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Alliance of Women Coaches Names Ann Walker as Director of Events & Communication

Ann Walker, a former softball and All-American basketball player at Iowa's Northwestern College before a long career as a coach and athletic administrator, has been named Director of Events and Communications for the Alliance of Women Coaches.



"To hire someone of Ann's experience and caliber is a home-run for the Alliance," said Megan Kahn, who previously held Walker's new position before being named Executive Director. "Ann's passion for developing leaders, her capacity and generosity for supporting coaches, and her tireless work ethic make her a perfect fit. Our members and NCAA Women Coaches Academy graduates will quickly see and feel Ann's impact on the community of women coaches."

Ann, who brings over 25 years of experience at the NCAA Division I and II levels at Creighton University, Minnesota State University, the Sunshine State Conference, Nova Southeastern University and most recently the community college level at Clark College, will bring valuable perspective from the view of a coach and an administrator.

"Being a college coach, I've lived in other coaches' shoes," Walker said. "I've had the heartbreak of losing recruits. I've had to deal with bosses I didn't get along with and who were no longer supportive. I know the value that organizations like the Alliance provided me -- the networking, the support -- and now I can give back in that manner. I can now be a role model, be a mentor, and serve the community of women coaches in a larger capacity."

Ann served on the NCAA Division II Women's Basketball Committee for five years, chairing the national committee in 2008-10. She was also recognized by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletics Administrators (NACWAA) as its 2012 Division II Administrator of the Year.

Ann will organize the Alliance's national and regional events that help educate, empower, and support women coaches at all levels of athletics. In addition, she will manage the Alliance's communications efforts through its website and other media platforms. Walker's hiring

completes a reorganization of the Alliance's staff that began with Kahn's designation as incoming Executive Director two months ago when Marlene Bjornsrud announced that she would step down after two years in that role.

The Alliance of Women Coaches was founded in 2011 and has become the premier organization that empowers the community of women coaches with the education and resources they need to stay in the game and inspires others to follow in their footsteps.

For more information on the Alliance of Women Coaches, visit www.gocoaches.org.

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