

USTFCCCA General Session Meeting  
Convention – Phoenix, Arizona  
December 17, 2007  
3:15-5:15PM

1. Welcome
2. Member Update
3. NCAA-Mark Bockelman-
  - will be leaving NCAA Track and Field, moving to Center of Drug Free Sport
  - Liz Turner Suscha new liaison
4. IAAF-Victor Lopez
  - 2007 added 3 new woman members: Pauline Davis, Amy Deem
  - goal: trying to create a better communication link
5. Report from President-Rick McGuire
  - A. 3 purposes of being a coach
    - 1)pride
    - 2)be a good steward in our sport
    - 3)be there for each other
  - B. What do we want to be?
    - 1)valued
    - 2)desired
    - 3)important
  - C. Commission will include:
    - 1)coaches
    - 2)athletes
    - 3)parents
    - 4)faculty
    - 5)Athletic directors
    - 6)University Presidents
    - 7)Conference Commissioners
    - we will stop being reactive, and be proactive
    - we will work together to make our sport the best that it can be
6. Regional Realignment-Sam Seemes
  - A. Regional Realignment Update –Sam
    - 1) NCAA voted overwhelmingly for change per 2006 convention
    - 2) NCAA T&F subcommittee voted to support and submitted it to NCAA Div 1 Championships Cabinet
    - 3)four Regional Realignment reached a dead end at the level of the NCCA Div 1 Championships Cabinet

Approval Process:

USTFCCCA Div. 1-→NCAA Div.1 T&F Subcommittee→Championships Cabinet→Brackets&Formats Subcommittee

2 Options:

Option 1- No change to current system or alignment. Remain the same with no opportunity for change later.

Option 2- change by offering of competitive equity and fitting in the NCAA Championship Cabinet philosophy

-w/o moving lines of current system

-w/o utilizing a descending order list or auto's

Timeline:

(a)Spring 2005-coaches want Balance

(b)Fall 2005-USTFCCCA went to T&F Comm. addressing the problem

(c)Dec 2006-coaches pass proposal and NCAA approves

(d)Feb 2007-NCAA Div 1 fails to make agenda of NCAA Div 1 Champs Cabinet

(e)June 2007- NCAA Champs. Cabinet assigns proposal to Brackets&Formats Subcomm. Tabled until Feb 2008

(f)Conference Call with Brackets&Formats Subcomm, Rick McGuire, Div 1 T&F Committee Cha

Plans:

1. Colorado Plan-entire state of Colorado move to West Region. Swap Nebraska & Univ. of Colorado stays in MidWest

-No! however numbers would balance

W-804,MW-746,ME-844, E-807

2. Kansas Plan –move Kansas to West, Nebraska and Texas in MidWest

-No! However numbers would balance

W-813,MW-737,ME-844, E-810

3. Oklahoma Plan- Oklahoma to West, Nebraska stays in MidWest

-No! Numbers spread

W-853,MW-697,ME-844, E-810

4. MidWest Plan-Kansas and Oklahoma to West, Nebraska stays in MidWest

-No! Numbers spread

W-868,MW-682,ME-844, E-810

5. Fort Worth Plan-add TCU and UT-Arlington to West. Nebraska stays in Midwest

-No! However, more balance

W-825, MW-725, ME-844, E-810

(g) Sept 2007- Bracket & Formats Subcomm. Meet but doesn't find a proposal that they approve

(h) Oct 2007- NCAA Div 1 officers develop a spectrum approach

Develop 3 Region Plan (West, Central, East)

1. I-35 Plan-SMU, TCU, UT-Arlington, UT-Austin, UTEP, Texas State, Tx. Tech go to West

2. State Line Plan-Texas to West. Kansas, Nebraska, ND, SD to Central

3 Site Championships

1. SA's compete at Super 72 of National Championships

2. Sweet 16 at a separate site

3. Conference champion automatically qualify for Super 72

Duel Site Plan

1. Illinois Plan and Louisiana Plan

-Super 64-SA qualifies

-each event has 32 at each Super 64

-Sweet 16

2. Louisiana Plan

-swap LA and IL

-one less conference conflict

Single Site Plan

-SA qualifies for super 64, Sweet 16

-Combined Events have 24

-30 Women and 28 Men Conference champions

-National Descending Order List determines At-Large participants

(i) Nov 2007-Div 1 Executive Officers and Ad Hoc vote to recommend Single Site Championship Site Proposal

-Declared SA ranked according to season performance

-serpentine into one of four groups 16

-Field Events-each competitor gets three attempts

-HJ and PV proceed up in height until top 4 determined

-Top 9 marks in each get three more

- Top 4 marks in each group qualify to Sweet 16
- Examples were provided

Discussion:

- there are facilities that can handle this type of Championship
- one (1) site to market our sport
- finances focus on a one (1) Championship Event
- this system provides equity regardless of gender, event, or geography

-this was sent to Executive Committee and all Div 1 coaches

-eight (8) proposals (handout)

1. W. Freeman (George Mason University)
2. Barry Harwich (Dartmouth)
3. Dennis Mitchell (Univ. of Akron)
4. Kris Grimes (Univ. of Nebraska)
5. Bill Webb (Univ. of Tennessee)
6. Mike Holloway (Univ. of Florida)
7. Andy Eggerth (Kansas State Univ.)
8. Patrick Henner (Georgetown Univ.)

(j) Dec 2007- At the Convention

Discussion

Adjournment

USTFCCCA General Session Meeting  
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December 18, 2007  
10:00-12:15PM

Agenda:

1. Olympic Trials- Oregon
2. POD
3. Introduction of Executive Members
4. Update of Regional Realignment

A. Olympic Trials- Oregon- Vin Linnani

-see handout or go to [www.Eugene08.com](http://www.Eugene08.com)

1. Mission-create most athlete/coaching friendly environment
2. Facilities-
  - a. new track
  - b. all events within stadium
  - c. flat surface
  - d. 16,000 capacity
  - e. expanding the West End for Fan's Festival
  - f. new video board
3. Pre-Credential-take a digital photo, pre-registrar now
4. Housing- all dorms are open, call Judy McConnell
5. Airport- Eugene airport or Portland airport
6. Host Hotel-Eugene Hilton
7. Autzen Stadium-credentials needed
8. Practice Track- South Eugene HS (shuttle provided)
9. Tickets- sold out for spectators, athletes can purchase 2 tickets per day of competition

B. POD- Bob Podkaminer

-see handouts

1. Removal of Lane Stagger calculations
2. Rule change submissions
3. Steeplechase water jump approach needs to be same material
4. New water jump barriers have to have a length of 3.66m
5. Full Rules book online
6. Altitude Adjustments-[www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org). Click Rules.
7. Official Video
8. Hammer handle measurements clarified

C. Introduction of Executive Members

- introduced all USTFCCCA Executive Members and USTFCCCA National Officers
- see handout, [www.ustfccca.org](http://www.ustfccca.org)

USTFCCCA National Office

1. Sam Seemes-CEO
2. Mike Corn, Assistant Director
3. Mandi Magill, Membership Services
4. Shannon Murto

D. Regional Realignment

Discussion: much discussion about all proposals pros and cons of each

E. Ballet topics for Wed, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> at General Session

1. Vote on every proposal
2. Vote for NO change, stay how it is
3. Vote for NO conference champions

**Motion:** look for into Barry Harwick Proposal (Dartmouth College) so we can discuss it further

2<sup>nd</sup>-?

Adjournment

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4:15-6:30PM  
Voting Session

A. Welcome

B. Barry Harwick

- a. Four Regions remain the same
- b. Entry procedure for the Regional meet remains the same
- c. After Regional Declarations close, the TF Committee will verify the number of entries in each event
- d. Every event in every Region will start by receiving four automatic qualifiers
- e. Every event in every Region that has more than 25 declared entries will then receive another automatic qualifier (total of 5)
- f. Every event in every Region that has more than 30 declared entries will then receive another automatic qualifier (total of 6)
- g. Every event in every Region will still use an “At Large pool” that starts after the last automatic qualifier and extends thru 12<sup>th</sup> place

Discussion:

**Motion:** to table the super 64/16 to come back to next year’s convention and that each Executive Committee member brings each to the conference level for further discussions and complete review. Being all inclusion and transparent, to come back with a complete finished/polished product to present next year.(Curtis Frye)

2<sup>nd</sup>-Dee Vochatzer

Discussion: we need to support Sam

<b>Vote:</b> Favor	66
Oppose	207

Discussion:

**Motion:** have Sam speak to body  
2<sup>nd</sup>-

<b>Vote:</b> Favor	Aye
Oppose	None

Sam: Super 64/16 is about balance and is fair. NCAA said the we need balance. This plan has money to promote our sport.

C. Vote

**Vote for 64/16:**

For	137
Against	134

**Vote for Barry Harwick Plan:**

For	156
Against	109

**Vote between 64/16 and Barry Harwick:**

64/16	124
Harwick	139
Abstain	3

**Membership Vote Summer Apparel:**

Favor	Unanimous
Oppose	0

**Membership Vote Volunteer coach:**

To support NCAA Legislation No.2007-17 that would allow TF/XC programs to use volunteer coaches to recruit on campus, prepare and send out recruiting materials, and to make phone calls providing that the volunteer has passed the NCAA Certification Test

Favor	Unanimous
Oppose	0

D. Elite Coaches Certification - Pat Henry

-withdrawn \$200, deferred to coaches on decided who is a coach, massage therapists, etc

-we have a huge impact

-it's pulled back until they get coaches input

E. Mile vs. 1500m (Mile vs. Metric) – Pat Henry

-decide what you think about it. It is not a proposal

Adjournment