

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF DIVISION I, II & III CONFERENCE CAPTAINS IN PERSON MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2017

The Division I, II & III Conference Captains of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association convened at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, 2nd Floor, Austin 1 in Dallas, Texas, on March 31, 2017, at 1 p.m. CT. Captains and staff were present as noted.

Division I Captains Present:

Zenarae Antoine, Texas State University
Courtney Banghart, Princeton University
Jenny Baranczyk, Drake University
Karen Barefoot, Old Dominion University
Surina Dixon, Jackson State University
Donna Finnie, Houston Baptist University
Chris Gobrecht, Air Force Academy
Candice Jackson, College of Charleston
Erik Johnson, Boston College
Maureen Magarity, University of New Hampshire
Stephanie McCormick, Western Carolina University
Mike McGuire, Radford University
Yolett McPhee-McCuin, Jacksonville University
Lynn Milligan, Rider University
Jeff Mittie, Kansas State University
Bethann Ord, Weber State University
Daron Park, Cal State Fullerton
Lynne Roberts, University of Utah
Jen Roos, Bowling Green State University
Katy Steding, Boston University
Lisa Stone, Saint Louis University
Joe Tartamella, St. John's University
Coquese Washington, Penn State University

Substitutes:

Joni Taylor, University of Georgia, for Robin Pingeton, University of Missouri
Jeff Tungaze, Oakland University, for Kyle Rechlicz, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Alan Frey, Tulane University, for Lisa Stockton, Tulane University

Absent:

Marsha Frese, University of Missouri-Kansas City
JD Gravina, Western Illinois University
Connie Hurlbut, West Coast Conference
Muffet McGraw, University of Notre Dame
Suzy Merchant, Michigan State University
Cameron Newbauer, Belmont University
David Six, Hampton University

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Ryan Weisenberg, Pepperdine University
Bryan Whitten, Mount St. Mary's University

Division II Captains Present:

Kelly Britsky, Georgia Southwestern State University
Anthony Crocitto, Saint Leo University
Chancellor Dugan, Bellermine University
Lori Fish, Saint Cloud State University
Jennifer Garber, Quincy University
Holli Howard-Carpenter, Western Oregon University
Noel Johnson, Midwestern State University
Stephen Joyner Jr., Johnson C. Smith University
LaNay Larson, Academy at the Arts
Monique LeBlanc, Merrimack College
Wendy Lee, University of Mount Olive
Jason Martens, Saint Mary's University
Deont'a McChester, Claflin University
Jamie Pewinski, Saginaw Valley State University
Dave Slifer, University of Central Missouri
Jill Thomas, Henderson State University

Substitutes:

Jaresha Obey, University of the District of Columbia, for Gary Andres, Roberts Wesleyan College
Jana Ashley, Clarion University, for Jess Strom, California University of Pennsylvania

Absent:

Debbie Buff, Wheeling Jesuit University
David Caputo, Bloomfield College
Scott Groninger, University of West Georgia
Renee Jimenez, California State University- San Marco
Mike Mincey, Carson Newman College
Caleb Nieman, Kentucky Wesleyan College
JJ Riehl, St. Edwards University
Brittany Simpson, Colorado School of Mines

Division III Captains Present:

Deena Applebury, University of Mary Washington
Tim Barrett, Castleton State College
Janet Berry, Buena Vista University
Nicky DiMarzio, Wesleyan College
Kristen Dowling, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges
Michele Durand, Ohio Northern University
Christine Esbensen, Immaculata University

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Anthony Ewing, University of New England
Alex Ivansheck, U.S.Coast Guard Academy
Cassie Kosiba, Carleton College
Jennifer Mountain, Pacific University
Alex Richey, Oglethorpe University
MaryLynn Skarzenski, Mitchell College
Christy Thomaskutty, Emory University
Polly Thomason, University of Texas at Dallas

Substitutes:

Corinne Jones, Brockport, for Tracy Bruno, Oswego
Kate Costanzo, Allegheny College, for Sarah Jurewicz, Wittenberg University
Chuck Winkelman, Calvin College, for Brian Morehouse
Becky Tyler, Bryn Mawr, for Bobbi Morgan, Haverford College
Amy Reed, Rochester Institute of Technology, for Lindsay Sharman, William Smith College

Absent:

Michelle Bielanski Filander, Austin College
Corey Boilard, Johnson and Wales University
Tracey Braden, Westminster College
Michelle Cunningham, Salem State University
Stacy Dadrick, College of St. Scholastica
Matt Donohue, Catholic University
Carla Flaherty, Roanoke College
Cindy Holbrook, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Rose Katz, Arcadia University
K.J Krasco, Middlebury
Mike Krasnoff, State University College at Old Westbury
Erin Monahan, William Paterson University
Jessica Morris, Defiance College
Dan Raymond, Ithaca College
Sandy Rectenwald, Chatham University
Rusty Rogers, Concordia University Chicago
Michelle Roof, North Central College
Kim Rybczyk, Western Connecticut State University
Tim Shanahan, College of Staten Island
Casey Shoup, Penn State Altoona
Erin Skaradek, SUNY Morrisville State University
Tamie Tills, Lake Forest College
Kate Vlahakis, Manhattanville College

WBCA Staff in Attendance:

Danielle Donehew, Executive Director
Shannon Reynolds, Deputy Director

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Heather Sumperl, Manager of Membership & Registration
Latasha Lewis, Manager of Marketing Communications

Guests in Attendance:

Mary Beth Spirk, Moravian College, WBCA Board of Directors DIII / At-Large, Chair
Mo Harty, Associate Director of Academic and Membership Affairs, NCAA
Tricia Cullop, University of Toledo, Co-Chair WBCA Youth Working Group

Call to order.

President Coquese Washington welcomed the captains and thanked everyone for their service and commitment to WBCA before turning the meeting over to Executive Director Danielle Donehew.

Welcome and announcements.

Donehew welcomed the captains and reported that Dallas has been a huge success with over 2400 convention attendees and a sold-out NCAA® Womens' Final Four®. Dallas is already strategizing to put in another bid for a future Women's Final Four.

Donehew reported on WBCA presence in the 2017 Division III Championship, the Division II Elite Eight, DII Women's Basketball Committee, and the NAIA Championships. We are making a conscious effort to serve every division of our membership.

On Thursday, March 30 our Board of Directors met and have committed to working on marketing strategies to build what we need to be successful to better serve our membership.

Vacancies on WBCA Board of Directors, Conference Captains, and committees.

[Supplement]

Our presidential track is evolving, Coquese Washington will be finishing her term in June 2017, and Jennifer Rizzotti will be moving into the role as president. We will be looking for a new Vice President which will be handled in the upcoming months.

Listed on the [supplement](#) are Conference Captains and Coaches' Poll Voter openings for Divisions I, II, III. Please help us identify if you will be continuing in your term or if someone else will be representing your conference. Donehew asked for recommendations for improvement on how we identify future captains and poll voters. No feedback was given.

Donehew reported that the most visited page on our website is the [Division II Coaches' Poll](#).

2017-18 meeting schedule. [Supplement]

Shannon Reynolds reviewed the conference call schedule. Please review the [supplement](#) and let us know of any suggestions or changes.

As a reminder for new captains, we will be asking you to help fill vacancies on the call prior to the end of your term.

Reynolds introduced Mo Harty, Associate Director of Academic and Membership Affairs, NCAA and our new Division III legislative representative.

WBCA Professional Development report.

Courtney Banghart reported on our webinar series and encouraged coaches to participate and spread the word. She reminded the captains that it is our responsibility to be a conduit of information to WBCA membership.

Banghart recognized Tricia Cullop's role in our High School Coaches Day, Friday, March 31. This program has been so successful that we have had to turn people away.

To meet the needs of our diverse membership we are launching our [WBCA Coaches' Classroom: Regional Whiteboard Series](#). The Women's Basketball Coaches Association will host regional coaching clinics at five locations around the United States in 2017. These one-day programs will include universal coaching topics like communication, leadership and marketing as well as X's and O's.

Thursday, May 4 – Washington, D.C., George Washington University
Saturday, May 20 – Toledo, OH, University of Toledo, Savage Arena
Sunday, May 21 – Auburn, AL, Auburn University
Wednesday, May 24 – North Andover, MA, Merrimack College
Saturday, August 5 – San Francisco, CA, UC Berkeley

We hope to span to other areas in the following years. Please pass along future communications to your respective conferences.

Due to the success of our "So You Want To Be A Coach" program, we are looking to build "So What's Next," a one-day program for head coaches held the day before programming starts for the WBCA National Convention in Columbus. To begin, this will be invite only so that we can manage the size of the turnout.

A question was asked as to whether the Whiteboard content would be available digitally and depending on the audio/visual capabilities content would be provided to WBCA to disperse as deemed fit.

A question was asked if you could cross regions to attend. You are welcome to attend any regional Whiteboard.

A question was asked about the regional rotation for the Whiteboard series. Banghart commented that she hopes that others will become motivated to host future Whiteboards.

Reynolds asked if WBCA membership was required to attend a Whiteboard event and Banghart responded that membership was not required but hopes that after attending a session they will recognize the value of becoming a WBCA member.

USA Basketball/WBCA database of college coaches willing to allow high school coaches to observe practices.

Tricia Cullop, Co-Chair, WBCA Youth Working Group called attention to our [Coach to Coach Mentoring Program](#), a small-group mentoring program designed to bring together member coaches and support staff during the basketball season to share ideas, confront challenges and learn from one another. Cullop encouraged captains and their assistants to take part.

Cullop reported that our high school membership is very low and we need your help to spread the word about what we offer. On Friday, March 31, we held our first ever [High School Coaches Day](#). We had (82) eighty-two high school coaches in attendance and gained approximately (20) twenty new members. Cullop asked the captains for their help in spreading the word about the upcoming High School Coaches Day in Columbus and to spend some time thinking about potential speakers for the programming.

The WBCA Youth Working Group is compiling a registry of contacts of those coaches willing to open their practices for viewing to up-and-coming coaches.

Cullop called attention to the drop in the number of kids trying out for basketball. The WBCA Youth Working Group and Mike Neighbors have discussed a program that could culminate and finish at the Final Four where we could award kids a fun way of getting involved in our game. We envision a program similar to Punt, Pass & Kick.

Cullop asked the captains for success stories of kids who have played multiple sports successfully without having to overuse their bodies and for positive message stories in our game. Please email stories to tricia.cullop@utoledo.edu.

NCAA playing rules relative to use of technology.

Donehew reported that on Thursday, March 30, there was joint meeting between our WBCA Playing Rules and Officiating Working Group, Women's Basketball Rules Committee, Women's Basketball Competition Committee, DI Oversight Committee, Secretary of Rules Editor and National Coordinator of Officials, Division I Women's Basketball Committee, and NCAA staff with the purpose to make sure we are working together to figure out where we want our game to go in terms of playing rules. We want to make sure the WBCA and the coaches' voices are what is leading the charge in taking positions and giving recommendations. The Women's Basketball Playing Rules book is outdated in terms of technology and we need to figure out what role we want technology to play in our game. The playing rules govern what happens in a game but not in practice. Many programs are already utilizing new tracking technology in their practices and we find ourselves questioning how we want our game.

We want to make a recommendation in 2019 on the role of technology in terms of health and wellness of the student athlete. Liability, added expense, competitive advantage and privacy are all factors we need to bear in mind when considering the appropriate role of technology in health and wellness.

Donehew added that the National High School Federation has no limits on technology, and the NBA and WNBA have video on the bench. We need to have conversations about the role of technology during the game and we will be looking to you for feedback on the topic.

Non-scholastic recruiting events.

Washington and Donehew reported on non-scholastic recruiting events.

Washington recounted the beginning of her presidency and the steps taken to address non-scholastic recruiting events. A Recruiting Working Group spent time analyzing the recruiting calendar and implications; however, ultimately, the WBCA was not in the position to make changes without the NCAA.

We are unable to control packet prices. However, individually we need to figure out what we can afford to do and what we are willing to do, and both the coach and the event operator need to understand the implications. As coaches, we can control the dialogue, and so, on Monday, April 3, a conversation will be held with some of the more prominent event operators to foster a better understanding of what our issues are as coaches and to better understand the position of the event operator.

Donehew noted the biggest contrasts between the men's and women's balance sheets appear to be the cash sponsorships that the men receive as opposed to the women for any given event. The event operator appears to be compensating for the revenue loss by placing more pressure on our coaches.

Donehew suggested considering a way to rate the quality of an event. Because the NCAA enforcement staff is not able to cover every event, it becomes our responsibility to elevate good events and weed out subpar ones.

A comment was made comparing the success of the systems of other sports such as volleyball. Donehew commented that one difference in volleyball is that college assistant coaches run their own clubs. Also, volleyball leans more heavily on private databases than we as basketball coaches do. Reynolds shared her experience coaching volleyball and comments on the difference in the demographics.

2017 WBCA Day of Service.

This year our day of service will take place on **Wednesday, September 27, 2017**. We ask that you use your social media outlets to talk about what we do for others.

Future meetings.

- NCAA Division I, conference call, noon ET, Wednesday, April 26
- NCAA Division II, conference call, 11 a.m. ET, Monday, May 1
- NCAA Division III, conference call, 12:30 p.m. ET, Monday, May 1

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Other business

Donehew addressed a question on the recommendation to explore other post-season opportunities for Division II in addition to the NCAA Championship. The concept of the WNIT being expanded to the Division II ranks is being explored and it seems that there is some interest from Triple Crown Sports to continue the conversation in the future.

Division I – (20) twenty weeks vs. (21) twenty-one weeks

Shannon discussed legislation with DI captains. The Missouri Valley Conference put forth a proposal for (21) twenty-one weeks consistently. The men came forward and said they wanted (21) twenty-one weeks but wanted to start on Tuesday. Our Board of Directors unanimously decided that they did not want to change anything right now. We want to hear your feedback on the proposal.

Adjournment.

Donehew thanked the captains for their service and adjourned the meeting.

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