

**NAIA Softball Coaches Association Business Meeting
November 29, 2007—9:00AM
Las Vegas, NV.**

Minutes

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order by Myra Minuskin, NAIA-SCA President

B. Introductions of Officers:

Keith Kramme-SCA 1st VP

Terri Knecht-SCA 2nd VP

Hal Wynn-SCA Secretary

C. Approval of Minutes-November 29, 2007

Motion-Wendy Spratt

Second- Melanie Gregor

II. Reports

A. NFCA National Office Report-Ritchie Richardson

a. Attendance-41% are present

**b. Convention Reminders: wear credentials, tickets for each event,
Hall of Fame Friday at 7:00PM.**

c. Submit articles to Fastpitch Delivery

d. More response to the Question of the Month

**e. Opportunity to discuss issues that affect all groups. Try to get these
posted on the website. Example: some want to do away with the
eight after five rule.**

**f. All Region Coaches: Melanie Carter, Dave Williams,
Mike Christner, Anna Welch**

g. National Coach of the Year- Phil McSpadden

B. NAIA National Office Report-Dennis Green

a. National Office has been relocated to Kansas City, MO.

b. New Staff Members

c. Coaches manual around mid to late January

**d. Champion of Characters May 9th deadline-need more nominations
Terri Knecht asked about changing of the form. It will be looked at.**

e. Conference tournament deadline-May 3rd.

f. Regional tournament-May 10th.

- g. National Tournament-May 16th-21st.
 - h. Deadline for bids for National Tournament site due December 1st.
 - i. Direct Qualification Update:
 - Eleven person Transition Committee met on November 19th.
 - Independents-not a member of a conference
 - Affiliates- member of conference but not six or more with softball.
 - One bid per six or two bids per twelve
 - No limit on at large bids to conferences
 - A conference tournament is not mandated for the automatic bid
 - Autonomy is given to each conference to determine their automatic Bid.
 - There will be one rater for each conference
 - There will be one rater per geographical grouping for unaffiliated Teams.
 - j. There will continue to be an oversight committee.
 - k. NAIA awards will be conference and national
 - l. An increase in the number of All America Honorable Mention instead of All Region
 - m. All the above information and more can be found at the NAIA website concerning Direct Qualification. Click on the Membership Services and go to Direct Qualification.
- C. Raters and Ratings Process- Keith Kramme
 - a. Thirteen raters
 - b. Preseason poll in February
 - c. Weekly basis
 - d. Deadlines-Noon on Mondays Regional top ten
Tuesday top twenty-five due
 - e. Oversight committee will check the top twenty-five rankings.
 - f. Check the Coaches Manual.
 - D. All America Selection Process Review-Myra Minuskin
 - a. Will be in the coaches manual
 - b. Make sure that you get the completed forms signed
 - E. All Scholar Athlete Requirements and Deadlines-Terri Knecht and Hal Wynn
 - a. All deadlines will be posted in the coaches manual
 - b. Athletes must be at your institution for a full year
 - c. Make sure all appropriate signatures are on form(s)
 - F. National Tournament Update-Myra Minuskin
 - a. No changes

b. Consult coaches manual

III. Discussion

A. Direct Qualification-format for National Tournament

- a. May 14th-20th , 2009**
- b. Deadline to submit how your conference's automatic bid will be chosen will be May 4th**
- c. The question was raised if you have dates remaining may you play during the ten day period between conference deadline and the start of the National tournament?**

IV. Determining bids for Independents

- A. The question was raised concerning a rater(s) for the independents**
- B. You will find in Proposals a motion(B) for Independents tournament(s)**

V. Proposals

A. Games before the National Tournament- Phil McSpadden, OK. City

- a. Teams be allowed to play up until midnight Wednesday seven days prior to the National Tournament. There will still be plenty of time to make travel arrangements and teams will not have so much dead time between tournaments.**
2nd- Lou Yacinich, Grand View College
Passed-unanimous

B. Independent Tournament- Mike Renney, Simon Fraser University

- a. East and West tournament. Each winner will receive a bid to the National Tournament. In the event that six teams cannot meet then There will be one tournament at a neutral site with the remaining Teams.**
2nd- Ed Lehotak, Bellevue University
Passed-unanimous

C. Unaffiliated Tournament- Dale Ray, Calumet College of St. Joseph

- a. Each geographical area of six unaffiliated teams can play a tournament with the winner receiving an automatic bid to the National Tournament.**
2nd- Allison Cook, Spring Hill College
Passed- unanimous

D. Move games 12 and 13 of the National Championship Bracket play(the loser's bracket semi-finals and finals) to Tuesday night at 5:00 & 7:00pm.

Dave Williams, Point Loma Nazarene University

a. This will allow the team coming from the loser's bracket an opportunity to rest and prepare for the National Championship game(s). The team without any losses will still have an advantage because they will have only played three games on Monday and Tuesday and their opponent coming from the loser's bracket will have played four or five games on Mon/Tues. It will also give added significance to the finals because the National Championship will be on a separate day.

2nd - Dale Ray, Calumet College of St. Joseph

Passed- unanimous

E. Change the wording to say Board can only have one member on it from

A conference-Mike Christner, William Penn University

a. Updating to change with the conference direct qualification plan.

Before is said only one from a region.

2nd - Pat Reardon, Central Methodist College

Passed- unanimous

F. Format-How and when pool play is played at National Tournament

Wendy Spratt, Columbia College

Games start on Thursday. Each team will play one game each on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

2nd - Lou Yacinich, Grand View College

Passed- unanimous

G. Nominations for Secretary

a. Lou Yacnich, Grand View College

b. Brandi Paul, Martin Methodist College

H. Adjournment

a. Motion-Mike Hampton, Iowa Wesleyan College

b. Second- Mike Christner, William Penn University

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Attendees

Hal Wynn – Faulkner University
Keith Kramme – Midland Lutheran College
Myra Minuskin – Saint Xavier University
Todd Buckingham – Indiana University Southeast
Mike Renney – Simon Fraser University
Lou Yacinich – Grand View College
Kim Kosinski – Saint Xavier University
Mike Smith – California Baptist University
Phil McSpadden – Oklahoma City University
Dale Ray – Calumet College of St. Joseph
Ed Lehotak – Bellevue University
Heather Hupke – Briar Cliff University
Gary Tanner – Haskell Indian Nations University
Marcella Vanlandingham – Ohio Dominican University
Michelle Schaper – William Woods University
Laura Goldstein – William Woods University
Tracy Gastineau – William Woods University
Jerry Breaux – Evangel University
Kevin Kennedy – Evangel University
Dawn Reed-Schultz – Rogers State University
Sue Bowman – Indiana Wesleyan University
Ryan Bolyn – University of St. Francis (IN)
Michelle Stallard – King College
Lisa Rogers – Covenant College
Melanie Carter – Shorter College
Chris Wilcoxson – Auburn University at Montgomery
Tania Black – Thomas University
Becky Bruns – Judson University
Natalie Smith – Judson University
Kristin Peoples – Trinity Christian College
Kristen Morgan – Martin Methodist College
Brandie Paul – Martin Methodist College
Keri Lambeth - University of Houston, Victoria
Jim Farrell – Cornerstone University
Denise Panice – Northwood University (TX)
Holly Pearce – Biola University
Marc DeCoulode – Holy Names University
Melanie Gregor – Holy Names University
Emily Russell – Lee University