ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   a. Automatic Qualification.
      (1) Recommendation. That the following 24 conferences be afforded automatic-qualifying status to the 2017 NCAA Division III Men’s Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth; Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom; Midwest Lacrosse Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; NEWMAC Lacrosse League; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Ohio River Lacrosse Conference, Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern Athletic Association and State University of New York Athletic Conference.

      (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2016.

      (3) Rationale. The conferences listed meet the requirements of the automatic-qualifying bylaw.

      (4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

      (5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

   b. Committee Chair.
      (1) Recommendation. That Jay Gardiner, commissioner of the Southern Athletic Association, be appointed chair of the Division III Men’s Lacrosse Committee for the 2016-17 academic year.

      (2) Effective Date. September 1, 2016.

      (3) Rationale. During his three-year tenure on the committee, Mr. Gardiner has made significant contributions with his leadership and knowledge of the sport. His
experience as a conference commissioner combined with his ability to lead the regional advisory committee (RAC), makes Mr. Gardiner an ambassador for the sport and the NCAA. He will replace Sean Quirk, associate athletic director at Endicott College, when Mr. Quirk’s term expires at the end of August.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Approval of the 2015 Minutes. The committee approved its May 25, 2015, annual meeting report as written.

2. 2016 Championship. The committee reviewed the 2016 championship, pointing out the successes and some of the challenges during the event. The committee commended the Drexel University and Philadelphia Eagles staffs for their great work at the championship site.

3. 2017 Championship Planning in Foxboro, MA. The committee began to plan for the 2017 championship in Foxboro, MA. Game times will be at 1 and 4 p.m. or noon and 3 p.m., with Division II playing in the first contest followed by the Division III championship.

4. Regional Advisory Committee. The committee reviewed the regional advisory committee roster and noted replacement needs due to term expirations.

5. Tournament Format. The committee discussed the new championship format with the expansion of the bracket from 32 to 34 teams for the 2016-17 academic year. The committee also noted with sponsorship numbers continuing to increase, the bracket will likely expand to 36 teams in 2017-18 based on access ratio of 1:6.5. The committee understands that any bracket increase will need approval of the championships committee.

6. Bench Size. The committee discussed increasing the size of bench personnel permitted during the championship. In the sport of lacrosse, rosters continue to increase as the sport grows. Many institutions have charged their coaches to increase their rosters and to maintain a high retention rate. The committee brought forth a recommendation two years ago to increase the bench personnel from 42 to 48 members which was not approved. The committee feels strongly this would be a positive addition to the student-athlete experience throughout the championship. Many of the participating institutions are incurring the cost to
travel all of their student-athletes to the competition sites to be with their teammates only to be regulated to the stands for viewing the contest.

7. **2017 Annual Meeting.** The committee agreed to meet May 29, 2017.

8. **Joint Meeting.** The committee participated in a joint session via teleconference with the Divisions I and II Men’s Lacrosse Committees. The committees discussed the recap of the 2016 championships and the planning of the 2017 championships. The committees received a recap of the year from the national coordinator of officials and secretary rules editor.

*Committee Chair: Sean Quirk, Endicott College, Commonwealth Coast Conference
Staff Liaison: Will Hopkins, Championships and Alliances*

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