

Brian Stanley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present

Conference Representatives

Matt Wagner (AC-Augustana University) – Northern Sun (Gretta Melsted’s alternate)
Casey Charles (Delta State University)- Gulf South Conference
Patrick Peasant (Miles College)- Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Lataya Hilliard-Gray (Winston-Salem State)- Central Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Susan Cassidy-Lyke (Molloy College)- East Coast Conference
Patti Gerckens (UC San Diego)- California Collegiate Athletic Association
Sheilah Gulas (Ashland University)- Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Danielle Easton (Shephard University)- Mountain East Conference
Mairin Dudek (American International College)- Northeast 10 Conference
Sue Kunkle (University of Southern Illinois)- Great Lakes Valley Conference
Miles Mallette (Kentucky Wesleyan University)- Great Midwest Athletic Conference
Brittany Bennett (UNC Pembroke)- Peach Belt Conference
Susan Anderson (University of Central Missouri)- Mid American Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Julie LeMaire (Nova Southeastern University)- Sunshine State Conference (Alternate)
Ron Faubion (Southeastern Oklahoma State)- Great American Conference
Donna Fields (St. Mary’s University)- Heartland Conference (Alternate)
Lane Leedy (Black Hills State University)- Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (Alternate)
Bill Baber (California Baptist University)- Pacific West Conference (Alternate)
Lonnie Sargent (Western Oregon University) – Great Northwest Athletic Conference)

Additional non-voting members in attendance

Brian Stanley (NFCA) – NCAA Division II Liaison
Gary Bryce (Wayne State University) – Division II Board Representative
Amber Miles (Albany State University)- Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Kayla Lucas (Young Harris College)- Peach Belt Conference

Additional non-members in attendance

Molly Simons (NCAA)- Division II Championships Liaison
Mel Cope (NCAA/St. Joseph’s College Long Island)- NCAA Coaches Connection Liaison

Those not present: Dean Johnson (Caldwell University)- Central Athletic Collegiate Conference; Dan Gierlak (Edinboro University)- Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference; Richie Bruister (Texas A&M University-Commerce)- Lone Star Conference; Amy Yates (Limestone University)- Conference Carolinas; Shenah Hollar (Lenoir-Rhyne University)- South Atlantic Conference

- 1) Roll taken- everyone in attendance introduces themselves
- 2) Gary Bryce brought November minutes to the table, Patrick Peasant seconded- Passed
- 3) Melody Cope (NCAA Coaches Connection) introduces herself to the committee and gives a brief overview of the newly formed committee
- 4) Discussed Caucus Items
 - a) Gary Bryce and Brian Stanley went over on how we can have a productive caucus
 - i) Gary also urges the committee that we need to be more proactive as a group. Participate in voting and surveys
 - b) Discussed scholarship increase (7.2 to 9) and how we go forward in proposing it and getting it on the floor in 2018 (Gary)
 - c) Molly Simons (NCAA Championships) gave an overview of the upcoming DII championships and informed the committee of the upcoming bid process for future sites. Recommendations will be made in April
 - i) Gary brought forward getting a permanent site (non-festival years) and Molly stated that the Championships committee needs more feedback and how there is a possibility it could be the same site

- as the festival. Proposal would go from sports committee to NCAA Championship committee to the Management Council
- ii) Patti Gerckens- We need a good facility with a smaller capacity
 - iii) Softball is not getting out of the festival for 2020 and 2024
- 5) Lonnie Sargent- What is the purpose of the festival?
 - a) Bring together five or six sports in an Olympic type atmosphere (Molly)
 - 6) Overview of the Peach Belt's bat testing policy/procedure (Brittany Bennett)
 - a) Committee agreed that Bennett should present a brief synopsis of her findings and go forward in gauging the caucus on whether we should go forward in proposing this for all of NCAA Division II
 - i) Discussed a pregame timeline to coincide with the timing of the testing, sticker usage, cost (\$800-\$,1000 first-year cost), who would oversee (coach, on-side admin), failed bats
 - b) Patrick Peasant- It's very easy to bat test and I'm pushing it for the SIAC
 - c) Ron Faubion- We test in the GAC and use a generic sticker. Conference reimbursed coaches for the machine.
 - 7) Molly Simons gave brief overview of the selection criteria program for the Caucus
 - 8) Discussed All-American restructure
 - 9) Brian- announced that the HCC committee would be on terms and would break them down by January
 - a) A few coaches pointed out that some conferences it would be tough because of lack of membership or participation.
 - 10) Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.