

MEMO

TO: OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION LEADERS

FROM: VINCE KRISTOSIK

RE: NIAA BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING RECAP, SEPTEMBER 24TH & 25TH, 2014

To All Association Commissioners and Presidents,

I would like to update all of you with information from the NIAA Board of Control meeting that took place in Reno on September 24th & 25th. I have included topics from the meeting that either I addressed with the board, or information that was discussed that I felt you should be aware of.

- Eddie Bonine and Jay Beesemyer explained the process through which the NIAA office had gone through for filling the vacant commissioner's position for the NNOA Softball Association. This vacancy had been created with George Ritter relocating to California. George had been the commissioner for the past 10 years. Two individuals were interviewed for the position, Mike Evans and Jack Beach. After interviews were complete, Mike Evans was selected as the new NNOA Softball Commissioner

- Ron McNutt (Division I North Liaison) requested from the Division I Northern Region to start the 2015 baseball and softball seasons one week earlier than listed on the NIAA's master calendar. Mr. Bonine discussed the reasons why the NIAA Board of Control had previously shortened the 2015 spring sports season by one week. This was due to concerns regarding travel cost over Memorial Day weekend. This proposal by Mr. McNutt was added to the agenda of a special NIAA board meeting that was held on October, 3rd, and would include all spring sports, not just baseball and softball.

This agenda item was passed at the October 3rd meeting. With this change, the first day for contests for all 2015 NIAA spring-season sports will now begin on Thursday, March 5th. Originally all spring sports were to begin on March 12th. All spring sports state championships will still conclude prior to Memorial Day weekend.

- During the liaison report, I addressed the board about having a policy in place regarding spectators that are ejected from a game must be removed from all school property. It was stated that the NIAA has a policy (NAC 386.843) that references if a spectator is removed from the game that they must leave the premises. "Premises" means the area in which a game, contest or meet is conducted, including, without limitation, any area designated for spectators at that game, contest or meet.

- I also addressed the board regarding the security of officials. I let the board know that NASO (National Association of Sports Officials) has created some guidelines for officials and schools/administration. These guidelines are to help provide a safe and secure environment for officials prior to the game, during the game, and after the game. I asked if these guidelines could be sent out to all NIAA member schools for them to review. I have attached the NASO guidelines to this email. Please review these and feel free to pass these guidelines along to your members.

- The next NIAA Board of Control meeting will be taking place on January 14th & 15th in Reno.