ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - Selection criteria.
     a. Recommendation. That the selection criteria for women’s lacrosse include the regional Rating Percentage Index.
     c. Rationale. The committee believes the RPI will provide additional data to assist in ranking teams that have very similar data in other areas. When comparing teams and there is minimal data for Division II head-to-head competition and/or results versus Division II common opponents, the committee believes RPI can provide data to consider as it factors in an opponents’ winning percentage and opponents’ opponent’s winning record. With the NCAA Division II Women’s Lacrosse Championship expanding to four regions, the chance of having more teams with very similar data could increase and the addition of the RPI can assist in determining rankings.
     d. Estimated budget impact. None.
     e. Student-athlete impact. This change should allow the committee to more accurately determine the best teams in each region and have a positive impact on student-athletes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review agenda. The committee reviewed the meeting schedule and made no adjustments.

2. 2016 annual meeting report. The committee approved the 2016 annual meeting report as written.

a. **Selection timeline.** The committee discussed the selection timeline and its concern with conference tournament game times on selection day. With the regional advisory committee calls having to be completed before all games have concluded, there is a risk for potential issues when comparing multiple “what-if” scenarios. If brackets cannot be finalized by the deadline set by Turner, the selection show could get cancelled and the selected teams would be announced via a press release on NCAA.org, as was almost the case this year. Currently, language recommends all conference championship games conclude by the NCAA Division II women’s lacrosse selection call, but the committee will look to change the wording to require all conference championship games conclude by the selection call.

b. **Preliminary rounds.**

(1) **Practice times.** The committee will increase the practice time allotted before or after the first-round game for the team receiving the bye. To be consistent, the committee will increase the practice time to 90 minutes. Also, the committee will ask the host for multiple practice time slots to allow more flexibility for all teams when selecting a practice time.

(2) **Lodging.** There were some issues with hotels and teams had to be relocated to other properties. Moving forward, the committee will work with hosts to ensure the hotels secured are of championship caliber and appropriate to use for the first and second rounds.

(3) **Game times.** The committee discussed the time frame set for games to start and made no changes.

(4) **Bid process.** Committee members discussed information requested from potential first- and second-round hosts, as well as hosts’ proper completion of bid materials. The committee will seek more facility pictures, game and practice time details, and better description of ancillary areas from each potential host.

(5) **Site evaluations.** With the exception of the hotel issue, the feedback from each first- and second-round site was positive. The committee will continue to use this feedback as an aid when reviewing materials for future hosts.

c. **Championship.**

(1) **Working with host.** The committee had no issues working with the host and was extremely pleased with the commitment from all involved.

(2) **Practice schedule.** The committee reviewed the practice schedule and felt the dedicated times continue to work for the championship.
(3) **Game times.** The committee reviewed all game times and felt the semifinal games times continue to work but will move up the start time for the championship game. Due to the potential heat in Tampa, Florida, the championship game will start at noon Eastern time.

(4) **Facilities.** The committee felt the field was in great shape but there were some issues with the sound system and spectators could not hear the announcements clearly.

(5) **STX.** The committee noted the apparel provided as student-athlete gifts ran small and larger sizes should be provided. The committee will continue to request the commemorative fiddle sticks for future championships.

4. **Officials.** The committee noted the officials pool continues to improve each year, and there has been a great effort by the national coordinator of officials to get more individuals involved in the championship.

5. **2018 championship.**

a. **Timeline.** NCAA staff will work with the committee to determine the best dates and times for committee calls.

b. **Review host materials.** The committee reviewed facility information for the 2018 championship and noted questions for the upcoming site visit.

c. **Bracket.** The committee reviewed the bracket for the 2018 championship and determined the placement of the regions for the new four-region model. The committee discussed the potential for seeding after the first and second rounds and will continue to explore this option.

6. **New regional model.** The committee discussed the four-region model that will go into effect in September 2017 and the breakdown of institutions in each region. The committee will continue to monitor the number of institutions located in the Midwest and South regions as these are the fastest growing regions.

7. **National Committee and Regional Advisory Committee.** Jesse Balcer, associate director of athletics at Chestnut Hill College, was re-elected as chair of the committee.

8. **Review of manuals.** The committee reviewed the 2017 manuals and made necessary updates for 2018.

9. **Other business.** A representative from the NCAA academic and membership affairs staff updated the committee on Division II initiatives to help educate the membership on the
division. Also, members of the Division II governance staff discussed the Division II priorities for the 2017-18 academic year.

**Committee Chair:** Jesse Balcer, Chestnut Hill College, Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference  
**Staff Liaison:** Morgan DeSpain, Championships and Alliances

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