



NAIA Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Thursday, December 11, 2025 – 2:30p (CT)
Location: Omni Orlando Resort at Championships Gate
Room: Seminole A

- I. Call to Order
Attendees: Jeff Desko, Keiser (Fla.); Carlos Matta, Madonna (Mich.); Brian Holland, Montreat; Justin Moe, SCAD Savannah; Matt Laurinec, Michigan Dearborn; Kody Swann, Cumberlands (Ky.); Chris Burdick, Webber International; Nick Pietras, Madonna; Chace Witherrow, Cumberlands (Ky.); Zachery Lane, Madonna; Tyler Pezzot, Madonna, Abby Schultz, NAIA
- II. Approval of the 2024 MLAX Business Meeting Minutes
Motion to Approve: Burdick/Holland
Vote: 6-0-0
- III. Coach Gill stopped by to invite an NAIA Coach to serve on the IMLCA Hall of Fame Committee. If you are interested, please reach out to him at Coachgill39@gmail.com – 516-439-1100
- IV. National Office Report
 - a. National Office Report Abby Schultz
Sport motions come out of coaches associations which move on to the National Administrative Council (NAC). Abby Schultz is taking over as the Senior Championship Manager and Kris Swogger, Keiser University Athletic Director, is the NAC liaison for Men's Lacrosse. The NAC meets four times a year and MLAX motions are heard at the January meeting.

The 2025-26 Championship will be in Decatur, Alabama. This will be a three year contract in Decatur. Decatur has hosted NAIA Championships in the past & is looking forward to bringing in both Men's & Women's Lacrosse.

Two new institutions were approved for active membership beginning fall 2026 (currently neither sponsor WLAX):
 - Wesleyan College (Ga.), planning to join the Southern States Athletic Conference
 - Andrew College (Ga.), also planning to join the Southern States Athletic Conference
The NAIA has enhanced its membership recruitment and retention efforts, with a particular focus on NCAA Division II and III institutions. As part of



these initiatives, the “Why NAIA” website was refreshed to better highlight the value and advantages of NAIA membership. This strategy has been effective; last year, the NAIA received 12 membership applications—the highest number in the past decade.

Collaboration plays a key role, with NAIA members involved in 80% of current recruitment efforts. Members are encouraged to support this work by connecting the NAIA with potential schools. If you know of interested institutions or helpful contacts, please reach out to Nick Davidson at ndavidson@naia.org.

NAIA has entered a year two of its agreement with Urban Edge Network (UEN). Over the past year, many NAIA conferences have also partnered with UEN, enhancing visibility and alignment across the association.

The NAC is conducting a comprehensive review of all National Selection Committee processes to ensure consistency, fairness, and alignment across sports.

As part of this effort, the NAC has:

- Realigned Areas Rating Committees (ARCs) to establish comparable structures across most sports
- Standardized key operational practices, including:
 - Each National Selection Committee meeting four times per season
 - ARC ratings released on a unified four-cycle schedule
 - Final ARC ratings published on the same day the National Selection Committee meets

These updates aim to enhance transparency, uniformity, and clarity in the national selection process.

The Path Forward Task Force (PFTF), created after the April 2025 NAIA Convention, has spent six months evaluating rapidly evolving areas of college athletics. One resulting recommendation is the consideration of five seasons of competition, recognizing the need to balance higher education principles with competitive positioning relative to other associations. The PFTF shared its recommendations with the Council of Presidents in October 2025, after which the Council chose to proceed with a legislative proposal. Efforts are underway to share information with the membership to help institutions form informed perspectives. A membership survey will be distributed in early December, and feedback will inform the final legislative proposal. As the sponsoring body, the Council of Presidents will have authority over its final drafting.

v. New Business

a. Sport Motions

i. Sport Motion #1 – Hudl

Discussion: WHAC had not approved film sharing previously, but now they do. Monitoring of it & violation is important but don't agree with Sunday & preparing. Next day should be mandatory. Must mandate quality of video. Level of film needs to be increased. What are the parameters? What is the quality control? IMLCA guidelines could be the starting point to look at. There is an IMLCA



committee that already does a film exchange. Going to work with IMLCA to see if NAIA can join the film exchange and be run through them. This would give access to everything through IMLCA film exchange instead of running this through NAIA, similar to how Women's Lacrosse does with IWLCA.

Motion: Regular season games in the Hudl exchange through the IMLCA. Mandatory for all teams.

Vote: 0-6-0

Motion: Take this topic to the technology committee within IMLCA.

Discussion: Matt Laurinec (Michigan-Dearborn) serves on that committee & is willing to engage in initiate those conversations.

Vote: 6-0-0

ii. Sport Motion #2 – All-American Nominations

Motion: Additionally, each conference may submit up to four Second team All-Conference honorees to be included in the National All-American Ballot; however, these additional nominees are only eligible for selection to the third team All-America.

Discussion: Based on depth of conferences, understand the need to have second team nominees available to the committee. Desire to give these nominees an opportunity for second team All-America instead of locking them into third team. Understand why they shouldn't be on first team. Adding in the caveat of second or third team was desired from the group. Women passed the first part of the motion last year, but the second part is important for MLAX. Still desire to have that caveat included but increase it to second team as well.

Call the Question: Matta

Vote: 0-6-0

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Call the Question: Matta

Vote: 6-0-0

iii. WLAX Sport Motion #1: To announce All-American, Player of the Year, & Coach of the Year national awards at the Student-Athlete Experience prior to the start of the National Championship.

Discussion: This would create more value for the Student Athlete Experience. Trying to create the best experience for the teams. What would we do if a student athlete wasn't there? Would miss out on some student athletes being honored if their team isn't there. This does become a regular season awards instead of including post season as a factor in these awards. This motion would come forward from both Men's & Women's Lacrosse and the



women put this motion forward at their business meeting, seeking the men's support.

Call the Question: Burdick
Vote: 6-0-0

VI. Executive Committee Elections

Nominations: Recommend having someone from Heart of America Conference, Mark from Benedictine was mentioned.

VII. Open Discussion

Discussion: Would like to have Gift of Life come back to the National Championship again this year. Find a way to get more involved with Inside Lacrosse & somehow tag our NAIA scoreboard to that platform.

Continue to grow exposure for NAIA Men's Lacrosse. Social media presence & publicity want to be increased. International 6s had some NAIA athletes this summer and wasn't publicized. Continue to find ways for exposure for NAIA Lacrosse. NAIA Baseball has an All-American preseason team, desired to add that in for NAIA Men's Lacrosse

Motion: To preseason add All-American Watch List

Discussion: Release comes out mid-January. All-American watch list is put together by the All-American committee. Nominating plays comes from the coaching body as a whole. Everyone should be able to nominate players, simply names & stats – previous year stats & position.

Rough Timeline:

- Mid-December – form sent out to all coaches for nominations
- January 10 – Nominations due to National Office & list sent to All-American Committee
- January 11-14 – committee meets to put together watch list
- January 15 – Watch List Released

Size of Preseason All-America Watch List –

3-3-3-1-1-1-1

3 – Attackman, mids, defenders

1 – goalie, lsm, short stick d mid, face off

Call the Question: Matta

Vote: 6-0-0

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Moe/Holland

Vote: 6-0-0