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Summary of Summer 2018 Quarterly Meetings

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

   July 16-17 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. July 16 and 8:01 a.m. July 17, by the chair, Shantey Hill.

   August 7 Presidential Leadership Groups (PC/MC/PAG) and August 8 Presidents Council. The meetings were called to order at 6:15 p.m. August 7 and 9:07 a.m. August 8, by the chair, President Jeff Docking. The chair acknowledged the first meeting for President Katherine Conway-Turner.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.


      Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its April 9-10, 2018, meetings.

      Presidents Council. No action necessary.

   b. Presidents Council Meeting – April 24, 2018.

      Management Council. No action necessary.

      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its April 24, 2018, meeting.

   c. Administrative Committee Actions.

      Management Council. The Management Council ratified the May 18 and July 6, 2018, Administrative Committee reports.

      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the May 18 and July 6, 2018, Administrative Committee reports.

[Note: This summary reflects only actions (formal votes or “sense of meeting”) in accordance with the established policy governing minutes of all NCAA entities. The only discussion included is that ordered by the chair or a member of the group.]
3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

(a) Educational Session Topic Ideas.

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

   - Athletics department management (adding/eliminating sports; roster management). NADIIIAA will present this session. Content will focus on managing an athletics department budget in addition to the budget impact regarding adding and/or eliminating sports and roster management.
   - Fundraising with a Division III focus. Content areas may include strategic facility fundraising; athletic department annual operational fundraising; electronic fundraising; presentation of fundraising models; collaboration and coordination between athletics and campus-wide fundraising.
   - Sexual violence prevention (education and/or best practices). Content will focus on educational resources and best practices in relation to the Board of Governors’ policy.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Division III Commissioners Association Educational Session.

   Management Council. The Council concurred with the subcommittee in allowing the Division III Commissioner’s Association to oversee one of the three Division III education sessions, beginning with the 2020 NCAA Convention, as long as the topic is vetted and endorsed by the membership, as well as the subcommittee.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Issues Forum – Friday, January 25.

   Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s recommendation to follow the same legislative format as the 2018 Convention, in which staff will highlight key proposals and allow time for a more in-depth Q&A discussion.

   In addition, the subcommittee recommended a roundtable presentation on the 2018 Division III Membership Survey feedback and an opportunity to discuss next steps.
Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Convention Management Updates.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting the following:

- Hotel property update and rate. The Division III Issues Forum and Business Session will be held at the Caribe Royale Orlando. The hotel rate is $200 per night plus 12.5 percent tax.
- Registration open date. Registration will open September 12 at approximately 11:30 a.m. Eastern time. Due to a $500K Convention budget shortfall, the registration fee will increase to $275 for 2019, $325 for 2020 and $375 for 2021. The new rates represent the first increase in a decade. The student registration fee will double to $50 in 2019.

The Council discussed the registration fee increases and noted the following:

- Would it be possible to provide a group rate if multiple individuals from the same institution attend the Convention?
- Noted that several Division III institutions may not be able to afford attending.
- Pondered if the membership will only come to the Convention to vote.
- Some concern with the membership dues and Convention registration fees increasing during the same year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

(a) Division III 2017-18 Strategic Plan.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s year two (2018-19) updates to the 2017-19 Strategic Plan. The committee reviewed the seven strategic priorities for 2018-19. Some initiatives highlighted include: a one year pilot with the NCAA Eligibility Center for Division III new international ice hockey players; continue to grow the Special Olympics partnership; update the sports information director resource and best practices guide; identify strategies to re-engage faculty athletics representatives (FARs); LGBTQ programming for coaches; promotion of Gameday the DIII Way; ensure the division is effectively managing diversity and inclusion issues; enhancing the well-being of prospects, student-athletes and staff through partnering with the Sports Science Institute, providing
additional funding via the Conference Grant Program; the availability of educational programs through the NCAA’s Learning Management System; focus on student-athlete graduation rates; evaluation of the 2018 Membership Survey results; and need to maintain fiscal integrity.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(b) 2018-19 Proposed Nonchampionships Initiatives.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s proposed new nonchampionship initiatives for 2018-19.

With the implementation of a membership dues increase that will generate $519,000 in new revenue, the committee, proposed several new nonchampionship initiatives. The initiatives include the following:

- $242,000 to fund expansions to the Conference Grant Program, including additional education and enhancements for athletics trainers and officials;
- More than $100,000 for health and safety, with an initial earmark to assist schools that need to purchase the electronic medical record software that enables them to participate in the NCAA Injury Surveillance Program;
- $100,000 for new LGBTQ initiatives including annual programming and a recognition event;
- $100,000 to fund a new professional development program designed to help female and ethnic minority assistant coaches further their careers; and
- Funding for the newly legislated SAAC associate members to attend the July national SAAC in-person meeting as well as offset expenses to attend the NCAA Convention.

While the funds generated by the dues increase are being used to fund nonchampionship initiatives, approximately $1.5 million in supplemental spending already has been dedicated to championships enhancements, including increased travel party sizes and reimbursement for local ground transportation when a team flies to the competition site.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.
(c) **LGBTQ Promotional Kit.**

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s one-time $100,000 allocation to provide and distribute an LGBTQ Identity Promotional Kit to every Division III institution and conference.

Recent survey feedback, as well as input from delegates at the 2018 NCAA Convention, indicated that a majority of Division III members would be receptive to displaying LGBTQ-centric banners and other materials on campus. The working group will collaborate with a graphic design agency to create a logo for banners, posters and stickers that will be distributed to Division III institutions in August.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(d) **Bracket Expansion in Men’s Volleyball.**

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to increase the number of teams selected to the Division III Men’s Volleyball Championship from 12 to 14. Sport sponsorship data from 2017-18 merit the request and would keep the men’s volleyball bracket at a 1:6.5 access ratio per Bylaw 31.3.1.1 and help accommodate the rapid growth in the sport.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(e) **Division III Budget.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils reviewed the 2017-18 budget-to-actual report as of June; the 2018-19 final budget; and the future budget projections. The championship budget will use all its supplemental spend, as well as an additional $400,000 from the division’s surplus primarily due to travel expenses. The nonchampionships initiatives are anticipating an approximate surplus of $250,000.

(f) **Strategic Planning and Finance Committee’s (SPFC) Grant Subcommittee Updates.**

Management Council. The Council noted the following updates from the SPFC grant subcommittee:

- It reviewed a staff-created resource regarding the Level Two assessment process. The subcommittee suggested the resource include background information on the third-party review process;
• It reviewed a final report from a Level Two for-cause assessment and noted no concerns;
• It discussed the biennial requirement for ethnic-minority professional development expenses in Tier I. After reviewing data, the subcommittee decided to change the current language and make potential usages clearer and easier to understand. The subcommittee felt revising the current requirement language would be an appropriate first step before proposing an annual requirement.
• It reviewed and approved a narrow exception related to Tier One compliance spending.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Division III Annual List of Required Forms.

Management Council. The Council reviewed a chart indicating the Division III annual list of required forms and actions. The chart reflected the type of report, description, responsible party, date due; as well as the NCAA contact person.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

(a) Membership-Sponsored Proposal – Presidential Grouping.

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

• Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey and Soccer Preseason – Establishing a Three-Day Acclimatization Period. This proposal would amend preseason practice in the sports of field hockey and soccer as follows: (1) To add three additional days to the preseason practice period; (2) To require an acclimatization period during the first three days of the preseason practice period, during which a team would be limited to one single practice session no longer than three hours in duration, followed by a one-hour walk through, with a minimum of three hours of rest required in between the two activities; and (3) To mandate that on every preseason practice day following the three-day acclimatization period, a team would be limited to conducting no more than two on-field practices per day and a maximum of six hours of athletically related activity total during the two practices combined, with a minimum of three hours of rest required in between practice sessions.
(b) Governance-Sponsored Proposals – Presidential Grouping.

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

i. Membership – Conditionals and Obligations of Membership – Student-Athlete Graduation Rate Reporting. This proposal is to include as a condition and obligation of Division III active membership, that an institution submit on an annual basis student-athlete graduation rate reporting data for the academic success rate (ASR) in a form prescribed by the Management Council, further to establish that annual championships eligibility is contingent upon submission of the ASR.

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

ii. Awards and Benefits – Housing and Meals – Exceptions – Snacks Incidental to Participation. This proposal would allow institutions to provide snacks, but not nutritional supplements, to student-athletes as a benefit incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics at any time during the academic year.

The Presidents Council voted to refer this proposal back to the Management Council for further review and refinement. The Council expressed concerns about potential inequities the rule could create between campuses – and on them. With no specific restrictions on the types of snacks that could be offered, or the amount schools would be allowed to spend to furnish them, Council members noted that schools with more financial resources might be able to provide a more robust selection than schools with tighter budgets. Such an imbalance could be leveraged for recruiting advantages. In addition, it worried the rule change could create issues between student-athletes, who could receive these snacks at any point during the academic year, and their fellow students, who might be barred from partaking.

Given the proposal allowed snacks, but not nutritional supplements, Council members also asked for clearer definitions on the differences between the two because the nuances can be difficult to discern. Ensuring compliance with that caveat could prove onerous for administrators. The Management Council will take this feedback into account before deciding whether to reshape the proposal and recommend a revised version during the legislative cycle leading to the 2020 Convention.
iii. Playing and Practice Seasons – Football Establishing Preseason
Start Date 23 Days Before the Institution’s First Permissible
Contest. This proposal would amend the football preseason leg-
islation as follows: (1) Establish the first permissible practice date
as 23 days before the institution’s first regular season contest; and
(2) Require a day off from physical athletically related activity
during each week of the preseason following the five-day accli-
matization period.

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

(c) Governance-Sponsored Proposals – General Grouping.

Presidents Council. The Council noted the following governance-
sponsored proposals will be part of the general grouping:

i. Amateurism – Pre-Enrollment Educational Expenses. This
proposal would permit individuals to accept educational expenses
(e.g., tuition, fees, room, board and books) prior to collegiate
enrollment from any individual or entity other than an agent,
professional sports team/organization or representative of an
institution’s athletics interests, provided such expenses are dis-
bursed directly through the recipient’s educational institution
(e.g., preparatory school, high school).

ii. Recruiting – Electronic Transmissions and Publicity – Comments
Before Acceptance – Social Media. This proposal is to establish
an exception to the restrictions on electronic transmissions and
publicity before commitment legislation to permit athletics
department staff members to (1) connect with (e.g., “friend,” ”fol-
low,” etc.) prospective student-athletes on social media platforms,
and (2) take actions (e.g., “like,” “favorite,” republish, etc.) on
social media platforms that indicate approval of content generated
by users of the platforms other than institutional staff members or
representatives of an institution’s athletics interests.

iii. Eligibility – Final Term Before Experiential Learning
Requirement. This proposal would extend the existing final term
exception to the full-time enrollment requirement to include
student-athletes that are carrying (for credit) all courses necessary
to complete degree requirements but have an outstanding exper-
iential learning requirement.

iv. Executive Regulations – Eligibility for Championships – Ineligi-
bility for Use of Banned Drugs – Banned Drugs – See Page No.
214 a (4).
b. Management Council Subcommittees.

(1) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

(a) Review Legislative Proposal for Preseason Football Practice Start Date and Associated Activities.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report noting its review of the draft proposal put forth by the Division III Football Committee and sponsored by the Management Council [See Page No. 8, (3) (b) iii].

The subcommittee also reviewed feedback on the proposal obtained through a survey sent to Division III athletic directors, athletics trainers, conference commissioners, and head football coaches. Based on the survey results, the subcommittee continued its support for the proposal without any proposed amendments. Finally, the subcommittee directed NCAA staff to educate the membership on the application and impact of this proposal.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Review Captain’s Practice Legislation.

Management Council. The Council noted the subcommittee reviewed the captain’s practice legislation, including feedback from the membership, and discussed solutions to clarify the application of the existing legislation.

The subcommittee stated several concerns with the existing legislation including: (1) Ability to understand and apply the legislation; (2) Ability to monitor and enforce compliance with the legislation; and (3) Whether the existing legislation is in the best interest of student-athletes and the division. Consequently, the subcommittee directed staff to explore a legislative amendment eliminating the prohibition on student-athletes engaging in out of season activities that are “confined primarily” to members of the team but maintain the prohibition on required activities. As part of this amendment, staff should develop parameters as to what constitutes “required” activities for future review by this committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Bracket Expansion in Men’s Volleyball.

Management and Presidents Councils. See Strategic Planning and Finance Committee Action Item (2) (d) on Page No. 7 of the Summary of Actions.

(b) Administrative Regulations – Amending Misconduct Bylaws to Make Them Consistent – Bylaws 31.02.3 and 31.1.1.8.3.

Management Council. The Council adopted an administrative regulation clarifying throughout Bylaw 31 that the misconduct period extends from when the championship field is announced through the end of the championship including travel en route to, from or at the locale of the competition or practice.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Administrative Regulation – Alcohol Sales at Joint Championships.

Management and Presidents Councils – Approved a Championships Committee recommendation to permit alcohol sales at future joint championships that include Division I, provided sales are in the same facility and subject to the same parameters (e.g., personnel training, security, limited sale location).

The Division III Championships Committee continues to oppose selling alcohol at separate Division III championships (as do about two-thirds of respondents in the 2018 Division III membership survey) but is comfortable with selling alcohol at select joint championships under specified conditions that address the unique logistical and fan experience concerns associated with alcohol sales at an event with the other divisions.

(d) Commissioners Subgroup on Championships.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the Division III Commissioners Association’s subgroup’s preliminary discussion about potential regional alignment alternatives, including one that would base the number of regions in a sport on the number of institutions sponsoring that sport.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(e) **Geographically Isolated Division III Institutions.**

Management Council. The Council acknowledged a concern from geographically isolated Division III institutions (e.g., the west coast) specific to first round NCAA championship competition. Institutions are requesting that they not be paired with conference opponents in the NCAA first round, but instead flown to another region to allow for geographic and competitive diversity. The Championships Committee will further discuss this concept during its September meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) **Committee on Infractions.**

(a) **Infractions Program – Penalties – Penalties, Disciplinary Measures and Corrective Actions for Major Violations – Review of Penalty – New Information – Institution or Conference Discipline as New Information.**

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to (1) Modify Bylaw 19.5.2.8.1 to require that parties to an infractions case submit any new information directly related to the NCAA Division III Committee on Infractions’ findings or conclusions in the case no later than one year following the conclusion of the case; and (2) Remove Bylaw 19.5.2.8.1.2 providing that disciplinary measures prescribed by the institution or its conference after an infractions decision may be considered new information for purposes of the bylaw.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Committee on Infractions’ Internal Operating Procedures.**

Management Council. The Council approved the Committee on Infractions’ internal operating procedures, as formulated and adopted by the Committee on Infractions.

The internal operating procedures memorialize operating procedures of the committee and the NCAA Office of the Committee on Infractions to efficiently process infractions cases in conformity with Division III legislation. By providing this transparency, the procedures will help institutions, involved individuals and practitioners understand and navigate the infractions process from the issuance of a notice of allegations or submission of a summary disposition report through the decision.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Enforcement Staff’s Internal Operating Procedures.**

Management Council. The Council approved the enforcement staff’s internal operating procedures, formulated by the enforcement staff, as reviewed and approved by the Committee on Infractions.
The enforcement staff’s internal operating procedures, formulated and to be applied by the enforcement staff, memorialize operating procedures of the enforcement staff to efficiently investigate and process infractions cases in conformity with Division III legislation.

**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) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Recruiting – Recruiting Advertisements – Location of Advertisement. Bylaw 13.4.2.1.**

**Management Council.** The Council agreed to sponsor noncontroversial legislation clarifying that an institution is permitted to produce any athletically related recruiting advertisements, provided the advertisements are not placed at athletics events featuring prospective student-athletes.

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

(b) **Convention Legislation – Awards and Benefits – Housing and Meals – Exceptions – Meals Missed Due to Practice and Snacks Incidental to Participation. Bylaw 16.5.1.**

**Management Council.** The Council reviewed and recommended splitting the committee’s recommendation to sponsor Convention legislation specifying that an institution may provide the following: (1) Meals missed due to participation in institutional practice; and (2) Snacks to student-athletes as a benefit incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics at any time during the academic year.

During its deliberation, the Council approved, in concept, meals missed due to participation in institutional practice as noncontroversial legislation. It was noted that meals already can be provided in conjunction with home competition. This proposal expands that allowance to meals missed due to practice.
The second part of this recommendation was put forth as Convention legislation noting it would allow schools to provide snacks incidental to athletics participation – not including nutritional supplements – to student-athletes at any point during the academic year.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the Convention legislation piece regarding snacks, as part of the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s presidential grouping, and referred the proposal back to the Management Council for further review and refinement. [See Page No. 9, (3) (b) ii]

(c) **Review of Captain’s Practice Educational Column.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed a draft of an educational column seeking to clarify the application of athletically related activities to activities organized solely by student-athletes. Prior to posting, the committee instructed staff to add an additional example involving outside competitions organized by student-athletes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Membership Committee.**

- **Active and Provisional/Reclassifying Membership.**

Management Council. The Council noted the Membership Committee elected the following institutions to active Division III membership:

- Alfred State College;
- Illinois Institute of Technology;
- Iowa Wesleyan University; and
- McMurry University (reclassifying).

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

- Year one to year two:
  - Brevard College (reclassifying);
  - Dean College; and
  - Pfeiffer College (reclassifying).

- Year three to year four:
  - Belhaven University.

For the 2018-19 academic year, there will be 442 active members and six provisional/reclassifying members for a total of 448 members.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(7) Nominating Committee.

(a) Governance Committee Reappointment.

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee reappointment, effective September 1, 2018:

- Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee – Bill Tsutsui, president, Hendrix College.

Division III presidents are assigned two-year terms and are immediately eligible to be reappointed to an additional two-year term.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Nominee References.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee’s review of the nominee reference section of the online nomination form. Since references aren’t being checked, the committee decided to remove the reference request from the form.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting with the resignation of the current chair, SAAC elected Parker Hammel, Wartburg College, as its new chair and NJ Kim, Emory University as vice chair.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.


Management Council. The Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.1 (Contacts and Evaluations) to specify that violations shall be considered de minimis and do not impact a prospective student-athlete’s eligibility.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 13.8.1 (Entertainment Restrictions) and Bylaw 13.8.2...
(Material Benefits) to specify that violations shall be considered de minimis and do not impact a prospective student-athlete’s eligibility.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide Committees.

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

(a) Independent Medical Care.

Management Council. The Council approved the following CSMAS recommendations:

- The NCAA Division I Interpretations Committee update the March 11, 2016, Division I educational column regarding independent medical care to include question No. 11 from the January 18, 2017, Division II and the January 23, 2017, Division III educational columns; and
- Commission the NCAA Sports Science Institute, in collaboration with the NCAA staff from academic and membership affairs and the office of legal affairs, to develop a white paper that fully explores relevant issues surrounding host and visitor care provisions, independent medical care, risk management and other pertinent concerns. The white paper would serve as a foundation for more thorough membership education efforts.
- The appropriate authorities in Divisions I, II and III add additional questions to their respective educational columns that specifically address the provision of the unchallengeable medical authority of the host primary athletics health care provider when visiting institutions travel without their own primary athletics health care provider.

The recommendations address existing confusion among primary athletics health care providers involved in the provision of care to visiting athletic teams, and the potential for significant medicolegal issues arising from these situations. Further, the recommendation ensures all three divisions will receive sufficient and consistent guidance regarding these issues.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Withdraw Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 18.4.1.4.1 – Championships and Postseason Football – Eligibility for Championships Penalty – Banned Drug Classes Other Than Illicit Drugs.

Management Council. The Council withdrew noncontroversial legislation to clarify that a student-athlete who tests positive for use of a substance in a banned drug class other than illicit drugs shall:
• Be charged with the loss of one season of competition in all sports, in addition to the use of a season, pursuant to Bylaw 12.8.3.1;
• Be ineligible for the entirety of one season (i.e., the maximum number of regular-season contests or dates of competition per Bylaw 17), which must be served while the student-athlete is otherwise eligible for competition; and
• Be ineligible for at least one calendar year (i.e., 365 days) after the collection of the student-athletes’ positive drug-test specimen and until he or she tests negative.

At its December 2017 meeting, the committee recommended noncontroversial legislation to ensure the drug-testing penalty for banned drug classes other than illicit drugs is applied consistently and equitably to all student-athletes, regardless of transfer or enrollment status. Since that recommendation, additional scenarios were identified that require further clarification. To avoid confusion, the committee requested that the NCAA Division I Council and Divisions II and III Management Councils withdraw the previous recommendation until a more comprehensive legislative solution can be finalized. The committee will continue to discuss the issue at its September teleconference, when it expects to have a new legislative recommendation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Sportsmanship 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).

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(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 Opportunities 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.**

- **Field Hockey/Women’s Lacrosse.**

  **Management Council.** The Council received an update on a rules proposal in field hockey and women’s lacrosse to allow individual student-athletes in these sports to choose between kilts and shorts as opposed to requiring all student-athletes on the same team to wear the same garment. NCAA staff noted the first opportunity to review these potential rule changes would be in 2019. A two-week comment period would allow the membership the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed rule.

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

(9) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

**Management Council.** The committee had no formal 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.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 21.2.9.1 – Committees – Association-Wide Committees – General Committees – Walter Byers Scholarship Committee – Composition – Student-Athlete Representation.**

  Management Council. The Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Bylaw 21.2.9.1 to specify that the committee shall consist of seven members, one position allocated for a man, one position allocated for a woman, one position allocated for a former student-athlete and four unallocated members.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. **PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2019 CONVENTION.**

a. **Review of Noncontroversial Legislation for 2019 NCAA Convention.**

(1) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Flexibility in On-Field Practice Time and Use of Footballs During Walk-Through Sessions.**

  Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to amend the football preseason legislation as follows: (1) Allow the use of footballs during walk through sessions that occur after the five-day acclimatization period; (2) Limit on-field activity (i.e., a practice session and a walk-through session) to a combined total of four hours in length per day with a practice session not to exceed three hours.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) **Legislative Authority and Process - Enforcement Policies and Procedures – Infractions Program – Duties of Committee on Infractions – Establishment and Revision of Enforcement Policies and Internal Operating Procedures.**

  Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to clarify that the NCAA Division III Committee on Infractions has the authority to adopt, formulate and revise its internal operating procedures and review and approve the enforcement staff’s internal operating procedures, including amendments by the enforcement staff to its procedures, subject to Division III Management Council approval [See Page No. 12, 2 a & b]

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Observation of Enrolled Student-Athletes in Organized Activities – Open to All.**

  Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to
clarify that an institutional coach is only permitted to observe student-athletes in organized activities outside of the playing season if the opportunity to observe is open to all.

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

(4) **Executive Regulations – Eligibility for Championships – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs – Banned Drugs.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved, in concept, noncontroversial legislation to amend all legislated references of NCAA banned drug classes to align with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) list of prohibited classes with the exception of the glucocorticoid class, as specified.

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

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

- **Recruiting – Sports Camps and Clinics and Other Athletics Events – Hosting an Event Involving Prospective Student-Athletes Without Institutional Involvement.**

  **Management Council.** The Council approved a modification of wording to clarify that an institution may rent its facilities for an event involving prospective student-athletes even if the event does not satisfy the provisions of the sports camps and clinics and other athletics events legislation, provided institutional personnel are not involved with working, directing or administering the camp and the institution is not involved with promoting the event.

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

**c. Review of Membership-Sponsored Legislation.** [NOTE: The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee reviewed on its July 24 teleconference the one membership-sponsored legislation properly submitted by the July 15 deadline.]

- **Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey and Soccer Preseason Establishing a Three-Day Acclimatization Period.** This proposal would amend preseason practice in the sports of field hockey and soccer [See Page No. 8, 3a]

  **Management Council.** The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to CSMAS, all sport committees, Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (PPSS) and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

  Council members asked whether additional sports; specifically, volleyball, cross country and water polo should be added to the proposal. NCAA staff noted that the timing of the legislative cycle leaves no time to change the legislation to add additional sports, in that the amendment-to-amendment period does not permit a proposal to be more expansive than its original version.

  **Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
5. **CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS.**

b. **Management Council Elections for 2019.**

   Management Council. The Council elected Stevie Baker-Watson, director of athletics at DePauw University, as chair and Heather Benning, executive director of the Midwest Conference, as vice chair.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Presidents Council Leadership.**

   Presidents Council. All potential leadership candidates were 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 reviewed feedback from the NCAA Regional Rules Seminars regarding the 2019 NCAA Convention legislation related to annual mandatory student-athlete graduation rate reporting and noted that additional membership education is needed.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.**

   Management Council. The Council received an update noting the following ongoing program development and next steps: (1) All Division III commissioners are scheduled to receive facilitator training through the Disney Institute in September; (2) NCAA staff is finalizing an assessment tool to better evaluate the short-term and long-term impact of the program; and (3) Work is ongoing in the development of an online training tool.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **FAR Engagement Working Group.**

   Management Council. The Council, endorsed, in concept, the FAR best practices resource that will be distributed to the membership in the 2018-19 academic year.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. **LGBTQ Working Group.**

   Management Council. The Council endorsed, in concept, a LGBTQ logo and nondiscrimination policy guide. Per the Council’s and national SAAC’s feedback, the working group will make a minor change to the logo. The LGBTQ identity kit and the guide will be sent
to all Division III institutions and conference offices in August. The Council requested that the office of inclusion work with NCAA staff to transition to gender neutral language with all NCAA reports, resources, etc.

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

e. **Injury Surveillance Program.**

Management Council. The Council endorsed a strategic plan related to the Injury Surveillance Program (ISP). The plan would focus on: (1) A membership-wide communication effort; (2) Distribution of a survey to gather additional information; (3) Collaboration with commissioners; (4) Creation of a call to action; and (5) Request institutions submit data on two sports over the course of three seasons.

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

f. **360 Proof.**

Management Council. The Council received an update on the continued work of 360 Proof. Out of 710 institutions eligible to use the program, 220 institutions are currently registered. The end of the year webinar data showed overall lower figures than the prior year, and low persistence numbers for webinar participants. An in-person strategy session will be held with NASPA officials on September 14 in Indianapolis to evaluate the program, its vision, and how to generate increased use by member institutions.

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

g. **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, DIII/D3SIDA Recognition Award, social media, Special Olympics, new Division III Identity Initiative video and Division III Week.

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

h. **Technology Users Group.**

Management Council. The Council received an update from the Technology Users Group noting that both the Conference Grant Program and the purchasing website for the Division III Identity Initiative will be moved to Single Source Sign-On. In addition, staff provided an update that starting next year, the NCAA will be using Genius Sports for its statistical collection. The software will be provided to the membership for free for the first three years. Each year, new sports will be phased in.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
i. 2018 Governance Scorecard Report.

Management Council. Staff provided the results of the 2017-18 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, the overall performance rating was 4.69 (slightly higher than the prior year).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors (BOG) Update.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the NCAA’s established eight working groups that have been conducting an in-depth review and analysis of each topical area. Staff noted the timetable that will have the Division I Council receiving final feedback at its August meeting. The Board of Governors will review the Association-wide recommendations, as well as the other working group recommendations, at its August meeting. The Division III Presidents Council will take legislative action accordingly at its August meeting regarding annual reporting requirements related to athletics compliance. Regarding the recommendation to add five public members to the Board of Governors, the initial recommendations include: (1) The BOG’s executive committee will be responsible for vetting and nominating the public members. The BOG’s executive committee has representation from all three divisions with the proposed addition of a public member; and (2) The public members’ length of service would be three years and will be staggered for the initial terms of service.

The Council provided feedback received from the membership on the working groups, with the following specifically related to the Association-wide working group recommendations: (1) Communication prior to the vote will be critical to educate the membership; (2) BOG expansion represents an important opportunity to enhance the diversity of members (e.g., race, ethnicity, gender); and (3) The Council didn’t note any significant concerns with the certification of compliance recommendation but did not favor establishing a related financial penalty.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council endorsed the noncontroversial proposal from the BOG to require each school’s president or chancellor to join all athletics staff members in personally affirming the athletics program meets the NCAA’s membership obligations for institutional control and rules compliance – a compliance practice already in place on
Division III campuses. Schools also will have to confirm that, when they do not follow NCAA rules, they will cooperate fully with the NCAA and take appropriate corrective actions.

Individuals from any schools that fail to fulfill that obligation would lose their eligibility to serve on an NCAA board, Council or committee. The proposal will need to be ratified along with other noncontroversial legislation at the Division III Business Session at the 2019 Convention. If it is ratified, schools would need to comply with the new rule starting with the 2019-20 academic year.

The Presidents Council and Presidents Advisory Group, which includes a president representing each of Division III’s conferences, also discussed at length the Board of Governors’ proposal to add five independent voting members to the board, increasing its size from 20 to 25. Independent members would not have direct ties to NCAA schools. Because the legislation requires a change to the NCAA constitution, the proposal will be subject to an Association-wide vote at the NCAA Convention’s plenary session, which will include delegates from all three divisions. The proposal would go into effect Aug. 1, 2019, if the membership votes to adopt it with a two-thirds majority.

b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils approved a recommendation to develop a white paper that fully explores relevant issues surrounding host and visitor care provisions, independent medical care, risk management and other pertinent concerns. The recommendation also requests a Division III-specific educational column to address the unchallengeable medical authority of host primary athletics health care providers when visiting teams travel without a provider. At the recommendation of the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS), the Council withdrew previously approved noncontroversial legislation related to banned drugs and championship penalties. [See Page No. 18 d (1) (b)]

The Management Council also reviewed a draft of the most recent SSI interassociation guidelines on preventing catastrophic injury and death in college student-athletes. The guidelines have a sportsmanship focus; protective equipment section; acclimatization and conditioning; an emergency action plan; and strength and conditioning personnel guidelines. SSI anticipates the release of the guidelines in 2019, but not necessarily at the start of the academic year. The Council provided the following feedback related to the guidelines:

• The term “workout,” used throughout the guideline, must be better defined.
• The recommended four-day transition period with one practice a day for the start of every playing season would be a new concept.
• Not every institution has a designated strength and conditioning coach, so it may be problematic to have all workout and conditioning sessions be approved by a credentialed strength and conditioning coach.
• Concerns with the practical implementation of exertional heat injury emergency requirements (e.g., 56-gallon tub, stirring implement, a minimum of two people).
• Requested SSI to provide educational resources to meet the requirement that everyone in athletics (e.g., coaches) received education and training to prevent catastrophic injuries.

SSI also reviewed its strategic priorities timeline noting the following: (1) Distribution of an executive summary from the Feb. Task Force on Football Data will be forthcoming; (2) Outcomes of the recent pain management task force; (3) A new template to support the recent adoption of noncontroversial concussion legislation; and (4) In June, the newly released mental health educational tools.

c. **Litigation Update.**

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

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Management Council. The Council meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m. Monday, July 16 and 11:26 a.m. Tuesday, July 17.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m. Tuesday, August 7 and 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, August 8.