



**MINUTES
CCACA MEETING
January 23-24, 2014**

Participants:

Mary Mulvena, *America East*; Ellen Ferris, Kenny Schank, *American Athletic*; Matt Burgemeister, Mary Giardina, *Atlantic Coast*; Mike Hagen, *Atlantic Sun*; Jill Redmond, Henry Archuleta, *Atlantic 10*; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, *Big East*; Jaynee Nadolski, *Big Sky*; Sherika Montgomery, *Big South*; Chad Hawley, *Big Ten*; David Flores, Keri Boyce, Rob Saunders, *Big 12*; Erica Montebaro, *Big West*; Kathleen Batterson, Donna Jones, *Colonial*; Rob Philippi, Frank Arredondo, Quintin Jordan, *Conference USA*; Kyle Fairchild, *Horizon*; Megan Morrison, Kristin Preble, *Ivy League*; Barbara Church, Rachel Walton, *MAAC*; Kristin Williams, *MAC*; Sonja Stills, Kentrell Kearney, *MEAC*; Greg Walter, Christina Pachuta, *Missouri Valley*; Carolayne Henry, Marlon Edge, *Mountain West*; Lisa Archbald, *Northeast*; Stephanie Castera, *Ohio Valley*; Erik Price, Ron Barker, Chris Merino, Tammy Newman, *Pac-12*; Ginger Fulton, Stephanie Spada, *Patriot League*; Gil Grimes, Will Lawler, Tayloe Steedman, *SEC*; Stephanie McDonald, Adam Grams, *Southland*; Angie Torain, *Summit*; Edgar Gantt, *SWAC*; Scott Connors, Erinn Banks, *Sun Belt*; Lynn Holzman, Sarah Wilhelmi, *West Coast*; Nicole Harvey, *WAC*; Jackie Campbell, Derrick Crawford, Jennifer Henderson, Mike Massa, Susan Peal, Kris Richardson, Geoff Silver, Glenn Terry, Leeland Zeller, *NCAA*

1. INAAC

2. Review of Agenda

3. January 2014 Conference Calls Minutes

The minutes of the January 8 conference call were unanimously approved.

4. NCAA Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Guidelines

Philippi reviewed the most recent version of the SLR guidelines and highlighted the changes approved by the Legislative Council, which are related to delayed enrollment/participation in organized activities involving military service, death of an immediate family member, and the baseball squad-size limit waivers. Philippi also addressed the potential impact of the temporary authority granted to the NCAA staff by the Board of Directors. The group agreed to include a standing agenda item on its monthly conference calls to discuss updates related to waivers.

5. Transfer Issues Subcommittee Recommendations

Mulvena reviewed the recommendations of the Leadership Council Transfer Issues Subcommittee. The group discussed some of the factors that contributed to the Council delaying a final decision. It is anticipated that the Council will take action in April to forward a final recommendation to the Board of Directors. The group agreed to solicit feedback from their member institutions and to provide feedback on each conference's position during the February 26 conference call. Group members also provided feedback regarding the substance and timeline of the recommendations to the AMA representatives later in the meeting.

6. Social Media Tip Sheet

Batterson presented an educational document regarding recruiting communication via social media. She noted that the document will be updated based on recent legislative actions and she encouraged group members to provide additional feedback. It is hoped that the document – in conjunction with guidance from the NCAA – can serve as a standard document used by all conferences. The group also identified several questions that were later discussed with the AMA staff members.

7. Definition of a “Future Opponent” for Purposes of the Scouting Legislation

Monteabaro and others discussed concerns regarding the application of the scouting legislation, particularly related to nonchampionship segments for fall sports and NCAA championships that include byes in early rounds. Group members discussed wither a different interpretation of “future opponent” would be preferable to the current definition. Burgemeister will collect feedback from each conference following the meeting.

8. Legislative Proposals Question and Answer Documents

The group discussed the question and answer documents developed each legislative cycle. It was noted that the documents are published as educational columns associated with the respective proposals. Group members discussed whether membership input or review (e.g., LRIC) would be beneficial in the creation of future documents.

9. Intra-conference Transfer Policies

Walter asked whether conferences have revised their intra-conference transfer policies in response to the work of the Transfer Issues Subcommittee and other factors. He agreed to solicit feedback from the group after the meeting and to update the chart summarizing each conference’s intra-conference transfer regulations.

10. NCAA Legislative Council Report

D’Antonio reviewed the report of the Legislative Council meeting, and the group identified several proposals to discuss with the Academic and Membership Affairs staff members.

11. Institutional Performance Program

The group discussed the development of the IPP program, noting that it is expected to begin in fall 2014. Group members discussed educational and communication initiatives to share information about the program with their members. Harvey noted that the WAC has a webinar with AMA staff scheduled for February; she agreed to distribute participant information to the group. In addition, Troy Arthur of the NCAA staff will be invited to participate on a future conference call.

12. National Association for Athletics Compliance (NAAC) Update

Holzman and D’Antonio provided an update from the NAAC Board of Directors meeting at the NCAA Convention, reporting on the following topics: Education Certification Program; NAAC Convention; Reasonable Standards; resources and forms repository; and initiatives promoting representation in the governance structure.

13. Combined Sports Programs

Morrison reviewed a recent interpretation from the AMA staff that sports programs cannot be combined when they have different playing seasons (e.g., water polo). Group members expressed no objection to appealing the interpretation and seeking a more permissive response.

14. CCACA Operations

D'Antonio lead the group in a general discussion of the group's operations, including ways to enhance the conference calls and meetings, and an update to the CCACA webpage. The group also discussed how it can better support and communicate with the AMA staff.

15. Conversation with Susan Peal (National Letter of Intent)

Peal provided several updates regarding the NLI program, including the new online release process. She also asked for feedback on the shorter deadlines for signing letters and submitting letters to the conference office. No group members noted difficulty as a result of the shorter deadlines.

16. Conversation with Kris Richardson, Geoff Silver and Leeland Zeller (NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs)

Silver presented a revised version of the new interpretations philosophy, noting it remains restrictive in any area that impacts recruiting. He also noted that the Enforcement staff has been involved in the development of the standard. Silver discussed the education and outreach to the membership that will occur, including conference meetings and the regional rules seminars.

Silver also discussed the temporary authority granted to staff in some regulatory areas, noting that it will be applicable to a certain subset of cases where a legislative penalty is perceived as overly punitive. The authority will continue until a new governance structure is in place to appropriately evaluate the existing policies. Silver noted that the cases will be searchable in RSRO and that staff will attempt to make it easy to identify any case that was decided different from the legislated standard. Relevant committees will also receive regular reports while the temporary authority is in effect.

Zeller provided an update on the 2013-14 legislative cycle, and specifically discussed Proposals 2013-17, 2013-18, and 2013-31-A and -B. It was noted that alternative proposals may be submitted during the comment period and the Legislative Council may amend a proposal during its April meeting. Specific to the proposals regarding meals incidental to participation, the group discussed questions about an entry in the Question and Answer Document, the impact on financial aid administration, and several potential approaches for meeting student-athletes' nutritional needs.

In response to a question from Zeller, the consensus of the group was that conference championships are counted in determining first half of the season for team sports.

Richardson solicited feedback on RSRO, and also explained the role of RSRO and bylaw teams, including benefits the membership should notice including consistency and more timely educational materials.

Richardson also noted that he attended the AFCA meeting to collect feedback on the recently-adopted football recruiting proposals and topics for future review by the Football Recruiting Subcommittee. The subcommittee will review feedback on future topics and representatives will attend the AFCA board meeting. The group also discussed several questions regarding the application of the football summer athletic activities legislation.

17. Conversation with Jackie Campbell (NCAA Governance)

Campbell reviewed the Governance Dialogue at the NCAA Convention, including the Board of Directors' responses to the sessions. She noted that the steering committee will meet February 17 to update the proposed model, which will be distributed to the membership for feedback. The Board of Directors will continue its discussion during its April meeting and hope to finalize its work in August. The group requested that Campbell provide periodic updates in the future, particularly related to the governance and legislative process for the 2014-15 year.

18. Conversation with Derrick Crawford (NCAA Enforcement)

Crawford reviewed several recent staffing changes, the composition of the Enforcement Leadership Team, and several initiatives to improve the service that the Enforcement staff provides to the membership. He also discussed several topics related to the new violation structure and process, including the role of the Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee and several reminders related to violations submitted on RSRO. Crawford and the group also discussed expectations and suspensions associated with head coach responsibility.

19. Conversation with Jennifer Henderson (NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs)

Henderson reviewed medical hardship appeals decided by the student-athlete reinstatement staff and committee and noted factors that may lead to an approved hardship after it is denied by the conference office. She also updated the group on the committee's December 2013 meeting, specifically noting a policy change that requires all appeals to the committee to include a rationale statement and a letter of support from an institutional staff member outside of athletics (e.g. FAR, CEO). Finally, she noted that the temporary authority provided to the staff may be applied retroactively, but that staff will not be proactively reviewing past cases, an institution must contact the staff if they would like a case to be re-reviewed.

20. Conversation with Mike Massa and Glen Terry (NCAA Eligibility Center)

Massa and Terry discussed educational outreach to prospects, high schools and the public regarding the pending increase of initial-eligibility requirements. They also reviewed the conference contact program and summarized the cases reviewed via the program in 2013-14.

21. Adjournment