



# CSCAA Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes - January 24, 2024 1:00 PM EST

Meeting took place via Zoom

### The following individuals were present:

Mandy Commons-DiSalle (President), Cincinnati  
Clark Campbell (Past President), Kansas  
Arthur Albiero (President-Elect), Louisville  
Matt Barany (Treasurer), Richmond  
Matt Crispino (Secretary), Princeton  
Rick Bishop, Louisiana State  
Brad Boswell, Appalachian State  
Jeanne Fleck, Fresno State  
Katie Kasprzak, Pittsburgh  
Andrew Makepeace, Augustana  
Steve Schaffer, Grand Canyon  
Eric Skelly, Cumberlands

Jimmy Tierney, McKendree

Samantha Barany

CSCAA Staff Maureen Palchak

CSCAA Staff Edie Ashman

CSCAA Staff Mike Tubb, CSCAA Staff

Paul Barrett, CSCAA Accountant

### The following individuals were not present:

Tom Stebbins, UCLA Brad Shively, Washington University

Teresa Fish, Illinois Wesleyan

## Topics

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1. **Roll Call and Introduction** Executive Director, Samantha Barany welcomed our new Board member and Division I at-large rep, Rick Bishop from LSU.

### 2. **Review of November Meeting minutes**

### 3. **Review of the Numbers**

Samantha Barany led the Board through a review of CSCAA numbers.

- **Knight Commission Grant:** The organization has secured a grant from the Knight Commission, which will support continued funding of our Jean Freeman Scholarship.
- **Open water:** Because the event was canceled due to weather conditions, loose ends are still being tied up.
- **Membership:** Samantha will give final membership numbers at the next Board meeting.
- **Financials:** Matt Barany and Paul Barrett indicated that the organization's financials look appropriate for this time of year. Overall, the financial situation is positive.

### 4. **Bylaws**

- Samantha Barany thanked those who worked on bylaw revisions. The most updated bylaws are now posted on the CSCAA website.

### 5. **60 Day Download**

- **Diving Scholar All-American:** Diving representatives outlined a request being made by diving coaches. Currently, in order to get individual second-team Scholar All-American recognition, a diver must attend a zone meet. Many diving coaches would like to change this to not require

attendance at NCAA zones, but rather a zone qualifying score. This would mirror the swimming requirement that a swimmer obtain an NCAA B-standard.

***A motion was made: Change second team Scholar-All American criteria for divers to require only that they achieve an NCAA Zone qualifying standard. Attendance at the meet is no longer necessary. The motion passed unanimously.***

- **Events - NIC:** Over 1000 student-athletes have RSVP'd. The Ocala facility will luckily accommodate this number. Registration will open the first or second week of February.
- **Events - 2025 Annual Meetings:** About half of the speaker lineup is set. Samantha Barany emphasized that the critical mission is to get people in the room for the business meetings so the membership can strategize over important topics to try to better impact the trajectory of our sport. CSCAA staff will send a one sheeter PDF that can be shared via text or email with an outline of the schedule. Board Members are encouraged to speak with coaches and get people there. The front half of the Meetings (Sunday/Monday) will consist mostly of business and board meetings; starting Monday afternoon, the event transitions into more educational content. The Awards celebration is Monday night.
- **Town Hall Recap:** The town hall generated a great deal of positive feedback and gratitude for informing the membership of the urgency of the issues addressed. With change coming quickly, it was clear that the message was delivered and delivered well. There were approximately 170 people on the call. Several respondents asked if they can get involved or inquired about how they can help. Over ¾ of people indicated the Town Hall was helpful.
- **NCAA Convention:** The information coming from the NCAA Convention confirmed what we already believe as a group – that things are changing fast and each sport, university, and program needs to ready itself for major change. This is a paradigm shift; any conventional wisdom must be set aside. Samantha Barany was able to meet with ICAC peers, ADs, and several others during her time there.

## **6. Big Picture and Hot Topics**

- **Recruiting calendar:** the organization surveyed Division I membership on the possibility of shifting the recruiting start date back in 2024 due to conflict with Olympic Trials. An overwhelming majority of people want to move the date. This requires legislative change rather than a waiver, so the path for that is much longer.
- **Practice and Playing Season:** Samantha Barany indicated that questions around practice and playing season continue to arise for Division I, and this is something that we should discuss at Annual meetings.
- **Division II Sponsorship Numbers:** there have been legislative proposals to require a minimum number of institutions sponsoring a sport in Division II in order to have a championship. Fortunately, we have plenty of teams and we aren't in danger; in fact, our sport is actually growing in Division II with 87 men's teams and 105 women's teams. There has been a bit of a drop on the diving side, and the CSCAA is working with USA Diving to address this moving forward.

## **9. Awards**

- **Division III HOF:** Brad Shively and Teresa Fish continue to work on this along with the CSCAA staff. The Hall of Fame will be formally announced in February and first inductees will be honored at the Annual Meetings.
- **Swim Across America:** the award related to Swim Across America will be returning to the Annual Meetings this year. It will honor the top team and student-athlete in terms of fundraising for cancer research.
- **Major Awards:** Executive Board was asked to stay on the call following adjournment to discuss major award winners

## **9. Looking Ahead**

- **Annual Meetings Travel:** The CSCAA will cover hotel expenses for Board members; the staff needs to know what dates we will arrive/depart.

## **8. Future Meeting dates (all at 1:00 PM Eastern)**

- April 3, 2024 (change from March 27, which is during men's NCAAs)
- May 5, 2024 at Annual Meetings in Indianapolis
- May 6, 2024 at Annual Meetings in Indianapolis

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt Crispino  
CSCAA Secretary