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- Nnenna Akotaobi, Swarthmore College
- Stevie Baker-Watson, DePauw University
- Brad Bankston, Old Dominion Athletic Conference
- Gail Cummings-Danson, Skidmore College
- Shantey Hill, St. Joseph’s College
- Brit Katz, Millsaps College
- Chris Kimball, California Lutheran University
- Dennis Leighton, University of New England, vice chair
- Chris Ragsdale, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
- Tracey Ranieri, State University College at Oneonta, chair
- Kate Roy, Lyndon State College
- Terry Small, New Jersey Athletic Conference
- Julie Soriero, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Taryn Stromback, Ohio Northern University
- Karen Tompsoon-Wolfe, Westminster College (Missouri)
- Troy Van Aken, Thiel College
- Greg Woods, Springfield College
- Gerald Young, Carleton College
- Teresa Amott, Knox College
- Alan Cureton, University of Northwestern, chair
- Jeff Docking, Adrian College
- Margaret Drugovich, Hartwick College
- William Fritz, College of Staten Island
- Tori Haring-Smith, Washington and Jefferson College
- Sue Henderson, New Jersey City University
- Sharon Hirsh, Rosemont College
- Rob Huntington, Heidelberg University
- L. Jay Lemons, Susquehanna University, vice chair
- Tori Murden McClure, Spalding University
- Elsa Nunez, Eastern Connecticut State University
- Tracey Ranieri, State University of New York at Oneonta, MC chair
- Matthew Shank, Marymount University
- Dennis Shields, University of Wisconsin, Platteville

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- Frank Millerick, Becker College
- Terry Wansart, Hunter College
- Thomas Foley, Mount Aloysius College
- Lex McMillan, Albright College
- Zorica Pantic, Wentworth Institute of Technology
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1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

   **July 18-19 Management Council.** The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. July 18 and 8:20 a.m. July 19, by the chair, Tracey Ranieri. The chair welcomed the Council and reviewed the agenda.

   **August 4 Presidents Council.** The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by the chair, President Alan Cureton. The chair welcomed the Council and reviewed the agenda.

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

   a. **Management Council Meetings – April 18 and 19, 2016.**

      **Management Council.** The Management Council approved the summary of its April 18 and 19, 2016, meetings.

      **Presidents Council.** No action necessary.

   b. **Presidents Council Meeting – April 27 and 28, 2016.**

      **Management Council.** No action necessary.

      **Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council approved the summary of its April 27 and 28, 2016, meetings.

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

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

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

         (a) **2017 NCAA Convention - Educational Session Topics.**

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

            - Athletics department policies, best practices and handbooks (NAIA-sponsored).
            - Title IX compliance and role of the Senior Woman Administrator (SWA).
            - Human resource issues (e.g., FLSA, conducting a successful search).
Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **2017 Convention Schedule.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed and approved the draft schedule noting new dates and times for several Association-wide sessions. To avoid conflicts, staff moved several Division III specific sessions. Key changes include the Honors Dinner slated for Wednesday evening and the Association luncheon moving to Friday.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Division III Governance Related Sessions.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report noting the following governance related sessions for the 2017 Convention:

- **Special Olympics unified sports activity.** The activity will be an indoor unified event and has been moved to mid-day Thursday, instead of Wednesday afternoon, to allow more membership constituents to attend.
- **Athletics Direct Report (ADR) Institute.** The institute will begin Wednesday afternoon, January 18. The earlier start will allow participants to attend the Honors Celebration dinner.
- **Division III Student Immersion Program.** The application process is open in Program Hub from August 15 until October 1. The program will start a day earlier, which will allow attendees to attend the Honors Celebration dinner.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report noting the following town hall and Q & A forum presentation topics:

- Presidents Council chair update on key hot topics.
- NCAA Sport Science Institute’s health and safety priorities.
- Convention legislative proposals.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

(a) **Proposed Updates to the Division III Strategic Plan.**

Management Council. The Council approved the proposed updates to the 2016-17 Strategic Plan and initiatives. Highlighted initiatives include supporting the Eligibility Center’s transition to a free registration process.
for Division III prospective student-athletes; continued growth of the Special Olympics partnership; continued collaboration and enhancement of athletics communication directors; re-engaging faculty athletics representatives (FARs) and producing a best practices resource document; promote the Chancellor and Presidents outreach program; working with the Division III Commissioners Association (D3CA) to distribute a new best practices communication resource to enhance the relationship between presidents and conference commissioners; collaborate with the Office of Inclusion to develop LGBTQ programming; partner with the Sport Science Institute (SSI) regarding priority health and safety issues; creating specific programming for student-athletes attending the Convention; working with DIII Sportmanship and Game Environment Working Group to identify best practices and provide tools and resources; focusing on graduation rates of teams and demographic groups that are lower than their counterparts; planning and implementing a Conference Rules Seminar for the summer of 2017 in New England; developing models to address the long-term use of the budget’s surplus; and continue to monitor championships policies.

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

(b) Division III Budget.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the 2015-16 budget-to-actual as of June 30, 2016, the 2016-17 budget, and the future budget model. The 2016-17 budget reflects approved increases for both championship expenses as well as Division III initiatives.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Discussion of Punitive Measures Related to Restricted Membership Status.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee approved a policy change, submitted by the Membership Committee, that when a member institution is on restricted membership status, the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee would not change the denominator used for calculating the total amount of conference grant funding that a conference would receive in that year. Rather, the committee would direct the conference commissioner to prohibit any of the grant funding from being provided directly to the institution on restricted status, as required in the legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(d) **Funding Newly Elected Incoming Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Members Funding to Attend Convention.**

**Management Council.** The Council noted the committee reviewed a recommendation from SAAC regarding a policy change that would allow elected national SAAC members beginning their term following the conclusion of the Convention to receive funding to attend the Convention. The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee discussed this recommendation in detail and did not approve the recommendation. The committee noted the nominations timeframe will be earlier, thus allowing commissioners to use Tier One conference grant dollars to fund SAAC appointees to attend the Convention. The committee will reevaluate this recommendation, as well as the overall SAAC budget, during its June 2017 teleconference.

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

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

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

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

- **Eligibility – Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Transfers.** This proposal would permit a graduate student to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the institution of his or her choice. Current legislation permits a graduate or postbaccalaureate student to participate only at the institution from which the student-athlete received his or her undergraduate degree.

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 – Baseball and Softball – Establishing an Optional Fall Competition Period.** This proposal would provide member institutions with the option, in the sports of baseball and softball, of: (1) continuing to conduct a nontraditional segment in the fall and a traditional segment in the spring; or (2) establishing a two-period model that allows for traditional segment practice and competition during the fall.

The Council agreed to reconsider in October whether this proposal should be included in the presidential grouping. The 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 four governance-sponsored proposals. The Presidents Council noted the following two proposals were identified by the subcommittee to be presidential in nature.

- **NCAA Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Independent Medical Care.** This proposal would specify that an active member institution shall: (1) establish an administrative structure that provides independent medical care and affirms the unchallengeable autonomous authority of primary athletics health care providers (team physicians and athletic trainers) to determine medical management and return-to-play decisions related to student-athletes; and (2) designate an administrator to oversee the institution’s athletic health care administration and delivery.

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

- **Financial Aid – Financial Aid from Outside Sources in Excess of $1,000.** This proposal was to amend the limitations of outside financial aid awards as follows: (1) An institution shall not be required to review outside aid awards received by a student-athlete for compliance with Bylaw 15.2.3.5 unless the total aid received from outside sources exceeds $1,000; and (2) Outside aid awards that consider athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance, may not be used by a student-athlete if it restricts the recipient to attend a specific institution.

  The Presidents Council modified this legislation by removing the minimum monetary restriction and agreed to sponsor the proposal as modified. The Administrative Committee will review the revised proposal in final legislative format on its teleconference in August, and the Council will review again during its October meeting.

b. Management Council Subcommittees.

(1) **Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(2) **Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.**

(a) **Review Standardization of Contest Exemptions Concept.**

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor legislation for the 2017 Convention to standardize annual contest exemptions. The proposal maintains existing conference and season-ending championships exemptions, and allows each sport two discretionary annual contest exemptions (e.g., scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice). All other standard and sport-specific contest exemptions would be eliminated.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Review Baseball Two-Period Model Concept.**

Management Council. The Council noted that the subcommittee is still collecting and analyzing data and is not prepared to propose 2017 Convention legislation regarding the concept of a potential split season for baseball. The subcommittee will collaborate with the baseball committee on a survey to all baseball coaches, athletics directors and commissioners to collect additional information. The subcommittee also noted that a membership proposal has been submitted for the 2017 Convention which would allow a split season in baseball and softball.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Division III Committees.**

(1) **Championships Committee.**

(a) **Wrestling Committee Composition.**

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that the Division III Wrestling Committee increase from four to six members.

In 2011, a regional format was established that created six competitive regions, which resulted in two regions not having representation on the four-member committee. The request to add two committee members aligns wrestling with other Division III sports in terms of having one committee member per region.

Both the Management and Presidents Councils previously supported this recommendation and its associated expense as part of other championships budget recommendations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(b) Selection Criteria – Results versus Ranked Opponents.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that the selection criteria be adjusted to include consideration of the data from the final ranking and the preceding ranking when considering results versus ranked opponents, rather than the current criterion, which allows consideration for only the results versus teams ranked at the time of selection.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Selection Criteria – Nonconference Strength of Schedule.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that nonconference strength of schedule be added to secondary selection criteria.

The strength of a team’s conference influences its strength of schedule (SOS). A separate comparison of SOS outside of conference competition gives sport committees a strong indicator of how teams are competing and scheduling beyond their guaranteed conference contests. As a secondary criterion, the data point supplements the current SOS calculation that considers all contests (both conference and nonconference play), and helps sport committees evaluate teams for regional rankings and select them for at-large berths.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Allocation of Berths for Championship Selection.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee’s continued discussion of Pool B berths for championship selection. Ultimately, the committee denied the original recommendation from the men’s and women’s tennis committees to combine all Pool B and C berths for at-large selections. The committee remained particularly sympathetic to independent schools and those that are in conferences that sponsor the sport but do not have enough schools to meet the automatic qualification requirements. Alternatively, the committee suggested that sport committees adopt a Pool B national ranking to be published in conjunction with the final weekly ranking. The committee will seek feedback on the idea of a Pool B ranking during its September 2016 in-person meeting with sport committee chairs.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(e) Charter Seat Review.

Management Council. The Council noted the NCAA staff reviewed results of the charter flight pilot program implemented in 2015-16. The pilot program provides a fixed ticket cost for student-athletes, staff or others affiliated with the participating team who do not fit within the reimbursable travel party size. Many of the institutions traveling by charter flight took advantage of the fixed ticket cost, particularly for football; as a result, the pilot program has not incurred any expense. The committee will monitor the results from the spring championship season to further evaluate the program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) Women’s Basketball Consolation Game.

Management Council. The Council noted that the committee approved the recommendation to eliminate the consolation game during the Division III Women’s Basketball Championship. After receiving feedback, the women’s basketball committee believes that the consolation game does not enhance the student-athlete experience.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Infractions.


Management Council. The Council agreed to adopt an administrative regulation to amend the deadline for receipt of written material to be considered by the NCAA Committee on Infractions from 10 days to 30 days prior to the date of the hearing.

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) Approval of Official Interpretation – Voluntary Out-of-Season Institutional Fundraising Events Involving Athletics Ability.**

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Voluntary Out-of-Season Institutional Fundraising Events Involving Athletics Ability (III). The committee confirmed that student-athletes are not permitted to practice or compete under the guise of a fundraising event outside of the playing and practice season. As such, coaching staff members may not assess or provide instruction to student-athletes as part of a permissible fundraising event that occurs outside of the playing season.

Additionally, a student-athlete may not compete as part of a team in the student-athlete’s sport if the fundraising event is organized, administered by, or benefits the athletics department (in individual sports, such units as golf foursomes, doubles tennis teams and relay teams in track and field are not considered to be team competition). Student-athletes are permitted, however, to participate in out-of-season fundraising events: (1) as an individual in an individual sport (e.g., Institutional 5K, golf outing); (2) that are administered outside of athletics and do not benefit the athletics department; or (3) in a sport other than the sport(s) in which the student-athlete participates at the institution.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 17.02.1.1 (athletically related activities); 17.02.1.1.1 (exceptions) and 17.02.8 (intercollegiate competition)]

This interpretation was developed from the 2016 Question and Answer document addressing Question Nos. 2 and 3 for NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2016-6. The interpretation provides guidance on the types of fundraising activities that are exempt from the athletically related activities legislation based on the adoption of Proposal No. 2016-6.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**b) Approval of Official Interpretation – Varsity Coach Involvement with Institutional Club Team.**

Management Council. The Council approved to archive an official interpretation (12/12/1994, Item No. 14) and approve the following official interpretation:

Varsity Coach Involvement with Institutional Club Team (III). The committee determined that a member institution’s coach may not be involved in any capacity outside the declared playing and practice season with an institutional club team, in any sport, if the institutional club team includes a student-athlete from that coach’s sport.
References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 17.1.5 (out-of-season athletically related activities), 17.1.5.2.1 (involvement of coaching staff) and an Official Interpretation (12/12/1994, Item No. 14), which has been archived.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Approval of Official Interpretation – Conference Membership for Retention of the Automatic Qualification via the Grace Period.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Conference Membership Requirements for Retention of the Automatic Qualification via the Grace Period (III). The committee confirmed that provisional and reclassifying members neither count toward the four institutions necessary to retain the automatic qualification via the grace period nor toward the seven institutions necessary to retain the automatic qualification at the expiration of the grace period.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 3.3.1.2.4 (grace period) and 31.3.3.1.3 (grace period)].

This interpretation was developed from the 2016 Question and Answer document addressing Question No. 1 for NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2016-9. The interpretation provides clarification that provisional and reclassifying members do not count towards retaining an automatic qualification via the grace period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Approval of Official Interpretation – Conference Membership for Retention of the Automatic Qualification via the Grace Period.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Conference Membership Requirements for Establishing a New Automatic Qualification (III). The committee confirmed that a conference must have a minimum of seven active Division III member institutions (as opposed to provisional or reclassifying institutions) participating in a specific sport to be eligible for an automatic qualification for the NCAA championship in that sport. Therefore, while a conference may count provisional or reclassifying members toward the requisite number of conference members necessary to begin the two-year waiting period, the conference would not be eligible for the automatic qualification until the two-year waiting period has been satisfied and those members have been granted active member status.
This interpretation was developed from the 2016 Question and Answer document addressing Question No. 2 for NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2016-9. The interpretation provides clarification that while a provisional or reclassifying institution may be used to satisfy the requisite number of conference members necessary to begin the two-year waiting period, the conference would not be eligible for the automatic qualification until the two-year waiting period has been satisfied and those members have been granted active member status.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Discussion of Division III Institutions that Sponsor Division I Sports.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed the requirement that Division III institutions that sponsor a Division I sport must apply the rules of both divisions, or the more stringent rule if both divisions have a rule concerning the same issue for that particular sport. The committee recognized that the burden of explaining the legislative distinctions amongst sports at the same institution (Division I sport versus Division III sports) would be on the individual institutions. [See Page No. 14, Item (6) (c)]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Membership Committee.

(a) Class Size Limit – NCAA Bylaw 20.3.2 (Class Size and Assignment).

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to sponsor Convention legislation to modify the limitations on the number of institutions admitted to the provisional or reclassifying membership program to indicate that “there shall be a maximum of four institutions admitted in any one year, with no more than 12 total institutions participating in all years of the provisional or reclassifying program.”

In setting an overall limit on the number of schools in the new membership process at any time, the Membership Committee aims to improve the quality of attention and service provided to each new member institution. Limiting the number of institutions in the process to 12 will allow each school to have an experienced mentor, and allow new members to spend one year on the committee before becoming a mentor. Institutions in the exploratory year would not be included in the limit calculation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(b)  **Elements – Bylaw 20.3.2 (Class Size and Assignment).**

**Management Council.** The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to clarify that the four legislated elements to be reviewed during an institution’s evaluation for acceptance and placement in the provisional/reclassifying membership process are each items for consideration that are not ordered by priority, and to add an institution’s current provision of athletics aid as an additional element to be considered during evaluation.

Each legislated criterion the Membership Committee reviews when conducting candidacy evaluations is evaluated in conjunction with the others, with no one element favored over another. When taken as a whole, these attributes are predictive of an incoming member institution’s membership success, and, are not reviewed independent of each other. In addition, the committee has noted over time that whether a membership candidate institution offers athletically related financial aid has an impact on future membership success. These revisions to the legislation will clarify how the committee evaluates candidate institutions.

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

(c) **Multi-division Institutions.**

**Management Council.**  The Council noted the committee discussed the legislated requirement that Division III institutions that sponsor a Division I sport must apply the rules of both divisions, or the more stringent rule if both divisions have a rule concerning the same issue for that particular sport. Committee members noted the legislation can cause restrictions that detrimentally impact Division III transfer student-athletes when compared to their Division I counterparts.  [See Page No. 13, Item (5) (e)]

The committee agreed not to take immediate action, but instead to solicit information from the institutions directly impacted by this legislation, with the intent to determine if those 12 institutions are in consensus on the direction that should be taken with this legislation and to discuss the feedback at a later meeting.

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

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

**Management Council.**  The Council noted that the Membership Committee elected the following institutions to active Division III membership per Constitution 3.2.3.3:

- Houghton College;
- Southern Virginia University; and
- University of Valley Forge.
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, 2016:

**Year one to year two:**
- Belhaven University.

**Year two to year three:**
- Alfred State College;
- Illinois Institute of Technology (conditional approval);
- Iowa Wesleyan College; and
- McMurry University.

**Year two to year four (received waiver of year three):**
- Berea College;
- Bryn Athyn College; and
- Pennsylvania College of Technology.

The Membership Committee rejected the annual program assessment from Rust College and will place the institution on restricted status effective September 1, 2016, as a result of its second failure to meet sports sponsorship requirements during the 2015-16 academic year. Additionally, while the committee approved Trinity Washington University’s program assessment, the institution also failed to satisfy overall sports sponsorship for a second consecutive year and will automatically be placed on restricted status.

Finally, the Council heard the committee’s recommendation to have more presidential involvement to foster intervention processes and ultimately mitigate the number of institutions that fail to meet sport sponsorship requirements.

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

(7) **Nominating Committee.**

**Governance Committee Appointments.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved the following committee appointments:

- Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports – Josh Ellow, alcohol/other drugs counselor and educator, Swarthmore College.
- Division III Nominating Committee (immediate vacancy replacing Sharon Beverly) – Andrea Belis, senior woman administrator, Becker College.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

(a) 2017 Convention – Potential Polar Plunge.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed the logistics of conducting a polar plunge in Nashville during the 2017 Convention. The committee would like to see this activity conducted on-site at Convention if possible. If an on-site event is not possible, the committee would forego a polar plunge and instead conduct a unified sports activity as has been done in previous years.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Committee Goals, Partnerships and Communications for 2016-17.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed its goals and priorities for the 2016-17 academic year and determined it should focus on three primary items: (1) funding for SAAC leaders at Convention; (2) sportsmanship and game environment; and (3) mental health.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

- Noncontroversial Legislation – Hardship Waiver Numerator.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to sponsor in concept noncontroversial legislation to clarify that, in order to qualify for a hardship waiver or a season of participation while eligible waiver, a student-athlete may not have participated in more contests or dates of competition than a number equivalent to one-third of the standard denominator, where the standard denominator is determined by adding one contest or date of competition to the maximum number of contests or dates of competition.

This proposal would amend the legislative language to more clearly reflect the intended method of calculating one-third of the maximum contests or dates of competition plus one contest or date of competition.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide Committees.

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


Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that the Presidents Council sponsor legislation. [See Page No. 7, Item (3) (b)]
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(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).

(a) NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship Increase.

Management Council. The Council endorsed the recommendation from CWA and the Minority Opportunities Interest Committee (MOIC) for an inflationary increase from $7,500 to $8,500 for each ethnic minority and women enhancement scholarship award. The increase mirrors the recent request by the Postgraduate Scholarship Committee. The increase would add $26,000 to the current $195,000 annual Association-wide budget, which constitutes approximately a 12 percent increase.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Emerging Sports for Women Process Guide.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee had an extensive discussion on the latest version of the new process guide. The guide provides more comprehensive information on the emerging sport process, from required content for proposals to be considered for the list to the potential legislative recommendation to each divisional body. The committee discussed the appropriate reporting timeline for current emerging sports on the list to ensure that emerging sports are progressing toward the minimum number of 40 varsity programs to be eligible for an NCAA championship. The updated process guide will be distributed to the committee and further discussion will take place in an early summer teleconference. The committee’s goal is to make the finalized process guide available to the leadership of Divisions I, II and III governance committees this summer and to the entire membership this fall.

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).**

(a) **NCAA Ethnic Minority and Women Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship Increase.**

Management Council. See CWA report, Page No. 17, Item (3) (a).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Committee Structure, Policy and Procedures.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed the demographic composition of the current roster and acknowledged the need for greater participation of individuals from various underrepresented populations. Committee members suggested intentional recruitment of individuals to help diversify the representation of minority identities as referenced in the MOIC mission statement. The committee also discussed the current composition of the committee as it relates to student-athlete representation and voice. The committee weighed the possibility of allowing the three student-athlete representatives to vote independently. Currently, the student-athletes have one combined vote. The proposed change would create 18 voting members instead of 15 individual votes and one combined student-athlete engagement and voice within the governance structure. As there are other Association-wide committees with student-athlete representation that have similar composition, the committee charged staff with researching the possibility of changing the legislation to allow each student-athlete to have one vote and discussing with these other committees whether there is an interest in changing this legislation across the board.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.**

- **Division I Sport Oversight Committees.**

Management Council. The Council heard an update on proposed models from the Division I Men’s and Women’s Basketball and Football Oversight Committees. The oversight committees continue to discuss alternative ways to increase the Division I influence on the playing rules in those sports. The oversight committees received feedback from the Division II and III Management Councils in April to work within the
current structure and take a proactive approach with the playing rules committees. The oversight committees made three new requests: (1) Increase the Division I representation by two on the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP); (2) Increase the Division I representation by two on the Football, Men’s Basketball and Women’s Basketball Playing Rules Committees; and (3) Require the chair of PROP be from a Division I institution.

The Council maintained its position of no support for a change that would increase the number of Division I members on PROP and the respective sport rules committees. The Council emphasized that it favored continued divisional collaboration, communication and maintenance of the shared responsibility for the image of the game and the navigation of future challenges that impact these sports within the existing committee structure.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

- **Budget Approval Process.**

  Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting the budget approval process with regard to the increase of scholarship money from $7,500 to $8,500. Currently this award allows for deferment for up to three years and individuals can’t receive the money until enrolled in grad school. The Council heard that a significant number of recipients defer, with the money going unused. The Council also recommended staff research other prestigious postgraduate scholarships deferment policies.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) **Research Committee.**

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

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

  Management Council. The Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. **PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2017 CONVENTION.**

a. Review noncontroversial legislation approved by the Management Council.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to clarify that the existing provision that allows a student to practice while a Division III Subcommittee for Legislative Relief waiver is pending only suspends the season of participation legislation and does not permit the student to practice if the student is not otherwise eligible for practice.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) NC-2017-3 – Awards and Benefits – Competition While Representing Institution on a Foreign Tour.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that an institution may provide the cost of round-trip transportation for a student-athlete to travel from campus to the locale of the institutional foreign tour and back to campus even if the student-athlete does not travel with the team on an institutional foreign tour.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) NC-2017-4 – Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Self-Study Guide.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to remove from the legislation, the identification of subjects to be covered by the Conference Self-Study Guide and Institutional Self-Study Guide.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to clarify that Division III member institutions may satisfy the Division III Regional Rules Seminar attendance requirement by attending a Division III Conference Rules Seminar.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) NC-2017-6 – Membership – Credit for Time Served in the Provisional or Reclassifying Membership Period.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to remove the requirement that an institution’s previous time in the provisional or reclassifying membership process must be completed within the last 10 years in order to be eligible for a waiver of a portion of the provisional or reclassifying membership period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
b. **Review of Membership-Sponsored Legislation.** [NOTE: The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee reviewed on its July 26 teleconference all membership-sponsored legislation properly submitted by the July 15 deadline; however, not all proposals had been properly sponsored for Convention vote.]

(1) **Organization – Board of Governors – Increase Division II and Division III Representation.** This proposal is to increase, from two to four each, the number of Division II and III voting representatives (chancellors or presidents) on the NCAA Board of Governors.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and did not forward it to any committee within the substructure for review noting this is an issue of presidential concern.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council was informed that this proposal would be withdrawn as a single division may not propose an amendment to a dominant provision. Rather, only the Board of Governors can sponsor an amendment to a dominant provision. No action was necessary.

(2) **Legislative Authority and Process – Amendment Process – Reconsideration – Eliminate Window of Reconsideration and Prohibit Additional Reconsideration.** [NOTE: This proposal has until September 1 to satisfy proper sponsorship or it will be withdrawn.] This proposal would eliminate the opportunity to reconsider an amendment following confirmation of an affirmative or negative vote on that amendment by the presiding officer.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) **Recruiting – Tryouts and Camps and Clinics – Deregulating Camps and Clinics.** This proposal would deregulate the tryout events and camps and clinics legislation to allow institutions to host or conduct events involving prospective student-athletes, provided those events are: (1) open to the general public; (2) do not offer free or reduced admission to prospective student-athletes.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Eligibility – Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Transfers.** [NOTE: This proposal has until September 1 to satisfy proper sponsorship or it will be withdrawn.] This proposal would permit a graduate student to participate in intercollegiate athletics at the institution of his or her choice.
Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC, Subcommittee for Legislative Relief and SAAC to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Playing and Practice Seasons – Baseball and Softball – Establishing an Optional Fall Competition Period. [NOTE: This proposal has until September 1 to satisfy proper sponsorship or it will be withdrawn.] This proposal is to provide member institutions with the option, in the sports of baseball and softball, of: (1) continuing to conduct a nontraditional segment in the fall and a traditional segment in the spring; or (2) establishing a two-period model that allows for traditional segment practice and competition during the fall.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (PPSS), SAAC, Baseball and Softball Committees and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Required Day Off for Track and Field Indoor/Outdoor and Swimming and Diving. This proposal is to eliminate the requirement that the mandatory day off for track and field and swimming and diving programs be the same day for every student-athlete.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to PPSS, SAAC, Track & Field Committees and Swimming and Diving Committees to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey and Lacrosse – Preseason Joint Practice, Scrimmage or Exhibition – Exemption from Maximum Contest and Date of Competition Limitations. [NOTE: This proposal has until September 1 to satisfy proper sponsorship or it will be withdrawn.] This proposal is to allow field hockey and lacrosse teams to conduct an exempted scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice with outside competition prior to the first permissible contest or date of competition.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to PPSS, SAAC and the Field Hockey and Lacrosse Committees to recommend an official position.

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

   a. **Management Council Elections for 2017.**

      Management Council. The Council elected Brit Katz, vice president and dean of student life, Millsaps College as chair for 2017 and Shantey Hill, assistant vice president and senior director of athletics, St. Joseph’s College as vice chair.

      Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   b. **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 received an update on the recent work and next steps of the working group, in particular three new diversity initiatives recently approved by the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC):

      (1) Additional programming for ethnic minority students that could model the NCAA’s Leadership Institute (e.g., a three- to four-day intensive professional development program in Indianapolis in June for ethnic minority students selected to attend the Convention. Participants must show a high level of interest in pursuing a Division III athletics career.)

      (2) Senior woman administrator (SWA) professional development. Enhance the current programming offered in conjunction with the annual NACWAA Convention in October (e.g., expand the program from a half-day to a day and a half professional development opportunity).

      (3) Conference grant funding specifically for programming and/or internships. Separate from the Conference Grant Program, provide funding to conference offices, on request, to fund either internships or programming for ethnic minority and female students (e.g., the North Coast Athletic Conference’s Branch Rickey Program).

      Further, the working group anticipates creating and distributing a hiring best practices guide by the 2017 Convention.

      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 six proposed learning modules:

- Introduction;
- An assessment tool;
- The Division III fan experience – cultivating a daily championship mindset;
- Assistance with conflict resolution or bystander intervention;
- A campus action plan; and
- Student-athlete input and resources.

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

c. **360 Proof and NASPA Collaborative.**

**Management Council.** The Council received an update noting there are 191 institutions currently registered for 360 Proof. The results from the Program Assessment will be reviewed to see how best to implement within the program. In addition, the committee has begun discussions to hire a marketing firm to further promote this initiative.

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

d. **Division III Identity Initiative.**

**Management Council.** The Council received a status report on the Division III Identity Initiative including an update on the new assistant director for governance communications, Division III Week, branding initiatives, DIII/D3SIDA Recognition Award, social media, Special Olympics and the Purchasing Website.

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

e. **2016 Governance Scorecard.**

**Management Council.** The Council reviewed the results of the 2015-16 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. Based on a five-point scale, the overall performance rating was 4.64.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council reviewed the results of the 2015-16 governance scorecard.

f. **Institutional Performance Program (IPP) Update.**

**Management Council.** The Council received an update on IPP noting the target launch date for Division III is October 1. Both the institutional and conference level versions will be released at that time, with promotional materials distributed in August and September through the Monthly Update.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
g. Faculty Athletics Representatives (FAR) Engagement.

Management Council. The Council continued its discussion on ways for FARs to be more engaged at the institutional and conference levels. Two stated concerns were (1) Presidents selecting FARs without input from the athletics director, and (2) A high percentage of FARs not receiving release time or a stipend. Both concerns hinder the relationship between the FAR and athletics director. Next steps include creating a work group with representation from the Council, Faculty Athletics Representative Association (FARA) Division III leadership, and other membership constituents; conducting a survey of current Division III FARs; developing a best practices resource; and collaborating with conference commissioners.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. Presidents and Commissioners Communication Guide.

Management Council. The Council received a final version of the best practice guide noting that hard copies were mailed to all Division III presidents and commissioners, with electronic correspondence to athletics directors and athletics direct reports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors Update.

(1) Board of Governors (BOG) Composition.

Management Council. The Council received an update on on-going discussions related to the board’s composition.

Presidents Council. The Council noted that the Board of Governors passed a resolution that continues its ongoing evaluation of the Board’s composition and responsibilities. Using feedback from all three divisions, the Board’s Ad Hoc Committee on Structure and Composition will craft a recommendation regarding the Board’s composition – currently, 12 members from Division I and two each from Divisions II and III – and responsibilities no later than April 2017.
(2) **Ad Hoc Committee on Cultural Diversity and Equity.**

*Management Council.* The Council received an update on the Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Cultural Diversity and Equity.

*Presidents Council.* The Presidents Council received an update on the Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Cultural Diversity and Equity noting that presidents and chancellors at NCAA member colleges and universities will be encouraged to sign the “Pledge and Commitment to Promoting Diversity and Gender Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics” to achieve ethnic and racial diversity and gender equity in college sports hiring practices.

(3) **Fair Labor Standards Act.**

*Management and Presidents Councils.* The Councils received information on the Fair Labor Standards Act [FLSA].

b. **Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.**

*Management Council.* The Council received an update on the draft year-round football practice contact recommendations from February’s Second Safety in College Football Summit. SSI anticipates sending these recommendations to the membership no later than September.

c. **Litigation Update.**

*Management Council and Presidents Council.* 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. **OTHER BUSINESS AND OPEN FORUM.**

- **Vice Chair of the Management Council.**

  *Management Council.* Dennis Leighton, current vice chair of the Management Council, resigned from his vice chair position for the remainder of 2016.

9. **ADJOURNAMENT.**

  *Management Council.* The Council meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m. Monday, July 18 and 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 19.

  *Presidents Council.* The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m. Wednesday, August 3 and 12:10 p.m. Thursday, August 4.