12/14 1:33PM
Motion to open meeting- passes unanimously.
Approve 2009 minutes- passes unanimously.

I. Convention Info
- Bob Podlaminer will be at Info Desk to answer NCAA rules questions on Wed.
- The Bowerman and Hall of Fame is ticketed this year.

II. Committee Reports
A. Awards Committee-Kathy Lanese
- Motion-Change the All Academic XC team athletic requirement from a team score at the regional championships or “team meets the NCAA criteria for sponsorship (5 meets with a minimum of 5 runners competing at each meet) (Mike Orechia, UPS)

- Change All Academic GPA requirement from cum to semester- Defeated by Executive Committee.

- Service awards being proposed for Division III coaches over 20 years and meeting certain criteria. Paper Award until retirement when a plaque would be presented. Approved by executive committee.

- Motion-The USTFCCCA Division III Regional and National Coaches of the year will be an institutional vote (one per institution per gender) (William Taraschke, Baldwin-Wallace).

- Is there another way to vote to make sure it is one per institution, zoomerang currently sent to a number of people that are not coaches and multiple people per institution.

B. Cross Country Polls-Kathy Lanese
- Overall went smoothly 10 of 10 men’s teams at nationals ranked that way and 8 of 10 women’s teams.

- Poll Schedule will follow same schedule as last year and will be released at a later date.

- Polls are not part of national selection criteria but a great promotional tool for our sport.

C. Hall of Fame-Kelly Beck
- Right now NCAA will not allow us to present Hall of Fame awards at the NCAA banquet so we are trying to find another venue or have NCAA change policy. This year’s class is Dan Henderson Wheaton, Gary Wasserman Neb. Weslyn. Shawn Watson Mount Union Eleena Zhelezov Brandeis, Vicky Mitchell SUNY Cortland.
- Board of all three divisions asking for change in NCAA policy.
- **Motion** - Ask the NCAA to present Coaches Awards and Hall of Fame Awards at NCAA banquet (Kelly Beck, CMS).
- Discussion: Number of Awards add to the length of the program at NCAA banquet during track. Examine a way to recognize coaches and athletes more quickly. (programs with bios, bring everyone up at the same time and do quick intros).

D. Bylaws committee-Kari Kluckhohn
- Committee has been writing and revising temporary bylaws from last year.
- Separate Bylaws for XC and Track.
- Creation for nomination committee for officers.
- 20-45 days prior to convention nominations for regional representatives.
- **Motion** - Accept completed bylaws (Kari Kluckhohn, North Central)
- Copies available for those who want to see entire bylaws.
- Remove term limits from regional reps (Still 2 yr terms)

III. Old Business
A. State Flag and regional championships from last year was defeated by NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee. The Executive committee requests USTFCCCA follow up on contradictions in NCAA letter.
B. Regional Realignment - NCAA does not want to add another region but is interested in realignment. The NCAA has forwarded a proposal from the NCAA Championships Committee for our review.

- Executive Comm feels this does not achieve our goal of more balance among numbers of schools. Also some errors in proposal. We would like to see parameters they want for realignment to try and give a better proposal.

- Discussion: *Starting lines are cumbersome in large reasons making it hard to find championship sites. *Please pass along suggestions to NCAA XC committee members. *Division II follows this model, but this may not work well for us due to the way our schools are grouped in certain areas of the country. *Growth and size of schools in our sport is an issue the NCAA needs to look at. *NCAA has talked about cutting down the size of regional championships to Conference winners which we would like to avoid so we should be careful what we ask for. *Our sport does not fit into the same “box” as many other sports which seems to be the way the NCAA and administrators are looking at it. *There can be great value in conferences not grouped together as we look at at large bids (ex. UAA). *Colorado College would prefer the west due to academic and travel considerations, conference realignment would change this. *Quality of regions would be beneficial to look at as well, more teams from the same region would help balance (cap of 6 has been best in past). *No rationale given for not being able to make a 9th region. *A 9th region would add another person to TF committee, this could be a political problem. *Should a motion be made to realign based on where teams are not by states? *Aligning according to
conference would allow an easier transition to a closed regional championship.
*Division II uses polls and historical data in championships where D-III has been
told we could not, NCAA committee should look into this.
-Executive Committee position is that we do not agree with the proposal and
would like more information.

IV. New Business
A. Legislative Proposal 2011-14 on Amateurism- Exception for prize money for
enrolled student athletes outside of playing season during the institution’s official
summer vacation period-individualized sports.

B. NCAA Legislative Proposal 2011-11 Eligibility exceptions for outside
competition in the triathlon. Supported by Presidents council, management
council, champs comm., playing and practice seasons sub-comm. And academic
issues sub-comm.

C. Openings on NCAA Division III Track and Field Committee
-Atlantic, Midwest, Great Lakes
-Two must represent women’s teams one men’s teams and one must be a female.
-Open to coaches or administrators.
-We would like to see active coaches take this on to impact our role in the
committee.
-Deadline is approaching (end of December) for those who would like to
nominate someone or self-nominate themselves.
-Outgoing members Jennifer Potter, Chuck Wilcoxen, Kris Boey
-Current members Jonathan Hird, Chris Bayless, Will Freeman,
John Goldhammer, Barbara Crousen

D. Nominations for regional representatives
Men: Central, Great Lakes, Mideast, New England
Women: Atlantic, Midwest, South/SE, West

Central-Current rep Paul Schmaedeke-Hamline renominated
Great Lakes- Kori Stoffegren- Depauw nominates Craig Penny of Wittenburg
and Roger Bush of Wabash
Mideast Men- Mark Fitzpatrick Washigton and Jefferson nominates David
Cohen- Moravian & Patrick Hager- Rosemont
New England- Erik Nedeau renominated

Women:
Atlantic: Matt Lopiccolo (Oneonta) renominated
Midwest: Jeff Miller renominated, Mahesh Narayanan (North Central)
South: Stan Soper renominated Derek Lawerence-Trinity (TX)
West: Kelly Beck renominated

E. Other new business
Motion: Eliminate cap of 5 teams from each region for NCAA XC championships (Chris Hall, Chicago). (Amended from increase cap to 6 teams (Tim Miles, St. Johns)) reverts if fails.

-Discussion: This allows for better teams at national championship. NCAA likes to have all regions represented changing the cap does not eliminate it due to 2 auto qualifiers. Midwest coaches may not support field enlargement unless cap changes. This may be hard for teams that cannot travel outside of region.

-New England region looking at a less subjective method for qualification we will be able to present this method in tomorrow’s meeting.

-Is there any discussion about expanding field size. If so should we look at more individuals (as many wanted before) or more teams. (none known)

-Is there any discussion about having a limited/closed regional meet based on conference finish. (none known)

Day 2 11:55 AM 12/15/10

-Balfour and Sam Seemes presenting 2009 championship rings to North Central College and Wisconsin Eau Claire

-Wisconsin Oshkosh presenting info about 2011 National Championship
  Packet pick up and banquet at Kell Sport Center
  Hotels-Oshkosh, Appleton (course north of oshkosh)
  Airport- Milwaukee (90 min), Appleton (20 min), Green Bay (60 min)
  Madison (90 min)
  Course- Almost the same as 1999 championship course, same course as 1999 Championships
  Brooks Invitational- (500 women and 580 men last year) 2011 race will be capped at 10-12 athletes per team with open race after the championship race

Proposal: New National Selection Criteria (Al Faresheitan, Bates College)

NCAA parameters: Top 2 automatic, max 5 per region

Proposal goals:
*Enhance the probability of getting the best teams into nationals with regards to the stated provisions.
*Provide a simple statistical process to determine qualifiers.
*To allow for a more equitable way to compare results across regions
*To eliminate personal or regional bias in the selection process
*Provide for a way to compensate for the size/strength (density) of a region
*Eliminate need for involvement from coaches and regional reps
*Teams tied for the last eligible spot in the region determined per current NCAA rule (Head to Head 1-5 match ups)
*Decrease the need and expense of teams traveling for an interregional
advantage
Statistical Procedures & Selection Process
Determine regional relevant Team Performance Factor (TPF)
*Divide each team’s point total at the regional meet by the number of team places available at that meet. Team places available calculated by multiplying the number of full teams x7 (number of eligible entrants)
*Determine the Regional Depth Density (RDD) by averaging the TPF’s of the top five teams (all NCAA eligible teams) for each region.
*Select all Automatic qualifiers.
*Rank all eligible teams by TPF, select the order to fill the field to the NCAA allotment
*Ties for the last NCAA bid from different regions would be determined by comparing each regions depth density. If the resulting time is within the same region the tie would be resolved per NCAA rule.

Discussion: *Committee overall has done a good job, this system would not be as accurate due to some regions having terrible teams at the bottom increasing the density and therefore strength of the region. *Good overall concept but better ways to do it (looking at 5th runners for the top 5 teams and looking at percentile of the field for those runners). *Proposal is only a with in regional comparison not a comparison between the different regions. *These proposals would be better than some of the selection criteria we have now (use a combined model of the different data models being presented). *NCAA selection committee takes their selections seriously (4.5 hr call this year) and works hard to follow the criteria they are given; NCAA really wants regional representation more than our coaching body. Regional finish is the most important criteria and the only weighted piece of criteria.*No criteria looks at the cast size difference of regions.* This plan says all regions are equal in strength which is not true.* The selection committee looks at the 3rd team of a region more than the 4th team from another region in some cases *Different reps look at the process differently (some are more concerned by their region, some more by the overall picture) rebutted with saying this is addressed in the committee and not a problem. * Please continue to look at ways this can be better and pass them on to the committee and our body.

Motion : Add criteria to existing selection criteria Team Score in relation to total number of runners. (John Babbington,Wellesley)

Motion : Add criteria to existing selection criteria Finishing place of last 5th man of top 5 teams in region in relation to total field. (John Babbington, Wellesley)

Discussion: *Size of region does not equal strength of region. *New England had 4 of Top 8 this year so 5th team should have been considered
more. *Inter regional competition is one of the only ways to compare across regions.

Realignment- Championship committee criteria for realignment is
Balance in regions when possible, Place conferences in same region,
Provide consistent region alignment for all sports.
The committee would like xc executive committee to list pros and cons for
the proposal they have given us. Please pass on ideas to executive committee. The championship committee is very interested in realigning
in all sports for all sports.

Motion to close passes.

Day 3 12/16/10 10:02AM

I. Regional Representatives
Men
Elected by acclamation
Central-Current rep Paul Schmaedeke (Hamline)
New England- Erik Nedeau, (Amherst)

Elected by vote
Great Lakes- Craig Penny (Wittenberg) over Roger Bush (Wabash)
Mideast Men- David Cohen (Moravian) over Patrick Hager (Rosemont)

Women
Elected by acclamation
Atlantic: Matt Lopiccolo (Oneonta)
West: Kelly Beck (CMS)

Elected by Vote
Midwest: Mahesh Narayanan (North Central) over Jeff Miller (UW Whitewater)
South: Stan Soper (Mary Washington) over Derek Lawerence (Trinity)

II. Motions
Motion-Change the All Academic XC team athletic requirement from a team score at the regional championships or “team meets the NCAA criteria for sponsorship (5 meets with a minimum of 5 runners competing at each meet) (Mike Orechia, UPS) Passes (106-10)

Motion-The USTFCCCA Division III Regional and National Coaches of the year will be an institutional vote (one per institution per gender) (William Taraschke, Baldwin-Wallace). Passes (124-4)

Motion- Have a combined session for Cross Combined session(118-0-3)
Motion- Have combined voting session for Track and XC (125-0)
Motion: Eliminate cap of 5 teams from each region for NCAA XC championships (Chris Hall, Chicago). (Amended from increase cap to 6 teams (Tim Miles, St. Johns)) (61-77-7)

Motion: Add criteria to existing selection criteria Team Score in relation to total number of runners. (John Babington, Wellesley) (7-112-7)

Motion: Add criteria to existing selection criteria Finishing place of last 5th man of top 5 teams in region in relation to total field. (John Babington, Wellesley) (14-115-11)

Motion- Ask the NCAA to present Coaches Awards and Hall of Fame Awards at NCAA banquet (Kelly Beck, CMS). (115-4-3)

Motion- Accept completed bylaws (117-0-4)