

**Women's Basketball Coaches Association  
NAIA Regional Captains Conference Call  
Minutes Tuesday, September 12, 2006, 12:00 p.m. Eastern**

- I. Welcome – Russ Davis welcomed Captains at 12:05 p.m. (Eastern).
- II. Roll Call – Amy Lowe. 7 of 8 Captains were in attendance. Donnita Drain was not on the call.
- III. Approval of April Minutes – Amy Lowe. Motion was passed by Bill Watson to approve minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Russ Davis.
- IV. Convention & Membership Update – Dorinda Schremmer. Dorinda noted that she appreciated everyone's enthusiasm to increase membership and registration at the NAIA level. The WBCA has approximately 150 members on the NAIA level. The WBCA will send a list of the NAIA coaches who are members with the WBCA so the Captains can review the entire list.

There were 61 NAIA members who attended Convention in Boston.

The programming for Cleveland has a different format than the previous years. There will be some high profile speakers that will be speaking on court or in the classroom. Betty added that the WBCA likes to give the National Champions in all divisions an opportunity to speak at Convention whether it's on the court or in the classroom. The WBCA has 8 high profile coaches that have already committed to speaking in Cleveland. The hope is that these speakers will help increase registration numbers. The speakers that have committed are: Geno Auriemma, Pat Summitt, Gail Goestenkors, Sylvia Hatchell, Brenda Frese, Pokey Chatman, Anne Donovan, Van Chancellor and Joanne McCallie.

Dorinda added that some additional coaches will be invited in case some of the coaches are participating in the Final Four.

Betty mentioned that there will be some additional programming in Cleveland that will discuss how to manage one's career and one's family. A group of panelists is currently being formed to address this issue.

Dorinda noted that the awards luncheons will be on Monday and Tuesday instead of Sunday and Tuesday. Dorinda asked Russ to start thinking about when would be the best time for the NAIA Regional Captains meeting at Convention. Betty said that she would get with Stephanie when she gets back from Tampa to discuss options for this meeting and then Betty will follow up with Russ. Betty said that she would include Rene Wiebe on the call with Russ and Stephanie to make sure everyone is on the same page.

Registration is open now. To register visit [wbca.org](http://wbca.org). Housing for Convention will be available online at [wbca.org](http://wbca.org) on **September 18, 2006**.

V. Nike's So You Want To Be A Coach/Title IX – Betty Jaynes.

The WBCA has received an NCAA grant to try to identify minority students who will be exhausting their final year of basketball eligibility at a four-year institution by March 30, 2007 or have graduated within the past year and have the desire to coach women's basketball. The grant from the NCAA will only help pay for the actual workshop. Candidates that want to participate in the *Nike's So You Want To Be A Coach Program* apply online at **wbca.org**. There are 50 spots available for this program. If a candidate is selected to participate in this program they will pay their way to Convention for a 2 ½ day workshop on coaching. In the past the WBCA hasn't had very many NAIA student-athletes and the WBCA is hoping that the Captains might help in spreading the word about this program and try to get more NAIA participants involved in the upcoming year.

*Title IX-Betty Jaynes*

Last March the Department of Education issued a letter to institutions saying that if they wanted to use an email survey to their students to find out whether or not their women students have any interest in sports they could do that. The concern was that a no response from an institution would signify that women were not interested in sports whereas the case might actually be that they just didn't want to complete the survey. The NCAA and WBCA took a major stand and asked institutions to not use this email survey. About 3 weeks ago, the College Sports Council, which is headed by the Wrestling Coaches Association, as been on a full court press to all institutions in the country encouraging them to use this survey. The WBCA has tried to show the wrestling association that if some of the other sports didn't receive so much money then the wrestling programs would not be discontinued. The WBCA stance is to continue to encourage institutions **not to use this email survey**.

VI. Awards Update – Amy Lowe. All of awards are online this year. This includes nominations and ballots. 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**. Coaches will need their member ID and password to access these nomination forms. Ballots for Kodak/WBCA All-America 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**.

The WBCA Board of Directors passed a motion in August to increase nominations for the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Coach of the Year. Effective in January 2007, coaches **will be able to nominate coaches from outside of their region for the RUSSELL ATHLETIC/WBCA National Coach of the Year award. Coaches will still only vote on the final ballot for coaches in their specific region.**

Russ asked if this was the last year with the Kodak sponsoring the Kodak/WBCA All-America team award. Betty said that Kodak has one more year of sponsorship with the WBCA. The WBCA will be announcing in Cleveland who will take over after that sponsorship agreement expires.

- VII. Miscellaneous/Wrap – Russ Davis. Russ wanted Captains to go over their job descriptions and make sure they are aware of their responsibilities. Russ encouraged the Captains to try and get more NAIA coaches involved in the WBCA. The Captains need to do a good job educating the coaches in their conferences and regions about the awards program. Russ mentioned that some coaches don't know that you have to be a member of the WBCA in order to nominate and vote for the Kodak/WBCA All-America Team award.

Betty mentioned that Amy will send the Captains the minutes and the News and Notes from the call. She will also send a list of the coaches in their regions that they are responsible for sending the News & Notes to.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 PM ET.