COIA National Meeting  
University of Arizona, Tucson  
6-8 March 2009

1st MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2009 COIA National Meeting will be held March 6-8, 2009 at the University of Arizona at Tucson. All COIA member senates are warmly encouraged to send a representative. The meeting will begin at 6pm Friday, May 30th with a social gathering of all conference attendees and their guests and will continue through noon on Sunday,

We are pleased to announce four plenary speakers for the meeting:

   1) Jim Livengood, University of Arizona Athletic Director
   2) Amy Perko, Executive Director of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics
   3) Diane Dickman, Managing Director of NCAA membership services division
   4) Professor Virginia Shepherd, Vanderbilt University and former COIA co-chair

There will also be two panel discussions: the first will be on the integration of athletics into academics at the University of Arizona with Robert Shelton (current UA President), Peter Likins (former UA President), Jim Livengood (UA Athletic Director) and Jory Hancock (UA Faculty Athletic Representative). The second panel will have several well known Faculty Athletic Representatives discussing ways to improve the faculty voice on athletic issues.

To partially defray expenses, there will be a $75/person conference fee to be collected either in advance or when you check into the meeting. This fee will cover all meals on Saturday, the Friday night social and transportation to and from the hotel on Saturday. Please bring or send a check or cash as credit/debit cards will not be accepted. We will let you know in a later communication to whom the check should be made out.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND, PLEASE SEND an e-mail WITH THE NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF THE ATTENDEE(S) TO NATHAN TUBLITZ (tublitz@uoneuro.uoregon.edu).
ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms has been reserved at the following hotel:

The Lodge on the Desert
306 North Alvernon Way
Tucson AZ 85711
Phone: 520-325-3366
Fax: 520-327-5834

Online reservations can be made at http://www.lodgeonthedesert.com
Click on “MAKE YOUR RESERVATION”, fill in arrival and departure dates and use the group code (UACOAL) to obtain the group rate of $124/night. Directions to the hotel can be found on the hotel’s website (http://www.lodgeonthedesert.com/-gethere.php).

THE HOTEL WILL RELEASE OUR BLOCK OF ROOMS ON 15 JANUARY 2009 SO PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

TRAVEL

The Lodge on the Desert is 9.18 miles (~16 min) from the Tucson airport. An airport shuttle (Arizona Stagecoach, http://www.azstagecoach.com/, $26 one way per person) is available. A taxi costs approximately the same price.

There is no need to rent a car unless you need one for another reason. The Friday and Sunday sessions will be at the Lodge and there will be transportation provided to Saturday’s sessions at the University.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

Queries about the conference should be sent to any of the three COIA co-chairs:

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