

**Women's Basketball Coaches Association  
Division III Conference Captains Conference Call  
Minutes Monday, December 11, 2006, Noon Eastern**

- I. Welcome – Nan Carney-DeBord welcomed Captains at 12:05 p.m. (Eastern).
- II. Roll Call – Amy Lowe. 28 of 37 Captains were in attendance.
- III. Approval of October Minutes – Nan Carney-BeBord. Motion was made by Gerri Seidl to approve the October minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Greene.
- IV. WBCA Awards Program – Amy Lowe.

All award nominations will go online on **Monday, January 8, 2007 at Noon ET** and they will remain online until **Friday, February 16, 2007 at 5:00 PM ET**. Ballots for Kodak/WBCA All-America Team and RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Coach of the Year will go online on **Friday, February 23, 2007 at Noon ET** and they will remain online until **Monday, March 5, 2007 at 5:00 PM ET**.

Amy reviewed the WBCA award alignment chart with the Captains. The WBCA has worked with the NCAA over the last couple of months to make sure that the WBCA award regions mirror the NCAA's regions. Amy asked the Captains to review the chart and let her know if any of the schools listed looked out of place.

Amy reviewed the schools that are independents and the schools that are reclassifying with the Captains.

- V. So You Want To Be A Coach, JMU Update, Salary Survey, and Convention Meeting – Betty Jaynes.

Betty mentioned that there are 50 spots open for minority students that are in their last year of eligibility or have been out for one year to participate in the *Nike So You Want To Be A Coach* program. Currently the WBCA has 10 applications. Betty requested that the Captains give her the names of anyone interested in participating in this program.

Dee Dee Jarman recommended Stacy Williams. Dee Dee mentioned that Carolyn Hunter at Christopher Newport may have a couple of candidates for this program.

Betty updated the Captains on the situation at James Madison University. Several months ago the university dropped 10 sports and they said it was because of Title IX. The students feel like Title IX is not beneficial and they want to get rid of Title IX. Betty is on an advocacy group (National Women's Law Center) and they are trying to get a hold of James Madison's plan of action to see if this group can make some suggestions to get those programs back into operation. Betty will continue to update you on this situation at James Madison.

The salary survey is no longer online. The response from the salary survey this year has not been very successful. Betty asked the Captains to let her know how to improve the response rate from Division III coaches on future salary surveys. Nan suggested distributing a salary survey at Convention in order to get a better response rate from coaches.

Monday, April 2, 2007 will be the date of the Division III Conference Captains in-person meeting in Cleveland.

The ticket sales for the WBCA High School All-America game presented by *Nike* are not going as well as anticipated. Please encourage the coaches in your conference to purchase their tickets. Tickets are \$15. The game will take place on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

- VI. Membership & Convention Update – Betty Jaynes.  
Membership numbers are improving for Cleveland. If you have not registered please make sure to do so. More information on the WBCA National Convention can be found at [WBCA.org](http://WBCA.org).
- VII. Legislation – Karen Tessmer.  
Karen updated the Captains on male practice players. There has been a proposal initiated and it will go to the NCAA Convention in January. This proposal will request the use of male practice players 3 days a week, and the number would increase to the starting number not just half of the starting number. Right now the Committee on Women's Athletics, as well as, the National SAAC recommends the elimination of male practice players throughout. Tim Shea (Salem State) will speak on the floor in January at the NCAA National Convention in support of male practice players.

Cheri Harrer asked if JV men's players would count as male practice players. Karen said that using JV men's players would go against the ideals of eliminating male practice players. Karen said that institutions are not supposed to use any males for any teams. Shannon noted that there is no legislation that precludes an institution's men's team from practicing against the same institution's women's team. Since all student-athletes are from the same institution, it is not considered outside competition or a contest or joint practice session. Note that all regulations, such as eligibility, playing and practice seasons, expenses, etc. must be followed.

#### **Proposal 14**

Karen reviewed Proposal 14 concerning playing and practice seasons. She said it looks like this proposal will pass. This proposal is about allowing one exhibition contest to replace one of the two allowable practice scrimmages in case a coach wants to have an exhibition game against a Division I or Division II opponent.

Nan wanted to know if the position paper from the Committee on Women's Athletics is on the WBCA website. This information is posted under daily updates at [WBCA.org](http://WBCA.org).

VIII. Marketing Update and Staff Update – Betty Jaynes.

Betty reported that the Beth was not on the call because she was in a meeting with the NCAA to discuss marketing initiatives that the WBCA and the NCAA are working on to enhance the programming during the Women's Final Four. Beth met with Sue Donohoe, Greg Shaheen and Rick Jones. Beth hopes to update the Captains in February as to how the partnership is progressing

Betty reported that Kodak will not be renewing their sponsorship with the Kodak/WBCA All-America Team following the 2006-2007 season. Kodak will continue with the Kodak/WBCA All-America Team through Cleveland and then State Farm will be taking over the sponsorship next year.

Currently there is a Communication & Awards position and a Legislation internship available with the WBCA. The internships start January 8, 2007 and run through the end of April. Interested candidates should send a resume, cover letter, 3 references, and a writing sample (more information can be found at WBCA.org) to [alowe@wbca.org](mailto:alowe@wbca.org). There is also a Manager of Events and Legislation position that is a full-time position. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter to [sbaron@wbca.org](mailto:sbaron@wbca.org).

Seana Peck Manager of Marketing, Sales & Activation is out on maternity leave. Kai Williams Marketing Coordinator is out on medical leave until further notice. Any marketing questions should be directed to Beth Bass.

Kay Yow has taken a leave of absence due to breast cancer. On January 28, 2007 the WBCA will be involved in *Hoops for the Cure*. The WBCA is looking to be a part of this weekend to show support for all breast cancer initiatives. More information will follow as the date approaches.

IX. Thank You – Nan Carney-DeBord. Call adjourned 12:30 PM ET.