ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Introductions. The committee welcomed Kandis Schram and Steve Taylor to their first meeting since appointment to the committee.

2. Review November report. The committee reviewed and approved the report as amended from its November 14-15, 2016 in-person meeting.

3. Level II reviews. The committee reviewed 32 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 20 cases:

   (1) 2005-2-06;
   (2) 2005-2-07;
   (3) 2005-2-14;
   (4) 2005-3-08;
   (5) 2006-1-20;
   (6) 2006-2-13;
   (7) 2008-2-01;
   (8) 2008-3-02;
   (9) 2010-2-03;
   (10) 2010-3-02;
   (11) 2011-3-03;
   (12) 2013-1-01;
   (13) 2013-1-04;
   (14) 2013-1-05;
   (15) 2013-2-04;
   (16) 2016-1-05;
b. Voted to take no action with the condition of review in the upcoming review cycle on the following two cases:

(1) 2013-2-03; and
(2) 2016-2-03.

c. Voted to refer the following eight cases to NCAA enforcement:

(1) 2005-3-12;
(2) 2006-1-16;
(3) 2015-1-10;
(4) 2016-1-02;
(5) 2016-1-04;
(6) 2016-1-10;
(7) 2016-1-12; and
(8) 2016-1-17.

d. Tabled the following two cases due to incomplete information:

(1) 2006-1-08; and
(2) 2012-1-05.

4. Level II Reviews – Enforcement Referrals. The committee provided recommendations to the NCAA enforcement staff regarding the referred cases.

5. Division III governance update. The committee received an update on current key topics within the Division III governance structure including:

a. Division III Diversity and Inclusion Working Group;

b. Division III LGTBQ Working Group; and

c. Division III Game Environment Working Group.
6. **Financial aid from outside sources: Next steps.** The committee received a report related to the adoption of Division III Convention Proposal No. 2017-3 (2-5) with an effective date of August 1, 2017 and the amended Division III Bylaw 15.2.3.5. Potential membership education models and delivery methods focused on best-practices for financial aid offices and athletics departments in their efforts to ensure compliance with the bylaw were discussed. The committee will reconvene via teleconference to finalize the materials and methods of delivery. The goal is to deliver materials to member institutions and conference offices by mid-May ahead of the Regional Rules Seminars where additional education opportunities are scheduled.

7. **Discussion of Crowdfunding.** The committee received a report related to crowdfunding including a general overview of the issue and related potential NCAA compliance issues. This topic was discussed by the Financial Aid Committee because of instances of Division III prospective and current student-athletes using crowdfunding to raise money for cost of attendance.

8. **Future meetings.** The committee confirmed its next in-person meeting for November 13-14, 2017, Indianapolis. A teleconference will be scheduled within the coming weeks to complete Level II Reviews on the two cases that were tabled and two additional cases that were not ready for review at the February 13-14 meeting.

9. **Other business.** None.

10. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned 11:15 a.m. Eastern time, February 14, 2017.

*Committee Chair:* Ann Whitmer, Albion College; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Assn.

*Staff Liaisons:* Eric Hartung, Research

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### NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:

- Eric Hartung and Jeff Myers.

### Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

- Jay Jones.