ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.
   - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Announcements. Committee chair, Ann Whitmer, welcomed new NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee members Stephanie Bender, Angel Mason, Todd Moravec, and Ronald Noborikawa.

2. Review November Report. The committee reviewed and approved the report of its November 9-10, 2015, in-person meeting. The committee also provided feedback on the 2016 NCAA Convention Business Session financial aid annual reporting changes and best practices presentation.

3. Review of NCAA Division III Bylaw 15. The committee reviewed Division III financial aid legislation and discussed the application of the financial aid legislation to the financial aid review process. The committee also reviewed the Financial Aid Reporting Program Policies and Procedures Worksheet and provided suggestions for amendments.

4. Level II Reviews. The committee reviewed 16 Level II financial aid reporting cases. During the deliberations, members of the committee recused themselves as necessary in accordance with NCAA and conflict of interest policy. On review, the committee took the following actions:

   a. Voted to take no action on the following 12 Level II review cases:

   (1) 2005-3-04;  
   (2) 2008-2-02;  
   (3) 2012-1-07;  
   (4) 2015-1-07;  
   (5) 2011-1-03;
b. Voted to take no action on the following Level II review case, on condition of review in the next review cycle:

- 2011-1-08.

c. Voted to forward the following three Level II review cases to NCAA Enforcement:

(1) 2005-2-05;  
(2) 2006-1-08; and  
(3) 2015-1-02.

5. Level II Reviews - Enforcement Referrals. The committee provided recommendations to the NCAA enforcement staff regarding the review of referred Level II Review cases.

6. Impact of Revised Review Criteria. The committee received an update from staff on the impact of the revised financial aid reporting program review criteria. The committee agreed that it is necessary to complete at least one more review cycle prior to assessing the validity of the new sport filter criteria.

7. Update on the Revised School Profile Report. The committee reviewed the revised school profile report and provided suggestions for additional amendments.

8. Financial Aid from Outside Sources. The committee discussed concerns over the ability of institutional financial aid offices to monitor financial aid awards from outside sources. The committee agreed that although educating the membership may alleviate concerns, legislative change may be necessary to fully address practical monitoring concerns. Specifically, the committee discussed the potential impact of deregulating Bylaw 15.2.3.5 and requested that staff draft a legislative proposal for future review by the committee.

9. Longitudinal Findings from Program. The committee reviewed longitudinal findings from the Financial Aid Reporting Program and offered suggestions on opportunities to utilize the data set.
10. **NCAA Division III Governance Update.** The committee received an update on current key topics within the Division III governance structure including:
   
a. 2016 NCAA Convention legislation;
b. Budget planning;
c. Sportsmanship and Game Environment working group;
d. Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee review;
e. Diversity and Inclusion working group;
f. Revised Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG); and
g. Division III week.

11. **Future Meetings.** The committee confirmed its next in-person meeting for November 14-15.

12. **Other Business.** None.

13. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned 11:50 a.m. Eastern time, February 16.

   **Committee Chair:** Ann Whitmer, Albion College, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association  
   **Staff Liaison(s):** Eric Hartung, Research  
   Sarah Otey, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Todd Moravec, Plattsburgh State University of New York, State University of New York Athletic Conference.
Ronald Noborikawa, Pacific Lutheran University, North West Conference.
Charlyn Robert, Nichols College, Commonwealth Coast Conference.
Terry Wansart, Hunter College, City University of New York Athletic Conference.

**Absentees:**
None.

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**
Eric Hartung and Sarah Otey.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
Audrey Hester, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers and Anne Rohlman.