ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

   - None.

2. Nonlegislative Items.


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

      Employment and Endorsement of a Recruiting or Scouting Service (III). The NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that an athletics department staff member may not be employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity by a recruiting or scouting service. Additionally, athletics department staff members may not directly promote or endorse a recruiting or scouting service.

      [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.02.12 (recruiting or scouting service), 13.10.2.1 (evaluations for media, recruiting services) and 13.12.2.4.1 (camp/clinic providing recruiting or scouting service)].

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

      (3) **Rationale.** During its September meeting, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed the existing legislation related to an athletic department staff member’s involvement with a recruiting or scouting service. The committee agreed the legislative restrictions regarding the publicity of recruitment as well as limitations regarding the involvement with recruiting services prohibits an athletics department staff member from being employed (either on a salaried or volunteer basis) in any capacity by a recruiting or scouting service or from endorsing the same. This interpretation clarifies an athletics department staff member’s involvement with a recruiting or scouting service.

      (4) **Budget Impact.** None.
b. Approval of Official Interpretation – Early Graduation Exception to the Full-Time Enrollment Requirement.

(1) **Recommendation.** That NCAA Division III Management Council archive an official interpretation (4/15/2015, Item No. 2-b) and approve the following official interpretation:

**Early Graduation Exception to the Full-Time Enrollment Requirement -- Use of Season of Participation (III).** The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that for a student-athlete to satisfy the early graduation exception to the full-time enrollment requirement and remain eligible for the remainder of the playing season without being enrolled full time, the student-athlete must have graduated (or completed degree requirements for graduation) in less than four consecutive years from initial full-time collegiate enrollment and have been charged with a season of participation for that year prior to the completion of degree requirements.

The early graduation exception applies as follows:

(a) A basketball student-athlete completes degree requirements for graduation at the conclusion of the fall semester in less than four consecutive years. She was charged with a season of participation prior to the completion of the fall semester. This student-athlete satisfies the early graduation exception and would be permitted to continue participation for the remainder of the basketball season without being enrolled.

(b) A tennis student-athlete completes degree requirements for graduation at the conclusion of the fall semester in less than four consecutive years. He was charged a season of participation during the fall semester. This student-athlete satisfies the early graduation exception and would be permitted to participate for the remainder of the tennis season without being enrolled.

(c) A baseball student-athlete completes degree requirements for graduation at the conclusion of the fall semester in less than four consecutive years. He was not charged with the use of a season for participation in the nontraditional segment. This student-athlete would not satisfy the early graduation exception and would need to
be enrolled full time at his institution in the spring to participate with and compete on the institution’s baseball team.

(d) A softball student-athlete completes degree requirements for graduation at the conclusion of the winter quarter. She started practice for the softball traditional segment but was not charged with a season of participation prior to the conclusion of the winter quarter. This student-athlete would not satisfy the early graduation exception and would have to enroll full time in the spring quarter to continue participation.

[Note: If a student-athlete does not satisfy the early graduation exception, the student-athlete may still be eligible to participate while not enrolled if another exception applies. Specifically, if a postseason event (e.g., NCAA championship, NAIA championship, NCCAA championship) occurs within 60 days of the end of the semester or quarter in which degree work is completed then the student-athlete would remain eligible for the remainder of the season.]

[References: Bylaws 14.1.8.1.6.7 (eligibility after completion of degree requirements), 14.2.4.1 (minimum amount of participation), NCAA Proposal No. NC-2009-1, NCAA Division III Presidents Council, NCAA Division III Management Council Summary of Actions Fall 2007, and official interpretation (4/15/15, Item Ref: 2-b, which has been archived)]

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. During its September meeting, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed the early graduation exception to the full-time enrollment requirement and official interpretation (Reference: 4/15/15, Item Ref. 2-b) that clarifies that a student-athlete must have been charged with a season of participation for that year prior to the completion of degree requirements to use the early graduation exception and remain eligible for the playing season while not enrolled full time. The examples in the interpretation, however, were based on a typical academic calendar at a semester school. The committee agreed that the early graduation exception should be applied in the same manner for institutions on semester and quarter systems and requested staff rewrite the official interpretation (Reference: 4/15/15 Item Ref. 2-b) to clarify that distinction. This interpretation clarifies the way the early graduation exception applies for institutions using a semester and quarter system.
c. Approval of Official Interpretation – Transfer Following Nonparticipation at an NCAA Division I or II Institution.

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

Transfer Following Nonparticipation at an NCAA Division I or II Institution (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that transfer student-athletes who were Division I or II nonqualifiers only due to the lack of an NCAA Eligibility Center certification are eligible to use the four-year college transfer exception for student-athletes who have never practiced or competed in intercollegiate athletics.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 14.5.5 (four-year college transfers), 14.5.5.1 (general rule), and 14.5.5.1.1 (exception)].

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. During its September meeting, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed the Division III transfer legislation and how it would apply for a nonqualifier from a Division I or II institution. The committee agreed that if a student-athlete was a Division I or II nonqualifier only due to the lack of an NCAA Eligibility Center certification, the student-athlete should be permitted to use the four-year college transfer exception [Bylaw 14.5.5.1.1 – (a)] for student-athletes who have never practiced or competed in intercollegiate athletics. This interpretation clarifies how to apply the Division III transfer legislation for a Division I or II nonqualifier that is only ineligible due to not registering with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

(4) Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Review October Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from its October 20 teleconference.

2. **2017 NCAA Convention Question and Answer Guide.** The committee continued its review of the 2017 NCAA Convention Proposals Question and Answer guide, clarified several questions and approved the document as amended for publication to the membership.

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

4. **Other Business.** The committee thanked Sarah Otey for her contributions to the committee and congratulated her on her promotion.

5. **Adjournment.** The committee adjourned at 12:39 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Shana Levine, Lewis and Clark College

*Staff Liaisons:* Jeff Myers, Academic and Membership Affairs
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**Attendees:**
- Amy Backus, Case Western Reserve University, University Athletic Association.
- Chuck Brown, Pennsylvania State University Erie, the Behrend College; Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.
- Sean Cain, Adrian College, (Student-Athlete); Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
- Jim Cranmer, St. Mary's College of Maryland; Capital Athletic Conference.
- Shantey Hill, St. Joseph's College (Long Island); Skyline Conference.
- Shana Levine, Lewis and Clark College; Northwest Conference.

**Absenent:**
- Sara Beth Holman, Lawrence University; Midwest Conference.
- Gregg Kaye, Commonwealth Coast Conference.

**NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:**
- Jeff Myers, Sarah Otey and Joni Williamson.