

MIDDLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCES

VOTING DELEGATES AGENDA

December 6, 2011
DeSales University Center
9:30 AM

Meeting called to order

Ken Andrews

Attendance:

Ken Andrews, MAC
Marie Godwin, MAC
Brad McCarty, Messiah
Jack Cole, Messiah
Amy Weaver, Messiah
Chuck Edkins, Misericordia
-, Misericordia
Dave-, Misericordia
Frank Wolfgang, Delaware Valley
Matthew Levy, Delaware Valley
Cheryl Ish, King's
Bill Klicka, FDU
Jen Noon, FDU
-, FDU
Scott Coval, DeSales
Gracia Perilli, DeSales
Nancy Latimore, Elizabethtown
Bob Schlosser, Elizabethtown
Keith Levinthal, Manhattanville
Chris Monfiletto, Lycoming
Jerry Hammaker, Lycoming
Gib Romaine, Hood
Brett Adams, Stevenson
Rick Beard, Lebanon Valley
Rick Ferry, Albright
Janice Luck, Albright
Laura Gingrich, Alvernia
Jon King, Alvernia
-, Alvernia
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Shirley Liddle, Arcadia
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Brad Fields, Eastern
David Jones, Eastern

Jessica Huntley, ECAC

Discussion of ECAC strengths and weaknesses

Jessica Huntley

- King's: cost prohibitive, not all teams wanted to participate
- Messiah: What are the advantages?
- LVC: provides an opportunity to win a championship, especially in football; great opportunity to build a team
- Mid-week games turn into overnight games
- FDU: committee's DO spend a lot of time to configure geographically best bracket; realigning the regions by location instead of conference could help bracket pairings
- MAC: Is the \$2,250 dues too much?
- Widener: You're spending your own money on a championship.
- MAC: an "a la carte menu" of options for teams may be more attractive to institutions
- Alvernia: ECAC staff has greatly improved customer service/championship staff support
- DelVal: Notification of selection and all-star teams seems delayed – selection on Monday night for Wednesday night game and August release for spring all-star team
- FDU: Would rather write out one check for officiating than each individual

NCAA Convention

Proposal #10

Fear of sport/conference-only championships

When voted on 2006, didn't even think about the week before the contest

Other Proposals

Bill Klika

2012-1 (2-10)

- No discussion

2012-2 (2-1)

- MAC President's have decided to take no position – it could make us unique; works for us why shouldn't it work for other conferences?

2012-3 (2-9)

- Not confined to only African-American population
- Coaches need to know how much to push student-athletes, esp. during preseason
- This information may be helpful to campus student health
- Cost for initial year may be high...

2012-4 (2-3)

- No discussion

2012-5 (2-2)

- No discussion

2012-5 (2-7)

- How is it being monitored? Book-keeping can be a nightmare

2012-6 (2-4)/2012-7 (2-5)

- More open – S-A's opposed because they don't think it's the right way to recruit
- We may have to revisit this in 3-5 years with the same issue – why not just open it up now

2012-8 (2-6)

- Commissioners support because mainly football players are using as loophole for a red-shirt year

2012-9 (2-8)

- No discussion

Accept May 25-26, 2011 minutes

Ken Andrews

- **16-0-0**

Announcements

Recognize fall 2011 champions

Old Business:

MAC 100 issues

Marie Godwin

The July 18, 2012 MAC golf tournament will start at 11 AM and conclude with a reception (4-6:30) that includes “heavy” appetizers. The conference office will explore the best option for drinks. Besides prizes for the golf, each participant will receive a commemorative polo shirt. The total cost per person will be in the \$75-100 range.

The conference will publish a booklet that includes “great moments” in the MAC and also highlights a student or two from each of the current members. This publication will be ready for the NCAA Convention reception.

Review the criteria and process for the MAC Hall of Fame.

A conference-wide service project will be conducted the week of April 8-12, 2013. Neighboring schools might want to do a joint project. Each institution will conduct an activity of their choice. Of greatest importance: document the number of participants and shoot some pictures and video so the conference can produce a release.

Logo production critical at this time.

- logo should read “MAC 100” – Jon King #2
- **11-0-0**

Initial “letter” has gone out to all schools.

Need to refine process for MAC 100 honor rolls. How to choose awardees in individual versus team sports?

- Record-holders may not be valued because games have changed – times change
- Refer to SID’s for process
- Break up the vote/nominations by decade

MAC championships

Fall 2011 accounting

Responding to an action item from the spring 2010 meeting, Operations affirmed the current championship funding model:

Host school responsible for all expenses

Host receives 25% of gate profit

At the end of the year, 75% of gate profits are pooled and distributed proportionally to visiting teams on a per mile basis

These championships receive noted conference support:

Cross county	\$1,400 and program
Men's Golf	\$6,000
Women's Golf	\$1,000
Swimming	Rental, officials, athletic trainers, and program
Baseball	Umpires and \$300 to host
Softball	Umpires
Indoor Track & Field (off campus)	Rental, officials, timers, athletic trainers, program, and \$300 for meet manager
Indoor Track & Field (on campus)	Officials, program, and timers
Outdoor Track & Field	Timers, officials, program, and \$1,000 to host
Team Tennis	Officials and balls
Individual Tennis	Officials, balls, program, indoor rental, and athletic trainers

The accountant will bill for championships right after each season.

There were 131 championship t-shirts left (\$824 expense to MAC) from fall 2011 championships. There were several factors that impacted this situation:

Since it was the first year of the program, sizing was a shot in the dark. A greater emphasis on smaller sizes and long sleeve shirts is needed.

Messiah hosted all the Commonwealth championships; many of their athletes are more likely to purchase NCAA gear.

Lack of promotion at many schools: table without seller, little signage, not near admission gate, PA announcements, etc.

The MAC office will send a note to coaches with remaining sizes for sale and also post information on MAC web site.

Motion: The conference office will absorb the fall 2011 t-shirt losses.

- **16-0-0**

Host site changes

- refer to “Championships – 2011-2015 sites.xls”
- Go back to institution and figure out if it will work – vote in May

Wrestling as a conference sport?

- Coaches should decide by March

Gender equity issues

Ken Andrews did not pursue all equity reports last year. For this year: he needs EADA sport breakdowns as soon as convenient, and the assessment survey and one-page summary by March 1, 2012.

Each school is to have a site visit from 2-4 MAC administrators in the next two years. Ken Andrews will construct an outline of what the review team should evaluate. The host school should tailor the visit to meet their needs.

Strategic planning items that emerged from the presidents meeting

The president at each school is asking their senior staff for input on two points:

What ways can MAC schools collaborate on non-athletic matters?

What student-athlete experience issues should be considered?

Feedback on these topics will be the basis for the May 2013 annual meeting discussion to culminate MAC 100.

Ken Andrews will synthesize annual ISSG review for the presidents. For last year, he will do this report for DeSales, FDU, Lebanon Valley, Lycoming, Messiah, and Widener.

MAC governance issues

The FAR meeting is on January 5 at DeSales. Please try to encourage attendance.

The March 28 (note day change) meeting is at LVC with President MacDonald. What are the topics we want to discuss with him?

- Develop an agenda at January meeting

Operations Committee has suggested that a financial aid workshop, conducted by NCAA staff, only include financial aid and admission officers, as athletic administrators are not directly involved in the process.

Game management reminders

In basketball and football, the camera runs until the court/field clears.

Use of noisemakers (football and men's lacrosse seem to be the two problem areas) is prohibited by the NCAA.

- Ken will look into interpretation for regular-season and post-season rules regarding artificial noisemakers – revisit at March meeting

Have a system in place to guarantee the competence of scorers, clock operators, announcers, and the like.

New Business

Alvernia, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Conference, is considering a bid to host the 2012 **baseball regional** at Boyertown or York. This will require support from SID's in the conference.

- Get the conference name out as the "host" of the regional tournament
- by-in from MAC SID's
- FDU/Misericordia in favor
- May 16-20, 2012

Operations agreed that a special award for **long-term conference service** ought to be presented to Yonnie Kauffman and Jan Trapp at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Would Hall of Fame recognition be best?

- Special award will be presented at annual meeting
- **16-0-0**

These agenda items emerged from the **October president's meeting**.

The conference will apply for a **NCAA Matching Alliance Grant** to institutionalize a third person in the MAC Office (18 schools and 23 sports warrant this increase). After MAC 100 concludes, this position's primary focus will be the use of technology. If we don't receive the grant this year, we will reapply in 2013.

After dismissing an "all-sports" award, discussion centered on how the conference could better recognize **academic achievement**.

Is there a way to use the academic report?

Operations asked Ken Andrews to synthesize what schools are doing now; those results might suffice or at least give schools ideas on ways to expand their academic awards program.

- Synthesis will be ready by January/March meeting

Name a MAC "team" for each sport based on academic and athletic prowess?

Operations did not see any way to adjust the **spring sports calendar** and not impact the conference season or preparation for NCAA competition.

Operations agreed to tackle "**expectations for MAC programs**" at their March meeting. This would be broken into categories: required and recommended aspects. This would serve two purposes – we would ensure that schools are abiding by certain principles and policies and provide schools with a template to leverage their institution for resources.

- Is worthwhile to bring recommendations to institutional administration
- Would also inform institutions if they are not up to standard

Ken Andrews mentioned that conference offices now have access to the **NCAA rules tests**, and that generally part-time people and certain schools appear to score lower than their counterparts. He also noted that there are persistent issues within the conference like the medical hardship waiver, camps and clinics, MAC terminology, etc. Three ideas:

Alvernia program

Laura Gingrich

Webinar

Ken Andrews

MAC web site resources

Because the Operations Committee represents all schools and athletic administrators, this motion would ask that all members "take a stand." ***Motion (Operations passed 6-0): Add***

to the Operations section in the Fact Book that members of the Operations Committee may not abstain from any votes.

- Let the Operations Committee decide how they do business

Recess for lunch at 12:04 pm

Reconvene at 12:37 pm

Sports Information

Laura Gingrich

MAC videos

Conference-wide package for video streaming

- Sidearm package proposal for about 6-8 schools
- New Media TV proposal
- Each school starts where they can
- Ken will put together four (4) ways to accomplish this for March – for institutions that currently don't have live streaming
- Pro's/Con's list

Sport Reports

Cross Country

Gracia Perilla

Motion (Operations approved 6-0): To fund "chip" timing for the cross country championship, increase the budget from \$1,400 to \$2,400.

- **16-0-0**
- **FDU Motion** – if a Cross Country championship is hosted at an institution in the outside geographic location of the conference, move the start time later in the day.
 - ***Motion withdrawn/tabled until March meeting.***

Field Hockey

Laura Gingrich

Football

Janice Luck

There are many other parameters that need to be evaluated about film exchange in other sports, but this motion can be approved without impacting those sports. ***Motion (Operations approved 6-0): Football will use HUDL for film exchange in 2012.***

- Basketball coaches would probably be in favor because *GameBreaker* is very expensive (\$5,000) and EzXchange
- Hudl is useful for recruiting purposes
- **10-0-6**
- Ken should look into an 18-school conference package

Operations endorsed a conference penalty for “intent to injure” and will consider the coaches protocol for this policy at the May meeting. It was suggested that an athletic administrator with a football background (Rick Beard) chair the group that makes these decisions.

- Recommend that the Operations Committee visit this in regards to all sports

Men’s Soccer

Brad McCarty

Ken Andrews expressed concern about Rich Kiernan’s work as coordinator of officials. Ken Andrews will contact Rich about conference expectations; he needs to make progress on these matters if he is to be retained after the 2012 season.

Motion (Operations approved 6-0): Men’s soccer will have a required electronic film exchange commencing in fall 2012.

Women’s Soccer

Brad McCarty

Tennis

Ken Andrews

The coaches will formalize the use of “extra” players in the individual tournaments at their May meeting.

Motion (Operations opposed 0-6): The Mac should consider the Oneonta inquiry to become an associate member in men’s tennis.

- **16-0-0**

Track & Field

Ken Andrews

Motion: In indoor track & field, add the heptathlon to the men’s championship events.

- Some concern that the full scope (two-day event and added cost) of including the heptathlon in the MAC Championship was not originally presented.
- **10-0-5**

Volleyball

Gracia Perilli

If a school cannot host the cross-over tournament in appropriate fashion, they should pass the opportunity on to the next school. Messiah, Lebanon Valley, Elizabethtown, and Alvernia are scheduled to host in 2012. The 9th and 10th place Commonwealth teams won’t participate after 2012.

Motion (Operations approved 6-0): The MAC crossover volleyball tournament will be conducted on a Saturday only. Note opposing motion from SID's to also use Friday.

- **8-5-2**

In 2013 NCAA statistics (full box) will be required for all matches.

START program at King's

Marie Godwin

MAC SAAC

Elections for 2012-13 officers will take place at the February 17 meeting. Please encourage strong leaders in your SAAC to run.

Each school has committed to raising at least \$500 for Make-a-Wish Foundation. The organization cannot identify who we might sponsor.

As part of the Division III initiative, each MAC campus should be involved in some Special Olympics program. The emphasis on this should be participating in or running an activity rather than fundraising.

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm