

MINNESOTA COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA
MARCH 27-28, 2017
Hosted by Anoka Ramsey, Coon Rapids Campus

Monday, March 27st, 8:30 AM (Athletic Directors and Athletic Administration Representatives)

1. MCAC Meeting called to order by Paul McDonald Men's Division President
2. Introduction of Peter Watkins, Executive Director
 - Biographical background and "thank you" to group discussed by Peter W.
 - Peter W. Noted ease of transition due to help of Dave W. and Justin H. and all of MnWest staff.
3. Approve 2017 MCAC General Assembly Agenda
 - To floor as agenda item.
 - 2nd Mel M., RRCC
 - Unanimously Approved.
4. Approve minutes – 2016 General Assembly
 - a. General Assembly Minutes
 - To floor as agenda item.
 - 2nd Todd T., RC
 - Unanimously Approved.
 - i. Noted by Peter W., documents available online in PDF form.
5. Treasurer's Report – Peter Watkins
 - a. 2016-2017 Budget update & Proposed 2017-2018 Budget and Dues
 - i. Discussion by group regarding NJCAA dues and Region costs.
 - ii. Discussion by group regarding MnSCU \$10K allocation in FY17&18
 - iii. Noted by Steve C. for dialog over course of GA. Noted that Conference office is in transition and directed questions to Exec. Committee.
6. Hall of Fame Report-
 - a. No nominees for 2017 GA at this time. Mel M. RRRC and Dave L. RCC both noted important of nomination. Question regarding automatic candidacy for All-America athletes. Noted persons could nominate over GA.
7. Set date and location of the 2018 General Assembly Meeting.
 - a. Date, Time Location set at ARCC, March 26-27.
 - b. Noted likelihood of Fall meeting as well, pending Regional meetings.
8. General Assembly Discussion Items
 - a. Discussion regarding need & interest in a fall or summer MCAC meeting.
 - a. Fall Meeting likely, based on NJCAA Mandate.
 - b. Discussion regarding a meeting with Council of Conference Presidents.

- Noted by Peter W. the Conference office has had two phone introductions to system presidents and will have in-person meeting in April.

c. Discussion on Emerging &/or addition of sports:

i. Trapshooting as a MCAC sport in 2018

- i. Noted significant discussion on the addition of clay target/trap league. Presentation to follow on Tue. For interested schools.
- i. Paul M. and Mike F. HCC noted NHED schools to sponsor club league in fall to hopefully become basis of MCAC league. Not clear at this time if CT/TL will be varsity only or will eventually become NJCAA sport.

ii. Lake Superior College, Trap & M/WBB

- i. Confirmed by Keith Turner, LSC, that Lake Superior College will sponsor varsity men's and women's basketball. Noted by Exec. Committee that LSC will be included in 2018-19 schedule, format TBD.

iii. Club Sports

- i. Noted by Peter W. that there is space dedicated on the new website for club sports and discussion regarding possible evolution of club sports into varsity status.

d. Discussion on discontinued sports / dropped teams / ineligible teams within academic year.

- Significant discussion regarding forfeited seasons by some schools and short timeline for notice in some per-game forfeits. Significant discussion regarding payment format and if payment is for "punishment" of failure to field team or to cover costs of aggrieved opponent?
 - Can forfeit fees be used to pay for alternate opponent?
 - What if not all opponents used forfeit fees in MWBB?
 - How are forfeit wins/losses recorded and affect on stats?
 - Brian L. RCTC noted RCTC baseball status for spring 18. Motion from Justin L ICC to adjust 3rd place qualification for regional to reflect RCTC status. 2nd by Steve K. Approved Unanimous.

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i. Baseball Regional – discussion regarding Century College and role in Division III post-season.

ii. Effect on standings, awards and post-season. S

- i. See above/RCTC – CC dialogue.

e. Report on MCAC website and partnership with Presto Sports

- Presentation by Peter W. as to function of new website.
- Noted that stats in most sports automated, provided coaches/schools use proper software. Significant discussion on compatibility of stat packages (Dak-State, etc.) with Presto.
- Noted Presto sports will present to group on Tuesday
- Important role of social media impressions on marketability of ad space on website.
- Discussion regarding cost breakdown at Conference level for schools which sign on with Presto for athletic dept. site.
- Noted that website includes function of organizing votes, documents, etc for member schools.

f. Discussion regarding Fall softball and baseball practice and scrimmages

- Significant discussion led by Dave A. ARCC and Melissa M. SCTCC regarding softball and baseball similarities and differences in practice, how dates can be counted and related items.
- Noted that baseball and softball pitching has different affect on roster size, # of games to be played.
- Consensus of group is desire for two sports to be unhinged legislatively when considered for sport codes updates. Peter W. is noted as conduit to communication to coaches groups in spring.
- Question by Brian L. as to how NJCAA probation applies to eligibility in baseball; e.g. S/A competes in fall, not in spring due to probation?

g. Discussion on women's sports programs in the MCAC.

- Significant discussion led by several AD/s and Admin as to experiences had by women's SA's. Topics include:
- Playoff format- access to nationals vs. access to tournament experience.
- Role of PSEO and early college on women's sports rosters; noted by Dave Alto and Mel M. as to relationship with local high schools.
- Noted by several the role that work and additional commitments by some SA's made for difficulty with weekend competition. Noted by David L. RCC that some SA's just can't make Saturday games if they have to pay tuition with PT work.
- Noted by Conference office to learn about Reg. A/B formats and best practices by similar conferences.

- h. Report regarding potential MCAC sponsorship & partnership engagement.
 - Presentation by Peter W. regarding types of potential sponsors and corporations which may have interest in MCAC partnership.
 - Noted that aggregate of Conference is most appealing to retailers; footprint of any one college relatively small but overall footprint of league is significant.
- - i. BSN Sports – Presentation on Online Store and Profile of the Month
 - ii. IMG Website Revenue
 - iii. Mayo Clinic Sports Medicine
 - iv. Scheel's Sporting Goods – Trophies & Awards
- i. Additional items as Presented: Monday meeting adjourned for lunch and NJCAA Region meetings.

Tuesday, March 28th:

2. MCAC Meeting called to order by Paul McDonald Men's Division President.
3. Reminders of Presto Sport presentation at conclusion of business.
4. Steve C. Reported new roles in Executive Committee for David Daley MRC, Gary Schindler, RCC and Michael Raich, HCC. Noted Regional position voting from Monday. Peter W. Reported that updated leadership roles will be listed on website.
5. Executive Meeting minutes from April, 2016 thru March 2017 reviewed categorically by General Assembly. Minutes approved unanimously by GA.
6. Further discussion Century College, role within region in baseball, softball and soccer. Important notes from Region meetings noted by Jean M. and Todd T, Justin L. Questions posed regarding timeline for NJCAA national conference and process.
7. Further discussion on fall meeting times.
8. Call to adjourn meeting posed by Paul M., 2nd Mike F. Meeting adjournment approved unanimously by GA.