NCAA DIVISION III CROSS COUNTRY COACHES MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2002
HYATT REGENCY HOTEL
KANSAS CITY, MO

The meeting was called to order by John Zupanc, UW-Oshkosh, acting as President in the absence of Rick Witt, UW-Steven’s Point.

NCAA Track & Field Rules Committee Presentation

Bill Taraschke, Baldwin Wallace, and Chair of the Division III Track & Field Rules Subcommittee presented his report on the status of Automatic Qualifying (AQ) for Cross Country.

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Bill Taraschke, along with the other committee members, is not in favor of voting for AQ, but were charged with developing a plan should the NCAA Management Council vote to make it so. Basically, AQ would take the team conference champions from the 27 conferences with at least 7 teams, add 6-7 at-large bids from independents and conferences with less than 7 teams, plus 6-7 additional teams that are highly ranked. A 40 team NCAA Championship would be the result. If the Management Council does not like that plan, then the AQ would be applied to the NCAA Regional Championships which would consist of team conference champions plus a small number of at-large and highly ranked teams, for an estimated 6-8 team Regional Championships.

Division III Cross Country Coaches Association Business Meeting to the USTCA Convention

MOTION: Move the NCAA Division III Cross Country Coaches Association Business Meeting to the USTCA Convention and become part of the USTCA.

SECONDED PASSED (47-0-0, Division of the House)