



2026 NAIA-BCA Business Meeting (Virtual)

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Call to Order at 11:08 am CST Kirstin Foster, *William Penn (Iowa)*
- Attendance: Michael Kay, *Men's and Women's Saint Xavier (Ill.)*; Kirstin Foster, *Men's and Women's William Penn (Iowa)*; Katie Thornton, *Men's and Women's SCAD-Savannah*; Mitchell Whitehead, *Men's and Women's McPherson (Kan.)*; Casey Suchor, *Men's and Women's Baker (Kan.)*; John Michalenko, *Men's and Women's St. Thomas (Fla.)*; Chris Beall, *Men's and Women's Saint Mary (Kan.)*; Andry Diercks, *Women's Mount Mercy (Iowa)*; Brooke Green, *Men's and Women's Clarke (Iowa)*; Jordan Gray, *Men's and Women's Marian (Ind.)*; Cassidy Courey, *Men's Mount Mercy (Iowa)*; Gerry Lobdell, *Men's and Women's Spring Arbor (Mich.)*; Shalee Bradley, *Men's and Women's Hastings (Neb.)*; Brian Rickert, *Women's Milligan (Tenn.)*; Michael Hall, *Men's Milligan (Tenn.)*; Amber Lemke, *Women's Pikeville (Ky.)*; Chris Karlin, *Men's and Women's Indiana Wesleyan*; Melanie McDaniel, *Women's Governors State (Ill.)*; Andrew Dekowski, *Men's Pikeville (Ky.)*; Damon Helgevold, *Women's Columbia (Mo.)*; Christina Hollis, *Men's and Women's Cumberland (Tenn.)*; Chris Hollis, *Assistant Men's and Women's Cumberland (Tenn.)*; Colton Carrier, *Assistant Men's and Women's Central Methodist (Mo.)*; Brandon Lakes, *Men's and Women's Campbellsville (Ky.)*; Geoff Poston, *Men's and Women's Ottawa (Kan.)*; Michael Maida, *Assistant Men's and Women's Ottawa (Kan.)*; Vince Biondo, *Men's and Women's Judson (Ill.)*; Tom Doyle, *Men's and Women's Union Commonwealth (Ky.)*; Kirk Wyman, *Men's and Women's Grace (Ind.)*; David McGowan, *Men's and Women's Tennessee Wesleyan*; Kyle Kuusela, *Assistant Men's and Women's Hasting (Neb.)*; Herb Halisnki, *Men's and Women's Kansas Wesleyan*; Tony Talley, *Men's and Women's St. Francis (Ill.)*; Steve Gonshorowski, *Men's and Women's Morningside (Iowa)*; Don Griffin, *Men's and Women's Missouri Baptist*; Michael Kubacki, *Men's Calumet-St. Joseph (Ind.)*; Linda Olszewski, *Women's Calumet-St. Joseph (Ind.)*; Amber Brubaker, *Men's and Women's Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio)*; Dylan Elsworth, *Men's and Women's Briar Cliff (S.D.)*; Kevin Duncan, *Men's and Women's Central Methodist (Mo.)*

II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTRODUCTION

- President: Katie Thornton, SCAD Savannah (Ga.)
- Vice President: Kirstin Foster, William Penn University (Iowa)
- Secretary: Michael Kay, Saint Xavier University (Ill.)
- NAC Liaison: Eric Ward, Commissioner, WHAC

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Approval of 2026 Agenda
 - Motion to approve: Hollis, Cumberlands (Tenn.) / Beall, Saint Mary (Kan.)
 - Vote: 52-0-0

IV. APPROVAL OF 2025 NAIA-BCA MEETING MINUTES

- [2025 NAIA-BCA Annual Business Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Motion to approve: Halisnki, Kansas Wesleyan / Karlin, Indiana Wesleyan

V. OLD BUSINESS & REPORTS

- No old business to report
- National Office Report – *Candice Fabry, NAIA Championship Manager*



- Candice Fabry, Sport Manager, role is to support coaches association with motions that address rules and policies that the coaching body feel would benefit the sport of bowling for NAIA teams. Eric Ward is the Bowling NAC Liaison and the NAC meets in April and June, bowling motions approved through this process will be heard in June. Lansing will host the 2027 championship, and bids are being accepted through June 1, 2026 for the 2028 and 2029 championships. BowlTV was used to stream Thursday to Saturday of the 2026 Men's and Women's Bowling Championships, and plans are to use the streaming services again in 2027. NAC continues their post-season comprehensive review, expanding their work from last year's ARC realignment. Finally, the 5 seasons of competition legislation decision was communicated to membership in late January that it was going to be tabled and evaluated further, and therefore, would not be heard at the April 2026 convention.
- National Championship Recap - *Candice Fabry, NAIA Championship Manager*
 - Lansing Sport Commission was a first time host for 2026. The effort was made to bring back Teaming Up for Character event line-up and was well reviewed by participants. Royal Scot center was positively reviewed as a venue for the championship. A banquet style student-athlete experience received overall positive reviews in survey from student-athletes, coaches, and administrators. On the Men's side, Mount Mercy (Iowa) were named the 2026 Champions. On the Women's side, Pikeville were named the 2026 Champions
- Bowling Regular Season Report – *Kirstin Foster, Vice President, BCA Executive Committee*
 - NAIA Invite October 16-18, Addison, IL
 - NAIA Regional Nov, Louisville, KY
 - NAIA Invite in January in Smyrna
 - 41 events that don't compete on Sunday
- Bowling Statistics Report – *Candice Fabry and Steve Wilson, NAIA*
 - Evaluation and review of RPI release dates, stat policies, and Bowsheets procedures for 2026-2027 internally for NAIA staff members, along with third-party suppliers of these statistics. A reminder that 100% participation in reporting to Bowsheets is the responsibility of the schools.
- National Selection Committee Criteria Report – *Michael Kay, Secretary, BCA Executive Committee*
 - A mock version of the selection committee data was shared with attendees of the meeting to understand how the data is sorted and presented to the committee for use in the meetings. Candice further described the process used within the meeting, citing the Selection Committee Policy found on the Coaches Corner page for those with additional questions.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- **Sport Motion #1**
 - All-America Committee criteria updated to:
 - The selection committee will determine which players **qualify** for All-American consideration based upon the following
 - Top 50 Average
 - Top 25 Average Differential
 - Top 5, Top 10 and 1st place finishes for individual standings
 - 400 frame minimum
 - a. The Field Average (F-AVG) is included to show the average of all of the bowlers separated by gender in the events the listed player has participated in.



- b. The Average Differential (A-DIFF) shows the difference between the average of the listed player and the field average for the events the listed player has participated in.
 - Upon those that meet the qualification criteria the committee uses a statistical system weighing each category to rank players based upon their season statistics in both individual and baker format. Statistics used were as follows:
 - a. Top 1 5%
 - b. Top 5 5%
 - c. Top 10 5%
 - d. Top 25 5 %
 - e. Strike percentage 5%
 - f. Average 15%
 - g. Average Differential 15%
 - h. Overall fill percentage 15%
 - i. Average first ball 10%
 - j. Makeable Spare Percentage 10%
 - k. Single Pin Percentage 10%
- Discussion:
 - Concern over the inclusion of statistics a, b, and c based on each tournament size is different. How to disperse the 15% then centered around increases to makeable spares, overall fill percentage and average first ball.
- Friendly amendment on the floor proposed by Diercks, *Mount Mercy (Iowa)*. Second Hollis, *Cumberland (Tenn.)*
 - Eliminate a, b, and d from the motion. Increase makeable spares to 15%, overall fill percentage to 20%, and average first ball to 10%
- Motion to approve: Lemke, *Pikeville (Ky.)* / Hollis, *Cumberland (Tenn.)*
- Vote: 57-0-2
- **Sport Motion #2**
 - Alignment with USBC limits and requirements of sponsorship logos on uniforms
 - No discussion.
 - Motion to approve: Diercks, *Mount Mercy (Iowa)* / Kubacki, *Calumet-St Jospeh (Ind.)*
 - Vote: 56-0-0
- **Sports Motion #3**
 - USBC Sectionals and Nationals to be approved as post-season play and not to count towards the NAIA Frequency of Play Limits
 - Both sectionals and nationals of USBC have qualifying standards that teams must meet in order to participate.
 - No discussion
 - Motion to approve: Hollis, *Cumberland (Tenn.)* / Kay, *Saint Xavier (Ill.)*
 - Vote: 55-0-0
- **Sports Motion #4**
 - TCPI added to the primary criteria for National Selection process for at-large selections and seeding for the Men's and Women's National Championships
 - Discussion:
 - TCPI data make-up is not a BCA approved make-up of statistics. Not everyone is submitting Bowlsheets as required currently.
 - The motion was laid on the table.
- **Sports Motion #5**



- Once the selections for the National Championship Tournament has been finalized and announced, the National Selection Committee will make available and publish any and all data and information gathered and utilized in the final selection process.
- Discussion:
 - Accessibility of data points over the course of the season and in postseason.
 - Process of selection and post-selection for teams that have questions.
- Motion to approve: Duncan, *Central Methodist (Mo.)* / McGowan, *Tennessee Wesleyan*
- Vote: 11-29-8
- **Bowling Coaches Association Executive Committee**
 - Secretary Nomination - Amber Lemke, *Pikeville (Ky.)*
 - Thornton, *SCAD-Savannah* / Hollis, *Cumberland (Tenn.)*
 - Straw Poll: 56-0-0
- **Motion on the Floor**
 - Begin the Men's and Women's Bowling competition on Wednesday due to length of mega match games and assisting with relationship with center host
 - Motion to approve: Diercks, *Mount Mercy (Iowa)* / McGowan, *Tennessee Wesleyan*
 - Vote: 39-5-2

VI. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Potential options for tournament format related to championship and schedule between the days.
 - Final match a best of 7 instead of Mega Match
 - Final match a best of 7, but also double elimination if applicable
 - Shortening mega matches format to 4 baker, best of 5?
 - Expansion to 16 teams in the future

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn at 12:53 pm

McGowan, *Tennessee Wesleyan* / Beall, *Saint Mary (Kan.)*