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Board of Director's Meeting
Dallas, Texas
February 24, 2007

Meeting Summary

Board Members Present: Steve Newman – Big 10; Jon Bible – Big 12; Jack Folliard – Pac 10; Sterling Allen – ACC; Bill Alge – Mid-American; Terry Leyden – Mt. West; Ken Huffhines – Sunbelt; Bob Taylor– WAC; Hugh Campbell – Big East.

Other Conference Representatives: Mike Miles – Sunbelt; David Baldwin – WAC; Tom DeJoseph – ACC; Dave Epperley – CUSA; Matt Moore and Stan Murray – SEC.

1. Jon Bible called the NADFO's fifth annual meeting to order at 1:00PM. Introductions were made and the agenda reviewed.

2. Dave Parry – National Coordinator: Upon invitation Dave Parry presented via teleconference a summary of state of college football officiating. Dave congratulated all officials for an excellent season commenting that it was "the best officiated bowl season he has seen the last 12 years!" Complaints were minimal and praise dominated his messages and phone calls.

John Adams is retiring as Rules Editor and Rogers Redding will assumed that position in 2008. David will also be retiring in one year. The plan is to empower his replacement with more national authority with the goal to have all conferences on the same page regarding rule interpretations, mechanics and instant replay.

David then summarized what he envisions as a hugely significant change in the way officiating assignments will be handled in the coming years. There is a big push to regionalize officiating and diminish the emphasis on individual conference associations of officials and high profile inter-conference games will be officiated by neutral on-field and IR crews. Dave expects that the Big 10, Big East and MAC will have a combined clinic in the near future.

This coming season the WAC, Big 12 and Mt. West will experiment with a "hybrid" crew consisting of officials from each conference working together for the season.

Bowl fees will increase to \$1800/\$1500 next year and \$100 per year for the next six years. Per diem will also be increased.

3. Bowl Issues: NADFO will push for more vehicles and designated drivers (three 12-15 person vans, or the equivalent) given the addition of instant replay personnel.

NADFO recommends that the officials' bowl liaison have Division 1A officiating experience.

BCS vs. non-BCS conferences and bowl assignments. NADFO board members unanimously support returning to the pre-2006 method of bowl assignments where the criteria related to team participation not attendance, national TV exposure, or previous bowl experience.

4. National College Football Day: Mike Konradi, Cotton Bowl representative, spoke to the board about the designated National College Football Day – November 4, 2007. The Cotton Bowl committee has partnered with the Jimmy V Foundation and is suggesting that all college officials donate a portion of their game fee that day to the Foundation. If Division 1 officials gave just \$50 over \$30,000 could be raised!. Mike Miles will coordinate with each association the logistics of promoting and collecting the donations.

In support of the effort the board voted to donate \$1000 to the Jimmy V Foundation through the Cotton Bowl committee's initiative.

5. NADFO Bylaws: Steve Newman led a discussion regarding initial NADFO bylaws. After much input, a final draft will be distributed for ratification by Steve. The proposed by laws include provisions for NADFO officers. Steve will also conduct a nomination/election process.

6. NADFO website – www.nadfo.org: Jack Folliard reviewed the status of our website. It needs to be updated and more substantive content added. Terry Leyden will assist Jack with this effort. All are encouraged to submit suggestions.

7. Media Guide: Sub-committee chair Bill Alge distributed a proto-type media guide designed as a quick reference for on-air media guide outlining the major differences between college and NFL playing rules. Jack, Karl Richins and Bob Taylor assisted in compiling its content. Little traction from the NCAA. Jon will work with Dennie Poppe of the NCAA on the concept.

8. National Shoe Contract: Jack reviewed his contacts with Nike and Adidas representatives regarding a national shoe/apparel contract for all NADFO members. Exposure on this scale would justify significant funds to NADFO, perhaps eliminating the need for annual dues, in addition to gear. The companies are interested but the challenge is to get all associations to grant negotiating authority to NADFO.

Jack will complete and distribute a survey of association's current arrangements including contact information.

9. John Adams retirement gift: NADFO will present a gift to John Adams for his tremendous contributions to officiating. Terry to coordinate.

10. Finances: Jack reported on our finances. Expenses this last year were limited to travel expenses relating to representation at the Rules Committee

meeting, other NCAA meetings, monthly banking fees, and miscellaneous items relating to the annual meeting.

Dues for the upcoming year will remain at \$10 per member.

12. **Next Annual Meeting:** *Dallas - Saturday, January 26, 2008.*