



President's Column

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I take over the Presidency of NATYCAA for the next year. The bar has been set high by my predecessors in the NATYCAA organization. Past Presidents like Scott Geddes (Phoenix College) and Lou Pullano (Community College of Rhode Island) have set the standard for leadership, organization and communication within our organization.

I hope many of you were able to attend the stellar convention this past June in Orlando. I can honestly say that I have never witnessed such a great example of professional development opportunities, personal development options and great networking gatherings for community college athletic administrators. This combined with such a large number of emeritus members in attendance from the NATYCAA Connections organization, truly made the convention a tremendous and possibly the best NATYCAA Convention ever.

In the coming months as each of us gets back to work in our own institutions we will have the opportunities to use much of this information that was presented by our wonderful presenters and hopefully at that time each of us can reflect back on the effectiveness of NATYCAA. I know it is easy to just think about NATYCAA around convention time. However, I am hoping that members and others who have not yet made the leap of faith to join our organization will think of what needs to be done to improve personally and professionally in the next year. We hope when you think of your options for growth that you will think of NATYCAA.

NATYCAA is not a group of staff that works year-round to bring us the convention, but you and I, community college AD's around the nation that band together to support each other. So please when you have the option to join NATYCAA please do so and come to the convention and get involved in many of the exciting opportunities within our organization.

Bob Myers
Solano College

Convention News

Connection member Ron Warnock and his wife Bonnie hosted a pre-convention reception at their home for the executive committee. It was fabulous.

The 20th Anniversary Convention was a hit.

Jack Lengyel opened the convention speaking about his experience as head football coach at Marshall University after the fatal plane crash. He also tried to convince us he looks like Matthew McConaughey who plays his part in the movie. Needless to say, Jack was terrific.

Pepsi and adidas hosted the annual golf outing organized by Ron Case. It was a great time to socialize and meet our sponsors. All went home with merchandise provided by adidas.

At the BET Sound stage at Disney's Pleasure Island adidas hosted a reception for the membership. Old friends and new acquaintances met for a great time.

Chris Fuller, associate athletic director at the University of Tennessee, spoke about leadership principles and tips. He was followed by Ken Beazer, AD at the Southern Utah University, who spoke concerning new revenue streams. Bill Miller, Bob Bottger, Art Becker and Carlyle Carter spoke at the first Connection sponsored session about the past, present, and future of NATYCAA.

The luncheon was highlighted by the award presentations. The top three finishers in each division of the Pepsi Cup were recognized. Mary Mahan (Miami-Dade North) received the L. William Miller Award for athletic administration excellence. Our student athlete award winners were recognized. Eight of the Founding Fathers were in attendance and received a wonderful reception and honors. Harold Snellenberger, head football coach at Florida Atlantic University, gave a rousing speech to top off the luncheon.

The business session followed. The officer transition was approved with Bob Myers of Solano CC moving into the presidency. Carl Heinrich of Johnson County became the new 3rd vice president. Outgoing president Scott Geddis moves over to the treasurer position. Past presidents were voted onto the executive committee. A sub committee chaired by Lou Pullano, CC of Rhode Island, was formed to explore having the first ever NATYCAA Bowl in the fall of '08 between the NJCAA champion and the California champion.

We were then honored with a presentation by Dr. George Boggs, CEO of the American Community College Association. His presentation was "A View from the Top".

Our all important sponsors were then recognized and made short presentations on their services.

The next day at the NACDA Convention our representatives arranged several sessions for two year college athletic administrators. Don Warkentin from West Hills-LeMoore College presented on why new programs are cost effective. Jim Forkum from Santa Rosa then spoke about communicating with the new generation of students through technology.

Pepsi Cup

The winners of the 2006/2007 Pepsi Cup are as follows:

State Association Division:

Orange Coast, 164
Sierra College, 158
Fresno City College, 154
Riverside CC, 139
Cerritos College, 129.5
San Antonio College, 128
Sacramento City College, 126
American River College, 123
Long Beach City College, 119.5
Santa Rosa Jr. College, 114

NJCAA Scholarship Division:

Monroe CC, 179
Cowley College, 163.5
Johnson County, 147.5
Butler County, 115.5
South Plains, 114.5
Alfred, 105

Tyler, 98
Central Arizona, 95.5
Iowa Central, 95.5
Vincennes, 94

NJCAA Non-Scholarship Division:

College of DuPage, 166.5
Gloucester County College, 144.5
Herkimer CC, 140
Mohawk Valley, 138
Harper , 107
Nassau, 98
Erie, 88
SUNY Cobleskill, 82
SUNY Delhi, 67.5
Ridgewater, 66.5

Awards/Honors

Mary Mahan, retired Associate Director of Athletics at Miami-Dade North, received the prestigious L. William Miller Award for athletic administration excellence. Mary continues to serve intercollegiate athletics as one of the founders and leaders of Connections, the retired branch of NATYCAA.

Julia Kenealy of Iowa Western CC and Gary Broadhurst Jr. of Mohawk Valley CC were the recipients of the Scholar Athlete Awards.



Gary Broadhurst, Jr.



Julia Kenealy

NJCAA Award recipients. Loyalty Award – Scott Geddis (Phoenix), **Appreciation Award** – JoAnn Rust (Pima), **George E. Killian Award** – John Kuntz (Sussex County), **Service Award** - Dennis Perry (Garden City)

To emphasize sportsmanship, St. Louis CC – Meramec established a Magic Sportsmanship Team composed of one athlete from each of its teams.

General News

The membership organization of the California Commission on Athletics (COA) will now be known as the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA). The COA Board will continue to be referenced as the Commission on Athletics and continue to fulfill their mandate to oversee and serve as the regulatory body for California community college athletics.

The COA also enacted legislation to require compliance with Title IX in order to be classified as a member in good standing thus permitting participation in activities sponsored by the Association.

Connections

Connections is alive and well. Of the 28 members, 11 were present at the national convention. Ron Warnock (Miami-Dade North) and his wife Bonnie hosted a reception for the executive committee during the national convention at his home in Poinciana.