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NCAA FOOTBALL RULES COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

OBSERVATIONS FROM MICHAEL MOTHERSHED, PAC-12 ACTIVE OFFICIAL

INDIANAPOLIS, March 15, 2017 – In January 2017, I was nominated by the PAC-12 Conference Vice President of Officiating David Coleman to attend the NCAA Football Rules Committee Annual meeting in Indianapolis, IN. The CFO and NCAA solicits nominations from conferences nationally to attend the meeting and represent active, on-field officials. As part of its rules process, the NCAA pays for an active official to attend each of its rules committee meetings. I was honored to be selected to represent the PAC-12 and CFO in this role to attend the meeting and to represent all NCAA College Football Officials.

The opportunity benefited me greatly as I could see the process of reviewing the current rules to determine the effectiveness in the game, while protecting the health and safety of the athletes. I am now more cognizant of the importance of data collection and its use to review varied aspects of the game. The addition of the new NCAA Division I Football Competition Committee will further strengthen the rules review process and enhance player safety.

When we discussed potential rules changes, the coaches and administrators on the committee asked for my input and I was able to represent the on-field perspective in a meaningful way. I got the clear sense that the committee was being as thorough as they could and was concerned about the impact of the rules on game officials.

This experience has enabled me to better understand why rule changes are made and the impact on the game. I'm glad that I attended this meeting and I wish that more officials could have this experience.

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