

## MCAC Executive Committee

### February 19-20 EC Meeting Minutes

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**Roll Call:** C. Anderson, M. Sam, J. Lamppa, T. Thorstad, P. Watkins, S. Crittenden, M. Lester, S. King.

**January EC Notes (no quorum):** T. Thorstad, Motion to approve. 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Sam. Unanimous.

**NCAA Name-Image-Likeness:** Conf. office updated EC regarding House of Representative and Senate bills. Goal in working with System office is to stay current with NCAA/NJCAA movements. S. Crittenden updated EC regarding NJCAA BOR position.

**MCAC Football Spring Practice:** Conf. office updated EC regarding discussion with a college president and another college admin rep regarding how to best roll out legislation in terms of timing. Example being that MCAC Baseball made systemic change to operating structure, as did MCAC Football. Other sports have waited until next academic year to implement changes that affect coaching contracts. Noted by M. Sam in terms of equity between campuses in certain sports. Noted by S. Crittenden pay rates may become item of discussion moving forward. Noted by Conf. office that some programs are not within Minnesota State system. Discussion regarding ways to streamline timeline of sport code. Noted that General Assembly would be proper format for discussion of legislative roll-out.

**Baseball/Softball Pre-Season Call:** Conf. office updated EC regarding pre-season calls in both sports. At this time, all schools report that they will be fielding teams.

**NJCAA Convention Travel Request:** Discussion regarding the NJCAA Convention and travel plans regarding the NJCAA committee; noted by Conf. office how travel for committee meeting. Noted by S. Crittenden the structure of the NJCAA Convention. Discussion regarding how sport committees business is handled at this event. Item tabled until M. Curfman would be available to present actual cost.

**NJCAA Diversity & Inclusion Council:** M. Sam & Conf. office updated group regarding the work and mission on Council values. Scholarship is available.

**NJCAA Men's Basketball & Baseball Committee:** Conf. office updated group regarding work on both committees. Noted that MCAC has good chance at getting two men's teams into the national tournament if success within teams continues. Baseball committee has not had many results to consider. Basketball discussion centered around Div. I and Div. II competition, in comparison to playing JV teams &/or prep schools. S. Crittenden noted that coaches need to consider budget implications as they look at schedule proposals and dynamics.

- Above topic evolved sport budget and funding discussion, significant feedback regarding overall Conference philosophy and strategic planning initiatives.
  - Sub-committee proposed by S. Crittenden regarding overall Conference philosophy and adhering to mission. Also, challenging to address voting process with different standards; simple majority vs. 2/3's vote.
  - Keith Turner shall lead the Nominating committee for open positions in MCAC.
  - Leslie Reed shall lead the Hall-of-Fame committee for HOF consideration.

**MCAC M/W BB Schedules:** J. Lamppa updated group in terms of status of 2019-20 MWBB schedules. Discussion on Crossover schedule (already set), Southern Division and Northern Division. Likely that Southern Div. will 'flip' the 19-20 schedule, Northern Div. will need to decide whether to start play prior to holiday or after.

**NJCAA District Wrestling Event:** J. Lamppa updated group in terms of event at Itasca. Conf. office updated group in terms of event awards. Sport expansion at member schools in terms of wrestling discussion. S. Crittenden noted he serves on NJCAA Wrestling committee and will be attending national competition in Iowa.

**Other Business as Presented:** Noted by J. Lamppa that multiple tiebreaker scenarios currently exist in basketball.

Technical difficulties with Zoom presented a challenge at the end of the call as some participants were muted.

Question presented by M. Lester regarding Region BB official assigning. Conf. office noted that Jeff Risk will assign Region XIIIB event; MJ Wageson will assign the Region XIIIA event.

Question presented by M. Sam in terms of team conduct and concerns in selected sports. Feedback from the group included how to improve and Conf. office spoke to communication to presidents and how to address conduct moving forward, including Violations & Appeals Committee and how non-collegial incidents.

Specifically, MCAC handbook Appendix L & Appendix O, Appendix M deal with MCAC violations in conduct.

