ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   • None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   • Automatic Qualification.
     (1) **Recommendation.** That the Division I Competition Oversight Committee approve the following conferences to receive automatic qualification for the 2016 National Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Championship: Conference Carolinas, Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (EIVA), Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF).
     (2) **Effective Date.** 2016 championship.
     (3) **Rationale.** All eligible conferences have been recommended for automatic qualification.
     (4) **Estimated Budget Impact.** None.
     (5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Approval of Annual Meeting Report.** The committee reviewed the 2014 annual meeting and discussed a clarification to informational item 4a. The committee noted that the intent would be to continue to have the play-in matches at the site of the championship, whenever possible.

2. **Review of Actions from the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.** The committee reviewed cabinet actions and discussed the new Division I governance structure. Members asked NCAA staff to keep them apprised of how the new process may affect the championship moving forward.

3. **Review of Sponsorship.** The committee reviewed the sponsorship for the current year, noting that no changes are anticipated. Further review will take place once 2015-16
information is available to make sure all schools are represented and assigned to the correct region.

4. **Review of 2015 Championship.**

   a. **Schedule of Events.** The committee reviewed the schedule of events and agreed that practice times will be adjusted to provide one hour and 15 minutes the day prior to competition and one hour on game day, as well as making sure to provide enough time for the teams to return to their hotel after practice in order to prepare for the banquet the day before the semifinals.

   Further, the committee discussed game times and has asked staff to work with ESPN to request an earlier start time. Given that the championship will be on the East Coast this year, committee members would prefer a 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. Eastern time championship match start.

   b. **Play-In Matches.** The committee reviewed the play-in matches and appreciated Stanford’s willingness to host both and conduct them smoothly. Members agreed that the play-in matches being played at Stanford provided a great championship experience for all of the teams.

   c. **Semifinals/Finals.** The committee noted its overall satisfaction with the championship semifinals and finals, and members thought the host did a good job. They noted that continued efforts from staff, the committee and the host are needed to promote and grow attendance from year to year.

   d. **Suppliers.**

      (1) **Molten.** The committee emphasized its appreciation for the level of support, customer service and commitment to the championship that Molten provides annually. Staff will continue to work with Molten to update equipment and support needs for future championships.

      (2) **Sport Court.** The committee commended Connor Sport Court for its continued commitment to providing the championship playing surface and excellent customer service again this year.

      The committee asked that staff continue to work with Sport Court to see if enhancements can be made to the court that is sent, including possibly incorporating additional graphics into the floor design.

      (3) **Sports Imports.** The committee is satisfied with the level of service and product Sports Imports provides for the championship.
e. **Evaluations.** The committee reviewed the evaluations and noted areas of improvement, especially the feedback saying that the hotels Anthony Travel booked were too far away from the championship venue.

f. **Banquet.** The committee agreed that the banquet went very well this year, noting the keynote speaker and historical video as highlights. The committee also brainstormed ways to continue improving this event in the future, including possibly having/allowing sponsors that would provide for additional funds.

g. **USA Volleyball.** The committee noted its appreciation of USA Volleyball’s commitment to growing the game and discussed ideas for further involvement in the championship in the future, including more interactive set-up during the championship.

h. **American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).** The committee appreciated the AVCA’s presence during the championship planning phase and noted that presenting the All-America awards at the banquet is a nice way to celebrate student-athlete achievement. The committee and staff will continue to involve the organization in promoting the championship.

5. **Preview of 2016 Championship.**

a. **Schedule of Events.** The committee reviewed and made minor recommendations that staff will incorporate into the appropriate manuals and timing sheets.

b. **Play-in Matches.** Based on geographic location of, and the play-in matches taking place on the Tuesday prior to, the championship, the committee determined that these matches are best held at the same location as the championship. The Pennsylvania State University is the host of the 2016 championship, and officials there have confirmed that they will be able to host.

c. **Ancillary Events.** The committee discussed ideas for ancillary events that would add to the championship experience for participants and fans, including USA Volleyball’s involvement in an interactive area during the championship.

d. **Videotaping Policy.** The committee asked staff to clarify championship videotaping and scouting policies in the appropriate manuals. Moving forward, all teams competing in the play-in matches and championship will be able to videotape all matches that are being played at the championship site.

e. **Selection of Game Officials.** The committee reviewed the process for selecting officials and will continue to work with conference commissioners and assignors to select the officials for the championship, noting that this request should go out sooner than it has in years past.
f. **Attendance/Financial Summary.** This was not available at the time of the meeting.

g. **Participant Manual.** The committee reviewed the participant manual and made changes as necessary for staff to incorporate and distribute.

h. **Site Visit.** Staff will work to coordinate a site visit in the early fall.

i. **Television.** The committee was very pleased with the ESPNU broadcast of the finals and expressed its interest in exploring opportunities to also have the semifinals televised. Members also asked whether new game times would allow for the championship game to be on ESPN or ESPN2. Staff will follow up internally to facilitate these discussions.

The committee also agreed that having someone from USA Volleyball interviewed during the championship broadcast was a nice touch, and a way to continue raising awareness of the game.

j. **Webstream.** The committee asked about having the play-in matches webstreamed on ncaa.com, which would provide good exposure for the championship and consistency for consumers to watch the play-in matches and semifinals on the same platform. The committee will also ask future hosts about their capability to webstream the play-in matches.

6. **Automatic Qualification and Conference Tournaments.** The committee reviewed automatic qualifiers and asked that staff follow up with conference commissioners to ensure that conference regular-season and tournament matches are completed the evening prior to selections, which is one week earlier than in years past.

7. **Future Championship Sites.** The committee requested information on the next championship bid cycle in order to promote the next submission deadline and determine the number of championship years that will be awarded.

8. **Selection Criteria/RPI Review.**

   - **Results of the RPI.** The committee was encouraged by having the RPI posted on ncaa.com and agreed that it helped coaches better understand the selection process.

9. **Rules.** The committee reviewed the USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations, and agreed to follow the FIVB rule concerning the libero jersey, as opposed to adopting the new USA Volleyball rule. The committee asked Ben Brownlee of the NCAA playing rules
10. staff to update the Playing Rules Oversight Panel on the committee’s desire to continue following the current rule. NCAA staff will communicate this decision to all institutions and conferences that sponsor men’s volleyball.

11. **Review of Manuals.** The committee reviewed the host operations, pre-championships and tournament host manuals and recommended changes as necessary for staff to incorporate and distribute.

12. **Committee.**
   a. **Committee Rosters.** The committee reviewed the national committee roster and noted that Paula Smith will be rotating off the committee due to her appointment to the Division I Council.
   b. **Timeline.** The committee reviewed the timeline and recommended changes as necessary for staff to incorporate and distribute.
   c. **2016 Meeting Dates.** The 2016 annual meeting will be June 13-15 in Indianapolis.

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*Staff Liaison: Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances*

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