

UNITED STATES CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION

Convention Proceedings of USCCCA-2006

A Division of the USTFCCCA

San Antonio, TX

December 11-13, 2006

The following is a compilation of topics discussed and voted upon at three Executive Committee meetings and three General Membership meetings held December 11-13, 2006 in conjunction with the USTFCCCA. Topics are not listed in order discussed.

I. Combining WICCCA and USCCCA

Structure of the Executive Committee (2007-2009 Officers) Voting Session: Approved: 122, 0, 0

President: Two year term. Alternating gender representation required. (Sue Parks, W, East Mich)
An effort to find qualified females to represent women's programs will be encouraged.

1st Vice President: Two year term. Alternating gender representation required. (Andy Girard, M, G Mason)

2nd Vice President: Two year term. Alternating gender representation required. (John Garland, W, Ill. St)

Past President: Two year term. Alternating gender representation required. (Walt Drenth, M, Mich St)

Past, Past President: Two year term. Alternating gender representation required. (Rich Cerone, W, Miami)

Treasurer: On-Going term. (Geoff Masonet, Eastern Illinois)

Secretary: On-Going term. (John Copeland, Rhode Island)

Publicity Director, women: On-Going term. (Jesse Rosen, Minnesota)

Publicity Director, men: On-Going term. (Don Kopriva)

At Large Representatives, 2: Three year term. One each representing men's or women's programs.

Regional Representatives: 18: Two from each Region. One each representing men's or women's programs.

By-Laws Revision

Voting Session: No Vote. Report Needed.

Secretary Copeland to CHAIR a Committee that will revise the USCCCA Constitution and By Laws to reflect all changes resulting from these meetings and incorporating unique provisions of the WICCCA and USCCCA such that both former organizations are represented equally. Proposed revisions will be posted on website for review and comment.

Coaches Polls

Voting Session: Approved 130, 0, 0

Regional Representatives will conduct a Regional Poll (top15) **AND** vote on the National Coaches poll.

Regional Representatives will "vote their conscience" as to who are the best teams.

Polling will be done on Mondays. Polling results will be released by USTFCCCA on Tuesdays.

II. NCAA Championship Matters

Site of the NCAA Cross Country Championships

Voting Session: Approved: 171, 6, 0

That bidding for the NCAA Championships will be on a one year basis. It is understood that schools MAY submit bids for consecutive years. ExComm recommended one year bids. There was some discussion of a National site rotation.

Day of the NCAA Cross Country Championships

Report by Committee yielded three alternatives: 1. Leave "AS IS"; 2. Saturday NCAA Championship w/ Regional Qualifier TWO weeks prior; and/or 3. Monday Championship w/ Regional Qualifier TWO weeks prior.

ExCommMotion/Second/NoVote: To move issue to voting session. ExComm recommended the day remain unchanged.

That the day of the NCAA Championships remain UNCHANGED. **Voting Session: Approved 99, 65, 4**

Coaching Boxes

ExCommMotion/Second/Passed

In addition to a "Coaches Box" at the finish area of the NCAA and Pre-NCAA meet, the committee recommends a minimum of 3 "Coaching Boxes" (20m x 5m deep) to be established at critical locations on the course. Only credentialed coaches allowed in these areas.

Multi Divisional Championships at Same Site

ExComm recommended that Div I remain alone. Maintain Status Quo. **Voting Session: Approved: 179, 1, 0**

Suggested Improvements for the Championships

Provide mid race "Quick Scores" utilizing chip pads at Regionals and NCAA. M=4x2000m, W=3x1000m.

Provide UNOFFICIAL "Quick Scores" at end of the Regional and NCAA races.

Return to the previous "numbering sequencing" that showed an athletes' region, their team's Regional finish, their regional place on that team.

Show "splits" at least three times during each genders race utilizing chip pads.

Develop a system of "rotations" for the National meet.

Regional Site Selection Criteria**Voting Session: see below**

To ensure that Regional courses are safe and fair:
Course must conform to NCAA Rulebook.
Variations from Rulebook must be listed and explained.
Map and Checklist must be sent to Regional Representatives for approval. Checklist to be developed by committee.
Both Regional Representatives must recommend the course. Two Regional coaches may also recommend course.
The specific course being offered must have successfully hosted a meet in the past three (3) years.
The NCAA final site selection will be done after the bid process is completed. Bids are due November 1, two years in advance. NCAA says it WILL listen to the USCCCA and/or Regional bodies.
Committee to develop certification criteria. Greg Hipp, Steve Placentia, Geoff Masonet, Ed Eyestone, Randy Cole.
If multiple Regional sites are proposed, Regional Representatives will conduct a vote and forward the results to the NCAA via the USCCCA/USTFCCCA.

Voting Session: Approved: 123, 48, 0?**Length of Men's Regional Qualifying Race:****Voting Session: Not forwarded for vote**

ExCommMotion/Second/Passed: To recommend that distance remain Unchanged. Topic did not get enough support to warrant voting session general vote.

Day, Date and Site of Regional Meets: The day and date of the Regional meets will remain unchanged due to voting on the National date (See II above). Permanent Regional sites and rotations of sites were discussed. No Action.

Qualifying Procedure for Regional Meets:**Voting Session: Not forwarded for vote**

NCAA Championships Committee is inquiring about why Cross Country is the only NCAA sport that does not require some sort of qualifying for Regional competition. Are the Regionals really just "All Comers" meets? President Drenth appointed a Committee (Kevin Donner, Mark Stanforth, Jesse Rosen, chair) to author a rational response to the NCAA Championship Committee.

III. USCCCA Procedural Matters**Selection of Regional Representatives:**

ExCommMotion/Second/Passed

When there is a pending vacancy for Regional Representative, it is the responsibility of the current Representatives to send a "Call for Nominations" to all Regional coaches at least 30 days before the Regional meeting. Regional members must then be notified who the nominees are at least 5 days before the Regional meeting.

Format for Regional Conduct of Business:

ExCommMotion/Second/Passed

A format should be developed so that business at ALL Regional meetings is conducted in a similar manner. Regional Representatives are expected to conduct Regional meetings using that format. Minutes will be recorded and forwarded to the USCCCA President. Agenda items from the National President will be included at all Regional meetings. Votes will be recorded. Regional Representatives will bring regional discussion items to the National convention.

Awards Process**All American Certificates:**

ExCommMotion/Second/Passed

USTFCCCA will handle procurement and distribution of Cross Country All American certificates.

Criteria unchanged: Top 30 finishers and Top 30 U.S. citizens.

Publicity Directors will assist USTFCCCA in determining citizenship of nominees.

Coach of the Year:

ExComm Recommendation

Regional Coach of the Year to be voted upon at Regional site. Regional Reps will tabulate/report voting.

National Coach of the Year to be voted upon at National site. Directors of Publicity to tabulate vote. Release by USTFCCCA.

IV. Other Topics

USCCCA website should be re-directed to the USTFCCCA website.

Scholarships:

Can the number of scholarships utilized for Cross Country and/or distance be limited? No motions.

Can we make Cross Country a separate sport? No motions.

Age Issue:

No motions.

Recruiting Calender:

Some discussion. See Track.

The Pre-Nationals System: Discussion about the weight given to the Pre Nationals relative to At Large selections for the NCAA. Should the current system of two races per gender be changed to three races per gender? No motions.

V. Treasurer's Report

USCCCA (men): Geoff Masonet informally reported a balance in excess of \$16,000.

WICCCA (women): Sue Parks reports that all WICCCA funds were turned over to USTFCCCA in 2006.

VI. Meeting Schedules

Executive Committee I:	Call to Order: 8:07am, 12/11.	Adjournment: 1:38pm
Executive Committee II:	Call to Order: 6:40pm, 12/11.	Adjournment: 9:30pm
Executive Committee III:	Call to Order: 9:00am, 12/13.	Adjournment: 11:44am.
General Meeting I:	Call to Order: 5:35pm, 12/11	Adjournment: 6:24pm.
General Meeting II:	Call to Order: nr	Adjournment: nr
General Voting Session III:	Call to Order: 4:00pm 12/13	Adjournment: 5:49pm

NOMINATING COMMITTEE-USCCCA OFFICERS				Year: 2007-2008					
OFFICE	NAME	SCHOOL	REGION	Past Officer	Term Ends	M/ W		Attendance	
						2004	2005	2006	
President	Sue Parks	Eastern Michigan		Drenth	2008	W	Y	Y	
1 st Vpres	Andrew Gerard	Geo Mason	MidAtlantic		2008	M	Y	Y	
2 nd Vpres	John Gartland	Illinois State		Gerard	2008	W	Y	Y	
Past Pres	Walt Drenth	Michigan State	Great Lakes	Stintzi	2008	M	A	Y	
Past-Past Pres	Rich Ceronie	Miami, Ohio		Thompson	2006	W	Y	Y	
Treasurer	Geoff Masanet	Eastern Illinois	MidWest	n/a	n/a	M/W	Y	Y	
Secretary	John Copeland	Rhode Island	Northeast	n/a	n/a	M	Y	Y	
Publicist	Don Kopriva		MidWest	n/a	n/a	M	Y	Y	
	Jesse Rosen	Minnesota		n/a	n/a	W			
At Large	Larry Wieczorek	Iowa	MidWest		2009	Y	Y	Y	
	Amy Tush	Northwestern	MidWest		2009				
Northeast	Andy Ronan	Stoney Brook	Northeast	Byrne	2008	M	Y	Y	A
	Kim McGreevy	Connecticut		Hoppler	2010	W			Y
MidAtlantic	Kevin Donner	Bucknell	MidAtlantic	Cleary	2007	M	Y	Y	Y
	Sean Cleary	West Virginia			2007	W			Y
Southeast	Mike Curcio	App State	Southeast	Curcio	2008	M	A	Y	Y
						W			
South	Jeff Pigg	Florida	South	Braman	2008	M	Y	Y	
	Dave Hartman				2007	W			Y
Great Lakes	John Nester	Xavier	Great Lakes	Gary	2009	M	Y	Y	Y
	Scott Jones			Jones	2008	W			Y
MidWest	Steve Plasencia	Minnesota	MidWest	Wieczorek	2007	M	Y	Y	Y
	Greg Hipp				2008	W			
SouthCentral			SouthCentral	Warren	2009	M	Y	Y	
	Adam Tribble	Arkansas		Tribble	2010	W			Y
Mountain	Matt Henry	New Maxico	Mountain	Eyestone	2007	M	Y	Y	A
	Randy Cole	Wyoming			2007	W			Y
West	Matt Roe		West	Li	2009	M	Y	Y	
	Louis Quinlana	Arizona State		Winters	2009	W			
OTHERS									
	Helen Lehman-Winters	San Francisco			2006?				Y
	John Carter	Colorado State			2009				Y
	Kevin Hadsell	Toledo			2010				
	Brad Herbst	Charlotte			2008				
	Ed Eyestone	BYU							