

“Beyond the Bylaws”

On June 15-16, 2011, the National Association for Athletics Compliance will gather in Orlando, FL for the 2011 NAAC Convention, presented by ACS Athletics. We are excited about this year's convention in conjunction with the 2011 NACDA convention at the World Center Marriott.

Once again, we would like to thank NACDA for their continued partnership and support. Our partnership with NACDA has allowed our Association to grow in membership and has provided us an opportunity to have prominent professionals present to our membership relevant and key issues in athletics administration that are “Beyond the NCAA Bylaws”. In addition to NACDA, we would also like to thank all of our sponsors who assist us in making our annual convention possible. Sponsorship opportunities for the 2011 Convention are still available, and we look forward to seeing new sponsors join our team.

As our membership continues to grow amongst Division(s) I, II and III, so does our expectation level for the convention. Each NAAC Committee is working feverishly to bring you, yet another insightful and fulfilling agenda. The NAAC Convention is an integral part of the Compliance profession. This forum provides both new and seasoned compliance professionals from all Divisions an opportunity to collaborate and discuss key and current issues.

In addition to serving as a professional development opportunity, one of the most invaluable aspects of the convention is an opportunity to network with Compliance professionals from all parts of the country. The opportunity to learn, grow, and network from other talented and influential Compliance professionals is priceless.

As a day-to-day Compliance professional, have you ever felt like you are on an island and no one understands what you do or more importantly why you do it? The 2011 NAAC Convention is the ideal opportunity to meet your counterparts and meet other individuals dealing with similar, if not the same, issues. The convention will equip members with useful concepts and best practices that will help you improve your Compliance programs on-campus.

As you all know, this has been a busy year within the Compliance profession. At some point this year, agents, enforcement, reasonable standards, IAWPs, virtual learning, hiring practices, social networking, have graced the headlines of print, television, or online media. The 2011 NAAC Convention will bring these current hot topic items and trends to the forefront and provide our NAAC members with resources in these areas that they can bring back to campus.

As we work towards the month of June, the convention agenda will continue to be filled with new initiatives, hot topics, and a tremendous speaker series. We understand the importance and expectations of our membership, the time commitment away from campus involved in travelling to convention and the resources from your budgets that are exerted. With that being said, this is an investment worth making!!!

We believe our 24 hour convention programming will be concise and thorough. We encourage you stop by www.naacconnect.com for updates regarding the NAAC Convention, as well as other NAAC information.

We hope you are as excited for our 2011 NAAC Convention as we are. Please do not forget to register for the convention and learn more about it at www.naacconnect.com.

Most importantly, please plan to join us in Orlando, FL on June 15-16 as we go ***Beyond the Bylaws***.

See you there!

Nicholas T. Ojea
Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance
University of Texas at El Paso
NAAC Convention Subcommittee