



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

Call to Order:

Kyle Blankenship

Attendees: Kyle Blankenship, LSU Shreveport; Delton Deal, Nelson (Tx.); Chase Teichmann, Georgia Gwinnett; Mark Svagera, Briar Cliff (Iowa); Justin Parnell, Oregon Tech; Jacob Heck, Caroline (N.C.); Ryan McDaniel, Georgia Gwinnett; Braden VanBart, Georgia Gwinnett; Quin Rice, Rochester Christian (Mi); Adam Hooker, Harris-Stowe State (Mo.); Ken French, Oakland City (Ind.); Tahj Mitchell, Oakland City (Ind.); Tristan Popa, Oakland City (Ind.); Shane Corneliusen, Pacific Union (Ore.); Landon Banks, Pacific Union (Ore.); Jameus Hartsfield, Talladega (Al.); Patrick Scipio, Talladega (Al.); Benjamin Chinni, IU Northwest; Javier Heridia, IU Northwest; Rufus Williams, William Penn (Iowa); Cole Henry, William Penn (Iowa); John Henry, William Penn (Iowa); Todd Lorensen, Graceland (Iowa); Matt Dickman, Graceland (Iowa); Matt Sherman, Central Methodist (Mo.); Sean Dooley, Baker (Kan.); Ryan Moody, Benedictine (Kan.); Matt Worwood, Texas A&M Texarkana; Ryan Marks, St. Francis (Ill.); Chris Kemp, Eastern Oregon; Aaron Haus, Bethany (Kan.); Ian McKeithen, Doane (Neb.); Collin Authier, Mount Marty (S.D.); Jacob Shaw, St. Thomas (Fla.); Zach Moss, St. Thomas (Fla.); Tim MacAllister, Coastal Georgia; Jamon Copeland, Ave Maria (Fla.); Hudson Welty, Southeastern (Fla.); Max Spinner, Keiser (Fla.); Blake Jackson, Spartanburg Methodist (S.C.); DeQuan Powell, Spartanburg Methodist (S.C.); Ty Brooks, New College of Florida; Will Drescher, Warner (Fla.); Richard Morgan, Reinhardt (Ga.); Trey Lindsey, Loyola (La.); Alex Ireland, Dalton State (Ga.); Jason Beschta, John Brown (Ark.); Tyler Erwin, Midland (Neb.); Alfred Williams, Xavier (La.); Jon Yeh, Truett McConnell (Ga.); Rick Daum, NAIA

NABC Executive Director Visit

Craig Robinson

Discussion: NABC shared insight into their meetings relevant to their work supporting college basketball coaches. Top issues that coaches at any level are dealing with are frequency and culture around transferring. This has extended to agents and other coaches formally and informally recruiting players to their next destination during the season. This is a widespread problem that is prevalent in the game today. NIL dollars have also become a factor for coaches to weigh in the recruiting process. Finally, NAIA coaches share that they are seeing a great degree of misinformation and uncertainty around players about how much eligibility they have remaining. The NABC is fighting to improve transfer rules, get a grasp on NIL recruitment and produce clarity around player eligibility through various methods. One potential solution would be pushing for an age limit implementations, or a system to reward players who start and graduate from the same institution. The NABC will continue to update the NAIA Executive Committee with what other associations are doing so all coaches can best prepare their programs for upcoming changes.

Committee Report – National Selection:

Delton Deal

Discussion: What seems to be working well about the current process is the forced diversity of perspective and geography of the makeup of the committee. Coaches who are selected to represent their ARCs have done a great job understanding the resumes of teams within their region and starting their case to the rest of the National Selection Committee. As always, the most discussion and scrutiny is spent on the analysis of the final teams entering the field. Over time, the process and analytics that the committee is provide continue to improve.



Committee Report – All American Committee:

Justin Panrell

Discussion: It's clear that due to limited slots and only three teams on which to place players that the quality of player making an All American team is extremely high. The committee values winning at a high level, in addition to the individual contributions of players. This year, the committee met for over three hours and used a similar, anonymous voting process to select players after hearing from regional coaches about the impact of players being discussed. The addition of NABC-NAIA All-Region teams, given to the top 15 players in each region was a positive addition this year and well received by the group.

NABC Report

Ryan Moody

Discussion: Much of the important items to report from NABC meetings were done by Executive Director Robinson, however it was relayed to coaches that the NAIA has a seat at the table in these meetings and the NABC does a great job of keeping our Executive Committee informed on developments across college basketball.

National Office Report

Rick Daum

Discussion: It was emphasized that changes in basketball start from coaches putting forward thoughtful motions and those changes being approved by the coaching body as a whole, then being passed by the National Administrative Council. Streaming changes to move to a free broadcast model for NAIA National Championships have been successful in increasing viewership. Now, the NAIA has agreed upon standards for First & Second Round Men's Basketball sites to create a level of consistency and a baseline of quality at each site.

Sport Motion #1 – Minimum Required Rest

Kyle Blankenship

Discussion: This motion centered around creating a mandatory established minimum rest of 22 hours that each team is guaranteed between a Friday First Round Game and a Saturday Second Round Game. The current policy is 18 hours and is written in a language that states that host institutions have some wiggle room if there are conflicting events on campus that may make it difficult to meet an 18 hour rest period. Proponents of this motion argued that hosts will schedule games to give themselves the most possible advantage and more rest time is needed. Others shared that often times host schools play second on Friday, and opt for larger crowds as opposed to more rest.

Motion to Approve – Copeland / Welty

Vote: 35-1-0

Sport Motion #2 – Poll and ARC Voters

Kyle Blankenship

Discussion: Currently, conferences select one individual to serve as the top 25 poll voter and that individual also serves as the conference representative in ARC meetings. The rationale to give conferences the option to split these responsibilities up is two-fold. First, it will allow more coaches to be involved at a regional and national level. Currently there are limited opportunities to do so and this will allow for more interaction and growth in the coaching profession. Second, there is a limited amount of time that coaches have and participating in multiple commitments during the season in addition to their coaching duties is time consuming.

Motion to Approve – Moody / Svagera

Vote: 38-0-0

Open Discussion

Formation of Analytic Taskforce

Discussion: The Executive Committee is going to put together a taskforce of basketball coaches, and other knowledgeable individuals to study the analytics used in the National Selection Process. Currently, there are recognized limitations of our current system. One need is for a predictive analytic instead of a result based analytic. With a year long



commitment to analysis of the current metrics, it is the goal of the taskforce to put a proposal in front of the coaches at the 2027 Annual Business Meeting.

Quad Records

Discussion: There is consideration that the range of RPI's that make up each quad need to be re-analyzed. This is something that the Executive Committee can spend time studying over the next year.

Officiating

Discussion: It was noted that the final site in Kansas City was officiated with less fouls called than in many regions across the country during the regular season. Coaches asked for an opportunity to meet with the final site assigner before the games begin and also receive information on points of emphasis communicated to NAIA officials before the regular season. It was noted before national tournament games, both at the final site and early round pods, some coaches did not know who the officiating crew would be until the game began.

Secretary Nominations

Discussion: The following individuals were nominated to be on the ballot for the Secretary position in the Executive Committee: Javier Heridia, IU Northwest; Sean Dooley, Baker (Kan.); Scott Moore, Grace (Ind.); Jason Beschta, John Brown (Ark.); Alex Ireland, Dalton State (Ga.); Jamon Copeland, Ave Maria (Fla.); Matt O'Brian, Southwestern (Kan.)



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:

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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.
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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

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