

COIA Steering Committee Meeting minutes for February 18, 2022

Attendees: Joan King, Kelley Withy, Laveria Hutchison, Andrew Klein, Bonnie Ownley, and Jane Albrecht

1. The current budget from registration meeting income was covered by Joan King. Costs include the COIA website on GoDaddy and meeting room and AV expenses. The money currently goes into a foundation account hosted by LSU under Joan King. Excess costs covered by Andrew Klein.
Thanks!!
2. We discussed possible sponsorship of our annual meetings. Maybe co-sponsoring a meeting with the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and/or the Drake Group. Amy Perko had been contacted to inquire as to whether the Knight Commission could help sponsor our February 19, 2022 meeting AV costs, but they could not at the time.
3. We discussed sending a one-page newsletter to our members about current topics they need to be aware of.
4. We discussed providing an overall report to the memberships about what has been done over the past five years. Joan King was going to look into this from past reports to see what was included.
5. It was suggested that we have webinars for our membership with 2 or 3 over the year.
6. COIA wants to maintain our connection with NCAA staff for our meetings. We usually host the meeting at NCAA headquarters every five years or so.
7. COIA also wants to maintain our connection with Senator Booker. We discussed the federal Bill of Rights for student athletes which was produced in December 2020 as S5062 by Senators Booker and Blumenthal.
8. NIL was discussed and it was suggested that university business faculty do NIL training for the student athletes. University of Tennessee at Knoxville has such a course. We want to obtain examples of skills training that faculty do for students.
9. Creating faculty awareness of student athlete issues through webinars was mentioned.
10. The issue of state sports gambling laws was discussed. The concern is university faculty, staff and students may bet on student athletes or teams. This could cause harm to student athletes with injury issues from people betting.
11. Money and other equity issues of the NCAA was discussed briefly. For example, differences in March Madness equipment.
12. It was mentioned that faculty need to take over oversight of athletics that is lost by the NCAA.
13. Faculty also need oversight at the conference level so faculty senates and COIA representatives should have conference meetings like the FARS do.
14. It was mentioned that the FAR should be a member of the Faculty Senate.
15. COIA will update the Best Practices document from our member survey results.
16. The COIA steering committee needs a new member to replace John Putman as member-at-large. There is also need for a new Vice Chair to replace Kelly Withy who will become Chair and Secretary to replace Jane Albrecht. Members will be asked for volunteers.
17. We had a brief discussion as to whether a treasurer should be added to the list of steering committee members.
18. There was a suggestion to try to have conference money given to faculty senates to help with COIA meetings.

19. We discussed inviting all members to our steering committee meetings to see what we do.