

**MINUTES OF THE
NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION
DIVISION I ALL-AMERICAN AND COACHING STAFF OF THE YEAR
COMMITTEE**

December 11, 2008

Marco Island Marriott Resort

Meeting was brought to order at 8am EST. Those present were:

Christine Vogt
Jo Evan
Brenda Coldren
Kelly Inouye-Perez
Lisa Navas
Jamie Pinkerton
Jacquie Joseph
Windy Thees
John Conway

Not Present: Karen Yoder

1. Review of Nomination Criteria. The committee reviewed the new nomination criteria for all-region nomination, specifically the new standard as it relates to pitchers and the DB & Utility/Non-Pitcher positions. The committee felt that the new standard of 110 innings for pitchers was appropriate given the new restriction of 56 games. Additionally it was re-affirmed that the DP position should be included to the Non-Pitcher/Utility category and that the DP standard of playing 50% of total games at that position is appropriate.
2. Committee Timelines and Procedures. The committee reviewed the committee timeline and the responsibilities of each rep with regard to communication and follow up with the coaches in their region. The discussion was centered on the importance of consistency in terms of how information is communicated by reps to the respective coaches in their region, so that all member coaches are receiving the same information and the same reminders. The 2009 committed timeline was reviewed so that new members could ask questions about their responsibilities as reps and how the process works from an administrative standpoint.
3. Ballot Needs. It was discussed that the committee would like to see some additional adjustments to the online all-region nomination form and all-region ballot. Specifically creating a nomination form that would immediately reject a nomination form listing a player who does not meet the minimum requirements for a particular position. This would “bounce” the nomination back to the submitting coach for correction and eliminate the confusion that is often created by ballots that contain nominations that are not eligible. It was also discussed that the All-Region voting ballot should be changed to include “pop-ups” or another means of blocking a coach from voting for their own players.

4. All-Region Teams and Realignments. The realignment of regions was reviewed. Committee members who have served in the past pointed out that with the change of going to one All-Region team this year, as opposed to the first and second team system of the past, there would be significant changes with regard to how the committee has operated during the All-American selection process. It was discussed that this change will require additional prep work on the part of all Regional Reps in an effort to maintain the integrity of the selection process. It was noted that this committee would have the additional task of defining new procedural parameters for the selection process and strategies of how to best approach the selection process at the in person meeting in Oklahoma were put forth for consideration.