KEY ITEMS.

- The committee selected Janine Oman, senior associate athletics director at The Ohio State University, as the new chair for 2016-17.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Approval of annual meeting report. The committee approved the 2015 annual meeting report as submitted.

2. Review of actions from the Division I Competition Oversight Committee (COC). The committee reviewed COC actions and noted the priorities that have been identified for the upcoming year. The committee also noted the Board of Directors’ request to the COC to review committee composition and determined that, given the experience and the scope of work required, the men’s volleyball committee is best positioned to fulfill its charge with its current composition.

   Committee members also noted the COC’s review of the fine structure for misconduct and failure to adhere and asked staff to keep them apprised on whether the penalty structure will be changed.

   In addition, the committee asked staff to follow up with the NCAA rules staff on video replay to determine if men’s volleyball could also implement it at the upcoming championship, similar to Division I women’s volleyball.

3. Review of sponsorship. The committee reviewed the sponsorship for the current year, noting that few changes are anticipated. Further review will take place once 2016-17 information is available to make sure all schools are represented and assigned to the correct region. The committee also discussed how to further involve the institutions in Puerto Rico, and noted that conference affiliation must be observed closely as institutions on the West Coast realign in future years.

a. Schedule of events. The committee reviewed the schedule of events and agreed that the current schedule works well. Members will continue to review and make adjustments based on travel time and facility availability in the future.

b. Play-in matches. The committee reviewed the play-in matches and appreciated Penn State’s willingness to host both and conduct them smoothly. Members continue to stress their belief that having the play-in matches at the finals location provides for the best student-athlete experience and protects bracket integrity.

c. 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 appreciated their staff’s willingness to add decals to enhance the look of the floor.

(3) Sports Imports. The committee is satisfied with the level of service and product Sports Imports provides for the championship. Given that the upcoming championship is in the same city as Sports Imports’ headquarters, the committee asked staff to make sure they are incorporated into the marketing of the championship.

d. Attendance/financial summary. The committee reviewed the attendance and financial summary from the championship and was pleased with the attendance, given the host institution was not participating.

e. Television. The committee was very pleased with the ESPN2 broadcast of the finals, as well as the ratings that were reported. Members noted that the increased ratings from last year were most likely due to being on ESPN2, as opposed to another ESPN network, and expressed interest in staying with this network in the future. The committee also expressed its interest in exploring the opportunities to have the semifinals televised on ESPN as well. Staff will facilitate these discussions internally and provide the committee with feedback.

f. Evaluations. The committee reviewed the evaluations and noted areas of improvement, noting that the low amount of feedback provided makes this difficult.

g. Banquet. The committee agreed that the banquet went very well this year, noting the keynote speaker and use of the Penn State football stadium as highlights.
h. USA Volleyball. The committee appreciates USA Volleyball’s commitment to growing the game and emphasized the importance of their presence at the championship and the banquet.

i. 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.


a. Schedule of events. The committee does not anticipate changes from last year and asked staff to make sure that that host (The Ohio State University) is prepared throughout the year, as well as willing to host play-in matches the week of the semifinals and finals, in the event matches are not played on participating team campuses.

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

c. Selection of game officials. The committee discussed the process for selecting officials and will continue to work with conference commissioners and assignors to select the officials for the championship using a similar timeline as was used in 2016.

d. Participant manual. The committee reviewed the participant manual and made changes as necessary for staff to incorporate and distribute. Staff will work with the championship host to solidify changes and site-specific information.

6. Automatic qualification and conference tournaments. The committee noted that there are no changes to automatic qualifications for the 2016-17 season. The committee will pay close attention to automatic qualifiers in the future due to conference realignment on the West Coast.

7. Future championship sites. Staff shared the championship bid timeline and the process for submissions for 2018-19 through 2021-22. Staff will continue to keep the committee updated as the process continues through December.

8. Selection criteria/RPI review. The committee reviewed the selection criteria that is used in the selection process and took no action.

9. Rules. Ben Brownlee of the NCAA playing rules staff updated the committee regarding efforts to consistently notify the membership about rules changes/modifications. The committee reviewed a proposed document listing rules and modifications for all divisions and clearly identifying when certain information is division specific. Once the document is finalized, it will be placed on the men’s volleyball rules page on NCAA.org. Staff will instruct the membership on how to retrieve this information.
The committee discussed the need to decide on NCAA effective dates when implementing new rules from USA Volleyball. The committee decided that any USA Volleyball rules changes prior to August 1 would be implemented for the upcoming year, and anything after August 1 will be delayed until the following season unless there is a health and safety concern that would require immediate implementation, or a financial impact that would require COC approval and potentially delay implementation further.

In addition, the committee discussed how to make sure institutions are displaying the upmost sportsmanship throughout the match, giving specific consideration to the bench decorum/celebration that occurs during a match after a point is scored. The committee does not want to dampen the excitement of the sport, but it also does not want to take away from the match itself with off-court distractions. Staff will work on the best approach to make this a point of emphasis in the coming year.

10. Officials. The committee reviewed the timeline for selecting officials for the championship and agreed that the timing used this year worked well. Staff will continue to provide conference commissioners with information on recommending officials as early as possible. Staff also reviewed the officials background check pilot program that was used this year and noted the possibility of implementing it on a permanent basis. The committee fully supported this initiative.

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. The committee agrees that with the potential of play-in matches being held on institutions’ campuses, the NCAA should add a site representative manual to the manuals distributed.

12. Committee. The committee reviewed the national committee roster. Members noted that Ron Shayka will be rotating off the committee and that the nominating committee has provided a replacement for the East Region.

The committee also reviewed the committee timeline and recommended changes as necessary for staff to incorporate and distribute for the upcoming year.

13. Committee chair. The committee appointed Janine Oman, associate athletics director at The Ohio State University, to serve as committee chair, effective September 1, 2016.

Committee Chair: Ron Shayka, George Mason University, Atlantic 10 Conference
Staff Liaison: Eric Breece, Championships and Alliances
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