Fall 2018 NCTA Meeting

Dec. 2, 2018 via Teleconference

1. Meeting Opening and Roll Call

Schools:

UCSD - Haksung Kim
Princeton - Rex Hatfield
MIT - Dan Chuang
Iowa CC - Justin Faiferlick
UVM - Jaime Schulte
UC Berkeley Russell Ahn
Stanford - Tim Ghormley, Vincent Lo
UC Davis - Alex Antipa
UT Austin - Mike Tran, Joe Van, Daniel Yun
American University - Ryan Huang, Richard-Duane Chambers
Brown - Sarah Deitch

Officers:

Mike Wickham Tara Sarathi Sherri Lashomb

2. President's Remarks

President Ahn thanked everyone for their dedication and hard work and was glad to see everyone together on the call.

Old Business

3. 2018 World University Taekwondo Festival Summary (Coach Haksung Kim)

Coach Kim noted that it was a good event, that it was the first year that this event was held, and that the team developed friendships with other countries. He noted that the team was educated by the events in both poomsae and sparring.

4. 2018 NCTA Championships Summary (TC Chair Sarathi)

Ms. Sarathi noted that 612 athletes from 128 colleges and 62 high schools were present. Tournament innovations included online student status verification through SCH, pre-printing of badges for confirmed athletes, ticketing system for weigh-ins, separate green and blue belt sparring divisions. The new USAT competition rules were implemented.

American University did an incredible job of fundraising, organizing hotels, providing logistical support including ensuring that the infrastructure, scoring systems, and adequate tech support was available. Their volunteers and tournament staff did excellent work the entire weekend making sure that the tournament had everything it needed to run smoothly.

It was the first year having a dedicated Tournament Committee team. 15 volunteers from both the ECTC and USAT flew to the event to help serve over the two day event.

5. Review of Spring 2018 Meeting Minutes (SG Chuang)

The spring minutes were reviewed. It was noted that the All-American program was successfully implemented.

New Business

6. 2019 NCTA Championships discussion

University of Texas, Austin will host. The local committee is working on a preliminary budget and seeking sponsorships. The name of the venue is the Recreational Sports Center.

7. 2019 World University Games discussion

Dr. Ahn noted that due to severe limitations with accommodations the fin and heavy sparring divisions will not be contested at the 2019 World University Games. Also, for poomsae a maximum of 3 men and 3 women per country will be allowed to represent from each country, for a total maximum team size of 18 athletes (6 poomsae, 12 sparring (fly-middle)). Team sparring will still be contested.

8. Proposed NCTA Amendments

VP Hatfield proposed the following amendment to the bylaws:

1. Add a non-discrimination policy: To provide an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches, trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in collegiate Taekwondo events without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

It was noted that in the future, NCTA should check NCAA language. The amendment was voted through unanimously.

VP Hatfield also proposed the following amendment to the bylaws:

2. Change the requirement for the president from "at least half-time employment at their academic institution" to "must be a current paid employee at their academic institution

and have been a paid employee at that institution for the two most recent years; and must have participated in NCTA events for each of the three most recent years."

After some discussion, the proposal was changed to the following change to the line in the bylaws regarding officer eligibility:

"The President shall hold at least a part-time position at his/her institution for at least five years. All other officers shall hold at least part-time positions with their institutions."

The amendment was voted in unanimously.

9. Proposed NCTA Championships Format Change

VP Hatfield also proposed the following adjustment:

Proposal: The collegiate championships would have dual events for the black belt competitors in both poomsae and sparring as has been done in recent year for the black belt poomsae competitors. There would be both collegiate championship and collegiate team trials divisions. This split would enable the NCTA to allow international students at US colleges and universities to compete in the championship division again. The age range for the championship event would be 18-32, but the team trials would be restricted to 19-25 to follow the new FISU age restrictions of 19-25 which will be enforced at the 2019 Summer Universiade.

Half-time college students in the United States and US citizens studying abroad would be eligible to compete in the championships division. The team trials would be limited to US citizens who would represent the United States at the World University Games (and other international collegiate events should there be others).

A second proposal was made by Coach Ghormley to hold a separate team trials event in March. It was noted that BTI has stated that they want a team roster by the end of March.

After some discussion, no agreement was reached. President Ahn instructed SG Chuang to convene a committee to discuss the issue.

10. Open discussion

11. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned unanimously.