ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   a. Approval of Official Interpretation – Independent Medical Care – Athletics Director Serving as a Coach.
      
     (1) **Recommendation.** That NCAA Division III Management Council approve the following official interpretation:

     **Independent Medical Care – Athletics Director Serving as a Coach (III).** The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that a director of athletics who is also a coach may not serve as the sole supervisor nor have sole hiring/firing authority over an institution’s primary athletics health care provider.

     Therefore, a director of athletics who is also a coach may serve as a supervisor for the primary health care provider, provided the supervisory responsibilities are shared with another institutional staff member that is not a coach. It would also be permissible for a director of athletics who is a coach to maintain supervisory responsibilities over the primary health care provider, if an institution creates an appeal or oversight mechanism, external to the athletics department, to evaluate the merits of any negative employment decisions. Finally, an institution could permissibly create an administrative ‘firewall’ to ensure that decision-making by primary athletics care providers is always autonomous and unchallengeable.

     [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 3.2.4 (conditions and obligations of membership); 3.2.4.19 (Independent Medical Care) and 3.2.4.20 (athletics health care administrator).]

     (2) **Effective Date.** Immediate.

     (3) **Rationale.** This interpretation was developed from the Education Column [Reference: 1/23/17, Item No. 1] addressing Question No. 2 which pertains to NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2017-1. The interpretation provides
guidance clarifying the application of the independent medical care legislation and the supervisory role for a director of athletics who also serves as a member of an institution’s coaching staff.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Approval of Official Interpretation – Scrimmage, Exhibition, or Joint Practice Exemptions – Contest and Date of Competition Sports.

(1) Recommendation. That NCAA Division III Management Council approve the following official interpretation:

Scrimmage, Exhibition, or Joint Practice Exemptions – Contest and Date of Competition Sports (III). The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that the two annual exempted exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices shall be applied as a contest (single game) or date of competition (any contest(s) on a single date). The contest or date of competition classification is dependent on whether a sport calculates its maximum limits via contests or date of competitions.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 17.02.2 (contest), 17.02.5 (date of competition) and 17.1.4.5.1 (annual exemptions).]

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. This interpretation was developed from the Education Column [Reference: 1/23/17, Item No. 4], which pertains to NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2017-4. The interpretation provides guidance clarifying the application of the standardized exemption legislation for both contest and date of competition sports.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.
1. **Review May Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its May 18 teleconference.

2. **Future Meetings.** The committee reviewed dates and times for upcoming meetings and teleconferences.

3. **Other Business.** None.

4. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Eastern time.

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**NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee**

**July 20, 2017, Teleconference**

**Attendees:**
- Amy Backus, Case Western Reserve University; University Athletic Association.
- Chuck Brown, Penn State Erie, The Behrend College; Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.
- Jim Cranmer, St. Mary's College of Maryland; Capital Athletic Conference.
- Gregg Kaye, Commonwealth Coast Conference.
- Shana Levine, Lewis and Clark College; Northwest Conference.
- Michael Rubayo, Swarthmore College, (Student-Athlete); Centennial Conference.

**Absentees:**
- Shantey Hill, St. Joseph's College (Long Island); Skyline Conference.
- Allie Fox, Mills College; Independent.

**NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:**
- Chris Brown, Jeff Myers and Joni Williamson.

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
- Louise McCleary.