



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 1, 2022, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **2021 annual meeting report.** The committee approved the 2021 annual meeting report as submitted.
2. **Preview of 2023 hosts.** The committee noted that the University of Southern Indiana is transitioning to Division I and will be unable to serve as the host institution for the Midwest Regional in 2023. However, the NCAA staff liaison has spoken with the Evansville Sports Corporation, and they still plan to host the 2023 Midwest Region meet and find a new institutional partner. The committee mentioned the University of Indianapolis as a potential host partner for that region. The committee also noted that South Region host University of Montevallo may be a first-time host and the committee looks forward to working with them. Committee members also acknowledged that Missouri Southern State University has hosted nationals and regionals successfully in the past and will do a great job as host in the Central Region.
3. **USTFCCCA championship format review.** The committee met with Same Seemes, president of USTFCCCA, and Kim Duyst, the connector for the Division II coaches connection program, regarding the USTFCCCA's proposal for a new championship format for Division II cross country. The committee discussed the proposal initially and will explore the matter further later this winter once the USTFCCCA has detailed the at-large selection process.
4. **Timing company review.** The committee believes that Leone Timing does a great job. Their website is easy to navigate, and results are produced quickly. The committee asked if an RFP would be needed in the future. The committee noted that timing at some of the regional sites was not up to par and is interested in requiring minimum standards for timers at regional sites. The committee is also interested in knowing what timing companies are used for Divisions I and III regional meets.
5. **Sport sponsorship.** The committee noted that distances of 3,000 meters for the women and 4,000 meters for the men are required for sports sponsorship. For championship selection, a minimum of four contests are required with a minimum of five participants in each contest at a minimum distance of 5,000 meters for the women and 7,000 meters for the men.
6. **Strategic plan.** The committee reviewed the strategic plan and made no changes at this time.
7. **Committee items.**
 - a. **New appointments.** The Division II Nominating Committee will recommend a new committee member for the Atlantic Region after its January 10 meeting. The committee noted

that terms will expire for committee chair Chris Bradford, Kevin Curtin and Leigh Cordes in August of 2023. Ms. Cordes asked for a term extension to be submitted on her behalf. The committee liaison will work with Mr. Bradford and the Nominating Committee staff liaison to submit the term extension request.

- b. Committee timeline.** The committee reviewed the 2022-23 committee timeline and noted the following corrections: October 23 – entries will open; October 30 – entries will close; and October 31 – deadline for late entry period. The committee requested to have periodic calls from January through August to be kept up to date on various items.
 - c. Committee chair.** The committee elected Dr. Darlene Moore, assistant athletics director for academics and compliance and senior woman administrator at Albany State University (Georgia), to chair the committee for 2022-23. Dr. Moore's years of service on the cross country committee, her knowledge of the sport and her experience as an administrator will be beneficial to the committee in her role as chair.
- 8. Review manuals.** The committee asked the staff liaison to upload manuals to a shared folder to be reviewed at each person's own pace.
- 9. Review sport sponsorship list and pool document.** The committee received the updated sponsorship and pool document for 2022-23.
- 10. Other business.** The committee noted a desire for future Division II fall sport festivals to take place in cities that have warmer climates in late November/early December. The committee also requested that there be a virtual coaches forum during the upcoming bid process to hear from coaches regarding their experience at courses/institutions that have submitted bids.

Committee Chair: Chris Bradford, Cal Poly Pomona
Staff Liaison(s): Ashley Caldwell, Championships and Alliances

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| Attendees: | |
| Chris Bradford, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. | |
| Jason Bryan, Catawba College. | |
| Leigh Cordes, Lubbock Christian University. | |
| Kevin Curtin, Bentley University. | |
| Sage Fowler, Southern Arkansas University. | |
| Elizabeth Hoge, Ashland University. | |
| Dr. Darlene Moore, Albany State University (Georgia). | |
| Guests: | |

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| Same Seemes, USTFCCCA. |
| Kim Dusyt, Division II Coaches Connection. |
| NCAA Staff in Attendance: |
| Ashley Caldwell, Championships and Alliances. |