



MINUTES
CCACA CONFERENCE CALL
Wednesday, September 6, 2006 ~ 12:00– 12:40 p.m. ET

Participants:

Katie Willett, America East; Eric Wood, Lindsey Babcock & Shane Lyons, ACC; Steve Sturek, Atlantic Sun; Nicole Undercuffer, Atlantic 10; Joseph D'Antonio, Jennifer Condaras, & Jason DeAngelis, Big East; Jaynee Nadolski, Big Sky; Dawn Turner, Big South; Chad Hawley, Big 10; Mary Ellen Enigk, Big 12; Erica Satterfield, Big West; Kathleen Batterson & Shequra Dickerson, Colonial; Charlotte Hunt, Robert Philippi, & Callie Hubbell, Conference USA; Stephanie Jarvis & Amy Wisser, Horizon; Megan McHugo, Ivy; Trevor Doll, Metro Atlantic; Sonja Stills, Mid-Eastern; Mary Mulvenna & Patty Viverito, Missouri Valley; Lisa Danner & Carolayne Henry, Mountain West; Rachelle Held, Northeast; Erik Price, Pac-10; Greg Sankey & Gil Grimes, Southeastern; Gloria Nevarez, West Coast Conference; Anthony Archbald & Brandy Ingles, WAC

1. Review of Agenda.

2. Approval of August 3, 2006 Meeting Minutes & [Supplement No. 1]

ACTION: The minutes were approved.

3. Student-Athlete Opportunity Find Issues.

Greg Sankey, SEC, noted that he has sent a copy of the June edition of the working group report to all CCACA members. Sankey informed the group that the CCA emphasized that the funds should be utilized for proactive measures, as opposed to a mitigation tool for reinstatement requests. He reminded the group that prohibited uses include any use for athletics development purposes. Sankey informed the group that a lot of money is being spent on medical insurance, especially for international student-athletes who need to have their insurance funded through the use of the SAOF funds.

There is also a concern that some of the expenses are not detailed. Sankey suggested that all members have a goal of utilizing uniform web reporting to ensure uniform and standardized reporting. Regardless of how the funds are distributed and/ or managed, there needs to be some uniformity in reporting among the conferences. Sankey also noted an ongoing concern that student-athletes are not aware of the availability of the fund, and requested some recommendations as to how better to inform our student-athletes. In regards to the September CCACA reporting, pages 21, 42, 43, and 44 should be shared with CCACA. Sankey clarified that any 'C' Category pages and "general other" pages need to be sent directly to him, but everything else is to be sent to Carol Iwaoka at the Big 10 office. Iwaoka requested that everyone send her an email to inform her of the shipment's arrival.

4. February In-Person Meeting Dates

Anthony Archbald, WAC, noted that February 8-9, 2007 have been set as tentative dates for the in-person meeting in Indianapolis, but he has received feedback that this date will not work, and that a championships committee

meeting is scheduled for February 6-7. Archbald suggested the end of January, and will follow up with the group when he finds out about hotel availability.

5. Bylaw 16.8.2.3 – Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund

Joseph D’Antonio, Big East, raised the issue of utilizing the SAOF to reimburse athletes for travel expenses to or from practice sites that are on or off campus. D’Antonio noted that there has been discussion on this issue at the National SAAC meetings. Mr. D’Antonio is of the understanding that it is not permissible to use SAOF in a way that would violate any bylaw unless such use is specifically established. Mary Ellen Enigk, Big 12, noted her understanding that the fund can be used to supercede anything in Bylaw 16, such as reimbursement of gas mileage. Lindsay Babcock, ACC, agreed. Charlotte Hunt, CUSA, suggested they would not be against using the fund for any purpose that is not a prohibited use of the fund.

6. Bylaw 17.11.2.4- “Spider Pads”

Joseph D’Antonio, Big East, wanted to clarify the permissible use of “spider pads,” (a lesser type of a shoulder pad made of foam that football student-athletes wear under the shoulder pads to protect shoulder are). Mary Ellen Enigk, Big 12, noted that the use of spider pads is not appropriate when wearing only helmets, and D’Antonio instructed that it is a violation for student-athletes to be allowed to wear them.

7. Clearinghouse Issue

Kathleen Batterson, Colonial, inquired as to the disbursement of financial aid to student-athletes whose eligibility status was still undetermined by the start of classes. Shane Lyons, ACC, noted that it would be taking a risk to award any financial aid to a student-athlete not yet certified by the clearinghouse because if the student-athlete ends up being ineligible after having already received financial aid, the institution would have a violation. At the ACC, they assume that student-athletes are neither eligible nor ineligible until certified. Mary Ellen Enigk, Big 12, noted that she has received confirmation from NCAA staff on August 1, 2006 that if an institution gives aid and the SA ends up not being certified, there is a violation. Carol Iwaoka, Big 10, noted that this is a significant student-athlete welfare issue and suggested that the AEC cabinet should evaluate this issue and attempt to resolve it because of its national importance and relative inconsistency.

8. Coaches Certification Exam

Lindsey Babcock, ACC, asked for two more volunteers to join the CCACA coaches certification exam review subcommittee to assist in creating questions for the exam and review of the test before distribution to the membership. Rachelle Held, NEC, and Mary Ellen Enigk, Big 12, agreed to join Jackie Campbell, Chad Hawley, Mary Mulvenna, and Lindsey Babcock on the committee.

9. Future Conference Calls.

October 4, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. (ET).

10. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40p.m. EDT.