

Cal JC Caucus Minutes

Marriott Hotel-Atlanta
Friday, December 4, 2015
International 4

Call to order 8:01am

1. **Introductions**-*encouraged coaches to sit North, South*

2. **NFCA Hot Topics**

A. NFCA update

B. Bylaws Package-*discussed change in committee terms and that it would be voted on at Summit.*

C. Technology in dugouts (experimental rule)-*Asked for feedback. 3 coaches reported positive feedback if you have the resources. Rapoza suggested to use your phone.*

D. Recruiting Calendar still moving forward

E. Committee Updates/Reports:

Cal JC Representative & Recruiting positions are open after next year.

Nominating-Gina Oliver-% of people who vote is low- 1/3 in each division. Voting takes place September and October.

Hall of Fame-Darci Brownell-4 people going in. Asked for more Cal JC nominations, especially pioneers. Goal is 1,000 wins, however, Darci explained to committee that is difficult for Cal JC. When they are nominated they remain in pool for 5 years and can be re-nominated after 5 years.

Recruiting-Ruby Rojas-Position open next year. D-I still voting on recruiting period. Meet twice a year.

Rules and Officials-Tim Kiernan-Clarification on act of catching-blocking vs. catching is umpire interpretation. Receiving is considered anything close to the glove. Reinforce pitcher taking signs then having a definite pause after she steps on rubber. Discussion on double-base at 1st. D-I wants it for safety. Andy was for it. Rapoza brought up issue of umpires having difficulty with step-catch. Agreement that whatever 4 years are doing, we should support it. If you have open dugout, fence must be 6 ft. tall beginning 2018. If sunken dugouts, must be 6 ft. from ground level. Taylor-Cal JC always has the option to make exceptions to NCAA rule book if passed by Management Council. Running lane has been eliminated and remind grounds crew. They have 6 conference calls a year.

Awards-Darci Brownell-We now have Player of the Year. Must be All-American and will be rewarded on their campus. Voting will take place 5 days after State Championship via email. Voted to have same award as D-I. There was a suggestion of different stats reported in addition to full stats (possibly stats vs. top 20 RPI teams, .500 winning %, Automatic Qualifiers) Need to continue discussion at business meeting. They have 3 conference calls per year.

All-American-Chair Michelle Daddona; Co-Chair-Donna Runyon-See 4 below Below committees don't have a definite CAL JC positions but are open to any NFCA member

Coaching Education-Open

Diversity-Open

Education & Publications-Open

Ethics-Open

Internet-Open

F. Convention locations

2016: New Orleans Marriott

December 7-10, 2016 (2nd week after Thanksgiving)

2017: Bally's Las Vegas

December 6-9, 2017 (2nd week after Thanksgiving)

2018: Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers

December 5-8, 2018 (2nd week after Thanksgiving)

2019: Harrah's Resort Atlantic City

December 4-7, 2019 (1st week after Thanksgiving)

3. CCCAA News

A. State Championships-*Last year at Bakersfield. Darci asked if there is any way we can stay at Bakersfield. Discussion on Form 5 for 8 team championship. Lacey said her AD informed her it was voted down. Discussion on how Baseball continues to have their Form 5's move forward.*

B. Hall of Fame-

4. NFCA All-American Process

A. Procedures and timelines-*Executive Rep is All-American rep unless he/she is not NFCA member. Members by March 15th. Nominations are due April 29th by noon to Michelle Dadonna. Voting will be April 30th at conclusion of Business Meeting. Be sure you list all players in each category. Announced May 11th and presented at State Tournament. Diamond Catcher of the Year voting is open May 2-5th. Awarded at State Tournament May 21st.*

5. New Business / Added agenda items

A. Coaching Milestones-*Tim Kiernan 900 wins; Ruby Rojas 100 wins.*

B. Other-*Structure of Executive Board. How is it working for us? Taylor stated do we need to make changes or is working? 1 president from North and 1 from South? Donna stated in the past there was a definite rotation, 1 from north, then 1 from south. Darci stated the President Elects need to be more involved as under studies. Gina stated having more people run/on the ballot. Was discussion that most people don't want to do it. Taylor-do we change bylaws to include retired or outside people? Works great for Baseball. Andy stated other coaches' association presidents receive stipends. Please give your feedback to Taylor.*

C. Other-*Reimbursement to NFCA committee members. Gina suggested a "pot" of funds to be divided among NFCA committee members so 3CFCA can budget for it. Taylor suggested we continue discussion at business meeting. Discussion on continued increase of coach's dues and no longer paying \$7500 for JC Scores so there should be monies available. Donna stated that executive reps still haven't been paid for last year.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:59am.

**Further discussion at convention among several coaches suggested we add an additional coaches meeting at lunch on Friday for increased round table discussion and/or continue morning's meeting.*