

**USTFCCCA NCAA Division III Track & Field Executive Committee Meeting**  
**December 14-17, 2009**  
**JW Marriott Grande Lakes**  
**Orlando, Florida**

The regular annual meeting of the USTFCCCA-NCAA Division III Cross Country was held on Monday-Thursday, December 14-17, 2009, at the JW Marriott Grande Lakes Hotel in Orlando, Florida, the President, Jim Pennington, Springfield, being in the chair and the Secretary, Garrick Larson, Concordia-Moorhead, being present. The minutes of the last meeting were available online prior to the meeting and approved.

- 1) Motion: The USTFCCCA NCAA Division III cross country coaches are sensitive to ethnic and racial issues, however, we do not agree with the inequitable application of NCAA recommendation from the Minorities, Opportunities, and Interests Committee (MOIC) regarding the issue of predetermined championship site restrictions. Currently, cross country is not allowed to host the regional championship because it is a predetermined championship. However, other sports are allowed to host regional championships because they are not predetermined. The USTFCCCA Division III cross country coaches feel the NCAA should apply the MOIC recommendation equitably to all regional championships regardless of when a championship site is determined. Further, the USTFCCCA Division III cross country coaches feel that penalizing Mississippi College for the State of Mississippi's choice of flag is unfair as it is not under institutional control. This is distinguished from, for example, a school mascot that is determined and controlled by an institution. Butch Ard, Mississippi College. Motion adopted 82-19-5.
  - a) Notes: The NCAA Executive Committee voted to prohibit awarding a predetermined championship site in Mississippi where the Confederate Battle Flag is incorporated into the state flag for the foreseeable future. August 27, 2001. This was a recommendation from the Minorities, Opportunities, and Interests Committee (MOIC).
  - b) Notes: For the 2009 South/Southeast Cross Country Regional, the region's coaches voted unanimously in favor of Mississippi College hosting the championship. The coaches voted in favor of the site because it would provide a well-managed, national caliber facility and the best experience for the student-athletes. The site selection was later over-ruled by the NCAA.
- 2) Motion: Raise the NCAA regional cap to 6 teams. Tom Antzak, UW-Platteville. Program Vote, Both Genders. Motion fails 72-78-3.
- 3) Motion: Realign the regions to more evenly distribute teams across nine regions. Gary Aldrich, Carnegie Mellon and Dario Donatelli, Carnegie Mellon. Program Vote, Both Genders. Motion adopted 92-46-10.
- 4) Motion: Move the Regional Championships to two weeks prior to the NCAA Championship. George Suitor, Trinity-Connecticut. Program Vote, Both Genders. Motion fails 31-120-3.
- 5) Motion: Utilize TFRRS for cross country. Matt LoPiccolo, SUNY-Oneonta. Program Vote, Both Genders. Motion fails 58-87-6.
- 6) Motion: Adopt the USTFCCCA NCAA Division III Track & Field and Cross Country bylaws. Executive Committee. Membership Vote-All USTFCCCA Members. Motion adopted by voice vote.
- 7) Elections
  - a) Regional Representatives
    - i) Men's
      - (1) Atlantic: Phil Jennings, College of New Jersey, elected by voice vote.
      - (2) South/Southeast: Patrick McDonald, Hendrix, elected by voice vote.
      - (3) Midwest: Rick Witt, UW-Stevens Point, elected by voice vote.
      - (4) West: Mike Orechia, Puget Sound, elected by voice vote.
    - ii) Women's
      - (1) New England: Ned Bishop, Connecticut, elected by voice vote.
      - (2) Mideast: Bob VanAllen, John Hopkins, elected by voice vote.
      - (3) Great Lakes: James Larson, Adrian, elected by hand count.
      - (4) Central: Chris Daymont, St. Olaf, elected by voice vote.

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- b) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Robert Shankman, Rhodes, elected by hand count.
- c) Secretary: Dustin Dimit, Buffalo State, elected by voice vote.
- d) Cross Country Parliamentarian: Chris Wheaton, North Central-IL, elected by hand count.