



CCACA conference call

Wed., May 12, 2004
9:02–10:02 a.m. PT

Participants: Tracy Shoemake, America East (co-chair); Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Liz Kane Perry, Atlantic 10; Ron Loghry, Big Sky; Carol Iwaoka, Chad Hawley, Big Ten; Lori Ebihara, Mary Ellen Enigk, Big 12; Charolette Hunt, C-USA; Barbara Church, MAAC; Dell Robinson, Shonna Brown, Mid-American; Sonja Stills, MEAC; Sarah Weier, Missouri Valley; Anthony Archbald, Mountain West; Corinne Wright, Northeast; Mork, Ork; Mike Matthews (co-chair), Ron Barker, Pac-10; Meg Ahrens, Patriot; Greg Sankey, Gil Grimes, Torie Johnson, SEC; Jennifer Henderson, Sun Belt; Gloria Nevarez, WCC; Pat Hairston, WAC.

1. Approval of minutes of Apr. 7, 2004, conference call

◆ **ACTION:** The minutes were approved without dissent.

2. Managers as chauffeurs

In response to a question from Perry, no one raised a concern about a team manager driving a prospect from the local airport to campus for an official visit.

3. Here's What's Coming

Beth DeBauche of the NCAA staff noted the following items that may be in the pipeline:

- The NABC was expected to submit legislation to the Management Council in July to revamp the men's basketball recruiting calendar.
- The Board of Directors is expected to discuss Division I-A membership standards (particularly attendance requirements, penalties, and contests against I-A opponents) in either August 2004 or January 2005.
- The Committee on Athletics Performance has a seat available for a Division I-A director of athletics.
- The Board adopted legislation to permit the awarding of financial aid to prospects for the summer term prior to their full time enrollment. Details about the legislation, including determining which prospects would be eligible to receive the aid, would be reviewed in August for implementation in the summer of 2005.
- A number of legislative proposals had been referred by the Management Council back to the AEC Cabinet for further review.

4. You say combine, and I say....

Brad Hostetter of the NCAA staff said that the staff would issue a confirmation

that would permit football coaches who attend combines to count evaluations only for prospects they watch, rather than all prospects in attendance. He said the staff extended the principle in an official interpretation of 5/8/95, thus placing the responsibility for properly counting evaluations in the coaches' hands.

- ◆ **FOLLOW-UP:** The staff confirmation appears on LSDBi with a May 12, 2004, date. The staff also issued 2004 Hot Topic #5 on May 17.

5. **BMOC**

Enigk reported that a couple of Big 12 institutions had been approached by a television network regarding a new reality TV show "Big Man on Campus". The show's producers were targeting student-athletes to appear. It was the sense of the group that the network should be advised to work with the NCAA to ensure that student-athletes did not jeopardize their eligibility by appearing on the show.

6. **Forms forms, forms**

In response to a question from Iwaoka, some conferences were reticent to eliminate the Student-Athlete Affirmation of Eligibility form because it was the only form which a coach could sign to affirm a student-athlete's eligibility. It was suggested that having a coach sign a squad list could accomplish this goal and permit elimination of the Affirmation of Eligibility form.

Iwaoka indicated that various cabinet subcommittee reports would still be MIA in meeting materials. She indicated that the subcommittee reports would be posted on the NCAA's website following the cabinet meetings.

Matthews suggested the following:

1. NCAA creates list server for governance issues.
2. People who are interested in governance issues self-subscribe to the list server.
3. NCAA posts governance related materials to its website.
4. NCAA send email with URL of newly posted-materials to list server.
5. List members receive list mail; click the URL link to access the material.

- ◆ **FOLLOW-UP:** Send Iwaoka names of individuals in your conference office who work on governance-related issues.

7. **Interps, interps, interps**

7.1 **2003-011—Cash Not Care**

Kane noted that the Board's April report regarding Proposal 2003-011 (additional meal during vacation periods) says "Declined to issue an official interpretation precluding institutions from awarding the cash equivalent in lieu of an additional meal." Kane wondered if providing cash instead of a meal was permissible, noting that would conflict with a July 23, 2003, official interp regarding cash for meals. Ebihara indicated that this issue may be revisited by the NCAA staff.

7.2 2003-086—Summer workouts for basketball prospects

Perry noted that a prospect's enrollment in summer school is the trigger to provide medical expenses allowed under Proposal 2003-086.

7.3 2003-119 and protective equipment

Reiterating an exchange Noreen Morris had with Brad Hostetter:

Q1: The intent of Proposal 2003-119 indicates that protective equipment (e.g., helmets, shoulder pads) shall not be worn during such sessions....I would assume that when they refer to "such sessions", that they are referring to the testing session....is that correct? Also, the reference to what cannot be worn during the session isn't included in the actual wording of the legislation. Is there a way to incorporate that wording into the legislation at this point?

A1: You are right on 2003-119 - it is intended to preclude the equipment from being worn during the testing session. I noticed the absence of the language in preparing for my regional seminar presentation this past weekend. I will forward the concern to Bridget and Lynn to see if there is a way to put that language in the bylaw. I would think we could just do an editorial revision since it is clear that this was the intent but I will double check that.

7.4 2003-039 and PSAs

And another:

Q2: Does the adoption of 2003-139 impact the type of medical expenses that can be provided to prospects? Since it falls within bylaw 16, I would think that it doesn't impact prospects in any way [e.g., for football and now basketball, bylaw 13.2.8 would apply -- no additional medical expenses could be provided until the prospect attends practice or the first day of class (which ever occurs earlier)].

A2: 03-139 only applies to student-athletes. You are correct, the bylaw for the expenses of prospects is 13.2 and, with the adoption of the basketball proposal (03-86), basketball psa's can get some expenses as well if injured in a voluntary workout conducted by a strength coach.

8. Proposals, proposals, proposals

- ◆ **FOLLOW-UP:** The group agreed to post to CCACA-talk details about legislative proposals to be sponsored by their conference.

9. New co-chairs and LRIS representative

Henderson withdrew her nomination to serve as a member of LRIS, leaving Jennifer Heppel as the sole candidate.

- ◆ **FOLLOW-UP:** Shoemake notified the NCAA staff that Jennifer Heppel was the CCACA's choice to serve on LRIS.

After a few machinations, Shane Lyons of the ACC and Ebihara agreed to serve as co-chairs of the CCACA for the 2004-05 academic year.

- ◆ **ACTION:** It was agreed that Ebihara and Lyons would serve a renewable one-year term and to discuss in February 2005 the following items related to chairing this august body: length of terms, rotating the chairs, and designating one co-chair from I-A and one from I-AA or I-AAA.

10. Future conference calls

- ◆ **ACTION:** It was agreed not to hold a call in June 2004. It was agreed to hold a call in July 2004 in advance of the summer ManCo and Board meetings. The responsibility for coordinating these calls would fall to the new co-chairs.

11. Coaches' certification exam

It was noted that because the NCAA was no longer collecting scantron answer sheets from the annual coaches certification examination, any scantron form could be used to take the test and conference/sport codes were no longer needed.

12. Additional student-athletes attending NCAA Championship

Hunt asked if additional student-athletes could attend an NCAA Championship at institutional expense even if they did not participate in the event. The group did not reach a conclusion after reviewing an 11/11/94 staff interp. Matthews suggested Hunt revisit the issue with the staff since the interp states "eligible to represent the institution in intercollegiate competition" as opposed to the event itself.