



**Collegiate
Water Polo
Association**

2009-10 COLLEGIATE WATER POLO ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

June 7, 2010 – Hampton Inn – Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

Women's Varsity Meeting:

In attendance: John Benedict, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/CWPA President; Dan Sharadin, CWPA Commissioner; Mike Meyers, Chatham University; Joe Tristan, PSU-Behrend; Carl Salyer, University of Maryland; Ryan Bowles, University of Maryland Asst. Athletic Director; Barry King, Indiana University; Alan Huckins, Hartwick College; Scott Reed, George Washington University; Chris Hennelly, George Washington University Asst. Athletic Director; Matt Anderson, University of Michigan; Felix Mercado, Brown University; John Abdou, Bucknell University; Luis Nicolao, Princeton University; Tom Tracey, CWPA Coordinator of Officials; Igor Samardzija, St. Francis College (NY); Keith Bullion, Salem International University; Ed Haas, CWPA Director of Communications; Lexie Kamerman, CWPA Director of Membership Services; Ed Reed, CWPA Coordinator of Officials

Proposal 1: Felix Mercado, Brown University, makes a motion to change the Eastern Championship for women to a 12-team format.

Barry King, Indiana University, seconds the motion

Alan Huckins, Hartwick College, proposes an amendment that with the top four teams earning byes with 2 games on Friday, one on Saturday and one on Sunday.

- The bottom eight teams will play two games on Friday, one on Saturday and one on Sunday
- The top four teams will earn a bye on Friday in the first round and play one game on Friday, one on Saturday and one on Sunday

Matt Anderson, University of Michigan, seconds the amendment

Amendment carries via 6-4 vote.

Motion carries unanimously

Proposal 2: Matt Anderson, University of Michigan, makes a motion to change the Eastern Women’s Championship format if only 11 teams play to the top five teams earn a first round bye with the remaining six teams playing in the first round (6-vs.-11, 7-vs.-10, 8-vs.-9) on Friday. The five top seeds and the winners of the play-in games advance to an eight team championship format with one game on Friday, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. The bottom three teams (the losers of the play-in games) advance to a round-robin format amongst themselves to determine places 9, 10 and 11 in the field.

Carl Salyer, University of Maryland, seconds the motion

Motion carries unanimously.

Proposal 3: Felix Mercado, Brown University, makes a motion to revise the three women’s divisions (North, South, West) into two divisions for a single year (2011). There would be two six-team divisions.

- All 12 teams, or 11 if Salem International does not field a team in 2011, will advance to the Eastern Championship. This is a one year solution which will be reexamined at the 2012 meeting in light of Notre Dame College joining the CWPA as a full-time member for the 2011-12 academic-year.
- Matt Anderson recommends retaining the names “Western” and “Southern”
- Teams will play a single round-robin format in their divisions
- John Abdou volunteers to join the Western Division making the Division alignment as follows:

West	South
Hartwick	Brown
Bucknell	Maryland
Gannon	Princeton
Mercyhurst	George Washington
Michigan	Harvard
Indiana	Salem International

John Abdou, Bucknell University, seconds the motion

- Although it cannot be mandated, it is strongly recommended and advised that all the teams play one another outside their divisions during the remaining weekends.

Motion carries unanimously.

Further Discussion: The women’s varsity coaches discussed the schedule of league games for the 2011 season and came up with the following agreement:

	Southern Teams	Western Teams	
	Prin, MD, GW, Brown, Hrvd, Salem	Ind, Mich, Gann, Mercy, Buck, Hart	
DATE			
2/25-26/11	ECAC @ Harvard	ECAC @ Harvard	
3/4-6/11	MD @ Prin (3/5 night) during invite GW/Hart/In @ Prin (non-conf. & maybe Buck)		
3/11-13/11	Pulled Hrvd v. Brown	Gan/Mercy @ Mich (3/11) during invite Brown/Hrvd/MAAC Team @ Hart	
3/18-20/11		Hart @ Mercy/Gann (3/19)	
3/25-27/11			
4/1-3/11	SIU @ GW (Fri)/MD (Sat)		
4/8-10/11		Ind/Mich (& non-conf. MD/Brown) @ Buck on 1:20 hr interval Ind Does PA Tour (Mercy 4/8 & Gann 4/10)	
4/15-17/11	Prin @ GW All Teams @ MD	Buck @ Mercy/Gann (4/16) Hart @ Buck (4/17 @ 2PM)	
4/22-24/11	Easter Weekend	Easter Weekend	
4/29-1/11	Easterns @ Indiana	Easterns @ Indiana	

Proposal 4: Barry King, Indiana University, makes a motion that on the Monday after the Eastern Championship the head coaches of the teams remain behind to work out the calendar of games for the following season.

- The coaches agree in principle to this idea, but John Abdou, Bucknell University, suggests that everyone stay Sunday once the games are done to figure out the schedule, allowing the coaches to leave Sunday night.
- Barry King accepts the change to Sunday.

Felix Mercado, Brown University, seconds the motion

Motion carries unanimously.

Further Discussion: Dan Sharadin, Commissioner, asks if he should works towards a schedule where every team plays one another. There is no dissent. He will work towards this goal with Ryan Bowles, Asst. Athletic Director at the University of Maryland, to achieve this task after August, which is the date Salem International will determine if they will field a team.

In addition, the coaches agree to the following dates for Technical Committee review of officials (original idea was for three evaluation dates, but additional dates were added for the sake of insuring coverage of all officials):

- February 25-26 @ ECAC
- January 22 @ Michigan
- March 25-26 @ Grove City
- March 27 @ Washington & Jefferson
- April 8-10 @ Bucknell (if possible in budget since Bucknell agreed to pay for hotel and food)

Further, Dan Sharadin, Commissioner, notes that teams should provide information if they are hosting a large invitational and perhaps additional evaluation opportunities can be supplied.

General Meeting

In attendance: John Benedict, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/CWPA President; Dan Sharadin, CWPA Commissioner; Keith Bullion, Salem International University; Joe Tristan, PSU-Behrend; Carl Salyer, University of Maryland; Barry King, Indiana University; Alan Huckins, Hartwick College; Scott Reed, George Washington University; Matt Anderson, University of Michigan; Felix Mercado, Brown University; John Abdou, Bucknell University; Luis Nicolao, Princeton University; Igor Samardzija, St. Francis College (NY); Tom Tracey, CWPA Coordinator of Officials; Ed Haas, CWPA Director of Communications; Lexie Kamerman, CWPA Director of Membership Services; Ed Reed, CWPA Coordinator of Officials

Board of Directors Election: Elections were held for the Board of Directors and the following individuals were named:

- Mark Gensheimer (term until 2012)
- Matt Anderson (term until 2013)
- John Benedick (term until 2013)

Proposal 1: Felix Mecado, Brown University, John Abdou, Bucknell University, & Alan Huckins, Hartwick College, propose changing the name of the Eastern Championship to The CWPA Championship to have the conference name in the championship and to be uniformed like all the other NCAA qualifying conferences.

Motion fails 8-5

Proposal 2: Mike Schofield, US Naval Academy, proposes changing the name of the Eastern Championship to the CWPA Eastern Championship to have the conference name in the championship and to be uniform like all the other NCAA qualifying conferences.

Carl Salyer, University of Maryland, seconds the motion

Motion carries

Men's Varsity Meeting

In attendance: John Benedict, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/CWPA President; Dan Sharadin, CWPA Commissioner; Keith Bullion, Salem International University; Joe Tristan, PSU-Behrend; Carl Salyer, University of Maryland; Barry King, Indiana University; Alan Huckins, Hartwick College; Scott Reed, George Washington University; Matt Anderson, University of Michigan; Felix Mercado, Brown University; John Abdou, Bucknell University; Luis Nicolao, Princeton University; Igor Samardzija, St. Francis College (NY); Tom Tracey, CWPA Coordinator of Officials; Ed Haas, CWPA Director of Communications; Lexie Kamerman, CWPA Director of Membership Services; Ed Reed, CWPA Coordinator of Officials

Proposal 1: Luis Nicolao, Princeton University, and Ted Bresnahan, Johns Hopkins University, motions to revise the method of seeding for the Southern Division Championship. Teams will be seeded first within their region according to their won/loss records. Once that seeding is accomplished, teams are seeded overall, merging the two regions into one. Final seeding is based on each institution voting. At no time can a team be seeded higher than another team within its own region if it finished lower in the regional standings.

Currently, teams are seeded according to votes from each institution within the division. This new method will provide greater meaning to the regular season, reduce subjectivity within the seeding process, and allow teams to know approximately where they stand at the end of the regional competition. It will also eliminate the chance for a team to win the regular season within its region and end up seeded lower at the championship than other teams within its region.

Motion fails

Proposal 2: Scott Reed, George Washington, makes a motion to make the Men's ECAC Championship a 12-team field. The format will be a 12-team format with six teams from the North and six teams from the South. The top four teams receive a first round bye. If any teams choose not to attend, the replacement team will be drawn from that same division before you draw a team from the other division.

Felix Mercado, Brown University, seconds the motion

St. Francis will play in ECACs no matter what due to their eligibility in the ECAC.

Motion carries unanimously

Proposal 3: Mike Schofield, US Naval Academy, motions to allow an unlimited player roster at the Eastern Championship, a change from the current policy of 18 declared players on the bench for each game.

Keith Bullion, Salem International University, seconds the motion

Motion carries 4-3

Further Discussion: The coaches agree to the following dates for Technical Committee review of officials (original idea was for three evaluation dates, but additional dates can be added for the sake of insuring coverage of all officials):

- September 10-12 @ Princeton
- September 18-19 @ Harvard (ECAC)
- Southern Division Championship

Further, Dan Sharadin, Commissioner, notes that teams should provide information if they are hosting a large invitational and perhaps additional evaluation opportunities can be supplied.

Club Proposal:

Sponsor 1: University of Colorado

Sponsor 2: Air Force Academy

Motion was made by University of Colorado and seconded by Air Force that the "varsity eligibility" rule that is currently in place for the Pacific Coast and Sierra Pacific conferences should be adopted by the Southwest division. The rule states that students who have participated for 2 or more years at the varsity level for an institution are not allowed to compete for the collegiate club team at the same institution. However, an exception will be made for athletes from schools where varsity programs have been discontinued and reconstituted as club teams.

Motion failed 6-2