

**USTFCCCA Division III Track & Field
Convention Track & Field Session, Tuesday, December 16, 2014**

133 Coaches in Attendance

Meeting Called to Order at 5:45PM

Item 1 – Presentation of awards to the 2014 Division III Top Collegiate Outdoor Track & Field Relays by Accusplit.

Item 2 – Congratulations to Mike Woods, SUNY Geneseo; Stan Soper, Mary Washington; Dario Donatelli, Carnegie Mellon; Bill Taraske, Baldwin Wallace on their retirement and thank you to each of them for their years of service.

Item 3 – Motion to Approve the 2013 Convention Minutes – Motion Passes Unanimously by Voice Vote.

Item 4 – Awards Committee Report by Kristen Morwick

Item 5 – Law and Legislation Committee Report – voting on Thursday in both cross country and track & field:

“The Division III membership will put forth the name of the Vice President of Track & Field Executive Committee each year to serve as the Division III At-large member of the USTFCCCA Board of Directors”.

This formalizes current practice. It also gives the flexibility for making a change if at any time the T&F 1st Vice President does not want to serve as the DIII At-large member of the Board of Directors.

Item 6 – Presentation by Eagle Eye Technology by Steve Mathre.

Item 7 – Old Business – Motion to increase the travel party so that every athlete has their event coach at Nationals.

This issue is on hold due to being in the middle of four year budget cycle. Executive Committee will continue to discuss.

Item 8 – Old Business – Motion to support creation of indoor and outdoor technical manuals.

A technical sheet has been created. A sub-committee will further investigate creation of a technical manual.

Item 9 – Old Business – Motion – Starting in 2015, to add a preliminary round of the 4 X 4 at the indoor championships. There would be a 3 section preliminary, qualifying 8 to a 2 section final. Preliminary round would be placed on Friday after the 5K and before the DMR.

Rejected by NCAA Sport Committee. Will continue to consider. We will resubmit. Sport Committee wants to see the schedule for 2 years and then reevaluate.

Item 10 – Old Business – Motion – No event can be scheduled to begin after 8PM at the Outdoor National Championships. It is up to the host to determine schedule so cannot mandate this. Hosts will be informed of the suggestion.

Item 11 – New Business – 2015 Power Rankings Schedule

Item 12 – New Business – Motion – Ned Bishop – to redefine dates of competition.

Open to the floor for discussion –

Question if proposal limits the total dates of competition – clarification – doesn't limit total dates – just limits final week number of competitions.

Kristen Morwick, Tufts – concerns over banked track / flat track issues

Mike Woods, SUNY Geneseo – likes proposal overall. Has issue with number of athletes at a meet to count – concerned with the number of 6 and would like to see NCAA current countable number of 12.

Justin Linzy, Olivet College – concerned over meets / jumps progressions

Tim Miles, St Johns – concerned about limiting days with poor weather ...

Derek Stanley, UW Lacrosse – feels the proposal is coach driven not student athlete driven – feels proposal limits opportunities for athletes. Concerns proposal threatens opportunities with weather concerns at the end of the year.

Item 13 – New Business – Motion – Indoor qualification period ends 11 days prior to the national championships. (Peter Slovenski, Bowdoin)

Paul Schmaedeke, Hamline University – proposal would limit their indoor season, their conference championship is currently 1 week prior to nationals and they are limited per their conference as to when they can start their indoor season.

Item 14 – New Business – NCAA proposal to reduce number of competitions.

Will be voted on at January NCAA convention with effective date of 8/1/16 if passed.

Intent: To decrease traditional segment contest and dates of competition limits in selected sports by up to 10%

Track & Field would go from 18 to 16 maximum.

Sponsoring conferences – Centennial, Midwest, ODAC

Question as to whether this would affect practice weeks or just dates of competition. Feeling that this would just affect dates of competition.

Call Adjourned at 6:40PM

USTFCCCA Division III Track & Field

Convention Track & Field Session, Wednesday, December 17, 2014

119 Coaches in Attendance

Meeting Called to Order at 3:00PM

Item 1 – Dave Svoboda presented information on voting device pickup procedure and voting process.

Item 2 – Newly elected regional representatives are:

Mideast – Erick Camodeca, Stevenson

Central – Kirk Nauman, St Scholastica

Great Lakes – Roger Busch, Wabash

New England – Brian Chabot, WPI

Item 3 – New Business – USTFCCCA All-American medals will be distributed at the Indoor and Outdoor National Championships in a similar fashion as the Cross Country National Championships.

Item 4 – Correction in the Hall of Fame slate. Tim McCrossen, St Lawrence replaces Jan Cato, North Central.

The 2015 Hall of Fame Slate should read:

Ambo Bati – Augustana College

Tim McCrossen – St Lawrence

Michelle LaFleur – SUNY Cortland

Kathy Darling – Johns Hopkins / Rowan

Item 5 – 2015 Indoor Track & Field Championship site presentation.

Item 6 – 2015 Outdoor Track & Field Championship site presentation.

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Item 7 – New Business

NCAA proposal to reduce number of competitions

Proposal: In regards to the current NCAA Proposal regarding reduction in number of competitions, the Division III Track & Field coaches body votes to oppose this legislation.
(T&F Executive Committee)

Friendly Amendment:

Whereas the objective of the NCAA Proposal 2015-6 as expressed in the Rationale is to provide school administrations the tools reduce scheduling of multiple mid-week athletics contests and

Whereas Track & Field contests are by and large weekly events contested on weekends

The USTFCCCA Division III Track & Field Coaches believe that Track & Field should not be included in Proposal 2015-6 and do not support the proposal as a whole.

Tyler Wingard, Christopher Newport

Item 8 – New Business – Proposal by Ned Bishop to redefine dates of competition.
Motion has been tabled.

Item 9 – New Business – Proposal: Indoor qualification period ends 11 days prior to the national championships. (Peter Slovenski, Bowdoin) Proposal rejected by the Executive Committee.

Item 10 – New Business – Proposal: Discussion on holding only one annual NCAA Track & Field Championship, in May for the outdoor season. (Peter Farwell, Williams). Proposal rejected by the Executive Committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:35PM

USTFCCCA Division III Cross Country and Track & Field Convention Voting Session, Thursday, December 18, 2014

Meeting Called to Order at 9:20AM

Item 1 – Recognition of our immediate past presidents Kathy Lanese, Cross Country and Kari Kluckhohn, Track & Field

Track & Field Items

Item 7 – Motion: To add to the Track & Field Handbook that the 1st Vice-President will serve as the Division III At-large member on the USTFCCCA Board of Directors.

Membership Vote – Motion Passes – 164 Accept / 0 Reject / 2 Abstain

Item 8 – Motion: Whereas the objective of the NCAA Proposal 2015-6 as expressed in the Rationale is to provide school administrations the tools to reduce scheduling of multiple mid-week athletics contests and whereas track & field contests are by and large weekly events contested on the weekends ... The USTFCCCA DIII TF coaches believe that Track & Field should not be included in Proposal 2015-6 and do not support the proposal as a whole.

Membership Vote – Motion Passes – 159 Accept / 1 Reject / 5 Abstain

Item 9 – Motion: Approve the new regional reps:

Mideast, Erick Camodeca, Stevenson; Central, Kirk Nauman, St Scholastica; Great Lakes, Roger Busch, Wabash; New England, Brian Chabot, WPI.

Membership Vote – Motion Passes – 164 Accept / 0 Reject / 2 Abstain

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05AM