



COMMISSION ON ATHLETICS BOARD

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2009

Conference Call
9:00AM – 11:00AM

A. CALL TO ORDER Kathleen Hodge, Chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kathleen Hodge at 09:06AM.

Board Members Present:

Dave Bolt, Robin Calote, Rosa Carlson, Robert Deegan, Ned Doffoney, Thomas Fallo, Jackie Fisher, Sr., Brian King, Gary Lewis, Tony Lipold, Logan McKechnie, Pamela Walker, and McKinley Williams.

Unable to attend: Richard Rose

Others Present: Carlyle Carter, Debra Wheeler, George Mategakis, and Rina Kasim.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA..... Kathleen Hodge

There were no additions to the agenda.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of October 17, 2008..... Kathleen Hodge

It was moved, seconded, and carried (**MSC**) to accept the October 17, 2008, Board meeting minutes as amended. (Amendment: addition of Logan McKechnie under Minutes Item A for members who were unable to attend.) Meeting minutes are available on the COA website at <http://www.coasports.org/meeting.asp>.

D. REPORTS

- ❖ **Awards Committee:** The Committee has finished with the selection of Pepsi Scholar Athletes Honor Roll winners. Awards Committee Chair Pam Walker reported that the Committee is working together with the COA office in selecting Hall of Fame honorees for the upcoming April Convention.
- ❖ **Finance Committee:** A conference call was held on February 12, 2009. The Committee members discussed the proposed spring 2009 legislation and its financial impact. To view comments made from the Committee on the proposed legislation, please visit <http://www.coasports.org/meeting.asp> (link: **Spring Convention Proposed Legislation**). COA Executive Director Carlyle Carter reported that the dues issue was not addressed during the

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conference call, so there hasn't been any decision made for the 2009-10 dues. He will work with the Finance Committee and present a proposed budget report to the Board at the June Board Meeting. COA Board Chair Kathleen Hodge added that the Community College League has not issued any statement for dues next year. COA Board will issue a statement concerning dues by the end of the academic year.

❖ **Constitution Committee:** no report.

❖ **COA Office Report:**

➤ **COA Staffing:** COA Executive Director Carlyle Carter introduced to the Board a new COA staff member, George Mategakis, Director of Championships. Mr. Mategakis came on board on January 12. He has already attended a few committee meetings and is currently working on the upcoming basketball championships. Mr. Carter further commented that Debra Wheeler has been a great help to the Association and in assisting Mr. Mategakis' transition. Mr. Mategakis has done a great job thus far and will be meeting the members at the COA/CCCAA April Convention.

Debra Wheeler is now working in the area of membership services. A lot of her work will cover clarifying rules for the championship handbooks and processing proposed legislation. A proposal has come forward in attempt to alter our legislative calendar and the process for approving legislation. This proposal will be reviewed at the COA/CCCAA April Convention. Mr. Carter also announced the appointment of Jason Boggs as the Assistant Director of Sports Information and Communications. He further commented on his good work.

➤ **Compliance:** Mr. Carter stated that the members should follow championship handbook rules so consistency can be formed. He also pointed out members' misperception in looking at the conference commissioner's position. It is not a retirement position. The Conference commissioner's role is an essential part of the Association. It is the membership's expectation that the commissioners take their job seriously and hold their membership accountable to adhere to the conference as well as the Association policy. Conference commissioners are indeed an important piece in this Association – especially with regard to compliance. Mr. Carter further reported that the commissioners are currently putting together a form outlining a standard format for reporting infractions. The form is expected to be in place for the next academic year.

➤ **Dues:** Mr. Carter reported that this year there were a number of colleges that were delinquent in paying their dues. He suggested that the Board address this concern in the future. One idea was to stipulate that in order for a student or a team to participate in the postconference competition, the college has to be a member.

➤ **NCAA and Two-year Relations Committee:** Both Chair Hodge and Mr. Carter attended a meeting of the Two-year Relations Committee last December. Chair Hodge was fascinated with their progress and reported that the NCAA shows goodwill in working with the Association. Mr. Carter reported that he had received no update on the proposal he submitted regarding an accommodation for mediation from the NCAA. Mr. Carter was able to address the Division I membership at the NCAA Convention in January (at one of their issues forums), and he had many NCAA members come up to him asking about the need and problems that are associated with mediation. Mr. Carter reported that he had

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also written a letter to the leadership of Division II, including George Boggs and current Executive Director of NJCAA. He will continue his effort to get the message out on behalf of the two-year college student athletes.

- Mr. Carter reminded the Board members to register for the April convention.

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Report of CCCAA Football Championship and American Football Alumni:

Mr. Carter reported that the American Football Alumni did not deliver any of the things they promised for the football championship. He has made several attempts to contact American Football Alumni. However, no call was returned. Mr. Carter complimented the efforts that the members of the football coaches association put in to assist the administration of the championship. He commended Mark Gritton, President of the CCCFCA, for the tremendous job he delivered. He added that the Association did not spend additional resources in the area of promotion for American Football Alumni.

2. State Budget Crisis: Review of Competition Committee Cost Containment Report:

Management Council Chair Tony Lipold went over the cost containment report. (Please see attached for the report.) MSC to approve Cost Containment Recommendations item number two as proposed. (Note: Logan McKechnie abstained from the vote.) The Board will issue a statement indicating that there will be a reduction in the number of contests as identified in Cost Containment Recommendations item two. The Board will finalize its decision for the other items of the recommendations at the COA/CCCAA 12th Annual Convention this April.

Management Council (MC) Chair Lipold reported that the Management Council will have a summit on Monday before the official Convention starts. The Conferencing Committee will also meet at the Convention. MC Chair Lipold is among the Committee members in the south. He reported that the works done in the Conferencing Committee will be brought forward to the Board within the next five years. He also reported that the Gender Equity Committee, chaired by Diane Henry, is working great.

3. Update of COA Board Goals

a. Academic standards and reform using a system-wide reporting program to evaluate progress of student athletes

Academic and Athletic Standards Review Committee Chair Dave Bolt reported that the Committee had a meeting on February 11 and made some progress identifying criteria it will need to complete the report. The Committee had also received an older report which can be utilized as a guide. Tom Roberts from the Chancellor's Office was in the meeting and was a great resource for the Committee. A system is already in place, where institutions and their Information Resources people can gather a lot of the data. The Committee is finding ways to compile all that data in an efficient way. Mr. Carter added that the goal is to have a pilot study done utilizing schools that are represented on the Committee. There will be a conference call for the Committee prior to the three-hour session at the convention. The Committee will continue to discuss ways to compile information and will begin to compile a report as soon as next year. Some of the issues that the Committee is concerned with are: the application charges, the requirement for any progress after a student's first semester, and coaches changing

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
 COMPETITION COMMITTEE
 COST CONTAINMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Competition Committee Members: Dave Evans, Barbara Bond, Dean Crowley, Lisa Everett, Jerry Hannula, Joe Jennum, Clara Lowden, Dyan Miller, Kulwant Singh.

General Comments:

1. Recommendations are suggested to begin in Fall 2009 and end Spring 2010.
2. Committee was unanimously in favor of no reductions for Spring 2009.
3. Committee was unanimously in favor of no reductions in post conference competition.
4. Recommend that the Management Council get input from Coaches Associations prior to forwarding to the COA/CCCAA Board.
5. Competition Committee is willing to revisit recommendations at a later date, depending on the final outcome of budget.

Cost Containment Recommendations:

1. Recommend Reduction of Non-Traditional Season of Competition – July 1, 2009.
2. Reduce maximum number of contests for all sports. The reductions would be as follows: (10% for sports with less than 12 contests, 15% for sports with 12-30 contests, and 20% for sports with over 30 contests.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Football	10+ scrimmage	10	10%
Cross Country (W/M)	9	8	
Basketball (W/M)	28	24	15%
Soccer (W/M)	24	21	
Volleyball (W/M)	24	21	
Water Polo (W/M)	21	18	
Wrestling	16	14	
Badminton	22	19	
Golf (W/M)	22	19	
Swimming (W/M)	12	11	
Tennis (M/W)	30	26	
Track & Field (W/M)	14	12	
Baseball	44	36	20%
Softball	50	40	

3. Move the start date of practice back a week for all sports except football. Move the start date of games back one week for all sports. Exception: If football loses a scrimmage instead of a game then leave their start date as is.
4. Evaluate the organization/scheduling/location of all meetings and conference related to the operations of all CCCAA organizations and affiliates. Reduction of

- meetings across the board for all groups. Ex. One state meeting, may extend the number of days for meeting. Alternate meetings between the north and south.
5. Increase conference competition to reduce travel for non-conference events.
 6. Schedule double headers whenever possible if they result in a cost savings or reduced workload. To avoid competing on weekends and holidays. The idea is to eliminate possible overtime. We encourage contests to be scheduled on weekdays to avoid weekends and holidays.
 7. Mandatory Conference double headers in Women/Men Basketball.
 8. Freeze official's fees at current rate.
 9. Allow conferences to divide into divisional play for better proximity scheduling with at least eight teams rather than the current ten. Conferences could go to two fours or a five/four divisional concept. This would be up to the conference should they opt to do so.
Bylaw 5.2.10 on page 22 states as follows: Conference or associations, which have ten (10) or more colleges participating in a sport, may be divided into divisions for that sport. There shall be a minimum of five (5) colleges per division.
Recommendation would be to change the number of colleges required to eight (8) with the minimum number per division four (4). This would not be a requirement, only an option for a conference that has extreme geographical considerations when scheduling.
 10. Recommend that all post conference tournaments be held on a California Community College campus.

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February 18, 2009

Nate Finney
Chairperson, CCCApply Steering Committee
Riverside City College
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Riverside, CA 92501

Re: Title IX Survey Implementation

Dear Mr. Finney:

We, California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA), appoint Diane Henry, chairperson for the Management Council of Gender Equity Committee, and her assistant, Long Nguyen, as CCCAA representatives to lead and work with CCCApply Steering Committee on implementing a Title IX survey in CCCApply. Title IX survey represents an essential component in providing information pertaining to equitable opportunity for sport participation and competition for its colleges.

The Title IX survey will contain contents for Test Three of Title IX (state and federal laws), whereby the proposed survey intends to collect data regarding the number of applicants interested in athletic participation in specific sports. Data collection from survey responses will indicate whether an institution complies and satisfies Test Three to fully and effectively accommodate the underrepresented sex. The survey will appear in the “needs and interests (optional)” area of CCCApply and will include dropdown menus with listings of women’s and men’s sports potentially offered at respective institutions. The following statement will also appear at the top of the sports listing: “Students must be enrolled in 12 units to participate in women’s or men’s intercollegiate athletic competition.” Please see an enclosed sample of the proposed survey.

CCCAA grants Ms. Henry and Mr. Nguyen permission to design and create the Title IX survey in conjunction with the CCCApply Steering Committee. CCCAA requests the Title IX survey will be implemented and activated in CCCApply for data collection by March of 2010.

Sincerely,

Carlyle Carter
Executive Director
California Community College Athletic Association