

UCSD Athletics director Judith M. Sweet gets second highest position at NCAA

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UCSD ATHLETIC DIRECTOR ELECTED TO NO. 2 NCAA POST

Judith M. Sweet, director of athletics at the University of California, San Diego, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, becoming the first woman to hold the organization's second highest post.

The two-year position is second only to president of the NCAA, and four of the last five secretary-treasurers have gone on to become president.

The NCAA is the governing body for most of the nation's intercollegiate athletic programs.

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to continue my association with the NCAA," said Sweet, who was vice-president for Division III schools from 1986-88. "I feel that significant progress has been made in more open communication between the NCAA office, the NCAA council and the membership. One of my goals will be to continue to enhance that communication in a way that collectively we can make decisions that will be positive for the future of intercollegiate athletics on all campuses."

Sweet said that being named the first female to the position "is just a matter of timing. But, the important thing is that I'm not the last."

She was elected by a vote of the 900 NCAA member institutions and conferences during their national meeting in San Francisco earlier this month.

Sweet has been at UCSD since 1973 and gained national prominence when she was named the first female athletic director of a combined men's and women's program in 1975.

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