



US National Collegiate Taekwondo Association

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Spring 2016 NCTA Meeting

April 22, 2016

1. Meeting Opening and Roll Call

The following schools were in attendance:

American University
Brown University
Iowa Central Community College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Princeton University
Stanford University
United States Military Academy
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, San Diego
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Wisconsin-Madison

The following non-member schools were in attendance:

2. President's Remarks

President Russell Ahn mentioned that these 41st National Collegiate Taekwondo Championships were the longest standing collegiate national championships in existence, indeed 10 years earlier than Korea and thanked everyone for being there.

USA Taekwondo Executive Director Keith Ferguson thanked everyone for their hard work and for furthering their taekwondo careers. He noted that USA Taekwondo would be working with NCTA and US Collegiate Taekwondo (UCST) to facilitate NCAA recognition.

Old Business

3. NCAA Recognition Discussion

Coach Tim Ghormley spoke about the history of NCAA recognition efforts by the NCTA. NCAA recognition was pursued by Dr. Ken Min in the early days of the NCTA, but there was insufficient interest at that time. More recently, USCT has been working on an application to recognize women's NCAA taekwondo to help universities comply with Title IX. NCTA looks forward to working with USCT.



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Coach Ghormley continued to note that there are criteria that must be met for a sport to achieve championship status in the NCAA. It must go from 10 schools, to 20 schools, to 40 schools that have athletic departments that fully support and recognize taekwondo. This process can take up to 10 years and can fail at any point along the way if insufficient progress is made. The process is very, very long and difficult although not impossible, but realistic expectations should be set regarding the timeline and likelihood of recognition.

Coach Ghormley noted that while being recognized by the NCAA carries prestige and medical coverage for the athletes, it also confers a number of very restrictive regulations governing what coaches and athletes can and cannot do, including the number of weeks per year that they can work together.

4. Review of Fall 2015 Meeting Minutes (SG Chuang)

The Fall 2015 minutes were reviewed.

5. Treasurer's Report

The financials were reported by Secretary General Dan Chuang.

New Business

6. Safesport Discussion

President Ahn noted that coaching conduct issues have been a topic of discussion at USA Taekwondo. Programs are being developed by USOC to serve as a clearinghouse for coaches to prevent them from moving between sports. NCTA will stay abreast of the latest best practices. Currently all NCTA coaches must be USA Taekwondo members and must thus pass the same background checks that USA Taekwondo members do.

7. 2017 Championships Site

The University of California, San Diego was unanimously chosen as the site of the 2017 NCTA championships.

8. 2017 Summer World University Games Discussion

Dr. Ahn performed a site visit to Taipei, Taiwan, which has reserved a 20,000 seat stadium. The 2017 World University Games are the first games at which taekwondo will be a compulsory event. Taekwondo has the 4th highest medal count of any sport, and with 700 competitors will be the 3rd largest sport. The event will be August 19-26.

9. NCTA Regional Developments (Advisory Board Member Ghormley, Committee Chair)



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Coach Ghormley noted that Pacwest was revived this year with a Pacwest meet at UC Davis. Plans are in place next year for a Western Collegiates.

It was mentioned that the Midwest Collegiate Taekwondo Conference, or MCTC, had 1 tournament this year with 120 school and 9 teams in attendance, including poomsae divisions. Coach Dan Chuang mentioned that the ECTC had 5 tournaments last year and its largest attendance yet with 25 schools and 450 in attendance at some tournaments. The ECTC has also been developing its own tournament committee which has been very effective at running the events.

10. Open discussion

There were no open discussion topics.

11. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.