KEY ITEM.

- The committee selected Lenny Kaplan, athletics director at New Jersey Institute of Technology, as the new chair for 2018-19.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative item.
   - Automatic Qualification.
     a. Recommendation. That the following five conferences receive automatic qualification for the 2019 NCAA National Collegiate Men’s Volleyball Championship: Big West Conference; Conference Carolinas; Eastern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association; Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association; and Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. This would be the first year of automatic qualification for the Big West Conference.
     b. Effective date. Immediate.
     c. Rationale. All eligible conferences are being recommended.
     d. Estimated budget impact. None.
     e. Student-athlete impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Approval of annual meeting report. The committee approved the 2017 annual meeting report as submitted.

2. Review actions from the Division I Competition Oversight Committee (COC). The committee reviewed COC actions and noted the priorities that have been identified for the upcoming year. The committee is continuing to monitor the COC review of low sponsorship sports and to collaborate with the COC and TSE Consulting as it relates to assistance with setting policy on bracketing and formatting.
3. **Review of sponsorship.** The committee reviewed sponsorship for the current year, noting a few changes that are anticipated with institutions adding the sport. Further review will take place once 2018-19 information is available to make sure all schools are represented and assigned to the correct region.

4. **Review of 2018 championship.**

   a. **Schedule of events.** The committee reviewed the schedule of events and agreed that the current schedule works well. Members will continue to review and make adjustments based on travel time and facility availability in the future.

   b. **Opening Round matches.** The committee reviewed the opening round matches and appreciated Ohio State’s willingness to host the first match the weekend prior to the finals site as well as UCLA’s flexibility in hosting the remaining two matches during the week of the championship and conducting them smoothly. Members continue to stress their belief that having two of the three opening round matches at the finals location (understanding that the first opening round match would take place on Thursday of the week prior to the championship on the campus of a participating institution) provides for the best student-athlete experience and protects bracket integrity to the extent possible, given the extra opening round match.

   c. **Semifinals/final.** The committee was pleased with how the finals hosted on the campus of UCLA were administered and attended. NCAA staff and committee members noted that it would be helpful to supply the hosts with diagrams to provide clearer direction related to scorer’s table personnel and court layouts within the host operations manual.

   d. **Suppliers.**

      (1) **Molten.** The committee emphasized its appreciation for the level of support, customer service and commitment to the championship that Molten provides annually. Staff will continue to work with Molten to update equipment and support needs for future championships.

      (2) **Sport Court.** The committee appreciates Connor Sport Court as the championship playing surface provider and their improvement of level of support provided; including areas related to installation of the court and any additional support/quality control needed during the championship. The NCAA staff and committee look forward to continue working with Sport Court for the 2018-19 championship season.

      (3) **Sports Imports.** The committee was pleased with the outstanding level of service and product Sports Imports provides for the championship.

   e. **Evaluations.** The committee reviewed the evaluations and noted areas of improvement, noting that the low amount of feedback provided makes this difficult. Committee members would like to
explore more user friendly methods of delivering the survey (e.g., delivery to mobile devices).

f. **Timing sheets/protocol.** The committee asked that the NCAA supply timing sheets/protocol to conferences prior to the season in the event a conference wishes to adopt a similar protocol for its regular-season and/ or conference championship.

g. **Banquet.** The committee agreed that the banquet went well this year at the selected venue. Any challenges or adjustments were reviewed and noted to address for future banquet planning.

h. **USA Volleyball.** The committee appreciates USA Volleyball’s commitment to growing the game and emphasized the importance of the organization’s presence at the championship and the banquet.

i. **American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).** The committee appreciated the AVCA’s presence during the championship planning phase and noted that presenting the All-America awards at the banquet is a nice element for continued incorporation to celebrate student-athlete achievement. The committee and staff will continue to involve the organization in promoting the championship.

5. **Preview of 2019 championship.**

a. **Schedule of events.** With the additional opening round match, the committee discussed dates and a schedule for that round to occur at a campus site. For the finals site schedule of events, the committee does not anticipate changes from last year and asked staff to make sure that the host (Long Beach State University) is prepared throughout the year, as well as willing to host the second round of play-in matches the week of the semifinals and finals, in the event matches are not played on participating teams’ campuses.

b. **Ancillary events.** The committee discussed ideas for ancillary events that would add to the championship experience for participants and fans, including USA Volleyball and AVCA involvement in an interactive area during the championship.

c. **Selection of game officials.** The committee discussed the process for selecting officials and will continue to work with conference commissioners and assignors to select the officials. A timeline similar to that used in 2018 will be followed for the upcoming year.

d. **Attendance/financial summary.** The committee reviewed the attendance and financial summary from the championship and was pleased with the attendance. The championship atmosphere was tremendous given both teams were proximate to the finals site.

e. **Participant manual.** The committee reviewed the participant manual and made changes as necessary for staff to incorporate and distribute. Staff will work with the championship host to solidify changes and site-specific information.
f. **Television.** The committee was pleased with the ESPN2 broadcast of the finals; however, NCAA staff and committee noted that ratings were down 20 percent for the second straight year. For the 2018 championship, there was concern with the 4 p.m. Pacific time start (local time for the site). This created some minimal operational challenges for the teams and host as well as possibly hindering local TV viewership and in venue attendance. The match time had previously been set for 5 p.m. Pacific time (8 p.m. Eastern) the last time the event was held in the West. The committee would like to explore options with the broadcasting staff to figure out an optimal time and viewer platform (e.g., ESPN2 vs. ESPNU) for the greatest amount of exposure.

6. **Automatic qualification.** The committee noted that the championship would consist of five automatic qualifiers and two at-large teams, which would again provide for a seven-team field in the 2018-19 academic year, pending approval of the Division I Competition Oversight Committee (see Nonlegislative Action Item 2 above).

7. **Future championship sites.** The committee reviewed upcoming championship sites. NCAA staff updated the committee with details related to the site visit at Long Beach State University, host of the 2019 championship, and discussed areas of focus for championship planning leading up to the event.

8. **Selection criteria/RPI review.** The committee reviewed selection criteria and took no action. Members from the statistics staff met with the committee to discuss and clarify items related to the RPI program.

9. **Selection show.** The committee discussed ways to further enhance the selection show that is currently streamed on NCAA.com. NCAA staff will explore any opportunities with its production partners to build on what is already being produced.

10. **Rules.** Ben Brownlee of the NCAA playing rules staff met with the committee to discuss potential rules changes/modifications.

    The committee discussed and recommended two rules modifications to the Challenge Review System (CRS), the process in which video review is used to confirm, reverse or replay a specific officiating decision. Specifically, the committee discussed adjustments to the reviewable decisions and procedures sections to maintain the consistency with the system used for women’s volleyball (see Supplement A for actions taken by the committee that will be forwarded to the NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) for its approval). These rules modifications are currently out for comment and PROP will consider these proposals during its upcoming teleconference in August.

11. **Officials.** The committee reviewed the timeline for selecting officials for the championship and agreed that the timing used this year worked well. Staff will continue to provide conference commissioners with information regarding the process of recommending officials as early as possible.
12. **Review of manuals.** The committee reviewed the host operations, pre-championship, site representative and tournament participant manuals and recommended changes as necessary for staff to incorporate and distribute. NCAA staff also reviewed the committee operations manual and discussed best practices related to the administration of the championship.

13. **Committee.** The committee reviewed the national committee roster and timeline and recommended changes as necessary for staff to incorporate and distribute for the upcoming year. Members noted that Janine Oman will be rotating off the committee and that the nominating committee has provided a replacement for the Midwest Region. Additionally, the committee recommended that Lenny Kaplan serve as the new committee chair for 2018-19 (see key item above).

*Committee Chair: Janine Oman, The Ohio State University  
Staff Liaison: Ethan Walker, Championships and Alliances*

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COMMITTEE ACTIONS REFERRED TO PLAYING RULES OVERSIGHT PANEL (PROP)

**ACTION ITEMS.**

1. Legislative items.
   - None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

   a. **Reviewable Decisions – Challenge Review System.**

      (1) **Recommendation.** To permit review when the ball has been ruled in or out, as defined by Rules 8.2 and 8.3 of the USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations, and whether the ball contacted a player before landing outside the court boundary lines.

      (2) **Effective date.** Immediate.

      (3) **Rationale.** The recommendation will continue to permit, when available, the use of technology to help officials make the most accurate decisions possible. The committee feels that maintaining a Challenge Review System that is closely aligned with the NCAA women’s volleyball system will allow procedures to be applied consistently.

      (4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

      (5) **Student-athlete impact.** The recommendation will improve the student-athlete experience to ensure specific calls on the court are correct.

   b. **Reviewable Decisions – Challenge Review System.**

      (1) **Recommendation.** To permit reviews to determine whether a back row player was an illegal attacker as defined by Rules 13.2.2 and 13.2.3 of the USA Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations.

      (2) **Effective date.** Immediate.

      (3) **Rationale.** The recommendation will continue to permit, when available, the use of technology to help officials make the most accurate decisions possible. The committee feels that maintaining a Challenge Review System that is closely aligned with the NCAA women’s volleyball system will allow procedures to be applied consistently.

      (4) **Estimated budget impact.** None.

      (5) **Student-athlete impact.** The recommendation will improve the student-athlete
(6) experience to ensure specific calls on the court are correct.


(1) Recommendation. In matches when a fifth set is played, award each team an additional challenge at the start of the set.

(2) Effective date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. The recommendation will continue to permit, when available, the use of technology to help officials make the most accurate decisions possible. The committee feels that maintaining a Challenge Review System that is closely aligned with the NCAA women’s volleyball system will allow procedures to applied consistently.

(4) Estimated budget impact. None.

(5) Student-athlete impact. The recommendation will improve the student-athlete experience to ensure specific calls on the court are correct.