



# UPPER MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

2009-2010 Orientation

# UMAC Overview

## □ Mission/Vision Statement

- The Upper Midwest Athletic Conference shall provide for its member institutions opportunity to be recognized in its region as institutions which are in the forefront of academic excellence and athletic competitiveness.

## □ Philosophy Statement

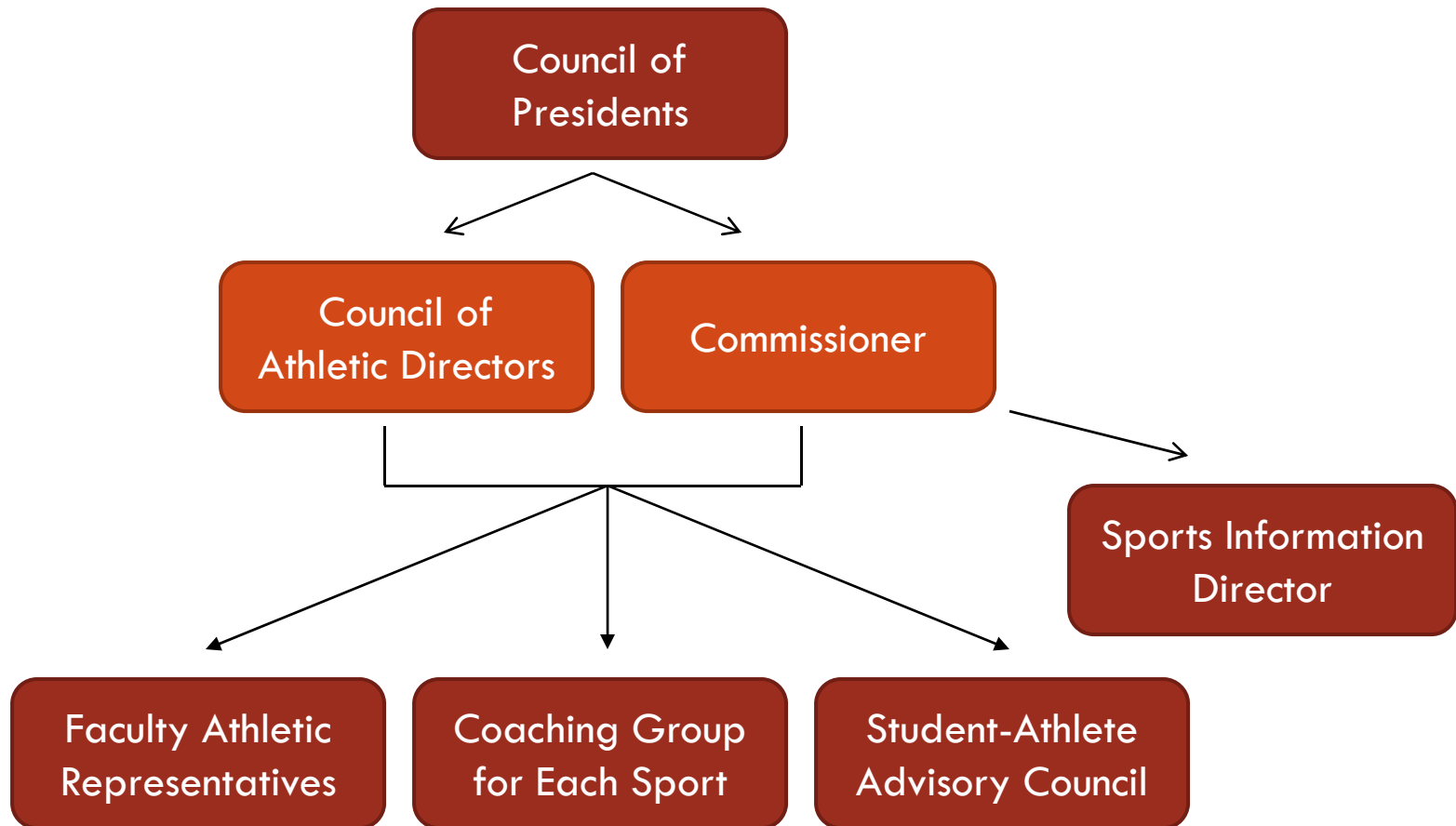
- The Upper Midwest Athletic Conference is a group of strong yet diverse colleges. We will strive to enrich the college careers of student athletes by offering a range of highly competitive amateur athletic opportunities. Our primary focus is on student athletes, with an uncompromising commitment to athletic equity and to the primacy of student academic progress. We will seek to enhance the overall richness of our collegiate programs, for all students, faculty, staff, and alumni, by supporting teams who will consistently demonstrate the values of hard work, community service and good sportsmanship. We believe a strong intercollegiate athletics conference can also serve the economic and entertainment needs of our communities by providing consistently high quality, exciting sports options. The UMAC fully endorses the NCAA Division III philosophy, including the central policy-making role of fully engaged college presidents and chancellors.

# UMAC Overview

- Conference office located on campus of Northwestern College in St. Paul, Min.
- Conference Office Staff
  - ▣ Corey Borchardt, Commissioner
  - ▣ Greg Johnson, Sports Information Director
- Assignors of Officials
  - ▣ Tom Perrault, Football
  - ▣ Steve Clark (MISOA), Men's & Women's Soccer
  - ▣ Jose Jones, Volleyball
  - ▣ George Drouches, Men's & Women's Basketball
  - ▣ Les Novak (ISC), Softball



# UMAC Governance



# UMAC Governance

- Council of Presidents
  - Ultimate authority for the conference
  - Meet in person once per year in March
  - Authority to act on all conference matters
  - Approve UMAC operating budget
  - Steer long-range strategic planning
  - Northwestern College President, Dr. Alan S. Cureton
    - Current Chair of the Council of Presidents



# UMAC Governance

- Council of Athletic Directors
  - ▣ Conduct the business of the conference
  - ▣ Meet in person three times per year
  - ▣ Martin Luther College Director of Athletics, Jim Unke
    - Chair of the Council of Athletic Directors
  - ▣ Northland College Director of Athletics, Steve Wammer
    - Vice-Chair of the Council of Athletic Directors
  
- Sport Liaisons
  - ▣ Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director
  - ▣ Each Sport Represented by on AD/Asst AD



# UMAC Governance

- UMAC Commissioner
  - ▣ Responsible for day-to-day operations and activities of the conference (Chief Administrative Officer)
  - ▣ NCAA liaison
  - ▣ Strategic planning
  - ▣ Development of sport schedules and championships
  - ▣ Oversight of conference officials and assignors
  - ▣ NCAA compliance monitoring and rules interpretation
  - ▣ Facilitation of conference awards programs
  - ▣ Budget development and management
  - ▣ Public relations and marketing



# UMAC Governance

- Council of Faculty Athletic Representatives
  - ▣ Responsible for all academic-related matters
  - ▣ Meet in person twice per year
  
- Other Groups
  - ▣ Sports Information Directors
  - ▣ Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC)
  - ▣ Committees as assigned



# UMAC Membership

- Eight full conference members
  - Bethany Lutheran College (Mankato, Minn.)
  - College of St. Scholastica (Duluth, Minn.)
  - Crown College (St. Bonifacius, Minn.)
  - Martin Luther College (New Ulm, Minn.)
  - Northland College (Ashland, Wis.)
  - Northwestern College (St. Paul, Minn.)
  - Presentation College (Aberdeen, S.D.)
  - University of Minnesota-Morris (Morris, Minn.)
  
- Five associate members
  - North Central University (Minneapolis, Minn.) - M/W Cross Country, M Golf, M/W Tennis
  - Eureka College (Eureka, Ill.) – Football
  - Greenville College (Greenville, Ill.) – Football
  - MacMurray College (Jacksonville, Ill.) – Football
  - Westminster College (Fulton, Mo.) - Football



# UMAC History

- ❑ Created in 1972 as the Twin Rivers Conference
- ❑ Renamed to current title in 1983
- ❑ Previously a non-scholarship NAIA conference
- ❑ Began transition to NCAA Division III in 2002
- ❑ Received NCAA Division III conference membership status starting in 2008-2009 academic year
- ❑ Automatic qualifier (“AQ”) for applicable team sports will begin with 2010-2011 academic year



# UMAC Sport Offerings

- 18 conference sponsored sports
  - Fall
    - Men's & Women's Cross Country
    - Football
    - Men's & Women's Golf
    - Men's & Women's Soccer
    - Volleyball
  - Winter
    - Men's & Women's Basketball
    - Men's & Women's Indoor Track & Field
  - Spring
    - Baseball
    - Softball
    - Men's & Women's Tennis
    - Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field



# UMAC Website [umacathletics.com](http://umacathletics.com)

- ❑ Current schedules, results, statistics, and standings
- ❑ Awards information: all-conference, player of the week, academic all-conference, coach of the year
- ❑ Current conference news and around the league
- ❑ Membership information and directory listings
- ❑ UMAC tournament information
- ❑ Historical information, records, and past champions
- ❑ Administrative forms
- ❑ Constitution & by-laws
- ❑ Individual sport guidelines



# Compliance

- Compliance Questions & Reporting Violations
  - ▣ NCAA bylaw interpretive questions and NCAA reporting violations go through conference office
  - ▣ Rules interpretation form and violation report form available on UMAC website
  
- Hardship Waivers
  - ▣ Hardship waivers are processed by conference office
  - ▣ UMAC hardship waiver request form on UMAC website

# UMAC Ball Partners

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- Baseball – Diamond
- Basketball – Wilson
- Football – Wilson
- Soccer – Brine
- Softball – Worth
- Volleyball - Baden

# UMAC Online Film Exchange

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- Following Sports Use Game Tape Xchange
  - Football
  - Men's Soccer
  - Women's Soccer
  - Volleyball
  - Men's Basketball
  - Women's Basketball

# UMAC Office

- Mailing Address

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