

USTFCCCA Division I Track & Field Coaches Executive Committee and General Session Minutes

December 15-18, 2015

San Antonio, TX

I. **Welcome- Dennis Shaver – presiding President**

Opening comments explained why he is serving a 3rd year, as Connie Price-Smith will be the 2016 Head Women's Olympic Coach and will fulfill her presidency in 2017.

II. **Approve 2014 Convention Minutes-** Kathleen Raske presiding Secretary. Motion to approve 2014 minutes (Waters; Price-Smith). Voice vote – approved; unanimous.

III. **Standing Committee Reports**

- a. Awards (Meaders)- update on awards given in 2015.
- b. Law & Legislation (Raske) – no changes to update at this time.
- c. Nominations- non election year, no update at this time.
- d. Championships Advisory (Alford-Sullivan)- Reviews on championship manuals ongoing throughout the months leading up to distribution by executive committee/national office. No specific updates at this time.
- e. Board of Directors report (Alford-Sullivan)- Review/discussion of the College Sports Solutions Assessment Project- Schemmel report. Concerns regarding copyrights. Submitted to legal for approval. Association will distribute to membership once approved by legal. Board resolution from last year to create list of talking points to promote our sports strengths and values.

IV. **Old Business**

- a. Carryover Proposals Supported by Executive Committee (Moratorium lifted)
 - i. Permissible Electronic Correspondence (NCAA bylaw 13.4.1.4)
 - ii. Delayed Enrollment , Exempt Military (NCAA bylaw 14.2.3.2)
- b. Carryover Proposals Supported by Membership Vote (Moratorium lifted)
 - i. 144/156 day practice season
 - ii. Establish Common Start Date (First Monday of October) in Track & Field.
 - iii. Specify that participation on an international institution's team warrants use of a season of eligibility, whether club or varsity.
- c. Continued Discussion Items
 - i. Coaching Outside of the Playing and Practice Season (NCAA bylaw 17.1.1.1 and 16.8.1.2)
 - ii. NCAA Strength & Conditioning Certification, Impacts of Implementation. Track and field received an exemption this cycle, however the USTFCCCA is now offering a course which has been certified/accredited. Should prepare for elimination of exemption sometime in the future.
 - iii. Structure of an NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Competition. Working group document distributed represents 2.5 years of work. (Vote: 28-1-1; moves forward).
 - iv. Move the current April secondary NLI date forward to February. Was passed with vote of 33-0-0 and submitted last year.

- v. Creation of a meet schedule database by association.
 - d. Carryover Proposals Tabled
 - i. Permit travel expenses of recruit's parents and guardians. (Vote 4-23-0; defeated).
 - ii. Amend bylaw 15.5.3.1 to give access to scholarships already allocated for institutions who sponsor both Track & Field and Cross Country. (Vote 20-7-1; moves forward).
 - iii. Establish distinct seasons for Cross Country, Indoor, and Outdoor Track & Field to eliminate overlapping. Dennis created a working group to explore chaired by Chris Baptiste. A report was submitted for review and discussion. (Vote 0-30-0; defeated).
 - iv. Reduce number of participants at Outdoor Championships preliminary round to 32 per event in individual events. (Vote 1-33-0; defeated).
 - v. Assign practice times at NCAA Track & Field Championships. (Vote 33-0-0; moves forward).
- V. **New Business**
 - a. Proposals Submitted for Consideration
 - i. Recruiting Calendar Change in quiet period (Garner). (Vote: 0-26-4; defeated).
 - ii. Replace 1500m with the Mile in Outdoor Track & Field (Houle). (Vote: 27-1-2; moves forward).
 - iii. Recruiting Calendar Change (Santos). Motion to table and create a working group (Waters to chair) to review recruiting calendar. (Vote: 30-0-0; tabled)
 - iv. Eliminate Preseason Rankings (Santos). (Vote: 0-30-0); defeated).
 - v. Reduce the number of All-American Awards (Lane&Anderson). Amended to eliminate 2nd team and honorable mention, so just top 8 receives award. (Vote 18-6-3; moves forward).
 - vi. Establish Continuity for Team Uniforms in Competition Days (Picucci). (Vote 30-0-0; moves forward).
- VI. **NCAA Sport Committee Report** – Jeff Mylinski; Angie Lansing gave report from ESPN's increased coverage for NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships. They saw large growth of 222%. Every field event was covered for the first time. Issues/questions submitted for their review include a request for preliminary round coverage; host university live streaming and that being a part of bid process; more prudent review for who receives credential/access. The NCAA will now be hosting new social media for our sports on facebook and twitter.
- VII. **Rules Committee Report**- John McNichols reported that they are still working on rule book clean up. Bob Podkaminer announced his retirement after 30 years of service. Mark Kostek will be the new rules editor.
- VIII. **NCAA Championships/Track Town USA Report**- Jody Smith presented new aspects of Hayward field and changes that will be implemented for both the Outdoor NCAA and the Olympic Trials.
- IX. **Accusplit Relay Award Presented by Accusplit and Steve Simmons.**
- X. **USOC Announcement**- New requirement for all coaches who wish to get credentialed at the U.S. Olympic Trials must be a registered coach with USATF as well as take and pass the

SAFESPORT course. Coaches can go to USOC.org or USATF.org to get access to the course. The course is free and is required by all Olympic sports.

XI. Voting Session

- a. Access to Scholarships. Vote: 191-194-18; Fails.
- b. Assign practice times at NCAA Championships. Vote: 331-65-12; Passes.
- c. Structure of an NCAA Track Meet. Vote: 258-113-38; Passes.
- d. To replace the 1500m with the Mile in Outdoor Track & Field. Vote: 221-169-17; Passes.
- e. Reduce the number of All-American Awards by eliminating 2nd team and honorable mention. Vote: 160-238-13; Fails.
- f. Replace rule 4, Section 3 wording to require uniform continuity on same day of competition. Vote: 311-91-10; Passes.

XII. Executive Committee Meetings -Dennis Shaver – presiding President

Roll Call 12/15/15 Called to order at 8:02 am. Adjourned at 12:45 pm. (Raske, Weaver, Alford-Sullivan, Price-Smith, Elder, Drake, Fetzer, Waters, Clark, Jacobs, Bell, Wolin, Goodson, Banks, Martin, Dopek, Heins, Snelling, Meaders, Freis, Harrison, Shoehalter, Molnar, Hayes/Fox, Kittley, Hoover, Compagni, Burrell, Green, Twiggs)

12/16/15 Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 10:45 am. (Raske, Weaver, Alford-Sullivan, Price-Smith, Elder, Drake, Fetzer, Waters, Clark, Jacobs, Bell, Wolin, Goodson, Banks, Martin, Dopek, Heins, Snelling, Meaders, Freis, Harrison, Shoehalter, Molnar, Hayes/Fox, Kittley, Hoover, Compagni, Burrell, Green, Donner proxy, Huber, Rice, Steidl proxy) Guests: Jeff Mylinski-NCAA T&F/XC Sports Committee)

12/17/15 Called to order at 8:05 am. Adjourned at 10:00 am. (Raske, Weaver, Alford-Sullivan, Price-Smith, Elder, Drake, Fetzer, Waters, Clark, Jacobs, Bell, Wolin, Goodson, Banks, Martin, Dopek, Heins, Snelling, Meaders, Freis, Harrison, Shoehalter, Molnar, Hayes/Fox, Kittley, Hoover, Compagni, Burrell, Green, Donner proxy, Huber, Rice, Steidl proxy)

- a. Review of executive committee meeting call dates: January 20; February 17; March 16; April 20; May 18; June 15; September 21; October 19; November 16.
- b. Conference Breakouts agenda developed/reviewed. Representatives reported back from the conference breakout sessions a summary of items discussed and each submitted a short list of talking points for the Board's Resolution project.

XIII. General Session Meetings – Dennis Shaver – presiding President

Opening general session 12/16 at 4:45-6:15pm; Conference Breakouts 6:30-7:30pm.

General session 12/17 at 2:45-5:00pm; Voting session 12/18 at 9:45am-12:00pm.

- XIV. Closing comments** by Dennis Shaver urging membership to look at rules of etiquette in our sport as it is applied to various aspects such as warm ups at a track meet and message boards. Meetings adjourned.

Submitted by Kathleen Raske, Secretary (January 15, 2016)

