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## WHAT'S NEW WITH ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA

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- Discussions are continuing about a possible split of the College Division. The proposal that is being examined currently would group Division II and NAIA institutions together (about 340 CoSIDA members) and would place Division III, two-year institutions, Canadian schools and others into a separate category (about 370 CoSIDA members). Details on awards and voting structure are also part of the on-going discussions within the Committee and the CoSIDA Board.
- The process for distributing district and national awards has been re-vamped for the coming academic year. Discussion is taking place within the Committee about going to an on-line download system for district certificates, but no final decision has been reached for the 2009-10 academic year. The re-organization of the awards process will result in a more timely distribution.
- The change in the minimum GPA required for nomination (3.30 from 3.20) has been successful in streamlining the nominations process and has not caused major problems for member institutions.
- The Committee is encouraging member schools to submit nominations for the Hall of Fame, especially in the Honorary category where the numbers are not as high. Nominations for the Hall of Fame were accepted on-line for the first time last fall, and that has helped the process significantly.
- Voting was up slightly at the national level for the year, but district voting numbers continue to be a concern. A split of the College Division may help those numbers going forward.
- Discussions are continuing on future sponsorship of the program, as the 2009-10 academic year is the final one in the current contract with ESPN The Magazine.
- The Committee always welcomes comments and feedback from members on ways to improve the program. Please contact Dick Lipe at Bentley ([rlipe@bentley.edu](mailto:rlipe@bentley.edu)), Bernie Cafarelli at Notre Dame ([cafarelli.1@nd.edu](mailto:cafarelli.1@nd.edu)), Mark Beckenbach at Ohio Wesleyan ([mlbecken@owu.edu](mailto:mlbecken@owu.edu)) or Jim Seavey at Massachusetts Maritime ([jseavey@maritime.edu](mailto:jseavey@maritime.edu)) with any questions, concerns or comments.