

2013 Convention
Division II General Session meeting

December 17th :

Meeting called to order at 3:05pm 109 people in attendance

Damon Martin addressed the group and stated that we have made a lot of progress and many things have come out of the meetings at this convention that have happened or are going to happen....concluding that the convention is worthwhile.

Dave Svoboda addressed the group regarding the upgraded voting system. He explained how the new voting device will be used. Each voting member will have a voting device that they need to pick up prior to the voting that will take place on December 19th.

Damon introduced the Executive Council Board Members: Jim Varenkamp Cross Country Secretary Queens , Dave Osantisch Shippensburg Track and Field Secretary , Aaron Russell Past Chairman Lock Haven, Parliamentarian Mansfield University Mike Rohl, Mark Arce Track and Field Second Vice President University of Findlay, Scott Lorek Cross Country President Northwest Missouri, James Reid Track and Field President Angelo State , Mark Misch Cross Country First Vice President Colorado Springs , Sterling Martin First Vice President Missouri A&T, Lisa Klingensmith 2nd Vice President University of Findlay , John Papa Secretary Slippery Rock

First order of business to approve the minutes from the 2012 meeting. James Reid moved to approve the minutes from 2012. Mark Misch seconded the motion. There was nothing brought forth regarding the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was committees to report.

Law and Legislation Committee John Papa. There is nothing to report. The constitution is in good working order. With the help of Doug Watts and Mile Rohl the constitution is in good shape.

Awards Committee Mark Misch For Cross Country we recognize the top 40 finishers with All- American Medallions and we will be soon be presenting the top 8 finishers in track and field with medallions as well...not sure if the medallions will be ready for this season but for sure by next season. Also, we are working on having our top 40 being recognized at the NCAA Awards banquet and not just the top 15 finishers. There is new award called an "Excellence in Communication Award" that is geared towards the school's Sports Information Director in order to help promote the sports of track and field and cross country.

Hall of Fame Committee Sterling Martin We have had 27 nominations this year and finalizing four selections for next year. When a nomination is submitted, it remains a nomination for three years. We would like to encourage teams to be nominated....we would like to have four individuals and one team nominated each year. Damon Martin added that typically nominations were made from the region in which the nationals were held, however now we would encourage nominations from anywhere as long as they can make it to the presentation.

Meet Enhancement Committee Mark Arce 15 applications have been submitted, one involving cross country and 14 involving track and field. The deadline to apply is December 20th. The decision will be made on that day and notifications will take place. The cross country deadline is before the outdoor track championships. There will be a new application online that will include information as to what is acceptable and not acceptable in terms of how the money is spent. There is \$5,000 available to be spent this year...there is hope to have that figure elevated because it has been at \$5,000 for quite some time. There will also be a form that needs to be sent back that details how the meet enhancement money has been spent and this may help to justify and increase hopefully up to \$10,000. Hopefully in January everything will be online.

Coaches Scholarship Committee Ryan Dall There was a record number of applicants this year at 40 from assistant coaches, volunteer coaches and graduate assistants. There is \$8,000 available for special certification courses in the summer (this course is \$450) the track and field technical certification course that is an online course \$135. This year the committee awarded 15 Special Certification courses and 10 for the Track and Field Technical Certification. Ryan encouraged all those that are eligible to apply for the scholarship. Damon Martin announced that Division II is the only Division that has meet enhancement as well as a Coaches Scholarship funds available. There has been a great amount of positive feedback from those that have taken advantage of the Coaches Scholarships. The coaches education program has gone extremely well in our association....at this current convention, we have 397 people that are taking class for credit and that over the course of the year, there are over 1,000 coaches that are taking courses for credit. The education program has become profitable which allows us to do some things like awards.

Site Selection Committee Steve Guyman The dates for the next four years have been pretty much set. Thanks to David Cain for stepping up at Birmingham indoor for two years and Russ for picking up the indoor meet for two years. As a body we have asked the indoor to be on banked tracks or 300m tracks. Our committee now is Tom Lyons from San Francisco John Papa and Martha Brennan. We are trying to identify places for 2019. We are looking for those sites now trying to be more proactive. Also working on the 2015 site for all division cross country looking at Atlanta, Austin, Orlando or San Diego...we are looking for ideas for this event.

Old Business Tabled last year and is still tabled....we wanted to re-add an early signing period for track and field and cross country. Division I is in a holding pattern and as soon as possible we will put this request forth.

New Business The Division I Sports Sponsor Rule. This rule has been around for many years. It is not just a track and field rule. The new interpretation was worded for swimming and track and field that they need to pay closer attention to the rule. Division I sports want to limit the amount of competition that they compete outside of division I. In women's track the rule is that if it is a non-scored competition, the field size has to be 66% division I....the men's rule is 50%. Division I compliance officers are interpreting the rule in many different ways...some are not allowing any non-Division I schools in their meets, some are trying to stay with the recommended percentages and others are scoring their meets and then separating the results by division. Damon Martin asked Katie Holmes to go to the NCAA and get

and interpretation and publicize it so that every college track coach in America so that everyone understand the rule. It is a hot topic for us and all the divisions.

New Business These items will be voted upon at the upcoming NCAA Convention.

1 Modify the official and unofficial visit legislation. Including transportation as follows (1) Specify an institution may not pay any leg of a prospective SA's transportation cost if he/she participates in an institutional camp or clinic in conjunction with OV. (2) Specify that complimentary admissions to a prospective SA for a conference tournament constitutes excessive entertainment and is prohibited. (3) Permit an institution to provide the actual cost of meals on an official visit (removing limit of 3). (4) Permit an institution to provide one meal on or off campus in the locale of the institution during an unofficial visit and (5) permit an institution to arrange special on campus parking for a prospective SA during an unofficial visit.

Rationale: Ease compliance and financial burdens.

No discussion regarding this proposal took place.

2 To Specify that a prospective student-athlete may not be provided an expense paid visit earlier than June 15th immediately preceding the prospective student-athlete's junior year in high school. Further to specify that a prospective student-athlete must present the institution with a current transcript (official or unofficial) prior to an official visit.

Rationale: would permit official visits to occur earlier in a prospective student-athletes high school career. This date change would line up the date for phone calls and visits.

Damon Martin commented that junior could be as young at 15 and that they potentially could have an official visit with a 21 or 22 year old host which may not be wise. A question was asked if the visiting high school junior still had to have taken the SAT or ACT. Damon Martin stated that the visiting high school junior was still going to need a test score and will also need to be registered with NCAA Eligibility Center.

3 To specify that an individual's participation in road racing is essentially the same as cross country and TF competition and cannot be separated effectively from those sports as organized competition before initial full time collegiate enrollment. Therefore an individual that does not enroll in a collegiate institution as a full time student in their regular academic term that begins immediately after one calendar year time period following high school graduation and participates in a road race shall use one season of intercollegiate competition in cross country and track and field for each consecutive 12 month period that the one year time period and before initial full time collegiate enrollment. The individual shall also fulfill the academic year of residence at their member institution before being eligible to represent the certifying institution in cross country or track and field competition

Comments from Damon Martin that this rule started off with international athletes. Mike Rohl commented that this is not just track and field...a football player that played in his base league overseas.

This became a public relations nightmare because you had someone coming back from active duty who played on base football. Mike Rohl also commented that we have a triple penalty for a runner (especially a non-traditional student) that delays enrollment and does a 5k and this costs them a year of eligibility. We keep making rules because of what goes on in division I basketball or football. Many of our athletes are not scholarship athletes that are paying \$20,000 to get a college experience and they are being denied an opportunity to participate in athletics. James Reid's comment was that the biggest problem with a rule like this is that you are creating a rule to people that will not become aware of the rule until they become a victim of the rule. Damon Martin said this rule effects everyone in this room and he encouraged everyone to speak their athletic director.

Damon Martin said....before we go to the next proposed legislation, he introduced Lee Ann Kennedy from the NCAA Eligibility Center. Lee Ann thanked us for having her at our meeting. There are new initial eligibility academic requirements in the future. There is an NCAA eligibility guide in the back of the room that we can pick up when we leave the meeting. The goal is to get information out to as many as possible. Lee Ann asked for a show of hands as to how many have gone to the NCAA Academic Eligibility website. Encouraged us all to visit this webpage. Twitter @ncaa_ec we can follow at this twitter address. There are four components that we all need to remember for incoming student/athletes first is core courses, second is test scores, third is GPA and fourth is graduation. Division II requires 16 core courses, (these courses must be on the approved NCAA core courses list that can be found on the website), test scores for Division II minimum is SAT 820 and ACT 68 (they can take the test as many times as they want and they can use a combination of the best scores). GPA in the core courses must be at least 2.0. and they must have proof of graduation. Many times Division II will follow in the footsteps of Division I. Division I is moving to a 2.3 minimum requirement, so, it may happen in Division II as well. There is a proposal at NCAA meeting to be voted on that involves a sliding scale for GPA and test scores. If there are any questions call them to get answers website www.ncaaeligibilitycenter.org

4 To specify that a conference or institution, the US Olympic Committee (or the international equivalent) a national governing body of the awarding agency may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student/athlete to receive a non-institutional award or recognition for athletics accomplishments furthermore to specify the permissible entities provide actual and necessary expenses for up to two of the student/athletes relatives or legal guardians to attend the recognition event or awards presentation.

Damon Martin said that this is very much like the Bowerman Award.

5 To add women's triathlon as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to amateurism eligibility and financial and playing and practice seasons and membership. There shall be a limit value of equivalency of financial aid awards that an institution may provide in any academic year of 5.0. For sport sponsorship the minimum number of contests shall be four and the minimum participants three.

Damon martin commented that the triathlon will have 5 equivalencies and only require 3 participants....and wishes that our sport had that ratio of equivalencies.

6 To specify that each strength and conditioning coach is required to maintain strength and conditioning certification through a nationally recognized certification program. D II Management Council has refereed proposal to the committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports for further review.

Damon Martin commented that there are several strength and conditioning legislations going through that are worded differently. The executive council is against some of them...one of them is that the strength and conditioning coach would have to oversee, direct and implement, write all the strength and conditioning for all the sports. One of our points is that we are a strength and conditioning sport, we are not an X and O sport. Therefore, conditioning could be considered running, pushups or calisthenics. Potentially a new person coming in as strength and conditioning coach that doesn't know anything about the sport will dictate to someone with 25-30 years of successful experience. Some wording needs to be changed to gain support from the Executive Council.

Damon Martin asked if there were any items from the breakout sessions that any one would like to bring forth to this assembly. There were none.

The next Chairperson of the Executive Council has proposed a slate. Dave Osantisch from Shippensburg has agreed to be the next Chairperson. This will be an item that will be voted on this Thursday.

Next item is a reminder that Dave Swoboda indicated that the voting devices need picked up between 7:30am and 8:00am on Thursday morning.

Reminder, the next meeting is the Division II cross country meeting starts at 4:15pm later today and this evening at 5:45pm is the track and field meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend both of these meetings...it is an exciting time worthy of your input and reflection.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm

December 19th :

Damon Martin Called meeting to order at 9:15am

Mark Misch presented the Accusplit (stopwatch company) Division II top relay awards. Men 4x100m St Augustine 4x200 St Augustine 4x400 St Augustine 4x800 St Augustine, 4x1500 Minnesota St Deluth, Sprint Medley St Augustine, Distance Medley Relay Augustana, Shuttle Hurdle Relay Emporia State
Women 4 x 100 Academy of Art, 4x200 St Augustine, 4x400 St Augustine, 4x800 Lincoln, 4x1500 Tiffen, Sprint Medley Lincoln, Distance Medley Augustana, Shuttle Hurdle Relay Academy of Art

Tom Lewis from the national office explained how to use the voting cards. The new voting system will be enjoyable. It will work quicker than the systems that we have used in the past. The device looks like

a calculator and is assigned directly to you and your program. The slide on the screen will indicate that the voting is open and then you click #1 for yes, #2 for no, and #3 for abstain, there will be a green light on your device that will indicate that your vote is being record. Membership votes every person in the room gets a vote, unit vote is one vote per program. The voting cards are preprogrammed. No need to vote twice for men's and women's program.

Motion: To name Dave Osantisch as the next Executive Council Chairman. Second by Keith White. 95 yes, 2 no, 10 abstain

Motion : To Specify that any individual who designs, conducts, or monitors strength and conditioning activities is required to maintain strength and conditioning certification through a nationally recognized certification program. 11 yes, 94 no, 0 abstain

Motion: Allow athletes to wear watches at Division II Regional and national championships. 98 yes ,25 no ,9 abstain

Motion: That all All-American awards be presented at the site of competition. 122 yes, 7 no , 3 abstain

Motion: That we alternate the date of the fall festival every other festival so that we would be able to compete on the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. 106 yes , 15 no , 8 abstain

Motion: To amend item 7 section 4D (the competition of a track and field meet) The committee proposes to the general body that the meets needed for sports sponsorship be scored (3 indoor, 4 outdoor). Conference championships can be included in this proposal. 80 yes, 24 no, 8 abstain

Motion: To amend the indoor 200m proposal from 2012 as follows: Seeding in the indoor 200m and the 400m have the top (2) fastest qualifiers from the qualifying heats run head to head in the final event. 105 yes , 2 no , 4 abstain

Motion: In the 100HH, 110HH, 100&200 meter races, advancement will be the top two (2) in each heat and the remaining lanes will advance on time. 94 yes , 14 no, 3 abstain

Motion: It is proposed a change to Rule 5-11. 3a Remove "Lanes shall be drawn by lot" and replace with the following: Half the lanes on the track into preferred and no preferred lanes. Randomly seed the top half of times into the preferred lanes. Then randomly seed the bottom half of times into the non-preferred lanes. 94 yes, 12 no , 7 abstain

Motion: It is proposed that under New item 7, Article 2, a track and field meet may include only the following events listed in Article A(indoor) and Article B (outdoor.) 45 yes , 55 no , 15 abstain

Damon Martin wishes to thank everyone for their attendance to the convention. He remembers 20 years ago when the voting was done at the National Championships and that a motion was made to bring the voting to the convention. At that point a lot of people said that it would never work. And now the amount of people voting is now 3 to 4 times as many as there were at the national Championships.

Meeting adjourned 9:37am