Introduction of officers
Approval of Convention Minutes-passed with voice vote.
Committee Reports:
- Awards—Proposal that awards change to 25%—see new business
- Polls—Thanks to all who did polls, we will follow a similar schedule next year with one change; a National Preview before the National Championship instead of a poll to better promote the meet. The poll will start Sept 17 (one week later due to an extra week in the schedule).
- Law and Legislation—Nothing to report
Addition of two recall starters located 150-200m from the starting line at NCAA championships. Approved last year and effective in the 2013-14 rule changes (left out part of our proposal see proposal in new business to rectify).
Regional Realignment—still in progress, stuck at the NCAA Championships Committee. We are resubmitting the proposal passed last year. Do we want realignment? Ex. Comm. Has got the feedback to not change anything if we don’t have to, but we will submit the plan if there has to be changed. This won’t take place until 2014 at the earliest. Discussion: What does NCAA want? Haven’t given it to us. Our proposal tried to balance numbers per regional, strength of teams, travel distance. Great that this separates conferences for inter regional competition and trying to make sure the discussion for AQs doesn’t restart (or becomes harder).
Removal of 5 team cap for advancement to nationals starts in the 2013 season (recommended last year).
USTFCCCA adding Athlete of the Week honors starting with indoor track and field and continuing all 3 seasons.
Proposal: Request that unofficial results are made available to coaches immediately after the competition is over, in a coaches only area for NCAA Regional and Nationals (from Executive committee). No discussion.
Proposal: The XC All Academic athletic requirement be that an athlete finish among the top 25% of finishers in the region (from Executive committee) amended to round up (Dan Schaffer, Cornell College).
Modification of cross country rule regarding start rule regarding placement and number of recall starters, esp. at championship events.
- 2 recall starters added in 2013 at appropriate distance from the start line.
- Request an additional recall starter be placed behind the starting near the middle. Recall starter currently located at the end of the start line, even elevated, may not see a runner go down in the middle of the field.
Discussion: Does this effect the distance of a fall? No still 100m. Can we ask for the NCAA to pay for this? We can if proposed.
Results of Regional Representative Elections:
Dan Schofer—Cornell College—C
Al Fereshetian—Bates—NE
Any new business—Motion: Make declarations of athletes on the Sunday after regional championships (Al Carius, North Central). Amended by (James Larson, Vassar) Declarations are open for edits from original top 10 on direct athletics (changes instead of complete redeclaration). Discussion: Could edit after regionals? Already a 10 man roster? Medical Issue already in the handbook. Some would like to be able change due to illness that may take place inside the current 2 week window. Would like to take a new person if an injury occurred even if they don’t run.

75th Anniversary in 2014—Committee will be formed to discuss having DI, DII, and D-III at one location. They are aware that we are concerned with logistics and course conditions. Could be a great way to promote our sport. Could tie in with health movement, politicians with health agendas, sponsorships, etc. Many logistical ideas such as running each gender on separate days (all 3 divisions) Concern that D-III will get worse treatment (hotel locations, race times, etc.) Combined banquet could be a problem with 95 teams per gender. Concerned with fan base not being able to come if it is a Friday (missing more school for non competing athletes and friends)

Motion: Preorder up to 2 extra banquet tickets (Bobby Van Allen-Johns Hopkins) Needs to be addressed last year 900 people were requested by NCAA even though more could have been added. Only 50 tickets were available for sale this last year.

Discussion on payment of officials at NCAA Regional and National Championships: Head starter $60, referee small stipend and mileage, the rest are volunteers. This is not in line with the number of officials we have in track. 8-10 officials are required as rules are written (only referee and starter are paid). Executive committee will further explore this.

Session closed 5:19PM

12/15/12

• Session opened at 3:04PM-87 people
• Joke by Kathy Lanese
• National Preview of Cross Country NCAA Championship 2013: Hanover, IN -Website up with Course maps (very s and info -Sept 7 (5k,8k) Oct 5 Pre-nationals(6k/8k) for preview meets -Course very similar to last time they hosted nationals
• 75th Anniversary 2014—Continued discussion will happen between all three Division presidents of USTFCCCA.
• Motion: Make declarations of athletes on the Sunday after regional championships (Al Carius, North Central) Amendment: Declarations are open for edits from original top 10 on Direct Athletics (changes instead of
complete redeclaration) (James McGowan, Vassar) Amendment: Declarations will be open to edit until 8PM CT (Executive Committee).

- Motion: Encourage host site to have preorder championships banquet tickets availability until noon (CT) the Monday before the championship (Pat MacDonald, Hendrix) Discussion: North Central will debut this at indoors this year. Bobby Van Allen withdraws his motion from yesterday elating to banquet tickets
- New Business: Jim Pennington: We need to make sure we are asking for what we want at D-III championships to get the type of atmosphere and experience you want.
- Closed at 3:16PM

12/16/12 - Cross Country Voting

MOTION: Request that unofficial results are made available to coaches immediately after the competition is over, in a coaches only area.
Accept-147
Reject-2
Abstain-0

MOTION: Request that an additional recall starter be added behind the starting line in the middle of the field.
Accept-141
Reject-2
Abstain-6

MOTION: The cross country All-Academic athletic requirement be that an athlete finish among the top 25% of finishers in their region.
Accept-177
Reject-12
Abstain-2

MOTION: Make declarations of athletes on the Sunday after regional championships. Amended by Declarations are open for edits from original top 10 on DirectAthletics (changes instead of complete redeclaration). Amended Declarations will be open to edit until 8PM CT.
Accept-87
Reject-48
Abstain-11

MOTION: Encourage host site to have preorder championships banquet ticket(s) availability until noon (CT) the Monday before the championship.
Accept-142
Reject-4
Abstain-1