

2014 National Fastpitch Coaches Association Convention
Division II Head Coaches Committee Meeting
December 3, 2014 | Bally's Las Vegas | Las Vegas, Nevada

Bill Gray (DII Board Rep) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Bill Gray (DII Rep/Missouri Southern), Don Kennedy (incoming board rep/Missouri S&T), Patti Gerckens, UC San Diego (California Collegiate), Susan Cassidy-Lyke, Malloy (East Coast), Ron Faubion, SE Oklahoma (Great American), Sheila Gulas, Ashland (Great Lakes Intercollegiate), Sue Kunkle, Southern Indiana (Great Lakes Valley), Miles Mallette, Kentucky Wesleyan (Great Midwest), Lisa Allen, Montana St.-Billings (Great Northwest), Richie Bruister, Texas A&M Commerce (Lone Star), Susan Anderson, Central Missouri (Mid-American Intercollegiate), Gretta Melsted, Augustana (Northern Sun), Randy Simkins, Dixie St. (Pacific West), Dervin Taylor, Adams St. (Rocky Mountain), Lesa Bonee, Nova Southeastern (Sunshine State)

Observing: Patrick Peasant (Miles College), Dan Stopa (Minnesota-Crookston), Lindsay Savoie (Montevallo)

Not in attendance: Dean Johnson, Caldwell (Central Athletic Collegiate), Amy Yates, Limestone (Conference Carolinas), Will Atkinson, West Alabama (Gulf South), Scott Libby, Texas A&M International (Heartland), Mairin Dudek, American International (Northeast-10), Brad Huskisson, Columbus State (Peach Belt), Dan Gierlak, Edinboro (PSAC), Shena Hollar, Lenoir Rhyne (South Atlantic)

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- A. Player and Freshman of the Year (Bill Gray)
 - 1. Initial pool of 60-75 kids for Player of the Year top 50
 - 2. Coaches/SIDs help with creation of Freshman pool
 - 3. Bill explained process/dates for both
- B. Gaining recognition for our level and kids
 - 1. Make strides forward
 - 2. Permanent home for our championships
 - 3. Make an identity for ourselves
- C. Overall committee
 - 1. Several coaches have been on for 8 years
 - 2. Infuse new/younger coaches on the committee
- D. CSOY/AA committee
 - 1. Will be more knowledgeable about the players in the country and will be able to make a more educated decision
- E. Sharing groups
 - 1. Three HOFs & Les Stuedeman will chair groups

- a. Team Chemistry
 - b. Recruiting – Techniques & Approach
 - c. Community Service
 - d. Improving Division II
- F. Other Business
1. Ron Faubion explained how RAC point system worked and asked if coaches were satisfied. Short discussion ensued
 2. Bill Gray made a point that Division II needs to refill the Hall of Fame nominee list with. Asked committee to think about people in your region, and get coaches nominated. Need a push for nominees.
 3. Richie Bruister – Explained Scholarships, sponsorships failed. Make it 50 percent of roster size (Soccer, Xc)

The HCC thanked Bill for his four years of service on the Board of Directors

G. The committee made a recommendation that if a member misses three conference calls, they will be removed and a new coach will take their place. Richie Bruister made the motion and Dervin Taylor seconded it. The committee voted unanimously in favor of the rule.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.