



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
JANUARY 16-17, 2018, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of meeting schedule.** Rhonda Bennett welcomed the committee, introduced new staff members and reviewed the meeting schedule.
2. **Executive session.** The committee conducted an executive session before continuing the meeting.
3. **Women's Final Four Site Selection.** The site selection subcommittee recommended Cleveland, Dallas, Houston, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Nashville, and San Antonio as finalists for the 2021-24 Women's Final Fours. The committee approved the recommendation. Finalists will be announced Thursday, January 18, and formal bids are due by 5 p.m. ET on Friday, April 27.
4. **Review of team selection priorities.** The committee reviewed the team selection priorities and provided an overview of resources available to the committee during the season and selection meeting.
5. **Review of January regional advisory committee reports/rankings.** Rick Nixon reviewed the most recent reports from the regional advisory committee rankings. The committee noted the next series of calls is scheduled for February 5.
6. **Review of conference monitoring reports.** Committee members reviewed the conference monitoring reports.
7. **Review of teams watched reports and team discussion.** Committee members reported results on games thus far involving their assigned teams and conferences.
8. **Top 16 reveals.** The committee reviewed the plan for three public releases of the top 16 in seed order. These reveals will take place during games broadcast on ESPN January 18, February 1 and February 19.
9. **Update on site selection process.** Staff updated the committee on bids received for hosting first- and second-round games. The staff will be reviewing all bids during the coming weeks

and working with the bidding institutions to ensure that their bids meet the minimum requirements for hosting. The committee will receive a second update at its February meeting.

10. **Future meetings/teleconferences.** The committee reviewed its future meeting and teleconference schedule.
11. **Other business.**
 - a. **Joint lunch with men’s basketball committee.** The committee compiled a list of topics to discuss at the February joint lunch with the men’s basketball committee, including the Men’s and Women’s Final Four bid process, metrics changes and Google’s involvement with analytics.
 - b. **March travel assignments.** Meredith Cleaver reviewed the committee’s March travel options and preferences during the championship.
12. **Adjournment.** Ms. Bennett adjourned the meeting.

Committee Chair: Rhonda Bennett, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Meredith Cleaver, Championship and Alliances

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Attendees:
Ceal Barry, University of Colorado, Boulder; Pac-12 Conference.
Rhonda Bennett, University of Nevada, Reno; Mountain West Conference.
Jill Bodensteiner, University of Notre Dame; Atlantic Coast Conference.
DeJuena Chizer, University of Houston; American Athletic Conference. (via teleconference)
Leslie Claybrook, Southeastern Conference.
Jeff Konya, Oakland University; Horizon League.
Teresa Phillips, Tennessee State University; Ohio Valley Conference.
Debbie Richardson, Atlantic 10 Conference.
Tamica Smith Jones, University of California, Riverside; Big West Conference.
Diane Turnham, Middle Tennessee State University; Conference USA.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Rich Ensor, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.
Sandy Hatfield Clubb, Pictor Group.
Lynn Holzman, West Coast Conference.

Christina Myers, Extern.
Carolyn Schlie Femovich, Pictor Group.
Chelsea Wilson, Extern.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Meredith Cleaver.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Andrea Gaither, Tracie Hitz, Rachel Kay, Tina Krah, Daress McClung, Rick Nixon, Gabrielle Nottage, and Natalie Steger.