

**North Atlantic Division  
Meeting 1 of 2 held April 16, 2018 3:00PM EDT**

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner (0 of 6 schools)

The North Atlantic Division call will be rescheduled for a future date based on the lack of attendance.

**North Atlantic Division  
Meeting 2 of 2 held June 28, 2018 4:00PM EDT**

Attending: Tom Tracey, Assistant Commissioner; Bowdoin College, Ezra Sunshine; Saint Michael's College; Erich Seeger; University of Vermont, Chris Nolan; Colby College, Ryan Bedell (4 of 5 schools)  
*Note: Bates College, Max Gold, had communicated with the league office prior to the call that he would not be able to attend and was not able to confirm another team member.*

The call began with a discussion about the new league website that was launched at the start of the 2017 Fall Season. The Assistant Commissioner noted several key reasons for the change including: mobile friendly site, member programs ability to have interactive control over their team profiles and the league office's ability to make updates and changes. The Assistant Commissioner asked the leaders to contact the office if they have any suggestions that they felt would enhance the site. Leaders were also reminded to update their team profiles and to contact the office if they do not have their school's login information.

The first item on the agenda focused on the division format, conflict dates and interest in hosting. The Assistant Commissioner explained the division will be comprised of five teams as the University of Maine has decided not to participate due to a lack of members and budgeting. The five team format is two regional weekends and a championship where all teams play each other in a double round-robin. Assistant Commissioner asked if teams would like to consider anything different but teams preferred staying with the described format. All teams were asked if they were interested in hosting. Bowdoin, Colby, St. Michael's and Vermont all expressed interest.

Teams also discussed ways to help the University of Maine to potentially rejoin in future years. Teams voted unanimously to allow Maine to participate in the championship if they desired. The Assistant Commissioner will reach out to Maine's leadership to see their level of interest.

The next item was the 2018 Division Schedule. Teams were reminded the Men's Division III National Collegiate Club Championship is tentatively scheduled for October 27-28, 2018 and hosted in the Colonial Division (Host Wesleyan).

Teams decided to create the following tentative schedule depending on pool availability:

September 22-23	Vermont/St. Michael's
September 29-30	Colby (Backup Bowdoin)
October 20-21	Championship at Bowdoin

Teams discussed the back-to-back regional weekends but decided there were too many conflicts during Oct. 6-7 and 13-14. Colby was not sure of their ability to host so Bowdoin offered to be the potential backup location. Both will check on availability. Teams were asked to confirm by the week of July 9<sup>th</sup>.  
*Please note: After the call, Bates confirmed the above dates and locations should not be an issue for their team.*

Once a site is confirmed, hosts were reminded to complete the Pool Reservation Form found under the Forms section on the website once their date is confirmed. Team Leadership will be contacted by the office at least one week prior to their event to ensure they received the host package and are prepared for the weekend. Hotels will be reserved once the host sites are confirmed and pool reservation form submitted.

Before moving any further in the call, teams were asked if they had any questions or new business to discuss so that we do not run out of time at the end of the call. None was discussed.

The call concluded with the Assistant Commissioner running through a series of updates from the league office as well as a reminder that all [CWPA League Policies](#) are posted on the website under Membership. After a brief description of the CWPA Club Governance Council, the Assistant Commissioner asked if any of their players or administrators would have interested in being nominated as a candidate. If so, please send their name and contact information to [tracey@collegiatewaterpolo.org](mailto:tracey@collegiatewaterpolo.org).

Teams were encouraged to send story ideas to [Ed Haas](#), Director of Communications, to promote their programs and enhance their exposure on the website. Likewise, Team Leaders should take advantage of the Player of the Week program and nominate athletes each week, regardless of whether the games are within the CWPA league play or non-conference. Additionally, the website now has a social media aspect that we would love to see teams take advantage sending photos from their tournaments as well as other great experiences they have as a team.

The Assistant Commissioner pointed out [Jon Weaver](#), Director of Multimedia, continues to do exciting updates with the streaming program and featured game of the week. To ensure we can highlight games from every division, host sites are strongly urged to work with the multimedia department to stream at their facility. Additionally, the multimedia department is developing several video libraries to directly benefit our members and officials. As the CWPA is a non-profit, all educational material will be available for free on the website. We encourage teams, players and coaches to take full advantage.

The Assistant Commissioner explained the recently launched Ambassador's Program with a focus on an Alumni Initiative. Teams will be asked to give a few minutes during a league weekend to talk with one of the league ambassadors about how they can stay involved after graduation whether as a coach, official, mentor or donor. The Assistant Commissioner also launched into the newly revised CWPA Mentoring Program and discussed how the office felt this would help reduce the attrition and hopefully promote additional growth. Teams were asked to provide the office with any names of current alum that were team leaders in the past and that they felt would be great mentors for either a new team or struggling program.

Finally, teams were once again reminded the importance of reviewing and updating their [Team Contact Information](#) using the link on the Membership page.

All team leaders were thanked for taking the time to be on the call to represent their program.