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## WBCA members adopt comprehensive revision to association's bylaws

ATLANTA (June 16, 2015) – The Women's Basketball Coaches Association membership has adopted a comprehensive revision to the association's bylaws that adjusts the size and composition of the organization's board of directors and, for the first time, extends the privilege to vote on association matters to its high school members, the WBCA office announced today.

The comprehensive revision was overwhelmingly approved by those members casting votes during an online referendum that took place from June 1 through June 10. The document was the product of months of work on the part of the board's own Legislative & Governance Working Group, the WBCA staff and legal counsel.

Although the bylaws have been amended through the years, this is their first major overhaul since the organization was formed in 1981. The membership last voted in 2014 to give the board of directors authority to make technical and non-controversial amendments to the bylaws without the need of a membership-wide referendum.

Significant changes made to the bylaws in the comprehensive revision include:

- The board of directors has been reduced from 31 to 24 members, all of whom will have a vote. The secretary, the four NCAA Division I at-large representatives, the male coaches representative and the Advocates for Athletic Equity (formerly BCA) representative have been eliminated. Individuals currently serving in these positions will continue to serve until their terms expire, after which the position will be dissolved.
- The WBCA executive director will be the association secretary and will serve on the board of directors and executive committee as an ex-officio nonvoting member.
- The board will appoint the treasurer – a previously elected position -- who must be an individual with financial expertise who may or may not be a member coach.
- The nonvoting position previously held by the chair of the WBCA Committee on Basketball Issues now goes to a campus-based or conference office-based administrator who will have a vote.
- The nonvoting position held by a conference commissioner who represents the Collegiate Commissioners Association (CCA) becomes a voting position.
- The chair or co-chair of the recently created Leadership Advisory Council, formed to advise and guide the board of directors, will now serve on the board.
- Two new public sector positions on the board of directors have been created. The board will fill these positions by appointment with individuals who have demonstrated histories in business; who bring unique skills, talents or relationships to the board; and who have not been directly associated in any way

with women's basketball for at least five years.

- An NCAA Division II or NCAA Division III representative selected by the board will serve on the WBCA Executive Committee.
- The position on the Executive Committee previously held by the chair of the WBCA Committee on Basketball Issues now goes to either the campus-based or conference office-based administrator on the board.
- High school coaches are now categorized as Active II members. They enjoy all the privileges of their collegiate counterparts in the Active I category except that a high school coach cannot run for the office of vice president/president-elect.
- All matters of policy and procedure have been removed from the bylaws and will be housed in an operating manual maintained by the board of directors.

[New Women's Basketball Coaches Association Bylaws](#)