

COA BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

*Hilton Hotel, Financial District
San Francisco, CA*

February 21, 2007

A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stan Arterberry called the meeting to order at 10:15AM. Those in attendance were Helen Benjamin, Michael Bagley, Susan Carroll, Bob Deegan, Ned Doffoney, Jackie Fisher, Sr., Kathleen Hodge, Logan McKechnie, Jim Sartoris, Lise Telson, Steven Kinsella, and Carlyle Carter. Members unable to attend: Robin Calote, Thomas Fallo, and Francisco Rodriguez.

B. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

None.

C. REVIEW OF OCTOBER 13, 2006, MINUTES

It was moved, seconded, and the motion carried (MSC) to approve the October 13, 2006, meeting minutes. The minutes are available on the COA website at http://www.coasports.org/meetings/board_mins101306.pdf.

D. REPORTS

1. **COA Board Chair Stan Arterberry** reported that he traveled with Carlyle Carter to the NCAA headquarters to participate in the two-year college relations committee. It was an interesting meeting that included a discussion of athletes requiring remediation.
2. **Executive Director Carlyle Carter** distributed a synopsis of his report to the Board. He has concerns regarding the R-1 and R-2 forms which are signed by the athletic directors and presidents of the institutions, affirming that they know and will abide by the COA rules. He also discussed the issues that occurred with the last filing of the R-1 in September 2006. He stressed that membership in the COA is not an athletic program membership, rather it is an institutional membership in the COA.

Mr. Carter reviewed concerns about the status of athletic directors and how they are unable to supervise coaches in their athletic programs when they are also faculty members. The Board discussed the issue and Mr. Carter will be presenting the concerns to the college presidents when he attends the Northern California CEO Conference in March. He also suggested that a certification program for coaches and athletic programs may be a solution.

He noted that one of the legislative proposals for the upcoming session pertains to the name change of the membership organization of the COA. The Commission on Athletics will function as a true commission and will have the ultimate responsibility for all policy. The Management Council will serve as the administrative unit that will oversee and guide pieces of legislation for the California Community College Athletic Association. Management Council will take more of a lead in working with the membership and therefore he feels it should be expanded to include a commissioner and a Board liaison. He discussed other potential changes to be made in order to assist with serving and communicating with the membership. He also stated that he sent a letter to all chancellors and presidents urging them to attend or send their staff to the spring convention.

Mr. Carter advised that AB2165 became effective January 1, 2007, and that he has sought guidance from various sources only to come to a dead end each time. The COA has no obligation on this however it is attempting to assist members on how to handle the matter. Discussion followed and each Board member reported how their respective college or conference is handling compliance with AB2165.

Mr. Carter provided a brief report on the two year panel that he and Chair Arterberry participated in at the NCAA in January. The agenda item of particular concern in their findings dealt with baseball and the lack of academic progress in the players. He noted that four-year institutions do not have remediation classes and that the NCAA recognizes that the level of basic skills in high school graduates has decreased and he suggested to the panel that a dialog begin on how we can address this problem and work together. His recommendation is that if a student is taking 50% or more of his/her classes as a full time student and that student is in remediation, then that student's eligibility clock should not start - the student may practice but not compete.

He discussed the championship festival concept from an operational and financial standpoint, noting that while it is not embraced by all, it is still workable. We are in our second year of a three-year contract with Fresno. There has been some concern regarding sport equity for fall versus spring championships and he is working with Director of Championships Debra Wheeler to work through these issues.

Mr. Carter briefed the Board on office matters such as the vacant position which remains unfilled as there is inadequate physical space. He also reported that he is exploring other office space options. He also reported on the appeal of LA Pierce regarding eligibility of three basketball players on its women's team. The Board agreed that it needs to address the issue of "emergency appeals."

3. **Management Council Chair Jim Sartoris** reported on the current issues of the Management Council such as the restructuring process, the request to have a commissioner on the Management Council, and the matter of decorum ejection and a sport-specific disqualification or ejection. Other concerns pertain to the variety in academic calendars and eligibility verification.

E. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Director Carlyle Carter distributed a balance sheet in the absence of the Finance Committee chair.

F. REPORT ON FORMATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

Management Council Chair Jim Sartoris reported that Form Ms are being submitted to the COA office and hopefully the request to form the SCFA will be ready for presentation at the Board meeting in April.

G. REVIEW OF BOARD, MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEE ROSTERS

Executive Director Carlyle Carter reviewed the rosters and upcoming renewals and expiring terms of the Board and Management Council members. An updated roster will be forthcoming.

H. LEGISLATION

Mr. Carter indicated that the Constitution Committee needs to be included in the legislative process and that committee will be meeting at the convention in April. The Board reviewed and briefly discussed the proposed policy legislation.

I. OLD BUSINESS

Management Council Chair Jim Sartoris advised that placement of a commissioner on the Management Council is being discussed. Commissioner McKechnie noted that the commissioners suggest that if approved, that the vice president of the commissioners' association serve in that capacity.

Chair Arterberry reviewed the procedure to allow for comment from the public at Board meetings.

J. MEMBERSHIP FORUM

K. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discuss options for the June Board meeting.

L. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carlyle Carter reminded members that the 10th Annual Convention is less than two months away.

M. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

A date for the final 2006-07 Board meeting typically held at the COA office in Sacramento needs to be set.

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlyle Carter
Executive Director