

USTFCCA Division I General Session and Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

December 13-16, 2016

Orlando, FL

I. General Session Meetings – Dennis Shaver – Presiding President

Opening general session 12/14 at 10:30-12:15pm; Conference Breakouts 6:30-7:30pm. General session 12/15 at 4:00-6:00pm; General Session 12/16 at 1:30-3:30pm; Voting session 12/16 at 4:30-5:00pm.

II. Call to order- Dennis Shaver

III. **Approve 2015 Convention Minutes-** Kathleen Raske presiding Secretary. Motion to approve 2015 minutes (Fetzer, seconded). Voice vote – approved; unanimous.

IV. Standing Committee Reports-

- a. Awards (Meaders) - Update on number of awards given in 2016.
- b. Law & Legislation (Raske) – Shannon Wright from national office reviewed all three division's bylaws. The L & L committee met via conference call in the fall to discuss updates to several bylaws that have been out of date. Executive Committee Action: Motion to approved L & L package (Waters; seconded), approved unanimously. The major changes to the DI bylaws include:
 - i. Officers restructuring- elimination of 2nd Vice President and each of the past past presidents so that we will have one Vice President, one past president (to serve one year only). Rationale for this is to reduce the length of time committed to serving on the executive committee (8 years to 6 years).
 - ii. Extension of officer terms to three years.
 - iii. Date of office turnover moved from August to immediately following the convention (August moved to December).
 - iv. Restructuring subcommittees and eliminating the championships advisory committee.
 - v. Motion from floor to approval L&L Bylaw changes as presented (Waters; seconded). Approved unanimously via voice vote.
- c. Nominations (Alford-Sullivan) - At Large Representative to the Board of Directors nominee is Steve Keith, who is currently in his first term serving. Executive Committee Action: Motion to extend Steve Keith's term to finish the new full cycle (Meaders, seconded), approved unanimously.
- d. Board of Directors report (Shaver) - Read statement from BOD regarding the review of rule 4.1.14 that went through NCAA this past fall and has since been suspended. BOD wants continued suspension of rule through legislative cycle and a working group has been assigned to review/work more on this rule change. Additionally, the intent is for all major rule changes to be thoroughly reviewed and vetted by the three executive committees and BOD, working with rules committee, and the association before moving forward with approval from entire association.

V. Old Business

- a. Update on proposals passed at last year's convention:
 - i. 1500m changed to mile- defeated by sport committee.

- ii. Practice times- supported in concept, still working on.
 - iii. Awards- medallions from USTFCCCA not allowed to be given at NCAA.
 - iv. Uniforms- same color/same day- supported and active for 2017 season.
 - v. Structure of meet- Accepted in part by rules committee, significant portions not accepted.
- b. Recruiting Calendar Working Group (Dan Waters)- Gave report on work done and rationale behind proposal to have one signing date in November and then keep the signing date open for remainder of cycle and establish extensive dead period in month of December (see details on website).

VI. New Business

- a. New Proposal Submission Process
- i. Proposals submitted online throughout the year.
 - ii. Coaches present proposals to the appropriate executive committee.
 - iii. Executive committee discusses and takes action on the proposal.
 - iv. If action is required prior to convention, executive committee action stands, otherwise, executive committee action is presented at convention.
 - v. If executive committee voted in favor of a proposal, it is automatically placed on the convention voting ballot.
 - vi. If executive committee voted against a proposal or voted to take no action, the item is not automatically on ballot. Any member may move to place the item on the voting ballot during the time for discussion. The motion needs a second and an affirmative vote of the body to place item on voting ballot.
- b. Proposals Submitted for Consideration
- i. Indoor Qualifying Preliminary Round (Ben Paxton) - To create a preliminary round to the indoor NCAA meet similar to the outdoor qualifying model already in place. Executive Committee Action: Motion to table (Bryan Fetzer, seconded), unanimous to table.
 - ii. All-American Awards (Todd Lane) - To eliminate second team and honorable mention All American Awards for indoor and outdoor track and field. Executive Committee Action: Rejected.
 - iii. Women's Decathlon (Dennis Mitchell) - Change Women's Hept/Pent to Dec/Hept for indoor and outdoor track and field. Executive Committee Action: Rejected.
 - iv. Fair Seeding (Dave Smith) - To remove Rule 4.1.14 from the rule book. Executive Committee: Accepted.
 - v. Scholarship Equity in M/W NCAA DI Cross Country (Ben Thomas) - Establish 5.0/6.0 scholarships counters the first competitive weekend for cross country. Executive Action Committee: Rejected. Motion on floor to put on ballot for a vote (Pat Henry, seconded). COUNTED RISING VOTE: 135-179. FAILED.
 - vi. Establish new Recruiting Calendar (Dan Waters) - Creates one signing date to open in November and remain open throughout the remainder of the cycle and establishes a significant dead period in December. Executive Committee Action: Accepted.

- vii. Separate scholarships added by NCAA for Cross Country (Beth Alford-Sullivan)- To ask the NCAA for separate Cross Country scholarships to be added, 5.0 for men and 6.0 for women. Executive Committee Action: Create working group chaired by Bryan Fetzer.
 - viii. Proposal moratorium for one year if defeated (Amy Horst) - To disallow the same proposal to be submitted in consecutive years and placing a one year moratorium on same proposals. Executive Committee Action: Rejected.
 - ix. Keep Part "A" of Rule 4.1.14 that seed marks are published (Todd Lane) - Do not toss out entire rule, but rather keep part of rule which states that seed marks must be published by meet director. Executive Committee Action: Accepted.
- VII. **NCAA Sport Committee Report** – Jeff Mylinski reminded members that the NCAA hosts social media for our sports on Facebook and twitter. TV coverage will continue similarly as the previous year.
- VIII. **NCAA Rules Representatives**- Dan Calandro/Mark Kostek/John Weaver answered questions regarding rules passed and process for review.
- IX. **NCAA Championships Report**- Vin Lananna/Jody Smith presented new aspects of Hayward field and changes that will be implemented for both the Outdoor NCAA and the Olympic Trials. Texas A&M presented the Indoor NCAA host site details.
- X. **Conference Breakout Agenda presented.**
- XI. **Accusplit Relay Award Presented by Accusplit and Steve Simmons.**
- XII. **Other Business**
- a. New Student-Athlete Time Demand proposed legislation for autonomy five conferences. Shannon Wright from national office gave a brief overview of the proposed legislation which will be voted on early in 2017.
- XIII. **Voting Session with Results:**
- a. Steve Keith nomination for the At-Large position to the Board of Directors. MEMBERSHIP VOTE: 433-17 (39 abstentions). APPROVED.
 - b. Fair Seeding (Dave Smith) - To remove Rule 4.1.14 from the rule book. UNIT VOTE: 214-33 (12 abstentions). APPROVED.
 - c. Recruiting Calendar changes (Dan Waters) – UNIT VOTE: 172-81 (6 abstentions). APPROVED.
 - d. Fair Seeding (Todd Lane) - To keep part A of Rule 4.1.14 in the rule book, which requires meet director to publish seed marks. UNIT VOTE: 196-45 (20 abstentions). APPROVED.
- XIV. **Executive Committee Meetings -Dennis Shaver – presiding President**
Roll Call- 12/13/16 (5:00-9:30pm);12/14/16 (2:45-4:45pm); 12/15/16 (10:00am-12:15pm); 12/16/16 (8:00-10:00am) Roll taken each meeting with same attendees for all meetings: Shaver, Price-Smith, Weaver, Raske, Alford-Sullivan, Meaders, Paxton, Wolin, Bell, Fetzer, Eggerth, Wholey (proxy for Kittley), Dopek, Cawley, Kelly, Green, Frias, Laaksonen, Rice, Shoehalter, Compagni, Snelling, Martin, Twiggs, Hoover, Molnar, Drake, Donner, Waters, Bomar, Dalton, Banks, Carter, Huber, Steidl. (not present: Burrell, Elders, Harrison)

Additional Executive Committee Work/Discussions:

- a. Conference Breakouts (12/14 5:15pm-6:15pm) agenda developed/reviewed. Representatives reported back from the conference breakout sessions a summary of items discussed.
 - b. Joint executive meeting with cross country to discuss two proposals that affect both sports (recruiting calendar/cross country scholarships).
 - c. Guest presenters: Jeff Mylinski-NCAA T&F/XC Sports Committee and NCAA Rules Representatives.
 - d. NCAA rules task force created to address rule 4.1.14 established; chaired by Jason Drake from University of Washington.
- XV. **Closing comments** by Dennis Shaver expressing gratitude and a farewell as he turned office over to Connie Price-Smith. Motion to Adjourn (Wholey, seconded). Meeting adjourned.

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