



2026 NAIA-NABC Business Meeting Agenda

NABC Convention – Indianapolis, Indiana

Indiana Convention Center

Room: Room 125/126

Thursday, April 2, 2026 – 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM CT

I. INTRODUCTIONS

(Kyle Blankenship)

- a. Introduction of Executive Committee
 - President – Kyle Blankenship, LSU Shreveport
 - First Vice President – Justin Parnell, Oregon Tech
 - Second Vice President – Delton Deal, Nelson (Tx.)
 - Secretary – Chase Teichmann, Georgia Gwinnett
 - Past President – Mark Svagera, Briar Cliff (Ia.)
 - NAC Liaison – Chad Briscoe, Grace (In.)

II. SPONSORSHIPS VISITS

- a. Ballogy Shawn Jones, Trace Young
- b. Gared Drew Peterson

III. AWARD RECOGNITION

(Rick Daum)

- a. NAIA Coach of the Year
- b. NABC-NAIA Coach of the Year

IV. COACHING MILESTONES

(Kyle Blankenship)

- a. 100 Wins
 - a. Tigh Compton, Pikeville (Ky.)
 - b. Leonard Epps, Brewton-Parker (Ga.)
 - c. Eddie Alexander, Bushnell (Ore.)
 - d. Marcus "Chief" Bryant, Keiser (Fla.)
 - e. Matt Daniel, University of the Cumberlands (Ky.)
- b. 200 Wins
 - a. Danny Neville, Rocky Mountain (Mont.)
 - b. Alfred Williams, Xavier (La.)
 - c. Jared Ronai, Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio)
- c. 500 Wins
 - a. Scott Sanderson, Faulkner (Ala.)
 - b. Donnie Bostwick, Oklahoma Wesleyan
- d. 800 Wins
 - a. Steve Knight, William Carey (Miss.)
 - b. Kim Elders, Cornerstone (Mich.)

V. REPORTS

(Executive Committee)

- a. Selection Committee Report Delton Deal
- b. All-American Committee Report Justin Parnell
- c. NABC Report Ryan Moody
- d. National Office Report Rick Daum

VI. APPROVAL OF 2025 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

(Kyle Blankenship)



VII. OLD BUSINESS (Kyle Blankenship)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (Kyle Blankenship)

- a. Sport Motion #1 – Minimum Required Rest
- b. Sport Motion #2 – Poll and ARC Voters

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION (Kyle Blankenship)

- a. Creation of an analytics taskforce
- b. Topics introduced on the floor

X. NOMINATION OF NAIA-NABC SECRETARY (Kyle Blankenship)

- a. Solicitation of nominations from the floor

XI. ADJOURNMENT (Kyle Blankenship)



Coach's Guide: Legislation, Policies & Sport Rules

A coaches association takes action through sport motions, but different processes apply for motions that implicate sport rules, policy changes and legislative amendments.

Sport Rule: Sport rules are those specific rules that dictate on-field conduct and playing rules of the game. The NAIA has adopted the NCAA rulebook in nearly all sports (exceptions: tennis, golf, competitive cheer and dance), though specific NAIA rule modifications can be made by the coaches association and National Administrative Council (NAC). The NAIA may have some general policies that apply to game management or conduct in competition (e.g. suspensions resulting from ejections, etc.), but these NAIA policies only apply if the sport rule is silent or more lenient. Sport rule books can be found on each "Coaches Corner" page (www.naia.org)

How to make a change:

- Sport motion by coaches association
- Must be approved by NAC
- Will be considered an NAIA rule modification

Policy: Regulations found in the official policy sections of the handbook. Each governing council of the NAIA has a policy section that covers specific topics within that council's purview. The NAC oversees all coaches association and any issues arising from coaches associations. Policy can be changed at the will of the council. NAC, COP, CFAR and CSA policy can be found in the NAIA Handbook (www.naia.org/legislative)

How to make a change:

- Sport motion by coaches association
- Changes to NAC Policy: Must be approved by full NAC (occurs at convention or NACDA). Will be added to the NAC policy.
- Changes to COP, CFAR or CSA policy: Coaches associations do not have a direct line to propose changes in these policies. Should a sport motion apply to one of these policy sections, the sport's officers and national office liaison can share the motion with the applicable council as a recommendation. It will be that council's discretion to determine if any action is warranted.

Legislation: Anything found in the NAIA Constitution or Bylaws. Any change or amendment to the constitution or bylaws can only be done through a vote of the full membership at the annual NAIA national convention. The constitution and bylaws can be found in the NAIA Handbook (www.naia.org/legislative)

How to make a change:

- Any association, council, standing committee or conference can sponsor a legislative amendment, and in some cases a co-sponsor is required. (Coaches associations must receive co-sponsorship from any of those groups except another coaches association.)
- Proposals must be submitted to the office by mid-January.
- All submitted proposals that have requisite co-sponsorship will be voted on by the full membership at the annual convention.



NAIA National Office Report

Approved Legislation from the 2025 Annual Business Meeting

- Adjusted RPI formula percentages to the following:
 - 30% Winning Percentage
 - 50% Opponents Winning Percentage
 - 20% Opponents Opponents Winning Percentage
- Moved Strength of Schedule from primary to secondary criteria in the National Selection Policy.
- Adopted media timeout policy used in National Championship play for all regular season and conference tournament games.

NAIA Membership Recruitment and Retention

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 Championship Streaming

The NAIA is entering 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.

In year two, the national office has expanded coverage to include early-round competitions during national championships.

For winter 2026:

- All Men’s and Women’s Basketball First & Second Round Games were streamed free (126 games total, between two tournaments)
- Basketball championships drew 1,200,000+ in viewership including 133,841 for the Men’s Basketball National Championship game.

Opening Round Host Site Policy Update

A new evaluation system has been approved to assess host institutions during national championship preliminary rounds. The system includes two categories of offenses – primary and secondary – to ensure consistent hosting standards.

Offense Structure:

- One primary offense = one strike
- Two secondary offenses = one strike



Consequence:

- **One strike:** Institution becomes ineligible to host that sport's opening round the following year
- **Two strikes within the same year:** Institution becomes ineligible to host any postseason event the following year.

To support host sites, the national office is implementing a daily reporting system for preliminary round locations to identify and correct issues in real time.

Postseason Selection

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 Area Ratings Committees (ARCs) to establish comparable structures across most sports
- Standardized key operational practices, including:
 - Each National selection Committee meets four times per season
 - ARC Ratings released on a unified four-cycle schedule
 - Final ARC ratings published on the same day of the final National Selection Committee meeting
- These updates aim to enhance transparency, uniformity and clarity in the national selection process.



2025 NAIA-NABC Business Meeting Minutes

NABC Convention – San Antonio, Texas
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
Room: Convention Center Room 305
Thursday, April 3, 2025 – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM CT

Call to Order:

Mark Svagera

Attendees: Mark Svagera, Briar Cliff (Ia.); Jusin Parnell, Oregon Tech.; Ryan Moody, Benedictine (Ks.); Matt Sheran, Central Methodist (Mo.); Sean Dooley, Baker (Ks.); Hudson Welty, Southeastern (Fl.); David Osborn, Trinity Christian (Ill.); Justin Newton, Reinhardt (Ga.); Ryan Marks, St. Francis (Ill.); Hunter Huff, Aquinas (Mi.); Ryan Bertoia, Aquinas (Mi.); Ken Angel, Milligan (Tn.); Bill Robinson, Milligan (Tn.); Marcus Bryant, Keiser (Fl.); Max Spinner, Keiser (Fl.); Kevin Williamson, Dakota Wesleyan; Austin Johnson, Lewis-Clark State (Id.); Mike Hunter, Shawnee State (Oh.); Ian McKeithen, Doane (Neb.); Shane Corneliussen, Pacific Union (Calif.); Jason Beschta, John Brown (Ar.); TJ Eskildsen, McPherson (Ks.); Tayo Gem, Multnomah (Ore.); Cam Schuknecht, Midland (Neb.); Landon Banks, Pacific Union (Calif.); Quin Rice, Rochester Christian (Mich.); Kim Elders, Cornerstone (Mich.); Josh Austin, Williams Baptist (Ar.); Noah Ellis, Williams Baptist (Ar.); Zach Moss, St. Thomas (Fl.); Jamon Copeland, Ave Maria (Fl.); Jerred Cook, Westcliff (Calif.); Ethan Gager, Tabor (Ks.); Howard White Jr., Rust (Ms.); Tanner Heick, Taylor (Ind.); Stehen Drabyn Jr., Bethel (Ind.); Dorian Hobbs Jr., Culver-Stockton (Mo.); Tyler Erwin, Midland (Neb.); Erik Bowen, Goshen (Ind.); Danny Neville, Rocky Mountain (Mt.); Clint Galyean, Wayland Baptist (Tx.); Chris Wright, Langston (Ok.); Deon Williams, Brewton-Parker (Ga.); Leonard Epps, Brewton-Parker (Ga.); John Henry, William Penn (Ia.); Justin Cardosa, St. Thomas (Fla.); Caleb Muthiah, Indiana Wesleyan; Bruce Fields, Judson (Ill.); Benjamin Chinn, Indiana University Northwest; Mitchell Fink, Oregon Tech; Stephen Halstead, Grace (Ind.); Matt O'Brien, Southwestern (Ks.); Chase Teichmann, Georgia Gwinnett; Jesse Repay, Florida College; Ken French, Oakland City (Ind.); Bryce Beavers, Mobile (Al.); Joshua Mendoza, Florida Memorial; John A. Smith, Huston-Tillotson (Tx.); Deland Thomas, Florida Memorial; Rick Daum, NAIA;

Sponsor Visits:

Hudl covers how to connect with them and top ways to assist teams in various technology efforts. Ballogy details AI assisted shooting coach to elevate summer workouts for players.

Committee Report – National Selection:

Ryan Marks

Discussion: The process that the National Selection committee goes through to choose field was explained. Highlighted that the process is very indepth, and there is a key on 70% anonymous vote to make it into the field and in the seeding. For bubble teams, there are frequently strong arguments on either side. Analytics are heavily used and have gotten better over the years, yet there is a continued push to tweak and improve these. Finally, NAIA is involved in arranging bracket to account for travel and conference matchups. Every effort is made for as little movement as possible as compared to committee's original seeding of teams.



Committee Report – All America:

Justin Parnell

Highlighted the process of selecting All America teams is similar to National Selection. All regions are represented and votes are cast anonymously to determine teams. Many deserving players left off due to more talent than there is room on teams.

National Office Report:

Rick Daum

Highlighted importance of coaches input and feedback. The amount of coaches in attendance in San Antonio was commended. National Office is putting a high priority on member recruitment and retention. Branding is another area of strategic focus as NAIA seeks to position itself as the athletics association focused on the needs of and in support of the student-athletes.

Approval of 2024 Business Meeting Minutes

Motion: French/Copeland

Vote: 37-0-0

Sport Motion #1: Standardized Timeout Policy

Discussion: Point was made that this was discussed recently at the convention, when a standardized timeout policy was first implemented at the National Tournament. The similar motion was voted down at the NAC level due to the focus on giving the conferences and their member schools the ability to vote on if they'd like to implement this. Most coaches agree this would be a positive consistency to have in the regular season and now that it's been successful at the national tournament, it is a possibility that administrators agree this should be a broad-based policy.

Motion: Blankenship/Marks

Vote: 38-0-0

Sport Motion #2: ARC Realignment

Discussion: Explained that due to dissolution of the North Star Athletic Association, the NAC seeks a recommendation from the coaching body as to how to realign. There should be an emphasis on balancing the number of teams in each ARC as well as an eye for geographic alignment. It is explained that because ARC rankings are not compared in National Selection outside of that region, (IE: a high ranking in a weaker ARC is not considered a selection argument against a lower ranking in a stronger ARC) that there is no advantage or disadvantage to a conference being realigned into a different area.

Motion: Copeland/French

Vote: 40-0-0

Sport Motion #3: RPI Formula Adjustment

Discussion: These changes have been looked at for the last half of the year by the executive committee and others submitting ideas. The proposed change is a slight adjustment, and the data attached shows that most teams experience little movement. This creates a higher emphasis on winning which is a controllable factor, and less of an emphasis on strength of schedule, which is less controllable. It also could have an unintended consequence in a positive way of encouraging more NAIA teams to play each other in non-conference, because the rewards for winning is reflected in a higher winning percentage weight.

Motion: Deal/Smith

Vote: 37-2-0



Sport Motion #4: Move SOS to Secondary Criteria

Discussion: Moving SOS to the secondary criteria lessens the impact of SOS, which is currently used as a factor in many of the other primary criteria. This can be seen as a redundancy in evaluation of teams. The comparison was made to the Net Efficiency criteria which was successfully shifted to secondary selection criteria last year. There is also a consideration that less primary criteria will allow the selection committee to take a more focused approach as there is already a significant amount of data to analyze.

Motion: Moody/French

Vote: 33-5-1

Nominations for NAIA-MBCA Exec.: Chase Teichmann, Georgia Gwinnett; Tomas Brock, Columbia (Mo.)

Motion to Adjourn: Deal/Moody

Vote: 40-0-0



Men's Basketball Sport Motion #1

MOTION:

To require a minimum of 22 hours of rest between start times of games in NAIA postseason play. If a team plays the latest game in a bracket at 7:00 pm, the earliest they can play the following day is 5:00 pm.

RATIONALE:

Back-to-back games are physically and mentally demanding. The health and safety of the student-athletes and coaches should be the top priority in postseason play, superseding any semblance of competitive advantage.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

Current NAIA policies for postseason play indicate 18 hours of rest between contests. This is an antiquated policy that stems from the former 32 team single site bracket. In the combined divisions format, especially with the opening rounds, it is reasonable to have an updated rest policy that protects student-athletes.

Current language in the First & Second Round Manual states:

"The time schedule shall be so drawn as to permit a minimum of 18 hours between starting times of games or any given team. The tournament draw may cause an exception to this rule."

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

START DATE:

2026-2027



Men's Basketball Sport Motion #2

MOTION:

To allow NAIA conferences the option to select two separate coaches to represent the conference for the ARC and as a voter in the NAIA Top 25 poll. This motion does not mandate the positions are held by separate coaches, however encourages the opportunity for the roles to be occupied by two coaches. The conference may choose to keep the same coach in both roles.

RATIONALE:

Allows for more coaches to get involved at the national / regional level of NAIA basketball. Frees up the same person from the commitment to both and the time involved to do it right during January and February.

HISTORY BEHIND MOTION:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

START DATE:

2026-2027