



**MINUTES**  
**CCACA CONFERENCE CALL**  
**Wednesday, May 1, 2013 ~ 12:00p.m. ET**

**Participants:**

Mary Mulvenna, *America East*; Brad Hostetter, Matt Burgemeister, Shamaree Brown, *Atlantic Coast*; Mike Hagen, *Atlantic Sun*; Jill Redmond, *Atlantic 10*; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, Kenny Schank, *BIG EAST*; Jaynee Nadolski, *Big Sky*; Sherika Montgomery, *Big South*; Erica Monteabaro, Melissa Swaffer, *Big West*; Kathleen Batterson, Vince Pierson, *Colonial*; Mike Sharpe, *Great West*; Julie Purcell, *Horizon League*; Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Megan Morrison, Matt Singer, *Ivy League*; Elliott Charles, *MAC*; Greg Walter, *Missouri Valley*; Marlon Edge, *Mountain West*; Matt Banker, *Ohio Valley*; Erik Price, Tammy Newman, *Pac-12*; Ginger Fulton, *Patriot League*; Greg Sankey, Gil Grimes, Will Lawler, *SEC*; Doug King, *Southern*; Matt Boyer, *Summit*; Edgar Gantt, *SWAC*; Scott Connors, *Sun Belt*; Lynn Holzman, *West Coast*; Kristin Preble, *WAC*

**1. INAAC**

**2. Review of Agenda**

**3. National Letter of Intent and Student Assistance Fund for Independent Institution**

Sharpe requested that any conference willing to administer the NLI and SAF for the New Jersey Institute of Technology contact him.

**4. Approval of the April 2013 Conference Call Minutes**

The minutes of the April conference call were unanimously approved.

D'Antonio noted that he is continuing to work with the AMA staff to clarify the February 13, 2013, and October 19, 2012, interpretations regarding noncoaching staff members speaking at banquets and will update the group via the list serv once the issue is resolved.

**5. Rules Working Group**

D'Antonio reviewed the status of the Rules Working Group proposals that have been suspended or received enough override requests to require additional review by the Board of Directors (Proposals 11-2, 11-3-B, 13-2, 13-3, and 13-5-A). He noted that the Board of Directors meets May 2 and is expected to take action such that all recruiting issues can be considered simultaneously. The group discussed which entities will have primary responsibility for continuing to review and eventually recommend revised concepts. D'Antonio also reviewed a document summarizing Priority Legislative and Process Items for Division I that identifies the timeline for review of particular topics.

**6. Enforcement Working Group**

D'Antonio reviewed the items remaining on the Enforcement Working Group's agenda. The cooperative principle recommendations will be postponed while the external review of the NCAA's regulatory functions is completed. The discussion to redefine institutional control has been deferred to the Division 1A Athletics Directors [Enforcement and Compliance Task Force. The lists of Level III and Level IV violations in the new Enforcement structure were recently published.

7. **Student Assistance Fund**

Banker reminded the group of the discussion on the April call regarding athletics development activities as a prohibited use of the SAF, and reported that the survey following the call indicated that 60% of the 23 responding conferences supported removing the prohibition while 40% favored the current regulation. He also noted that the vast majority of respondents preferred a hybrid model to permit some flexibility for activities related to the pursuit of career opportunities in professional athletics. The subcommittee will continue to review survey feedback and provide an update prior to the CCA meeting in June. Banker also noted that he spoke with Jill Cheviron of the NCAA information technology staff who indicated that the reporting process will likely not change for 2013, but that significant changes could occur when the reporting system is migrated to the new technology platform that the national office is implementing.

Hagen asked whether other conferences permit the use of the fund for international taxes, and whether they require student-athletes to reimburse the institution if they receive a tax refund. Two members reported that their institutions have been advised to not pay the taxes due to federal financial aid regulations and at the advice of university accountants.

8. **NCAA Eligibility Center – Conference Office Inquiry Process**

Burgemeister reported on the work of the subcommittee that was established to work with the Eligibility Center customer service staff on the conference contact program and how the Eligibility Center can best and most efficiently support the needs of conference offices. He noted that the Eligibility Center will create a single point of entry for all conference offices to contact the Eligibility Center. The inbox will be monitored by management-level customer service staff who will respond to the issues or have an appropriate staff member respond. Issues submitted by a conference office will be prioritized for response within the timeframe established by the service standards. Conference can also use this channel to request educational materials, participation in conference meetings or teleconferences and other information. The subcommittee will continue to meet regularly to review the program and identify additional service and outreach initiatives.

9. **Leadership/Team-Building Programs and Physical Activities in Football**

Burgemeister presented an interpretive question regarding the application of the limit of five strength and conditioning coaches in FBS football to noninstitutional leadership and team-building programs that include physical activities. The group agreed that such activities will generally constitute countable athletically related activities, but expressed a preference for flexibility allowing student-athletes to participate in such program without counting the organizers as an institutional strength and conditioning coach. In addition, the group noted that national guidance would help provide consistency in how these programs are evaluated across the country and facilitate the correct application of the legislation (including what portions of the year such activities are permitted, who can be involved, and the impact of Rules Work Group proposals regarding entertainment and practice expenses). While a case-specific analysis will likely still be necessary, some common parameters will help provide student-athletes

with similar opportunities. Boyce, Burgemeister, D'Antonio and Hawley were nominated to work with the AMA staff and report back to the group via the list serv.

**10. Committee on Academic Performance - April 2013 Report**

D'Antonio reported that the committee recommended legislative action to amend the core-course grade-point average to include only the 16 core courses used to meet the distribution requirements; additional core courses beyond 16 will not be included in the core-course GPA calculation. The committee also supports a lower sliding scale that what is currently adopted for 2016, but did not make a specific legislative recommendation.

**11. Legislative Council - April 2013 Report**

D'Antonio noted that the Legislative Council adopted four proposals during its April teleconference, specifically noting the proposals that modified the men's basketball preseason practice model to eliminate the requirement that the first practice not occur until after 5:00 p.m. and to specify that the team can practice on 30 of the 42 days prior to the team's first contest.

**12. Leadership Council - April 2013 Report**

D'Antonio reminded the group that the football recruiting model review is continuing and that a survey was sent to all coaches soliciting feedback on several topics. Survey results will be provided prior to upcoming spring meetings so that conferences can begin to discuss specific topics.

**13. CCACA Chair and Vice-Chair for 2013-14**

The group unanimously re-elected D'Antonio as Chair and Burgemeister as Vice-Chair for the 2013-14 academic year.

**14. 2014 CCACA In-Person Meeting**

D'Antonio noted that the registration fee will likely increase for the 2014 meeting in order to reduce the amount of expenses not covered by current registration fees and sponsorships. The fees paid by each attendee do not cover anything beyond meeting expenses and dinner.

**15. Manual Advisory Group.**

Leeland Zeller of the AMA staff requests four to five members to serve on a Division I Manual Advisory Group along with LRIC and NAAC representatives. Boyer, Hagen, Morrison, Price, and Schank will represent CCACA on the group.

**16. Adjournment**