

**NCAA Division I Conference Captains
In-Person Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2009
St. Louis, MO**

- I. Welcome – Doug Bruno, WBCA Past President (Acting President for Sherri Coale)
- II. Attendance – The group went around and introduced themselves.
 - a. Present – Doug Bruno, Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Audra Smith, Coquese Washington, Amy Cherubini (for Beth Couture), Amy Champion, Jim Flanery, Cathy Andruzzi, Kristen Vanhelen (for Jamie White), Maria Fantanarosa, Cindy Fisher, Raegan Pebley, Debbie Taylor, Stephanie Gaitley, Shann Hart, Dee Stokes, Phyllis Mangina, Tammy Smith, Muffet McGraw, Jeff Mittie, Lynn Milligan (for Joe Logan), Deb Patterson, Jennifer Rizzotti, Sandy Pugh, Rae Blair, Brady Sallee, Dayna Smith, Amanda Butler, Jill Dunn, Annette Watts, Bev Smith, Lynn Holzman, Beth Bass, Shannon Reynolds, Julie Guttowsky
 - b. Not in Attendance – Katie Meier, Big West Conference Open
 - c. Excused – Betsy Blose
- III. Approval of the December 2008 minutes
 - a. First Motion to approve: Brady Sallee
 - b. Second Motion to approve: Phyllis Mangina
- IV. Playing Rules Update
 - a. Amy Backus, NCAA, Debbie Williamson, NCAA, and Leslie Claybrook from Rice University were in attendance to represent the Women's Basketball Rules Committee.
 - b. Rules Committee has been meeting with conferences either in-person at the convention or teleconference gathering input on the rules proposals that have been put forth this year.
 - c. Online Survey – Encouraged to go online and fill out survey if you haven't already. Would like to get as much feedback as possible before their meeting in May. Survey came down the week after the Women's Final Four.
 - i. Seeing a decrease in survey participation.
 - d. Debbie Williamson went over 6 (only had time for 3) proposals pulled from the survey and sought the input of the Conference Captains.
 - i. Reminder: The Playing Rules proposals are not put forth by the committee. They are submitted by coaches, administrators, officials, etc.
 - e. Biggest topic of discussion this year was about the three point line. Of the 40 proposals received, 20% were about that issue.
 - i. Question from survey: Do you want to move the three point line back to the men's line? Straw Poll: 5 were in favor of moving back men's line.
 1. Women's basketball shot 32% in 2007-08, 31.6% in 2006-07, 32% in 2005-06 from the three point line. Highest we ever shot was 34% in 1989. Low is 30% in 1995. Wondering what the statistics will be this year because a lot of the players were taking their shots behind the men's line anyway.
 2. Going to gather data from the first and second rounds of this year's NCAA tournament that will reflect the percentage of shots that were taken behind the men's line, the women's line and total.

- f. Alternating Possessions: Debbie explained the current rule. Proposed change – If the throw-in team commits a foul, not only does the other team get the ball, but the arrow gets switched as well.
 - i. Do you support the loss of the alternating possession throw-in, when the throw-in team commits a foul? Straw Poll: 19 Support, 10 Oppose
- g. There has been discussion about the number of team's whose uniforms are not in compliance with the uniform rule. Rules Committee subcommittee was formed to look over the current rule and will present a proposal that will allow less restriction on the design of the uniforms.
- h. REMINDER: Playing Rules book goes to print this summer and will be effective for 2 years.
 - i. In May, the committee will be looking at what this means for entertaining changes, etc.

*See WBCA.org for Final Basketball Playing Rule Changes. These will be posted in Mid-June.

V. NCAA Enforcement

- a. Elizabeth Ramsey briefly discussed the Enforcement Process:
 - i. Enforcement staff discovers violation through phone calls, emails, letters, and faxes. Come from basically everywhere including media reports, institutions self-report, prospect and transfer interviews, etc. Also have a Top Prospect program where Enforcement interviews the top 75 prospects in women's basketball, men's basketball, and football.
 - ii. Enforcement staff will take anonymous and confidential sources. You can give all the information you have to an enforcement staff member and don't have to tell your name or you can be a confidential source where only the person who you talked to knows your name. The names of confidential sources are protected at ALL costs. Very, very slim chance that the name will need to be identified.
 - iii. Enforcement staff will go on campus when investigating a potential violation.
- b. Trends being seen in secondary violations:
 - i. In 2000, the number of secondary infraction cases across all divisions was 2,024. Over 1,600 were in DI, 169 in DI women's basketball and 272 in DI men's basketball. The majority of those cases involved extra benefits, inducements, and eligibility.
 - ii. In 2008, total secondary infraction cases across all divisions were 3,916. 2,072 cases in DI, 252 in DI women's basketball (the most secondary infractions in women's sports), and 355 in DI men's basketball
- c. Areas of interest to be aware of:
 - i. The Committee on Infractions and the Enforcement Staff are having concerns with psa's who have or have not signed an NLI, moving to institutions locale prior to enrollment. Using facilities, eating on campus, etc. Responsibility of Head Coaches – Bylaw 11.1.2.1. Committee is coming down hard on these violations.
 - ii. Have seen a great increase in telephone and text messaging cases. Currently working on a major DI women's basketball text messaging case.
 - 1. There is No three minute rule! Have to have complete documentation if a call is dropped, their phone dropped the call, etc and you call them right back – make sure to note that in the phone logs. Very essential.
 - a. Example: you are on the phone with a prospect for 10-15 minutes and your phone drops stopping the call. Calling them back within one to two minutes, you are able to continue the conversation, just

make sure you document what happened on your log. Waiting an hour and then call back would be considered a violation.

VI. 2010 NCAA Yes Clinics and 2010 "SO" – Betty Jaynes

- a. Had really good participation at 2 of the 3 Yes Clinic spots this year. Not sure what happened with the third site, only had about 30 kids show up.
- b. Captains were the key behind getting all the coaches there.
 - i. Along with volunteering at the Yes Clinics, coaches do get priority seating for 2, but you are not able to take your staff. WBCA Board prioritized how the tickets were distributed: Past Presidents get the very best, then the WBCA Board, followed by the Yes Clinic participants.
 - ii. The following Conference Captains are in charge of the Yes Clinic coaches for San Antonio 2010:
 1. Cathy Andruzzi - Atlantic 10
 2. Phyllis Mangina - Big East
 3. Dayna Smith - Ivy League
 4. Joe Logan - Metro
 5. Dee Stokes - Mid-Eastern
 6. Stephanie Gaitley - Northeast
 7. Brady Sallee - Ohio Valley
 8. Tammy Smith - Patriot League
 9. Jenn Rizzotti - America East
 - iii. Betty challenges the Captains to have all the names by September 1st like last year's did. Jim Flanery from the Missouri Valley had 100%, which is the first time in history. Need to have at least 80 coaches.
 - iv. Yes Clinics are always on the Saturday of the Women's Final Four. 7:00 a.m. is pickup bringing you back by Noon. They break the coaches up into 3 groups.
 - v. Dee Stokes asked Betty if it were possible for assistant coaches to represent the institution during the YES clinics to help with getting 100% participation –
 1. No, the NCAA is pretty adamant about head coach participation.
- c. 54 participants in "So" this year. This is the first year that the "So" participants participated in the Yes Clinics assisting as demonstrators. A Katie Meier idea! Turned out fantastic and the participants really enjoyed it.

VII. Captains involvement with 2009 WBCA Award Programs, review of 2009-10 calls, and captain terms – Betty Jaynes

- a. Voting is still not good. We are receiving nominations, but coaches are not voting. There was not one single region above 50%. When the committee members go to defend the players, they feel uncomfortable with only 50%. In the earlier days of voting, we were around 90%.
 - i. Still going to count on Captains pushing their conference coaches to vote. Also going to have the individual Regional coaches get a little more involved.
 - ii. The Committee has asked the WBCA to come up with ideas that we can implement to get the votes up.
- b. There are a lot of opening on the awards committees: State Farm, Russell/WBCA Coach of the Year, Carol Eckman, Jostens Berenson. A formal press release will be posted on wbca.org in July.

- c. In the Conference Captains program, we don't have a limit on the number of terms a coach can be a Captain. You can stay on as long as you want if supported by your conference.
 - i. Captains whose terms are ending:
 - 1. Katie Meier – Atlantic Coast Conference
 - 2. Dayna Smith – Ivy Group
 - 3. Jeff Mittie – Mountain West Conference
 - 4. Cindy Fisher – West Coast
 - ii. Last call for the 2008-09 year is June 1st at Noon. During roll call, Julie will ask if you will be staying on or getting a replacement. If you are not staying on, please have your replacement for that call.
 - 1. **We are asking that Conference Captains start being replaced, if possible, have it be the coach in your conference that reports to the Conference Office on legislative issues. Some conferences call this position the “chair”.**
- d. Betty Jaynes discusses the WBCA Code of Ethics: Code of Ethics has never been activated. President Sherri Coale has requested that the WBCA take a hard look at the Code of Ethics functions. We have had it evaluated by the American Football Coaches Association with some great ideas. You will be seeing some changes to the Code of Ethics that will be friendlier to you.

VIII. Legislative Discussion – Muffet McGraw, Carolyn Campbell-McGovern, Lynn Holzman, Shannon Reynolds

- a. Shannon briefly went over some of the handouts given to the Captains:
 - i. 2008-09 Poll Voter with Terms – We are asking that when your conferences' poll voter term is up that discussion and selection of the best coach take place during your spring conference meetings. Replacements are due by **June 15, 2009**. Please forward the replacement coaches name to Julie Donlin (Guttowsky).
 - ii. The WBCA has started copying the conference offices on all minutes and news & notes from Conference Captains meetings. The feedback has been great.
 - iii. Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group Update – Just trying to keep you updated to the direction that the men are headed with regards to Summer Access. Started out with mandatory summer school, but this is no longer in the mix. Could see some changes with rules in the next NCAA Legislative Cycle. See wbca.org for most updated article on DI Men's Basketball Academic Enhancement Group finalizing the summer-school proposal.
 - 1. The Women's Basketball Issues Committee (WBIC) is currently working on a summer access platform. We have good representation on the committee and will keep you up-to-date as to their progress. We have sent the WBIC our survey results and on Monday will be voting on a couple other concepts for additional feedback to send to them.
 - iv. Timeout Comparison Chart – Was brought to our attention by Patrick Nero. Has to do with teams using media-time outs when there is no purchased media during that game. Institutions are using media time-outs for non-commercial media (example: student radio). If no electronic media at a game then the regular time-out sequence would be used.
 - 1. Dee Stokes expressed a concern that she had with an example which happened last year where an institution would not honor their paid

- advertising and use the electronic-media timeout format because they wanted to get the game over with so the men's game could start.
- a. Can something be done where an institution can't decide on their own that they don't want to have or use the media timeout format?
2. Stephanie Gaitley comments that in the Northeast Athletic Conference there is too much inconsistency. Some schools use media timeouts, some don't.
 3. Carolyn Campbell-McGovern mentioned that as conferences meet with the Rules Committee; this subject needs to be brought up. Also, as coaches are filling out the Rules Survey to note this in the comments section.
- v. Non-Conference Film Exchange - NABC did this two years ago. Shannon poses the question to the Captains asking if they want the WBCA to get involved with this and come up with a Non-Conference Film Exchange policy, is there a problem with this?
1. Cathy Andruzzi: Never had a problem getting film and feels that it would be hard for the WBCA to be a watch dog on this issue.
 2. Dee Stokes: Coaches make side deals, which start causing problems.
 3. Straw Vote for a Non-Conference Film Exchange policy: No support for WBCA Policy.
- vi. Diversity Research – interesting and important research for the WBCA. This year concentrated on DI. We will start tracking on DII and DIII. WBCA is going to start tracking this through our database, so when renewing your membership, please complete the form with race and gender.
- vii. Youth Basketball Initiative (YBI) – Shannon briefly went over the four slides that was sent to us by newly appointed CEO, Kevin Weiberg. Weiberg is working very closely with the NCAA and NBA. Going to be very internet/web-based initiative. WBCA will keep their membership current with any information given.
1. Deb Patterson addressed the question that if we know that abuses are happening, why do we certify events?
 2. Last year, during the summer BOD meeting, the WBCA asked the NCAA what we tell the non-scholastic event operators who call us and complain?
 - a. If they are doing it right, then they will not have a problem.
 3. The NCAA constantly runs into issues every time they try to regulate non-scholastic events, so they decided to join them with YBI.
 4. ***The WBCA recently met with YBI CEO, Kevin Weiberg. YBI is currently completing their staff hiring and finding an online company to build their website. Expect some more announcements during the NBA Finals. Roll out of the new website is expected this fall.**
 - a. **Running events is NOT in the immediate future.**
- viii. Foresight Issues – Shannon briefly went over the Foresight Issues document with Pros and Cons. Each issue will be discussed in the DI Business Meeting. The WBCA will be posting on wbca.org who voted on Monday at the DI Business Meeting and it will be sent to all the conference offices. See wbca.org for results.
1. First 3 proposals were proposals that were currently in the legislative cycle and will be voted again by the NCAA at the end of April.
 2. Change this year with the issues that were submitted: We put the name of the Conference by the issue that they submitted and are asking that on Monday, the Conference Captain stand up and speak on the issue.

3. It is very important for Head Coaches to be present at the DI Business Meeting for the dialog and discussion of the issues as well as the voting. The WBCA has been receiving phone calls and emails about electronic voting because they are unable to come due to budget cuts. Coaches need to be present at the meeting to hear both sides and make the best educated decision they can.
4. An email was sent out stating that the High School All-America game does not count towards evaluation days and the whole staff is permitted to attend.
5. Foresight Issue 17-I will no longer be voted on. The NCAA came out with an interp on April 2, 2009 dealing with calls regarding institutional camp and clinic logistical issues, which states that DOBO's can make telephone calls to prospects as long as it relates solely to the institutional camp and clinic logistical issues. No recruiting conversation or solicitation may occur.
 - a. Amanda Butler presented the following scenario: Want to call 200 high school coaches to let them know the dates of the camp/clinic. Promoting business. Is the DOBO able to make these calls also? YES, but they will not be able to talk to the high school coach about a specific prospect.
6. Brady Sallee expressed the concern about the economy and all the budget cuts. Coaches are not allowed to come to the convention. These coaches still want a voice. Can we think ahead and look for a way to electronically vote so we can have more participation?
 - a. The WBCA has received emails about this issue. There have been long discussions with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. The importance of listening to people discussing the issues and hearing both sides is very important and coaches need to be there. If not, we would be defeating the propose of what we are trying to accomplish with the Foresight Committee. The WBCA will continue to discuss this issue, but nothing could have been done for this year's convention.
 - b. Doug talked about a reverse leverage to the administrators, putting pressure on the administration to send at least one member of the staff. We are trying to get things done here and it is important for every institution to be represented.
7. This year we are going to be doing an online survey in Mid-August which will reflect the current women's basketball related proposals for the 2009-10 NCAA Legislative Cycle. We need membership feedback on other proposals that weren't submitted through the WBCA Foresight Process.

- IX. Thank You – Doug thanks the group for their attendance and participation; meeting adjourned.
- a. Next Conference Call is June 1, 2009 at Noon.