

Women's Meeting

The meeting was held Friday, December 13, 2002

In attendance: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner; Tom Tracey, Director of Officials; Mike McDowell, Director of Communication; Jason Ricker, Team Liaison/Event Management Intern; Erin Graybill, Marketing Intern; Scott Reed, George Washington; Jim Floerchinger, Harvard; Matt Anderson, Michigan; Megan Thomson, Hartwick; Mike Maroney, Hartwick; Chandra Bierwirth, Marist; Barry King, Indiana; Dave Fritz, Grove City; Keith Bullion, Salem International; Luis Nicolao, Princeton; Michael Cross, Princeton; Bob Filander, Washington & Jefferson; Jim Yeamans, Slippery Rock; Josh Heynes, Penn State Behrend; Don Sherman, Gannon; Todd Clapper, Brown; John Zeigler, Bucknell; Carl Quigley, St. Francis; Curtis Robinette, Mercyhurst; Ken Hackett, Siena; Alan Huckins, Florida Atlantic; Allyson Gillespie, Villanova; John Benedick, MIT; Brian Kelly, Iona; guest: Scott Russell, Purdue;

The meeting began with a discussion of the various proposals. A complete description of each proposal can be found by clicking on the link below.

Women's Varsity Proposal 1

John Zeigler made a motion that would limit teams' ability to pull games from a weekend schedule with the following conditions: the result is an equal number of games played by all competing teams in the Friday, Saturday or Sunday of the specific league weekend, or all teams in the competing league agree that specific games will be pulled from the schedule. Scott Reed seconded.

An amendment was proposed by Todd Clapper that would change the proposal to state that no team shall be required to play their third game of the day against another team playing their first contest of the day at the time that they compete. The Commissioner noted that this might require some teams to play on Friday which will increase costs and playing dates. Amendment seconded. Amendment passed.

Amended motion passes.

Women's Varsity Proposal 2

Todd Clapper made a motion that would increase the minimum rest between games for CWPA League Competition to four hours from the start of one game to the start of the next game. Jim Floerchinger seconded.

Todd Clapper proposed an amendment to the proposal that would make the "recommended" minimum rest between games for CWPA League Competition to four hours from the start of one game to the start of the next game. The amendment would give the commissioner the discretion to apply the recommendation when possible. Mike Maroney seconded. Motion to amend failed.

Motion failed.

Women's Varsity Proposal 3

Mike Maroney made a motion that all championships with schedules that have game start times less than 90 minutes apart, be held only in facilities that can provide adequate warm-up areas. Todd Clapper seconded. A clarification was made that "adequate" be defined as three lanes of water per team, with goals for shooting. Motion failed.

Women's Varsity Proposal 4

Barry King made a motion to change the format of Eastern Championships from the current bracket play to a format that provides a first round bye for the top four seeds. Matt Anderson seconded. Motion passed by a 75% margin and will therefore take effect immediately.

Women's Varsity Proposal 5

Todd Clapper made a motion to establish a 10-team women's Eastern Championship. The motion was not seconded.

Women's Varsity Proposal 6

Addressed in the [General Meeting](#)

Women's Varsity Proposal 8

Addressed in the [General Meeting](#)

Women's Varsity Proposal 9

Luis Nicolao made a motion requiring that the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards that an institution may provide in any academic year be limited to two counters in the sport of women's water polo. NCAA Bylaw 15 shall be used in all cases to determine whether this limit has been reached. Allyson Gillespie seconded. Motion failed.

Women's Varsity Proposal 10

Allyson Gillespie made a motion that no women's championships be held in states outside of MA, RI, NY, NJ, PA, CT, WV, DC. Luis Nicolao seconded.

Barry King proposed an amendment that the proposal would only affect Northern and Southern Championships. Chandra Bierwirth seconded. Amendment passed.

Amended motion passed by 75% and will therefore take effect immediately.

Women's Varsity Proposal 11

Luis Nicolao made a motion that would limit the number of eligible team members who may travel with a team and dress for the Southern Championships, Northern Championships, and Eastern Championships to 18. Home teams would not be limited to the number of individuals who may dress. Allyson Gillespie seconded.

Allyson Gillespie made an amendment that there be no distinction made between home and away team and that a roster is declared on the evening before competition. Mike Maroney seconded. The amendment passed 10-9.

Amended motion passed 10-8.

Women's Varsity Proposal 12

Mike Maroney made a motion that would allow Championship rotations to be open to institutions that want to utilize off campus facilities. Josh Heynes seconded. Motion was then tabled for discussion after Women's Varsity Proposal 13.

When revisited, the motion was withdrawn because the essence of the proposal already exists in the current format.

Women's Varsity Proposal 13

Mike Maroney made a motion that would dissolve the current championship rotation in favor of an open bid format. Chandra Bierwirth seconded. Motion failed.

Women's Varsity Proposal 14

Keith Bullion made a motion that would establish a Division II Eastern Championship. Don Sherman seconded. Motion passed.

Men's Meeting

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A complete description of each proposal can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Men's Varsity Proposals](#)

Men's Varsity Proposal 1

John Zeigler made a motion that no team be required to play their third game of the day against another team playing their first contest of the day at the time that they compete. The Commissioner reminded coaches that this might require some teams to play on Friday which will increase costs and playing dates. Todd Clapper seconded. Motion passed.

Men's Varsity Proposal 2

Todd Clapper withdrew this proposal.

Men's Varsity Proposal 3

Jim Floerchinger made a motion to schedule the men's ECAC Championship as the first weekend possible for all teams. It will include 16 teams (8 North, 8 South) with open bids awarded to divisions as necessary. This will require that it be held in Boston (Harvard/MIT) or at Navy. Ranking would be based on Divisional Championships the previous year, allowing teams to budget and plan accordingly. Todd Clapper seconded.

Jim Floerchinger moved to amend the proposal to state the championship would be a 10-team format and take place on the first available weekend of competition for Ivy League schools. Site rotation would remain the same. Changes would take place immediately. John Zeigler seconded the amendment. Amendment passed.

An amendment was proposed to the proposal that would make the date of the Annual Meeting the deadline for committing to the championship. Amendment failed.

Luis Nicolao proposed an amendment that would make May 1 the deadline for committing to the championship. John Zeigler seconded. Amendment passed.

Amended motion passed.

Men's Varsity Proposal 4

Jeff Ma made a motion to move the Division III Eastern Championship to the weekend before the Varsity Divisional Championships. Josh Heynes seconded. Motion passed.

Men's Varsity Proposal 5

The CWPA Office proposed that a self-funded Division III National Championship be established, beginning in 2003. The first championship would be held out west. All costs of running the event must be borne by the host institution and the maximum entry allowable will depend on the format selected. The entry fee would cover only the cost of games and official's transportation. Two teams from the east and two teams from the west would qualify. A Championship Committee would need to be established to award bids and determine championship guidelines.

The CWPA Office amended the proposal to state that the championship would first be held in the east. Josh Heynes seconded. Amendment passed.

Amended motion passed with 75% of the vote and will take place immediately.

Men's Varsity Proposal 6

Jeff Ma made a motion that if the Division III Eastern Championship becomes a qualifier for the Division III National Championship, the Division III Eastern Championship must be held in an all-deep facility. Josh Heynes seconded.

An amendment was accepted by MIT that institutions would have the ability to find off-campus facilities in order to host. Josh Heynes seconded. Amendment passed.

Amended motion passed.

Men's Varsity Proposal 7

Todd Clapper made a motion to create an at-large system for determining who qualifies for Eastern Championships. The selection for Easterns would be three from each division based upon their finish at Divisional Championships and two at-large teams that would be selected by committee. Brian Kelly seconded. Motion failed.

Men's Varsity Proposal 8

Keith Bullion made a motion that would establish a Division II Eastern Championship. Don Sherman seconded. Motion passed with more than 75% of the vote and will go into effect immediately.

Men's Varsity Proposal 9

Todd Clapper made a motion that all Eastern Championship hosts should have an automatic bid to the Championship. Tournament format would adjust to the next largest approved format in the event that a host does not qualify. Motion failed.

Men's Varsity Proposal 10

Jim Yeamans made a motion to create a new CWPA West division. Division would include Gannon, Grove City, Mercyhurst, Penn State Behrend, Salem, SRU and W & J. Mike Schofield seconded. Tabled for three months or until new information brought to light regarding Slippery Rock's situation, whichever occurs first.

New Business

Discussion was held concerning the selection process of officials for the championship game. A letter by Loren Bertocci, a CWPA official, was circulated and members debated the issue of whether newer officials had opportunities to referee both at the championship game and at championship events under the current system. Accordingly, two motions were made to provide better opportunities for newer officials.

Motion made by the Commissioner stating that no referee may officiate more than three consecutive Eastern Championships. In addition, the referee may not serve as non-officiating head referee at the event he/she is mandated to miss. Carl Quigley seconded. Motion passed by more than 75% and will take effect immediately. (Motion was modified in [General Meeting](#)).

Motion made by the Commissioner that the referees selected to work the Eastern Championship game will be the official selected by the NCAA tournament committee and an official selected by the non-officiating head referee, with non-binding input from the coaches of the teams in the championship game. Luis Nicolao seconded. Motion passed.

General Meeting

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The membership considered the following proposals (a complete description of each proposal can be found by clicking on the link below). The result of voting on these proposals included the online ballots submitted earlier to the office.

[General Proposals](#)

General Membership Proposal 1

The CWPA Office made a motion to set a list of minimum requirements necessary for an institution to host the National Collegiate Club Championship, Division III National Collegiate Club Championship and the Eastern Championship. Allyson Gillespie seconded. Motion passed.

General Membership Proposal 2

The CWPA Office made a motion to establish a consistent policy regarding admission to CWPA events. All students, staff and faculty would receive free admission to regular season events held at their institution with a current school ID. This policy would not apply to any National Championship sponsored by the CWPA or NCAA. National Championship events would charge all spectators. However, faculty, staff and students from the host institution would pay a reduced rate. Mike Maroney seconded.

Due to a discrepancy in the mail ballots received, the vote is under review.

General Membership Proposal 3

The CWPA Office made a motion to provide a travel stipend of \$25 for referees traveling over 30 miles each way to officiate a single game. Jim Floerchinger seconded. Motion passed.

General Membership Proposal 4

The CWPA Office made a motion to increase the varsity game fees for single games. John Zeigler seconded. Motion passed.

General Membership Proposal 5

The CWPA Office made a motion to revise the five-team tournament format so that each team would play three games. Jim Floerchinger seconded. Motion passed.

General Membership Proposal 6

The CWPA Office made a motion to revise the eight-team tournament format to a schedule that would begin and end the games at more reasonable hours. Mike Schofield seconded. Motion passed.

General Membership Proposal 7

The CWPA Office made a motion to revise the eleven-team championship format to a schedule that would provide more time between the semifinal and championship game to ensure adequate rest and eliminate Friday night games. Mike Schofield seconded.

The CWPA Office accepted the amendment that the motion would apply to the Northern Division only. Todd Clapper seconded the amendment. Amendment passed.

Amended motion defeated. Varsity teams will continue to use the current eleven-team format.

Annual Report

The Commissioner gave a presentation outlining the annual report for the organization. A copy of this report can be seen by [clicking here](#). The report included an update on the league's three-year strategic plan. The Commissioner noted that the total funds received will be slightly less than the total of the league's expenses this season due to a number of factors explained in the report. However, since we are a non-profit organization and as such are not in business to earn a profit, this does not present a problem. As an organization, we are charged with ensuring that the funds received are used for services and benefits to the membership.

New Business

The CWPA Office made a motion that Florida Atlantic University be accepted into league membership, with the stipulation that FAU will not host any league events until enough teams in its region exist to allow regional competition. Allyson Gillespie seconded. Motion passed.

Todd Clapper made a motion that Florida Atlantic be placed in the New England region of the women's Northern Division for the purpose of competition. Jim Floerchinger seconded. Motion passed.

Keith Bullion made a motion giving the Board of Directors the authority to increase membership dues as necessary to offset any loss of services from the Collegiate Office of USWP. Allyson Gillespie seconded. Motion passed.

Elections were held for the Board of Review. Jim Floerchinger, Allyson Gillespie, John Benedick, and Loren Bertocci were named, with one referee still to be appointed by agreement from Loren Bertocci, Technical Director, and Tom Tracey, Director of Officials.

Elections for the Board of Directors were held and Mike Maroney was elected as a coach.

Elections for the Women's Championship Seeding Committee were held and Matt Anderson was elected from the Allegheny Division and Alan Huckins was elected as chairperson. The remaining committee members were re-elected, including Jim Floerchinger, New England; John Zeigler, Mid Atlantic; and Mike Maroney, New York.

Mike Maroney made a motion to reconsider Women's Varsity Proposal 10. John Zeigler seconded. The motion to reconsider failed.

Todd Clapper made a motion stating that no referee may officiate more than three consecutive women's Eastern Championships. In addition, this individual may not serve as non-officiating head referee at the event he/she is mandated to miss. Dave Fritz seconded. Matt Anderson proposed an amendment that changed the proposal to no more than four consecutive Eastern Championships. The amendment was accepted by Todd Clapper. The amended motion passed.

Dave Fritz made a motion to reconsider the Eastern Championship referee rotation policy passed in the men's meeting. Keith Bullion seconded. The motion to reconsider passed. Dave Fritz made a motion to amend the policy to no more than four consecutive Eastern Championships. The amendment was seconded by Carl Quigley. The amendment passed.

Mike Schofield made a motion to include a "Rookie of the Year" award to be selected during the all-Conference balloting. Jim Floerchinger seconded. Motion passed.

The CWPA Office made a motion to name the men's Eastern Championship Coach of the Year award the "Dick Russell Award" and name the award for the women's Eastern Championship Coach of the Year the "Doc Hunkler Award." Todd Clapper seconded. Motion passed.

Todd Clapper made a motion stating that the referees selected to work the women's Eastern Championship game will be the official selected by the NCAA tournament committee and an official selected by the non-officiating head referee, with non-binding input from the coaches of the teams in the championship game. Dave Fritz seconded. Motion passed with 75% of the vote and will take effect immediately.

Women's Varsity Proposal 6

Keith Bullion withdrew the first portion of his initial proposal and presented only the second portion. He made a motion that a task force be established to consider the issue of growth in the organization. Carl Quigley seconded. Motion passed.

Women's Varsity Proposal 8

Withdrawn by Jim Yeamans.

The Commissioner then requested that the other proposals pertaining to alignment and competitive structure for women be discussed following the time period in which the new committee will present various proposals for discussion. Members present agreed unanimously.

Mike Schofield made a motion to have a staff member from the CWPA be present at each of the NCAA Championships whenever possible in the future. Barry King seconded. Motion passed.

John Benedick, Assistant Athletic Director at MIT, gave a presentation on Sportsmanship that included a study undertaken by the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The study outlined the cultural shift that is affecting our athletes, making unsportsmanlike behavior more acceptable. The Commissioner asked the membership their opinion and it was the consensus that Sportsmanship is an important topic for our league and that we could be in a very bad position if we ignored the current trend. John Benedick requested that those individuals interested in getting involved should contact the office and form a committee. The committee members would discuss the next step for the conference, which might include soliciting grant funding from the NCAA.

The Commissioner discussed possible future plans of the organization briefly, indicating that future expansion of the office staff will require locating a new office, which will be more expensive than the current arrangement. Mike Schofield stated it will be important to examine where we want to place our resources before deciding to do anything.

Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM.

Club Ballot Results

The results of the voting for proposals concerning Collegiate Club teams is listed below. The votes are given according to the following order: In favor-Against-Abstain.

[General Proposals](#)

Proposal G1 Passed 15-1-3

Proposal G2 Passed 11-7-1

Proposal G3 Passed 16-1-2

Proposal G4 Concerns only [varsity teams](#)

Proposal G5 Passed 14-1-4

Proposal G6 Passed 15-1-3

Proposal G7 Passed 13-3-3

[Club Proposals](#)

Proposal C1 Proposal Passed but tied for implementation. 3-7-3-7-7 (last two categories pertain to options), issue will determined when club survey is distributed later this spring.

Proposal C2 Defeated 10-13-4

Proposal C3 Defeated -- Proposal conflicted with G2. Initially both G2 and C3 passed and they both cannot be implemented simultaneously. A new ballot was distributed to the teams that voted initially and Proposal G2 was selected over C3 7-4. Remaining teams failed to vote.

Proposal C4 Passed 19-3-5

Proposal C5 Passed 20-2-5

Proposal C6 Passed 22-2-3

Proposal C7 Defeated 9-11-7

Proposal C8 Passed 13-9-5

Proposal NW1 Defeated 0-0-0 -- Proposal G5 was passed and NW teams will follow that format.

Proposal OV1/GL1 Withdrawn

Proposal NE1 Defeated 1-1-0 Without a majority in favor of change, Proposal G7 will serve as the new format.

Proposal GP1 Defeated 1-2-0

Proposal PC1 This vote was split by gender during the conference call and amended by Cal Poly as it pertains to the women's vote.

Proposal PC1 Men Passed 1-0-0

Proposal PC1 Women Amended to read: *In the women's competition of the Pacific Coast Division, no player that has appeared on a varsity water polo roster for more than two years may play for that same school's club team, regardless of class level.*
Passed 5-1-0

Proposals

Women's Varsity Proposals

Proposal WV1

Teams may only pull games from a league weekend schedule when:

a. the result is an equal number of games played by all competing teams in the Friday, Saturday, Sunday of that specific league weekend,

Or

b. all teams in the competing league agree that specific games will be pulled from the schedule.

Author John Zeigler, Bucknell University

Statement of intent: To eliminate the disparity between teams regarding the number of pulled games per season.

Financial Impact: It would impact specific teams if the scheduling cannot be completed. Otherwise there would be no impact.

Current policy: League policy allows pulled games in any circumstance regardless of the impact on the schedule.

Rationale: Current policy permits teams to be competitively disadvantaged by having to play multiple games on consecutive days against teams that might only be playing one or two games during the entire weekend. Some teams cannot schedule single games due to factors out of their control (e.g. geographic location, budget, pool availability, etc.). This results in several teams playing multiple games on a weekend while others play single contests.

Proposal WV2

Increase the minimum rest between games for CWPA League competition to four hours from the start of one game to the start of the next game.

Author: Todd Clapper, Brown University

Intent: To allow the athletes that have played a previous game to rest longer and thereby be more rested when competing against teams that haven't played yet.

Financial Impact: In some cases this may require teams to spend more time in hotel and meals due to the need to play Friday in order to accommodate longer game schedules. It will also increase costs for officials who must do the same.

Current Policy: Currently, there are only three hours between game starts allowing about two hours from the finish of one game to the start of another.

Rationale: If teams warm-up about 30 minutes before a game, the current policy only allows for about 1 1/2 hours out of the water. This isn't enough time for a team to rest, eat, and hydrate before the next competition. In addition, some teams have to then play a team that hasn't had a game yet that day. The rested team has a distinct advantage over the team that has played.

Commissioner's Note: This may not be always feasible given the pool constraints available at a given site.

Proposal WV3

Mandate that Championships, with schedules that have game start times less than 90 minutes apart, be held only in facilities that can provide adequate warm-up areas.

Author: Michael Maroney . Hartwick College

Statement of Intent: To eliminate the potential for injury and poor play due to lack of pregame warm-up. Will force either; 1) 90 minute minimum between game start times at divisional or conference championships, or 2) Force formats, with game start times 75 minutes apart, to be held in facilities that can provide adequate warm-up space.

Financial Impact: None.

Current Policy: Championship Sites only need to be all deep 25-yard facilities and may host any type of championship format.

Rationale: Championship schedules that have start times less than every 90 minutes apart, create poor warm-up situations for team participating. When facilities do not have full warm-up areas and games are set on such schedules, teams do not have the opportunity to prepare correctly for their championship games. This problem is magnified when overtime games occur. This legislation will eliminate, or at least minimize, the problem.

Commissioner's Note: Given the approved championship formats in light of the hours required, this will eliminate either a portion of the teams participating or a number of potential hosts.

Proposal WV4

Change the Women's Eastern Championship format from its current version of pool play to the following:

Friday

1:10pm	Game #1 Seed #8 vs. Seed #9
2:20pm	Game #2 Seed #7 vs. Seed #10
3:30pm	Game #3 Seed #6 vs. Seed #11
4:40pm	Game #4 Seed #5 vs. Seed #12

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Saturday

9:00am	Game #5 Seed #1 vs. Winner of Game #1
10:10am	Game #6 Seed #2 vs. Winner of Game #2
11:20am	Game #7 Seed #3 vs. Winner of Game #3
12:30pm	Game #8 Seed #4 vs. Winner of Game #4
1:40pm	Game #9 Loser Game #1 vs. Loser Game #4

2:50pm Game #10 Loser Game #2 vs. Loser Game #3
 4:00pm Game #11 Loser Game #5 vs. Loser Game #8
 5:10pm Game #12 Loser Game #6 vs. Loser Game #7
 6:20pm Game #13 Winner Game #5 vs. Winner Game #8
 7:30pm Game #14 Winner Game #6 vs. Winner Game #7

Sunday
 9:00am Game #15 Loser Game #9 vs. Loser Game #10 (11th Place)
 10:10am Game #16 Winner Game #9 vs. Winner Game #10 (9th Place)
 11:20am Game #17 Loser Game #11 vs. Loser Game #12 (7th Place)
 12:30pm Game #18 Winner Game #11 vs. Winner Game #12 (5th Place)
 1:40pm Game #19 Loser Game #13 vs. Loser Game #14 (3rd Place)
 2:50pm Game #20 Winner Game #13 vs. Winner Game #14 (Championship)

AWARDS

Author: Barry King, Indiana University
 Intent: The intent of this proposal is to guarantee the games that must be played for a team to move up or down a level and to make the championship game the focal point of the tournament.

Financial Impact: This proposal should reduce the financial impact on teams due to the elimination of four games. This will reduce referee costs.

Commissioner's Note: This proposal will give some teams less competition for the same entry fee.

Current policy: The following is the current format:

		Game #
Friday		
1:00	#2 vs #7	1
2:10	#1 vs #8	2
3:20	#3 vs #6	3
4:30	#4 vs #5	4
Saturday		
8:30	#2 vs #11	5
9:40	#4 vs #9	6
10:50	#1 vs #12	7
12:00	#3 vs #10	8
1:10	#5 vs #9	9
2:20	#8 vs #12	10
3:30	#6 vs #10	11
4:40	#7 vs #11	12
5:50	Winner Group A vs Winner Group B	13
7:00	Winner Group C vs Winner Group D	14
8:10	2nd Group B vs 2nd Group A	15
9:20	2nd Group C vs 2nd Group D	16
Sunday		
8:30	3rd Group A vs 3rd Group B	17
9:40	3rd Group C vs 3rd Group D	18
10:50	Loser Game #14 vs Loser Game #13	Third Place
12:00	Winner Game #13 vs Winner Game #14	First Place
1:10	Winner Game #15 vs Winner Game #16	Fifth Place
2:20	Loser Game #15 vs Loser Game #16	Seventh Place
3:30	Winner Game #17 vs Winner Game #18	Ninth Place

4:40

Loser Game #17 vs Loser Game #18

Eleventh Place

Rationale: The most striking error of the current format is that the #8 and #9 seeds do not play each other. If you consider the twelve teams as three levels of four teams, the transitional games must be played to insure an accurate seeding process (i.e. 4 vs. 5 and 8 vs. 9). Second, our current format hides the championship game in the middle of Sunday. The championship should be the final and ultimate game of the tournament. Finally, the proposed format allows for sane starting times. It reduces the burden on the conference office at the tournament desk and adds no additional cost to the participating teams.

Proposal WV5

To establish a 10 Team Women's Eastern Championships.

Author: Todd Clapper, Brown University

Statement of intent: Ten Teams is a very good representation of teams in the Eastern Championships and will still allow for a Friday night banquet before competition.

Financial impact: None

Current policy: The Eastern Championships for women is a 12 team format and last year the banquet was held after the first round of games.

Rationale: First, the banquet at Easterns or any other tournament should be held before competition starts. As we ran into last year, many teams cannot commit to a Thursday night banquet or a Friday afternoon banquet because it would interfere with school or would interfere with competition. With a ten-team format, there are two games on Friday night starting at 8 PM with the 1st seed playing the 10th seed and the following game is 4 vs. 7. This would allow enough time for a banquet that lasted from 5 :6:30 PM.

Proposal WV6

Realign the divisions into five regions and establish a task force to consider the issue of growth within the organization.

Author: Keith Bullion, Salem International University

Part 1

Align the exiting CWPA Women's Divisions into five regions: the New England, the New York, The Middle Atlantic, the Allegheny, and the Midwest. Play Round Robin in the region on either weekend or home-home games as the individual region chooses. Seed a Regional Championship from these games. Have Each Regional send the two top teams to the Eastern Championship with two At-large berths to be selected by a seeding committee. Cross-regional play can be accommodated by either increased invitationals or if a third league weekend regular season of cross over games needs to be played it can be done as a currently 16 (AL/MA/MW) or 12 team (NE/NY) tournaments either seeded or bracketed for competitiveness. This cross-regional play will be likely needed to assist in the at-large berths.

Proposed Regions and Members

New England: Brown University, Connecticut College, Harvard University, Umass-Dartmouth (possible regional expansion on the horizon).

New York: Hartwick College, Iona College, Marist College, New Jersey Tech, St. Francis, Siena College, Queens College, Utica College of Syracuse, Wagner College

Mid-Atlantic: Bucknell University, Florida Atlantic University, George Washington University, Princeton University, Villanova University (possible regional expansion and hopeful creation of a southeast region with continued growth).

Allegheny: Gannon University, Grove City College, Mercyhurst College, Penn State Erie (the Behrend College), Salem International University, Slippery Rock University, Washington & Jefferson College

Midwest: Indiana University, University of Michigan, Macalester College, Wheaton College (possible expansion in the region)

Part 2

To form a CWPA Task force to study and report back in one year on the issues of competitiveness and growth. This task force should be a nine member panel consisting of one administrator and two coaches from each of the three divisions. The CWPA Board of directors would be charged with filling this panel with consideration as to asking current conference members of the NCAA Men's and Women's Water Polo Committees to serve and fill the remaining spots. This task force would be charged to look at all the issues in competitiveness, not restricted to athletic grant in aid but, travel budgets, staffing, academic admission policies, non-institutional booster club involvements, and any other disparity that would be expected in a multi-divisional, non-homogeneous conference. The taskforce would distribute the findings and recommendations to the membership by September 2003 so that institutions can individually and collectively discuss the findings. A recommendation to the membership to be discussed and brought to vote on at the 2003 annual meeting to have a conference commitment to some common principles, goals and scope as we look for continued growth in a positive athletic, academic, financially reasonable, and concerted effort.

Intent: This proposal is intended to develop a regional alignment that will accommodate growth and travel costs that has the flexibility for continued growth, in all three divisions and to address legitimate competitive concerns.

Financial Impact: Some teams will incur more expenses and some less due to travel considerations, dependent upon where the institutions are placed in the alignment.

Current Policy: Teams are aligned into two divisions (North and South), with additional separation within each division into two regions (New York, New England, Allegheny, and Mid Atlantic). Each region plays competitively within itself, with all teams attending the divisional championship. Teams from each division qualify for the Eastern Championship based on their finish at the Division Championship, with an additional allotment chosen at-large.

Rationale: This proposal will establish competition based on geographic regions which will reduce travel expenses. It will also establish a task force that can take their time to consider the issue of growth within the conference, rather than make a hasty decision that may affect membership and growth potential.

Proposal WV7 Changed to Proposal MV10

Proposal WV8

To realign the current divisions and create a new CWPA Super Division. This division would include all teams that have four or more full scholarships to offer or the equivalence.

Author: Jim Yeamans, Slippery Rock University

Statement of Intent: To create a competitive balance within the divisions.

Financial impact: This will save the membership significant travel costs.
Current policy: We lump everyone into one big division regardless of Division I, II or III affiliation, financial resources, scholarships, geographic, fans, administrators, etc. This old policy used to work, used to, but the times are changing and we need to change with them.

Rational: This new divisional alignment would allow us to place teams in divisions that meet their schools goals and keep like schools together. We could add new teams like Florida Atlantic and they could have full membership privileges including hosting home league tournaments and the Eastern Championships. This would allow for the growth and development of the local fan base, create enthusiasm and competitive balance within the divisions. This proposal also addresses the divisional playoff spots. This proposal would give two spots to each division, New England, New York, Allegheny, Mid Atlantic, and the Super region. This would leave two playoff at-large bids for the other top teams to compete for or we decide how to divide the playoff spots at the winter meetings.

Proposal WV9

There shall be a limit on the value (equivalency) of financial aid awards that an institution may provide in any academic year to 2 counters in the sport of women's water polo. NCAA Bylaw 15 shall be used in all cases to determine whether this limit has been reached.

Author: Princeton

Statement of intent: The intent of this legislation is to enhance competitive balance within the league while formalizing the non/limited-scholarship philosophy that has existed surrounding women's polo in the CWPA since its inception.

Financial impact: For those institutions not offering athletic grants-in-aid, there will be no financial impact. For those institutions currently offering more than 2 athletic grants-in-aid, savings will range from \$10,000 to over \$100,000 per institution.

Current policy: There is currently no formal policy in place.

Rationale: Within the CWPA, women's polo members have historically shared common funding philosophies. The philosophy regarding athletic grants-in-aid was to offer very limited athletic grants or, more often, no athletic grants. This common funding approach resulted in a highly competitive league from top to bottom. Increasing pressure to win nationally is prompting more institutions to offer, or consider offering, athletic grants at the NCAA limit of 8 equivalencies. The result has been a tilting of the playing field towards those institutions that are willing to offer athletic grants to the detriment of competitive balance in the league. This proposal seeks to restore competitive balance within the CWPA while firmly establishing the league's historical philosophy regarding athletic grants by establishing bylaws through a formal vote.

Proposal WV10

I propose that no women's championships be held in states outside of New England (Mass, RI, NY, NJ, PA, CT, WV and D.C.). It costs too much for the non scholarship schools to travel outside this region.

Author: Allyson Gillespie, Villanova University

Intent: This will reduce costs and allow programs to remain in the league

Financial Impact: This will reduce costs for teams within the region specified and increase travel costs for those located outside the region specified.

Current Policy: Teams within each division and region are required to travel to all locations.

Rationale: Although it was discussed last year to include University of Michigan and Indiana in the rotation, it was left that Athletics Directors had to be talked to in order to get the final approval. This was not done and the schedule was set. There are many schools that will not be able to afford to attend the championships if they are held outside of the East Coast region.

Proposal WV11

Limit the number of eligible team members who may travel with a team and dress for the ECAC Championships, Southern Championships, Northern Championships and Eastern Championships shall be limited to 18. Home teams will not have a limit as to the number of individuals who may dress.

Author: Princeton University

Statement of intent: In order to enhance competitive balance while reducing costs, team rosters at all championship events shall be limited to 18 individuals.

Financial Impact: Significant savings for League members will be realized by implementing a travel squad limit. These savings will vary by institution.

Current policy: There is no current policy relating to travel squad limits.

Rationale: In championship events, a significant advantage is gained when larger teams are able to go very deep into their bench during contests that have the outcome decided early. The ability to rest starters and important substitutes during these early playoff contests provides fresher and more rested starters and substitutes for later contests during the tournament. A significant benefit to the more rested teams should not be allowed when the goal of a championship should be to determine the best, most skilled team with a level playing field being established prior to the event.

Proposal WV12

Allow Championship rotations to be open to institutions that want to utilize off campus facilities.

Author: Michael Maroney, Hartwick College

Statement of Intent: To allow member institutions, who do not have facilities that meet championship specifications, the ability to host a CWPA Championship.

Financial Impact: None.

Current Policy: Championship Site rotates between institutions that have facilities on campus that meet CWPA Championship requirements.

Rationale: Could increase the number of member institutions that host championships which could increase the exposure of our sport.

Proposal WV13

Dissolve current rotation of championship sites and go to an open bid format.

Author: Michael Maroney, Hartwick College

Statement of Intent: To allow a more competitive environment for hosting championships, which should provide a more professionally managed and less expensive championship.

Financial Impact: Championship lodging should be less expensive, and hosting institutions would be more likely to put more funds into the management of running a tournament.

Current Policy: Championship Site rotates between institutions that have facilities on campus that meet CWPA Championship requirements. Create competition among institutions that want to host championships, which should increase the quality of the championship events.

Proposal WV14

Establish an Eastern Division II Championship to create an identity for DII programs in East, to provide opportunity for athlete and team honors and to promote and highlight our sport and teams on each institutions campuses. To help the conference expand participation in Division II.

Author: Keith Bullion, Salem International University

Participating Institutions:

Gannon University

Mercyhurst College

Salem International University

Slippery Rock University

Queens College

Format: Five Team CWPA Tournament Format

Date: Same weekend as Men's D III and Open date for Women

Beginning 2003 (Men) 2004 (Women)

Site Rotation

Men Erie PA (A Gannon; B Mercyhurst)

New York City, NY (Queens)

Salem, WV (A SIU) / Slippery Rock, PA (B SRU)

Women New York City, NY (Queens)

Slippery Rock, PA (A SRU)/ Salem, WV (B SIU)

Erie, PA (A Mercyhurst; B Gannon)

2003/2004 Men at Gannon Women at Queens

2004/2005 Men at Queens Women at Slippery Rock

2005/2006 Men at Salem Women at Mercyhurst

2006/2007 Men at Mercyhurst Women at Queens

2007/2008 Men at Queens Women at Salem

2008/2009 Men at Slippery Rock Women at Gannon

Officials: Assigned by CWPA/ pay entry fee in dues invoice

All Tournament Team: 1st Team and Honorable Mention

Intent: To offer a championship for Division II teams

Financial Impact: Tournament would be self-funded and paid for by the participating teams

Rationale: See intent

Proposal MV1

Teams may only pull games from a league weekend schedule when:

a. the result is an equal number of games played by all competing teams in the Friday, Saturday, Sunday of that specific league weekend,

Or

b. all teams in the competing league agree that specific games will be pulled from the schedule.

Author: John Zeigler, Bucknell University

Statement of Intent: To eliminate the disparity between teams regarding the number of pulled games per season.

Financial Impact: It would impact specific teams if the scheduling cannot be completed. Otherwise there would be no impact.

Current policy: League policy allows pulled games in any circumstance regardless of the impact on the schedule.

Rationale: Current policy permits teams to be competitively disadvantaged by having to play multiple games on consecutive days against teams that might only be playing one or two games during the entire weekend. Some teams cannot schedule single games due to factors out of their control (e.g. geographic location, budget, pool availability, etc.). This results in several teams playing multiple games on a weekend while others play single contests.

Proposal MV2

Increase the minimum rest between games for CWPA League Competition to four hours from the start of one game to the start of the next game.

Author: Todd Clapper, Brown University

Intent: To allow the athletes that have played a previous game to rest longer and thereby be more rested when competing against teams that haven't played yet.

Financial Impact: In some cases this may require teams to spend more time in hotel and meals due to the need to play Friday in order to accommodate longer game schedules. It will also increase costs for officials who must do the same.

Current Policy: Currently, there are only three hours between game starts allowing about two hours from the finish of one game to the start of another.

Rationale: If teams warm-up about 30 minutes before a game, the current policy only allows for about 1 1/2 hours out of the water. This isn't enough time for a team to rest, eat and hydrate before the next competition. In addition, some teams have to then play a team that hasn't had a game yet that day. The rested team has a distinct advantage over the team that has played.

Commissioner's Note: This may not be always feasible given the pool constraints available at a given site.

Proposal MV3

Schedule the men's ECAC Championships as the first weekend possible for all teams. It will include 16 teams (8 North, 8 South), with open bids awarded to divisions as necessary. This will require that it be held in Boston (Harvard/MIT) or at Navy, since you'll need 2x 30M pools to run a 16 team tournament. Unless The College of New Jersey is 30M and Princeton wants to host. Ranking would be based on Divisional Championships the previous year, so, the results from Northens/Southerns from 2002 would seed 2003 ECAC Championships, allowing teams selected to budget ahead and plan accordingly.

Author: Jim Floerchinger, Harvard University

Intent: To have the ECAC Championships be a stand alone event which isn't lost in the jumble of Regular Season and Post Season events, and should kick off the season, not get lost in the final three weekends of play.

Financial Impact: It would be in place of an invitational tournament for most teams, so, the costs would be the same as going somewhere else.

Current Policy: ECACs are before Divisional Championships, after the regular season.

Rationale: I think this would be a VERY exciting format to start off the year, and allow maximum exposure for the ECAC and the sport, and I feel it would be a better situation to have a high level tournament (which ALL teams can attend) at the start of the season, instead of packing them all within a one month period. I also think that the .super tournament format of the best 16 teams in the East Coast having a true championship tournament would generate a LOT of enthusiasm within the sport, and beyond, as well as serving as a chance for all Referees to have their clinics then, and make sure they are on the same page. There isn't a time where they get to have ALL the top officials there actually working, and this weekend could be a real boost for Referee training, and we all have to agree that we need to continue to train and cultivate our soon to be top level officials.

Proposal MV4

Provided ECAC's are moved to a different weekend , move Division III championship to the weekend before Easterns

Author: Jeff Ma, MIT

Intent: It does not make sense for us to have a championship tournament so early in the year.

Financial Impact: None

Current policy: Currently it is held Columbus day weekend

Rationale: Rescheduling will allow Division III teams to have their championship later in the season and allow them to participate in additional high level regular season tournaments.

Proposal MV5

Establish a self-funded Division III National Championship that will begin in 2003. The first championship will be held out west due to the greater number of teams sponsoring the sport. All costs of running the event must be borne by the host institution and the maximum entry allowable will depend upon the format selected. However, the entry fee only covers the cost of the games and the official's transportation, not the hosting of the officials or any facility related costs.

2003 West

2004 East

Qualification Procedure

Two teams from the East and two teams from the West. The western qualifier will need to incorporate the SCIAC and independent teams. As part of this proposal, a Championship Committee must be established that incorporates at least five members including two from the west, two from the east and one athletic director that will serve as the chair. The Championship Committee will be charged with awarding bids and determining all of the pertinent guidelines involved with the championship.

Author: CWPA Office

Intent: To provide a post-season national championship experience for teams that will never qualify for the NCAA Championship.

Financial Impact: Teams will be responsible for all costs associated with the tournament and their respective travel.

Current Policy: No championship exists

Rationale: The growth in collegiate water polo on the men's side will never reach the sponsorship numbers necessary to expand the current NCAA tournament. Likewise, the opportunity for Division III teams to qualify for the NCAA tournament, given the disparity between Division III and the top Division I and II programs makes it nearly impossible for any Division III athlete to attend the NCAA Championship. This tournament would provide a chance for these athletes to have that type of experience.

Proposal MV6

If the Division III Eastern Championship becomes a qualifier for the Division III National Championship, the Division III Eastern Championship must be held in an all-deep facility.

Author: Jeff Ma, MIT

Intent: Legitimize our Div III Eastern Championship.

Financial Impact: Only four teams will be able to host this tournament and the others will always travel.

Current Policy: Currently there are no restrictions.

Rationale: If we want our championship to be a legitimate championship we must hold it in an all deep facility. This becomes paramount if this tourney serves as a qualifier for a national championship.

Proposal MV7

To create an at-large system for determining who qualifies for Eastern Championships. The selection for Easterns will be three from each Division based upon their finish at the Divisional Championships (1-3) and two at-large teams that will be selected by committee.

Author: Todd Clapper, Brown University

Intent: Every 3-4 years, the balance of teams in each division changes and this will allow for the opportunity to have Eastern Championships be the eight strongest teams on the east.

Financial Impact: None

Current Policy: The top four teams from each division go to Easterns based on their finish at Divisional Championships.

Rationale: There seems to be a power shift every few years in the CWPA Divisions. Other Championships (like NCAA.s) offer a way to account for these possible shifts. The MPSF does not get two automatic bids to NCAA.s, even though they are the top division every year. This would allow the 5th place team from one division to get a bid to Easterns if they are stronger than the 4th place team in the other division. This will also make the semi-final and the 3rd place game at the divisional championships more exciting and more important. We already have a committee that votes on the top 10 teams in the east. It should be easy for this same committee to choose the at-large teams. It may be that the 4th place team from each division will still go to Easterns each year, but this allows for the possibility of a power shift on the East.

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Author: Keith Bullion, Salem International University

Intent: To offer a championship for Division II teams

Financial Impact: Tournament would be self-funded and paid for by the participating teams

Proposal MV9

All varsity championship hosts should have an automatic bid to the tournament. Tournament format would adjust to the next larger approved format in the event the host does not qualify.

Author: Todd Clapper, Brown University

Intent: To ensure that a local fan base is always part of the championship experience.

Financial Impact: This will not significantly affect the cost of the actual tournament for any participating teams. Since students from the host institution get in free, it will also not affect the gate earned by the league.

Current Policy: All teams must qualify.

Rationale: Institutions hosting a championship in which they are not competing can be less motivated to provide the services necessary to run a good event and they lack the excitement offered from a local student population supporting the host team.

Proposal MV10

To create a new CWPA west division. Division would include Gannon, Grove City, Mercyhurst, Penn State Behrend, Salem, SRU, and W & J.

Author: Jim Yeamans, Slippery Rock University

Statement of Intent: To create competitive balance within the division.

Financial impact: This would save all the teams in the new division significant travel costs.

Current policy: Southern Division member.

Rational: This proposal would give the new division two playoff spots to the Eastern Championships, which would create much enthusiasm and competitiveness in the division. This would help in the local fan growth and the local high schools that will add water polo to their athletic departments. It would give the division members the opportunity to run a home and home schedule and show the Administrations at the schools the benefits of sponsorship. This proposal also gives the membership the opportunity to look again at the Eastern Championship field. Presently the North gets four bids and the South four. The new alignment would leave the north with four, the south with two and the west with two or we could expand the Eastern field to 12 teams.

Proposal G1

To increase the number of minimum requirements necessary to host the National Collegiate Championship, the Division III National Collegiate Club Championship, and the Eastern Championship, by including the following items:

1. Host institution must have a working and audible PA system available from the beginning of the tournament to the final game. System should be accessible from the scorer.s table. A suitable back-up must be available in the event of a problem with the primary system.
2. Host must have a back-up timing system including shot clocks if the primary system fails to work properly.
3. Host must advertise the event on campus weekly, beginning three weeks prior to the event. Advertising must include the admission fees to be charged.
4. Host bears the responsibility of providing security for the event including personnel available to serve as security behind each team area when necessary. At a minimum there must be fifteen feet between the team benches and the spectator area.
5. Host must be able to ensure that all access to the venue is limited to one entrance, which will be monitored by CWPA staff. If additional access to the venue is possible, the host institution agrees to provide staff to monitor these access points throughout the duration of the tournament, preventing unauthorized individuals from entering.
6. Host must have seating for at least 300 spectators. If not permanently available as part of the facility, temporary seating may be utilized, with all costs being the responsibility of the host institution.
7. Host institution must have an American flag visible in the facility.
8. In the event of inclement weather, host institution must have a method for providing coverage for the entire spectator area, the entrance gate, scorer.s table, and concessions table. Any costs associated with this coverage are borne by the host institution.
9. Hospitality room provided by the host must offer food for the officials and staff working the venue during the entire time.
10. Host institution must provide a separate area for officials to change their clothes, apart from the teams.
11. Host institution must have internet access on site for CWPA staff. Preference in awarding the bid will be given to the host institution with a timing system that interfaces the game time and shot time.

Author: CWPA Office

Intent: To standardize the bid process and ensure host sites are capable of providing the necessary support for the event to ensure a quality experience for the participants.

Financial Impact: None for teams attending. Host team may end up bearing additional costs. However, since bidding is optional, host enters into the agreement voluntarily. Likewise, host teams save money by not traveling that may be used for these increased expenses.

Current Policy: Few requirements currently exist, none of which are named above.

Rationale: In order to make these championship events consistently high quality tournaments, certain minimum standards need to be maintained. Some of these standards pertain to the gate and admission fees, which are an integral part of financing the support staff, some pertain to participant and spectator safety and comfort, and others deal with the professionalism of the event itself. Each of the requirements listed above are important elements to coordinating a successful event.

Proposal G2

To establish a consistent policy regarding admission to CWPA events that includes the following: All students, faculty and staff from the host institution will receive free admittance to any CWPA regular season or division championship held at their institution, provided they show a current ID. This policy will not apply to any National Championship sponsored by the CWPA or the NCAA. National Championship events will charge all spectators. However, faculty, staff, and students from the host institution will pay a reduced rate.

Author: CWPA Office

Intent: To clarify a policy we have been following in most cases.

Financial Impact: None.

Current Policy: We are currently following the policy stated above in almost all of our events.

Rationale: The proposal will establish a consistent admissions policy that will clarify what is required at all events.

Proposal G3

Provide a travel stipend of \$25 for referees traveling over 30 miles each way to officiate a single game.

Author: CWPA Office

Intent: To compensate the officials for their travel costs.

Financial Impact: Slight increase in the officiating costs overall but not expected to cause an increase in dues.

Current Policy: Referees receive \$65/game regardless of distance traveled.

Rationale: With the increase in the number of single games, some officials are traveling over an hour to get to a venue for the purpose of officiating only one contest. The fee of \$65 does not adequately address this situation and needs to be adjusted.

Proposal G4

Increase the varsity game fees according to the following schedule:

Doubleheader	Single
2003 \$55/game	\$70
2004 \$57.50/game	\$72.50
2005 \$60/game	\$75

Author: CWPA Office

Intent: To keep the doubleheader fee in line with the other increases passed last season.

Financial Impact: May require a slight increase in league fees this next year, dependent upon result of pulled game policy.

Current Policy Doubleheader (\$45)/ Single (\$65)

Rationale: The current double game fees have not kept pace with the adjustments made in the tournament game fee. This proposal resolves the issue.

Proposal G5

Revise the five-team format to the following schedule:

Bracket A	Bracket B	
1st	2nd	
4th	3rd	
5th		
Sat	Game	#
10:00	1 vs 4	1
11:30	2 vs 3	2
1:00	4 vs 5	3
4:00	1 vs 5	4
7:00	b1 vs a2	5
8:15	b2 vs a3	6
Sun		
10:00	w6 vs l5	7 3rd
11:30	a1 vs w5	8 1st
1:00	l7 vs l6	9 4th

Author: CWPA Office

Intent: Schedule will guarantee everyone three games

Financial Impact: Schedule will give every team more competition for the same fee.

Current Policy: The schedule only guarantees one team two games and the games occur as the first and the last of the weekend.

Bracket A	Bracket B
1st seed	2nd seed
4th seed	3rd seed

5th seed		
Saturday,		Game #
12:00	4th vs 5th	1
1:30	2nd vs 3rd	2
3:00	1st vs Winner of Game 1	3
7:00	Winner of Game 3 vs Loser of Game 2	4
8:30	Winner of Game 2 vs Loser of Game 3	5
Sunday,		
10:00	Loser of Game 4 vs Loser of Game 5	6 Third Place
11:15	Winner of Game 4 vs Winner of Game 5	First Place
12:30	Loser of Game 6 vs Loser of Game 1	Fourth Place

Rationale: The current schedule only gives one team two games and they occur as the first and last of the weekend, creating a lot of dead time in between games. The proposed schedule would guarantee everyone three games and still maintain a championship round, with everyone playing on Sunday.

Proposal G6

Revise the eight-team tournament format to the following schedule (varsity teams will play Sunday games in the following order: 7th, 5th, 3rd, 1st. In order to guarantee attendance for the championship games at club events, club championships would follow the order listed below).

Saturday,		Game #
10:00	1st vs 8th	1
11:15	4th vs 5th	2
12:30	2nd vs 7th	3
1:45	3rd vs 6th	4
4:00	Loser Game 2 vs Loser Game 1	5
5:15	Loser Game 4 vs Loser Game 3	6
6:45	Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2	7
8:00	Winner Game 3 vs Winner Game 4	8
Sunday,		
9:45	Winner Game 5 vs Winner Game 6	Fifth Place
11:00	Loser Game 8 vs Loser Game 7	Third Place
12:30	Winner Game 7 vs Winner Game 8	First Place
2:00	Loser Game 6 vs Loser Game 5	Seventh Place

Author: CWPA Office

Intent: To begin and end the games at more reasonable hours.

Financial Impact: None

Current Policy:

Saturday,		Game #
10:00	1st vs 8th	1
11:30	4th vs 5th	2
1:00	2nd vs 7th	3
2:30	3rd vs 6th	4
4:30	Loser Game 2 vs Loser Game 1	5
6:00	Loser Game 4 vs Loser Game 3	6
7:30	Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 2	7

9:00	Winner Game 3 vs Winner Game 4	8
Sunday,		
9:30	Winner Game 5 vs Winner Game 6	Fifth Place
12:00	Loser Game 8 vs Loser Game 7	Third Place
1:30	Winner Game 7 vs Winner Game 8	First Place
3:00	Loser Game 6 vs Loser Game 5	Seventh Place

Rationale: Whenever possible, it is important to have championship schedules provide teams with optimal rest. Running the games on an hour and a quarter still maintains the schedule and affords a later start time and an earlier ending time for teams, while maintaining the key Saturday night and Sunday game times for the semi finals and finals. Schedule also permits adequate time for the championship warm-up and awards ceremony. Lastly, the schedule maintains the opportunity for hosting clinics or meetings during the break on Saturday.

Proposal G7

Revise the Eleven-Team Championship Format to the following schedule:

Saturday,		
9:30	2nd vs 11th	1
10:40	3rd vs 10th	2
11:50	1st vs 7th	3
1:00	5th vs 8th	4
2:10	4th vs 9th	5
3:20	6th vs 7th	6
4:30	Loser Game 4 vs Loser Game 1	7
5:40	Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 4	8
6:50	Winner Game 2 vs Winner Game 5	9
8:00	Loser Game 5 vs Loser Game 2	10
9:10	1st vs 6th	11

Sunday,		
9:00	Winner Game 8 vs Winner Game 9	12 Loser automatically Third Place
10:10	Loser Game 9 vs Loser Game 8	13 Loser automatically Sixth Place
11:20	Winner Game 7 vs Winner Game 10	14 Loser automatically Ninth Place
12:30	Loser Game 10 vs Loser Game 7	Tenth Place
1:40	Winner Game 13 vs 2nd in A	Fourth Place
3:00	1st in A vs Winner Game 12	First Place
4:30	3rd in A vs Winner Game 14	Seventh Place

Author: CWPA Office
 Intent: To provide more time between Game 12 and the championship game to ensure adequate rest and to eliminate games on Friday night.

Financial Impact: This may save some teams hotel costs on Friday.

Current Policy: Current policy requires games Friday nights.

Rationale: Friday night contests create scheduling problems with officials and teams, often forcing a revision at the last moment. This revision generally pushes everything into Saturday and Sunday, which shortens the rest period before the championship game for the winner of Game 12. By moving the schedule to Saturday and Sunday and rearranging the game times on Sunday, we can eliminate the Friday night conflicts and still give adequate rest for the

winner of Game 12. This is important because the Winner of Game 12 will be playing their second game of the day, while the winner of Bracket A will be playing their first of the day. It is important to give the Winner of Game 12 enough rest to provide for a fair championship game.

Proposal C1

Change the National Collegiate Club Championship schedule so that teams do not play games at unreasonable hours (with respect to their own time zones). Note that the Big Ten Conference would also receive votes regarding this proposal.

Option 1 Limit the championship venue to locations that have two pools available.

Option 2 Revise the National Collegiate Club Schedule to reduce the number of games, thereby creating more reasonable playing times. Proposed schedule:

Friday

Game		Game #
12:00 PM	Block 1 vs Block 16	1
1:10 PM	Block 2 vs Block 15	2
2:20 PM	Block 3 vs Block 14	3
3:30 PM	Block 4 vs Block 13	4
4:40 PM	Block 5 vs Block 12	5
5:50 PM	Block 6 vs Block 11	6
7:00 PM	Block 7 vs Block 10	7
8:10 PM	Block 8 vs Block 9	8

Saturday

10:00 AM	Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 8	9
11:10 AM	Winner Game 4 vs Winner Game 5	10
12:20 PM	Winner Game 2 vs Winner Game 7	11
1:30 PM	Winner Game 3 vs Winner Game 6	12
2:40 PM	Loser Game 5 vs Loser Game 4	13
3:50 PM	Loser Game 6 vs Loser Game 3	14
5:00 PM	Loser Game 7 vs Loser Game 2	15
6:10 PM	Loser Game 8 vs Loser Game 1	16
7:20 PM	Winner Game 9 vs Winner Game 10	17
8:30 PM	Winner Game 11 vs Winner Game 12	18

Sunday

8:30 AM	Loser Game 13 vs Loser Game 14	Tied for 13th/15th
9:40 AM	Winner Game 16 vs Winner Game 13	tied for 9th/11th
10:50 AM	Winner Game 15 vs Winner Game 14	Tied for 9th/11th
12:00 PM	Loser Game 18 vs Loser Game 17	Third Place
1:30 PM	Winner Game 17 vs Winner Game 18	First Place
2:40 PM	Awards Ceremony	
3:00 PM	Loser Game 12 vs Loser Game 11	Tied for 5th/7th
4:10 PM	Loser Game 10 vs Loser Game 9	Tied for 5th/7th

Teams finishing 1-4 receive 4 games
 Teams finishing 5-14 receive 3 games
 Teams finishing 15-16 receive two games

Author: CWPA Office

Intent: To prevent teams from playing games at unreasonable hours with respect to their own time zones.

Financial Impact: This will guarantee fewer games per team at the championship.

Current policy: All teams play three games and teams play games from 9AM to 11PM.

Rationale: With the current game schedule beginning at 9AM and finishing at 11PM, teams from different time zones could be playing games starting as early as 6 AM (4:30 AM wake-up) or as late as 2 AM (3 AM by the time team gets to hotel and in bed). These time frames are unacceptable to determine a National Champion. The championship should be a test of water polo skills, not an endurance test affected by sleep loss. The proposed schedule options provide either fewer games per team and a more reasonable start and end time or it requires the host to have two pools to accommodate the games.

Proposal C2

The host institution for the Men's and Women's Collegiate Club National Tournament is exempt from paying entry fees for the tournament.

Author: Rob Swingle, Emory Women's Water Polo

Statement of Intent: To encourage schools to host Nationals by reducing overall event costs.

Financial Impact: The lost entry fee (~\$350) will need to be made up by the other qualifying schools for each national tournament. Within a 16-team field, this breaks down to an increase of approximately \$25 for the remaining 15 teams bringing the entry fee for the event to about \$375.

Current policy: Host institutions for the National Collegiate Club Championships currently are required to pay entry fees in order to participate in the tournament.

Rationale: Host institutions for the National Collegiate Club Championships currently have little incentive to act as the host school with the one exception of a guaranteed spot within the field of teams. The overall cost of the event to the host (~\$2000, which includes athletic trainer costs) outweighs the benefits of fielding a team in the tournament. This would be a small way to help minimize the cost of the event for the host.

Commissioner's Note: Teams hosting do not need to travel, thereby saving thousands of dollars in air fare, van rental, and hotel costs. The cost of hosting normally amounts to much less expense than the average cost borne by those teams flying to the site.

Proposal C3

For the Men's and Women's Collegiate Club National Tournament, the students of the host institution are to be allowed admittance to all games free of charge with a valid student ID from the host school.

Author: Rob Swingle, Emory Women's Water Polo

Statement of Intent: To allow the host institution's student body the ability to support their program free of charge.

Financial Impact: CWPA will need to generate revenue for covering their event costs from other sources, possibly including an increase in entry fees for participating teams.

Current policy: Currently, a door charge of somewhere between \$2 - \$5 is charged for each spectator, regardless of school affiliation.

Rationale: Under the current format, the student body of the host school is subject to

pay the same costs for watching a game on their own campus as tournament visitors. The current policy of having everyone pay to enter turns away event enthusiasts, diminishes the concept of local support, and inadvertently punishes the host school.s generosity in hosting the event by restricting their fan base.

Commissioner's Note: There is a General Proposal that provides for a discounted admission fee for host students

Proposal C4

Starting with the 2004 Women's Club Season, the CWPA shall run a Women's Division III National Club Championship Tournament. The event will be modeled after the Men's Division III National Club Championship Tournament with all Division III, club programs eligible to qualify, compete and host. The current national tournament club eligibility rules would apply for all participating teams, players and coaches.

Author: Rob Swingle, Emory Women's Water Polo

Statement of Intent: To help grow the sport of women's water polo at the Division III level nationwide.

Financial Impact: Teams involved would pay an entry fee (approximately \$350) to participate.

Current Policy: There is currently no Division III Women's National Club Championship tournament.

Rationale: Women's club programs currently wishing to compete for a national Division III title must compete at the National Division III Championship Tournament and are then subject to abide by Division III NCAA eligibility rules which are in conflict with the CWPA club eligibility rules. These teams must also compete against varsity programs which are more highly funded, more supported and traditionally superior athletically. The idea of this proposal is to help women's water polo grow within division III institutions with the intent to show each institution's administrators that sufficient support exists nationally within division III for women's water polo.

Proposal C5

The CWPA will rank club program team grade point averages once yearly per the men's and women's seasons within the annual CWPA All-Academic Team listings. A team's overall GPA will be a reflection of all athletes within that team which competed for that team during the preceding season.

Author: Rob Swingle, Emory Women's Water Polo

Statement of Intent: To rank club teams nationally based on team grade point average.

Financial Impact: None as there will be no certificates or plaques awarded for this ranking.

Current policy: CWPA club programs are not ranked by team within the All-Academic listings.

Rationale for proposal: Currently, individuals receive recognition within the annual All-Academic listings for CWPA club programs. This proposal seeks to gain recognition for the club programs and schools themselves when compared to their peers nationally.

Proposal C6

The CWPA will administer an .All-American. listing annually for men's and women's club programs. The format for selection to the teams will be modeled after the varsity program's All-American team selection process.

Author: Rob Swingle, Emory Women's Water Polo

Statement of Intent: To provide individuals recognition nationally for outstanding play.
Financial impact Additional cost would be needed to administer the listings as well as to provide certificates to those who are selected.

Current policy: There is currently no All-American listing for club programs nationally.

Rational: To provide individuals recognition nationally for outstanding play.

Commissioner's Note: The office planned to offer this as a proposal as well. There would be no additional costs involved, as the CWPA would be able to purchase certificates and coordinate the voting process.

Proposal C7

In the event an institution chooses to enter an A. and a B. team under current league rules in to a CWPA sponsored game or tournament and one of the two teams for that institution commits a .no contest. violation, the other, non-offending team for that institution and the institution itself are not penalized under the current suspension rules if the institution can alert the CWPA office to the issue three days prior to the game or tournament. The penalty incurred for such action will be a loss of league fees for the offending team for that season and the institution will only be allowed to field one team for the remainder of that season.

Author: Rob Swingle, Emory Women's Water Polo

Statement of Intent: To allow institutions the opportunity to take a chance to grow their club programs without the fear of overall suspension for one of their team's failures to maintain its roster numbers.

Financial impact: No contests often result in significant costs to the teams involved

Current Policy: An institution is suspended for a no content violation under all circumstances regardless of the number of teams entered in to league play.

Rationale: Currently, there is a small loop hole when the .A and B team. rules are compared to the .no contest violation. rules. If an institution's B team commits a no contest violation., under current league rules, the A AND B teams for that institution are then suspended for that season and the next, even if the institution can and has consistently fielded an organized and reliable .A. or single team. The idea is to allow schools the chance to try to grow their club programs without the fear of overall school suspension in the event the growth venture does not work out. The risk then becomes purely financial.

Commissioner's Note: This proposal poses a significant problem in light of the fact that the leadership on the team and ultimately the sport club supervisor is committing the institution's team to participate at all league contests by signing the Participation Contract. If passed, this proposal suggests that the club supervisor would be willing to sign a Participation Contract that might permit part of their institution's club team to be in violation of the contract without suffering the no-contest penalty. In essence, this proposal is asking that some teams are not required to suffer the no-contest penalty, even though the results of the no contest are just as detrimental to the opposing team when they are committed by a B team as they are by an A team from another institution.

Proposal C8

Raise the two-tournament format league fee according to the following schedule:

2003 \$730

2004 \$790

2005 \$848

Author: CWPA Office

Intent: To require teams in the two-tournament format to pay their fair share of league dues.

Financial Impact: This will increase league fees for teams in this format and create a fairer payment schedule for all members.

Current Policy: Teams in the two-tournament format pay \$670 while those in the three tournament format pay \$1065.

Rationale: The two-tournament format was originally created as a means by which new divisions could be created without requiring teams to make too much of a commitment in their initial season. It was discounted in order to help programs become established, assuming that divisions would move to the three-tournament format within a year or two. However, many divisions have maintained this format and are therefore receiving a financial discount with respect to paying their share of the league overhead and direct expenses. This proposal will bring these schools inline with what the other membership pays.

Proposal NW1

Switch to a round-robin tournament format to offer teams more games during tournaments and the opportunity to play against each team.

Author: Ryan Yamada (Washington State) Northwest Division

Statement of intent: Increase the number of games played at Northwest Division Tournaments

Financial impact: Provides teams more games for entry fee

Current policy: Teams play a championship format that only guarantees two games for one of the teams

Rationale: This would increase competitiveness and allow each team to face each other. In years past we have played the same teams over and over again making it boring. Also, it would make a lot more sense to switch a round-robin format since there are only five teams in our league.

Commissioner's Note: There is a General Proposal that offers another five-team format which provides more games for everyone and still maintains a true championship game. The round robin format suggested above does not provide for a championship game.

Proposal OV1/GL1

Merge Great Lakes and Ohio Valley Divisions into one division

Author: Jeff Clemens, Ohio University

Intent: To merge the two divisions into one

Financial Impact: This will increase travel distances for teams and which may require additional hotel costs for some teams on occasion.

Current Policy: Each division operates with their own competitive schedule.

Rationale: In years past, our team had looked forward to championships because (1) the matches were extremely competitive and (2) there was an opportunity to compete against a variety of teams. Even though the 2002 championships will be competitive, the tournament will simply be a repeat of two others we have had this season. Playing the same five or six teams has gotten monotonous. Looking forward to the 2003 season and considering the recent suspension of Oberlin College, each conference would consist of only five teams. Playing the same five teams three times in a season is repetitive, not competitive. Additionally, attracting and retaining players has historically been a problem for smaller squads like ours. The potential for traveling to schools outside Ohio and playing a variety of teams has been a good selling point for our program. As a small team, our budget is always tight, which limits our ability to travel to and participate in non-league, invitational tournaments. Therefore, splitting the conference limits our ability to sell the team, and ultimately the sport, to Ohio University students.

Commissioner's Note: This will eliminate one of the automatic bids to the National Championship.

Proposal NE1

Rearrange the New England Division tournament schedule (assuming an 11-team field) so that the winner of the semifinal between brackets B&C (the "2-3 game") has more time to rest before the championship game. This could be achieved different ways.

Option 1: Rearrange games to accommodate moving the semifinal to Saturday night

Option 2: Playing the final later in the day on Sunday

For example (Note: example provided by CWPA office, not Jon Wiener)

Saturday,		
9:30	2nd vs 11th	1
10:40	3rd vs 10th	2

11:50	1st vs 7 th	3
1:00	5 th vs 8 th	4
2:10	4 th vs 9 th	5
3:20	6 th vs 7 th	6
4:30	Loser Game 4 vs Loser Game 1	7
5:40	Winner Game 1 vs Winner Game 4	8
6:50	Winner Game 2 vs Winner Game 5	9
8:00	Loser Game 5 vs Loser Game 2	10
9:10	1st vs 6 th	11

Sunday,

9:00	Winner Game 8 vs Winner Game 9	12	Loser automatically Third Place
10:10	Loser Game 9 vs Loser Game 8	13	Loser automatically Sixth Place
11:20	Winner Game 7 vs Winner Game 10	14	Loser automatically Ninth Place
12:30	Loser Game 10 vs Loser Game 7		Tenth Place
1:40	Winner Game 13 vs 2nd in A		Fourth Place
3:00	1st in A vs Winner Game 12		First Place
4:30	3rd in A vs Winner Game 14		Seventh Place

Option 3: Expanding to a three-day format and playing the first two games of the tournament (#2 vs. #11 and #3 vs. #10) on Friday evening. The semifinal could be played on Saturday night without making any other changes.

Commissioner's Note: Oftentimes the pool availability provided by the host institution does not permit games at certain times, such as Friday evenings, early Saturday mornings, or late Sunday afternoons. In these instances, whatever option you approve (if any) would need to accommodate the hours provided by the host.

Author: Jon Wiener, Williams College

New England Division Teams Only (note that New England teams may vote for any of the three options presented here and their decision will affect only their division).

Intent: To mitigate the advantage the schedule gives the top seed in the Division championship.

Current policy: Currently the winners of brackets B&C (the 2 and 3 seeds, barring early-round upsets) must play each other the morning of the final, and the winner has a two-game break to rest for the championship.

Financial Impact:

Option #1 would have no financial impact on anyone involved.

Option #3 may incur an extra night of hotel costs for referees and up to four teams.

Rationale: The current structure of the tournament gives the top seed a scheduling advantage. The top seed already gets a much easier draw, but should not also have an easier schedule, too.

Proposal GP1

Require the Great Plains Division to use a double elimination championship tournament format. Currently, teams losing in the first round have no opportunity to place in the top four of the division. A double elimination bracket can be used to increase the competition and value of all games during the Championship tournament.

Author: Dave Schimelpfenig, University of South Dakota

Statement of Intent: To increase the competition and opportunity for all teams at the championship tournament.

Current Policy: The current Championship tournament format prevents all teams losing their first game from retaining an opportunity to place in the top four of the tournament.

Financial Impact: A double elimination bracket would increase the number of games for the championship tournament from 12 to 14 with a possible 15 games. This will cause the tournament to be more expensive, possibly raising league fees.

Rationale: With the current format, the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th place teams all have the same won/loss record during the championship tournament, and the 5th place team has a better won/loss record than the 4th place team. With a double elimination bracket in place, each team would have a chance to win the tournament with a first round loss. A double elimination bracket would increase the number of games needed to win the tournament, with as many as seven games possible. It would also eliminate two teams from the tournament after only two games. Overall, a double elimination bracket would increase the competitive level of the tournament by retaining the possibility for all teams to win after the first round of games. So that there is no confusion, what I mean by double elimination bracket is adding a loser's bracket into the format. The winner of the loser's bracket and the winner of the winner's bracket would play for first place. No team would be eliminated from the tournament until they have two losses.

Commissioner's Note: This format may be difficult to manage at certain sites due to the limited pool time available. It will also guarantee some teams only two games.

Proposal PC1

In the Pacific Coast Division, no player that has appeared on a varsity water polo roster may play for that same school's club team, regardless of class level (Graduate or Undergraduate).

Example A: A player plays Varsity at UCLA may not play club water polo at UCLA.

Example B: A player plays Varsity at UCLA is eligible to play for any club team within our division except UCLA if he transfers. Any player that is found to break this policy will cause immediate forfeit of all their team games that the team has played.

Author: John Marsh, Cal Poly

Intent: To give student-athletes who are attending a college/university for academic purposes the chance to pursue water polo.

Financial impact: None. USC and UCLA are the two schools to be impacted in the Pacific Division and they have a large population of water polo players to draw from. Exclusion of former varsity athletes would not impact their participation in the league.

Current policy: Any full-time graduate/undergraduate student is eligible to participate
Rationale See statement of intent.