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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIRST ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNITED STATES,

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, DECEMBER 29, 1906

The first annual Convention of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States met pursuant to the call of the Executive Committee at the Murray Hill Hotel, Saturday, December 29th, at 10 A. M.

President Palmer E. Pierce was in the chair.

The roll was called and the following were recorded in attendance:

I. Accredited delegates from institutions duly enrolled as members of the Association:

Dr. James A. Babbitt,

Haverford, Haverford, Pa.

Professor E. J. Bartlett,

Dartmouth, Hanover, N. H.

Professor H. H. Beck,

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New York Univ., University Heights, N. Y.

Professor C. W. Hetherington,
University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

Professor Jesse H. Holmes,
Swarthmore, Swarthmore, Pa.

Professor E. C. Huntington,
Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.

Mr. Eugene H. Kinkead,
Seton Hall, South Orange, N. J.

Professor James T. Lees,
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

Professor Edwin Linton,
Washington and Jefferson, Washington, Pa.

Mr. T. J. Maher,
Niagara University, Niagara, N. Y.

Professor E. W. Nicolson,
Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

Professor Henry A. Peck,
Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Professor E. L. Rice,
Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.

Professor Alex. Silverman,
Western University of Penn., Pittsburg, Pa.

Lieutenant W. D. Smith,
U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.

Professor H. M. Stephens,
Dickinson, Carlisle, Pa.

Professor C. E. St. John,
Oberlin, Oberlin, Ohio.

Dr. C. L. Thornburg,
Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.

Professor Howard Updyke,
Union, Schenectady, N. Y.

Dr. H. Edward Wells,
Allegheny, Meadville, Pa.
Professor H. D. Wild,
Williams, Williamstown, Mass.
Dr. H. L. Williams,
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn.
Professor W. H. Wilson,
University of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio.
Professor Joseph M. Wolfe,
Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.

II. Visiting delegates from institutions not members
of the Association and second representatives from in-
stitutions represented by accredited delegates:

Mr. Charles E. Currier,
University of Maine, Orono, Maine.
Mr. Russell Congdon,
Ripon, Ripon, Wis.
Professor Wm. J. DeCatur,
Howard University, Washington, D. C.
Dr. Wm. M. Lambeth,
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va.
Chancellor S. B. McCormick,
Western University of Penn., Pittsburg, Pa.
Mr. James M. Russell,
Brooklyn Polytechnic, Brooklyn, N. Y.
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Washington, Chestertown, Md.
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Chicago University, Chicago, Ill.
Professor William Stratford,
C. C. N. Y., New York City.
Professor Van Horn,
Case School Applied Sc., Cleveland, Ohio.
Professor L. N. Wood,
Carleton, Northfield, Minn.

The President appointed as a Committee on Credentials Professor H. D. Wild, Vice President of the Association, and Professor Louis Bevier, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer. A recess was taken to give this Committee an opportunity to examine credentials, and the meeting being again called to order, the Committee reported proper credentials in the hands of the Secretary for the above delegates.

A quorum for business being found present, the Secretary, by vote of the Association, read an abstract of the minutes of the Football Conference of December 28th, 1905, which authorized the formation of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The minutes were approved.

The President appointed as a Committee on Nominations

Professor E. J. Bartlett, of Dartmouth, Chairman;

Professor H. A. Peck, of Syracuse University;

Professor C. W. Hetherington, of University of Missouri;

Professor E. L. Rice, of Ohio Wesleyan;

Professor William Duane, of the University of Colorado; and

Lieutenant W. D. Smith, of West Point.

The Secretary and Treasurer reported as follows:

I. As Secretary: As the result of the work of the Executive Committee, duly authorized by the vote of the National Conference of 1905, a Constitution and By-Laws for the permanent government of the Association was adopted and issued on the thirty-first day of March, 1906.

Correspondence was conducted with a large number of universities and colleges throughout the United

States, which drew forth an almost unanimous approval of the purpose and aims of the Association.

The following institutions have definitely ratified the Constitution and joined the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States, namely:

Allegheny College, Amherst College, Bucknell University, Colgate University, Dartmouth College, Denison University, Dickinson College, Franklin and Marshall, George Washington University, Grove City College, Haverford College, Lehigh University, Miami University, New York University, Niagara University, Oberlin College, Ohio Wesleyan University, Rutgers College, Seton Hall College, Swarthmore College, Syracuse University, Tufts College, Union College, University of Colorado, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, University of North Carolina, University of Penn, University of Rochester, University of Wooster, U. S. Military Academy, Vanderbilt University, Washington and Jefferson College, Wesleyan University, Westminster College, Williams College, Wittenberg College.

Of these twenty-eight have sent duly accredited delegates, as recorded on page 7.

II. As Treasurer: The receipts up to and including December 26th, were seven hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$725), of which \$696.18 have been disbursed to pay the expenses of the Executive Committee and the Football Rules Committee elected last year, leaving a balance in the treasury of \$28.82.

Professor E. L. Rice, of the Ohio Wesleyan University, who was appointed by the President a Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported that he had examined the same and compared the vouchers, and found the accounts correct as rendered.

President Palmer E. Pierce reported, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, that during the past year the Executive Committee had held three meetings to organize and conduct the affairs of the Association. The Constitution and By-Laws as drawn represented the best judgment of the Executive Committee of a practical scheme applicable to the entire country. Definite rules of eligibility made mandatory upon all members of the Association were judged impracticable at the present time, by reason of the widely diverse conditions prevailing in different parts of the country. In some sections local associations, and athletic unions were in existence which had set high standards, and were enforcing very satisfactory eligibility rules. In other sections little if any coöperation between local institutions was as yet attempted. It had therefore seemed proper to the Executive Committee to enunciate clearly in the Constitution the principles of amateur athletic sports, and to oblige all institutions joining the Association to the enforcement of these principles in such a manner as the faculties might deem best, in their several circumstances and localities, and further, to set up a code of eligibility rules which might stand as a norm for enactment as fast as circumstances shall warrant, not discouraging a more rigid code in those sections of the country where effective coöperation for control of athletics was already an accomplished fact.

The results obtained were specifically the union of thirty institutions from widely separated parts of the United States banded together to control more effectively college athlectic sports in the interest of educational work, and of amateur standards; and through the Football Rules Committee a vast improvement in the game of football, both in regard to the risks to life and limb which were felt to have been too great, and especially in the better moral tone of the play.

Dr. H. L. Williams, as Chairman of the representative Football Rules Committee, rendered a verbal report, outlining the steps by which amalgamation between the old Rules Committee and the representative Rules Committee of the Association had been reached, and a unit body formed which had legislated harmoniously for the whole United States. He suggested steps to make this amalgamation permanent.

Dr. James A. Babbitt, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Football Officials, reported as follows:

The Central Board of Officials was appointed by the Rules Committee under this preamble: "The Committee has appointed a Subcommittee to aid in the more intelligent and efficient enforcement of the rules. This Subcommittee does not intend or desire to force upon the several institutions, undesired jurisdiction, nor does it plan to interfere with their independence of action. It stands ready, however, to aid, in every way in its power, in the improvement of the quality of the officials, and will furnish explanation and interpretation of the rules whenever requested so to do."

This Central Body organized subsidiary boards in the Middle Atlantic Section and in the Middle West, formed a partial organization in the Ohio Section and planned the same for New England. In two of the sections, the Middle Atlantic and the Middle West, officials for all games were regularly appointed by the Sectional Committees.

The Central Body held two Managers' Conferences in June, one in Philadelphia and one in New York City, published a full list of officials for collegiate use, held one Conference on Interpretations in September, and a Conference on Review in November.

Its work was definitely planned and carried out with a view of clarifying the football situation, and we believe its work was in accordance with the spirit of the Conference instruction.

As representative of the First District, Professor H. D. Wild, of Williams College, reported as follows:

The New England institutions that have joined our Association are: Amherst, Dartmouth, Tufts, Wesleyan, Williams.

In general—no striking changes are to be noted, but rather a steady progress. The colleges are awake to the situation. The existing eligibility rules are apparently strictly enforced. Amherst reports a more prompt and accurate enforcement, attended with less student friction. Dartmouth, for example, reports that last spring they had a baseball team of ineligible players that beat the regular team once, and that with a little training would have been much superior. The students there now take a strict enforcement of the rules as a matter of course. Tufts reports that Article VI. of the By-Laws of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association is rigidly enforced and that unsportsmanlike conduct is unknown.

Amherst, Wesleyan, and Williams have gone a step further than the enforcement of existing regulations by establishing new rules. The question most agitated among New England colleges the past year seems to have been as to the eligibility of first-year men. There was a feeling on the part of some colleges that all Freshmen should be debarred during their first year. Such a radical step was, however, abandoned for a rule debarring Freshmen on the basis of entrance conditions, as well as of those incurred afterwards. At Amherst no

