



LSC COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS MEETING

Monday, Oct. 21, 2013, via teleconference call

Those participating were:

Angelo State: Sean Johnson; Cameron: **John McArthur**; Eastern New Mexico: **Steve Gamble**, Jeff Geiser; Midwestern State: not represented; Tarleton State: **Dominic Dottavio (chair)**; Texas A&M-Commerce: Dan Jones; Texas A&M-Kingsville: **Randy Hughes (proxy)**, Randall Williams; Texas Woman's: **Ann Stuart**; West Texas A&M: **Pat O'Brien**; LSC Office: Stan Wagnon, Jay Poerner, Melanie Robotham. NOTE: **Bold** indicates voting privileges.

ACTION ITEMS

- I. **CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS:** The following actions were taken relative to recommendations coming from the Athletics Administrators:
 - a. **CONSENT PACKAGE:** It was moved (A&M-C) and seconded (CU) to approve the non-controversial consent package of recommendations. The package included recommendations originating in meetings of Athletics Administrators and Volleyball and Cross Country/Track & Field Coaches. **Passed unanimously.**
 - b. **SEPARATE VOTES:** These items were considered in separate votes:
 - i. 2014 SOFTBALL SHOWCASE SITE: It was moved (TWU) and seconded (A&M-C) to support the Athletics Administrators' recommendation for Midwestern State to serve as host. **Passed unanimously.**
 - ii. VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: It was moved (TWU) and seconded (A&M-C) to support the Volleyball Coaches' recommendation to include the top eight (8) teams in the 2013 tournament. **Passed unanimously.**
 - iii. McMURRY TRACK AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP: It was moved (TWU) and seconded (A&M-C) to support the Athletics Administrators' recommendation to invite McMurry into affiliate membership in the sports of men's and women's Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field, to include eligibility to compete for individual and team awards, effective this academic year. **Passed unanimously.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. **COMMISSIONER'S DISCUSSION:** Commissioner Wagnon reported the 2013-14 NCAA Conference Grant application was fully approved for \$122,000. He also discussed the Basketball Championship, set for March 5-8 in Allen, and shared how the 2014 event completes a 3-year agreement with Allen. Discussions are underway for future possibilities. He also provided a summary of the 2013 Football Festival event, noting that ticket sales dropped considerably from previous years. He is working with the Athletics Administrators to solidify the vision for future events and identify possible enhancements that will help to ensure profitability. A full report will be provided at the January meeting.
3. **NCAA PRESIDENTS COUNCIL REPORT:** Pat O'Brien (WT) reported on his service as Chair of the NCAA Division II Presidents Council and encouraged the group to review the written updates that have been emailed to all Division II presidents and chancellors. He also mentioned the importance of discussions regarding Division I membership and governance structure, and made the group aware of a possible impact on Division II.
4. **MEMBERSHIP EXPLORATION:** Dan Jones (A&M-C) provided an update on membership exploration efforts, recapping the group's presentations to the Heartland Conference. He said feedback from Heartland members in choosing not to support a merger was related to: a) football vs. non-football, b) private vs. public, and c) name of the conference. Commissioner Wagnon added that non-Texas members reportedly expressed concerns about being left out, and Dominic Dottavio (TSU) said some Heartland members seemed to simply be satisfied with where their current affiliation. Jones suggested the next step be to identify a list of schools with which to approach individually, and consensus agreement was for the committee to conduct those visits and gather additional feedback that can help determine a successful strategy.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Wagnon