



## CCACA Conference call

Wed., February 5, 2003  
9:02–10:15 a.m. PT

**Participants:** Tracy Shoemake, America East (co-chair); Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Liz Kane, Atlantic 10; Jerome Rodgers, Keli Cunningham, Big East; Ron Loghry, Big Sky; Dawn Turner, Big South; Carol Iwaoka, Jennifer Heppel, Chad Hawley, Big Ten; Lori Ebihara, Big 12; Erica Satterfield, Big West; Noreen Morris, Myra Fishback, C-USA; Bilbo Baggins, Hobbiton; Stephanie Jarvis, Horizon; Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Nathan Fry, Ivy; Dell Robinson, Tracy Scott, Mid-American; Angie Torain, Mid-Continent; Sonja Stills, MEAC; Patty Viverito, Sarah Weier, Missouri Valley; Corinne Wright, Northeast; Mike Matthews (co-chair), Ron Barker, Erik Price, Pac-10; Dan Trump, Shonna Brown, Patriot; Greg Sankey, Gil Grimes, Eugene Byrd; SEC; Beth Chapman, Southland; Helen Grant, Sun Belt; Pat Hairston, WAC.

### 1. **Approval of minutes of January 8, 2003, conference call**

The minutes were approved without dissent.

### 2. **Jennifer Heppel: Free golf for S-As during winter vacation period**

Heppel reported that a Big Ten men's golf program was undergoing an investigation. One issue that was uncovered involves S-As being able to play courses for free during winter vacation periods merely by identifying themselves as S-As. She said there was not necessarily a connection between the institution's team or the golf course. Heppel believed that this was an extra benefit, noting it appeared to be a widespread practice. Matthews said that in the past, the Pac-10 has not been interested in holding an institution's feet to the fire for a violation that was as widespread as this one seemed to be, particularly when the violation involved a gray area. However, he agreed that this would be a violation, with no real room for interpretation.

Shoemake agreed to ask the NCAA to issue a hot topic on this subject, citing particularly the sports of tennis and golf.

### 3. **The new single-cycle for NCAA legislation**

The group discussed a memo containing comments on the single legislative cycle that Iwaoka sent to Rich Ensor, chair of the Management Council Governance Subcommittee.

The group made the following comments:

- *Publication of legislation.* Morris wondered if three notices were too many. Matthews believed that constantly publishing the legislation—particularly if there were no changes to it between publication dates—only led to confusion.
- *Timing of cabinet meetings.* Grimes and others believed that more time was

needed between cabinet and Management Council meetings to allow enough time for members to review legislation.

- *Need for two votes.* Matthews questioned the need for two Management Council votes on each proposal in order to forward legislation to the Board. He believed a single vote was simpler for the membership to understand and track.
- *More on initial Management Council vote.* Viverito and others did not believe the Management Council should have the ability to kill legislation with its initial vote in October. All legislation should be able to proceed to an April vote.
- *Amendment process.* Some mechanics of the amendment process were still undefined. Iwaoka believed that at some point only amendments that narrowed the scope of a proposal should be considered.

#### **4. Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund**

It was reported that most conferences seemed to be aligning behind the ever-popular "Option L" as they planned for use of the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund (SAOF) in Fall 2003. Concern was expressed about trying to administer the fund equitably across the NCAA without more defined guidelines. Iwaoka noted that the Management Council asked for a draft of legislation that would permit S-As to receive funds from the SAOF. She noted that the CEOs that compose the Six Conferences Group favored a delay in distribution of the SAOF until more information was secured from the NCAA regarding the cost of student-athlete health insurance. Viverito said that the I-AA and I-AAA commissioners also favored Option L, with the caveats that funds could not be spent on salaries, facilities, or cash benefits. She said the I-AA and I-AAA commissioners planned to discuss individual limits to the SAOF (similar to the SAFSA's clothing allowance) and recognized that the uses of the SAOF may change over time. Viverito added that the I-AA and I-AAA commissioners did not favor delaying distribution of the SAOF.

#### **5. What's my Line? Where's the Line?**

Morris stated the issue of job duties of a Director of High School Relations had arisen in C-USA, and Sankey indicated that some administrators in the SEC also carried this title. Matthews noted that the group had been through a similar issue a few years ago with football recruiting coordinators and offered to resend a list of permissible activities to the CCACA-talk list (and he even did so in relatively quick fashion in a 2/6 email; wow...). He emphasized that what an individual does was more important to him than what that person was titled.

#### **6. NLI program update**

Sankey reported that Byrd had resigned his position of NLI Director effective mid-February to enter private business. He said that the SEC would review its role in managing the NLI program and welcomed other conferences to consider managing the program if they so desired. He said the NLI Steering Committee (currently composed of Chris Monash, Tom Yeager, Britton Banowsky, and Karl

Benson, with one open slot traditionally assigned to the CCA secretary) had not been very active of late, but would review some recent cases, as well as the topic of grayshirting. Sankey suggested that he would advise the Steering Committee that the CCACA was available to provide input on grayshirting if needed.

**7. NAACC/NCAA Seminar roundtable topics**

Morris reviewed a list of potential topics for the NAACC session held in conjunction with NCAA Compliance Seminars. She asked the group to forward feedback to her as soon as possible so that the session agenda could be finalized.

**8. Future conference calls**

The next conference call is March 5. The time is 7 Hawaiian/9 Pacific/10 Mountain/11 Central, 12 Eastern. Phone number and passcode will be the same as for the February call. Future calls will be held April 2 and May 14.

**9. NCAA Coaches' Recruiting Certification Exam**

Matthews noted that Shane Lyons had informed him that it appeared the NCAA Coaches' Recruiting Certification Exam would be issued after the Board of Directors meeting in late April. It was agreed to discuss this topic on the next call.

**10. News about student-athlete reinstatement**

Iwaoka reported that the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee intended to apply its recent amateurism directive based upon the expected graduation date of a prospect's high school class, not the actual graduation date of the particular prospect. She said the Committee had expressed concern about prospects delaying their graduation date and not being subject to penalties. She said that the AEC Cabinet would review this issue at its February meeting and that the NCAA staff may need to adjust its educational material about this topic.