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- Nnenna Akotaobi, Swarthmore College
- Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University
- Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference
- Heather Benning, Midwest Conference
- Sean Cain, Adrian College, SAAC representative
- Gail Cummings-Danson, Skidmore College
- Jeff Docking, Adrian College, Presidents Council chair
- Shantey Hill, St. Joseph’s College, vice chair
- Brit Katz, Millsaps College, chair
- Chris Kimball, California Lutheran University
- Dennis Leighton, University of New England
- Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- Kate Roy, Lyndon State College
- Kandis Schram, Maryville College (Tennessee)
- Karen Tompson-Wolfe, Westminster College (Missouri)
- Denise Udelhofen, Loras College
- Troy Van Aken, Thiel College
- Michael Vienna, Emory University
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1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

July 17-18 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. July 17 and 8:46 a.m. July 18, by the chair, Brit Katz.

August 8-9 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. August 8 and 9:11 a.m. August 9 by the chair, President Jeff Docking. President Docking acknowledged the first meeting for Presidents Mary Beth Cooper, Stuart Dorsey and Robert Lindgren.

2. **REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

   a. **Management Council Meetings – April 10-11, 2017.**


      Presidents Council. No action necessary.

   b. **Presidents Council Meeting – April 25-26, 2017.**

      Management Council. No action necessary.

      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its April 25-26, 2017, meeting.

3. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.**

   a. **Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.**

      (1) **Convention-Planning Subcommittee.**

         (a) **2018 NCAA Convention – Educational Session Topics.**

            Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report regarding potential educational session topics. It endorsed the following recommendations:

            - Ethics and athletics. Building a culture of ethical behavior and a positive department culture. The subcommittee proposes this session be in a panel format. A companion, more in-depth discussion will occur during the Issues Forum;
• **Rules compliance.** Campus integration and responsibility for institutional rules compliance. This session will not focus on bylaws and rules, but instead focus on the systems needed to ensure campus integration related to NCAA rules compliance; and

• **Student and staff wellness: mental health.** This session will be sponsored by the National Association of Division III Athletics Administrators (NADIIIAA).

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

**(b) Issues Forum Format and Proposed Discussion Topics.**

**Management Council.** The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s recommendation to follow the same legislative format as the 2017 Convention, in which staff will highlight key legislative proposals and allow time for a more in-depth Q & A discussion.

Suggested roundtable topics for the 2018 Issues Forum are:

• Ethics and athletics.
• Enrollment management and financial pressures (e.g., budgets, resource disparity between schools).

Time did not allow the subcommittee to discuss the format of the Issues Forum nor select a third topic if time permits. Both issues will be addressed on the September teleconference.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

**(2) Strategic-Planning and Finance Committee.**

**(a) Division III 2017-19 Strategic Plan.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved the 2017-19 Strategic Plan, and specifically updates to year one (2017-18).

The committee reviewed the seven strategic priorities for 2017-18, which is the first year of the 2017-19 budget biennium. Some initiatives highlighted include continued collaboration with the NCAA Eligibility Center; the FAR Engagement Working Group’s effort to identify strategies to re-engage FARs and develop a best practices resource; partner with Association-wide governance staffs to enhance Division III specific presidential programming at the NCAA Convention; collaborate with the Office of Inclusion to support the LGBTQ working group’s efforts; continue work related to diversity and inclusion; develop the 2018 division-wide survey; and maintaining fiscal integrity. The committee supported the updates to the Strategic Plan, noting the enhancement to the division’s priorities and budget initiatives.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.
(b) **Division III Budget.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils reviewed the 2016-17 budget-to-actual report as of May 31, 2017; the 2017-18 final budget; and the future budget projections. A surplus of approximately $1.4M is anticipated for championships, with all funds being spent in nonchampionships.

(c) **Division III 2015-17 Strategic Plan.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the final analysis from the 2015-17 Strategic Plan, noting the outcome of each initiative. Overall, it was a successful budget biennium with many new programs and initiatives.

Staff noted that the initiatives and their outcomes will be posted on the Division III website, as well as inclusion in the monthly update.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.**

(a) **Membership-Sponsored Proposals.**

Presidents Council. The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee reviewed nine membership-sponsored proposals. The Presidents Council approved the subcommittee’s recommendation for the following membership-sponsored proposals to be included in the presidential grouping:

- **Playing and Practice Seasons – Baseball – Number of Contests and Dates of Competition – Reduction in Permissible Contests.**

  This proposal would reduce the maximum number of contests in baseball from 40 to 36.

  The Presidents Council noted this proposal still needs to fully satisfy the sponsorship requirements by September 1 or it will be withdrawn.

- **Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Preseason Practice – First Practice Date.**

  This proposal would move the first permissible contest date in football one week later, based on moving the Division III Football Championship back by one week and to establish the first permissible practice date as 28 days prior to the Saturday following the first permissible contest date.

  The Presidents Council noted this proposal still needs to fully satisfy the sponsorship requirements by September 1 or it will be withdrawn.
• Division III Committees – Eligibility of Membership – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Change in Composition. This proposal would allow each voting member conference (43 in 2017-18) to have a representative on the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). Currently, conferences share a SAAC representative on an alternating basis.

• Executive Regulations – Principles of Establishing Bracket Size – Pool A – Two Automatic Qualifier Berths for Conferences with 15 or More Members. This proposal would maintain an established automatic qualification access ratio (1:7/5) for conferences with 15 members.

The Presidents Council noted this proposal still needs to fully satisfy the sponsorship requirements by September 1 or it will be withdrawn.

(b) Governance-Sponsored Proposals.

Presidents Council. The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee reviewed five governance-sponsored proposals. The Presidents Council noted the following four proposals were identified by the subcommittee to be presidential in nature and placed them in the presidential grouping.

• Sports Wagering. This proposal would eliminate the legislated penalty for sports wagering. For violations that trigger the legislated sports wagering sanctions, the Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee would conduct a case-by-case review of these sports wagering violations to promote increased fairness. The new process would also provide for an appellate opportunity.

The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor this proposal. The Administrative Committee will review the proposal in final legislative format on its late-August teleconference.

• Academic Misconduct. This proposal will define pre-enrollment and post-enrollment academic misconduct; clarify the individuals and activities to which the legislation applies; and clarify when an institution must report an academic misconduct violation. Further, if an institution’s policies were not violated and academic misconduct was not found, then establish an impermissible academic assistance analysis in lieu of an extra benefit analysis.

The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor this proposal. The Administrative Committee will review the proposal in final legislative format on its late-August teleconference.
Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Eligibility. This proposal permits a student that has graduated from an NCAA Division III institution to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the Division III institution of his or her choice provided: (1) The student is enrolled and seeking a second baccalaureate or graduate degree; (2) The student has eligibility remaining (i.e., seasons of participation); and (3) The participation occurs within the applicable 10-semester/15-quarter period set forth in Bylaw 14.2.

The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor this proposal. The Administrative Committee will review the proposal in final legislative format on its late-August teleconference.

Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Establishing Preseason Start. This proposal would establish the football preseason practice period as follows: (1) The first permissible practice date shall be 25 days before the first permissible Saturday contest date (regardless of the institution’s actual first contest date). Expenses may not be provided before this date; (2) A day off shall be provided during the first six days of preseason which includes the five-day acclimatization period; (3) A day off shall be provided during each remaining week of the preseason practice period (prior to the week of the first contest); (4) On-field activity (a practice session and a walk through session) shall be limited to a combined total of four hours in length per day with a practice session not to exceed three hours; and (5) Footballs may be used during walk-through sessions following the five-day acclimatization period.

The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor this proposal. The Administrative Committee will review the proposal in final legislative format on its late-August teleconference.

b. Management Council Subcommittees.

(1) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

Legislation – Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Eligibility – NCAA Bylaws 14.1.9 and 14.5.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to sponsor 2018 NCAA Convention legislation. [See above, Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee Report.]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor 2018 NCAA Convention legislation. [See above, Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee Report.]
(2) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (PPSS).


  Management Council. The Council approved the subcommittee’s recommendation to sponsor 2018 NCAA Convention legislation. [See Page No. 7, Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee Report]

  Presidents Council. The Presidents Council agreed to sponsor 2018 NCAA Convention legislation. [See Page No. 7, Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee Report.]

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

  (a) Championships Site Selections for 2018-22.

    Management Council. The Council noted the committee approved site and host recommendations for championships from fall 2018 through spring 2022. After noting that most host bids come from regions outside of the far west, the Council discussed the value of having bids from all geographic regions.

    Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

  (b) Men’s and Women’s Soccer Regional Alignment.

    Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed a proposal to relocate the New Jersey Athletic Conference in the regional alignment. The committee supported the soccer committees’ review of the issue (members recognized that the current alignment is not ideal, but believed that the proposal would only shift the issue rather than eliminate it) and agreed that a more thorough regional realignment review across all eight-region sports of similar sport sponsorship may prove beneficial to address realignment concerns. The committee requested that NCAA staff provide a summary of the issue relevant to all sports at its next in-person meeting.

    Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

  (c) Wrestling.

    Management Council. The Council noted an update on the Wrestling Committee’s ongoing work related to regional realignment. The realignment principles include geographic proximity, balanced championship access through alignment, conference affiliation, and competitive consideration. The Wrestling Committee sent a survey to the membership in mid-July. The results will be shared for feedback at the Wrestling
Coaches Association meeting in August. The final realignment proposal and recommendation will be submitted for review at the September Championships Committee meeting.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(2) **Committee on Infractions.**

(a) **Amend NCAA Division III Bylaws 32.6.6 Prehearing Conference and 32.6.7 Enforcement Staff Case Summary.**

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to amend Bylaws 32.6.6 Prehearing Conference and 32.6.7 Enforcement Staff Case Summary to provide clarification regarding the timing of the infractions hearing prehearing conference and the submission of the enforcement staff’s case summary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(b) **Amend Bylaw 32.8.8 as follows:**

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to amend Bylaw 32.8.8 to provide the opportunity for the Committee on Infractions to request interpretations from the academic and membership affairs (AMA) staff as part of the posthearing deliberative process.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(3) **Financial Aid Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(4) **Infractions Appeals Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(5) **Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).**

(a) **Convention Legislation – Promotional Activities – NCAA Bylaw 12.5.1.1.**

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to sponsor 2018 NCAA Convention legislation replacing
the requirement that an authorized representative of a charitable, educational, or nonprofit agency sign a release statement with a requirement that the institution provides educational material notifying the entity of its obligation to ensure that a student-athlete’s name, likeness, appearance or image is used in a manner consistent with the promotional activities legislation.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(b) **Approval of Office Interpretation – Player Agreement Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved the following official interpretation:

**Player Agreement Before Initial Collegiate Enrollment (III).** The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that a player agreement to compete with an amateur team, where no payment is provided, is not competition pursuant to the signing of a contract that would constitute participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment. Therefore, an individual shall not be charged with a season of participation nor be required to serve an academic year of residence.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 14.2.4.4 (participation in organized competition before initial collegiate enrollment) and 14.2.4.4.2 (activities constituting use of a season).]

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(6) **Membership Committee.**

(a) **Active and Provisional/Reclassifying Membership.**

**Management Council.** The Council noted the committee elected the following institutions, effective September 1, 2017, to active Division III membership per Constitution 3.2.3.3:

   i. Berea College;
   ii. Bryn Athyn College; and
   iii. Pennsylvania College of Technology.

The Membership Committee also approved the advancement of the following provisional and reclassifying institutions currently in the provisional/reclassifying process as follows, effective September 1, 2017:

   i. Year two to year three – Belhaven University.
   ii. Year three to year four:
      - Alfred State College;
      - Illinois Institute of Technology;
For the 2017-18 academic year, there will be 443 active members and eight provisional/reclassifying members for a total of 451 members.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Sports-Sponsorship Waiver Requests.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee denied a sports sponsorship waiver request from Pine Manor College for failure to satisfy sports-sponsorship requirements in softball. As a result, the institution will be placed on restricted membership status for the 2017-18 academic year, effective September 1, 2017.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.


Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to adopt noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 12.5.1.1 to clarify that circumstances where a student-athlete participates in an impermissible institutional promotional activity and does not receive above actual and necessary expenses should be institutional violations and not affect the student-athlete’s eligibility.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(b) **Contemporaneous Medical Documentation Standards.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed feedback from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport regarding medical documentation from licensed physical extenders and the use of noncontemporaneous medical documentation. The committee modified its current medical documentation standards guideline to allow consideration of noncontemporaneous medical documentation in conjunction with contemporaneous medical documentation from a treating physician. Additionally, the committee directed staff to review waiver requests involving diagnosis or treatment by a licensed physician extender on a case-by-case basis.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Waiver Guidelines for Transgender Student-Athletes.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee modified its waiver guidelines to permit staff to approve season-of-participation waivers for transgender female student-athletes who have practiced with a women’s team during the first year of being treated with testosterone suppression medication or within the first year of surgical intervention, provided specific criteria are met. In addition, the committee directed staff to consider the student-athlete’s year of ineligibility as a denied participation opportunity for the purposes of an extension waiver request.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. **Association-Wide Committees.**

(1) **Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).**

(a) **Uniform Standards of Care.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting a working group was established to develop language for the “uniform standards of care process” and created the following statement approved by the committee:

“On occasion, an issue of significance arises that not only poses a substantial challenge to the principle of student-athlete well-being, to which the Association has committed, but also requires a uniform, Association-wide response to address that challenge.”

The committee acknowledged and agrees with the criteria identified to be used in deciding when to elevate a health and safety matter requiring a uniform, Association-wide solution. The complete list of criteria is:

- The issue involves new scientific evidence with anticipated Association-wide importance.
• The issue will impact a core Association-wide value.
• The issue poses a legal risk to the Association.
• The issue poses a reputational risk to the Association.

The committee believes that the NCAA Sport Science Institute staff should consider these criteria when planning future CSMAS meetings to provide the committee an opportunity to apply these criteria to relevant health and safety matters. When an issue is identified to the committee as satisfying one or more of these criteria, the committee will work collaboratively with the SSI staff to develop a proposal for the Board of Governors that will:

• Explain how the issue(s) satisfies one or more of these criteria.
• Demonstrates why an effective solution(s) to the problem requires a uniform, Association-wide approach.
• Suggest one or more actions from the Board of Governors that may contribute to the development or implementation of a uniform Association-wide solution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary. [See Page No. 23, Item b.]

(b) Position on the Football Preseason’s Second Practice Session.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee took the following position on walk-through practice sessions that occur during the football preseason:

• The use of protective equipment, including helmet and shoulder pads, is not permitted per existing legislation.
• Additionally, the use of football equipment is not permitted. [Note: all three divisions created a waiver permitting the use of footballs for the 2017 football preseason.]
• Sprinting and competitive speed drills are not allowed during walk-throughs. If the above-mentioned waivers are approved, the presence and use of a football may not change the speed of the walk-through.
• Outside of the on-field practice session, conditioning drills are not allowed.
• Weightlifting sessions are not considered conditioning sessions if conducted for the purpose of strength training and performed in a deliberate and controlled manner that is consistent with the concept of walking or jogging. Weightlifting activities designed to enhance cardiorespiratory fitness are considered conditioning and are not permitted. Weightlifting sessions should be carefully planned and implemented only after consultation with a strength and conditioning professional and the primary athletics health care provider.
• The legislated three-hour recovery period must be observed between any two sessions. Adequate student-athlete rest and recovery is paramount.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Positions on Guidelines for the No Football Practice Day.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee took the following positions on guidelines for the no football practice day:

• The intent of recommending no football practice days is to allow physiological recovery, especially with regard to the following three high-risk events that occur during the preseason: (1) repetitive head impact exposure, (2) catastrophic injury, and (3) musculoskeletal injury.
• Adequate student-athlete rest and recovery is paramount and student-athlete time demands should be strongly considered.
• Strength training, conditioning and walk-throughs are not permissible.
• Activities that satisfy the intent of the practice recommendations on these days include: leadership, team building, team meals or entertainment activities; team meetings; fundraising or community service activities; and educational activities, including those that improve football understanding and awareness (i.e., film review).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Sportmanship and Ethical Conduct.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA).

• Gender Equity Task Force Recommendations.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed a summary of the task force’s recommendations to the NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
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(4) **Honors Committee**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) **Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Joint Minority and Interest Committee and Committee on Women’s Athletics.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) **Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) **Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP).**

Management Council. The Council received an update from PROP noting the swimming/diving committees made it permissible to use a lighting system in addition to a sound system. Anecdotal conversations amongst student-athletes reported that the light was helpful to all student-athletes and not just those who were hearing impaired.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(10) **Research Committee.**

*Management Council.* The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

(11) **Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

*Management Council.* The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

4. **PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2018 CONVENTION.**

a. **Review noncontroversial legislation approved by the Management Council.**

- **Committees – Association-Wide Committees – Student-Athlete Representation – Voting Members.**

  *Management Council.* The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that one student-athlete from each division shall serve as a voting member on the NCAA Olympics Sports Liaison Committee, NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports, NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics and NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

  *Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

b. **Review of Modifications of Wording Approved by the Management Council.**

- **Championships – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs – Penalty – “Illicit Drugs”**.

  *Management Council.* The Council approved modification of wording legislation to specify that a student-athlete who, as a result of a drug test administered by the NCAA, tests positive for use of a substance in the banned drug class illicit drugs shall be ineligible for competition during 50 percent of a season in all sports.

  *Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

c. **Review of Membership-Sponsored Legislation.** [NOTE: The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee reviewed on its July 31 teleconference all membership-sponsored legislation properly submitted by the July 15 deadline; however, not all proposals had been properly sponsored for Convention vote.]

(1) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Annual Contest Exemptions – Alumni Contest.** This proposal is to permit the stand-alone annual exemption of one alumni contest per sport during any segment/period, with the exception of football.
Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (PPSS) and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Baseball – Number of Contests and Dates of Competition – Reduction in Permissible Contests.** This proposal would reduce the maximum number of contests from 40 to 36 in baseball.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to PPSS, SAAC, the Division III Baseball Committee and the Membership Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s recommendation to include the proposal in the presidential grouping. [See Page No. 5, Item (3) a.]

(3) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Basketball – First Permissible Contest – November 8.** This proposal would establish the first permissible contest date in basketball as November 8. When November 8 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Monday, a member institution may play its first contest on the Friday immediately preceding November 8.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to PPSS, the Division III Men’s and Women’s Basketball Committees and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Preseason Practice – First Practice Date.** This proposal’s intent is to move the first permissible contest date one week later, based on moving the Division III Football Championship back by one week and to establish the first permissible practice date as 28 days prior to the Saturday following the first permissible contest date.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to PPSS, the Division III Football Committee, the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s recommendation to include the proposal in the presidential grouping. [See Page No. 5, Item (3) a.]

(5) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Ice Hockey – First Permissible On-Ice Practice Date – Second Monday in October.** This proposal’s intent is to establish the first permissible on ice practice date as the second Monday in October.
Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to the Division III Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey Committees, PPSS and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tours – Institutionally Certified Tours – Tour to U.S. Territory or Commonwealth.** This proposal’s intent is to specify that an institutional foreign tour may include trips to a U.S. Commonwealth or territory.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to PPSS, the Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC) and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) **Division III Committee – Eligibility of Membership – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Change in Composition.** This proposal would allow for each voting member conference to have a representative on the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to SAAC, the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC) and the Nominations Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s recommendation to include the proposal in the presidential grouping. [See Page No. 6, Item (3) a.]

(8) **Executive Regulations – Principles of Establishing Bracket Size – Pool A – Two Automatic Qualifier Berths for Conferences with Over 15 Members.** This proposal would maintain an established automatic qualification access ratio of 1:7.5 for conferences with over 15 members.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to the Championships Committee and the Membership Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s recommendation to include the proposal in the presidential grouping. [See Page No. 6, Item (3) a.]

(9) **Executive Regulations – Selection Criteria – Primary Criteria – Ranking and Selection all Contests Leading up to NCAA Championships – Strength of Victory.** This proposal would add Strength of Victory to the primary criteria for championships ranking and selection.
Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to the Championships Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. **CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS.**

   a. **Management Council Elections for 2018.**

      Management Council. The Council elected Shantey Hill, assistant vice president and senior director of athletics, St. Joseph’s College, Long Island, as chair for 2018 and Kate Roy, senior woman administrator and associate athletics director, Lyndon State College, as vice chair.

      Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   b. **Presidents Council Leadership.**

      Presidents Council. All potential leadership candidates will be encouraged to forward their interest to staff. The Presidents Council Nominations Subcommittee will discuss recommendations in September and forward a report to the Council at its October meeting.

6. **DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.**

   a. **Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.**

      Management Council. The Council received an update on the working group’s examination of Division III graduation rates and in particular, football players and African-Americans. The latest graduation rate for football student-athletes was 53 percent. The graduation rate of African-American football student-athletes was 36 percent; a rate that is 18 percentage points lower than Division I (54 percent). Two factors appear to influence the low graduation rates for football overall and African-American football student-athletes:

      - Enrollment management strategies; and
      - Shortcomings with the federal rate collection (e.g., no transfers).

      In the seventh year of voluntary collection, the data show a correlation between football federal graduation rates and recruiting class size. The larger the recruiting class, the lower the graduation rate – especially with recruiting classes of 50 or more players. Since Division III doesn’t have any recruiting limitations, incoming classes have ranged from 10 to 100 new recruits. The working group is continuing its examination and anticipates another update to the Councils in October.

      Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
b. **Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.**

Management Council. The Council received an update on the working group’s partnership with the Disney Institute and the newly created “Gameday: the DIII Way” program. The program has four standards to help Division III institutions and conference offices achieve better fan decorum at athletics events by providing a consistent level of expectations and guest service throughout the division. The 90-minute training program provides baseline guest service training and game environment standards. The training will be delivered either in-person or online. To date, 60 individuals from the membership have been trained to be a facilitator (i.e., Ambassador). Throughout the fall, institutions and conference offices may request an in-person training from an Ambassador or receive training at the NCAA Convention in January. Post-convention training will be available online. Throughout 2017-20, the Disney Institute will continue to provide facilitator training to large groups of Division III Ambassadors.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Engagement Working Group.**

Management Council. The Council received a verbal update noting its work is divided into three areas: (1) campus level (survey to FARs); (2) conference level (review bylaws); and (3) national level (engagement in committee structure). The working group also noted the FAR Institute enrollment numbers are down, and is working closely with the Institute’s planning team to determine whether to move to a different format.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. **LGBTQ Working Group.**

Management Council. The Council endorsed, in concept, a draft membership survey to be distributed in October 2017. The survey will assist the working group in determining the current culture and landscape related to LGBTQ topics such as education, resources, communication, visibility and recognition. The working group will provide an update on its findings and proposed next steps at the 2018 NCAA Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. **360 Proof.**

Management Council. The Council received an overview regarding the 360 Proof program status. Currently there are 198 institutions, of 739 eligible institutions, registered for 360 Proof (an increase of 10 since the prior academic year). Active use of the portal remains below targets established by the steering committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
f. Division III Identity Initiative.

Management Council. The Council received a status report on the Division III Identity Initiative including an update on the purchasing website, championships, DIII/D3SIDA Recognition Award, social media, Special Olympics and Division III Week.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Technology Users Group.

Management Council. The Council received an update noting the technology group has been consulting with AMA in the creation of educational items that would benefit the Division III membership.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. 2017 Governance Scorecard Report.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received the results of the 2016-17 governance scorecard. The scorecard is a tool that allows Division III committee members to evaluate how well NCAA staff liaisons performed specific tasks and how important those tasks were to committee members. It also aids staff in managing the performance of governance structure committee liaisons. Based on a five-point scale (five high), the overall performance rating was 4.63 (almost an identical rating to the prior year).

i. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

Management Council. The Council reviewed reports from various conference visits. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council discussed its policies and procedures related to the nomination process for the Council chair and vice chair positions. The Council approved a policy change that no student-athlete serving on the Council may be elected the chair or vice chair. The Council asked the subcommittee to develop a vice chair to chair ascension model, to be discussed and considered at its October meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors (BOG) Updates.

(1) Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics.
Management and Presidents Council. Composition for this committee is currently being determined, but will include representation from the Board of Governors. Each governance structure is to determine the proper mechanism in which to employ the Diversity and Inclusion Review.

The Councils also noted that 327 Division III institutions (72.8%) have signed the Presidential Pledge.

(2) NCAA Championships Pilot on Serving Alcoholic Beverages.

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils received an update that the Board of Governors agreed to extend the championship alcohol pilot for the 2017-18 year to also include Division I wrestling, volleyball and the Frozen Four.

Any proposal to permit alcohol sales on a permanent basis would require a federated legislative vote.

(3) Engagement and “Decision Tree” Regarding Social Issues.

Presidents Council. Due to the NCAA being faced with a variety of questions about social issues and suggestions of when and how the NCAA should act, the Board of Governors developed a draft engagement “decision tree”, and it asked the three divisional presidential bodies to review and provide feedback. The Presidents Council discussed the document during its meeting with the Presidents/Chancellors Advisory Group and made the following observations and questions:

- Complicated but needed. Could it be simplified?
- How to distinguish the social issues?
- Top two criteria to use:
  - Well-being of student-athlete.
  - Integrity of Association.
- Look for issues in which the NCAA is uniquely qualified to address, even when these issues are not necessarily of national significance.
- What does “significant national scope” mean? How is this determined?
- Noted that national issues are different between the divisions (e.g., Division I – money; Division III – cultural issues).
- Will the NCAA take a proactive or reactive stance?
- Needs to align with the Association’s mission.
- Is there a potential risk to the Association or impact on the membership?
- How does the different impact of issues effect Division III?
- How is Division III represented in the process?

(4) Campus Sexual Violence Prevention.

Presidents Council. The Council noted the recent policy adopted by the NCAA Board of Governors on sexual violence prevention. As part of the new policy, leaders on each NCAA campus must attest annually that coaches, athletics administrators and student-athletes were educated in sexual violence prevention. According to this policy, the campus officials must declare that:
• The school’s athletics department is knowledgeable about, integrated in, and compliant with institutional policies and processes regarding sexual violence prevention and proper adjudication and resolution of acts of sexual violence.

• The school’s policies regarding sexual violence prevention and adjudication – plus the name and contact information for the campus Title IX coordinator – are readily available in the athletics department and are distributed to student-athletes.

The Presidents Council discussed this policy during its meeting with the Presidents/Chancellors Advisory Group and made the following observations:

• Noted it could help with litigation.
• Felt it was a good broad-based recommendation.
• Key is to handle student-athletes like other students.
• Coaches and student-athletes easier to educate than others. More assessible.
• Noted that it creates more work on the institution.
• Some felt that a public list of schools not compliant is a step too far, while others felt it was good accountability.
• Is there a legal liability if an institution doesn’t sign?
• Efforts should be made to further utilize student (in particular student-athlete) leaders in addressing and educating campuses.
• Hurdles would be time, money and transitions.
• Recommendations for the NCAA to assist institutions with compliance:
  o Webinars.
  o Videos.
  o Money.
  o Educational opportunities at Convention and other Association events.
  o Toolkits.


Management Council. The Council received an update on two recent task force/interassociation summits. The purpose of the athletics health care services summit, held in late January, was an effort to help ensure that the highest level of health care is provided to college student-athletes by developing a best practices document that addressed the following core principles of athletics health care delivery: (1) infrastructure; (2) athletics health care administration and organization; (3) communication and implementation of evolving interassociation recommendations and NCAA legislation; and (4) assuring independent medical care in all medical decision-making. Another focus of the summit was the role of strength and conditioning coaches and the lack of effective legislation around the required strength and conditioning coach certifications. SSI noted that it anticipates the release of a consensus statement or summary report in the fall of 2018. Prior to that release, SSI will follow its new uniform standards of care process protocols that include endorsement by the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) and an initial, mid-year and final review by both Management and Presidents Councils.
In May, SSI held an interassociation task force on sleep and wellness. The participants heard a series of presentations to assist in the creation of an educational position paper and an interactive, online tool kit. SSI anticipates gathering membership feedback in the fall and the release of the position statement and toolkit in the early spring of 2017-18.

SSI also anticipates a future summit on pain management during 2017-18.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received an update on the Uniform Standards of Care process. [See Page Nos. 12-13, Item d (1) (a).] Using this process, CSMAS recommended the NCAA Board of Governors identify the concussion safety protocol review process as an issue that rises to the level of Association-wide concern for student-athlete health and safety. At its October meeting, the Council will discuss next steps.

c. Litigation Update.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received a litigation update. No action was necessary.

d. Governmental Relations Report.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils accepted the Governmental Relations Report. No action was necessary.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Management Council. The Council meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m. Monday, July 17 and 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 18.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m. Tuesday, August 8 and 12:04 p.m. Wednesday, August 9.