ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   a. Automatic Qualification (AQ).

   (1) **Recommendation.** That the following conferences receive automatic bids for the 2016 NCAA Division I Men’s and Women’s Tennis Championships (32 conferences for the women’s championships and 31 for the men’s): America East Conference (women only); American Athletic Conference; Atlantic Coast Conference; Atlantic Sun Conference; Atlantic 10 Conference; Big East Conference; Big Sky Conference; Big South Conference; Big Ten Conference; Big 12 Conference; Big West Conference; Colonial Athletic Association; Conference USA; Horizon League; The Ivy League; Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference; Mid-American Conference; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference; Missouri Valley Conference; Mountain West Conference; Northeast Conference; Ohio Valley Conference; Pac-12 Conference; Patriot League; Southeastern Conference; Southern Conference; Southland Conference*; Southwestern Athletic Conference; The Summit League; Sun Belt Conference; West Coast Conference; and Western Athletic Conference.

   *Note: The Southland Conference requested a waiver for its men’s program after having exhausted its grace period. As a result of recent conference realignments, the conference lost an active member that would have ensured eligibility for an AQ in 2016. In its request, the conference asks permission to include a reclassifying member to meet the minimum requirements.

   (2) **Effective Date.** September 1, 2015.

   (3) **Rationale.** All eligible conferences are being recommended with the inclusion of the Southland Conference’s men, pending waiver resolution. The committee recommends granting the waiver.

   (4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.

   (5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** None.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review Agenda and Meeting Schedule.** The committee reviewed the agenda and meeting schedule and made no adjustments.

2. **Announcements.** Announcements were made and the committee took no action.

3. **Review/Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting.** The committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the 2014 annual meeting.

4. **Review of Championships/Sports Management Cabinet Actions.** The committee reviewed cabinet items from the past year, as well as actions from the newly formed Division I Competition Oversight Committee. The Competition Oversight Committee created an ad hoc committee to consider the scoring format changes the Division I Men’s and Women’s Tennis Committee had submitted previously and that had been tabled during the last cabinet meeting. This newly formed ad hoc committee will submit a recommendation to the Competition Oversight Committee, noting the need for action not later than August 1 in order for institutions to prepare for competition in the 2015-16 academic year.

5. **Review of 2015 Championships.**
   a. **Brackets.** The committee reviewed the brackets and results. Members took no action but noted the automatic qualifiers, conference opponent restriction and minimizing the number of flights has an effect on the bracket in general and the number of at-large teams ultimately selected.
   b. **Evaluations.** The committee reviewed the evaluations from participants and site representatives. The committee suggested that additional highlights be incorporated into both selection shows along with additional commentary for specific matchups and especially teams that have played each other earlier in the season. The committee also discussed potentially interviewing the committee chairs during the selection shows.
   c. **First and Second Rounds.** The committee discussed the process for appointing qualified site representatives and agreed it best to reach out in advance of selections to determine interest and availability. The committee commended this year’s site representatives who served in this role for the first time, and members asked staff to create a best practices document for the future to help administer the preliminary rounds. Committee members also agreed to continue reaching out to the site representatives in their region to assist with preparations.
d. **Finals Site.**

1. **Format.** The committee reviewed the schedule of matches and discussed the difficulty of scheduling practices and matches for 32 teams (16 men’s teams and 16 women’s teams), especially during inclement weather, which was a factor each day of competition in Waco, Texas. Regarding match times, the committee voted to change the times of the team semifinals and finals to noon and 4 p.m. local time, which is consistent with the current start times for quarterfinals competition.

The committee discussed the overall format of this championship. Among potential changes discussed were splitting the genders into separate championship sites, the concept of a super regional and Elite Eight finals site, changing the dates to allow team finals to be played on the weekend, and splitting the individual and team championship by moving the individual championship to the fall. The committee’s priority is the student-athlete experience and ensuring that the format of the team and individual championship provides the best possible experience. The committee and NCAA staff will continue these conversations throughout the 2015-16 season and gather feedback from tennis stakeholders. This will also allow the committee to consider the outcome of the current scoring format proposal. NCAA staff will develop a financial analysis for the various formats discussed.

2. **Student-Athlete Hospitality Room.** The committee asked future hosts to provide a variety of nutritional foods and beverages at the student-athlete hospitality room. The committee prefers that the student-athlete hospitality room is separate from the media and staff hospitality rooms.

3. **Administrative Meeting.** The committee reviewed the agenda and format for the administrative meeting and took no action.

4. **Banquet and Social Events.** The committee reviewed the current banquet format and noted that the team championship celebration is very well received. Members recommended that both the team and individual banquets be ticketed events at future championships with the potential for teams to purchase tickets for additional travel party members, based on space availability.

The individual singles and doubles championships celebration is currently scheduled during lunch on Tuesday afternoon. Because the individual participants are practicing on this day, the committee asked staff to explore potentially moving this celebration to later in the afternoon on Tuesday and creating a less formal event at the competition site, in conjunction with the team finals.
The committee acknowledged the work of the team hosts at Baylor University. Many of the team hosts provided teams with hospitality as well as additional information regarding restaurants and local attractions in Waco.

(5) **Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) and United State Tennis Association (USTA) Meetings and Events.** The committee briefly discussed these ancillary events, noting the ITA events went well. For the first time, the USTA hosted a coaches reception and will consider a date change for better attendance.

(6) **Hotels.** The committee reviewed the hotels used at the championships and noted several participating teams asked for additional hotel rooms. Staff will track on these requests in the future.

(7) **Credentials.** The committee reviewed the current number of credentials provided for teams and would like to continue with the same process in the future. The committee reiterated the need for hosts to provide credential checkers at all times, including the practice days, throughout the championships.

(8) **Officials.** The committee commended the high quality of the officiating at the championships and noted that the officials were very accommodating, particularly when inclement weather forced several matches to be moved Southern Methodist University. The head referees will be asked to arrive at the host site one day earlier in case of transportation-related delays.

(9) **Inclement-Weather Plans.** The committee emphasized its priority to play championship matches outdoors as weather permits throughout the championships. The committee will base its decisions on moving competition indoors or to an alternate indoor site on the primacy of the student-athlete experience.

(10) **Administrative Meeting Agenda.** The committee reviewed the agenda and took no action.

(11) **Tournament Stringer.** The committee asked that future hosts continue to provide this service to participating institutions.

(12) **All-Tournament Team Selection Process.** The committee reviewed the all-tournament selection procedures and would like to continue the same process in the future. Committee members should be available as soon as competition has concluded to make final decisions.

(13) **Awards Ceremonies.** A committee member will serve as a liaison to the public address announcer to assist with the timing of the awards presentation. Committee members need to remind the two head coaches that they will have
an opportunity to speak during the awards presentation. The committee asked staff to discontinue the practice of announcing the third- and fourth-place teams, since most of the student-athletes have already left the site.

(14) **Use of Ball Runners.** The committee prefers to use ball runners at only the nets and for duties such as providing water and towels to student-athletes.

(15) **Webcasting Minimums.** The committee commended the investment Baylor made to the championships by video streaming every match throughout the championships. This enhanced the experience for student-athletes and their fans.

(16) **Misconduct Issues.** The committee commended the meet referees’ handling of potentially volatile situations. Fan behavior should be managed by the host institution in the future. The committee had an extensive conversation about how to best educate fans and student-athletes about proper behavior, particularly in light of the decorum policies being experimented with at difference conferences.

6. **Discussion of Action Plan for Next Year.**

a. **Team and Individual Selection Criteria and Procedures.**

   (1) **.500 or Above Criterion Implementation.** The committee noted that the .500 or above criterion will remain in place for future championships.

   (2) **Minimum Number of Singles/Doubles Matches for Selections.** The committee discussed the current requirements for minimum number of matches for singles/doubles matches and made no changes.

   (3) **Review Worksheet/Weighting of Categories.** The committee reviewed the selections worksheet and made no changes.

   (4) **Overturned Results by ITA.** The ITA did not overturn any results this year. Staff will continue to work with the ITA to update the committee on any overturned results.

b. **Format Change.** The committee discussed a number of options and will wait for a decision regarding the scoring format proposal as well as financial cost analysis before making any additional recommendations (see Informational Item 5-d).

c. **Lineup Form Procedure.**
(1) **Challenge Process and Timeline; Challenge Identification.** The committee reviewed the timeline and process for lineup challenges and took no action.

(2) **Doubles Lineups.** The committee reviewed the unintended consequence of the increased squad size and will continue to monitor it with assistance from the ITA.

d. **Teleconference with Tournament Directors, Site Representatives and Head Referees.** The committee reviewed the agenda for the teleconference and took no action.

e. **Manuals.** Staff will work with committee members to update all championship manuals.

7. **Update on Sport Committee, Coaches Association and Governance Structure.**

a. **ITA/USTA Issues.**

(1) **USTA.** Elissa Kinard Hill and Virgil Christian joined the committee to discuss various topics. The committee will continue to work closely with the USTA to review the current collegiate championship model. Ms. Hill provided an update on the current facilities the USTA is building in Florida, which are scheduled to be completed in 2016. The USTA has hired Sports Impacts to conduct an economic impact survey, and results should be available in September. In lieu of College Match Day, this year the USTA provided financial support to televise several conference championships, including the Big 12, Southeastern, Mountain West and American Athletic championships.

(2) **ITA and USTA.** The committee did not meet jointly with the USTA and ITA this year.

(3) **ITA.** Tim Russell, David Benjamin and Angel Prinos joined the committee to discuss various topics. The ITA Division I Operating Committee voted to make four recommendations to the committee, which included the previously proposed no-ad scoring format. The ITA Division I Operating Committee also proposed a super regional team format and moving the singles and doubles championships to the fall.

b. **Tennis Committee Composition.** The committee elected Laura Ludwick White, senior associate athletics director at Drexel University, as committee chair, effective September 1, 2015. The committee also elected Bobby Bayliss, director of tennis facilities at the University of Notre Dame, as the men’s subcommittee chair.

c. **2015-16 Committee Calendar.** The committee reviewed the calendar and approved, with the dates and times of host teleconferences to be determined.
d. 2016 Meeting Dates. The committee will conduct its next annual meeting in Indianapolis July 12-14, 2016.

8. Budget, Championship Format and/or Legislative Change Requests. The committee will wait to discuss the championship format further, pending the Championships Oversight Committee’s decision on the scoring format proposal and a financial analysis of other potential championship format changes.

   a. Championship Dates and Sites. The timeline for the next bid cycle is not yet known, though it is expected to begin in spring/summer of 2016. The committee is currently reviewing bid specifications and will look to finalize format discussions prior to selecting future hosts.
   b. Preliminary-Round Site Selection Criteria and Procedures/Facility Evaluation Forms. The committee reviewed the criteria and process and took no action.

10. Other Business.
    a. Wheelchair Tennis. Dan Calandro and Chris Termini updated the committee that Division III received a request and the existing USTA rules for wheelchair tennis will be applied. No action was taken.
    b. Fan Decorum Policy. The committee acknowledged efforts from the Big 12 Conference to enhance the fan experience during the regular season. The committee will continue to monitor and explore ways to grow the sport as well as educate fans and student-athletes about proper behavior at the tennis championships.

Committee Chair: Tad Berkowitz, University of Arizona, Pac-12 Conference
Staff Liaisons: Kelsey Cermak, Championships and Alliances
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