

Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Membership Meeting
World Center Marriott Resort
Orlando, Florida
Friday, June 17 -- 2:30 p.m. (Salon J1)

Attendees:

Tommy Bell, AD (IUPU Fort Wayne)
Ken Bothof, AD (University of Wisconsin Green Bay)
Peg Bradley-Doppes, AD (University of Denver)
Grace Calhoun, AD (Loyola University-Chicago)
Gary Cunningham (U. of California Santa Barbara – Retired)
Don DiJulia, AD (St. Joseph’s University)
Gene Doris, AD (Fairfield University)
Bob Driscoll, AD (Providence College)
Rich Ensor, Commissioner (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference)
Joe Etzel (University of Portland – Retired)
Tim Fitzpatrick, AD (Texas A&M University Corpus Christi)
Irma Garcia, AD (St. Francis College)
Brian Gerrity, Assistant AD (University of Hartford)
Keith Gill, AD (American University)
Tim Hall, AD (University of Missouri Kansas City)
Mike Hermann, AD (Seattle University)
Joe Hull, AD (College of Charleston)
Tracy Huth, AD (Oakland University)
Mike Jacobsen, AD (Utah Valley University)
Ken Kavanagh, AD (Florida Gulf Coast University)
Jean Lenti Ponsetto, AD (DePaul University)
Nancy Lyons, Senior Associate AD (Boston University)
Gene Marshall, AD (Iona College)
Chris May, AD (St. Louis University)
Jack McDonald, AD (Quinnipiac University)
Mike Moore, AD (IUPUI)
Dave Mullins, AD (East Tennessee State University)
Tom O’Connor, AD (George Mason University)
Jim Paquette, AD (Loyola University – MD)
John Parry, AD (Cleveland State University)
Brian Quinn, AD (Cal State Fullerton)
Chris Sedlock, Associate AD (Cleveland State University)
Eric Sexton, AD (Wichita State University)
Chuck Smrt (*The Compliance Group*)
John Stanley, AD (University of Evansville)
John Suarez, AD (Long Island University Brooklyn)
Tom Tontimonia, Associate AD (Cleveland State University)
Larry Williams, AD (University of Portland)

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Brian Quinn (Cal State Fullerton) welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. He appreciated everyone's assistance in his year as the President. He then proceeded to ask all the attendees to introduce themselves.

II. Approval of January 2010 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Tim Hall (UMKC) and seconded by Gene Doris (Fairfield) to approve the January 2011 (San Antonio) Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved unanimously by the committee.

III. Membership/Financial Update

Mr. Ken Kavanagh (FGCU) reviewed the current membership status of the association. He noted that the association finished the year with 94 members (with two additional verbal commitments from AD's who have yet to pay their dues), which is slightly down from last year's total of 103. He mentioned that some former I-AAA members have transitioned to the Football Championship Subdivision, which has been a factor in the decrease in membership. He recommended that the Board of Directors maintain strong communication with I-AAA institutions in an effort to keep membership a high level.

As witnessed in the Financials handout, our **Total Assets as of May 15, 2011 is \$134,711** (in comparison, at this time last year we were at \$123,000)

At this time, a short discussion took place regarding the possibility of a salary survey being conducted for the group. **A motion was made by Gene Doris and seconded by Ms. Peg Bradley-Doppes (Denver) to "create a salary survey for the membership and have the NACDA Office coordinate these efforts with the current I-AAA ADA Officers."** The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Awards Presentations

The 2010-11 I-AAA Regional ADs of the Year were recognized: Jeff Altier (Stetson - Southeast), Mike Lyons (Boston University – Northeast), Bruce Rasmussen (Creighton - Central), and Larry Williams (Portland - West).

a. Gary Cunningham Lifetime Achievement

Ken Kavanagh introduced our initial recipient and award namesake Gary Cunningham (California Santa Barbara – retired) who presented the **7th Annual Gary Cunningham Lifetime Achievement Award** to Mr. Joe Etzel (University of Portland – retired). Mr. Cunningham noted that Mr. Etzel began the University of Portland's baseball program, which he coached for 21 seasons. When presented with the award, Mr. Etzel said that he was honored to receive such a distinguished award. He further noted that being an athletics director was the only job he ever had, and he's had an enjoyable career.

b. Scholar-Athlete Teams

Tim Hall recognized the men's and women's scholar-athlete teams. There were 44 nominations for female athletes and 36 for males. **Kayla Tetschlag**, a business administration major from the University of Wisconsin Green Bay, with a 3.80 GPA was named the Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year; while the men's award went to **Mick Hedgepeth**, an accounting major from Belmont University, with a 3.71 GPA.

He also presented the Inaugural Postgraduate Scholarships to Brittany Carnago (Oakland) and Steven Weingarten (LaSalle). They each will receive a \$5,000 scholarship to graduate school.

c. All-Sports Trophy

In the absence of committee chair Mark Massari, Brian Quinn distributed the plaques to the various winners of our All Sport Trophies. Overall, 27 different institutions were represented within the 17 sports that are honored (**list of recipients attached as an addendum to the minutes**). The overall winner was not decided at the meeting since the baseball season had not been completed and the final standings were not available (*since the meeting, it was determined that the University of Denver was the overall winner for the fourth consecutive year for being the top I-AAA program in the Sports' Directors Cup Standing*).

V. Legislative Update

Mr. Chuck Smrt (*The Compliance Group*) reviewed the following legislative issues pertaining to the association:

- Recruiting
- Awards/Benefits
- Academics
- Compliance Issues
- Enforcement Issues

He stated that restrictions on text messaging regarding recruiting are going to be loosened. There will also be fewer restrictions regarding official visits, which will now be permissible during an athlete's junior year. There is going to be an increase in academic standards. **He noted that the Football Bowl Subdivision is in the process of proposing certification standards that could certainly trickle down and effect the entire Division I membership. Mr. Smrt encouraged all I-AAA ADA members to communicate with the NCAA about this procedure.**

A reminder, as part of our agreement, Chuck and his staff are available to respond to legislative inquiries throughout the year, including potential questions concerning investigations relative to possible major violations.

VI. NCAA Men's and Women's Basketball Championships Update

In the absence of Ms. Joni Comstock (NCAA), Mr. Rich Ensor (MAAC) reviewed the Postseason Men's and Women's NCAA Basketball tournaments. Attendance for the men's 1st and 2nd rounds, as well as the regionals saw increases in attendance, including three sites that had sellouts. Unfortunately, the Men's Final Four attendance was down significantly. The committee will be looking at ticket prices and will likely offer single round tickets in the future. With regards to the women's tournament, there is the possibility of moving it a week later than generally scheduled since there have been complaints of having it compete against the men's tournament on the same weekend. However, no drastic changes are expected to be made in the foreseeable future. Mr. Kavanagh stressed that members continue to give feedback.

VII. Division I Membership Status

Ms. Bradley-Doppes reviewed the current Division I membership status. There is a concern of too many Division II schools entering Division I because of possible revenue distribution errors. She noted that once an institution has been accepted into the Division I ranks, they are grandfathered into the level. The only way an institution can leave Division I is if they decide they would like to move down a division.

VIII. Nominating Committee Report

Past President and Nominating Committee Chair, Ms. Jean Lenti Ponsetto (DePaul) introduced the new slate of Officers and Executive Committee members for 2011-12. . A motion to approve the new slate (**attached in an addendum**) was made by Don DiJulia (St. Joseph's) and seconded by Mr. Jack MacDonald (Quinnipiac). The motion was approved unanimously by the committee.

IX. Passing of the Presidential Gavel

Mr. Quinn expressed his appreciation to everyone for their support over the past year and then passed the gavel to Mr. Kavanagh. He thanked Mr. Quinn for his great service and dedication to the Association and presented him a plaque for his contributions.

X. Old/New Business

Mr. Kavanagh acknowledged all contributors for the I-AAA ADA corner articles in *Athletics Administration*. Mr. Kavanagh thanked everyone for attending the Convention in Orlando, and is looking forward to a successful year ahead.

The next membership meeting will take place on Thursday, January 12 from 9:30-11:00 am at the NCAA Convention in Indianapolis. The location of the meeting has yet to be determined.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Kavanagh adjourned the meeting at 4:05 pm