ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.
   - Automatic qualification.
     b. Effective Date. 2017 championship.
     c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended for automatic qualification.
     d. Estimated Budget Impact. None.
     e. Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Review agenda and meeting schedule. The committee reviewed the agenda and meeting schedule and made no adjustments.

2. Announcements. Announcements were made and the committee took no action.

3. 2015 committee meeting report. The committee approved the 2015 annual meeting report as written.

   a. Review of championship evaluations. The committee reviewed the evaluations and noted that overall tournament feedback was very positive for those involved.
   b. Committee calls. The committee is going to look to use the monthly conference calls to help plan more for the AHCA meetings early. Throughout the year the committee will be reaching out to conferences for items that may come up at the meetings and how we can
plan more effectively for that meeting. With the quick turnaround from the Frozen Four, this will hopefully get coaches thinking about global items sooner.

c. **Pregame timing.** The committee would like for the national anthems at the regional sites to play at the top of the hour. Staff will relay this to ESPN for input.

d. **Regional/Frozen Four teleconference agendas.** The committee asked staff to review the agendas and look for where items can be combined to make the calls a little more efficient. Staff will follow up for 2017.

e. **Friday Night at the Frozen Four.** The committee discussed the need for the Hobey Baker committee to provide a detailed schedule of events for championship week. The committee and staff want to work to make them understand some of the student-athlete time demands they are creating. Staff will work with the Hobey Baker committee to make this process more seamless for the teams.

f. **Band seating.** It was greatly appreciated by all involved that the bands were moved closer to the ice this year. Staff will continue to look at options like this in future venues.

g. **Officiating.** The committee met with Frank Cole, national coordinator of officials, to review the tournament and the process for selecting the officials for the tournament. The committee felt the officiating was very good during the tournament. It was noted that there were eight first time officials in the tournament this year. There is an emphasis to continue to encourage new talent in the tournament. For 2017, the committee would like to make sure that there are protocol reminders given to the teams during the pre-tournament meetings. It was also discussed that there was quite a bit of activity around the officials lockerrooms prior to the games. For future, no one will be allowed in the officiating area, outside of NCAA personnel, 90 minutes prior to the game.

h. **Selection process.** The committee noted that having committee replacements available for those whose teams were under discussion during the process was successful. The committee also asks that for 2017, staff work with Tim Danhey to keep reviewing the bonus and penalty system currently in place. The committee will review again at the 2017 annual meeting.

i. **Media coordination.** The media survey providing a very favorable review of the championship. For the 2017 championship, the committee has recommended that 20 credentials be provided for each team for post game access to locker room and press conference for additional family members. It will be noted at the Friday coaches meeting that these are available for the teams use.

j. **Ticket process.** There was a lot of follow up on the new ticket process implemented at the championship. The electronic ticketing option that priority ticket holders were able to opt
in to was very well received. The committee applauded the efforts of the arena staff in Tampa for their execution of the split session tickets that was implemented for this year. Based on the feedback received as well as the venue set up and location for the 2017 championship, the semifinals games on Thursday will be one session as in the past. The addition of the suites that were available for each teams’ administration during their game was greatly appreciated and will continue, if possible, for future championships.

It was noted that the committee would like to request that for regionals, each site continue to look for an option for a student ticket price for those games. Staff will follow up.

5. Discussion of action plan for next year.

a. Discussion with ESPN. The committee met with Brent Colburne, Michelle Geraci, Jacob Ridgeway and John Vassallo, from ESPN via teleconference. The committee thanked ESPN for its continued support of the championship. The continued committement from both ESPN and the committee to enhance the championship together was mentioned.

The committee continues to discuss the regional game times with ESPN. ESPN will take a look a the television windows again this year and availability to potentially shift the 2 p.m. game time later on Friday. That is the biggest game time concern for the committee.

Non-predetermined sites continue to be a discussion for the committee. With the potential date changes that the women’s basketball committee is proposing, staff and ESPN will be working together to make sure to keep the ice hockey championship as part of the discussion.

b. NHL discussion/presentation. The committee listened to a presentation from Pat LaFontaine from the NHL and how they can work with the NCAA to help understanding the potential paths available to young hockey players. Staff will follow up internally with Pat on any potential next steps.

c. Manuals. The committee asked NCAA staff to update the manuals with changes as necessary.

d. Overtime. The format for the playing of overtime was discussed by both the committee and the rules committee. There is a some desire to change the way that overtime is conducted during the regular season. This change would require that teams play 4 on 4 in overtime. The committee agreed that if the rules committee votes to make the change to overtime, the committee would adjust the RPI for overtime in the regular season. The adjustment would give some credit to both teams for going to overtime.

*Subsequent to the meeting. It was voted to hold off on any changes to overtime by the rules committee, hence making it a moot point of adjusting the RPI.
6. Update on sports committee, coaches association and Championships/Sports Management Cabinet.

a. **Committee composition and vacancies.** The committee will request an extension of Mel Pearson’s term through the nominating committee. The committee is asking for the extension so that they are able to spread out the timing of the committee departures.

b. **American Hockey Coaches Association convention.** The committee was pleased with its presentation at the convention. It was noted that the committee will use their committee call early on, to do more pre planning for the coaches convention. They hope this will lead to even more productive discussion during the meetings.

c. **Annual meeting dates.** The 2017 annual meeting will take place June 6-8 in Indianapolis.

7. **Site review/future bid process/sites.** The committee continued to discuss different formats for the regional competition of the championship. It was also noted that this year will be the process for selecting the next four years of Frozen Four sites. Staff will keep the committee informed on the process.

8. **2017 Frozen Four.** Staff noted that planning for the 2017 Frozen Four is already underway, and that regular conference calls with the Chicago local organizing committee will begin in August and the site visit will occur in October.

9. **Conference commissioners.** The committee met with the ice hockey conference commissioners and talked about future sites. There was much discussion as well on the potential OT changes that could occur. Staff will keep the committee updated on the progress of this discussion.

10. **Rules Committee.**

    **Committee Chair:** Brian Faison, University of North Dakota, National Collegiate Hockey Conference

    **Staff Liaison(s):** Kristin W. Fasbender, Championships and Alliances
    Chad Tolliver, Championships and Alliances
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#### June 7-9, 2016, Meeting

**Attendees:**
- Brian Faison, University of North Dakota; National Collegiate Hockey Conference.
- Tom McGinnis, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Big Ten Conference.
- Jim McLaughlin, Union College; ECAC Hockey Conference
- Steve Metcalf, University of New Hampshire
- Mel Pearson, Michigan Technological University; Western Collegiate Hockey Conference.
- Brian Riley, U.S. Military Academy; Atlantic Hockey Conference.

**Guests in Attendance:**
- Brent Colborne, ESPN (via teleconference).
- Frank Cole, National Coordinator of Ice Hockey Officials.
- Bob DeGregorio, Atlantic Hockey Conference.
- Anthony DeVita, ESPN (via teleconference)
- Josh Fenton, National Collegiate Hockey Conference.
- Steve Hagwell, ECAC Hockey Conference.
- Billy Robertson, Western Collegiate Hockey Conference.
- Brad Traviola, Big Ten Conference.
- John Vassallo, ESPN (via teleconference)
- Kathy Wynters, Hockey East Conference.

**NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:**
- Mark Bedics
- Kristin Fasbender
- Kristen Jacob Smith
- Chad Tolliver

**Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:**
- Jennifer Fraser