



PRESS RELEASE

Florida State's Semrau Elected Vice President of Women's Basketball Coaches Association

ATLANTA (July 25, 2011) – Florida State University head coach Sue Semrau has been elected vice president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) by a vote of the organization's membership, the WBCA office announced today.

As vice president, Semrau also serves as president-elect and will automatically succeed incoming WBCA President Charli Turner Thorne, head coach at Arizona State University, when her term expires in two years. Beth Burns, head coach at San Diego State University, joins Thorne and Semrau on the WBCA Executive Committee as its secretary. Burns replaces University of Notre Dame associate coach Carol Owens, who will now represent the Black Coaches & Administrators (BCA) on the board. Both Semrau and Burns previously served as NCAA Division I at-large representatives on the association's board of directors. Outgoing WBCA President Geno Auriemma, head coach the University of Connecticut, will remain on the executive committee as past president.

All terms for the 2011–12 academic year begin July 31–August 1 when the WBCA Executive Committee and WBCA Board of Directors meet in Atlanta.

In other election results:

- University of Florida head coach Amanda Butler, Bowling Green State University head coach Curt Miller and Western Washington University head coach Carmen Dolfo were re-elected to their respective seats on the WBCA Board of Directors. Butler represents NCAA Division I coaches at large and Miller represents Division I coaches in the midwest region. Dolfo, meanwhile, represents NCAA Division II coaches in Group II, which consists of the south, south central, central and west regions.
- Patricia Manning, head coach at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., and David Lane, head coach at Chipola College in Marianna, Fla., were elected to first terms on the board of directors. Manning will represent NCAA Division III coaches at large, while Lane will represent junior/community college coaches

Turner Thorne has filled the following appointive positions:

- Connie Hurlbut, senior associate commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference, has been appointed chair of the WBCA Committee on Basketball Issues, and will serve on the board of directors and executive committee.

- University of Hartford head coach Jennifer Rizzotti, Hillsdale College head coach Claudette Charney and University of Tennessee associate head coach Holly Warlick have been appointed to the Division I legislative, Division II legislative and assistant coach positions respectively. Rizzotti was serving as the Division I East representative. Charney and Warlick are first-time board members.
- Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference commissioner Rich Ensor has been appointed to represent conference commissioners. Ensor recently completed a five-year term on the NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee.

Turner Thorne has also made appointments to fill vacant unexpired terms on the board.

- Gonzaga University head coach Kelly Graves was appointed to replace Joanne Boyle as the Division I West representative. Boyle, the former head coach at the University of California, Berkeley, was no longer eligible to serve in the position after accepting the head coaching position at the University of Virginia.
- Duke University head coach Joanne P. McCallie and Kansas State University head coach Deb Patterson were appointed to fill the Division I at-large positions previously held by Semrau and Burns respectively.
- Georgia Tech University head coach MaChelle Joseph was appointed to replace Rizzotti as Division I East representative.

The WNBA representative position is yet to be filled.

Here is the complete roster for the 2011-12 WBCA Board of Directors:

Executive Committee

President, Charli Turner Thorne, Head Coach, Arizona State

Vice President, Sue Semrau, Head Coach, Florida State

Secretary, Beth Burns, Head Coach, San Diego State

Treasurer, Coquese Washington, Head Coach, Penn State

Committee on Basketball Issues Chair, Connie Hurlbut, Senior Associate

Commissioner, Western Athletic Conference

Past President, Geno Auriemma, Head Coach, Connecticut

Board of Directors

Amanda Butler, Head Coach, Florida, Division I At-Large

Claudette Charney, Head Coach, Hillsdale College, Division II Legislative

Tom Collen, Head Coach, Arkansas-Fayetteville, Male Coaches

Russ Davis, Head Coach, Vanguard University, NAIA

Carmen Dolfo, Head Coach, Western Washington, Division II Group II

Sue Donohoe, Vice President, Division I Women's Basketball, NCAA

Rich Ensor, Commissioner, Metro Atlantic Conference, Conference Commissioners

Kelly Graves, Head Coach, Gonzaga, Division I West

MaChelle Joseph, Head Coach, Georgia Tech, Division I East

Mary Klinger, Head Coach, Rutgers Preparatory School, High School

David Lane, Head Coach, Chipola College, Junior/Community College

Jollette Law, Head Coach, Illinois, Division I At-Large

Patricia Manning, Head Coach, Williams College, Division III At-Large

Joanne P. McCallie, Head Coach, Duke, Division I At-Large
Curt Miller, Head Coach, Bowling Green, Division I Mideast
Jose Mori, Assistant Coach, Indiana, Division I Midwest
Carol Owens, Associate Coach, Notre Dame, Black Coaches & Administrators
Jennifer Rizzotti, Head Coach, Hartford, Division I Legislative
Deb Patterson, Head Coach, Kansas State, Division I At-Large
Mary Beth Spirk, Head Coach, Moravian College, Division III At-Large
Karen Tessmer, Worcester State, Division III Legislative
Holly Warlick, Associate Head Coach, Tennessee, Assistant Coaches
Cleve Wright, Head Coach, Gannon University, Division II Group I
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About the WBCA:

Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association promotes women's basketball by unifying coaches at all levels to develop a reputable identity for the sport and to foster and promote the development of the game in all of its aspects as a sport for women and girls. For more information about the WBCA, visit wbca.org.