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**January 17, 2018**
**Indianapolis, Indiana**

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1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

   **January 17 Management Council.** The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by the vice chair, Shantey Hill. Ms. Hill welcomed the Council and reviewed the agenda.

   **Presidents Council.** The meeting was called to order at 9:21 a.m. by the chair, President Jeff Docking. The chair welcomed Council members, including President’s Trachte and Miller, incoming 2018 Presidents Council members, and outlined the agenda.

   **January 20 Management Council.** The meeting was called to order at 12:10 a.m. by the chair Shantey Hill. The chair welcomed new Council members Gerard Bryant, Madison Burns, Jason Fein, Lori Mazza, Tim Millerick and Dennis Shields, to the meeting.

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

   a. **Management Council Meetings – October 16-17, 2017.**

      **January 17 Management Council.** The Management Council approved the summary of its October 16-17, 2017, meetings as presented.

      **Presidents Council.** No action necessary.

January 17 Management Council. No action necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its October 26-27, 2017, meetings as presented.

c. Administrative Committee Actions.

January 17 Management Council. The Management Council ratified the minutes of the November 16, November 30 and December 20, 2017, Administrative Committee actions.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the minutes of the November 16, November 30 and December 20, 2017, Administrative Committee actions.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

- 2018 Convention.

January 17 Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's reports and was briefed on the following sessions scheduled to occur during the 2018 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 the format for the Division III Issues Forum would include a discussion and Q & A session on the following topics: (1) Ethics and Athletics: Establishing a positive departmental culture grounded in ethical decision-making; (2) the Division III Enterprise: Opportunities and Challenges; (3) Convention legislative proposals; and (4) a Special Olympics presentation.

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

January 20 Management Council. The Council discussed the 2018 Convention logistics and content and forwarded several comments and recommendations for consideration to the subcommittee. [Refer to Page 15, Item No. 6]

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

(a) Tennis Championship.

January 17 Management Council. The Council approved the addition of a day off between the team competition and the start of the singles/doubles portion of the Division III Men’s and Women’s Tennis Championships. The team competition dates will remain Monday through Wednesday, with the day off on Thursday and the singles and doubles competition taking place Friday through Sunday.

The only budget impact would come from an additional day of per diem and lodging for the committees, NCAA staff members and officials. Based on last year’s costs and per diem, the committee believes this would require a $5,000 increase.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(b) International Ice Hockey Pilot.

January 17 Management Council. The Council approved funding for a one-year pilot in which the NCAA Eligibility Center will review the participation history of all Division III international first year ice hockey student-athletes.

The Division III membership has noted the difficulty in certifying international student-athletes due to language barriers and unfamiliar educational systems. In response, staff has collaborated with the Eligibility Center (EC) to propose a sports participation review history of all international, first year men’s and women’s ice hockey players.

The estimated budget is $10,000 (approximately 74 participation history reviews at $135 each).

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(c) Budget.

The Council also reviewed budget projections through 2023-24, noting the spending down of cash reserves, while maintaining 75%/25% ratio of championships to non-championships spending thru 2024, with a draw on reserves to cover certain championship enhancements over the same period, while continuing to comply with the minimum reserve policy.

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

(d) **Failure to Submit Third Party Review Form.**

**January 17 Management Council.** The Council noted that one conference failed to submit its Third-Party Review Form by the October 15 deadline. The conference grant policies and procedures dictate defined penalties that include an automatic Level II assessment. While the committee agreed that this assessment should occur, it also noted that it did not assume that funds had been used inappropriately or inconsistently with the grant policies and procedures.

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

(3) **Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.**

**January 17 Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

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

b. **Management Council Subcommittees.**

(1) **Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.**

**January 17 Management Council.** The subcommittee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

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

(2) **Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.**

**January 17 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.**

- **Committee Chair.**

**January 17 Management Council.** The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that Jennifer Chuks, assistant athletics director at Williams College, serve as committee chair.
Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Infractions.

January 17 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 17 Management Council. The Council received the committee’s report that identified 37 Level I reviews this fall, 20 less than last year. The committee took the following actions: (1) voted to take no action on 14 cases; and (2) voted to forward 23 Level I cases to a Level II review, 10 less than last year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Review of Findings from an Analysis of Current Financial Aid Review Triggers.

January 17 Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed the impact of changes made to the financial aid review criteria established prior to the 2015-16 reporting cycle where the sport filter was introduced. Across three reporting cycles, the sport filter has resulted in 155 Level I reviews. Forty-five of those were institutions reviewed for the first time and 31 of the 155 would not have triggered a review under the previous review criteria. Overall, 263 institutions, 59 percent of the Division III membership have triggered a review by the committee across the 13 years of the reporting program. The committee endorsed the current review criteria, noting its effectiveness in identifying potential compliance issues at a broader range of institutions than the previous review criteria. Findings from further analyses will be presented at a future committee meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Infractions Appeals Committee.

January 17 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 – Varsity Coach Involvement with an Institutional Club or Non-NCAA Sponsored Varsity Team.

January 17 Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Varsity Coach Involvement with an Institutional Club or Non-NCAA Sponsored Varsity Team (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that a member institution’s coach may not be involved in any capacity outside the declared playing and practice season with an institutional club or non-NCAA sponsored varsity team, in any sport, if the institutional club or non-NCAA sponsored varsity team includes a student-athlete from that coach’s sport.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Convention Legislation – Amateurism – Pre-enrollment Educational Expenses – NCAA Bylaw 12.1.3.1 and 12.1.7.3.

January 17 Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor 2019 Convention legislation to permit individuals to accept educational expenses prior to collegiate enrollment from any individual other than an agent, professional sports team/organization or representative of an institution’s athletics interests, provided such expenses are disbursed directly through the recipient’s educational institution.

Current legislation precludes prospective student-athletes from receiving educational expenses for secondary education when athletics participation is considered. This standard is more restrictive than the standard that is imposed on current student-athletes who are permitted to receive such assistance in recognition of high school athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance from an established and continuing program. It seems inconsistent that prospective student-athletes should be held to a higher standard that current student-athletes as it relates to the receipt of educational expenses to attend a secondary institution. This proposal would allow for consistency in application between prospective student-athletes and current student-athletes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Membership Committee

(a) Salve Regina University Waiver Appeal.

Management Council. The Council upheld the decision of the Membership Committee and denied an appeal from Salve Regina University
regarding the missed deadline and late submission of its Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG).

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

(b) **Sports-Sponsorship Waiver Request – Sweet Briar College.**

*January 17 Management Council.* The Council noted the committee denied a request from Sweet Briar College for a waiver of NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3 (sports sponsorship), Bylaw 20.11.3.1 (institution with enrollment of 1,000 students or fewer) and Bylaw 20.11.3.8 (minimum contests and participants). Specifically, the institution failed to meet minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in women’s cross country, women’s golf, women’s lacrosse and women’s swimming and diving. As a result of these deficiencies, the institution also failed to sponsor the minimum of three team sports and failed to sponsor a winter sport. In denying the waiver, the committee noted the institution previously received a one-time waiver for the 2015-16 academic year and currently has a lower undergraduate enrollment than during that academic year. The committee also noted that the institution’s recruitment numbers are not trending positively, and the institution did not endeavor to sponsor more than the minimum number of contests. As a result of the denial, the institution will be placed on probation for a five-year period retroactive to September 1, 2017. The committee also required the institution to submit sports-sponsorship results for all sports at the close of each sport season and waived the typical requirement that the institution complete the Athletics Program Assessment at the end of the 2017-18 academic year.

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

(c) **Sports Sponsorship Waiver Request – City College of New York.**

*January 17 Management Council.* The Council noted the committee denied a request from City College of New York for a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3.8 (minimum contests and participants). Specifically, the institution failed to meet minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in women’s indoor and outdoor track and field. In denying the waiver, the committee noted that while it understands the difficulties associated with losing a member of the athletic training staff, that the health and safety of student-athletes is of paramount concern and necessitates an expanded reach for qualified individuals to fill the role. The committee also noted an imbalance in the number of female student-athletes as compared to the male student-athlete population and encouraged the institution to enhance recruitment efforts. As a result of the denial, the institution will be placed on probation for a five-year period retroactive to September 1, 2017.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(d) **Athletics Consortium Waiver Request – Newbury College.**

**Management Council.** The Council noted the committee reviewed and approved the request from Newbury College to form an athletics consortium with Hellenic College Holy Cross. In approving the request, the committee noted that the institution has held an academic relationship with the consortium institution since 2000 and was previously approved for an athletics consortium by Newbury’s athletics conference.

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

(7) **Nominating Committee.**

- **Governance Committee Appointment.**

  **January 17 Management Council.** The Council ratified the committee’s recommendation, previously approved by the Administrative Committee December 20, to appoint Jason Fein, director of athletics, Bates College, to the Division III Management Council.

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

(8) **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).**

(a) **SAAC Elections.**

  **January 17 Management Council.** The committee elected its new officers – Matt Knigge, Vassar College, will be the chair and Parker Hammel, Wartburg College will be the vice chair. The new Management Council liaison is Madison Burns, Randolph-Macon College. Sean Cain, Adrian College, is a returning Council member.

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

(b) **Special Olympics.**

  **January 17 Management Council.** The Council noted the committee’s discussion around the 50th Anniversary of Special Olympics. A special celebration of the partnership was held during the 2018 NCAA Convention Issues Forum. In addition, other celebrations will take place during Division III week and the joint MC/SAAC meeting and activity in July.

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

- **Review of Application of Community Service Guidelines.**

  January 17 Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s modification to its current guideline regarding community service as a condition of reinstatement to include new variable standards, based on the value of the impermissible benefit: up to $400 – 10 community service hours; greater than $400 to $700 – 20 community service hours; greater than $700 to $1,000 – 30 community service hours; greater than $1,000 to $3,000 – 40 community service hours; greater than $3,000 to $5,000 – 50 community service hours; greater than $5,000 to $7,000 – 60 community service hours; greater than $7,000 to $9,000 – 70 community service hours; greater than $9,000 to $11,000 – 80 community service hours; greater than $11,000 to $13,000 – 90 community service hours; and greater than $13,000 – 100 community service hours. For violations where the value of the benefit is greater than $13,000, the committee directed NCAA student-athlete reinstatement staff to consider on a case-by-case basis whether the circumstances warrant a community service condition greater than 100 hours.

  The committee affirmed community service hours must be completed within one calendar year of the institution receiving the reinstatement decision or prior to the student-athlete exhausting his or her eligibility (whichever comes first). The committee confirmed the current withholding guidelines and an assessment of culpability of an involved prospective student-athlete or enrolled student-athlete remains applicable to these violations.

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

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

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

  January 17 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

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

(2) **Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

  January 17 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

  **Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA).

- Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) Research Findings.

  January 17 Management Council. NCAA office of inclusion staff provided the Council with the most recent data from the SWA survey distributed in the spring of 2017. The NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics and inclusion staffs are currently creating related action plans and future membership engagement opportunities.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Honors Committee.

  January 17 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).

  January 17 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Joint Committee on Women’s Athletics/Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

  January 17 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s joint report. No action was necessary.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

  January 17 Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

  January 17 Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(9) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

**January 17 Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

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

(10) **Research Committee.**

- **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Bylaw 21.2.7.2 – Committees – Association-Wide Committees – General Committees – Research Committee - Duties.**

  **January 17 Management Council.** The Council adopted noncontroversial legislation to amend the duties of the Research Committee, as specified:

  (a) Promote and encourage graduate student research on psychosocial aspects of intercollegiate athletics by administering the Association’s Graduate Student Research Grant Program.

  (b) Assist staff in the evaluation of data-sharing requests submitted by the membership, as needed.

  (c) Study and make recommendations to the NCAA research staff and governance committees concerning opportunities for Association or collaborative research at the nexus of higher education and athletics.

  (d) Confer with research staff on issues related to the Research Review Board, its policies and standard operating procedures.

  (e) Monitor progress of the most significant research endeavors undertaken by the NCAA research staff at the behest of the Association.

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

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

**January 17 Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

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

4. **2018 NCAA CONVENTION LEGISLATION.**

a. **Review of 2018 NCAA Convention Notice and Program.**

**January 17 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 17 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.**

January 17 Management Council. The Council approved the parliamentary and voting issues document. It noted that Proposal No. 2018-3 – DIII Committees – Eligibility of Membership – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Change in Composition will be moved and seconded, followed by the moving of the amended Proposal No. 2018-3-1. The membership will then debate and vote on Proposal No. 2018-3-1. If the amended Proposal No. 2018-3-1 is defeated, then the membership will vote on Proposal No. 2018-3 as originally submitted. If the amendment is adopted, the membership will vote on Proposal No. 2018-3 as amended by Proposal No. 2018-3-1.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the parliamentary and voting issues document.

d. **Review of Position Papers and Speaker Assignments.**

January 17 Management Council. The Council reviewed the position papers and speaker assignments.

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

e. **Convention Proposal No. 2018-5 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Establishing Preseason Start Date 25 Days from First Permissible Saturday Contest.**

January 20 Management Council. The Council discussed the defeat of this proposal noting that in February, the Sports Science Institute will be convening representatives from the membership in all three divisions to review the most recent data from the Concussion Assessment Research and Education Study and the Injury Surveillance Program. Also in February, the Division III Football Championships Committee will have a teleconference to review the defeat of the Convention proposal.

While the Council doesn’t anticipate any recommended legislative actions for the 2018 season coming from those meetings, the Council thought it best to wait until after the meetings to propose any waivers for fall 2018. It also noted that the Administrative Committee will meet in early March and will discuss, and potentially act, on waivers for the 2018 season. It is likely that focus will be the same waivers that were relevant to the 2017 preseason (i.e., use of footballs during walk through, and permissible activities during the former “administration day”).
5. **2019 NCAA CONVENTION LEGISLATION.**

- NC – 2019 – 1 – Committees – Division III Committees – Committee Membership – Women’s Ice Hockey Committee Composition.

  January 17 Management Council. The Council approved, in legislative format, a proposal to specify that the composition of the Women’s Ice Hockey Committee shall include at least one coach from each region.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

6. **2018 NCAA CONVENTION.**

- **Programming and Logistics.**

  January 17 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 20 Management Council. The Council discussed and made the following comments regarding future Convention programming and logistics:

  - Enjoyed having additional space for the Delegates Reception.
  - Love the store credit voucher, however suggested the following: (1) wider selection of apparel; (2) pricing items to include tax; and (3) include a mirror in the store.
  - Division III Education Session on Mental Health was very well received. Suggested filming these sessions in the future for those unable to attend.
  - Timing for the Presidents Luncheon, with two discussion topics, worked well.
  - Strong evaluations for the ADR Institute.
  - The joint MC/PC/SAAC breakfast worked well with dropping the introductions. Topics chosen were very pertinent.
  - The Student Immersion Program had 40 students of color in attendance. Council suggested continued leverage with this program, emphasizing talking to peers to get involved in athletics and coaching. Career Next Steps, in conjunction with Career in Athletics Forum in May, is another opportunity for these students.
  - An announcement should have made regarding the Gameday the DIII Way t-shirts that were on tables outside the Issues Forum.
  - Noted one Issues Forum topic was similar to the ethics session attended the day prior. Did enjoy having more time to formulate a conversation, as well as the countdown clock on the screen.
  - Enjoyed Mitch Bonner, Special Olympics student-athlete, who spoke during the Issues Forum.
  - Confusion regarding the voting of Convention Proposals No. 2018-3 and 2018-3-1.
  - Council suggested reviewing the process for supporting proposals on the Convention floor.
o Security was very responsive for all events.
o Expressed appreciation for the Honors Celebration and Association-wide luncheon.
o Noted a vegetarian dish is available for delegates upon their request.
o Felt that there should have been better communication regarding the materials put together and distributed by AMA.
o Special Olympics event was great. Noted the space was perfect for the sports they were playing.

7. **DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.**

a. **Ad Hoc Committee for Management Council Leadership Process.**

January 17 Management Council. The Council discussed its chair and vice chair election process. It considered a process that would specify the vice chair as chair-elect, serving a one-year term and automatically ascending to the chair in year two. Ultimately, the Council voted not to change the current process and instead maintain status quo.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

January 20 Management Council. As a follow-up to Council leadership succession, the Council discussed the process for appointments to NCAA committees and if background checks are conducted by the Nominating Committee. The Council felt that since most are self-nominating, it would be a good idea to at least start checking references prior to an appointment on a committee. Staff will share concerns with the committee coordinator.

b. **2018 Division III Membership Survey.**

January 17 Management Council. The Council approved the final draft of the division’s 2018 membership survey, slated for February distribution. The survey, distributed every five years, provides the membership an opportunity to express opinions on the division’s current and future policies and procedures, legislative standards and revenue allocations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.**

January 17 Management Council. The Council reviewed and endorsed in concept a recommendation to sponsor 2019 NCAA Convention legislation to require annual mandatory student-athlete graduation rate reporting, as recommended by the Division III Diversity and Inclusion Working Group. The working group has been evaluating the viability and value of mandatory student-athlete graduation rate data collection, including weighing the potential administrative burden, in part because the graduation rates of African-Americans and football student-athletes have been considerably lower than other groups and sports for eight consecutive years.
The benefits of mandatory reporting would be the following:

- Create reliable data that will allow for legally and scientifically defensible evidenced-based policies;
- Enhance institutional use of the Institutional Performance Program (IPP), the free self-assessment and benchmarking tool provided by the NCAA, as reporting will provide more data.
- Enable the Division III membership to better tell its very positive academic story and highlight its unique philosophy. The current data (submitted voluntarily by over 40 percent of Division III institutions) show that Division III student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the overall student-body, as well as student-athletes in other NCAA divisions.

The Management Council anticipates reviewing this proposal in legislative format during its April meeting and may recommend the Presidents Council sponsor 2019 Convention legislation that would make student-athlete graduation rate reporting an annual requirement as well as a condition and obligation of membership. The Membership Committee would have oversight for this process. The Management Council did not conclude if or what penalty should exist for failure to submit. If adopted at the 2019 Convention, the effective date would be August 1, 2019, with the first report due June 1, 2020.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary. However, the Council noted that the topic would be discussed during the upcoming Presidents & Chancellor’s luncheon.

d. **Faculty Athletics Representatives (FAR) Engagement Working Group.**

**January 17 Management Council.** The working group provided the Convention delegates with an update during the Division III Business Session. After a year of data gathering and research, the working group anticipates implementing new resources, programs and initiatives this year.

In addition, the Council noted the continued discussions concerning the future of the Division III FAR Institute. Various models defined by content and timing were presented to the working group and feedback was sought. A consensus was reached with the following model: A Division III New-FAR Orientation Program, will be offered in conjunction with the FARA Annual Meeting in even-numbered years beginning in 2018, while the Division III FAR Leadership Institute, designed for FARs with one to two years of tenure, will be offered in alternative (odd-numbered) years, beginning in 2019.

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

e. **LGBTQ Working Group.**

**January 17 Management Council.** The working group provided the Convention delegates with an update during the Division III Business Session. The Council noted the working group received over 4,500 responses to the LGBTQ membership survey sent in October and anticipates implementing new resources, programs and initiatives this year.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
f. **Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group.**

    January 17 Management Council. The Council received an update noting that the 2018 Convention is the official launch of the division’s new sportsmanship initiative – Gameday the DIII Way. In addition to two on-site training sessions, every delegate will receive a t-shirt as well as instructions on how to access more information and resources on ncaa.org. Over the coming months, the Sportsmanship and Game Environment Working Group will create an evaluation and feedback instrument as well as on-line training modules.

    Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. **Division III Identity Initiative.**

    January 17 Management Council. The Council received a status report on the Division III Identity Initiative including an update on the purchasing website, Division III/D3SIDA Recognition Award, social media, Special Olympics, website content and Division III Week slated for April 2-8, 2018.

    Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. **Division III Technology Users Group.**

    January 17 Management Council. The Council noted the completion and publication of a newly created “Staying Compliant with Division III Rules” resource. The resource is on ncaa.org and has been distributed to the membership through different venues, as well as a Convention education session and the 2018 Regional Rules Seminars.

    Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. **360 Proof and NASPA Collaborative.**

    January 17 Management Council. The Council reviewed an update on 360 Proof and the NASPA Collaborative noting outreach opportunities at the NCAA Convention, NASPA Strategies Conference, and the NASPA Annual Conference. In addition, the NCAA and NASPA renewed their joint venture agreement on October 1, with the new agreement running through September 30, 2022.

    Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. **International Ice Hockey Pilot.**

    January 17 Management Council. The Council approved a blanket waiver of Bylaw 14.1.5.1 (Eligibility Form) for the 2018-19 academic year for international ice hockey student-athletes that receive a participation review from the NCAA Eligibility Center pursuant to the International Ice Hockey Pilot. Institutions are still required to certify the eligibility of these student-athletes but would not have to use the current form. Effectively, the participation review conducted by the Eligibility Center replaces the form. Additionally, student-athletes that are part of the pilot should be allowed to practice, but not compete pending receipt of the participation review.

    Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
k. **Feedback from Conference Meetings.**

*January 17 Management Council.* The Council reviewed reports from conference meetings. No action was necessary.

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

8. **ASSOCIATION WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.**

a. **Board of Governors Update.**

*January 17 Management Council and Presidents Council.* The Councils received an update on Board of Governors initiatives including: (1) Basketball commission; (2) Student-Athlete Engagement Committee; and (3) the Governmental Relations report.

b. **Sport Science Institute (SSI) Updates.**

*January 17 Management Council and Presidents Council.* The Councils received an update from Dr. Brian Hainline on SSI’s strategic priorities timeline, including the outcomes of the recent Mental Health Summit, the Task Force on Sleep and Wellness, promotion and use of the NCAA’s injury surveillance program, the upcoming Task Force on Football Data, as well as next steps from last year’s NATA-NCAA Summit. He noted the approval and funding of the second phase of the NCAA’s concussion study in partnership with the Department of Defense. SSI also is developing a template for the Divisions II and III membership that would help standardize NCAA concussion protocols and the use of the existing concussion checklist. The Council may see proposed legislation regarding this concept at its April meeting.

c. **Litigation Update.**

*January 17 Management Council and Presidents Council.* The Councils accepted the Litigation Report. No action was necessary.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

*January 17 Management Council.* Brit Katz acknowledged departing Council members, Nnenna Akotaobi, Dennis Leighton, Troy VanAken, Megan Warren and Gerald Young, prior to the Joint MC/PC/SAAC breakfast Thursday January 18, thanking them for their service on behalf of the Association; while vice chair Shantey Hill thanked Brit Katz for his service as chair of the Management Council.

*Presidents Council.* President Docking acknowledged departing Council members, Alan Cureton, Tom Foley and Zorica Pantic, thanking them for their service on behalf of the Association.
10. **ADJOURNMENT.**

   January 17 **Management Council.** The Management Council meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

   Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

   January 20 **Management Council.** The Management Council meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.