



NAIA – Softball Coaches Association Business Meeting Minutes

8:30-11:30 am – December 7, 2017
Las Vegas, Nev.

Worth representative will address the coaches before the meeting is called to order (if present).

I. Call to Order – Mike Christner, NAIA-SCA President

A. Introduction of Officers

Mike Christner – William Penn – President
Tony Segovia – Friends – 1st Vice President
Kat Ihlenburg – Georgia Gwinnett – 2nd Vice President
Laura Klutsarits – Siena Heights – Secretary

B. Introduction of Attendees

Michala Cimino, Bellevue; Sarah Harman, SAGU; Amber Gignac, SAGU; Jade Geuther, Reinhardt; Aaron Jackson, Carroll; Sarah Birnel, Carroll; Hal Wynn, Faulkner; Cheyenne Bricker, Southern Oregon; Craig Fletcher, William Carey; Justine Wichman, Ottawa (Ariz.); Dave Lopez, Calumet; Steph Zimny, Indiana Tech; Lizzy Snodgrass, Indiana Tech; Lauren Geringer, Central Methodist; Michele Rupard, Central Methodist; Paul Hunt, Benedictine; Lou Yacinich, Grand View; Tiffany Buckmaster, Lourdes; Naomi Tellez, Concordia (Neb.); Hosea Bell, Langston; Jessica Mattia, Lyon; Beth Renkoski, Vanguard; Sony Mitchell, Vanguard; Mark Ritchhart, Bryan; Michael Mook, Valley City State; Dennis Blas, Hope International; Laura Heberling, USCB; Ali Simmons, USCB; Courtney Prince, USCB; Tony Segovia, Friends; Steph Christner, William Penn; Gene Reardon, Central Missouri; Ashlee Gardner, Corban; Abigail Farler, Corban; Jackie Manrique, Trinity Christian; Hannah LeBeau, Trinity Christian; John Hawe, Carroll; Amber Affholter, West Virginia Tech; Jenelle Trautmann, Valley City State; Caty Reeves, Oklahoma Wesleyan; Gabby Bagear, Oklahoma Wesleyan; Juliaclaire Plezbert, Oklahoma Wesleyan; Ashley Hickman, McPherson; Katie Holmes, McPherson; Brianna Flanagan, Grace; Deb Thompson, Spring Arbor; John Kelly, Ave Maria; Michelle Schaper, Briar Cliff; Roni Miller, York; Kristen Fleury, Dickinson State; Ashley Vanderveer, Mayville State; Pat Reardon, Central Methodist; Neil Hansen, Central Methodist; Kathy Young, Robert Morris; Maria Thomsason, Embry-Riddle; Joey Egan, Providence; Betsy Westermann, Eastern Oregon; Scott Reese, Bethel (Ind.); Wendy Spratt, Columbia; Debbie Jameson, Columbia; Christen Thompson, Menlo; Emily Rogers, Menlo; Casey Walt, Menlo; Bill Berry, Oklahoma Panhandle; Kelly Cheshier, Bellevue; Jim Farrell, Cornerstone

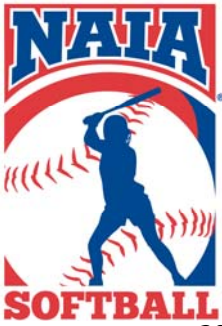
C. Approval of December 2016 minutes

Motion: Dave Lopez/Second: Hal Wynn
Vote: 44-0-0

II. Reports

A. NFCA National Office Report – Hal Wynn

Requested that we push the NFCA to people within our conferences both to become members as well as to come to the conventions
NFCA All American Voting will be changing to a more regional type format and more balanced format as well with regions being more numerically balanced than what is currently the case



2018 convention will be in Chicago, 2019 convention will be in Atlantic City, 2020 convention will be in Dallas, 2020 convention will be in Las Vegas

B. NAIA National Office Report – Jamie Adams

Drug testing is happening at championships this year – opening rounds and final sites

NAIA.org/wellness is the website with loads of information in regards to drug testing – there is also consent forms on this website that every student-athlete should fill out and sign off on

We are in a current bid cycle for the 2019 & 2020 World Series – there have been several submitted and site visits will be coming in the near future

There is a new process in regards to opening rounds – there is a certification process in effect where lots of information is needed, pictures, references, information, specifications, etc. – it is a five year certification (fill it out now, it is good for five years) – the deadline is February 1st

As a note, if schools are in the midst of construction and need a little more time to get the appropriate photos etc. in due to construction, that will be done on a case by case basis

Schools will still have to submit an opening round bid – the above is simply a certification where schools will be able to get the facility information in ahead of time and have that be good for five year's time

In order to host an opening round – it is a two step process:

First – the certification process

Second – the opening round bid

There will again be NAIA showcases throughout the summer

Gene Reardon, Central Methodist – brought up a question in regards to the postseason roster limits and the enforcement of such – NAIA National Office is available during postseason tournaments for questions – they need to be reached out to if there are questions/concerns

C. 2017 World Series Report – Mike Christner

Oklahoma City won the national tournament with Corban finishing second, it was a very hot tournament, but the teams and everyone handled it very well – we are back in Clermont, Florida again for the 2018 World Series

Note – if you're at the national tournament, please abide by and follow the rules which are in place.

The rules are there for a specific reason, if you don't like the rules, the convention and now is the time to work to change protocol and rules – please abide by and follow the rules which are in place.

The tournament committees and site supervisors at opening rounds aren't there to be the bad guys – simply to enforce the protocol and rules

III. Proposals – Mike Christner

A. Process:

We discuss here at the convention

Then the motions which are approved are voted on via e-mail with a 50% minimum participation required across the full membership

Generally, after that vote, the motions go forward to the National Administrative Council (NAC) and they vote – most of the time, once through that vote, they are either passed or denied and that is the end

For things which are by-law changes, we need a co-sponsorship and then it is voted upon by the full membership at the April convention

B. World Series Format Update:

Jamie Adams spoke about the national tournament format which was sent through our coaches association several years ago and has been being held on to by the NAC



The NAC did approve the change in tournament format, however due to the financial implications, the Council of Presidents (COP) had to also vote on this

The motion was denied by the COP, however they were intrigued by it

There was discussion about why the COP denied it and what their thoughts may have been – ultimately, it may have been a timing thing with some other sports going through major change discussions, on another year, this may have passed through the COP

C. Sport Motion #1 – AII Automatic Qualifier Motion

AII conference no longer has two automatic bids for first and second place finishers in their conference tournament.

WITHDRAWN

D. Sport Motion #2 – World Series Format

Resubmit the previously proposed World Series format proposal with no changes

Motion: Laura Klutsarits/Second: Wendy Spratt/Dennis Blas

Vote: 45-1-1

Sport Motion #3 – Current Format Day Changes

Start World Series plan on Thursday (rather than Friday), ending the World Series on Wednesday (rather than Thursday).

Rationale: Less “wasted travel” during the Sunday off day.

Motion: Laura Klutsarits/Second: Dave Lopez

Vote: 45-0-0

IV. Discussion Items – Mike Christner

A. Open Discussion

Creation of a ratings/selection committee was approved to look propose legislation at next year’s coaches association meeting.

Members:

John Kelly – Ave Maria University

Aaron Jackson – Carroll College

Dave Lopez – Calumet College of St. Joseph

Dennis Blas – Hope International University

Charlie Kennedy – Lindenwood University – Belleville

Laura Heberling – University of South Carolina at Beaufort

Michael Mook – Valley City State University

V. Secretary Nominations

Aaron Jackson – Carroll College

Gene Reardon – Central Methodist University

Dennis Blas – Hope International University

Charlie Kennedy – Lindenwood University – Belleville

Laura Heberling – University of South Carolina at Beaufort

Sarah Harman – Southwestern Assemblies of God University

VI. Speakers

A. Carol Bruggeman – NFCA Executive Director

Thanked Hal Wynn for his service as our board rep for the NAIA



Thanked us all for being here at the convention – really likes having to give us a bigger room each year

B. Jamie Hazel – NFCA

There is a huge overhaul that has been done in regards to the bylaws – there was a paper vote which was passed around the room for people to accept or deny the new bylaws

There is a realignment of the NAIA regions going on – they are looking for more equity in the regions – committee has been working on it for a while – it is not 100% geographical – we will have a window for input – the main goal is to balance out the inequities within the regions which are currently done in large part by state groupings which has created some regions with 20 schools, and others with 40 schools etc.

In February, they will be sending out a salary survey – our participation is requested in order to help each other out with our own salary discussions and requests etc.

The NFCA Committees are being revamped as well – the only true vote will be on the board positions – there is an involvement form online in the coaches box, completing the form will keep you in the fold for a three year period – the intent is to get people who want to be involved to be the ones involved rather than people who are gung ho at conventions and then disappear afterwards. They will also remove people from committees if they are not participating and doing what they are supposed to be doing.

C. Lynne Klingelsmith – Triple Crown Sports

Spoke about youth Fastpitch events, talked about lots of opportunities for recruiting and paid opportunities for recruiting

VII. Adjournment