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MINUTES OF THE FEDERATED COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING February 5, 2021 ONLINE VIA ZOOM

I. OPENING BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

President Monica Colunga called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

B. Flag Salute

President-Elect Marty Bitter led the flag salute.

C. Roll Call and Introductions

The following members were present: Diana Nalbandian-Hatton, Matt Sozinho, Steve Sell, Natalie Talbot-Ayres, Martha Brazil, Neezer McNab, Ricardo Rosales, Tina Tamura, Rianne Pfaltzgraff, Louie Rocha, Emmett Koerperich, Doug Kaelin, Cris Oseguera, Kelly Freeland Sloat, Jeffrey Taylor, Andrea Bustamante, Matin Abdel-Qawi, John Becker, Kevin Swartwood, Lori Ann Donnell, Clarence Isadore, Anne Staffieri, Scott Giusti, Nancy Acerrio, Catherine Arenson, Suniqua Thomas, Carter Paysinger, Mike West, Paula Hart Rodas, Mary Jane Hibbard, Reggie Thompkins, John Nazar, Geniel Moon, Terry Barnum, Marybeth Ortiz, Mary Jo Truesdale, Chris Fore, Charlene Metoyer, Jean Ashen, Dave Reid, Dave Brown, Dan Stepenosky, Monica Colunga, Marty Bitter, and James Perry.

Also present were: Ryan Tos, David Grissom, Vicky Lagos, Pat Cruickshank, Liz Kyle, Franky Navarro, Mike Garrison, Joe Heinz, Don Collins, Rob Wigod, Ron Nocetti, Diane Marshall-Freeman, Brian Seymour, Cici Robinson, Chris Fahey, Bobbi Madsen, Rebecca Brutlag, William Chavarin, Christina Shannon, guest from the Los Angeles City Section, Alexa Berg and Dick Dornan; guest from the North Coast Section, Bri Niemi; guest from the Oakland Section, Lamont Robinson, Amy Boyle, and James Salazar; guest from the Sac-Joaquin Section, Will DeBoard; guests from the Southern Section, Kristine Palle, Thom Simmons, Rich Shearer, Rainer Wulf and Mike Middlebrook.

Absent: Maureen Ferrel (CAHPERD)

D. Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Motion to adopt agenda.

Motion: Cris Oseguera; Seconded: Matt Sozinho; PASSED 138-0

E. Public Comment

1. General Public

President Monica Colunga reported that Public Comments were received via email and would be read by Associate Executive Director, Brian Seymour and Media Relations Officer, Rebecca Brutlag. She stated that each communication would be kept to a two-minute limit and that the



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thirty-minute limit for all general public comments would be adhered to. Public comments were read at this time.

2. Sections

No comments presented at this meeting.

3. Allied Organization

- Chris Fore, CAL Coaches representative, thanked Executive Director Ron Nocetti and the CIF staff for all their work and for keeping everyone in the loop. He stated that CAL Coaches is offering to anyone that signs up for membership this year they will rollover their membership to next year.
- Geniel Moon, CADA representative, announced that the CADA Conference will be held online March 1 to March 6, 2021.
- Jean Ashen, CSADA representative announced that they will be holding their first webinar next week. She stated that CSADA applied for a grant through NIAAA to offer LTC 501, 502, and 503 at no charge this spring.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

A. President

President Monica Colunga stated that she did not have any communications to report.

B. Executive Director

Executive Director Ron Nocetti shared that he has received many communications. Some supporting the comments heard today and some supporting the current stance of the Governor and the CDPH. He called attention to one he received from a soccer team and thanked the school administration and coach for talking through everything that these students and parents are going through. He shared that that he received many emails from parents and student-athletes simply expressing gratitude and thanking the organization for everything that is being done on their behalf. Mr. Nocetti stated that he appreciated them taking the time to reach out and recognize what their section offices are doing to make that happen.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The council approved the following item under Consent Calendar:

- A. The minutes of the October 9, 2020, Federated Council Meeting.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion: Kevin Swartwood; Seconded: Rianne Pfaltzgraff

PASSED 140-0

IV. REPORTS

A. Federated Council President

President Monica Colunga acknowledged the CIF Executive Director and staff as well as the ten CIF Section Commissioners and their staffs for their ongoing collective advocacy for the student-athletes throughout the state of California. She stated that their current work with the California Department



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of Public Health and the Governor's office is one that is unwavering in working towards seeing how we best get our student athletes back on the playing field. They have been working as a team and are looking to problem solve within the confines of the rules that have been provided. President Colunga thanked them for their tireless commitment in representing us all and the student-athletes of California.

B. Executive Director

1. Executive Director Ron Nocetti deferred the first part of his report to Director Cici Robinson and Director William Chavarin to provide an update on the work they've done on the CIF Leadership Initiative. Director William Chavarin and Director Cici Robinson gave a brief overview of the Leadership Initiative process. They reviewed topics that were covered during their meetings with the Leadership Initiative participants and presented slides that included highlights of the topics that were identified by the Leadership Initiative Committees.
2. Transfer and Appeal Data YTD
Executive Director Ron Nocetti presented the 2020-2021 transfer and appeal data. He reported that the transfer numbers are dramatically down compared to this time last year. He stated that the appeal numbers are also lower.
3. 2020-2021 Legal Expenses
Executive Director Ron Nocetti reviewed the legal expenses for 2020-2021.
4. Other
Executive Director Ron Nocetti reported that the Financial Waiver due to COVID-19 that was put into place for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year has been extended to the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Executive Director Ron Nocetti referred to the public comments regarding Bylaw 600 and cohorting. He stated that the CIF has reached out to the CDPH asking that they send their interpretation of cohorting and if their interpretation is a recommendation and not a mandate then the CIF will revisit its statement.

Executive Director Ron Nocetti thanked our member schools. He communicated that we understand this is not an easy time and he appreciates our schools adhering to the guidance. He also shared some of the conversations that have been held with the CDPH. Executive Director Ron Nocetti encouraged schools to hang on a bit longer and stated that the CIF will continue to advocate for our student-athletes.

V. **MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

A. Informational Reports, Recommendations and Additional Items Presented as First Reading Items

1. Committee Meeting Reports
 - a. Executive Committee: President Monica Colunga reported that the Executive Committee met via Zoom on Thursday, February 4, 2021. She stated they reviewed the current year budget, the 2021-2022 proposed budget, section meetings attended



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by CIF staff, the updated goals and objectives, and the 2021-2022 meeting schedule. She stated that they also reviewed the Federated Council Agenda items.

President Colunga reported that the Executive Committee took action on two items. The first item was the CIF/Southern Section Competitive Cheer Sunday Exception Proposal. She reported that the motion to approve the proposal failed with a vote of eight (8) No and one (1) Yes votes. The second Action/Non-Action item was the CIF/North Coast Section - Suspension of Bylaw 207.B.(5)b - Sit Out Period for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. The motion to waive the first reading of the CIF/North Coast Section proposal for suspension of Bylaw 207.B.(5)b Sit-Out period for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19 failed with a vote of eight (8) No votes and one (1) Abstention.

President Colunga reported the Executive Committee voted to ratify and amend the Executive Director's employment contract to reflect his request to voluntarily reduce his salary by 20% due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. This motion passed with a vote of eight (8) Yes, zero (0) No, and one (1) Absent.

- b. **President's Advisory Council:** President Monica Colunga reported that the President's Advisory Council met today. President Colunga stated that they reviewed the agenda items of today's Federated Council meeting. She shared that they had a conversation with Executive Director Ron Nocetti regarding his discussions with the CDPH and the Governor's office and how our sections are navigating the challenges of moving forward with sports.
- c. **Economic Viability Committee:** President-Elect Marty Bitter stated that the EVC met this morning via Zoom and discussed the 2020-2021 budget and investment accounts and reviewed the 2021-2022 proposed budget and Workbook. He shared that Chris Fahey Director of Corporate Sponsorships provided the committee with an update on the marketing and corporate sponsorships.

2. Sports Advisory Committees Report

President Monica Colunga stated that the following sports advisory committees have met:

Meeting:	Date:
Basketball Advisory	10/14/20
Athletic Administrators Committee	10/15/20
Sports Medicine Advisory Committee	10/20/20

B. Informational – Proposed Non-Action Items

1. Proposed Budget for 2021-2022

President Elect Marty Bitter reported that the Economic Viability Committee met and reviewed the current year budget and the 2021-2022 Budget Workbook. He stated that the Economic Viability Committee unanimously recommends and supports the 2021-2022 proposed budget.



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2. CIF Executive Committee Nominations

President Monica Colunga reported that the Nominating Committee nominated the following candidates for the Executive Committee: Catherine Arenson (San Francisco Section), Natalie Ayres (Central Coast Section), John Becker (Sac-Joaquin Section), Andrea Bustamante (Oakland Section), Neezer McNab (Los Angeles City Section), Diana Nalbandian-Hatton (Central Section), and Marybeth Ortiz (CAPSO). President Colunga opened the floor for any additional nominations. There were no further nominations from the floor.

3. CIF Southern Section Competitive Cheer Sunday Exception Proposal

CIF Southern Section President, Mike West presented a proposal brought forward from the CIF/Southern Section to allow for an annual exception to the Sunday rule for a traditional competitive cheer national championship event. This proposal is a continued first reading from October due to the discovery of additional information regarding Sunday competition.

C. Action Items Presented for Approval by the Council

1. CIF/San Diego Section Beach Volleyball Proposal

Executive Committee Member Scott Giusti presented a proposal brought forward by the CIF San Diego Section to add the sport of beach volleyball as a CIF Sanctioned sport for girls.

Motion to approve CIF/San Diego Section Beach Volleyball Proposal.

Motion: Steve Sell; Seconded: Matt Sozinho; PASSED 140-0

2. Revision to Bylaw 1206.D. – Allowable Number of Contacts (Softball and Baseball)

Director, Chris Fahey presented a proposal that would set the allowable number of contacts for softball and baseball at twenty-eight (28) with tournaments counting as one (1) contact for each game. It was stated that this proposal would go into effect in 2021-2022. This proposal was brought forward from the Commissioners Committee.

Motion to approve Revision to Bylaw 1206.D. Allowable Number of Contacts (Softball and Baseball)

Motion: Cris Oseguera; Seconded: Mike West; PASSED 140-0

D. Action/Non-Action Items

1. CIF/North Coast Section – Suspension of Bylaw 207.B.(5)b – Sit-Out Period for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

President Monica Colunga reported that the CIF practice is to conduct a first reading of all Action Items. This rule may be waived by a two-thirds vote. This proposal was voted upon and passed by the CIF North Coast Section Board of Managers and then forwarded to the CIF Executive Committee. The motion to waive the first reading rule failed by a vote of eight (8) No, zero (0) Yes and one (1) Abstention. As such the CIF Executive Committee did not consider the proposal of the CIF North Coast Section for lack of motion to waive the first reading.



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- a. Motion to waive the first reading of the CIF/North Coast Section proposal for Suspension of Bylaw 207.B. (5)b – Sit-Out Period for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year due to COVID-19.

Motion: Rianne Pfaltzgraff; Seconded: Mike West

Motion Failed: 90 - NO 49 - YES 1 - ABSTENTION 1 - ABSENT

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Federated Council Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ron Nocetti
Executive Director

Approved by:

Monica Colunga
President