



MINUTES
CCACA CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, November 1, 2006 ~ 12:00– 1:00p.m. ET

Participants:

Katie Willett, America East; Eric Wood, Lindsey Babcock, ACC; Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Nicole Undercuffler, Jackie Campbell, Atlantic 10; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, Jason DeAngelis, Big East; Lori Ebihara, Big 12; Kathleen Batterson, Shequra Dickerson, Colonial; Charolette Hunt, Robert Philippi, Conference USA; Stephanie Jarvis, Horizon; Megan McHugo, Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Ivy; Barbara Church, Metro Atlantic; Sonja Stills, Raynoid Dedeaux, Mid-Eastern; Mary Mulvenna, Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley; Lisa Danner, Mountain West; Rachelle Held, Northeast; Erik Price, Mike Matthews, Pac-10; Joanna Kreps, Kaitlyn Cerco, Patriot League; Kathy Keene, Sun Belt; Beth DeBauche, NCAA; Anthony Archbald, WAC.

1. Review of Agenda.

2. Approval of October 4, 2006 Meeting Minutes [Supplement No. 1]

ACTION: The minutes were approved.

3. NCAA Affiliated Members Liaison Program [Supplement No. 2]

Beth DeBauche, NCAA, provided clarification on the October 9, 2006 letter from the NCAA announcing the creation of the Affiliated Members Liaison Program and her role as the primary contact to the CCACA within this program. Per an NCAA Board of Director Directive in furtherance of the NCAA Strategic Plan, formal staff liaisons were established to provide periodic governance and general information updates to all NCAA Affiliate groups. The purpose of this program is to streamline the communication “flow” from the NCAA to these groups and provide a consistent message coming from the Staff.

Carol Iwaoka, Big Ten, inquired if the CCACA would still seek interpretative assistance through membership services. Ms. DeBauche informed the group that the NCAA membership services would still handle all interpretative issues from the CCACA. Issues outside of traditional interps, such as the recent golf reinstatement issue, will be communicated through membership services in conjunction with the Affiliated Members Liaison Program.

4. NCAA Board of Directors October 2006 Meeting Update

Beth DeBauche, NCAA, informed the group of the issues addressed and raised at the October NCAA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting. The NCAA will solicit input from the National Basketball Association, the major footwear and apparel providers, and U.S.A. Basketball regarding the creation of a structured umbrella organization for youth basketball. The NCAA Committee on Academic Performance (CAP) will continue to explore the possibility of establishing an Academic Progress Rate Improvement-Grant Program and that a CAP subcommittee is assigned to refine the guidelines and requirements for the proposed program. The CAP will provide the BOD with more information on this issue at its January 2007 meeting. Twelve (12) legislative proposals were adopted as emergency or

noncontroversial legislation by the BOD. The BOD expressed concern over the proposals related to championship travel squad size increases and the resultant financial impact on institutions' budgets. Ms. DeBauche informed the group that the travel squad size increases were effective immediately only for legislative purposes, since the proposals were based on the 07-08 academic and fiscal year. The application of these proposals will take place in the 07-08 academic year and beyond. The BOD approved a request from the Collegiate Commissioners Association to include "Athletic Development Opportunities" on the current list of prohibited uses for the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund. Lastly, the BOD seeks notification from the NCAA Legislative Review Subcommittee (LRS) as to the proposals that will come before the BOD at its January meeting. Ms. DeBauche also informed the group that LRS will provide a report to the BOD after its November meeting and this group will also be copied on that report. *Carol Iwaoka, Big Ten*, expressed concern about receiving this report around the Thanksgiving holiday.

5. NCAA Video Conferencing

Lori Ebihara, Big 12, inquired if the NCAA had encouraged other conferences to utilize video conferencing technology during meetings or presentations by the Staff. She informed the group that the NCAA cited cost effectiveness and reduced staff travel time as the guiding principles in their switch to video conferencing. Ms. Ebihara raised concerns over the cost of purchasing said technology and solicited support in drafting a letter of concern regarding the Staff's switch to video conferencing. *Lindsey Babcock, ACC*, and *Robert Philippi, C-USA*, expressed similar displeasure with video conferencing and gave their support on letter of concern.

6. Bylaw 13.6.6.5- Prospects Playing Rounds of Golf with Hosts

Anthony Archbald, WAC, raised the issue of the permissibility of golf prospects on official visits playing free rounds of golf with their student hosts. Mr. Archbald received an interpretation from Staff stating that it is impermissible benefit for a prospect to play a round of golf with their student-hosts at no cost. The cost of the round of golf must be taken from the prospect's entertainment allowance. Mr. Archbald asked the group for input on this issue and the interpretation and the group indicated they were in agreement with the interpretation.

7. Utilizing the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund to pay International Taxes

Kathleen Batterson, Colonial, inquired about the permissibility of institution's utilizing the Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund (SAOF) to pay International Taxes for international student-athletes. Ms. Batterson informed the group of the extra benefit ramifications for the international student-athletes who received a refund from the payment of these taxes by the SAOF. *Jackie Campbell, Atlantic 10*, informed the group that the accounts receivable department at her previous would determine the amount of the refund each international student-athlete would receive and subtract that amount from the payment. *Joseph D'Antonio, Big East*, informed the group that his previous institution would pay the taxes "up-

front” and that the student-athletes receiving a refund were obligated to turn the refund over to the institution.

8. Bylaw 13.1.8.5- Counting contacts and evaluations

Kathleen Batterson, Colonial, referenced Bylaw 13.1.8.15 and its application to the scenario when a basketball coach has an in-person contact with a prospect at the prospect's high school and later on the same day observes the prospect during an open gym. Ms. Batterson's NCAA staff interpretative contact confirmed that the institution would have to count the evaluation at the open gym in addition to the contact per bylaw 13.1.8.15 (i.e., use 2 recruiting opportunities in one day). Since bylaw 13.1.8.15 does not specifically reference open gyms in the “(other than observations of practice or competition)” text, she was concerned that other coaches nationally were not counting the contact and evaluation separately in this scenario due to them distinguishing an open gym from “practice” and competition. There was general group consensus that the staff confirmation she received was the correct application of the Bylaw and that the language of 13.1.8.15 should be clarified to encompass open gyms under the practice and competition language. *Anthony Archbald, WAC*, will follow-up with NCAA.

9. NCAA Bylaw 17.26.5- Tennis Dates of Competition

Lindsey Babcock, ACC, expressed concern over the application of the October 21, 2006 Education Column addressing tennis dates of competition. The Educational Column establishes that individual singles or doubles tournament competition must be conducted in a tournament format ultimately recognizing an individual champion in order to be counted as a single date of competition. Ms. Babcock inquired as to scheduling consequences of this interpretation for teams who have already played in singles or doubles tournament competitions not conducted in a tournament format which ultimately recognize an individual champion. *Stephanie Jarvis, Horizon*, will follow-up with NCAA.

10. Bylaw 16.8.2.1 and Permissible SAOF Expenses

Rachelle Held, Northeast, inquired if it is permissible for an institution to purchase winter coats for the basketball program if the student-athletes return the coats at end of season? The group consensus was that the purchase of winter coats by an institution could only occur through SAOF. Also, the student-athletes could receive the coats as a tournament gift. *Kathleen Batterson, Colonial*, asked if the same rationale would apply to travel blazers. The group was in agreement that the same rationale would apply.

11. CCACA In-Person Meeting Items

Stephanie Jarvis, Horizon, informed the group that *Bo Kerin, NCAA Membership Services/ CCACA Staff Contact*, would like this group to start submitting agenda items for the NCAA presentations portion of the January in-person meeting. Ms. Jarvis also informed the group that Mr. Kerin would like to include as an agenda item the issue of dealing with the media on NCAA issues prior to publication.

Ms. Jarvis also confirmed the meeting dates as January 29th and 30th, with arrival on the 28th.

- 12. Conference Comparison Non-Qualifier Admittance Policy Chart**
Joseph D'Antonio, Big East, requested a copy of the recent conference comparison non-qualifier admittance policy chart. Mr. D'Antonio was directed to the CCACA website hosted by the Pac-10 for a posting of the most current chart.
- 13. Future Conference Calls.**
December 6, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. (ET).
- 14. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m. EDT.