

USTFCCA

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

San Antonio, TX

December 15-18, 2015

I. Non Time-Sensitive Voting Issues in Executive Committee

A. Championships Qualifying

- i. Motion to present report of Championships Qualifying Review Subcommittee and Working Group for At-large Qualifying at General Session
- ii. Motion – Cleary, Second.
Passed 16-7-0 (In favor-Opposed-Abstain)

B. Recruiting Calendar

- i. Motion to adjust the start of August quiet period to the Monday following the AAU Junior Olympics and fix the end date of the quiet period to August 15.
- ii. Motion – Garner, Second
Passed 12-6-2

II. Voting Issues in Regional Breakout Sessions

A. Men's Regional Representatives

Midwest: Marc Burns (Missouri – 1st Term)
Northeast: Ricardo Santos (Iona – 1st Term)
South: Keith Vroman (Middle Tennessee State – 1st Term)
Southeast: Steve Walsh (William & Mary – 1st Term)

B. Women's Regional Representatives

Great Lakes: Sara Vergote (Ohio State – 2nd Term)
South Central: Cody Clark (Stephen F. Austin – 1st Term)
West: Forest Braden (UCLA – 1st Term)

III. Executive Committee – Other Topics

A. Championships

- i. Discussed proposal from Ryan Bailey to create a cross country-only program national championship. No second.

B. Scholarships

- i. Discussed proposal from James Li to limit number of scholarships on a team's declared Cross Country Squad List to six (6) full scholarships for men and eight (8) for women. No second.
- ii. Discussed proposal from Ryan Bailey to assign a specific number or limit of scholarship awards to cross country programs – distinct and separate from track & field and equal between “full” programs and cross country-only programs. No second.

C. Polls

- i. Discussed proposal from Ricardo Santos to move eliminate preseason rankings. No second.

D. Recruiting Calendar

- i. Discussed proposal from Ricardo Santos to move initial contact period for high school seniors from July 1 before their senior year to August 1 before their senior year and to eliminate the August Quiet Period. No second.

E. Other Issues

- i. Jeff Mlynski – NCAA Assistant Director of Championships and Alliances and Angie Lansing – NCAA Division I Track & Field and Cross Country Sport Committee Chair discussed:
 - a. NCAA Championships issues with WebStream video feed,
 - b. Regional meet bid process and timeline
 - c. Race sequence at regional and national championships fixed with women racing first to best accommodate meet time schedule and protest period and also permit warmups for second race at start area
 - d. Official will unveil NCAA Track & Field/Cross Country social media platforms: Facebook—NCAA Track & Field, Twitter – @ncaatrackfield
 - e. Addressed questions of NCAA position on regional meet qualifying and stated this is not NCAA driven, but the committee is receptive to proposals

F. USTFCCA Division I Cross Country Committee Reports

- i. **Secretary's Report** – Jones. 2014 Minutes reviewed and accepted.
- ii. **Nominations and Elections** – Harwick. No report
- iii. **Awards Committee** – Gondak. No report
- iv. **Law & Legislation Committee** – Jones. No report
- v. **Championships Committee** – Cleary. Presented report of Championships Qualifying Review Subcommittee and Working Group on At-large Qualifying. See I.A above.
- vi. **Polls Committee** – Mitchell. Reviewed 2015 rankings and polls. 2016 Poll Dates: August 30, September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 18, November 1, 14.

G. 2016 Executive Committee Conference Call Schedule

- i. February 2, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 1, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6

IV. General Session – other topics

A. Presentations

- i. Jeff Mlynski – NCAA Assistant Director of Championships and Alliances and Angie Lansing – NCAA Division I Track & Field and Cross Country Sport Committee Chair. NCAA-related issues –
 - 1. NCAA course concerns
 - 2. WebStream problems
 - 3. First countable-date for championships qualifying will be September 9, 2016

4. Social media rollout of track & field/cross country-specific Facebook (NCAA Track & Field) and Twitter (@NCAATrackField) account
5. NCAA regional bid submission timeline
- ii. Jeff Martin (Indiana State) gave a report on the 2016 Championships (12/18/15)
- iii. Next year's Orlando, Florida convention dates: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 through Saturday, December 17, 2016.

Executive Committee Meetings (Dave Smith presiding: 12/15-12/18)

12/15/15 Called to order at 8:03 am. Adjourned at 12:28 pm.

(Bell, Blake, Braman, Burns, Cleary, Dolan, Esche, Gondak, Grove-McDonough, Hamer, Herbster, Horst, Jones, McRaven, Metcalf, Mitchell, Mixon, Murray, Oliver, Rinker, Rosen, Senakiewich, Smith, Vergote, Walsh, Watts. Guest: James Li)

12/16/15 Called to order at 8:04 am. Adjourned at 10:49 am.

(Bell, Blake, Braman, Burns, Cleary, Dolan, Esche, Gondak, Grove-McDonough, Hamer, Herbster, Horst, Jones, McRaven, Metcalf, Mitchell, Mixon, Murray, Oliver, Rinker, Senakiewich, Smith, Vergote, Walsh, Watts. Guests: Jeff Mylinska, Angie Lansing, Ricardo Santos)

12/17/15 Called to order at 8:04 am. Adjourned at 10:10 am.

(Bell, Blake, Braman, Burns, Cleary, Dolan, Esche, Gondak, Grove-McDonough, Hamer, Herbster, Horst, Jones, McRaven, Metcalf, Mitchell, Mixon, Murray, Oliver, Rinker, Senakiewich, Smith, Vergote, Walsh, Watts)

12/18/15 Executive Committee meeting canceled

General Sessions

12/16/15 Called to order at 1:35 pm. Adjourned at 3:15 pm (Followed by Regional Breakout Sessions at 3:30 pm).

12/17/15 Called to order at 10:25 am. Adjourned at 10:47 am.

12/18/15 Called to order at 10:15 am. Adjourned at 10:45 am.