

PSAC WINTER SID CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, December 18 at 11 a.m.

PRESENT: Chris Parker, Will Adair, Tiffany Taylor (PSAC), Bloomsburg, Cal U, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Gannon, Indiana (Pa.), Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Mercyhurst, Millersville, Pitt-Johnstown, Seton Hill, Shepherd, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, West Chester

AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Election of Officers** (Hulsey - Mill)
 - **Doug Spatafore (LH)** – Elevated to President from VP replacing Ryan McNamara (Mans)
 - **Matt Heffelfinger (Kutz)** – Elevated to VP replacing Spatafore's vacancy, will continue to serve as secretary through spring 2020
- **PSAC Style Guide** (Spatafore, Heffelfinger)
 - Use style guide as intended
 - The question was raised as to who houses, updates and distributes the Style Guide. Parker explained that the style guide is the responsibility of the PSAC office.
 - Adair expressed some frustration with style guide, are the contents recommendations/mandates? Group agreed that style guide processes should be mandatory
 - Morgal (Ship) reiterated the importance of having pronunciation guides at bottom of Word rosters for those that don't provide them. Especially beneficial with advancement of the PSAC Network.
- **Basketball StatCrew roster formats** (Holtz - SR): With some schools using NCAA, others using Presto and others using Stat Crew, our old format of "LAST, First" is messing with stats across the board. I think we need to go to "First Last" for basketball now for consistency across all the programs.
 - Highlighted name/number discrepancies between NCAA LiveStats/StatCrew, suggested move to First Last name format that is standard operating procedure for all other sports
 - Players with "Jr, II, III, IV" in names creating issues
 - Consensus was to maintain status quo through remainder of 2019-20 basketball season, allowing any school with issue to handle fix to best meet their needs.

Group agreed to implement First Last format for rosters with start of 2020-21 season.

- **PSAC Network Conversation: Issues and future plan (Spatafore)**
 - Improved product from Presto/Stretch, addressed issues PSAC asked for, still having some issues
 - Contract runs through 2020-21 (Adair).
PSAC (Parker) will work with Streaming Committee to set up requirements, address issues and format an RFP for streaming proposals for future contracts.
 - Heffelfinger and Patrick (Mans) volunteered to be added to Streaming Committee
 - Looking for the best service with the best prices that meets PSAC/PSAC SIDs needs for betterment of the group and PSAC Network as a whole (Heffelfinger)
 - **Cost (Heffelfinger)**
 - Helpful to share funding as departments for the PSAC Network, take comparatives back to administration (Hulsey)... As a Streaming Committee representative Spatafore volunteered to gather data and share with SID group.
- **Who is charge of PSAC Network on your campus? (Spatafore)**
 - SIDs discussed who oversees streaming operations (SIDs or other campus representatives) at each institution. Data will be shared with SID group.
- **Award Issue/Update - - change the Coach of the Year to Coaching Staff of the Year (Adair/Spatafore/Awards Committee):** The Awards Committee asked for opinions on whether PSAC should award Coaches of the Year or Coaching Staffs of the Year. The SIDs reviewed what coaches organizations did in all sports which the conference offers.
 - No unanimous feelings one way or another. Recommended to continue all sports to remain as “Coach” of the Year.
 - Encouragement for institutional winners to recognize additional coaching staff members in their releases.
- **Logo use on schedules and graphics (Kifer)**
 - Wanted to make sure opponents are using most up-to-date logos on schedules/graphics
 - Folder creation with most up-to-date logos/colors?

- Parker notes there's a link to download, he will send via email --
SIDs should review the logos that are in the current folder and inform PSAC if their existing logos are not the proper ones for use.
- **Number of All-PSAC selections – particularly men's soccer** (Kifer – Cal U)
 - Discussion occurred to the 37.8% of starters among PSAC West schools earning All-PSAC recognition. Alarming number in comparison to most sports, in particular, the sports that have recently been moved to divisional play.
 - Adair noted that is something that can be reviewed with the Awards Committee and men's soccer coaches, if necessary.
- **Clarity on PSAC Athlete of the Week and Defensive Athlete of the Week** (Kifer)
 - Parker noted that defensive rebounds, blocks, steals, opponent point totals were the primary statistics under consideration.
- **Stats accuracy and timeliness** (Kifer)
 - Some issues out of conference, mainly in volleyball, possibly attributed to some schools transitioning to NCAA LiveStats (Page, Fagan)
- **D2CCA All-Region Timeline** (Kifer) – *AFCA is released before all-region team*
 - Holtz provided context on pushing back some of the awards based on a later championship date, but said reaching out to Vince Thompson at the AFCA might be helpful to find out why they released their All-America prior to most organizations releasing all-region teams
- **Media Day(s)** (Spatafore)
 - No future plans for “in-person” media days in football or basketball. The PSAC/College Football 150 celebration and Shepherd's entry into the PSAC provided a unique opportunity in 2019 (Parker)
- **Update office structure for each school** (Spatafore) - *staffing, reporting lines, etc.*
 - Spatafore will try to compile data from member institutions and share with group to help institutions advocate for themselves

NOTES

In person SID meeting, May 18, 2020, in Harrisburg