FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the VOICE serves as the April/May issue. Included are notes from FARA President Roger Caves, information on the Division II Fellows Institute and Division III White Papers information. As always, comments, points of interest or other contributions are sought from the membership. Best wishes for a pleasant summer season.

Joseph Catanese
Editor

NOTES FROM THE FARA PRESIDENT

The FARA Executive Committee met in Salt Lake City April 14-16 to discuss a host of issues. A key issue during the meeting was the ongoing planning for our 2009 Annual Meeting and Symposium to be held in St. Louis November 12-14, 2009. The theme for the meeting will be “Enhancing Partnerships Between Academic and Athletics.” Michael Miranda, president-elect, and the divisional vice presidents are busy on what should be an educational and informative meeting. Stay tuned for additional information on the Annual Meeting in future issues of the VOICE.

Another topic of discussion at our meeting was communicating and cooperating with other groups such as the N4A, divisional SAACs, DIA FAR group, Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA), etc. FARA is ready to discuss issues related to amateurism, increasing FAR participation in the NCAA governance structure, commercialism, etc. with these and other groups. Carol Browne, Co-Chair of COIA, attended part of our meeting and suggested that we join with COIA on drafting a position paper focusing on strengthening ties between FARs and faculty governance bodies like the university senate and the campus athletics governance body. We are continuing to discuss the next steps in this process.

The issue of how budget cutbacks are affecting student-athletes is a concern for all of us. In the president and president-elect’s meeting with Dr. Brand in Indianapolis, Dr. Brand voiced his concern over how budget cuts in athletics are affecting or could affect the academic and athletic well-being of our student-athletes. We must be vigilant in watching
how our student-athletes are being affected in academic and athletic endeavors.

A discussion on electing new members of the FAR committee was also held. While a number of FARs have expressed interest in serving on the executive committee, we need to get more FARs involved in FARA and in the NCAA governance structure. In fact, you may have already received or will be receiving FARA's views on increasing FAR participation throughout the entire governance structure. Increasing FAR participation in various areas continues to be a major topic of discussion.

Roger Caves
San Diego State University

NCAA DIVISION II FELLOWS INSTITUTE

The fifth annual NCAA Division II FAR Fellows Institute will be held October 23-25, 2009 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The FAR Fellows Institute provides an intense developmental opportunity for a core group of experienced faculty athletics representatives (FAR) to enhance their ability to perform the critical functions of Division II FARs. Through networking with other Division II FAR leaders, enhancing skills as leaders and engaging in case studies, FARs are both inspired and challenged to enrich the Division II student-athlete intercollegiate athletics experience.

Participants are provided the opportunity to develop an enhanced understanding of the roles and critical functions of a Division II FAR; continue to develop leadership skills to better perform job functions; construct an action plan to take back to campuses and conferences; and, initiate conversations with campus constituents to support the role of FARs as an integral element of an intercollegiate athletics program.

This Institute was initially developed by Lynne Kaplan (who developed the NCAA National Student-Athlete Leadership Conferences and Regional Leadership Academies), Diane Husic (a Division II FAR for over 15 years and former president of FARA) and a steering committee comprised of both NCAA staff and FARs who have been active in FARA and/or, the NCAA governance structure. Moving forward, FAR fellows collaborate in the design and development of each Institute.

On completion of the Institute, FAR fellows are expected to share their experiences from the Institute and the results of the follow-up projects at future FARA forums and at education sessions at the NCAA Conventions and potentially serve as facilitators or steering committee members for future FAR Fellows Institutes.

The call for nominations was recently emailed to all Division II conference commissioners and Division II FARs. Interested Division II FARs should contact their conference office or go to http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=47628 for more details.

This year we plan to delve deeper into how FARs can be involved in Division II strategic initiatives including the 2009-12 Division II strategic plan, community engagement and student-athlete academic success. As always we will evaluate leadership styles and use case studies and group exercises to enhance leadership and communication skills. A major goal of the Institute has been to encourage networking amongst Division II FARs and it appears that past fellows continue to share ideas electronically and at “reunions” at the annual FARA Forum and NCAA Convention.

We encourage Division II faculty athletics representatives to talk with past Division II FAR Fellows from your conference or throughout Division II and to consider the 2009 Institute. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Diane Husic at dhusic@moravian.edu.
During the last several years, the growth of Division III has been a focal point for the NCAA’s governance structure and membership. The division has added approximately 130 members since 1990; current active membership is 429 and is expected to grow to 464 by 2016 with the potential for 480 members by 2020.

As the division has grown, its membership has become more diverse. Results of a February 2008 membership survey clearly indicated a lack of support for any structural change to Division III to address this growth and diversity.

The Division III Presidents Council and Presidents Advisory Group (PAG) have led a series of discussions to achieve a new level of excellence for the division as it evolves during the next decade. This effort includes a series of nine presidentially authored White Papers, distributed in September 2008.

The first two White Papers highlight the priority issues of presidential leadership and the importance of the Division III philosophy and identity. The remaining seven papers address financial aid standards, Division II as a possible membership destination, sports sponsorship and membership requirements, playing seasons, academic considerations, championships, and budget priorities and dues structure.

It is important to note that recommendations described in the White Papers are preliminary, and will evolve. Ultimately, the recommendations will provide the focus of the division’s governance agenda for several years to come.

Membership feedback is critical to this effort. The White Papers are available on-line at: http://www.ncaa.org/wps/ncaa?ContentID=42241. Please feel free to forward comments to me at ddutcher@ncaa.org.

Dan Dutcher
NCAA Vice President for DIII

IN MEMORIUM

Dr. William V. Moore, FAR at the College of Charleston, and current President of the Southern Conference, passed away suddenly on March 25. Dr. Moore was a Distinguished Professor of Political Science, teaching in that department for 37 years. The winner of numerous awards in teaching, scholarship, and service, he was a devoted teacher and mentor, whose classes were invariably the first to fill. FAR during the College of Charleston's transition into the Southern Conference, Bill quickly made himself invaluable by serving on a number of key Southern Conference committees. His leadership first as Vice President and then as President of the Southern Conference was invaluable. A caring father and devoted family man, he gave freely of himself to both his family and to his students. His hearty laugh and friendly ways will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. The Southern Conference has established the William V. Moore scholarship to honor his memory.

Alan Hauser
Appalachian State University
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We would love to hear from you regarding the FARA Voice. If you have any comments, questions, or ideas for future articles, please direct them to Karen Cooper at FARA@ncaa.org

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20th Annual FARA
Annual Meeting and Symposium
“Enhancing Partnerships Between Academics and Athletics”

November 12-14, 2009
Hyatt Regency – St. Louis Riverfront

Registration will be available online on or before July 1.
The fee is $225 which includes all registration materials, a gift, three meals and two breaks. The tentative agenda will be published at that time. Included in the agenda:

- Awards dinner on Thursday night including the announcement of the David Knight Award recipient, the presentation of the Walter Byers Scholars, and for the first time, the presentation of the Jim McKay Scholarship award winner.
- Legislative review sessions.
- Reports on recent research studies, including preliminary results of the Substance Use survey and an update on the SCORE and GOALS studies.
  - NCAA governance staff presenting sessions on current issues in each division.
  - Announcements of new FARA executive committee officers.
  - Presentation on NCAA gender and diversity issues.
- Sessions regarding the impact of economic issues on student-athletes.
  - And more to be announced!

Please contact Karen Cooper at kcooper@ncaa.org for more information.