ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- Convention Legislation – Financial Aid from Outside Sources – NCAA Bylaw 15.2.3.

  (1) **Recommendation.** That NCAA Division III Management Council recommend Presidents Council sponsor Convention legislation clarifying that compliance with NCAA Bylaw 15.2.3.5, which regulates aid from sources outside the institution that consider athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance, applies when a student-athletes total financial aid from outside sources exceeds $1,000. Further to clarify, that a permissible award, per bylaw 15.2.3.5 may not restrict a students choice of institutions to a specific institution.

  (2) **Effective Date.** August 1, 2017

  (3) **Rationale.** Current legislation requires financial aid offices at Division III institutions to review every financial aid award from an outside source to determine whether the award considers athletics leadership, ability, participation or performance. Often, financial aid offices receive financial aid awards from outside sources without accompanying information on the criteria used to determine the award recipient. This creates a significant administrative burden for Division III institutions; substantial time and resources are necessary to determine whether a single award considers athletics. Because these awards tend to account for only a very small percentage of a student's cost of attendance, complying with current legislation requires institutions and student-athletes to invest significant time and energy investigating awards that have little to no impact on a student's overall financial aid profile. Establishing a requirement that an institution certify all outside awards for student-athletes' whose total outside financial aid exceeds $1,000 reduces administrative burden while continuing to uphold the Division III philosophy. This proposal allows institutions to focus essential resources on outside awards with the potential to significantly impact a student-athlete's cost to attend the institution, while emphasizing the importance that outside awards not restrict or encourage a student to attend a particular institution.

  (4) **Budget Impact.** None.

  (5) **Student-Athlete Impact.** None.
2. Nonlegislative Items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Welcome and Announcements. Committee chair, Ann Whitmer, welcomed committee members.


3. Future Meetings. The committee confirmed its next in-person meeting for November 14-15.

4. Other Business. None.


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