

Attached are the proposals and topics that are up for consideration, along with a mail ballot.

Please review the proposals and vote where appropriate (club teams vote for club proposals, varsity for varsity, all teams vote for the general proposals).

In addition to the proposals, make sure you cast your ballot for the Board of Director and Board of Review selections. There is no requirement that the coaching categories in these two Boards be filled with either a varsity or club coach. All nominees are eligible, as well as any write-in candidates.

Ballots are due June 3rd at 12:00 Noon unless attending the meeting in person.

General Proposals (All teams eligible to vote)
Proposal G1

Sponsor: League Office

Division(s) Affected by Proposal All CWPA teams

Proposal

Change the name of the All-Academic Award to the Scholar-Athlete award

Statement of intent (one sentence)

To improve recognition and avoid references to the GTE award

Statement of financial impact expected on member teams

none

Current policy that the proposal seeks to change

Award is currently named All-Academic

Rationale for proposal

Changing the name helps distance the award from the CoSIDA awards provided and provides better recognition.

Proposal G2

Sponsor: League Office

Division(s) Affected by Proposal All CWPA teams

Proposal

Create the CWPA Outstanding Student-Athlete Award

Statement of intent (one sentence)

To honor an individual athlete for outstanding academic, community, and athletic success.

Statement of financial impact expected on member teams

award cost

Current policy that the proposal seeks to change

None

Rationale for proposal

Many conferences have an award such as this and its establishment would not only correct this disparity, but provide a great opportunity to recognize some of our best graduates.

For a listing of the criteria and proposed selection process, see the attachment. If this proposal passes, teams are providing the CWPA office staff the right to revise the selection criteria as necessary, given appropriate balance between the various elements.

Club Proposals

Proposal C1 (women's club teams eligible to vote)

Seeding Process for the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship

Author: League Office

Proposal

The top eight division winners will be seeded according to their division's finish the prior season. Places nine and ten will be reserved for the top two division runner-ups in order of their division's finish. The remaining places will be filled with the divisions according to their division's finish the prior season, with random draws used to break ties in placing. Using 2008 as the example:

Current Seeding

- 1st Position: Sierra Pacific Division
- 2nd Position: Pacific Coast Division
- 3rd Position: Big Ten Conference
- 4th Position: Northwest Division
- 5th Position: Mid Atlantic Division
- 6th Position: Southwest Division
- 7th Position: North Atlantic Division
- 8th Position: Southeast Division
- 9th Position: Midwest Division
- 10th Position: New England Division
- 11th Position: Texas Division
- 12th Position: New York Division
- 13th Position: Heartland Division
- 14th Position: Pacific Coast Division Runner-Up
- 15th Position: Sierra Pacific Division Runner-Up
- 16th Position: Host/North West Division Runner-Up

Proposed change

- 1st Position: Sierra Pacific Division
- 2nd Position: Pacific Coast Division
- 3rd Position: Big Ten Conference
- 4th Position: Northwest Division
- 5th Position: Mid Atlantic Division
- 6th Position: Southwest Division
- 7th Position: North Atlantic Division
- 8th Position: Southeast Division
- 9th Position: Pacific Coast Division Runner-Up
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Financial Impact

None

Rationale

Introduction of the seeding in this proposal will improve the accuracy of the final placings within the National Championship, allowing the predominantly stronger teams to have an opportunity to finish in the top eight positions, as opposed to being eliminated in the first game.

The seeding will also reduce the number of disparate contests in the following rounds by pairing teams of similar ability as the tournament progresses.

The proposal does not overly benefit the runner-up teams, since it requires a division runner-up to still play one of the top eight finishers from the year prior, regardless of their own division's finish. In addition, it still maintains a process whereby a division's finish the prior season reflects its current seed, which has proven to be very accurate to determine the relative strength of a team as borne out by the results over the years.

Varsity Proposals

Proposal V1

School #1 Sponsoring Proposal Brown
School #2 Sponsoring Proposal Hartwick, MIT

Author _Felix Mercado Brown University

Division(s) Affected by Proposal All CWPA Varsity teams

School #1 Sponsoring Proposal Brown

School #2 Sponsoring Proposal Hartwick & MIT

Proposal (write a paragraph exactly as you want it distributed)

Both these proposals are for the scheduling of the Eastern Championship:

- To move the 2nd day of CWPA Eastern Championships game times up to 2p, 3:30p, 5p, and 6:30p
- Move the start time on Sunday to 10 and move the Championship game to last game of the tournament.

Statement of intent (one sentence)

To improve the championship format.

Statement of financial impact expected on member teams

none

Current policy that the proposal seeks to change

Times for Eastern Championships

Rationale for proposal (no more than 300 words)

- This allows any teams in the semi-finals time to have dinner at a decent time and plenty of rest for the next day. It also shortens the amount of dead time for the other teams.
- Moving the games up an hour is more fan friendly and moving the Championship game to the last game of the tournament it puts the entire focus of the end of the tournament on the awards ceremony and the winning team

CWPA STUDENT-ATHLETE AWARD

The Collegiate Water Polo Association Student-Athlete Award will honor the outstanding senior student-athlete who has achieved success in both the academic and athletic arenas, while possessing a spirit which provides service to the community.

Each CWPA institution shall be eligible to nominate a student-athlete for the award with the recipient being selected based on a points system derived from his/her excellence in each field. Nominees must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.25 and have been named to an All-Conference team.

- Community Service

Service qualifies for 5 points maximum

- CWPA Academic Honors

1 point for each year named to an All-Academic team

- Scholastic Achievement (6-10 points based on cumulative GPA)

6 points (3.25-3.4)

7 points (3.41-3.55)

8 points (3.56-3.70)

9 points (3.71-3.85)

10 points (3.86-4.0)

- Athletic Achievement

1 point awarded for:

First Team All-Conference selection

First Team All-Tournament team selection

2 points awarded for Division MVP selection

3 points awarded for Eastern Championship or National Collegiate Club Championship MVP selection

Nominations due March 1st.

CWPA Legislative Ballot

Ballots must be submitted by June 3rd, 12:00 Noon EST

Team Voting: _____

Coach: _____

Be sure to vote for Board of Review, Board of Directors and all applicable proposals.

Proposals

G1 In favor Opposed Abstain

G2 In favor Opposed Abstain

C1 In favor Opposed Abstain

V1 In favor Opposed Abstain

Elections for Board of Review (select two)

Nominees

Erik Farrar
Head Men's and Women's Coach, Harvard University

Mike Goldhardt
Head Men's Coach, University of Utah

Brian Goodwin
Head Men's and Women's Coach, Middlebury College

Alan Huckins
Head Women's Coach, Hartwick College

Luis Nicolao
Head Men's and Women's Coach, Princeton University

Election for the Board of Directors

Athletic Administrator category: (select one)

Nominees

John Benedick - current CWPA President
Assistant Athletic Director, MIT
Previously served as the President of the Board of Directors

Community/Corporate Category (select one)

Nominees

Mark Gensheimer
Senior Vice-President, Invesmart
Former athlete, Bucknell University
Previously served on the Board of Directors

Coach Category (select two-one replaces a current vacancy)

Nominees

Matt Anderson
Head Women's Coach – University of Michigan
Previously served on the Board of Directors

Erik Farrar
Head Men's and Women's Coach, Harvard University

Mike Goldhardt
Head Men's Coach, University of Utah

Brian Goodwin
Head Men's and Women's Coach, Middlebury College

Felix Mercado
Head Men's and Women's Coach, Brown University

Carl Salyer
Head Women's Coach, University of Maryland

