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1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

   October 17-18 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. October 17 and 8 a.m. October 18, by the chair, Tracey Ranieri. The chair welcomed the Council and reviewed the agenda.

   October 26-27 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m., October 26 and 9:14 a.m., October 27, by the chair, President Alan Cureton. The chair welcomed the Council and the Pathway participants.

2. **REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

   a. **Management Council Meetings – July 18-19, 2016.**


      Presidents Council. No action necessary.

   b. **Presidents Council Meeting – August 3-4, 2016.**

      Management Council. No action necessary.

      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its August 3-4, 2016, meetings.

3. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.**

   a. **Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.**

      (1) **Convention-Planning Subcommittee.**

         (a) **2017 NCAA Convention - Educational Session Topics.**

         Management Council. The Council approved the following Division III educational session topics for the 2017 Convention:
i. The Role of the Senior Woman Administrator.


iii. Developing Departmental Handbooks that Integrate Policy and Philosophy and Establish Expectations Around Program Culture and Success.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Division III Governance Related Sessions.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report noting the following governance-related sessions for the 2017 Convention:

i. Athletics Direct Report Institute. This session is closed (by nomination only). The selection committee chose 42 athletics direct reports. The Institute will take place Wednesday, January 18, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, January 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ii. Division III Student Immersion Program. Forty-four applicants were selected to attend by the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group. This program will begin Wednesday, January 18, from 3 to 5 p.m. and conclude with a debrief session Saturday, January 21, from 11 a.m. to noon.

iii. Chancellors/Presidents Programming.
   • Presidents and Chancellors Engagement Programming. This session is open to all chancellors and presidents in Divisions I, II and III and will take place Thursday, January 19, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. All presidents and chancellors within their first 12 months of their presidency will receive a $200 honorarium.
   • Presidents and Chancellors Forum and Luncheon. This session is open to all Division III presidents and chancellors and will take place Thursday, January 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

iv. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) Programming.
   • Special Olympics Unified Sports Activity. This activity is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, from 1 to 2:15 p.m. and will be open to all Convention attendees. Depending on the room size, the activity will be either basketball, soccer or flag football.
   • Programming for Student-Athletes. SAAC has identified several sessions that will be beneficial to Division III student-attendees.

v. Issues Forum.
   • Discussion and Q & A session: The subcommittee reviewed and confirmed the discussion topics below:
vi. **Business Session.**

The subcommittee endorsed the following format:

- 8 to 8:15 a.m. Welcome.
- 8:15 to 8:30 a.m. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group update (hiring best practices resource and presidential diversity pledge.)
- 8:30 to 11 a.m. Voting on 2017 Legislative Proposals.

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(2) **Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.**

- **Management Council.** The Council reviewed the division’s budget report as of September 30, 2016. The Council noted a $4 million surplus due to higher than budgeted revenue from the Final Four and College World Series, as well as lower fuel costs. No action was necessary.

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(3) **Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.**

- **Management Council.** The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report from its July 26 teleconference. No action was necessary,

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Management Council Subcommittees.

(1) **Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.**

- **Approval of NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Policies and Procedures.**

  - **Management Council.** The Council approved an amendment to subcommittee’s policies and procedures. Specifically, the subcommittee added a provision allowing the chair to vote when the chair’s vote is necessary to take formal action.

  - **Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(2) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

- Baseball Survey Summary.

Management Council. The subcommittee shared feedback from a survey distributed by the Division III Baseball Committee regarding the concept of an optional two period model for baseball. The baseball committee reviewed the survey results and elected to solicit additional feedback from the baseball coaches association at its Convention in January. The baseball committee agreed that such an approach would be appropriate based on the fact that the membership-sponsored proposal to establish an optional two period model did not receive appropriate co-sponsorship and will not be voted on at the 2017 NCAA Convention. The subcommittee agreed to delay additional conversation on this topic, pending feedback from the baseball committee following the coaches association convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Committee Chair.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that Corey Borchardt, commissioner of the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference, serve as chair of the Division III Championships Committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Charter Flight Travel.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee’s recommendation that the cost for charter flight transportation be fixed at a maximum of $350 per one-way ticket for all team sports.

The committee evaluated the favorable results of the 2015-16 pilot program (i.e., no budget impact) and agreed to implement the program on a more permanent basis. During the pilot program, participating institutions purchased more seats at the fixed rate than they otherwise would, thereby limiting any concern about a potential budget impact. The committee supports the program for all team sports and will continue to evaluate the program on an annual basis.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(c) Recap of the Meeting with Sport Committee Chairs.

Management Council. The Council noted the sport chairs discussed the strength of victory as a possible addition to selection criteria and agreed to explore it further. NCAA staff will compile data to demonstrate strength of victory as part of the total selection data. The committee noted several questions for consideration as the concept is evaluated:

- How does the criterion impact the evaluation of strength of schedule?
- Should there be consideration of a comparable criterion for degree of loss?
- Will the criterion impact scheduling in a negative way (i.e., encourage more out of region play)?
- To what extent will the swing in an opponent’s results throughout the season impact the data (e.g., a team that starts out strong, but finishes with a significant losing streak)?

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Championships Committee Budget Recap and Future Planning.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the committee’s review of a budget-to-actuals championships report by sport (committee expense, game expense, team per diem, and team travel); a summary of projected revenue and expenses for Division III; and the results of the 2015-16 pilot program to establish a fixed cost for charter seat air travel for additional members of team travel parties.

In addition, the sport chairs discussed areas for future budget support and emphasized priority for: (1) continued bracket expansion based on the legislated access ratio; (2) increased travel party size for team sports; (3) reimbursement for local ground transportation for schools that travel by air; a day of rest in between rounds at the finals site for team sports; (4) increased officials’ fees; and (5) sport-specific requests.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Sports Committee Recommendations.

i. Regional start date.

Management Council. The sport chairs approved regional tournaments to begin Thursday and end Sunday (Monday, if necessary), effective with the 2017 championship. Currently, there is limited turnaround time between the team selection announcement at midnight on Monday to the start of team practices on Tuesday. This change allows for more time to secure travel and remain on campus. Six-team regionals will end Sunday and eight-team regionals will end no later than Monday (dependent on if necessary game; impact limited to two teams).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
ii. **Baseball Committee’s report.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee’s concerns in the baseball committee’s report: (1) if the baseball committee pursues the application of a strength-of-schedule multiplier, such a multiplier must be submitted to the committee for approval prior to implementation; (2) the super-regional championship format will be implemented for the 2019 championship (versus the 2018 championship) due to the scheduling limitations of the 2018 championship venue; and (3) the committee reiterated that only those student-athletes eligible to compete as part of the squad size (25 individuals) may be dressed in uniform in the dugout.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**Committee on Infractions.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**Financial Aid Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**Infractions Appeals Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).**

(a) **Incorporation of Official Interpretation – Reservation of Facility During Summer by Certified Strength and Conditioning Coach (III) – Bylaw 17.02.1.1.1.**

Management Council. The Council approved the incorporation of the following official interpretation:

Reservation of Facility During Summer by Certified Strength and Conditioning Coach (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that, outside the playing and practice season, an institution’s certified strength and conditional coach may only reserve an athletics...
facility for voluntary workouts that he or she will conduct. Because a certified strength and conditioning coach is only permitted to conduct voluntary workouts during the academic year, the certified strength and conditioning coach may not reserve an athletics facility during the summer. A student-athlete, however, may access a weight room designated exclusively for student-athletes at any time, including during the summer.

[References: NCAA Division III Bylaw 17.02.1.1.1 (exceptions)]

The committee issued the interpretation to provide guidance clarifying the distinction between out-of-season use of a student-athlete only weight room and out-of-season facility reservation by a certified strength and conditioning coach. Incorporating this interpretation serves to further reduce confusion by clearly setting forth in the manual how strength and conditioning facilities may be reserved.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council forwarded to the Presidents Council a recommendation to designate that votes for all proposals at the 2017 Convention be taken using the roll-call method, regardless of the proposal’s grouping (President Council or general) and approve the voting order and groupings. [See Page No. 20; Item b]

While the Presidents Council is responsible for establishing the order of proposal voting as well as the method for conducting those votes, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee conducts an initial review and makes a recommendation on both issues. Since the electronic voting units and technology permit the recording of all votes in an expeditious manner, the committee agreed that votes for all proposals (presidential and general groupings) should be taken using the roll-call method, as it provides transparency for the membership.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(c) Approval of Official Interpretation – Seasons of Participation – Transfer from a non-Division III Institution (III).

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Seasons of Participation – Transfer from a non-Division III Institution (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that the Division III seasons of participation standard does not apply to a transfer student-athlete’s previous participation at a non-Division III institution. The transfer student-athlete is subject to the legislation that applied to the previous institution during the term of participation.
During its September 2016 meeting, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed a staff interpretation [Reference: 3/8/2016, Item No. a] that clarifies that a student-athlete is subject to the season of participation legislation at the institution the student-athlete attended during a given term of participation. Thus, a student-athlete who practiced but did not compete at a Division I or II institution would not be retroactively charged with a season of participation upon transfer to a Division III institution. The committee agreed that elevating the existing staff interpretation to an official interpretation would help ensure that the membership understands the application of this interpretation.

(d) **Review Authority to Sponsor Amendments to Dominant Provisions.**

**Management Council.** The Council noted the committee reviewed the issue of whether a Division III membership entity (conference or institution) has the authority to sponsor an amendment to a dominant provision. Following examination of constitutional provisions, legislative history and convention proceedings, the committee agreed that an amendment to a dominant provision may only be sponsored by the NCAA Board of Governors.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(e) **Academic Misconduct Update.**

**Management Council.** The Council received an update about the recently adopted academic misconduct legislation in Division I. The Council requested ILC seek input on this topic from the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), the Committee on Infractions and chancellors and presidents of Division III institutions. This information should be presented to the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA). After a review by ILC, a possible 2018 legislative proposal should be brought back to Management Council at its April 2017, meeting.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(f) **Celebratory Signing.**

**Management Council.** The Council noted the committee discussed whether the limitations that apply to signing events for the standard, non-binding celebratory signing form should also apply if the prospective student-athlete is signing a general pre-enrollment form. Prospective student-athletes may not sign the celebratory signing form on the institution’s campus or in the presence of institutional staff members. There are
no such limitations if the prospective student-athlete is signing the institution’s pre-enrollment forms used for prospective students in general. The only limitation is that a staff member may not be present if media is present. The committee agreed that recommending additional restrictions to apply to signings of general pre-enrollment forms is not necessary, but acknowledged the potential for confusion and recommended additional education be provided.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Membership Committee.

(a) Optional Provisional/Reclassification Campus Visit Timelines.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee’s discussion of the appropriate timeline for provisional/reclassifying institution campus visits. Staff provided three timeline options developed by the Membership Process Working Group. The working group explained that transitioning from an education-based timeline to an evaluative timeline provides the committee with flexibility to assist potential participants in assessing their readiness to participate in the process.

After deliberating, the committee voted that option three, a hybrid timeline, is the best option for future institutions that progress through the process. In the hybrid timeline, each institution is evaluated on an individual basis to determine whether its campus visit should be conducted during provisional year one or the exploratory year. All other elements of the timeline, including the program application date, remain the same. NCAA staff noted that the committee’s decision does not require a legislative change and will be reflected in the committee policies and procedures.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Trinity Washington University.

Management Council. The Council noted that for 2016-17, Trinity Washington University was placed on restricted membership status for failure to meet sports-sponsorship requirements. Trinity Washington joins Rust College as restricted members for the 2016-17 academic year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) NCAA International Pilot Program.

Management Council. The Council heard an update related to the NCAA International Pilot Program for NCAA membership. The history of the pilot, which began in 2007, permits each division to autonomously allow membership from institutions in Canada and Mexico. It is incumbent on each division to first adopt enabling legislation if there is interest in admitting international members. Division II is currently the only division that
has legislation permitting international members, and is the only division with an international member.

The Council affirmed that each division should maintain its autonomy to govern international membership in the NCAA. Further, it noted that if an international school was interested in Division III membership, there is an established two-step process. This process first requires the Division III membership, in its entirety, to adopt enabling legislation to permit applications from international institutions. If approved by the membership, international institutions then would be required to participate in the division’s provisional membership process.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(7) **Nominating Committee.**

(a) **Governance Committee Reappointments.**

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee reappointments:

- Division III Financial Aid Committee – Richard Dunsworth, president, University of the Ozarks (Arkansas), two-year term. Ronald Noborikawa, senior associate director of financial aid, Pacific Lutheran University (four-year term).
- Division III Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee – Brian Williams, associate director of athletics, State University of New York at New Paltz (four-year term).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Governance Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee appointments:

- Division III Financial Aid Committee – Steve Taylor, vice president of Student Life, Concordia University, Wisconsin.
- Division III Committee on Infractions – Christopher Bledsoe, assistant vice president of student affairs/director of athletics, New York University.
- Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee – Alexandra Fox, assistant director of athletics, Mills College.
• Division III Management Council (six vacancies):
  o Heather Benning, executive director, Midwest Conference.
  o Laura Mooney, director of athletics, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.
  o Kandis Schram, director of athletics/head volleyball coach, Maryville College (Tennessee).
  o Michael Vienna, director of athletics, Emory University.
  o Denise Udelhofen, director of athletics, Loras College.
  o Joseph Walsh, commissioner, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

• Division III Membership Committee:
  o Jessica Huntly, assistant executive director, Centennial Conference.
  o Kristyn King, director of athletics, Rockford University.

• Division III Nominating Committee – Keri Luchowski, executive director, North Coast Athletic Conference.

• Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (seven vacancies):
  o Great Northeast Athletic Conference – Ryan Paul Booth, Norwich University.
  o Independents (immediate vacancy) – Kelsey Morrison, University of Valley Forge.
  o Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference – Parker Hammel, Wartburg College.
  o Liberty League (immediate vacancy) – Matthew Knigge, Vassar College.
  o Old Dominion Athletic Conference – Madison Brewer Burns, Randolph-Macon College.
  o St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference – Christopher Pakeltis, MacMurray College.

• Division III Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee – Angela Marin, assistant director of athletics, University of Texas at Dallas.

All committee appointments are effective at the close of the January 2017 NCAA Convention, unless otherwise noted.

The Council discussed ways of diversifying committee appointments, including a possible partnership with the Pathway Program and NACWAA to build the database.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(8) **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).**

**Management Council.** The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(9) **Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.**

**Management Council.** The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

d. **Association-Wide Committees.**

(1) **Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).**

**Management Council.** The Council reviewed the committee’s report. No action was necessary.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(2) **Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

- **RESPECT Campaign.**

  **Management Council.** Staff provided an update regarding the launch of the RESPECT campaign and the distribution of the RESPECT booklet. The booklet, video and audio public service announcements, templates for print and digital program ads and templates for in-venue signage is available for free download on the NCAA sportsmanship website.

  **Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(3) **Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA).**

- **Transgender Student-Athlete/Season of Participation.**

  **Management Council.** The Council approved a recommendation from the Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA) for NCAA Division III staff to establish waiver guidelines that would allow Division III transgender female student-athletes (transitioning from male to female) to practice during their first year of testosterone suppression without using a season of participation. The NCAA’s transgender student-athlete participation policy requires that a student-athlete who is transitioning from male to
female undergo a minimum one year of testosterone suppression before she is eligible to compete on a women’s team. Because Division III legislation requires that a student-athlete use a season of participation for practice following the first date of competition, a transgender female student-athlete does not have the opportunity to practice with the women’s team without using a season of participation. The Council recognizes that “no redshirting” is a core tenet for Division III, but determined that a student-athlete should not lose a season of participation because she is fulfilling NCAA policy requirements for transgender student-athlete participation. After staff develops the waiver guidelines, they will be presented to the Council.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Honors Committee

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

- Preparation for Fall Team Sport Seasons in Field Hockey, Football, Soccer, Volleyball and Men’s Water Polo.

Management Council. The Council reviewed a Memorandum that was sent to conference commissioners on August 29, 2016, regarding preparation for fall team sport seasons in field hockey, football, soccer, volleyball and men’s water polo. The memo encouraged each commissioner to review with their institutions the application of NCAA playing rules related to disruptions and/or inappropriate actions of the participants that might occur prior to or during athletics contests.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
4. **PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2017 CONVENTION.**

a. **Review of Convention Legislation for the 2017 Convention.**

**2017 Division III Convention Proposal Positions.** The Councils reviewed responsibilities associated with Convention proposal speaking assignments and took formal positions on membership-sponsored proposals as presented below.

1. **Proposal No. 2017-2 – Eligibility – Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Transfers.**

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council opposes this proposal. The Council had the following concerns: (1) Division III Philosophy Statement that focuses on intercollegiate athletics as a four-year undergraduate experience; and (2) the effects on recruiting if a Division I student-athletes transfers to a Division III institution with a year of eligibility remaining. The underlying concern is with permitting coaches to seek out students who would spend one year of their eligibility at a Division III school rather than remaining focused on recruiting students who would get the complete four-year Division III experience. The Council expressed support for the existing waiver process and a willingness to consider revised waiver criteria if necessary.

**Management Council.** The Council recommended that Presidents Council support this proposal. While the Council noted that the proposal may preferentially impact Division III institutions with the most robust graduate programs, it emphasized the importance of reviewing the proposal with primary consideration for enhanced academics and athletics opportunities for high achieving student-athletes. The Council agreed that postgraduate education is increasingly necessary in today’s job
market and that allowing student-athletes with eligibility remaining to continue participation at any institution following completion of a baccalaureate degree allows those student-athletes to make academics and athletics choices that are in their best interests. Lastly, the Council noted that allowing postbaccalaureate participation does not conflict with the Division III philosophical tenet that promotes athletics participation as primarily a four-year, undergraduate experience.

Subcommittee for Legislative Relief. The subcommittee did not recommend a position for this proposal. Rather, the subcommittee recognized arguments both in support of and in opposition to the proposal, which included the following: (1) the proposed change would provide student-athletes an opportunity to continue their education while simultaneously pursuing athletic opportunities at other institutions; (2) the Division III Philosophy Statement focuses on intercollegiate athletics as a four-year undergraduate experience; and (3) the proposal could potentially create a competitive advantage for institutions with graduate programs.

Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC). The committee recommended that Management and Presidents Councils support this proposal. The committee agreed this proposal would allow student-athletes to make academics and athletics choices that are in their best interests. The committee also recognized that a student-athlete who has already earned his or her degree should not be restricted to stay at the same institution to further his or her education if they want to compete. Although recommending a position of support, the committee expressed the following concerns with the proposal: (1) lack of accountability to ensure student-athletes complete a second baccalaureate or graduate degree; (2) institutions without graduate programs may be at a disadvantage compared to institution with graduate programs; and (3) teams may use the rule as a loophole to stack rosters with talented graduate transfers.

(2) Proposal No. 2017-5 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey and Lacrosse – Preseason Joint Practice, Scrimmage or Exhibition – Exemption from Maximum Contest and Date of Competition Limitations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Council supports this proposal. The Council agreed that field hockey and lacrosse are similar, in nature, to soccer and women’s volleyball and should be treated accordingly. Because this proposal would create consistency between similar sports, the proposal would ease administrative and tracking burden on campuses.

Championships Committee. The committee recommended that Management Council support this proposal based on the rationale for support from the Field Hockey, Men’s Lacrosse and Women’s Lacrosse Committees.

Field Hockey. The committee recommended that Management Council support this proposal. Having more opportunities for practice competition provides a greater opportunity for success and a more positive experience for student-athletes. Fall sports have fewer opportunities to prepare than winter and spring sports. Further, field hockey is similar to both soccer and lacrosse, and consistency amongst the three sports would ease compliance burden on campus.
Men’s Lacrosse. The committee recommended that Management Council support this proposal. Men’s lacrosse is similar to soccer and should be treated in the same fashion. This proposal creates consistency between similar sports which would ease compliance burden on campus.

Women’s Lacrosse. The committee recommended that Management Council support this proposal. This proposal creates consistency between similar sports and creates opportunities for student-athletes.

Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended that Management Council support this proposal. The subcommittee agreed that field hockey and lacrosse are similar, in nature, to soccer and should be treated in the same fashion. Because this proposal would create consistency between similar sports, the proposal would ease the administrative and tracking burden on campuses.


Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Council supports this proposal. The Council noted that the sports of track and field and swimming and diving are unique in that they are both individual sports with multiple disciplines and that student-athletes competing in one discipline may require a training/rest cycle that is entirely distinct from student-athletes within another discipline of the same sport. The flexibility allowed by this proposal would undoubtedly help student-athletes in these sports receive better training and attention from their coaches. The Council also noted that the proposal would establish permissive legislation; thus, any institution concerned about the monitoring burden and/or the work-life balance impact on coaches could elect to require that its track and field and swimming and diving teams apply the “day off” legislation as a team.

Championships Committee. The committee recommended that Management Council support this proposal based on the rationale for support from the Track & Field and Swimming & Diving Committees.

Track & Field. The committee recommended that Management Council support this proposal. While institutions could benefit from additional information regarding how administrators and coaches will track days off for each student-athlete, the flexibility afforded by this proposal would undoubtedly help student-athletes receive better training and attention from coaches.

Swimming & Diving. The committee recommended that Management Council support this proposal. While institutions could benefit from additional information regarding how administrators and coaches will ensure compliance with the day off legislation, this proposal would undoubtedly help student-athletes receive better training and attention from coaches.
Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee. The subcommittee recommended that Management Council oppose this proposal. The subcommittee noted concerns with monitoring days off for each individual student-athlete as well as concerns for the work-life balance of coaches and athletic trainers. Additionally, the subcommittee agreed that the proposal could impose additional facility and scheduling concerns at institutions where facility usage is already at a premium. Lastly, while the subcommittee acknowledged the potential physiological and training benefits associated with allowing the day off to apply to each individual student-athlete, the subcommittee agreed that those benefits would apply across all sports and should not be isolated to the two sports identified in the proposal.


Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Council supports this proposal. The Council agreed that the current legislation is difficult to interpret and oftentimes draws arbitrary distinctions between two similar events involving prospective student-athletes. Current legislation also burdens institutions to vet outside organizations prior to renting out institutional facilities. The Council also recognized the reality that prospective student-athletes and their parents are often seeking opportunities to participate on institutional campuses for the sole purpose of establishing a recruiting relationship with that institution; the requirement in current legislation that coaches avoid recruiting conversations during these events necessitates that the conversations occur during another time, which is unnecessarily burdensome on both the coaches and the prospective student-athletes.

ILC. The committee recommended that Management Council support this proposal. The committee agreed that the window of reconsideration is unnecessary given the amount of time institutions have to prepare for the initial vote and that reconsideration votes may not accurately represent the division’s interests because some delegates depart before those votes are cast.


Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Council supports this proposal. The Council agreed that the window of reconsideration is unnecessary given the amount of time institutions have to prepare for the initial vote and that reconsideration votes may not accurately represent the division’s interests because some delegates depart before those votes are cast.

ILC. The committee recommended that Management Council support this proposal. The committee agreed that the window of reconsideration is unnecessary
given the amount of time institutions have to prepare for the initial vote, and that reconsideration votes may not accurately represent the division’s interests because some delegates depart before those votes are cast. However, the committee recommended that the proposals be discussed in more depth during the Issues Forum at Convention to allow institutions additional time to research and ask questions regarding the proposals prior to the Business Session.

b. Proposal Groupings. [See Page No. 9; Item (5) (b)]

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the recommendation of Management Council regarding the 2017 Convention proposal groupings and voting order. The Council also approved roll call voting for all proposals.

Management Council. The Council recommended the following proposal grouping and voting order for the 2017 Convention as well as designating roll call voting for all proposals.

Presidents Council Grouping:

2017-1 – NCAA Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Independent Medical Care.

2017-2 – Eligibility – Graduate and Postbaccalaureate Transfers.

2017-3 – Financial Aid from Outside Sources that Consider Athletics Leadership, Ability, Participation or Performance – Restriction on Recipient’s Choice of Institutions.

General Grouping:

2017-4 – Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Standardization of Annual Contest and Date of Competition Exemptions.

2017-5 – Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey and Lacrosse – Preseason Joint Practice, Scrimmage or Exhibition – Exemption from Maximum Contest and Date of Competition Limitations.

2017-6 – Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Required Day Off for Track and Field Indoor/Outdoor and Swimming and Diving.


2017-8 – Membership – Provisional or Reclassifying Membership – Class Size and Assignment – Provisional Program Size Limit.

c. Review Administrative Regulations Approved by Management Council.


Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to add nonconference strength of schedule as a secondary selection criterion when determining the championship field.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) ADM – 2017-2 – Executive Regulations – Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships Participation – Results versus Ranked Opponents May be Considered from Both Final Ranking and Preceding Ranking.

Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to specify that, as part of the primary selection criteria, all teams established as ranked from the final ranking and the preceding ranking may be considered when determining results versus ranked opponents.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to establish the deadline for receipt of written material to be considered by the NCAA Committee on Infractions as 30 days prior to the date of a hearing.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Review Noncontroversial Legislation Approved by the Management Council.

(1) NC – 2017-7 – Membership – Provisional or Reclassifying Membership – Class Size and Assignment – Amending Assignment Criteria.

Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to clarify that items for consideration during an institution’s evaluation for acceptance and placement in the provisional/reclassifying membership program are not in priority order. Additionally, to add the provision of athletically related financial aid as an element to be considered during the evaluation process.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) NC – 2017-8 – Committees – Committee Membership – Increase the Wrestling Committee Composition.

Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to
increase the representation on the Division III Wrestling Committee from four to six members. The NCAA travel and insurance department calculated the estimated annual costs of adding two additional committee members at $6,320.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Review Modifications of Wording Approved by the Management Council.


Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format a proposal to clarify that in order to qualify for a hardship waiver or a season of participation – participation while eligible waiver, a student-athlete may not have participated in more contests or dates of competition that a number equivalent to one-third of the standard denominator, where the standard denominator is determined by the maximum number of contests or dates of competition plus one contest or date of competition.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. **DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.**

a. Diversity Initiatives.


Management Council. The Council heard an update on the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group’s efforts to develop and write a diverse hiring best practices resource. The Council noted no concerns with the resource and endorsed it.

Presidents Council. After review, the Presidents Council also endorsed the resource.

(2) Division III Senior Woman Administrators (SWA).

Management Council. The Council noted that in October, the governance staff, at the request of the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group, presented a new professional development program for 30 Division III SWAs. Offered at the beginning of the NACWAA National Convention, this one and half-day workshop was specifically designed for senior women administrators, and in particular those interested in becoming Division III athletics directors.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(3) **Student Immersion Program.**

 Management Council. The Council noted that for the second straight year, Division III will support 44 ethnic minority students to attend the 2017 NCAA Convention. At the Convention, the students will be exposed to Division III, its members and the governance process. In addition to the scheduled Division III programming, there will be welcome and debrief meetings, and each student will be partnered with a mentor administrator. The goal is to build a pipeline of talented ethnic minority candidates, with an interest in Division III coaching and/or administration, in an effort to ultimately diversify the division’s athletic administration.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Athletics Direct Report Institute.**

 Management Council. The Council noted the Athletics Direct Report (ADR) Institute will be held in conjunction with the 2017 NCAA Convention. Schedule times are 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 18 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, January 19. There are 42 participants in the 2017 class.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **LGBTQ Initiative.**

 Management Council. The Council endorsed a proposal to establish a working group to examine the current and potential programming, resources, and recognition of the LGBTQ community and its allies in Division III; to increase engagement and collaboration at the institutional, conference and national levels. Possible outcomes include the examination of the current involvement and role of athletics departments related to LGBTQ resources and programming; creating a best practices resource; and collaboration with the Office of Inclusion to develop programming, as needed.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. **360 Proof and NASPA Collaborative.**

 Management Council. The Council received an update noting there are 193 institutions currently registered for 360 Proof, an increase of 26 over last year. A demonstration booth and one-on-one technical assistance will be offered during the 2017 NCAA Convention, as well as the 2017 NASPA Annual Convention in March.

 The NCAA communications staff is assisting in the process to draft a preliminary communications and marketing plan and related request for proposal (RFP) for an outside agency to implement that plan. The steering committee will receive an update on its November teleconference.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
e. **Institutional Performance Program.**

Management Council. The Council noted that the Institutional Performance Program (IPP) is currently available for Division III. This IPP data management system consolidates data currently being submitted by Division III institutions into a more user-friendly format with reporting functionality in hopes of facilitating better informed decisions and strategic planning on campuses.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. **Faculty Athletics Representatives Working Group.**

Management Council. At the request of the Council, staff created a Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Working Group. The working group’s objective is to increase the engagement of Division III FARs utilizing data (both historical and newly collected) and the expertise of the working group and others to:

- Better define the components of engagement.
- Determine the metrics to measure engagement.
- Establish appropriate benchmarks to assess engagement.
- Develop best practices resources to enhance and sustain engagement.
- Collaborate with key groups to ensure consistency, effectiveness and accountability.

The working group roster includes FARs, athletics directors, commissioners and student-athletes from Division III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. **Division III Identity Initiative.**

Management Council. The Council received a status report on the Division III Identity Initiative including an update on the purchasing website, new championship enhancements, Division III/D3SIDA Recognition Award, social media and Special Olympics.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. **Feedback from Conference Meetings.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed reports from conference visits. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. **Academic Misconduct.**

Management Council. [See ILC Report, Page No. 10, item (e)]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
6. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors Update.

(1) Board of Governors (BOG) Composition.

Management Council and Presidents Councils. The Councils received a report from the NCAA Board of Governors about the next steps in the ongoing discussion of the composition role and responsibilities of the BOG. The Board’s Ad Hoc Committee on Structure and Governance will craft a recommendation and deliver it to the BOG no later than April 2017.

(2) Diversity Pledge.

Management Council and Presidents Councils. The Council leadership encouraged presidents and chancellors to sign the Board of Governor’s diversity and inclusion pledge. The pledge states a school’s commitment to achieving ethnic/racial diversity and gender equity in college sports hiring practices. To date, over half of all NCAA institutions have signed the pledge. Council leadership clarified that the “regular diversity, inclusion and equity review” referenced in the pledge is an internal, institutional review, not an NCAA review.

(3) Pilot Program at the 2016 Division III Men’s Lacrosse Championship.

Presidents Council. The Council voted to support a pilot program that will allow the sale of beer and wine at the 2017 Division III Men’s Lacrosse Championship, which will be held in conjunction with the Divisions I and II men’s championships and Division I women’s championships at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts. The pilot program began last year at the College World Series (baseball) and the Women’s College World Series (softball), both Division I championships. The Council had a robust discussion about the impact of allowing alcohol sales at its championships and voted to move forward with the proposal because it is a pilot project and involves other divisions. Data will be collected at the lacrosse championships to determine whether allowing alcohol sale and consumption inside the venue is safer and less troublesome than forbidding it.

b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.

Management Council and Presidents Council. The Councils received a white paper on the proposed Independent Medical Care legislation. The white paper explains the origins, rationale and key components of the legislation. It discusses the potential impact of the legislation on athletics health care delivery at Division II and III member schools.

SSI also highlighted its nine strategic priorities including concussion, cardiovascular care and sexual assault prevention.

c. Litigation Update.

Management Council. The Councils received a litigation update. No action was necessary.
d. **Governmental Relations Report.**

**Management and Presidents Councils.** The Councils accepted the Governmental Relations Report. No action was necessary.

7. **2017 COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS.**

**Management Council.** The Council reviewed the current 2016 Committee/Subcommittee assignments. If Council members want a new assignment for 2017, they are to notify the governance staff. Council leadership will then review the proposed assignments and make final decisions.

8. **DIVISION III PRESIDENTS COUNCIL NOMINATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE.**

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council reviewed the report from its September 29 teleconference and approved the following:

- Approved the reappointments of Matthew Shank and Tori Murden McClure for an additional four-year term (January 2017 – January 2021).
- Appoint Jay Lemons to serve as chair of the Presidents Council effective January to June 2017.
- Appoint Al Cureton to serve as vice chair of the Presidents Council effective January to June 2017.
- Appoint Jeff Docking as vice chair elect of the Presidents Council and extend his term for an additional year.

9. **ADJOURNAMENT.**

**Management Council.** The Council meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m. Monday, October 17 and 10:46 a.m. Tuesday, October 18.

**Presidents Council.** The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Wednesday, October 26 and 12:05 p.m. Thursday, October 27.