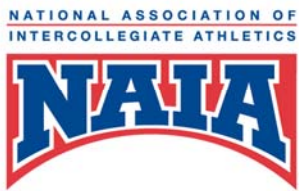




NAIA Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association Annual Business Meeting Agenda

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the 2024 MLAX Business Meeting Minutes
- III. National Office Report
- IV. New Business
 - a. Sport Motions
 - i. Sport Motion #1 - Hudl
 - ii. Sport Motion #2 – All-American Nominations
 - iii. WLAX Sport Motion #1 – All-American Announcement
- V. Executive Committee Elections
- VI. Open Discussion
- VII. Adjournment



Coach's Guide: Legislation, Policies & Sport Rules

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Coaches Association

2024 NAIA-MLCA Annual Fall Business Meeting Minutes

IMLCA National Summit | Omni Orlando Resort At Championsgate

Thursday, December 12, 2024 | 2:30-5:00pm PST | Harmony A Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

Luke Christiansen – NAIA-MLCA President

- a. Meeting called to order by Bryan Seaman/Bruce Tate
- b. Approved Agenda
- c. Approved 9-0 Previous [Meeting Minutes](#)
- d. Tom, a consultant for Columbia College, South Carolina, announced that they plan to add Men's & Women's Lacrosse for the Spring 2026 season. Please reach out to Glen Crawford the AD with any questions.

II. INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOME

Luke Christiansen

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| a. <i>*Luke Christiansen</i> | <i>William Penn</i> | <i>NAIA-MLCA President – Not Present</i> |
| b. Bryan Seaman | Indiana Tech | NAIA-MLCA 1 st Vice President |
| c. <i>*Ty McGuire</i> | <i>Concordia</i> | <i>NAIA-MLCA 2nd Vice President – Not Present</i> |
| d. <i>*Jordan Coates</i> | <i>Point</i> | <i>NAIA-MLCA 3rd Vice President – Not Present</i> |
| e. <i>*Seth Matlock</i> | <i>William Woods</i> | <i>NAIA-MLCA Past President – Not Present</i> |
| f. <i>*Kris Swogger</i> | <i>Keiser</i> | <i>NAC Liaison – Not Present</i> |
| g. Bruce Tate | NAIA | Men's Lacrosse Sport Manager |
| a. <i>* Not Present</i> | | |
| h. Attendees: Head Coaches: Bryan Seaman, Indiana Tech, Kevin Parker, Tennessee Wesleyan, Carlos Matta, Madonna (Mich.), Tyler Yelken, Reinhardt (Ga.), Justin Moe, SCAD (Ga.), Mark Crisco, Benedictine (Kan.), Frank Rogers, Siena Heights (Mich.); Assistant Coaches: Nick Pietras, Madonna (Mich.), Matthew Laurinec, Michigan-Dearborn, Tanner Popovich, SCAD (Ga.), Dylan Sharpe, Cumberlands (Kent.), Bruce Tate, NAIA | | |

III. SPONSORS

- a. [Netting Professionals](#) – Will Minor, CEO – Will not present at the meeting.

IV. NAIA NATIONAL OFFICE REPORT

Bruce Tate

- a. NAIA National Office Report by Bruce Tate – Attached
- b. Review of NAIA Legislative Process
 - i. Sport motions approved by the coaches' association will go to the National Administrative Council for final review.
 - a. The NAC is made up of conference commissioners, athletics directors, sports information directors and athletic trainers.
 - b. An online ballot will be sent to all men's lacrosse coaches following the business meeting.
 - c. Only motions that pass the straw poll at the business meeting will be included in the online ballot.
 - ii. Bylaw Amendments require a co-sponsor, which is not another coaches' association in the NAIA. Co-sponsors can be a conference, council, or another association within the NAIA governance structure.
 - a. By-law amendments are approved by full NAIA membership at the NAIA Business Meeting held at the annual NAIA Convention.
 - iii. Site Selection – Memorial Stadium, Savannah, Ga.
 - iv. Approved Legislation from 2024 Convention – Additional Scrimmages / Dates = 2 (Plus 3 additional scrimmage dates to be conducted before the end of the fall term.
 - v. NAIA Connect

- a. NAIA Connect launched in spring 2024, replaced NAIA Help. ECP, Rules Education Training, and Postseason rosters are handled through NAIA Connect. Username is institutional email with “.naia” at the end. Please contact NAIA Connect Support at the email address provided.
- vi. NAIA Membership Recruitment and Retention
 - a. Two new members were approved for active membership in fall 2025: Mount Mary University (Wisc.) and Trinity Western University (B.C.). NAIA is currently enhancing membership and retention efforts. Please contact Nick Davidson if you have any questions or institutions interested in joining.
- vii. NAIA Championship Streaming
 - a. NAIA entered an agreement with Urban Edge Network and Visaic to offer free streaming services of NAIA Championship events.
- viii. NAIA Brand Advocacy
 - a. NAIA introduced brand advocacy as a core pillar in its new strategic plan. Working with a KC base marketing firm to enhance visibility and reputation. Be on the lookout for additional information later this spring.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- c. Reminded about approved Sport Rules Changes – [Men’s Lacrosse](#)
- d. Reminded about approved adding individual team championships, runners-up, & all-tournament team awards at NC.
 - 1 – Men’s Lacrosse National Championship
 - 1 – Men’s Lacrosse National Runner-Up
 - 12 – Men’s Lacrosse All-Tournament Team
 - 39 – Men’s Lacrosse National Champion
 - 39 – Men’s Lacrosse National Runner-Up
 - 1 – Men’s Lacrosse Coach of the Year
 - 1 – Men’s Lacrosse Player of the Year
 - 1 – Men’s Lacrosse Most Valuable Player
- e. Reminded National Selection Committee criteria will change from ratings to polls.
 - [Men’s Lacrosse Selection Committee Policy](#)
 - [National Selection Committee](#) Positions Filled – Committee will be made up of 7 members and will select its chair through nomination and vote of the committee.
 - 3 – Area Ratings Committee Chairs
 - North – WHAC = **NOT FILLED**
 - Central – Heart = Luke Christiansen, William Penn (Iowa)
 - Southeast – Appalachian = **NOT FILLED** – *Tyler Yelken announced he’s the ARC Chair for AAC.*
 - 2 – At Large NAIA Administrators (Ads, Asst. Ads, Commissioners, SIDs)
 - Jeff Fore, Missouri Baptist, Director of Athletics, Heart
 - Sue Syljebeck, Siena Heights, VP of Athletics, WHAC
 - 1 – Member of the MLAX Coaches’ Exe. Committee – non-Rater
 - Bryan Seaman, Indiana Tech, WHAC
 - 1 – NAC Sport Liaison
 - Kris Swogger, Keiser (Fl.), Director of Athletics, Appalachian
 - Selection Criteria

National Selection Criteria	
Primary	Secondary
Head-to-Head	Common Opponents
Area Rating	Record vs. 11-20 RPI
RPI	Record vs. non-NAIA ranked Opponents
Record vs. top 10 RPI	Strength of Schedule
	Record vs. NCAA Opponents

- f. National Championship Experience Feedback
 - a. Improve practice experience with times, better communication, and no others should be using fields during teams practice times.
 - b. Hotels – Breakfast, communicate prior to arrival type of breakfast that will be offered to plan better.
 - c. Hotels – Confirm quality so don’t have to move or make changes before arrival. It’s okay to put the same teams in hotel if not facing in the first round.

- d. Assistance with finding places to feed teams, group ordering, dining, and discounts

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Men's and Women's Championship Week Merger – Attached
 - i. Would like to stay with the men's calendar dates. Women's week will run into missing graduation. Would like to explore the opportunity to move back another week, the 3rd week of May. Teams that traditionally have inclement weather earlier in the season must condense scheduling or lose games. Like the proposed championship week game schedule, with a day off between games.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

- a. President – Bryan Seaman – Indian Tech
- b. 1st Vice President – Jordan Coates – Point
- c. 2nd Vice President – VACANT – Nominations
- d. 3rd Vice President – VACANT – Nominations
- e. Secretary – VACANT – Nominations
- f. Past President – Luke Christiansen
- g. Need Nominations for 2nd VP, 3rd VP, and Secretary positions**
Nominees:
 - a. [Billy Dineen, Columbia College \(Mo.\)](#)
 - b. [Carlos Matta, Madonna \(Mich.\)](#)
 - c. [Kody Swann, Cumberlands \(Kent.\)](#)

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

- a. Need to establish in writing constitution and bylaws for NAIA-MLCA association.
- b. Establish a format or rotation of balance amongst conferences representation on executive committee.
- c. Encourage increase attendance and participation in IMLCA Association and Summit events. Need to find ways to increase membership, then attendance. Those who serve on the executive committee need to serve on a committee within IMLCA during or outside their terms.
- d. Start looking into All-Tournament Team and All-America teams, structure, and voting processes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion: First Kevin Parker/Second Tyler Yelken

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National Office Report

Site Selection

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Applicable Approved Legislation from 2024 Convention

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- [Mount Mary University](#) (Wisc.), will join the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference
 - o **All women athletics**
- [Trinity Western University](#) (B.C.), will join the Cascade Collegiate Conference
 - o **No Lacrosse programs**

The NAIA has been actively enhancing membership recruitment and retention, focusing on engaging NCAA Division II and III schools. In the first half of this year, the organization collaborated closely with six institutions in these divisions. As part of our outreach, we refreshed the "Why NAIA" website, aiming to better showcase the value and advantages of NAIA membership. This initiative has proven effective; last year, we received 12 membership applications—the highest in the past decade.

Collaboration is crucial to our success in recruitment, with NAIA members involved in 80% of our current recruitment efforts. We encourage our members to support this initiative by connecting us with potential schools. If you know of any institutions interested in joining or have contacts who might be a good fit, please reach out to Nick Davidson at ndavidson@naia.org.

NAIA Championship Streaming

The NAIA has entered into an agreement with Urban Edge Network to offer free streaming of NAIA national championships. Starting in fall 2024, all NAIA national championship final sites (excluding men's and women's wrestling) will be streamed for free through Urban Edge Network and the NAIA Network. In addition to live streaming, the NAIA Network will provide on-demand viewing, and NAIA members will have access to download clips of championship highlights.

NAIA Brand Advocacy

The NAIA has introduced brand advocacy as a core pillar in its 2024-2027 strategic plan for the first time. To lead this initiative, the NAIA has partnered with a Kansas City-based marketing firm known for its rapid growth and expertise. The initiative, set to unfold over three years, aims to enhance the NAIA's visibility and reputation within higher education and intercollegiate athletics. The campaign, which began in July, is scheduled to launch in early 2025.

Key objectives include:

- Marketing effectively to potential members and retaining current ones
- Strengthening affinity for the NAIA among members and student-athletes
- Equipping members to advocate for the NAIA
- Engaging industry influencers to boost the NAIA's brand presence





NAIA WOMEN'S AND MEN'S LACROSE 2026 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

HISTORY: The NAIA is planning to host the Lacrosse Championships in the same week to increase interest and competition among potential host cities. This strategy aims to boost fan attendance, enhance economic impact, and create cost-saving synergies, which will encourage greater local investment in the championships.

LEADING PROPOSAL: The following schedule at the Championship is being proposed in the new plan:

Monday – Gender A (Quarterfinal Round)
Tuesday – Gender B (Quarterfinal Round)
Wednesday – Gender A (Semifinal Round)
Thursday – Gender B (Semifinal Round)
Friday – Gender A (Championship)
Saturday – Gender B (Championship)

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES: The National Office would adopt one of the following schedules to hold the Championship:

5 th ANNUAL WOMEN'S LACROSSE	INAUGURAL MEN'S LACROSSE
April 30 – May 3, 2025 Memorial Stadium Savannah, Georgia	May 7-10, 2025 Memorial Stadium Savannah, Georgia
Future Dates: 2026: May 6-9 –TBD 2027: May 5-8 –TBD 2028: May 3-6 –TBD 2029: May 2-5 – TBD	Future Dates: 2026: May 13-16 –TBD 2027: May 12-15 –TBD 2028: May 10-13 –TBD 2029: May 9-12 - TBD



Men's Lacrosse Sport Motion #1

Coaches Vote:

MOTION:

Film Exchange Policy

a. Hudl will be used to handle all film exchange.

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/dc702434/LYpulelrMUCRUEg43xYnbA?u=http://www.hudl.com/> – (point of contact still needs to be found)

b. Matches are to be uploaded by 12 PM the next day after a weekday match and by 12 PM on the following Monday after a Saturday match as closely as Hudl allows.

c. The camera must be at the best possible elevated position.

i. The host school is responsible for posting all matches.

d. Any violation of this policy will be reported to the sport chair

i. League chair to report to commissioner.

ii. The first violation is a warning and locked out of system.

iii. Second violation and beyond is \$100 fine per violation

RATIONALE:

Just like the higher levels of college lacrosse, film share will allow for a much more balanced playing field where teams with smaller staffs or less time available will still have the ability to put together adequate scouting reports for their teams.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

Has been a thing at the higher levels of lacrosse for years, including the IWLCA open film exchange.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

A Hudl account, around \$500 if not already had for the team

START DATE:

2025-26



Men's Lacrosse Sport Motion #2

Coaches Vote:

MOTION:

NAIA ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

All-America awards are annually bestowed on the most outstanding athletes in the NAIA. Criteria for the awards and the procedures for selection and implementation are established by the Awards & Statistics Subcommittee of the National Administrative Council (NAC). Please note some sports recognize All-America status by order of finish, while others require submission of materials and selection at the conference/CAC/unaffiliated group levels.

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The NAIA Men's Lacrosse All-America Teams are selected by the NAIA-MLCA Executive Committee. In addition to the Executive Committee, four coaches (selected by the Executive Committee prior to the start of the season) also serve on the selection committee. It is recommended that these four additional members represent at least three different conferences.

Conference offices must submit one goalkeeper, three attackmen, three midfielders, three defensemen, one long-stick midfielder (LSM), one defensive midfielder, and one face-off specialist to the National Office for consideration on the All-America Ballot.

(New) Additionally, each conference may submit up to four Second Team All-Conference honorees to be included in the National All-America Ballot; however, these additional nominees are only eligible for selection to the Third Team All-America.

The All-America Committee shall select a First Team, Second Team, and Third Team, each consisting of one goalkeeper, three attackmen, three midfielders, three defensemen, one LSM, one defensive midfielder, and one face-off specialist.

The Third Team may exceed these positional numbers based on the inclusion of any Conference Players of the Year who were not otherwise selected to the First, Second, or Third Teams.

Honorable Mentions will not be awarded.

RATIONALE:

Over the last couple years, there have been multiple players who have missed out on All-American status simply because their conference is stacked with talent. Having the option to put up some second-team guys will allow for the more deserving players in the country to get properly awarded.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

Already a standard on the women's lacrosse side of the things

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

A Hudl account, around \$500 if not already had for the team

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Women's Lacrosse Sport Motion #1

Coaches Vote:

MOTION:

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

RATIONALE:

This provides an opportunity to honor them publicly and with their teams. Provides an opportunity for the Coach of the Year to speak briefly and address the award.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

Previously done in 2019 when Men's & Women's Lacrosse were combined into the same week.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

START DATE:

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