

USTFCCA

Minutes of the Division I Cross Country Coaches Executive Committee and General Sessions

San Antonio, TX

December 11-15, 2011

I. Time Sensitive Voting Issues in General Voting Session

A. Slate of Nominees

Passed unanimously

- i. Bob Hamer – Men’s At-large representative

B. NCAA Recruiting Procedures

Passed: 136-57-0

- i. Bring back early signing (November) for track & field/cross country
- ii. From floor. Motion – Kitley. Second.
Passed by voice vote. Motion above

C. NCAA Proposed Legislation 2011-89

Supported unanimously

- i. Motion to support NCAA 2011-89 establishing a separate Men’s and Women’s Swimming and Diving Rules Committee, a separate Men’s and Women’s Track & Field and Cross Country Rule Committee and a separate Wrestling Rules Committee without championships administration responsibilities.
- ii. From floor: Motion – Alford. Second.
Passed by voice vote. Motion above

(A – Membership Vote, B-C – Unit Votes)

II. Non-Time Sensitive Voting Issues in General Voting Session

None

III. Time Sensitive Voting Issues in Executive Session

A. NCAA Proposed Legislation 2011-30

- i. Motion to oppose NCAA Legislative Proposal 2011-30 (deregulation of telephone calls and electronically-transmitted correspondence after June 15 of the PSA’s sophomore year)
Mitchell. Second. Passed 18-0-3

B. NCAA Proposed Legislation 2011-31

- i. Motion to oppose NCAA Legislative Proposal 2011-31 (deregulation of telephone calls after June 15 of the PSA’s sophomore year)
Mitchell. Second. Passed 18-1-2

C. NCAA Proposed Legislation 2011-44

- i. Motion to oppose NCAA Legislative Proposal 2011-44 (require PSA to submit to the NCAA Eligibility Center an official high school transcript for each high school the PSA has attended through sixth semester)
Hipp. Second. Passed 18-0-3

D. NCAA Proposed Legislation 2011-74

- i. Motion to support NCAA Legislative Proposal 2011-74 (eliminate the proportionality restriction for SA who has exhausted eligibility and is enrolled in coursework acceptable to degree requirements)
Hadsell. Second. Passed unanimously

IV. Non-time sensitive Voting Issues in Executive Session

A. Application of Tie Breaking

- i. Motion to break ties at all regular season and championship meets
Cleary. Second. Passed 16-3-2

B. All-America Recognition

- i. Motion to recognize all 40 All-Americans (per gender) on the awards stage at the NCAA Championships.
Braman. Second. Passed unanimously.

C. Terre Haute Permanent NCAA Championship Site

- i. Motion to make Terre Haute the permanent site of the NCAA Cross Country Championships
Hayes. Second. Defeated 1-16-4

D. USTFCCCA Procedures

- i. To require all majority votes by the Division I coaching body be taken forward and supported in their entirety by the Association Presidents, the track & field executive committee, and/or the CEO of USTFCCCA. If any wording is to be changed it must be taken back to the coaching body for approval.
- ii. Motion to bring proposal forward to coaching body.
Drosky. Second. Passed 20-0-1

E. USTFCCCA Correspondence

- i. Motion to require that all correspondence between the Association Presidents and /or the CEO of USTFCCCA and NCAA Track & Field Committee, be shared by email, with the entire Division I coaching body.
Wilson, Second. Defeated 1-20-0

V. Voting Issues in Regional Breakout Sessions

A. Men's Regional Representatives

- Mid Atlantic: John Gondak (Penn State – 2nd Term)
- West: Drew Wartenburg (UC Davis – 1st Term)

B. Women's Regional Representatives

- Midwest: Sarah Hesser (Minnesota – 1st Term)
- Mountain: Rich Ceronie (New Mexico – 1st Term)
- South: Steve Keith (Vanderbilt – 1st Term)
- Southeast: Jenny Severns (Murray State – 1st Term)

VI. Executive Committee – Other Topics

A. USTFCCCA Bylaw 1.03 H

- i. Motion to strike the words “and meet the needs of” from Division I Cross Country Operating Bylaw 1.03 H. to mirror the revision made by the USTFCCCA Board of Directors in the Association's Bylaws
- ii. From Law & Legislation Committee. Motion – Jones. Second.
Passed by voice vote. Motion above

B. USTFCCCA Bylaw 5.01 E

- i. Motion to reduce the number of members of the Championships Committee from a minimum of seven (chair plus at least six additional) to a range of five to seven (chair plus four to six additional) to provide a more manageable, more consistent committee size.
- ii. From Law & Legislation Committee. Motion – Jones. Second

Passed by voice vote. Motion above

C. National Meet Issues

- i. Discussed what distances should count for NCAA qualifying points. A working committee was formed chaired by Kevin Hadsell.
- ii. Discussed “closed” invitationals and potential impact on earning at-large qualifying points. Tabled for further evaluation.
- iii. Discussed regional qualifying/NCAA qualifying proposals by Brad Herbster, Jeff Langdon and Rollie Geiger.
- iv. Discussed proposal to eliminate the two at-large individuals and add an additional team to the NCAA field. Tabled to consider field expansion implications.

D. NCAA Bylaw Issues

- i. Discussed three proposals by Mick Byrne to modify wording of NCAA Bylaws 16.8.1.3, 14.7.1 and 14.02.7/14.2.3.7/17.02.82. Tabled to refine wording of proposed changes.

E. Other Issues

- i. Discussed implementation of an RPI-type ranking system for cross country. A working committee was formed chaired by Barry Harwick.
- ii. Discussed establishing a national historical database of NCAA Cross Country Regional meet results. A working committee was formed chaired by Randy Cole.
- iii. Discussed recommendation to require immediate announcement of unofficial team scores at regional meets.
- iv. Discussed alternating days of Executive Committee conference calls between Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

F. Committee Reports

- i. **Secretary’s Report** – Jones. 2011 Minutes reviewed and accepted.
- ii. **Nominations and Elections** – Braman. See I.A above
- iii. **Awards Committee** – Smith. See IV.B above.
- iv. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones. See VI.A and VI.B above.
- v. **Championships Committee** – Gartland
 - a. **Qualifying Process Subcommittee** – Drosky. See VI.C.iii and VI.C.iv
 - b. **Field Expansion Subcommittee** – Jones
 - i. See VI.C.iv.
 - ii. Discussed course constraints on expanding field.
 - c. **Regional Site Selection Subcommittee** – Hipp
- vi. **Polls Committee** -- Established rankings/poll dates for 2012
Regional rankings due on Sundays except conference meet weekend
August 26, September 9, 16, 23, 30, October 14, 29 (Sunday)
National rankings submitted Mondays:
August 27, September 10, 17, 27, October 1, 15, 29 (PM),
November 12
- vii. **Meet Presentation Committee** – Hipp.
 - a. Discussed video boards and regional meet issues.
 - b. Preparing a guide for cross country presentation.

VII. General Session – other topics

A. Presentations

- i. Josh Heard, 2012 Cross Country Championship Meet Director gave a presentation on Louisville's course and meet infrastructure.
- ii. Liz Suscha and Todd Patulski gave an update on 2012 regional meet date and the bid process for 2012 and 2013.

Executive Committee Meetings (Barry Harwick presiding)

12/12/11 Called to order at 9:40 am. Adjourned at 2:15 pm.

(Abbott, Bell, Braman, Burns, Cleary, Cole, Drosky, Dunham, Gartland, Gondak, Hadsell, Hamer, Harwick, Hipp, Jones, Mitchell, Rosen, Senakiewich, Sisson, Slade, Smith, Van Alstyne. Guests: Lewis, Stelnik)

12/13/11 Called to order at 8:05 am. Adjourned at noon.

(Abbott, Bell, Braman, Burns, Cleary, Cole, Drosky, Dunham, Gartland, Gondak, Hadsell, Hamer, Harwick, Hipp, Jones, Mitchell, Senakiewich, Sisson, Slade, Smith, Van Alstyne. Guests: Byrne, Treacy, Walton, Wilson)

12/14/11 Called to order at 8:05 am. Adjourned at 11:45 am.

(Abbott, Bell, Burns, Cleary, Cole, Drosky, Dunham, Gartland, Gondak, Hadsell, Hamer, Harwick, Hipp, Jones, Mitchell, Senakiewich, Sisson, Slade, Smith, Van Alstyne, Wartenburg. Guests: Patulski, Suscha)

12/15/11 Called to order at 8:00 am. Adjourned at 9:00 am.

(Abbott, Bell, Braman, Burns, Cleary, Cole, Drosky, Dunham, Gartland, Gondak, Hadsell, Hamer, Harwick, Hesser, Hipp, Jones, Mitchell, Senakiewich, Severns, Sisson, Slade, Smith, Wartenburg)

General Sessions

12/13/11 Called to order at 2:40 pm. Adjourned for regional breakout sessions at 3:30 pm.

12/14/11 Called to order at 3:45 pm. Adjourned at 4:35 pm.

12/15/11 Called to order at 10:40 am. Adjourned at 11:05 am.