



## CCACA Conference call

Wed., October 5, 2003  
9:05–10:26 a.m. PT

**Participants:** Leia Organa, Alderaan; Tracy Shoemake, America East (co-chair); Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Liz Kane, Atlantic 10; Carol Iwaoka, Jennifer Heppel, Chad Hawley, Big Ten; Noreen Morris, Charolette Hunt, C-USA; Mary Mulvenna, Ivy; Sarah Larkin, MAAC; Dell Robinson, Shonna Brown, Mid-American; Angie Torain, Mid-Continent; Stephanie Fields, MEAC; Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley; Carolayne Henry, Mountain West; Corinne Wright, Northeast; Mike Matthews (co-chair), Erik Price, Pac-10; Dan Trump, Meg Ahrens, Patriot; Patrick Carter; SWAC; Helen Grant, Sun Belt; Gloria Nevarez, WCC; Pat Hairston, WAC.

### 1. Approval of minutes of Oct. 1, 2003, conference call

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

### 2. October governance meetings updates

Beth DeBauche of the NCAA staff reported on the following issues from the October meetings of the Board of Directors and Management Council:

- **Academic reform.** Proposals surrounding the APR and GSR, incentives/disincentives, the Committee on Academic Performance, and other items are still on track for a final Board and ManCo vote in April 2004.
- **Selection of new Management Council representatives.** The pool of I-A Management Council representatives was not in compliance with diversity requirements, so adjustments will be required. It is also likely that terms of current members will be extended to April 2004 to coincide with the end of the current legislative cycle.
- **Governance materials.** In future years, ManCo will attempt to reconcile legislation and amendments in January rather than in October (as was the case this cycle). Future mailings of governance materials will be made 25 days (rather than 30 days) in advance of meetings.
- **Legislation and amendments.** ManCo adopted a set of criteria to apply to proposals that may be either emergency or noncontroversial in nature. ManCo offered amendments to Proposals 2003-067 (to allow institutional foreign tours outside a narrow window) and 2003-015 (to permit summer aid to be awarded only to at-risk prospects). DeBauche said a Word-format document of all proposals would be delivered to CCACA members before the end of the day. She added that conferences would be urged to speak to their proposals Saturday morning during a Division I session at the NCAA Convention.
- **ARS.** DeBauche stated that ARS was changing its approach, and would “occasionally create new precedent ahead of where the membership is with legislation, if student-athlete welfare is a component.” She added that

competitive advantage would be another component considered by ARS.

### 3. **NCAA Compliance Seminar suggestions**

The NCAA's Delise O'Meally writes:

Matthews reported that the NCAA sought feedback from the CCACA on improving the overall feel of the NCAA Compliance Seminars. He said the NCAA staff floated the idea that a conference sponsor or organize a social activity on Thursday after the sessions have completed.

Morris noted that the NAACC stopped holding its reception at the NCAA Seminars due to a lack of attendance.

◆ **FOLLOW-UP:** Matthews agreed to notify Delise O'Meally that the group did not show support for scheduling an additional social activity at the seminar, noting that often attendees like to have one night free. In addition, it was suggested that the NCAA investigate the possibility of having an optional box lunch available for purchase by attendees, perhaps at registration.

### 4. **Legislative proposals/interpretative issues**

Shoemake reported that Shane Lyons, chair of the CCACA subcommittee to review legislation, had divided the proposals among the four subcommittee members.

◆ **FOLLOW-UP:** Matthews forwarded the assignments to the group via CCACA-talk on November 5. If you have questions about legislation that may need to be handled interpretatively by LRIS in November or December, forward them to the appropriate subcommittee member.

### 5. **Competition between terms**

The group considered a request from the Big 12 that the NCAA revisit the application of the six-hour rule. The Big 12's position was that Proposal 2002-070 was not meant to apply to between term competition. Further, without a fixed certification date, conferences and institutions could interpret the rules in different ways. It was reported that the NCAA staff's position was to apply NCAA 14.1.10. As a result, there was no requirement that all student-athletes—even those on the same team—be certified on the same day. Matthews stated that NCAA 14.1.10 requires student-athletes to be certified for an ensuing term during the period between the day after the last day of the current term and the first day of classes of that term. He said that an ineligible student-athlete could become eligible on the first day of the period while certification of a potentially ineligible student-athlete could occur on the last possible day of the period. He said that the Pac-10's advice to its institutions was to weigh carefully the public relations black eye that could ensue if an institution permitted a student-athlete who it knew would be ineligible for a winter or spring term to compete during the break after the fall term. Henry believed that if the membership remained opposed to changing this rule, conferences could enact more stringent legislation. It was the sense of the group

that it was concerned about the issues raised by the Big 12 and the application of NCAA 14.1.10 to the six-units-per-term rule, but it also acknowledged that NCAA 14.1.10 is used to certify student-athletes for other components of the progress towards degree rules and that with the adoption of the six-units-per-term rule, more student-athlete would be impacted by the application of NCAA 14.1.10.

## 6. Communication with NABC Assistant Coaches Committee

Morris reported that the NABC had an Assistant Coaches Committee and suggested the CCACA utilize this committee (and its listserv) to disseminate information about men's basketball events/interps throughout the year.

- ◆ **FOLLOW-UP:** Morris agreed to determine if the Committee had an interest in opening this line of communication.

## 7. Future conference calls/meeting

The next call will be held December 3 at 9 Pacific/10 Mountain/11 Central/12 Eastern. Dial-in number: 888-453-5732; Passcode: 302269.

- ◆ **FOLLOW-UP:** Shoemaker agreed to notify the NCAA that the CCACA wished to hold its in-person meeting at the Indianapolis Marriott on Monday, February 9 from 9:00 a.m.—noon.

## 8. ARS issues

Nevarez noted for the group's information that the NCAA's ARS database includes some cases that have not yet been archived.

Some members of the group expressed concern about ARS's recent decision to change its approach in certain instances (see item 2, bullet 5 above). Matthews was concerned that ARS was now creating legislation when its authority really was to waive existing legislation. He believed that the sense of disenfranchisement within the membership could increase if a small body could create rules. Iwaoka believed that that while there may be some merit in ARS's decision, the case that ARS used to employ this new policy for the first time may not have been the best illustration of the new policy. She suggested that perhaps the issue should have been explored with the membership without a decision being made until January 2004 at the earliest. Heppel had several practical questions about ARS's action, including notifying the membership when it took action to create rule. She also expressed concern that ARS does not typically hold meetings, rather it votes via fax ballots.

- ◆ **FOLLOW-UP:** Because many CCACA members were unaware of ARS's recent action, Iwaoka offered to circulate ARS's October report to the Management Council. It was agreed this would permit members of the CCACA to discuss the issue with their commissioners to determine their positions on this issue.