COIA National Meeting  
University of Georgia  
30 May-1 June 2008  
FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT (Feb 08)  

MEETING INFORMATION  

GENERAL INFORMATION  

The 2008 COIA National Meeting will be held May 30-June 1, 2008 at the University of Georgia, Athens. All COIA member senates are warmly encouraged to send a participant. 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 three plenary speakers for the meeting:
1) Dr. Myles Brand, NCAA President
2) Dr. Brit Kerwin, Chancellor of the Maryland System and co-chair of the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics
3) Dutch Baughman, executive director Division 1A Athletic Directors’ Association

The tentative agenda for the meeting is appended below.

To partially defray expenses, there will be a $50/person conference fee to be collected either in advance or when you check into the meeting. Please bring or send a check made out to The School of Environmental Design or cash as credit/debit cards will not be accepted. Light refreshments at the Friday evening social as well as Saturday lunch and dinner will be provided at no charge.

A second announcement with additional information will be sent in early April.

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).

HOTELS

A block of rooms has been reserved at Holiday Inn Athens, 197 E. Broad St., Athens GA 30601 (phone: 706-549-4433; fax: 706-548-3031). Singles are $109 (king); doubles are $99 plus tax. Please use the conference code “COI” when making your reservation. The hotel is within walking distance of campus. Please note that there are 3 different Holiday Inns in Athens; make sure that you book the “Holiday Inn Athens”.

Online reservations can be made at http://www.hi-athens.com/
The hotel website has area maps of Athens and the vicinity.

**TRAVEL**

Athens' airport, Ben Epps Airport (AHN), is the closest to the University of Georgia campus. The most convenient major airport is the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport (ATL) which is about 75 miles to the northeast.

If you arrive at Atlanta Airport, you can either take a shuttle ($45.00 one way; http://www.aaaairportexpress.com/routes/athens.html; you MUST make a reservation first) or rent a car (driving directions: http://www.uga.edu/visit/directions.html). The Holiday Inn Athens also has an airport shuttle service (see their website).

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS**

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

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We are very much indebted to Professor Scott Weinberg, Dean of the College of the Environment and Design at the University of Georgia, for his invaluable assistance in organizing the meeting. We are also very grateful to the University of Georgia and its President Mike Adams for providing funds to underwrite this conference.
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TENTATIVE AGENDA

FRIDAY - 30 MAY 2008 (location: TBA)

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm     COIA Steering Committee Meeting (room TBA)

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm     Social (Location TBA);

SATURDAY - 31 MAY 2008 (location: TBA)

8:30 am - 9:00 am     Welcome and introductions, COIA co-chairs

9:00 am - 10:00 am    PLENARY LECTURE: Dr. Brit Kerwin, Maryland Chancellor & Knight Commission co-chair

10:00 am - 10:30 am   Initial discussion of National Ranking System of D1A institutions based on COIA values (entire membership)

10:30 am - 10:45 am   Break

10:45 am -12:00 pm    Break out groups focusing on various aspects of a National Ranking System

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm   Reports from morning break out groups (entire membership)

12:30 pm – 12:45 pm   Break

12:45 pm - 2:30 pm    Lunch

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm     PLENARY LECTURE with extended Q&A period: Dr. Myles Brand, President, NCAA

2:30 pm - 2:45 pm     Break

2:45 pm - 3:45 pm     Panel Discussion on tensions between BCS and non-BCS schools (Myles Brand, Brit Kerwin, Dutch Baughman, Malcolm Moran, moderated by Joe Kotarba)

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm     Discussion on the role of members in the upcoming membership drive

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm     Comments from other invited guests
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm  Free time
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm  Dinner
8:00 pm - 8:30 pm  PLENARY LECTURE: TBA

SUNDAY - 01 June 2008 (location: TBA)

8:30 am - 9:30 am  PLENARY LECTURE: Dutch Baughman, Executive director Division IA Athletic Directors' Association
9:30 am - 9:45 am  BREAK
9:45 am - 11:45 am  Planning for the future (entire membership)
11:45 am - 12:00 pm  Conference wrap-up
Dear COIA members:

Good morning! On behalf of the COIA leadership, we warmly invite you to attend the annual COIA meeting, to be held this year from May 30-June 1 at the University of Georgia in Athens. Attached please find a copy of the tentative agenda and meeting information. The meeting has a strong group of plenary speakers including Myles Brand (NCAA President), Brit Kerwin (Knight Commission co-chair and Maryland Chancellor), and Dutch Baughman (D1A AD association executive director). One focus of the meeting will be to discuss a national ranking system of D1A universities based on criteria to be developed before and at the meeting. This meeting will allow us to meet and discuss current issues in delightful location. We hope your institution will send at least one representative to the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us (contact info on the attached document). We look forward to seeing you in Georgia.

All the best and a happy February to you all,

Carole Browne
Ginny Shepherd
Nathan Tublitz
2008 COIA co-chairs

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