



## CSCAA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes - May 4, 2025 12:00 PM EDT

### The following individuals were present:

Arthur Albiero (President), Louisville  
Mandy Commons-DiSalle (Past President), Cincinnati  
Rachel Stratton-Mills (President-Elect), Northwestern  
Matthew Barany (Treasurer), Richmond  
Matt Crispino (Secretary), Princeton  
Brad Boswell, Appalachian State  
Susan Bromberg, Illinois-Chicago  
Adam Epstein, Keiser  
Jeanne Fleck, Fresno State  
Andrew Makepeace, Augustana

Cathleen Pruden, Trinity (TX)  
Steve Schaffer, Grand Canyon  
Brad Shively, Washington University  
Eric Skelly, Cumberland  
Jimmy Tierney, McKendree  
Samantha Barany, CSCAA Staff  
Maureen Palchak, CSCAA Staff  
Mike Tubb, CSCAA Staff  
Edie Ashman, CSCAA Staff  
Paul Barrett, CSCAA Accountant

### Not present:

Rick Bishop, Louisiana State  
Tom Stebbins, UCLA

*This meeting was conducted in person at the 2025 Annual Meetings in Raleigh, NC*

## Topics

### 1. Roll Call and Introduction

Executive Director Samantha Barany called the meeting to order at 12:31 PM. Secretary conducted a silent roll call.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April Board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. By the numbers

#### • July-April P&L:

- Matt Barany reviewed the organization's financials, noting that while travel costs have increased, they represent a strategic investment with clear returns. Paul Barrett reaffirmed that spending tied to the "Preserve Protect Expand" initiative is focused on safeguarding the sport's future and that the organization remains in solid financial health. Sam Barany led a discussion on vendor and sponsor engagement, highlighting new partnerships and encouraging continued outreach to private donors. The Board also explored the potential for a dual meet championship and acknowledged the economic pressures that may affect international sponsors.

#### • **Open Water and NIC Executive Summaries:**

- **Open Water** - Maureen Palchak confirmed Sarasota as the 2025 host, offering financial assistance. The event will now take place on Saturday, December 13. A Masters division or relay is under consideration, and the event is expected to be profitable. The Board voiced strong support for continuing open water efforts.

- **NIC:** A3, Myrtha, and Finis continue to strongly support the meet, which is healthy. City of Ocala provides a strong grant, and they are invested in our effort. Several Board members expressed strong support to continue this meet – it is of value to many members, the location, hotels, etc. are fantastic.

#### 4. 365 Day Download

Sam Barany shared an overview of the past year

- **Advocacy Update:**

- The CSCAA has renewed its partnership with FGS Global through August 2025 to support messaging and advocacy on Capitol Hill, focusing on codifying sport sponsorship minimums and ensuring universities properly resource all sports. USOPC and World Aquatics are supportive, with efforts underway to engage the IOC.
- Sam Barany directed the Board to advocacy materials, including a CSCAA statement and updates on the Knight Commission's work to influence NCAA policy. Brad Boswell provided compliance and legal related updates, highlighting the House settlement and ongoing antitrust lawsuits challenging NCAA policies around NIL and athlete eligibility.
- There is growing donor interest in creating a dual meet championship. Sam also led a discussion on proposed changes to the NCAA Division I championship format, including event structure, selection processes, and broadcast potential, with upcoming talks planned with ESPN and NCAA representatives.

#### 6. Looking ahead

- **Next Board Meeting:** May 5, 2025 in Capital Room at 12:15 PM (First Board meeting of 2025-2026)

#### 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Crispino

CSCAA Secretary

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Cathleen Pruden, Trinity (TX)  
 Steve Schaffer, Grand Canyon  
 Brad Shively, Washington University (sitting in)  
 Eric Skelly, Cumberland (sitting in)  
 Tom Stebbins, UCLA  
 Jimmy Tierney, McKendree  
 Samantha Barany, CSCAA Staff  
 Maureen Palchak, CSCAA Staff  
 Mike Tubb, CSCAA Staff  
 Paul Barrett, CSCAA Accountant

#### **Not present:**

Rick Bishop, Louisiana State  
 Jake Taber, Hope  
 Adam Epstein, Keiser

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## **Topics**

### **1. Roll Call and Introduction**

Executive Director Samantha Barany called the meeting to order at 12:54 PM. Secretary conducted a silent roll call. Barany reviewed some procedural matters surrounding the operations of the Board meetings.

### **2. General Feedback on Annual Meetings**

Board members gave a summary of the events that had taken place thus far in the first 24 hours of the CSCAA Annual Meetings.

- In the Division III breakout, there were questions about whether DIII would automatically follow suit with any imminent changes adopted by Division I, and the broader implications about the inherent mission of Division III athletics. Additional discussion topics concerned diving regionals and qualification times.
- The Division II breakout had no major topics of concern, but did discuss details surrounding the diving prequalification meet.
- The NAIA breakout room discussed assembling a task force to identify schools that could potentially add the sport. The stated goal is to get to 50 men's teams, and at least seven schools have been identified as potential candidates to add men's swimming and diving. Additionally, NAIA is going to a prequalification meet for diving. Another goal is to improve attendance and engagement at Annual Meetings from NAIA coaches.
- In the Division I breakout, it was clear that people were ready to see a plan for the changes expected at the championship level, and they are hoping the plan will be revealed quickly. Other topics of discussion involved additional measures that could be taken to change the championship, including reducing roster size, adding the team diving event, combining the championships, separating diving and swimming, and/or changing the qualification process. Each of these topics spurred several minutes of discussion and debate among various Board members.

### **3. Key Dates**

Sam Barany and Maureen Palchak reviewed several key dates on the calendar for the upcoming academic year, including dates for Board Meetings, Open Water Championship, NIC, and the 2026 Annual Meetings, to be held outside Chicago, Illinois.

### **4. Vacant Board Position**

Sam discussed a path for filling the Assistant Coach Board position vacated by Kristen Murslack. The Board supported her efforts to find a suitable candidate for that seat.

### **5. Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held July 9, 2025 at 1:00 PM EDT.

### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matt Crispino  
CSCAA Secretary