

**MINUTES OF THE
NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION (NFCA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Bally's Las Vegas

The meeting was brought to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were:

Larissa Anderson, Hofstra University, Fourth Vice President
Gary Bryce, Wayne State, University, Division II Representative
Pat Conlan, Georgetown University, Special Advisor
Mickey Dean, Auburn University, Fifth Vice President
Boo De Oliveira, Purdue University, Second Vice President
Kris Ganeff, University of Notre Dame, Third Vice President
Yvette Girouard, Coach Emeriti Representative
Kevin Halley, St Pius X High School, High School Representative
Diane Miller, University of Nebraska, Assistant Coach Representative
Lisa Navas, University of South Carolina, First Vice President
Shelli Nolte, Premier Fastpitch (IL), Travel Ball Representative
Diana Pepin, Eastern Connecticut State University, Division III Representative
Natalie Poole, University of Memphis, Division I Representative
Rhonda Revelle, University of Nebraska, Past-President
LeeAnn Taylor, San Diego City College, Cal JC Representative
Karen Weekly, University of Tennessee, President
Hal Wynn, Faulkner University, NAIA Representative
Joe Yegge, Kirkwood Community College, NJCAA Representative

Kerri Blaylock, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, incoming Division I Representative
Todd Buckingham, Saginaw Valley State University, incoming VP Membership
Megan Corriea, South Western Oregon CC, incoming NWAC Representative
Renaee Hartl, Luther College, incoming Division III Representative

Samantha Ekstrand, NFCA Legal Advisory Services

Emily Allard, NFCA Manager of Marketing
Paula Blumenschein, Membership Services Assistant
Carol Bruggeman, NFCA Executive Director
Kelley Fisher, NFCA Special Projects
Annie Gordon, NFCA Events & Outreach Specialist
Jamie Hazel, NFCA Director of Finances Team Membership & Events Team Member
Dave Hines, NFCA Director of Publications
Joanna Lane, NFCA Director of Education and Program Development
Joni Schmidt, NFCA Membership Services Specialist
Brian Stanley, NFCA Director of Media Relations
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1. Welcome and Introductions. Carol Bruggeman, NFCA Executive Director, gave a welcome and overview for the meeting. All current and incoming Board members along with the NFCA team, shared introductions.
2. 2017 Las Vegas NFCA Convention
 - a. Numbers.
 1. Attendees. New Convention attendance record set with 1685 attendees.
 2. Pre-Convention Seminars. Solid attendance at the Statistics (108), Assistant Coach University (89), and Lessons in Leadership (153) seminars. Total =350.
 3. NFCC Classes. Solid attendance at the 401 (35), 402A Pitching (67), 402B Hitting (25), 403 (32), and 407 (41) classes. Total = 200.
 - b. Convention App. Convention App offered attendees the ability to have all Convention information at their fingertips. App was introduced in 2016 and has been enhanced for 2017. App has been very well received by attendees.
 - c. Exhibit Hall. Exhibit hall will be the largest ever in NFCA history with 213 booths filled and 135 companies represented.
 - d. NFCA Board Opportunities and Responsibilities. This respective document was sent to Board members in late-August and October and reviewed one final time. All Board members felt prepared and ready to help execute the Convention.
 - e. Convention Day-to-Day Schedule. Schedule was reviewed one final time and any last minute questions answered.
 - f. Convention Hot Topics.
 1. Rules.
 2. Recruiting.
 3. Fastpitch Issues Forum Topics.
 - a. Division I.
 1. Additional Paid Coach
 2. Early Recruiting
 3. Instant Review
 4. Post Season Selections
 5. Re-seeding at WCWS
 6. Scholarship Increase

- b. Division II.
 - 1. Festival and Loss of Play Dates
 - 2. Permanent Championship Site
 - 3. Scholarship Increase

 - c. Division III.
 - 1. Allowable Contact in Non-Traditional Season
 - 2. Format of the NCAA Championship
 - 3. Re-seeding the NCAA Championships (approved to begin for 2018)

 - d. NAIA.
 - 1. Use one site for National Tournament
 - 2. Currently 10 different sites of four teams each are used for the opening round of the tournament with the 10 teams who advance meeting at the NAIA World Series Site.

 - e. NJCAA.
 - 1. National Tournament
 - 2. Location/Format
 - 3. Date/Range
 - 4. Canadian Open

 - f. Cal JC.
 - 1. Forfeits.
 - 2. Sites for championships.

 - g. High School.
 - 1. Increasing High School Membership.
 - 2. Identification and Retention of Umpires.
 - 3. Player Safety.

 - h. Travel Ball.
 - 1. Overuse Injuries.
 - 2. Scheduling.
3. Future NFCA Convention Sites/Dates.
- a. 2018 Chicago, IL: December 5-8, 2018.
 - b. 2019 Atlantic City, NJ: December 4-7, 2019.
 - c. 2020 Dallas, TX: December 9-12, 2020.
 - d. 2021 Las Vegas, NV: December 8-11, 2021.

4. Special Projects Board Report: Kelley Fisher (see attached Board Reports).
5. Nominating Committee discussion and selection/recruitment of overall committee members. Terms begin January 1, 2018.
6. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Sunday, December 10, 2017

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1. 2017 Las Vegas NFCA Convention Review. The majority of the Board meeting was spent sharing feedback from the 2017 Convention. Many positive thoughts were shared along with various opportunities to consider for future Conventions.
2. NFCA Legal Assistance Report/Update: Samantha Ekstrand gave an overview and update on various NFCA legal issues including membership assistance, Trademark issues, NFCA education, and NCAA legislation.
3. NFCA Team Reports (see attached Board Reports).
 - a. Marketing and Sponsorships/Travel Ball- Emily Allard.
 - b. Media Relations/Division II- Brian Stanley.
 - c. Education/Division I- Joanna Lane.
 - d. Finances/NAIA- Jamie Hazel.
 - e. Membership/High School- Joni Schmidt.
 - f. Membership- Paula Blumenschein
 - g. Events and Outreach- Annie Gordon.
 - h. Events/NJCAA, Cal JC, NWAC- Michelle Vasquez.
 - i. Publications/Division III- Dave Hines.
4. Executive Director Report (see attached Board Reports).
5. Other Business.
 - a. Ethics Committee issue from October 2017. Future Ethics Committee, NFCA Special Projects, and NFCA Legal Council project includes review and update of current NFCA Code of Ethics.
 - b. Consistent NFCA public response regarding member coach legal issues and/or job transitions. Board supported NFCA not ‘taking a side’ publicly regarding any on-going legal issues.
 - c. Future Capital Campaign/Endowments. NFCA Executive Director, Carol Bruggeman, discussed NFCA developing future major campaigns/endowments for various items. Topic will be discussed throughout 2018 meetings.
 - d. NFCA Reserve Fund. NFCA created an reserve fund during in 2017. Goal is to increase this fund while being mindful of current NFCA initiatives throughout 2018.

- e. 2022 and 2023 Convention locations. NFCA team is beginning to investigate potential properties and locations for the 2022 and 2023 Conventions.
 - f. HS/TB membership growth ideas; specifically surrounding new Coaches Clinics. Current initiative includes any 'first-time' members being able to join on-site at clinics for half-rate.
6. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.