



2025 NAIA-MGCA Business Meeting Agenda

MGCA Convention – Las Vegas, Nevada

Tuesday, December 9, 3:15pm – 5:00pm (all times Local)

Planet Hollywood Hotel, Sunset 2

WELCOME

(Evans Nichols)

Attendees: Rich Williams, Cumberland University (Tenn.); Daniel Ramirez, Sterling College (Kan.); Brandon Miller, Keiser University (Fla.); Zach Anderson, Lewis-Clark State College (Idaho); Chris Butler, Lindsey Wilson University (Ky.); Jordan Amelon, Mount Mercy University (Iowa); David Myers, Oregon Tech; Brady Barrett, OUAZ (Ariz.); Evans Nichols, Reinhardt University (Ga.); Chris Kamys, SCAD Savannah (Ga.); Sydney Hermann, Cumberland University (Tenn.); Scott Seymour, MidAmerica Nazarene University (Kan.); Marc Burchard, NAIA

REPORTS

(Marc Burchard)

NAIA Legislative Process: Motions approved at this meeting will advance to an online straw poll, after which those approved will be forwarded to the National Administrative Council (NAC) for final review at its January 20–21 meeting.

Membership Updates: Wesleyan College (Georgia) and Andrew College (Georgia) were both approved for full NAIA membership at the 2025 Convention. Both will start active NAIA membership for the 2026-27 academic year and both join the Southern States Athletic Association

Five Seasons of Competition: The Path Forward Task Force has made a recommendation regarding eligibility legislation, which will be reviewed by the NAIA Council of Presidents (COP) for final determination. The proposal is expected to be voted on by the NAIA membership at the April Convention. If adopted, a five-season limit would apply to all current NAIA student-athletes while the existing terms of attendance of 10 semesters or 15 quarters would remain unchanged. Considerable feedback has been received from the membership, and the final outcome remains dependent on pending NCAA Division II action.

NEW BUSINESS

(Evans Nichols)

Sport Motions

Sport Motion #1: To allow each team participating in the NAIA National Championship to play six designated players in the official practice round, effective for the 2026 national championship.

Discussion: Eliminates the disadvantage for substitute players following removal of the unofficial practice round. Allowing six players improves preparation for the national championship and the student-athlete experience.

Motion: Mixon/Long

Vote: 15-0-2

Result: Motion Passes

Sport Motion #2: Approve the following formats as approved for NAIA regular season golf:

Play 6, count 4 scores

Play 5, count 4 scores

Match Play

Discussion: The current policy does not explicitly state that NAIA contests are not allowed to use these formats, it does not also state that they are able to. This would clarify allowed formats and provide more opportunities for student-athletes to participate.

Motion to Approve: Butler/Long

Vote: 15-1-1

Result: Motion Passes

Sport Motion #3: Adopt Clippd/Scoreboard or scoring applications with a third-party integration to Clippd as the mandatory scoring platform for NAIA Golf.

Discussion: This will eliminate delays in reporting that negatively impacts rankings. Also, ensures consistent, timely data for at-large selection.

Motion to Approve: Williams/Miller

Vote: 15-0-3

Result: Motion Passes

Sport Motion #4: Any student-athlete who competes in the top five positions at any point during the season shall be designated as a varsity player. A junior varsity team that fields more than two varsity-designated players in a contest shall be automatically classified as a varsity team for that contest. This provision shall not apply in instances where the junior varsity team is and a varsity team from the same institution are participating in the same event.

Discussion: To prevent manipulation of rankings while still allowing developmental opportunities.

Motion to Approve: Reinstetle/Bailey

Vote: 15-0-3

Result: Motion Passes

Sport Motion #5: Include the GCAA membership fee within the NAIA annual sport sponsorship/statistical fee for men's golf.

Discussion: This would increase coaches association membership, support professional development and student-athlete services. The coaches in attendance acknowledged institutional autonomy concerns and precedent in other sports.

Motion to Approve: Williams/Mixon

Vote: 18-0-0

Result: Motion Passes

Open Discussion

Golf Selection Committee: Coaches discussed the long-term consideration of transitioning from a coaches' poll to a selection committee or data-driven model for at-large selection. It was recommended that a working group, comprised of the executive committee and regional representatives, be formed to explore alternatives and develop a potential proposal for consideration at the 2026 business meeting.

Executive Committee Election

Secretary

Dustyn Reinstetle, Pikeville (Ky.) nominated