

PSAC SIDs Meeting

May 19, 2008

Dixon Center, Harrisburg, Pa.

Present: Steve Murray, Will Adair & Lauren Packer (PSAC), Lenn Margolis (Cheyney), Doug Spatafore (Lock Haven), Bob McComas (Slippery Rock), Greg Knowlden (East Stroudsburg), Tom McGuire (Bloomsburg), Steve McCloskey (Mansfield), Josh Leiboff (Kutztown), Matt Hannford (California), Bob Shreve (Edinboro), Rich Herman & Chris Rossetti (Clarion), Jason Eichelberger & Bill Morgal (Shippensburg), Ethan Hulsey (Millersville), Jim Zuhlke (West Chester), Jason Knavel (Mercyhurst), Dan Tieliski (Gannon)

Open Forum

The SIDs were in agreement that Steve McCloskey (SID Vice President) would represent them at the following day's open forum.

Statistics

A discussion was held regarding the recording of volleyball statistics – different processes, which campus personnel kept statistics at each match, what were the expectations to get and receive statistics after matches.

Score Reporting to the Conference Office

Will Adair announced that the PSAC office will no longer require schools to call in results following contests. Furthermore, the PSAC would no longer make use of its telephone hotline. Alternate methods of reporting were discussed.

Statistical Software

A conversation took place in reference to the use of live statistics – who is using, who plans to use in the future. A discussion also took place regarding updates to current software that schools are using. Upon suggestion, Will Adair agreed to contact Statcrew to see if those wishing to obtain updated software could get a discount if the conference office placed a large order on behalf of the SIDs.

PSAC Championship Programs

Questions were asked regarding fair expectations for SIDs to produce and pay for the printing of PSAC programs. The conference office expressed concern over the difficulty to take on that responsibility at the same time of the year all-conference selections and championship participant determinations are being made, in addition to the travel/representation of the conference office at the championships. Also, the printing and shipping of programs would not seem feasible for several championships given the short amount of time between qualification and the start of the championship.

Video Production

Steve Murray updated the SIDs on the services of the B2 Network to stream video of live events. He explained that several institutions were cooperating with the State System office in putting together an appropriate contract for B2's services.

Media Guides

A brief discussion was held to gather information on which schools continued to produce media guides and for which sports.

All-PSAC Selection Procedures

The SIDs asked that each school Athletics Director be copied on e-mails which involved All-PSAC nomination and ballot deadlines.

Heaslip Award

The SIDs selected Tony Coccagna of the Indiana Gazette to receive the 2008 PSAC Heaslip Media Award.

Football Media Day

Steve Murray announced the PSAC would host its football media day on August 4, 2008 at Lock Haven University. As mentioned at the December, 2007 meeting, the PSAC office would like to have all of its members gather together for this year to celebrate its 75th year of football champions in addition to welcoming in its new members. Future football media days would likely return to a divisional format.

The Award of Merit

Steve Murray mentioned that the conference office would like to begin a process by which schools submit nominees for the league's Award of Merit. The PSAC would like to recognize those individuals on a more regular basis.

Recognition

The SIDs recognized:

- Rich Herman for earning a 25-year service award from the College Sports Information Directors of America.
- Jason Eichelberger and Bill Morgal for their game-operations duties at the 2008 Division II Spring Sports Festival in Houston, Texas.
- Lauren Packer, for her outstanding work as PSAC Media Relations Director over the past year and as an intern the previous year. Packer recently announced that she accepted the sports information director position at Allegheny College.

Future Meetings

The SIDs discussed the idea of having a second meeting each year or moving their annual meeting to December.

Sportsmanship Award

The SIDs formed a committee consisting of Steve McCloskey, Josh Leiboff and Lenn Margolis to work with Will Adair to develop ideas for a yearly sportsmanship award. Steve Murray noted that the PSAC SAAC was also putting together ideas to recognize a sportsmanship winner from the conference.

PSAC Web Site

Will Adair asked for the SIDs cooperation in obtaining photos from each school. In particular, groups of student-athletes who would have the most opportunity in winning weekly athlete of the week awards. Any action shots would also be helpful.