

USTFCCCA Division 1 –General Session
Monday, December 11, 2006
3:15-5:15pm
2006 National Convention – San Antonio, TX

1. Report of Secretary

No minutes from last year.

2. Report of President-Bylaws

Everyone should have picked up a copy of the Bylaws at the door when entering.

MOTION: To move the Bylaws at hand.-
2nd -

VOTE: Favor Aye
Opposed 0

3. Special Election-Annie Bennett (Chair of the Nominating Committee)

The nominating has put forth the following slate;

President: Rick McGuire-University of Missouri

1st VP: Beth Sullivan-Penn State

2nd VP: Ron Mann-University of Louisville

Secretary: Heather Van Norman-Tulane University

A. Additional nominations for President? None

Nominations closed

Call for Question: none

VOTE: Favor 243

MOTION: To elect the rest of the slate as is: 2nd VP-Ron Mann and Sec.-Heather Van Norman

2nd -Sue McGrath

VOTE: Favor 283

4. NCAA Travel-Juanita Sheely (Travel Manager)

-handout was provided

A. Basic Information:

1) NCAA pays for one round trip ticket per eligible person.

2) Must book all travel through Short's Travel Management.

3) Put roster into champs portal (www.shortstravel.com/ncaachamps). Can begin to do so after Sept. 1st.

B. New Policies

- 1) Per diem is no longer calculated based on each student-athletes actual competition days.
- 2) Eligibility to fly increases to 350 from 300 miles
- 3) 2007 Indoor Championships-reimburse per diem only
- 4) 2007 Outdoor championships-reimburse per diem and travel
- 5) 2008 Indoor and Outdoor Championships-reimburse per diem and travel

5. POD-Bob Podkaminer

Rule changes for 2007-refer to your 2007 NCAA Championship book

A. Facility

- 1) Runways may be marked with permanent distance measurements.
- 2) Purpose and design of Hammer and Discus cages are clarified.
 - focus on safety, not dimensions.
 - sample hammer and discus cage diagrams are provided.

B. Administrative

- 1) Failure to Participate vs. Honest Effort
 - eliminates the determination of honest effort
 - unsportsmanlike conduct is not affected, still in play.
- 2) Protest and Appeal
 - official video provision
 - immediate protest by competition
 - notification of those affected
- 3) Uniform violation enforcement clarified
- 4) Alternate scoring for 4 or fewer teams

C. Track Events

- 1) Alleys approved for 800m
- 2) Flexibility

D. Field Events

- 1) Size and number of runways markers clarified
- 2) Six trials for small fields
- 3) Advancement to final by performance only
- 4) Warm up between flights has changed
- 5) LJ and TJ may enter pit after a fair ruling
- 6) Vertical jump off heights are same as IAAF
- 7) Hammer trial may be interrupted after implement ????
- 8) Non-adhesive may substitute for the glove

E. Removal of Combined Events

- 1) Printed in the Rules Book

2) Charts available at www.ncaa.org

F. Rules Change Submissions

- 1) Rules are changed because someone wants to change
- 2) Rule change proposal deadline by May 1st.

6. Regional Realignment

-We are no longer “if” but “how”

-In November 2006, a letter was sent out to encourage Regional Realignment ideas. Since then four (4) proposals were submitted.

Proposal #1-Larger fields in Region vs. another

Proposal #2- Get a percentage of qualifiers and therefore a percentage of At-Large bids

Proposal #3-Every Regional gets 20% of qualifiers; rest is filled with field from descending order list

Proposal #4- continue to move to the East until all number of participants are equal

Ad Hoc Committee

The NCAA Division 1 Track and Field committee and the Coaches Association have worked together to understand and develop models that would lead to an acceptable plan. The committee met in Terre Haute, IN at the NCAA Division 1 Cross country championships weekend. The committee included:

Rich Ceronie- Miami University
Bubba Thornton-University of Texas
Mike Maynard- Boise State
Edrick Floreal-Stanford University
Annie Bennett-Wake Forest
Jack Warner-Purdue University
Rick McGuire-Univ. Of Missouri
Mark Bockelman-NCAA Asst. Director of Championships
Sam Seemes-Coaches Association CEO

Cornerstone Criteria:

- 1) Competitive fairness/balance
- 2) Number of participants
- 3) Conduct of the Meet (field size, number of heat, flight rounds)
- 4) Gender considerations

Proposals

1. Plan 1-Realignment of 4 Existing Regions

Plan was developed by moving each of the western borders towards the East. Please see attachment.

2. Plan 2-Three Region Alignment-2 Models

A) Model One:

This model consists of an East, Central, and West Region. While using the total number of participants from 2006, you would see: East-1073, Central-988, and West 1004. Note that the East Region has more non-qualifying participants due to more conference champions.

B) Model Two:

This model consists of an East, Central, and West Region. While using the total number of participants from 2006, you would see: East-1080, Central-1035, and West 1050. The model divides Texas by Interstate-35 and moves Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and West Virginia to the West Region.

Discussion:

-Chris Grimes- University of Nebraska

Do not want to change the regional meet. Why do we qualify kids? To crown a National Champion. The kids that deserve to be there are there. Concerned about leaving a good region.

- Ron Boyce-Missouri State

Have you considered standards for the conference champs? What are the numbers?

<u>2006</u>	Women	Men
East:	227.75	202
Mid-East:	220	246
Mid-West:	195	168
West:	172	182

<u>2005</u>	Women	Men
East:	216	
Mid-East:	175	244
Mid-West:	184	165
West:	214	196

<u>2004</u>	Women	Men
East:	208	228
Mid-East:	168	279
Mid-West:	168	236
West:	215	144

-Kelly Cox-James Madison

HJ- one hour warm up in the East, but less for other regions

- Craig Poole-BYU
Head to head competition was one main concern. Equalization of the number of participants. Make the meet manageable
- Doug Pallion –BYU
Consider qualifying differently
- Gary Wilson-University of Minnesota
If we go to three regions, can we change the number of days of competition?
- Patrick- BYU
Go five regions with 28 participants from each region. Take a few At-Large bids
- Pres. Rick McGuire-University of Missouri
It is up to the body if there wants to be a change. Few Regions=more balance. More Regions=less balance
- Joe Walker-University of Mississippi
Have we been in this long enough? We worry about the 24, 25,26,27,28 place and not enough about the elite athlete. Regular season should have some meaning
- Harlis Meaders- Florida State University
Conference champs without a mark go thru a qualifying regional meet.
- Teams will be moving to Division 1- Cal-Davis, N. Dakota, S. Dakota. This will change numbers
- Bob Fraley- Fresno State
Baseball didn't grow because they control everything. Soccer expanded. We can expand.

Adjourn

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1. Paralympics-Troy Engle

Help to develop the program. There are 160 different events in the Paralympics. Help by coaching the athletes. Many have been mainstreamed into schools so coach them.

2. CBS TV-Craig Silver

We were shown a video of 2005 and 2006. It had been 24 years since the NCAA meet was televised live.

A. Why is TV important?

- 1) We are in a world of “live.” The 2006 live televised meet rated 1 to 1, share 3=1.5 million people watched.
- 2) Sells the sport

B. How do we “push the envelope?”

- 1) Exposure. There are many more avenues but we can reach them. Regionals need to be televised. CSTV is willing to take the fee with the scoreboard and use maybe one announcer. Worth taking a chance and risk.
- 2) Sell the sport- the positives

C. What makes the NCAA meet so interesting? TEAM

D. Difficulty to make changes

- 1) Begin the meet at 10am

E. Take many things into account. Wants ALL kids to be involved

F. Championships should go to a “Team Championship”

Discussion:

-Kris Grimes- University of Nebraska

Field event coverage? Answer: It is tough to cover because takes a long time and doesn't provide immediate winners

-Kim McGreevy- University of Connecticut

Cross country coverage? Answer: Unfortunately very expensive. It will be a challenge but there is talk about it.

-Steve Flynn- Iowa State University

Can we get another announcer? Answer: not now.

2. NCAA Review-Mark Bockelman

The NCAA Track and Field Committee consists of 12 people from this body. Members: Edrick Foreal, Mike Maynard, John Weaver, Forest Temple (AD @ Yale), Craige Poole, DeTreas Harrison (Asst

A. Annual Report- handout provided

- 1) 2007-08 NCAA Regionals-the East Region still has to be named.
- 2) 2008-09 Cross Country NCAA Championship site-still need bids for a site.
- 3) 2009 NCAA Regionals-deadline is June 7th for bids.
- 4) Call POD if you any problems- April 1st will be the first descending order list for outdoor.
- 5) Online Declaration process
- 6) Information for Last chance meets are available online.
- 7) Per diem is reimbursed for the NCAA Indoor Championships.
- 8) Single event marks must be made at the event site that meets qualifying requirements in the NCAA handbook.
- 9) Last Chance Meets- there are limited number of last chance meets.

3. Division 1 Athletes Hall of Fame- Beth Sullivan and Curtis Frye

Responded favorably from the Board of Directors to have a Hall of Fame. If you are interested, then please forward your contact information onto
Beth Sullivan (Penn State) or Curtis Frye (University of South Carolina)

4. Project "Coaches Count"-Ron Mann (University of Louisville)

For coaches whom are in the early stages of their coaching career, by the time they are older they want the salary to be bigger. This project is designed to find way to *Ron Mann (University of Louisville)*

5. Coaches Poll-Glenn Terry

Searching for passionate SIDs to work on a Regional Poll. They will then get the Poll into the hands of the local and national media. If you are interested or know of SIDs that can assist, then please forward your contact information onto
Glenn Terry- Radford University

6. Recruiting Calendar-Pat Henry

We voted on the Recruiting Calendar at the 2005 convention, it was *APPROVED* by the body. The Calendar was then forwarded onto the Management Counsel. Te Management Counsel would like us to make two adjustments.

1. Quiet Periods. We had a Quiet Period from August 1-11th.

Change: August 1st is beginning contact and Evaluation Period.

2. Dead Periods.

A) Change: NCAA Championships- 1 day Cross Country, 2 days Indoor, 4 days Outdoor

B) Convention-3 days (flexible)

Discussion:

-Expressed a need for an early signing date-Curtis Frye

PROPOSAL: Reestablish the early signing period in November. The February signing date will remain as is.

2nd-Glenn Terry

We will vote on whether to vote on the proposal tomorrow (during the regular “voting” session”

VOTE: FOR 76
 OPPOSED 71
 ABSTAIN 3

Call to Question:

-What is July? A: In July, you can sign until the 1st Wednesday in July. Afterwards, kids can get financial aid but not a NLI. In July, you can still contact. On August 1st, you can recruit the upcoming seniors.

-A request for clarification of definitions: Quiet Period and Contact Period. A: Definitions were read aloud and will be provided on the overhead screen at tomorrow voting session.

7. Liability- Shelby Sharpe

Will give presentation at tomorrow’s meeting.

8. Regional Realignment

Discussion for Additional Proposals:

PROPASAL: to get balance and numbers, keep the four regions. The Ad Hoc committee’s Four Region plan is good BUT look into moving a few schools. Take the East region- move Penn to the Mid-East. Wisconsin moves to the Mid-West.-Curtis Frye (Univ. of South Carolina)

2nd-

Curtis withdraws his proposal.

-Nebraska moves to the West- Kris (Univ. of Nebraska)

- Nebraska moves to the West, Illinois to the Mid-East-Craige Poole (BYU)

ALL proposals will be brought forth tomorrow so everyone can see them. There are options from NO Change to change.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting.

2nd-AYE

USTFCCCA Division 1 –General Session
Wednesday, December 13, 2006
12:45-2:15pm

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1. Presentation of Legal Issues in Conducting Track Meets- Shelby Sharpe

Mr. Sharpe is an attorney who specializes in insurance defense. He has been officiating track and field meets since 1963. In addition, Mr. Sharpe is general counsel for the USTFCCA.

A. Producing safer Track and Field Meets

1) Check entire field of competition (including all event areas)

2) Make a papertrail

3) Check adjacent competition areas

-determine whether competition areas overlap where an implement has the ability to reach one competition area into another competition area.

4) Sufficient Personnel

-a failure to have sufficient number of qualified people to protect all involved in the competition from injury will create liability. Marshalls primary responsibility is protection (from flying objects, start and finish line collisions, approach to the pits, etc)

2. NACACTFCA-Victor Lopez

Victor Lopez –President Victorlp@aol.com

Richie Mercado-Secretary rmercado@sjs.org

USTFCCCA Division 1 –Voting Session
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A. Opening statements

1. Craig Poole(BYU) will withdraw his proposal due to inaccuracy. He did not include all schools in Illinois
2. Rick Watson- withdraw proposal

B. Regional Realignment Voting

1. Ad Hoc 4 Region Alignment

For	180
Against	23

2. Ad Hoc 3 Region Model #1

For	15
Against	211

3. Ad Hoc 3 Region Model #2

For	9
Against	203

4. A “Percentage” Plan (Lou Duesing)

For	49
Against	171

5.” No Change” –Keep Current Plan

For	54
Against	159

6. Revisit: Ad Hoc 4 Region Alignment- Show of Strength

For	209
Against	18

B. Recruiting Calendar

For	209
Against	14

C. November Signing Date

For	77
Against	145

(*proposal defeated)

D. NACACTFCA

For World University Games	208
For NACAC	4

(*Body is for the World University Games)