

Division I-AAA Athletics Directors Association Meeting Agenda
Friday, June 19, 2009 – World Center Marriot Resort
Orlando, FL
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. EDT

Participants:

Jack McDonald - Quinnipiac University (President)
Allison Rich – Cal State Fullerton
Bari Watson – Belmont University
Mike Roth – Gonzaga University
Scott Street – Texas A&M University Corpus Christi
Brian Pracht – Wichita State
Tracy Huth – Oakland University
Chris May – Saint Louis University
Lenny Kaplan – New Jersey Institute of Technology
Rudy Carvajal – California State University Bakersfield
Virnette House Browning – Bradley University
Joe Hull – College of Charleston
Ricky Vaughn – University of Texas Pan American
Steve Moniaci – Houston Baptist University
Michael Moore – IUPUI
Chris Sedlock – Cleveland State University
Gene Doris - Fairfield University
Christina Baglas – University of California Santa Barbara
Gary Cunningham – Retired AD/University of California Santa Barbara
Tommy Bell – IUPU Fort Wayne
Heather Collart – Pepperdine University
Tricia Miller – University of Portland
Jill LaPoint – Providence College
John Suarez – Long Island University
Brian Hicks – Xavier University
Tim Hall – University of Missouri Kansas City
Jim Schmidt – University of Illinois Chicago
Keith Gill – American University
Pat Meiser – University of Hartford
Laurie Weinstein – University of Hartford
Ken Bothof - University of Wisconsin Green Bay
Mike Carter - Oral Roberts University
Don DiJulia – St. Joseph’s University
Jim Jarrett - Old Dominion University
Ken Kavanagh – Florida Gulf Coast University
Vanessa Kaye - NACDA Intern
Jean Lenti Ponsetto - DePaul University
Pat Manak – NACDA
Dave Mullins – East Tennessee State University
Brian Quinn - California State University Fullerton
Joel Thirer - Binghamton University
Larry Williams – University of Portland
John Stanley – University of Evansville

1. Jack McDonald (Quinnipiac University) welcomed everyone and congratulated all the Regional Athletics Directors' winners. He then asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.
2. Approval of January 2009 Meeting Minutes
 - a. The January 2009 Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously by the committee.
3. Membership/Financial Update
 - a. Ken Kavanagh (Florida Gulf Coast University) informed the group that the membership was strong with 96 members. There were 87 athletics directors and all nine commissioners. He stated that a few athletics directors were no longer involved because they moved to the FCS -- including South Alabama, North Carolina Charlotte and Old Dominion.
 - b. Mr. Kavanagh reported that there is \$8,000 more in the association's account now than there was a year ago. A suggestion was made by Jean Lenti Ponsetto (DePaul University) to develop Postgraduate Scholarships for all I-AAA ADA sports. She would like one male and one female to be selected in each sport. A motion was made and seconded for further discussion in Atlanta at the NCAA Convention for the use of association funds to provide Postgraduate Scholarships to I-AAA student-athletes. It was approved unanimously.
4. Awards Presentation
 - a. Scholar-Athlete
 - i. Ms. Ponsetto stated there were 46 women and 20 men applicants and those numbers are slightly higher than last year. The nomination process begins with the sports information director's recommendation. Followed by a review of resumes and then the AD's approval. Ms. Ponsetto distributed the awards to those schools who had representatives at the meeting.
5. Passing of the Presidential Gavel
 - a. Mr. McDonald passed the gavel to Ms. Ponsetto. She thanked Mr. McDonald for his leadership and plans to continue working to build the association.
6. NCAA Legislation
 - a. Gary Cunningham presented the new legislation that was proposed by the PAC-10 that will not allow teams to take foreign trips. From his past experience, he is definitely against the legislation. He noted that these trips can be used as a recruiting tool, a learning experience and a bonding tool for the student-athletes. Craig Jones (Basketball Travelers) agreed with Mr. Cunningham that foreign trips give the student-athletes many opportunities that might not be available otherwise.
 - b. Ms. Ponsetto discussed the Summer Access Legislation. This will come before the NCAA Board of Director's meeting in August. She discussed that the FAR's are fighting back and want this legislation to pass. Ms. Ponsetto stated that the more involved the coach is in their players, the higher their graduation rate and more likely the players will have academic success. This legislation will affect both men's and women's teams. The FAR's have argued that this is an opportunity for coaches to practice in the off-season.

7. Post Season Basketball Tournament

- a. FCS/I-AAA ADA Joint Membership Meeting
 - i. Mr. McDonald stated that they had a good meeting. He informed the committee that they discussed the override, the PAC-10 legislation and that they have a 2/3 of the Division I voting. There needs to be a consensus among the two groups on the post season basketball tournament.
- b. Mr. McDonald reviewed all the post-season basketball tournaments and a discussion ensued as to whether or not the entire membership was in agreement with the current status of each one. He stated that basketball has the lowest post-season percentage participation (19%) out of all the NCAA sports, including football. Mr. Kavanagh gave a brief update on his experience with the CBI.

There was a motion made by Ms. Ponsetto and seconded by Joel Thirer to have Chuck Smrt from the Compliance Group develop a brief survey to the membership on all the various topics concerning I-AAA legislation. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Smrt recommended the survey be completed by the end of summer and include issues such as basketball enhancement, summer access, APR and academics.

8. Sand Volleyball

- a. Mr. McDonald stated that the Pac-10 conference needs votes for the override to pass. Currently they only have 50 votes and they need 100. The NCAA legislation to add sand volleyball also includes adding extra weeks to basketball. In order to have a sand volleyball team, the school must have three sand courts.

9. Awards Continued

- a. All Sports Trophy
 - i. Mr. McDonald reminded those in attendance that the All-Sports Trophy is presented to the I-AAA school that finishes the year with the highest ranking in the Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings. *{Since the meeting, the University of Denver was awarded this year's All-Sports Trophy}*. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Carter distributed the individual sport awards to those schools who were in attendance.
- b. Gary Cunningham Lifetime Achievement Award
 - i. Mr. Kavanagh announced that Don DiJulia, AD from St. Joseph's University was the recipient of this year's Gary Cunningham Lifetime Achievement Award. Unfortunately, Mr. DiJulia could not be present at the meeting.

10. Nominating

- a. Mr. Kavanagh reviewed the recommended slate of Officers and Executive Committee members for the following year.

11. Athletics Administration

- a. Mr. McDonald reviewed the deadline dates for the future issues in *Athletics Administration*. There are now eight issues a year in the magazine. He asked that

if anyone was interested in writing an article to contact Pat Manak in the NACDA office.

12. Salary Issue

- a. Mr. McDonald stated that this issue was discussed last year but the group decided not to move forward with any project at that time. After a brief discussion, Mr. Kavanagh offered to look at the survey done by the Ohio Valley Conference and send it out to the committee for their review. Depending on the committee's response, a decision will be made as to whether or not this initiative should be pursued any further.

13. Old/New Business

- a. The next membership meeting will take place on Thursday, January 14 from 9:00-10:30 am at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, GA. There will also be a joint membership meeting with the Football Championship Subdivision on that same day from 11:00 am-12:00 noon at the Marriott Marquis.

14. Adjournment