

# COA BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

*Marriott Hotel, Los Angeles Airport, CA*

*February 18, 2004*

### **A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER – TOM CROW**

The meeting was called to order at 2:45PM, those in attendance were: Tom Crow, Chair; Ellie Bewley, Helen Carr, Eva Conrad, Robert Deegan, Jackie Fisher, Sr., Jan Kehoe, Ted Martinez, Jr., Rosa Perez, Denise Whittaker, Joanne Fortunato, Stu Van Horn, and Judith Centlivre. Stan Arterberry, Susan Carroll, and Kenneth Yglesias were unable to attend. New member Denise Whittaker was introduced. Guests included Pete Ginnegar of Renaissance Agencies, Inc., Robert Harris of Sacramento City College, and Don Warkentin of West Hills - Lemoore.

### **B. REVIEW OF OCTOBER 17, 2003, MINUTES**

It was **MSC** to approve the October 17, 2003, meeting minutes. The minutes are available on the COA website at [http://www.coasports.org/meetings/board\\_mins101703.pdf](http://www.coasports.org/meetings/board_mins101703.pdf).

### **C. REPORTS**

1. **COA Board Chair Tom Crow** indicated his report to the Board would be a review of the Out-of-Season Competition Committee meeting held in January and he would discuss this topic under that agenda item.
2. **State Commissioner Joanne Fortunato** brought the Board up to date on the Form 3 project. Discussion followed and staff will continue to work with the project consultant to resolve the issue of student identification. She also reviewed the dropped sports reported to the COA office and the budget and gender equity ramifications of those percentages.
3. **Associate Commissioner Stu Van Horn** posed various options for the annual convention in 2005. It was **MSC** to continue with the abbreviated format, holding the convention on April 7-8, 2005, and contract with the Peppermill Hotel in Reno, Nevada, with the contingency that an agreement would not be finalized until March 3, 2004, at which time the convention issue may need to be revisited due to bond elections.

4. **Management Council Representative Ellie Bewley** reported that the Athletic Directors Association met to discuss the issue of cost containment for the upcoming year. The decision of that meeting was to recommend to the Management Council to reinstate the former playoff format but will continue to recommend a reduction in the number of contests. The Board discussed the information presented and agreed that a cost-savings analysis should be prepared with data available. The Athletic Directors Association also requested her to report that they would prefer a face-to-face meeting in October and will forfeit reimbursement for attendance at that meeting. MC Chair Bewley also reported that the coaches association group the Board had asked her to form met and a task list has been developed which will assist communications between the coaches associations and the COA.

## **D. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Finance Committee Chair Ted Martinez** reviewed the budgets included with the Board packet. He also reported the status of the committee's position on the out-of-season competition legislation that has been proposed and indicated that a revision to the Form 5 has been submitted.
2. **Competition Committee.** No report. Meeting to be held February 19, 2004.
3. **Eligibility Committee.** No report. Meeting to be held February 19, 2004.
4. **Gender Equity Committee Chair Rosa Perez** indicated that the committee will be meeting on February 19, 2004. Associate Commissioner Stu Van Horn reviewed the third draft of the Executive Summary from the statewide task force on AB2295, as well as the five-year sport comparison chart included with the Board packet.
5. **Awards Committee. State Commissioner Fortunato** distributed the recently released announcement of the Pepsi Scholar Athlete and Scholar Team award winners to be recognized at the COA 7<sup>th</sup> annual convention in April.
6. **Affiliate Organization Committee Chair Bob Deegan** reported that the committee met in December and discussed ways to improve communication and relations between the organizations and the COA. He also encouraged Board members to attend their session at the COA 7<sup>th</sup> annual convention in April. The organizations will also be receiving a copy of each other's constitutions to review the roles of each organization.
7. **COA Visibility as Athletic Experts. State Commissioner Fortunato** informed the Board that she attended the NCAA Convention in January. She reported that the NCAA has changed its legislative structure to conduct only one legislative session and she encouraged the Board to consider the same structure for the COA legislative process. She also explained the proposed legislation currently before the NCAA requiring member colleges to utilize a disincentive as well as an incentive program. The Commissioner also shared information regarding the NATYCAA/Pepsi program that will award the school with the best athletic program. The schools selected will be asked to hold an event of recognition at

their respective schools, as well as to attend an awards presentation at the NATYCAA convention. She also provided the Board with a copy of the resolution adopted by the California Assembly on February 4, 2004. Resolution ACR 161 acknowledges the COA's support of girls and women in sports.

## **E. OUT-OF-SEASON COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

Chair Tom Crow shared the history and gave an overview of the out-of-season competition legislation that has been proposed and will be discussed at the committee meetings on February 19, 2004. Finance Committee Chair Ted Martinez, Jr., shared the concerns and requests of his committee and it was agreed that these comments should be forwarded to the Eligibility Committee. The Board discussed the ramifications of approval of a non-traditional seasons competition and options it has if and when the legislation comes before it for approval in April. Chair Crow will seek legal advice from an attorney and Board members will also request input from constituent field members which should be sent to the COA office no later than the last week of March.

## **F. REVIEW OF EVALUATION PROCESS (CLOSED MEETING)**

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

The public portion of the Board meeting adjourned at 4:30PM, at which time it moved into its closed session, Item F of this agenda.

### **2003-04 COA Board Meeting Schedule:**

April 2, 2004, 8:00AM – 9:30AM, Burbank (COA Convention)  
May 28, 2004 10:00AM – 1:00PM, videoconference

Respectfully submitted,

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State Commissioner