Montgomery, Big South; Jennifer Heppel, Chad Hawley, Kerry Kenny, Big Ten; David Flores, Keri Boyce, Big 12; Erica Montebaro, Melissa Swaffer, Big West; Kathleen Batterson, Vince Pierson, Colonial; Rob Philippi, Frank Arrendondo, Conference USA; Mike Sharpe, Great West; Christine Halstead, Horizon League; Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Matt Swinger, Ivy League; Barbara Church, MAAC: Jackie Mynarski, Korinth Patterson, MAC; Sonja Stills, Quintin Wright, Mid-Eastern; Patty Viverito, Greg Walter, Missouri Valley; Carolayne Henry, Marlon Edge, Mountain West; Kelly Webb, Northeast; Matt Banker, Ohio Valley; Mike Matthews, Ron Barker, Erik Price, Pac-12; Gil Grimes, SEC; Doug King, Southern; Stephanie McDonald, Southland; Angie Torrain, Matt Boyer, Summit League; Edgar Gantt, Kentrell Kearney, SWAC; Scott Connors, Sun Belt; Colleen Lim, West Coast; Matt Burgemeister, WAC; Jackie Campbell, Jennifer Henderson, Lynn Holzman, Laura Wurtz, Leeland Zeller, NCAA

#### 1. INAAC.

D'Antonio provided the group with today's INAAC.

# 2. Review of Agenda

# 3. Approval of the February 29, 2012 Conference Call Minutes Minutes were unanimously approved.

#### 4. NCAA Matters- Update

# A. Rules Working Group

Lynn Holzman, NCAA, indicated that the timeline for feedback and outreach to the membership is being delayed. There is no anticipated action by the BOD at the April meeting with regard to the rules and enforcement working groups. Additionally there is no action anticipated as it relates to the miscellaneous expense allowance. The timeline seems to indicate that the first action to be taken by the BOD with regard to the enforcement working group is potentially at the August BOD meeting. The first anticipated action for the rules working group is October, January and potentially April 2013. That then allows for the outreach and the collection of feedback and for the working groups to take all the information in and to put forward an appropriate package of recommendations to the BOD later this calendar year moving into early 2013. The NCAA has established a web page for the membership to provide feedback. The AMA staff at the director level has reached out to all 31 conference offices to offer assistance through conference calls, webinars, etc. Communication was sent out regarding the modification of regional rules seminars sessions to allow the membership an opportunity to get engaged in discussions on these topics. Holzman and Tom Hosty, NCAA, serve on the NAAC Board and are working with that organization as well as others, including coaches' associations, to get more individuals

engaged in further discussion as needed. With regard to the governance structure, the NCAA will be using the upcoming Legislative Council, Leadership Council and the June Cabinet meetings as forums to discuss the presidential initiatives trying to make sure the engagement of those groups and the re-engagement of the governance structure is happening appropriately. The first round of feedback that relates to commitments, bylaws 11, 13 and 16 has a deadline of April 20th. The website will not be shut down after that date. That deadline allows the staff to provide a detailed report at the May in-person meeting of the rules working group and to identify what rules and concepts there is not a consensus on within the membership and can drive discussions at Conference meetings, rules seminars, etc. The next round of feedback will come out immediately after the May rules working group meeting and will be focused on those issues that need further discussion and concepts associated with bylaws 12 and 14. This round of feedback will run through the end of June. The same mechanisms to collect feedback will be used again.

A question was raised regarding compliance reviews and whether it was still undecided if they will continue to be required. Holzman responded that those discussions have not happened yet but it is still on the list of items that need to be reviewed and discussed in detail. Holzman added that she can place this topic on the agenda for the round table discussions at the advanced program at the regional rules seminar. Another question was raised regarding whether the feedback page associated with the rules working group has been changed or updated and if so could the staff add a date when such changes are made. Holzman responded that the website has not been changed.

Holzman addressed concerns regarding what happens to the feedback collected by the staff and the working groups. The staff's intention is to provide the feedback anonymously on the website.

## **B.** Enforcement Group

Laura Wurtz, NCAA, indicated that there is an-person meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The focus will be on any remaining issues and the feedback that was received as a result of the preliminary reports to the membership that were posted on the website at the end of January. This group received feedback through webinars, surveys, website, letters, conference calls, etc. The primary focus is to review the feedback to determine what recommendations will go forward in April to the BOD. One of the recommendations being reviewed relates to increasing the size of the committee on infractions. The liaisons as members of enforcement working group will be going out to spring conference meetings and affiliated groups and presenting the updated recommendations that they have given to the BOD. The April BOD report will not include any recommendations for immediate action. There will not be any additional surveys sent out. Feedback will be sought through the spring meetings. The working group will meet in July to finalize their recommendations for the August BOD report with the hope of an effective date for 2013 for those recommendations. A question was raised regarding conference office resources with the impending rules changes. Wurtz responded that the working group has not had any in depth conversations but there have been

some vague recommendations. There is no specific recommendation for discussion at the April in-person meeting. Jennifer Henderson, NCAA, added that they have received feedback from the rules working group on that issue. A question was raised regarding the 2013 effective date. Wurtz responded that the hope would be that the effective date would be August 2013 and in place for the 2013-14 academic year. Holzman added that the staff is aware of the concerns with effective dates and that August 2013 is most likely the earliest that would be implemented for concepts from the rules working group. A question was raised regarding whether the rules and enforcement working groups have met. Holzman responded that the full groups have not met but there have been discussions in a smaller setting. Wurtz noted that the enforcement working group is going to discuss whether they should be going forward with their efforts or should they wait on the rules working group to finish their efforts and the timing of implementation between the two.

## C. Miscellaneous Expense Allowance

Holzman asked if anyone had any specific questions on this matter. There will not be any anticipated action at the April BOD meeting. D'Antonio noted the materials that were include with the agenda. D'Antonio asked a question regarding the differential between the FGIA and COA figures in model number 1. Holzman responded that there has not been any discussion on this matter. Mary Mulvenna, America East, indicated that she had circulated a survey to a few conference offices and offered to share that with the full group. A question was raised as to when the BOD would act on MEA. Jackie Campbell, NCAA, responded that the earliest would be August but potentially in October.

#### D. Non-Coaching Staff Members

D'Antonio indicated that the actual proposals that attempted to deal with this during the 2010 cycle have been recommended to continue to be tabled. The membership has also had an opportunity to read the material from the working groups. Holzman added that this matter started with the resource allocation working group and has been moved to the rules working group.

#### E. Initial Eligibility- Start Date for New Legislation

D'Antonio noted that there have been comments made that the effective date for this legislation could be pushed back to 2016 and that would mean that the current freshmen in high school would not be subject to the new legislation. The first class affected by this is currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Campbell added that there will be a recommendation from CAP at the April BOD meeting and the BOD will likely act on it. This will allow the NCAA to provide educational materials, etc. to the high school communities. Based on the feedback received, the membership supports a delayed effective date.

## F. Leadership Council Meeting

Campbell indicated that the Leadership Council has not yet seen a presentation regarding the rules and enforcement working groups. They will see a presentation in April and will have an opportunity to provide feedback. Additionally, they will be discussing the new women's basketball recruiting model. There will be individuals in attendance that have served on

subcommittees related to this initiative. The timeline for the women's basketball recruiting model will be similar to the men's in that the final model will be submitted to the BOD in October. There will be an update from the agents subcommittee and there will be a recommendation related to an agent registration program. There will also be a discussion of criteria for conference membership in the division I governance championships structure. In January, there were representatives from the Great West Conference at the meeting and they are requesting a waiver regarding its status as a multi-sport conference. With our new membership criteria, the Great West has had difficulty with meeting our new membership criteria and has concerns with the moratorium impact of being able to meet the requirements. Additional information has been submitted by the Great West, and there will be representatives attending the meeting to participate in discussions to determine what the next step is for the conference. Ultimately, this will likely be an Administrative Cabinet issue. There will also be an update on the athletic certification program. A question was raised as to whether the leadership council would be forwarding the women's basketball recruiting model to the BOD. Campbell confirmed that nothing would be forwarded at this time.

## G. Legislative Council Meeting

D'Antonio noted the materials that were included with the agenda including the proposals that the legislative council anticipates voting on and the proposals that the legislative council anticipates tabling. Holzman noted that there are a couple of proposals that came out of cabinet meetings that will be voted on as non-controversial legislation. The Academic Cabinet has a few housekeeping matters and Mary Wilfert, NCAA, will be speaking about a drug testing/urine manipulation proposal that was previously recommended as non-controversial. The remaining time during the meeting will be devoted to discussing the rules working group concepts. Caroline Campbell-McGovern, Ivy League, added that everyone should encourage their representatives to provide feedback to the rules working group surveys.

#### H. Board of Directors Meeting

Campbell indicated that the Presidential Advisory Group (PAG) will meet first and then the PAG will meet jointly with the BOD and most of the discussion will be held relative to the working groups. During the BOD meeting, there is no anticipated action on the rules or enforcement working group matters. The BOD will need to appoint new members to cabinets and councils. There will also be a recommendation from CAP related to the delay of the initial eligibility legislation that the BOD will act on. There are a couple of committee appointments to make for the infractions and infractions appeal committees. Lastly, they will get a recommendation relative to the interpretative authority for men's basketball issues. When the BFG was formed, they were granted authority to issue interpretations relative to the work of that group. The recommendation will be to shift the interpretative responsibility back to AMA. There will be an update on the review of the athletic certification program. With regard to PAG, the resource allocation working group made a recommendation for a reduction in scholarships in January and the BOD only acted on the FBS and men's basketball because FCS football is under the jurisdiction of the FCS members of PAG. That will

be voted on at the PAG meeting. D'Antonio noted the importance of the discussion on interpretative authority on men's basketball matters. A question was raised regarding whether the BOD would vote something in on the new certification program. Campbell responded that the initial plan was to take a vote at this meeting. The committee is going to recommend to the BOD to delay this program and that additional feedback needs to be received. There will not be any final recommendations for the entire program.

#### I. Additional Matters

No additional matters were discussed on the call.

Mike Sharpe, Great West, provided further clarification on the waiver they have submitted for consideration with regard to its status as a multi-sport conference.

# 5. Men's Basketball Evaluation Periods April 20-22 and 27-29, 2012- Count Towards 130 Recruiting Opportunities- Review/Discussion

Kathleen Batterson, Colonial League, indicated that she has received several questions regarding the men's basketball recruiting calendar. Specifically, the evaluation periods that were added in October do have to count within the recruiting person day limitations. The group agreed with this analysis and the Q&A that was issued after the legislative change further clarifies this.

Batterson asked the group whether it was permissible for coaches to attend the Portsmouth Invitational that takes place on April 12<sup>th</sup>, which is during a dead period. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Colonial League followed up via the list serve indicating that it would be permissible for coaches to attend.

#### 6. Proposal 2011-30

A question was raised regarding why the proposals associated with text messages, phone calls, etc. are still be tabled and not being put on the agenda for a vote. An issue that several institutions have is that one sport is going to have unlimited phone calls and text messages and the other sports will still be held to the restrictions. Holzman responded that there is general support from the compliance community but not as much support from affiliate groups. Campbell added that the idea here is that whatever changes are made are the right changes and to make sure whatever is in place is for all sports. There will be an in depth discussion at the legislative council meeting, but the council is not ready to take a vote and should wait until the rules working groups have vetted through the issues. The group continued to discuss the matter and the protocol for keeping it tabled while the membership is in a moratorium on new legislation. Leeland Zeller, responded that the concepts will still be there and the working groups are reviewing the same concepts that are in those proposals. The sunset provision indicates that if a proposal is not acted upon in two meetings, they technically die. The concepts will remain on the table.

# 7. Proposal 2011-31

See agenda item 6.

# 8. Proposal 2011-37

See agenda item 6.

- 9. Next Conference Call Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at noon EST
- 10. Adjournment