

UNITED STATES CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION

Convention Proceedings of USCCCA-2007

A Division of the USTFCCCA

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The following is a compilation of topics discussed and voted upon at three Executive Committee meetings and three General Membership meetings held at USTFCCCA. Topics are not listed in order discussed.

I. Voting Issues

A. "All America" Awards

Voting Session: Approved: 168-42-0

1. That "All America" be awarded to the top **40** finishers in the NCAA **without** regard to citizenship.
2. From ExComm:
 - a. **Motion:** LSU/second/failed: 0-17-2: That "All America" be awarded to the top **35** finishers in the NCAA without regard to citizenship.
 - b. **Motion:** Copeland/second/failed: 11-8-1: That "All America" be awarded to the top **40** finishers in the NCAA **without** regard to citizenship. Motion brought to General meeting.
 - c. **Motion:** Curcio/second/failed: 8-11-1: That "All America" be awarded to the top **50** finishers in the NCAA **without** regard to citizenship. "First Team" would be 1-25. "Second Team" would be 26-50.
 - d. **Motion:** Copeland/second/failed: 11-12-1: Same as "c" above but to increase the number to **45**.
3. CoSIDA has informed us that "All American" is their copy right that CANNOT be used by USTFCCCA.

B. Regional Declarations

Voting Session: Approved: 186-10-1

1. That the ExComm recommend to the NCAATFComm that coaches declare **15** athletes on the Monday before the Regional meet. Those 15 athletes would also form the pool for the NCAA Championships.
2. From ExComm: Motion/second/failed: 14-2-2: motion above.

C. Extend Protest Period

Voting Session: Approved: 185-11-0

1. That the ExComm recommend to the NCAATFComm that the protest period for the Regional and National Championships be extended to 30 minutes after the posting of results for the **LAST** race of the day.
2. From ExComm: Motion/second/failed: 16-1-3.

D. Pre-Nationals Seeded Races

Voting Session: Approved: 184-17-0

1. That the Pre-Nationals consist of **2 seeded** races with starting boxes that conform to the **2.5m** wide rule.
2. From ExComm: Jones/second/failed: 18-1-1: motion above.

E. Pre-Nationals Seeding Procedure

Voting Session: Approved: 194-6-1

1. That the five step seeding procedure outlined by Rich Ceronie at the 2007 convention be utilized to seed the Pre-National seeded races. Step1: Rank teams nationally and separate into two races; Step2: Balance teams by region; Step3: Separate top two teams from the same region if they are in the same race; Step4: Add Regionally ranked teams that are NOT ranked nationally; Step5: Check Conference affiliations.
2. From ExComm: Motion: Herbster/second/failed: 19-0-0: Motion above.
 - a. Note: Above procedure MUST be in writing.
 - b. The Cross Country liaison to the NCAATFComm is NOW in charge of seeding the Pre-Nats.

F. Selection of Regional Coaches and Athletes of the Year

Voting Session: Approved: 133-2-0

1. That the selection procedure for Regional Coach of the Year and Regional Athlete of the Year be standardized for all regions. Email ballots will be sent from the USTFCCCA on Monday and will include the top four coaches AND top four finishers as well as a "write-In" slot. The national procedure will remain unchanged (9 regional candidates + "write-In slots.")
2. From ExComm: Motion/second/failed: 18-0.

G. NCAA Banquet Attendance

Voting Session: Approved: 103-15-2

1. That Regional award winners (Coaches AND Athletes of the Year) be strongly encouraged to attend the awards banquet at the NCAA Championships. ExComm: Motion/second/failed 19-1-0.
2. Note: The USTFCCCA will send a congratulatory email AND letter to all award recipients. An RSVP for the banquet should be included in the email.

II. Executive Committee-Other Topics

- A. **All Regional Runners:** Motion/second/failed: 8-8-2: That the "All Regional" awards be increased to 30. Not brought to General meeting.

- B. Coaching Boxes at Pre-Nationals:** Larger and more coaching boxes have been called for, but existing boxes have been under utilized. No motions, No action.
- C. Pre-Nationals racing distance:** Discussion of 10,000m. No motions, No action.
- D. Committee Reports**
 - 1. Secretary's Report:** Copeland: Past minutes reviewed, amended and accepted.
 - 2. Treasurer's Report:** Masanet: Report reviewed and accepted. Balance: \$14,054.45.
 - a. Motion: Drenth/second/Passed: 11-1-10. That all funds in the USCCCA treasury be forwarded to the USTFCCCA immediately.
 - b. Note: Due to the above motion, the office of Treasurer will be eliminated.
 - 3. Awards Committee:** Parks:
 - a. Selection procedure for Regional Coaches and Athletes of the Year discussed. See I, F above.
 - b. Number of All Regional runners discussed. Not forwarded to General meeting. See II, A above.
 - c. Number of "All America" awards discussed. See above.
 - 4. By-Laws Revision:** Copeland: Draft presented.
 - a. Treasurer's office to be eliminated.
 - b. Draft will be compared to USTFCCCA charter to check for conformity.
 - c. Next draft to be posted on web through USTFCCCA.
 - 5. Regional Site Selection Committee:** Hipp:
 - a. A written protocol is being developed for approval of regional race sites so that courses conform to Rule 8 of the NCAA guidelines.
 - b. A list of all approved sites will be developed.
 - c. Both Regional Reps will be required to sign off on approved courses.
 - d. Course must have hosted a meet previously.
 - e. How do we approve courses that do NOT fully comply with Rule 8 but are acceptable??
 - 6. NCAA Day/Date/Time:** Rey: After much discussion and study, no changes recommended.
 - 7. Nominating Committee:** Per request of the President, all Regional Reps' terms were extended one year to add continuity to the combining of M/W's associations. Some Regional Reps replacements were made. See below.
 - 8. Regional/ National Polls:** Regional and National polls were again a success this year. Expanding the regional polls to 15 this year greatly assisted seeding of the Pre-Nationals and the selection of At-Large for NCAA. Advanced calendar needed to establish polling dates for next year.
 - 9. Regional Rep Reports:**
- E. NCAA Site Bids:** ExComm vote: 19-0-1 to reaffirm last year's general vote of 171-6-0 for ONE year bids.
- F. Selection of Regional Representatives:** In the future, selection of Regional Reps will be done at the national convention.
- G. Cross Country Scholarships:**
 - 1.** ExComm: Motion/second/passed: 9-8-2 to continue to pursue this subject.
 - 2.** Committee formed: Placencia, Chair; Dave Smith, OklaSt, to investigate the possibility of limiting the number of scholarship athletes who can be on the cross country roster (ie 9 on xc).
- H. NCAA Qualifying Process:**
 - 1.** No new proposals. Robert Chapman proposal reviewed.
 - 2.** Committee formed: Geoff Masanet, chair to solicit ideas.
- I. NCAA Field Expansion:** Committee formed; Scott Jones, chair.
- J. Power Rankings:** Scott Jones has access to a computer program that ranks teams, predicts results. No action.

III. General Meetings- Miscellaneous Topics

- A. Regional "Breakout Meetings"**
 - 1.** Suggested that we tap "Old Timers" whose expertise could assist the ExComm and USCCCA.
 - 2.** Send "topics for discussion" to membership well in advance of the convention.
 - 3.** Very positive response to "breakout meetings".
- B. Female Representation:** Sue Parks called for more active female participation in the Association proceedings. Only 3 females are active on the USCCCA Executive Committee.
- C. Mock NCAA Selection** process conducted by the NCAA.
- D. Mark Bochelman** leaving NCAA. Best wishes.
- E. "Championship Cities":** NCAA is looking into the idea of "Championship Cities" that would host multiple NCAA championships in the same year. This MAY revive the idea of a multi-divisional cross country festival.

VI. Meeting Schedules

Sub Committee Meetings:	Call to Order: 1:00pm, 12/16.	Adjournment: 2:10pm.
Executive Committee I:	Call to Order: 2:30pm, 12/16.	Adjournment: 5:57pm.
General Meeting I:	Call to Order: 6:17pm, 12/17.	Adjournment: 7:31pm.
Executive Committee II:	Call to Order: 8:05am, 12/18.	Adjournment: 9:45am.
General Meeting II:	Call to Order: 3:16pm, 12/18.	Adjournment: 4:50pm.
Executive Committee III:	Call to Order: 8:06am, 12/19.	Adjournment: 9:55am.
General Voting Session III:	Call to Order: 1:49pm, 12/19	Adjournment: 3:35pm.

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