

PSAC SID Meeting – May 22, 2017

1. Roll Call

Representatives in attendance from the following institutions: Shippensburg, West Chester, Cheyney, Gannon, California, Bloomsburg, Millersville, Mansfield, Clarion, Pitt-Johnstown, Lock Haven, East Stroudsburg, Slippery Rock and Edinboro; and representatives from the PSAC: Will Adair and Chris Parker.

2. PSAC Style Guide

Conversation was had to remind those in attendance to try to follow the style guide as close as possible. The updated style guide was distributed to all parties in attendance. Recommendations below will be added to the style guide and the updated guide will be sent out to all SIDs before the fall.

** Recommendation: Include pronunciation guides on the word roster. This will be added to the style guide.*

** Recommendation: For basketball, SIDs should exchange updated combined stats PDF for all conference games.*

** Recommendation: Make sure that schools use –M and –W for StatCrew rosters to differentiate genders for sports that have both genders (example: ROCK-M, ROCK-W).*

3. Awards Committee Consideration

Discussion took place about adding All-Tournament teams for PSAC postseason events. There were no recommendations.

4. Neutral Announcing at PSAC Tournament Games

Discussion took place about the current requirement for PA announcers to remain neutral at PSAC postseason events (as is the same requirement by NCAA). A majority of the SIDs agreed that the host site should be able to have same PA abilities as permitted during the regular season.

** Recommendation: The SIDs requested that the PSAC Championships Committee review the current host site requirements for PA announcing and pregame introductions.*

5. Sunday Scheduling Review

Discussion took place about scheduling games on Sundays and it potentially being added to the agenda again in future years after mandated Sunday soccer games were approved for 2017. The SID group remains in opposition of league mandated scheduling Sunday games due to the extra work hours on Sundays and issues that arise in trying to staff events.

The SIDs encouraged one another to address these concerns with the appropriate administrative personnel on their own campuses.

6. Wrestling Regional Rankings

Discussion took place surrounding which regional rankings the group should use to publicize, as there are at least three rankings that come out throughout the year and all three are different.

The group agreed to use the regional rankings put forth by the coaches' organization contingent on the continued production and dissemination to the SIDs.

7. PSAC Indoor Track and Field Championships Assistance

Bob Shreve (Edinboro) brought up a discussion that the PSAC IT&F Championship may be going to a rotating school host model similar to the league's Swimming Championship.

Under current procedures, this would not have an impact on the sports information department of the school that is designated as the host.

8. Review of 2017 Summary of Motions

Discussion about the following items in the Summary of Motions:

A. Soccer following NCAA pregame protocol for the purpose of warmups before the games.

NCAA protocol is 30 minutes on the field, which would be ideal for the SIDs.

9. Media Day Review

Discussion took place about what parts of Football Media Day are beneficial and valuable and if there are any recommendations for adding or changing things at the event. Many institutions have concern about the value it provides given the circumstances traditional media outlets face with smaller staffs and inability to send coverage.

SIDs felt that there could be opportunities for added value with the launch of the PSAC Network. Live streaming Q and A's with the coach and players from each team at scheduled times was proposed and met with positive reviews by the SID group.

*** Exchange football quick facts should take place by Friday, June 16 to all opponents.*

10. PSAC Network Questions/Concerns

Discussion took place about clarifying the expectations for each school over the next two years of the roll out of the PSAC Network. Some of the things that needed clarification are listed below.

- 2017-18 Men's and Women's Basketball

SIDs were unclear on whether **ALL** home basketball games or if it is **ONLY** PSAC mandated home games.

(Confirmed post meeting – ALL home basketball games are to be streamed).

- 2018-19 Basketball, Football, Volleyball: The PSAC will check on if this is **ALL** home games or **JUST** PSAC games.

(Confirmed post meeting – ALL home football games and all home dual match volleyball matches are to be streamed).

- Audio is required for all mandated contests (basketball for 2017-18 and football and volleyball in 2018-19).

- Graphics package update: The PSAC noted that the current plan is that a third party professional is going to design a graphics package so that all broadcasts are going to be uniform. Discussion took place around making sure that the package is compatible with multiple streaming platforms.

- Discussion shifted to the total number of schools that have another department helping or completely handling the network requirements. There are 4-5 schools that are receiving help from TV stations or

media stations, but those schools have concerns with how to handle the winter break games. The rest of the schools will be almost exclusively running this out of the sports information offices.

- Concerns over games over winter break and other breaks from classes is an issue for all of the schools.

- Conflict committee is in the blueprint, but it doesn't yet exist. The conflict committee in terms of the PSAC's understanding is to make sure that schools are going to be equitable, but the issue of not being able to do games due to multiple events or no staffing available could be considered by the conflict committee. The SID group would like to ask that that be an option.

- \$6,000 reimbursements: Schools will purchase equipment and submit a form to PSAC office with copies of receipts. PSAC will then reimburse the respective offices. That form was sent by commissioner to all school athletics directors.

- There is NO REQUIREMENT to use Stretch live stats. Each school will be on their own to pay for additional live stats if desired, but the Stretch live stats will be included with the purchase of a streaming package. The schools that used STRETCH live stats during the year gave their assessment to the group.

- The PSAC plans to try to do as many championship events as possible, using Final Fours as the championship site, beginning in 2017-18. Financial responsibility to stream championship events (finals site) will belong to the PSAC, whether hiring an outside group or working in collaboration with the host school.

** Recommendation: The SIDs recommended the conflicts committee be utilized when there are extenuating circumstances, such as significant scheduling conflicts that create staffing and equipment deficits that would not allow the SID office to stream events, as a way to not have schools endure fines when those circumstances arise.*

11. Heaslip Media Award

Discussion took place about each candidate currently nominated for the award. Votes will be due to Will Adair by Friday, May 26, 2017.

12. Officers

Bill Morgal (president) and Jon Holtz (vice president) have finished their two-year terms as officers of the group. A nomination and voting process took place to elect the next set of officers to serve the next two years.

Secretary: Bryan Salvadore, approved by unanimous vote.

Vice President: Ryan McNamara, approved by unanimous vote.

President: Ethan Hulsey, approved by unanimous vote.

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.