

DON UMLAND: IT'S GREAT TO SEE SO MANY UMPIRES INTERESTED IN IMPROVING THEIR GAME

NCAA Division III National Coordinator of Umpires, Don Umland, was among the speakers and presenters at this year's CBUANE Winter Kickoff meeting. "I'm impressed to see so many umpires interested in improving their game," Umland told the group. "Division III is heading to a Super Regional format, which will add more umpires into our tournament mix across the country," he went on to say. Don Umland told the group that he starts evaluating umpires as they enter the field and conduct the pre-game meeting at the plate.

Bill McCallum, NCAA Division I Regional Advisor told the group what he's looking for in umpires to move up the ladder. "Work hard, stay clean, and know your rules," McCallum said. "Often times what you do off the field can take you out of the tournament picture." The Regional Advisor says that hustle should be genuine, and is always necessary.

Presenters included mini-workshops on Hit By Pitch, Force Play Slide Rule, and Collisions at the Plate, letting attendees know what to look for, what issues are involved with making the correct judgment, and the rule consequence.

The power point presentation of the meeting is available on the CBUANE website. Many thanks to all who attended, the CBUANE Executive Board and presenters Don Umland, Bill McCallum, Joe Caraco, Rick Force, Bruce James, Joe Peters, Frank Neves, Marc Chamberlain and Tim Carey. A special thanks goes out to Larry Riegert for putting together a great power point presentation.