

Accreditation Special Committee Meeting Minutes

National Strength and Conditioning Association

WebEx Conference Call

Tuesday, July 16, 2019-US/Wednesday, July 17, 2019-Japan

4:00pm MST/5:00pm CST/6:00pm EST, 7:00am Tokyo

Conference Call

Present committee members: Dr. Todd Miller, Chairman; Dr. Diane Bartholomew, Administrator; Dr. Maura Bergan, Educator; Dr. Nicholas Hanson, Educator; Marissa Wehr, Coach; Joe Kenn, Coach; Ryoji Abe, Affiliate

Absent: Maura Bergan, Coach

Also present: Michael Massik, NSCA Executive Director; Dr. Micki Cuppett, Consultant/Facilitator; Linda Aaberg

This meeting was called to order at 4:00pm MST on Tuesday, July 16, 2019

Agenda, Discussion Items and Motions

Call to Order/Roll Call-Led by: Todd

Consent Agenda-Led by: Todd

2019-07-16-01 Motion- Approval of Minutes from June 4-5, 2019 meeting

Proposed: Diane Bartholomew

Second: Joe Kenn

Vote: Unanimous

NSCA National Conference Report-

- **BOD Meeting Report-** Led by: Micki- Micki presented to the NSCA BOD at the National Conference. Received very positive feedback including questions surrounding the timeline, etc. Primary concern was communication and timeliness (distributing standards as soon as possible for curricular considerations) to stakeholders. Todd felt the BOD is familiar with the documents and has been supportive of the process to this point, so they are not surprised with the results thus far.
- **International Affiliate Meeting Report-** Led by: Todd/Micki- Meeting held Friday, July 12 at 9:30am with International Affiliates (Japan, Shanghai, Korea and Spain). Main challenge will be variance in academic infrastructure and culture. Programs in Spain are will likely be of the first affiliate country ready to become accredited. Significant concerns about the term internship within the standards because it is not a term frequently used in those programs. Many International academic programs are limited in time to devote to practical experiences. There will be some international issues to overcome, including;

additional time may be necessary, along with special assistance, not just for those affiliate countries. Micki met with Greg Haff with Edith Cowan University in Australia and they are very interested in becoming one of the first international programs to become accredited. Micki: Having enough CSCS credentialed folks available to supervise could be an issue. Micki suggested that the term 'Internship' be replaced with 'Field Experience' within the Standards.

- **Public Forum Session (2)** - Led by: Todd/Micki- Lots of questions related to the schools (benefits, costs). In general, Todd's interpretation is that the membership thinks this is a good thing. Micki felt that Friday's session was more positive than the Thursday session. The 'Internship' term was a big question (employment laws). Micki recommended renaming this term to 'Field Experience/Practical Experiences'. The attendees of the sessions were eager to see the Standards as soon as possible. Room was set for 100 and was virtually full with some standing in both sessions. Linda will send Committee members the video of the sessions.

Next Steps- Led by: Todd/Micki

- Most pressing issue is that members want to see the Standards to make curricular changes if necessary.
- No additional big changes to the Standards (except for terminology change to 'Internships').
- Suggestion from the NSCA BOD is to create an additional webpage with; original draft of the Standards, revised draft of the Standards, timeline and accreditation updates.
- This group will need to approve the revised Standards, by-laws, and articles of incorporation, finalize the accreditation process and fees.
- Web page with original/revised Standards and updates up ASAP; feedback requested by September 1.
- This group will approve the revised Standards through an email vote. Any feedback received from web page posting will be made to individual standards if necessary.
- Standards will be scheduled for copy-editing.
- Final version will be sent to NSCA BOD for final approval on the October BOD call.

Next Meeting/Call-

Phone meeting will be held following the September 1 date to discuss the completion of the 'Next Steps' above. Linda will send out a Doodle Poll to determine a mutually convenient date and time for the next phone call meeting.

Adjourn Meeting-

Proposed: Nick Hanson

Second: Marissa Wehr