

MCAC Executive Committee

2019 August Meeting Minutes: Fri. 8/23

Roll: Chelsea Anderson, RCC; Mike Lester, RCTC; Steve Crittenden, ARCC; Mike Curfman, Northland; Steve King, M State; Leslie Reed, Itasca; Justin Lamppa, Itasca; Mary Sam, CLC; Pete Watkins, MCAC Office; Todd Thorstad, Ridgewater.

Welcome & Intro of new members: MCAC President Mike Curfman welcomed new members to the EC; Mike Lester, RCTC and Chelsea Anderson, Riverland. Chelsea noted that Riverland was in process of hiring new student life personnel who would oversee athletics. Mike provide the group with his background at the NCAA 4-year college level and updates to changes in RCTC admin.

Discussion & Vote for Keith Turner to serve out Michael Raich's Term: Conference office & Mike Curfman noted that with Michael Raich moving into NHED president's role, a vacancy still exists within EC. Noted that Keith Turner (LSC) has previously served in EC role when at FDLTCC and has expressed interest and availability again. Motion made (Crittenden), second by Lamppa for Keith to serve out Raich's term. Motion carried unanimous. Additional discussion on changes in VP roles due to transition; to be taken up at later date. Noted by Conference office that no other nominees came forward when the original solicitation for open roles when the search yielded Mike Lester and Chelsea.

Fall Sport Pre-Season Meeting reports: Conference office reported on pre-season meetings for MCAC sports of Football, Volleyball, Clay Target and Soccer. Some technical difficulties in first meetings using Zoom; problems solved by 2nd sport meeting.

MCAC Fall Travel & Annual Membership: Conference office presented travel and membership plans for Fall sports and CoSIDA membership for MCAC. Travel will fall under Mike Curfman as a personnel issue, rather than committee. Motion made by Curfman, seconded by Lamppa for MCAC to invest approximately \$150 in MCAC CoSIDA membership for Conference office. Motion carried unanimous.

ADA / Presto website accessibility update: Conference office presented discussion with Presto to give workshop on ADA Compliance and athletics website. Mary Sam (CLC) noted that Central Lakes was audited for an OCR ADA issue and athletic department website was one topic. Conference office reports that Presto is willing to review and recommend on ADA considerations for schools which are Presto clients. They are not willing to present to schools which are not Presto clients. At this time, the System office did not have any further resources or recommendations for resources. This topic will be re-visited at a later date.

Title IX seminar, System office: Conference office presented discussion with system office to give workshop on OCR and Title IX compliance. Group noted that several schools have posted gender equity data regarding EADA reports, but it is not all colleges. Also, some colleges have dated information available. Scott Goings from the system office will present at the MCAC Spring GA on Title IX.

USMC / Nicklasson / Adidas sponsorship: Conference office presented information about MCAC – Nicklasson sponsorship. MCAC will receive promotional dollars from adidas to be used on AOW materials and some Conference promotional pieces. Deal does not require individual colleges to go with Nicklasson- hope is that NAC will have best options for many colleges and they will consider going with NAC in the future. Noted that the NJCAA – Adidas relationship is a strong connector for MCAC colleges and NAC.

Fall MCAC & Region Meetings: Discussion regarding Fall Meetings; originally, group voted to have Fall MCAC in hybrid format at SCTCC. Assumption was more people would attend in person than call in. However, based on responses, most in group will on be remotely- also, some Mon-Dak persons report they would fly in to Twin Cities and asked if a metro location could be selected (rather than fly into TC, then drive to St. Cloud.). The Conference will host the Fall meetings at NSC in Blaine, with others connecting via Zoom.

Region leadership positions: Dan Artemenko resigned his role at Williston State, leaving a opening for Women's region director. In July and early August, the decision was made to have Dan Mertens assume the Women's Region Director role. No vote was conducted by Region membership; the Region Executive Committee made the decision. Discussion regarding lack of outreach to potential female candidates, other than Rosalie H. (Asst. Reg. Director). Further Region positions will be discussed at Fall meeting.

NDSCS Clay Target / Baseball: Noted by Justin Lamppa and Conference office that NDSCS has announced two new sports; Clay Target and baseball. It is reported that their baseball team will be DIII, as they are in softball. This will create a need for re-vamped Region tournament process. Lamppa will connect with Stu E. at NDSCS and work with baseball coaches on post-season structure. Conference office noted that NDSCS CT will have about 40 participants in their first year and have the first, female CT coach, Erin Johnson.

Other items as presented:

Noted by Mike Lester and Steve Crittenden creating of committee of athletic directors within NJCAA to collect and disseminate information regarding NJCAA Connect issues (there are many). Noted by Steve King the need for paper submissions and significant time invested to input data. Lengthy discussion on wide range of NJCAA Connect issues.

Pete Watkins noted that the Conference office was moved from RCTC to Minnesota State Southeast over the summer. Southeast is considering athletics and MCAC office is helping with process as trade-out for rent and support costs.

Reported by Conference office that MCAC On-Boarding will be moved from a log-in meeting in Sept. to a narrated powerpoint delivery. Many of those needing the onboarding would not be available on the same date/time.

Motion to Adjourn (King), seconded by Reed. Meeting Adjourned.

Our 2019-20 Executive Committee Roster:

Steve Crittenden, ARCC

Mike Curfman, Northland

Todd Thorstad, Ridgewater

Keith Turner, Lake Superior College (pending vote)

Mary Sam, Central Lakes

Leslie Reed, Itasca

Justin Lamppa, Itasca

Steve King, M State-Fergus Falls

Chelsea Anderson, Riverland

Mike Lester, RCTC

Paul Shepherd System Office

Peter Watkins, MCAC Office

Also, please note our new contact information below, including new phone number. If you have a 331.222.6959 cell number for our office in your contacts, please delete it.

We look forward to connecting with you later this week.