KEY ITEMS.

- **NCAA Woman of the Year selection criteria review.** The committee engaged in an in-depth review of the Woman of the Year selection guidelines and voted unanimously to revise the academic achievement, athletics excellence, and service and leadership sections. Discussion will continue regarding the guideline’s personal statement section. The committee will finalize the selection guidelines to be used for the 2016 NCAA Woman of the Year award process.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Administrative items.** The committee welcomed new members President Anne Blackhurst, Minnesota State University Moorhead and Marissa Robinson, Kean University.

2. **Approval of Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA) September 2015 meeting report.** The committee approved the September 2015 meeting report.

3. **Gender Equity Town Hall overview.** NCAA staff provided an overview of the Gender Equity Town Hall session. Participants expressed ongoing concern for the lack of female administrators and coaches, particularly women of color, and noted that nearly 44 years after Title IX became law, institutions continue not to meet Title IX compliance for athletics.

   NCAA staff noted the importance of the committee collaborating with the NCAA Gender Equity Task Force in moving forward recommendations to address such gender equity concerns. A potential collaboration between the two groups includes the development of a best practices hiring resource to identify and retain diverse candidates.
4. **Woman of the Year selection criteria.** The committee intently reviewed the current selection guidelines for the NCAA Woman of the Year award. The committee voted unanimously to approve revisions to the academic achievement, athletics excellence, and service and leadership sections. The academic achievement rating scale standards were increased following a review of data that demonstrated that the scale was not distinguishing between candidates in a meaningful way. The athletics excellence section was modified with the objective of evaluating team and individual sport athletes more fairly. In the service and leadership section, explanations were added to provide clarity to the 5 to 1 rating scale for this section. The committee requested that NCAA staff distribute the revision of the personal statement section through email for committee approval.

The committee will review final selection guidelines for approval. The guidelines will be posted online and provided to the membership to use for the 2016 NCAA Woman of the Year award process.

5. **Emerging Sports for Women.** NCAA staff provided a brief emerging sport update. The emerging sports subcommittee will continue its work with a teleconference in early March and present the results of its emerging sports process review during the committee’s April in-person meeting.

6. **Future meeting dates and site.**

- April 14-15, 2016 in Indianapolis, Indiana; in conjunction with the 2016 NCAA Inclusion Forum (12:30 p.m. start time on April 16, 2016).

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**Absentees:**
Alyssa Drachslin, Temple University; American Athletic Conference.
Marvin Krislov, Oberlin College; North Coast Athletic Conference.
Kayla Robles, Valdosta State University; Gulf South Conference.

**NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:**
Emily Capehart, Kristin Fasbender, Jan Gentry and Amy Wilson

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
Terri Carmichael Jackson, Gail Dent, Rachel Stark and Richard Zhu.