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1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

   **January 18 Management Council.** The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by the chair, Tracey Ranieri. Ms. Ranieri reviewed the agenda, noting the Council would end the meeting no later than 3 p.m.

   **Presidents Council.** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by the chair, President Alan Cureton. The chair welcomed Council members and outlined the agenda.

   **January 21 Management Council.** The meeting was called to order at 11:46 a.m. by the chair Brit Katz. The chair welcomed new Council members Heather Benning, Sean Cain, Laura Mooney, Kandis Schram, Denise Udelhofen, Mike Vienna, Joe Walsh and Megan Warren, to the meeting.

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

   **Management Council Meetings – October 17-18, 2016.**

   **January 18 Management Council.** The Management Council approved the summary of its October 17-18, 2016, meetings as presented.

   **Presidents Council.** No action necessary.

January 18 Management Council. No action necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its October 26-27, 2016, meetings as presented.

c. Administrative Committee Actions.

January 18 Management Council. The Management Council ratified the minutes of the October 24 and November 15, 2016, Administrative Committee actions.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the minutes of the October 24 and November 15, 2016, Administrative Committee actions.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.


January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s reports and was briefed on the following sessions scheduled to occur during the 2017 Convention:

- Division III New Athletics Director Meet & Greet.
- ADR Institute.
- Student-Athlete programming.
- Student Immersion program.
- Presidents and Chancellors Luncheon and Forum.
- SAAC Luncheon and Forum.
- Division III Issues Forum.
- Division III Business Session.

The Council noted a new format for the Division III Issues Forum that would include a discussion and Q & A session on the following topics: (1) Presidents Council chair update on key presidential hot topics; (2) NCAA Sport Science Institute’s health and safety priorities; and (3) Convention legislative proposals.

The membership was scheduled to use Poll Everywhere, a smart phone software, to text questions to the presenter during the Issues Forum.
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Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

January 21 Management Council. The Council discussed the 2017 Convention logistics and content and forwarded several comments and recommendations for consideration to the subcommittee. [Refer to Page 19, Item No. 5.]

(2) Strategic-Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC).

(a) Sportsmanship and Game Environment Initiative.

January 18 Management Council. The Council received an update on the recent partnership with the Disney Institute. The Council supported the use of $500,000, including $450,000 in new dollars, during the 2016-17 budget year to develop a sportsmanship and game environment training program with the Disney Institute. The allocation was endorsed by SPFC and approved by the Division III Administrative Committee (See Page No. 4, 2c).

The working group’s primary goal is to create and sustain championship-level decorum and game environments at all Division III institutions. The training program’s three primary benefits for the Division III membership will be: (1) a five-module online training program designed for each institution to evaluate, learn and improve on its game environment and customer service standards; (2) game service standards that will define the proper environment at Division III for all regular season and championships athletics contests; and (3) toolkits and training through the Disney Institute that will ensure that the game standards are understood and able to be carried out for institutions at all resource levels.

In addition to an introductory section, the primary learning modules of the online program will be: an institutional self-assessment tool; Division III game service standards; tools for assistance with conflict resolution and bystander intervention; a template to create an institutional action plan to affect positive changes where needed; and an evaluation tool. The online program will also integrate input and tools created by the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council noted that this initiative was endorsed by SPFC and approved by the Division III Administrative Committee (See Page No. 4, 2c).

(b) Budget.


The Council also reviewed budget projections through 2023-24, noting the spending down of cash reserves, while gradually drifting to an 80/20 split beginning in 2018-19 by keeping the non-championships base budget flat. [Staff noted a surplus of over $4M from 2015-16 due to a higher than budgeted revenue and lower fuel costs for championship
travel. The surplus has positively impacted the long-term future budget model. Currently, the final year, 2023-24, is the only year reflecting a deficit.

President Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Budget Planning 2017-19.

January 18 Management Council. The Council discussed SPFC’s initial review of championship and nonchampionship budget requests for the 2017-19 biennium. Potential championship priorities include: (1) bracket expansion for team sports based on legislated access ratio and automatic qualification; (2) increase team travel party size for select sports; (3) reimbursement for local ground transportation for teams that fly to the championship site; (4) a day off between semifinal and championship games; (5) increase officials’ fees; and (6) various sport committee initiatives. Key nonchampionship priorities may include: (1) diversity initiatives; and (2) working groups – Sportsmanship and Game Environment, LGBTQ and Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) – initiatives.

President Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Division III Conference Grant Program.

January 18 Management Council. The Council noted that during the committee’s review of conference impact forms, seven conferences misused grant funds, based on the established Conference Grant Policies and Procedures. The subcommittee reviewed these findings and issued warning letters.

Staff noted that the Conference Self-Study Guide (CSSG) is done every five years, with the next one due in 2018.

President Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

January 18 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

President Council. No action was necessary.
b. Management Council Subcommittees.

(1) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

- Approval of Guidelines – Waiver of Season of Participation for Practice by Transgender Female Student-Athletes.

January 18 Management Council. The Council approved, as recommended by the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (SLR), guidelines related to determining a season of participation for transgender female student-athletes. SLR agreed that NCAA staff may provide relief to a transgender female (male to female) student-athlete to allow her to practice with a women’s team during the year of ineligibility without using a season of participation, provided specific criteria are met.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

January 18 Management Council. The subcommittee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Infractions.

January 18 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Financial Aid Committee.

(a) Financial Aid Reporting Process – Level I Reviews.

January 18 Management Council. The Council received the committee’s report that identified 57 Level I reviews this fall, 24 more than last year and noted the continued use of the review criteria (i.e., sport outliers) introduced last year. The committee took the following actions: (1) voted to take no action on 24 cases; and (2) voted to forward 33 Level I cases to a Level II review, 17 more than last year.
(b) **Division III Convention Proposal No. 2017-3.**

Management Council. The Council discussed Proposal No. 2017-3 and the related need to further educate the membership and the Presidents Council regarding the current burden on financial aid directors to monitor sources for all outside financial aid awards received by student-athletes. Next steps will include examining the outcome of Proposal No. 2017-3; discussion at the February in-person Financial Aid Committee meeting and a possible presentation to the Presidents Council at its April meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Infractions Appeals Committee.**

January 18 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 – Out-of-Season Activities as Part of a National Team Development Program.**

January 18 Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

**Out-of-Season Activities as Part of a National Team Development Program (III).** The committee confirmed that institutional coaches who have been selected for coaching positions within an Olympic or national team development program are not permitted to identify their team as program participants to circumvent the prohibition on out-of-season athletically related activities. Program participants who are from the same institution as the coach shall have been selected in the same manner as all other program participants.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaw 17.1.5.2.2 (Olympic and national team development program)].

During its September 2016 meeting, ILC reviewed the existing legislation related to Olympic and national team development programs. The committee agreed that while selected coaches can identify development program participants, institutional coaches are not permitted to identify their entire team to avoid the application of the out-of-season athletically related activities legislation. This interpretation clarifies that distinction.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(b) Approval of Official Interpretation – Promotional Activity Involving a Commercial Sponsor or Location.

January 18 Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Promotional Activity Involving a Commercial Sponsor or Location (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that student-athletes are permitted to distribute information about institutional fundraisers, even if those institutional fundraisers involve a commercial location or sponsor, as information distribution does not constitute promotion of a commercial product or service.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 12.5.1.1 (institutional, charitable, educational or nonprofit promotions) and 12.5.1.1.1 (promotions involving commercial locations/sponsors)].

During its September 2016 meeting, the committee reviewed the legislation regarding a promotional activity involving a commercial sponsor or location. The committee agreed that, within the context of an institutional fundraiser, a student-athlete providing information about the sponsor or location of the fundraiser does not equate to promotion of a commercial sponsor and should be permitted. This interpretation helps clarify the way a student-athlete may be involved with an institutional fundraiser involving a commercial sponsor or location.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Approval of Official Interpretation – Employment and Endorsement of a Recruiting or Scouting Service.

January 18 Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Employment and Endorsement of a Recruiting or Scouting Service (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that an athletics department staff member may not be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity by a recruiting or scouting service. Additionally, athletics department staff members may not directly promote or endorse a recruiting or scouting service.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.02.12 (recruiting or scouting service), 13.10.2.1 (evaluations for media, recruiting services) and 13.12.2.4.1 (camp/clinic providing recruiting or scouting service)].

During its September 2016 meeting, the committee reviewed the existing legislation related to an athletic department staff member’s involvement with a recruiting or scouting service. The committee agreed the legislative restrictions regarding the publicity of recruitment as well as limitations regarding the involvement with recruiting services prohibits an athletics department staff member from being employed (either on a
salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity by a recruiting or scouting service or from endorsing the same. This interpretation clarifies an athletics department staff member’s involvement with a recruiting or scouting service.

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

**Approval of Official Interpretation – Early Graduation Exception to the Full-Time Enrollment Requirement.**

**January 18 Management Council.** The Council approved to archive an official interpretation (4/15/2015, Item No. 2-b) and approve the following official interpretation:

_Early Graduation Exception to the Full-Time Enrollment Requirement – Use of Season of Participation (III)._ The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that for a student-athlete to satisfy the early graduation exception to the full-time enrollment requirement and remain eligible for the remainder of the playing season without being enrolled full time, the student-athlete must have graduated (or completed degree requirements for graduation) in less than four consecutive years from initial full-time collegiate enrollment and have been charged with a season of participation for that year prior to the completion of degree requirements.

The early graduation exception applies as follows:

(a) A basketball student-athlete completes degree requirements for graduation at the conclusion of the fall semester in less than four consecutive years. She was charged with a season of participation prior to the completion of the fall semester. This student-athlete satisfies the early graduation exception and would be permitted to continue participation for the remainder of the basketball season without being enrolled.

(b) A tennis student-athlete completes degree requirements for graduation at the conclusion of the fall semester in less than four consecutive years. He was charged a season of participation during the fall semester. This student-athlete satisfies the early graduation exception and would be permitted to participate for the remainder of the tennis season without being enrolled.

(c) A baseball student-athlete completes degree requirements for graduation at the conclusion of the fall semester in less than four consecutive years. He was not charged with the use of a season for participation in the nontraditional segment. This student-athlete would not satisfy the early graduation exception and would need to be enrolled full time at his institution in the spring to participate with and compete on the institution’s baseball team.
(d) A softball student-athlete completes degree requirements for graduation at the conclusion of the winter quarter. She started practice for the softball traditional segment but was not charged with a season of participation prior to the conclusion of the winter quarter. This student-athlete would not satisfy the early graduation exception and would have to enroll full time in the spring quarter to continue participation.

[Note: If a student-athlete does not satisfy the early graduation exception, the student-athlete may still be eligible to participate while not enrolled if another exception applies. Specifically, if a postseason event (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship) occurs within 60 days of the end of the semester or quarter in which degree work is completed then the student-athlete would remain eligible for the remainder of the season.]

[References: Bylaws 14.1.8.1.6.7 (eligibility after completion of degree requirements), 14.2.4.1 (minimum amount of participation), NCAA Proposal No. NC-2009-1, NCAA Division III Presidents Council, NCAA Division III Management Council Summary of Actions Fall 2007, and official interpretation (4/15/2015, Item Ref: 2-b, which has been archived)]

During its September meeting, the committee reviewed the early graduation exception to the full-time enrollment requirement and official interpretation (Reference: 4/15/15, Item Ref. 2-b) that clarifies that a student-athlete must have been charged with a season of participation for that year prior to the completion of degree requirements to use the early graduation exception and remain eligible for the playing season while not enrolled full time. The examples in the interpretation, however, were based on a typical academic calendar at a semester school. The committee agreed that the early graduation exception should be applied in the same manner for institutions on semester and quarter systems and requested staff rewrite the official interpretation (Reference: 4/15/15 Item Ref. 2-b) to clarify that distinction. This interpretation clarifies the way the early graduation exception applies for institutions using a semester and quarter system.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Approval of Official Interpretation – Transfer Following Nonparticipation at an NCAA Division I or II Institution.

January 18 Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Transfer Following Nonparticipation at an NCAA Division I or II Institution (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that transfer student-athletes who were Division I or II nonqualifiers only due to the lack of an NCAA Eligibility Center certification are eligible to use the four-year college transfer exception for
student-athletes who have never practiced or competed in intercollegiate athletics.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 14.5.5 (four-year college transfers), 14.5.5.1 (general rule), and 14.5.5.1.1 (exception)].

During its September meeting, the committee reviewed the Division III transfer legislation and how it would apply for a nonqualifier from a Division I or II institution. The committee agreed that if a student-athlete was a Division I or II nonqualified only due to the lack of Eligibility Center certification, the student-athlete should be permitted to use the four-year college transfer exception [Bylaw 14.5.5.1.1 – (a)] for student-athletes who have never practiced or competed in intercollegiate athletics. This interpretation clarifies how to apply the Division III transfer legislation for a Division I or II nonqualifier that is only ineligible due to not registering with the Eligibility Center.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Membership Committee

(a) Update on Daniel Webster College.

January 18 Management Council. The Council noted the committee received an update on Daniel Webster College. The staff informed the committee that Southern New Hampshire University, a Division II institution, purchased Daniel Webster College and is operating under a “teach-out” configuration for the remainder of the 2016-17 academic year. For the 2016-17 academic year, the two institutions continue to operate as separate athletics programs. At the close of the academic year, the institution status will again need to be reviewed.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Rust College.

January 18 Management Council. The Council received a verbal update that Rust College is no longer a member of the NCAA and Division III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

January 18 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

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

(a) **Approve the Management Council Nomination of Sean Cain, Men’s Student-Athlete (Adrian College).**

January 18 Management Council. The Council exercised its authority under NCAA Constitution 4.8.2.1 (Exception-Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) and approved the nomination of Sean Cain, men’s soccer student-athlete at Adrian College.

Division III legislation prohibits two individuals from the same institution from serving on the Presidents Council and Management Council simultaneously, but allows the Management Council to waive this prohibition only in the case of SAAC nominees to the Management Council. This waiver is necessary as Jeff Docking, president of Adrian College, is a current Division III Presidents Council member.

(b) **SAAC Elections.**

January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting its new officers – Kayla Porter, Frostburg State University, will be the chair and Alaina Woo, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, will be the vice-chair. The new Management Council liaisons are Sean Cain, Adrian College (per above) and Megan Warren, Defiance College.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Student-Athlete Engagement Committee Discussion.**

January 18 Management Council. At the recommendation of the NCAA Board of Governors, all three divisional SAACs discussed the creation of a Board of Governors Subcommittee focused on student-athlete engagement. The committee voted to recommend the establishment of an Association-wide, student-led committee that focuses on the facilitation of dialogue on issues, policies and the execution of key initiatives that affect all three divisions. The committee provided feedback on committee composition, recommended the committee be composed of nine student-athletes (three from each divisional SAAC), one Board of Governors member and one nonvoting NCAA staff liaison, and underscored the importance of term timing and length. The committee noted that it would recommend the use of external subject matter experts as needed and not define those individuals as members. The committee also expressed its desire to see racial, gender and geographic diversity represented.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(9) **Student-Athlete Reinstatement (SAR) Committee.**

(a) **Amateurism, Recruiting and Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Eligibility Ramifications – Restitution for Receipt of Improper Benefits.**

January 18 Management Council. The Council approved a recommendation to sponsor noncontroversial legislation for the 2018 NCAA Convention to increase from $100 to $200 the value of improper benefits for which the eligibility of an individual student-athlete shall not be affected conditioned upon restitution. The membership has not reviewed the restitution value for approximately 10 years. Review of case data indicates an increase to $200 will decrease bureaucracy and increase efficiency for the benefit of the Division III membership and its student-athletes. This change will not eliminate the need to report an institutional violation to the NCAA enforcement staff or to request reinstatement if relief from repayment or an alternative reinstatement condition to repayment is requested (e.g., community service).

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

(b) **Ethical Conduct – Sports Wagering Activities – Sanctions.**

January 18 Management Council. The Council referred back to SAR a proposal that would have eliminated the mandatory legislated penalty for sports wagering. Currently, for violations that trigger the legislated sports wagering sanctions, the minimum penalty is automatic and cannot be appealed. To promote increased fairness, SAR believes it is important to conduct a case-by-case review of these sports wagering violations. The Council felt uncomfortable with the complete elimination of the legislated penalty. It recommended the committee revise the proposal to maintain the penalty but provide SAR oversight of a more flexible appeals process.

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

d. **Association-Wide and Common Committees.**

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

January 18 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(2) **Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

- **Evaluation of NCAA Sportsmanship.**

  **January 18 Management Council.** The Council noted the committee discussed what efforts could be made to increase the visibility of good and positive acts of sportsmanship, as well as increasing the committee’s involvement in the global discussion of ethical conduct issues. The committee expressed interest in working with the national office’s governance staffs, committees and working groups to expand the concept of the RESPECT campaign, “It’s the Name of the Game,” beyond the playing field. The committee directed staff to distribute a request to all NCAA playing rules committees to include sportsmanship as a significant point of emphasis for the coming year.

  *Presidents Council. No action was necessary.*

(3) **Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA).**

(a) **Initiatives That Support Equity.**

  **January 18 Management Council.** The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that the Office of Inclusion engage in the following projects in 2016-17: (1) Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) Research Project; (2) Partnership with the University of Minnesota Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport on a research project on women coaches; and (3) Second Edition of the Status of Women in Intercollegiate Athletics Report.

  All three projects will support the Association’s initiatives to increase women in leadership positions in intercollegiate athletics.

  *Presidents Council. No action was necessary.*

(b) **Add “Gender Identity” to the NCAA Inclusion Statement.**

  **January 18 Management Council.** The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that the Board of Governors consider adding “gender identity” to the NCAA Inclusion Statement.

  a. When the original inclusion statement was adopted, “gender identity” was infrequently included in various inclusion statements. However, as society continues to evolve in its views on diversity and inclusion, there is an increasing expectation of equity and fair treatment based on gender identity.
b. The Board of Governors’ recent decisions to issue a non-discrimination statement and to remove NCAA championships from North Carolina serve as actions that support “gender identity” being included in the NCAA’s Inclusion Statement.

c. The Office for Civil Rights' Dear Colleague Letter, issued on May 13, 2016, states that Title IX specifically prohibits discrimination based on gender identity.

d. The second edition of the NCAA’s transgender guide (anticipated publication in November 2016) will be a more effective and meaningful resource for the membership if “gender identity” is included in the NCAA’s Inclusion Statement. Otherwise, the inclusion statement and the best practices featured in the guide will be misaligned.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Beach Volleyball Legislation Update.

January 18 Management Council. The Council noted the committee received an update of potential beach volleyball legislation. One legislative proposal will increase the playing and practice season by starting one week earlier. The rationale behind this proposal is to increase the competition season window to allow greater flexibility in scheduling competitions and reduce missed class time. Another legislative proposal would allow beach volleyball to have competition during its non-championship segment (that would not be deducted from its NCAA championship segment) like other men’s and women’s sports. The final legislative proposal would develop specific requirements for beach volleyball recruiting at specific beach competitions and practices. The committee will continue to monitor these potential proposals and their place in the legislative process.

Additionally, the committee expressed interest in possible expansion as more conferences sponsor beach volleyball and expansion will provide more female student-athlete opportunities. The committee plans to revisit this issue during its February teleconference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Honors Committee.

January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(5) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).

- **Addition of “Gender Identity” to the NCAA Inclusion Statement.**

  January 18 Management Council. The Council approved this recommendation on Page No. 15, Item (3) (b) under CWA.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

- **January 18 Management Council.** The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

- **January 18 Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

- **January 13 Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) Research Committee.

(a) **Creation of Current Student-Athlete Panel.**

  January 18 Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation to discuss with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committees in each division the committee’s recommendation to create student-athlete research panels. The panels would enable more “real-time” access to student-athlete opinions on important issues related to the student-athlete experience.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(b) **Research updates.**

January 18 Management Council. The Council noted the committee received an update on GOALS and social environments preliminary findings. Staff informed the committee that over 23,000 student-athletes took the Wagering and Social Environments survey in spring 2016. A preview of results was shared at the FARA annual meeting, with full results presented at the 2017 NCAA Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

January 18 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. **2017 NCAA CONVENTION LEGISLATION.**

a. **Review of 2017 NCAA Convention Notice and Program.**

January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed the Convention Notice and Program. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Legislative Proposal Question and Answer Guide.**

January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed the Legislative Q & A document. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Review of Parliamentary and Voting Issues.**


Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the parliamentary and voting issues document.
d. **Review of Position Papers and Speaker Assignments.**

**January 18 Management Council.** The Council reviewed the position papers and speaker assignments.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council reviewed the position papers and speaker assignments, noting three proposals in the Presidential Grouping.

The Council further discussed Proposal No. 2017-2 (2-4) [eligibility – graduate and postbaccalaureate transfers]. It noted this proposal might be less controversial if it was limited only to Division III transfers. The Council indicated a willingness to explore the current waiver criteria to make it more inclusive.

5. **2017 NCAA CONVENTION.**

- **Programming and Logistics.**

  **January 18 Management Council.** The Council reviewed the agendas for the Division III Convention sessions. No action was necessary.

  **Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council reviewed the agendas for the Division III Convention sessions. No action was necessary.

  **January 21 Management Council.** The Council discussed and made the following comments regarding future Convention programming and logistics:

  - Supported continued access to Wifi in the hotel and meeting rooms.
  - Noted the Convention App map worked only on IPhones.
  - Signage was well displayed.
  - Noted Honors Celebration was long, and some didn’t like the move to Wednesday evening. Presidents noted problems with additional time away from institution.
  - The Opening Business Session felt rehearsed and edited. Greater impact if President Emmert’s comments were brief and allowed a representative from each division to give an update on its initiatives.
  - Difficult for 3,000 people to go down one staircase during Thursday’s Delegate Reception.
  - Expressed appreciation for Association-wide luncheon and guest Grant Hill.
  - Cut introductions during the Joint MC/PC/SAAC meeting to allow more round table discussion.
  - Noted strong evaluations for ADR Institute’s day and half session.
  - New athletics director meet and greet was a great networking session.
  - The Student Immersion Program had 42 students of color attending with very positive reports.
  - Division III Issues Forum – (1) set-up made it hard to hear in the back of the room; (2) sound was an issue on the dais and (3) noted concern regarding time allotted to debrief as a table.
- Chancellors/Presidents Forum and Luncheon – enjoyed quicker introductions and more meaningful conversation.
- Provisional and Reclassifying session – low attendance by the Membership Committee and noted timing conflict with conference meetings.

6. **DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.**

   a. **Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.**

      January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed the working group’s reports from its November and December teleconferences. Staff provided an update on the second annual Student Immersion Program that brought 42 students of color, interested in a career in Division III athletics, to the Convention. Staff also noted the release of the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group’s, “The Diverse Workforce.”

      Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

      January 18 Management Council. The Council noted the recent partnership with the Disney Institute. (See Page No. 5, Item (2) (a) and approved in November 2016 by the Administrative Committee.)

      Disney will conduct two discovery visits, one in late January at Wittenberg University and the second shortly thereafter at schools near a major metropolitan hub. Following these visits, a two-day visit to the Disney Institute for approximately 10 members of the working group and NCAA staff will occur in mid-February to learn Disney’s customer service content. This same group will meet again in Indianapolis to work on shaping the Disney content to Division III values, standards and environments.

      Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   c. **Athletics Direct Report (ADR) Institute.**

      January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed the agenda noting the ADR Institute was extended to a day and a half of programming.

      Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   d. **LGBTQ Working Group.**


      Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
e. 360 Proof and NASPA Collaborative.

**January 18 Management Council.** The Council reviewed an update on 360 Proof and the NASPA Collaborative noting the 2016-17 outreach plan opportunities include: (1) January NASPA AOD Strategies Conference – booth and education session; (2) January NCAA Convention – booth and technical assistance; (3) March NASPA Annual Conference – education session on collaboration through 360 proof, booth; (4) June NCAA Regional Rules Seminar – booth and technical assistance; and (5) NASPA Regional Conference – handouts at the NASPA table.

The NCAA communications staff drafted a communications plan and core-messaging document. The process to identify and hire a contractor with student affairs or public health marketing experience is underway. This contractor will lead the execution of the communication plan drafted by the NCAA communications staff, which included consultation by NASPA staff and the 360 Proof Steering Committee. The goal of the communications plan is to increase awareness and use of the 360 Proof program to strengthen the relationship between athletics and student affairs representatives and improve campus culture, leading to an improved, better integrated experience for student-athletes.

The Council expressed concern with promoting 360 Proof while simultaneously being involved in a pilot program that will allow the sale of beer and wine at the 2017 Division III Men’s Lacrosse Championship, which will be held in conjunction with the Divisions I and II championships and Division I women’s championships at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts.

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

f. Graduation Rate Report.

**January 18 Management Council.** The Council noted that Division III student-athletes continue to graduate at higher rates than their peers in the student-body, according to the most recent NCAA Academic Success Rate (ASR) data. Based on a representative sample of 193 schools participating in the voluntary reporting program in the 2015-16 academic year, the Division III national four-year average ASR continues to hold steady at 87 percent. Even when utilizing the less-inclusive federal rate, Division III student-athletes perform better than the general student body. The four-year, federal rate for student-athletes was 69 percent and the federal rate for the overall student body was 62 percent, a difference of seven percentage points.

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

g. Division III Identity Initiative.

**January 18 Management Council.** The Council received a status report on the Division III Identity Initiative including an update on the purchasing website, championships, Division III/D3SIDA Recognition Award, social media, Special Olympics and Division III Week slated for April 3-9, 2017.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
h. Faculty Athletics Representatives Working Group.

January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed the working group’s November and December teleconference reports. It noted the discussion of potential components of engagement led to the identification of knowledge gaps and how the working group would proceed. Engagement at the conference level is an area the working group is interested in exploring through data collection and analysis.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Division III Technology Users Group.

January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed the Technology Users Group report from its last teleconference. Staff highlighted the Single Source Sign-On (SSSO); Program Hub; Eligibility Center student ID and registration update; and RSRO training, a walk-through video resource that includes both static and screencast information.

Council also noted the group will research the viability of creating a resource detailing a compliance director’s responsibility to educate the campus generally, not just athletics. Institutions face a lack of understanding on campus of how athletics works in tandem with other offices or events, particularly considering increased responsibility in entry-level positions.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

January 18 Management Council. The Council reviewed reports from conference meetings. No action was necessary.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors Update.

January 18 Management Council and Presidents Council. The Council received an update on Board of Governors initiatives including: (1) Diversity and Inclusion, including the Presidential Pledge; (2) health and safety initiatives; (3) structure and composition; (4) creation of an engagement committee for student-athletes; (5) campus sexual violence; and (6) sports wagering.

b. Sport Science Institute Updates.

January 18 Management Council. Dr. Brian Hainline provided an update on SSI’s nine strategic priorities. He also discussed the recently released Year-Round Football Practice Contact Recommendations – Interassociation Guidelines.
c. **Litigation Update.**

   *January 18 Management Council.* The Council accepted the Litigation Report. No action was necessary.

d. **Governmental Relations Report.**

   *January 18 Management Council and Presidents Council.* The Councils accepted the Governmental Relations Report. No action was necessary.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

   *January 18 Management Council.* Tracey Ranieri acknowledged departing Council members, Frank Millerick, Chris Ragsdale, Terry Small, Julie Soriero, Taryn Stromback, Terry Wansart and Greg Woods, thanking them for their service on behalf of the Association, while vice chair Brit Katz thanked Tracey Ranieri for her service as chair of the Management Council.

   *Presidents Council.* President Cureton acknowledged departing Council member, Dennis Shields, thanking him for his service on behalf of the Association.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

   *January 18 Management Council.* The Management Council meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

   *Presidents Council.* The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

   *January 21 Management Council.* The Management Council meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.