



**NFCA BYLAWS/DIVERSITY/NOMINATING Minutes**  
December 6, 2017 --- Bally's Las Vegas

1. **Meeting Introduction**- Meeting called to order at 12:00pm by NFCA Staff Members, Kelley Fisher and Brian Stanley.

In Attendance:

Bylaws Committee

Lindsay Freitag, Misericordia University  
Jennifer Patrick-Swift, Saint Francis University  
Ashley VandeVeen, Mayville State University

Diversity Committee

Eric Oakley, Kent State University  
Pete D'Amour, Kennesaw State University  
Now-Allah James, New York University

Nominating Committee

Annie Smith, Auburn University  
Trisha Senyo, Whittier College (representing Ruby Rojas)

Call In:

Tyra Perry, University of Illinois (Diversity)

Not In Attendance:

Jodie Holava, Defiance College (Bylaws)  
Tara Tembey, University of the Pacific (Bylaws)  
Todd Bradley, Campbell University (Diversity)  
Tony Ciccarello, SUNY Fredonia (Nominating)  
Laura Klutsarits, Siena Heights University (Nominating)  
Lucas Grinder, Frank Phillips College (Nominating)  
Julie Meyer, Hofstra University (Nominating)  
Paul Greco, St. Anthony Catholic High School (Nominating)  
Tony Marsallo, PA Strikers (Nominating)

2. **Meeting Summary**

2.1. NFCA provided overview of proposed new bylaws and committee process that was presented to NFCA Board of Directors in August 2017 and will be voted on by the membership in the various caucus meetings at convention. Changes to the new bylaws include:



- 2.1.1. Addition of an NWAC representative and another Assistant Coach to the Board of Directors.
- 2.1.2. As a means to help ensure diversity in the committee process and non-Division I representation on the Executive Board, the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (VP of Membership) will be a non-Division I coach.
- 2.1.3. The Board VPs will serve as chairs for the committees.
- 2.1.4. The division representatives on the Board will oversee their respective division's All-American process.
- 2.1.5. Committee positions will be appointed instead of elected.
- 2.1.6. The "by division" structure for committees will be removed and the nominating committee will ensure divisional diversity when appointing members.
- 2.1.7. Committee guidelines will be developed by the committee instead of outlined in the bylaws making it easier to make modifications to the committees.
- 2.1.8. The Board of Directors division representatives will make up the new Nominating Committee.
- 2.1.9. The Top 25 and HCC committees will be handled by the NFCA liaison instead of through the annual committee involvement process and will not be included as "standing committees" in the new bylaws.
- 2.1.10. New committees will include: Awards, All-American, Education and Publications (Events, Mentoring, Playing Rules, Publications), Ethics, Hall of Fame, and Nominating.
- 2.1.11. Committee terms lengths and size are not pre-determined and will be outlined in the individual committee guidelines documents. However, it is expected, most committee terms will be 3 years and that committee sizes will be between 6-7 members.
- 2.2. Committee interest will be submitted through the on-line committee involvement form. The form will remain open all year.
- 2.3. Discussion around the Diversity committee and how the Diversity Grant and Clinics will work moving forward.
  - 2.3.1. Growth of the game and diversity continues to be an area of focus. Members of the Diversity Committee expressed concern that under the new committee structure, the diversity clinics and the progress that has been made will stop. Reassurance was provided that the diversity clinics will still be a focus moving forward.
  - 2.3.2. The Diversity Grant applications will be reviewed and administered by the Awards Committee under the new committee structure.
  - 2.3.3. Eric Oakley indicated he would feel better if there was a plan in place and individuals identified to handle the transition of the diversity clinics.
- 2.4. Under the new bylaws, the ability to create AD Hoc committees exists. Committees can be designed to address certain organizational needs.



3. **Action Items:**

3.1. NFCA to develop transition plan for Diversity clinics.

4. **Meet Adjourns:** 12:45pm