



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
APRIL 25, 2017, MEETING**

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors chair President Bud Peterson convened the meeting at approximately 2 p.m. and welcomed the Governors. He gave a special welcome to President Gary Olson, Dr. Gary Gray and Dr. Brit Katz, new members of the Board of Governors who were attending their first in-person meeting. NCAA staff confirmed that a quorum was present. Because they were participating in their last meeting, President Peterson recognized the following members with gifts of appreciation: Presidents Steven Leath and Jay Lemons, and Dr. Jim Phillips.
2. **Consent agenda.** By way of a consent agenda, the Board of Governors approved the reports of its January 18, 2017, meeting and April 3, 2017, teleconference, as well as the charter for the new Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee. (*Unanimous vote*)
3. **NCAA president's report.** President Mark Emmert provided a brief summary of his views on key issues facing the Association. During the president's report, the Governors received an update on the NCAA championships pilot program to serve alcoholic beverages from NCAA Executive Vice President of Regulatory Affairs Oliver Luck, the success of the 2017 Division I Men's and Women's Basketball Championships from NCAA Senior Vice President of Basketball Dan Gavitt, and the site selection process for NCAA championships to be held from 2017-18 to 2021-22 from NCAA Senior Vice President of Championships Joni Comstock. President Emmert concluded his report by recommending that the Governors endorse a comprehensive review of the NCAA committee structure. Emmert noted that such a review could assist in ensuring efficient and effective management of the Association.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors direct staff to engage with the membership and conduct a comprehensive review of the NCAA committee structure with an aim toward ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the governance system. Periodic reports should be provided to the Board of Governors starting in August 2017 with a final set of recommendations presented in August 2018.” (*Unanimous vote.*)

4. **NCAA Board of Governors Policies, Procedures and Legislative Manual.** During its August 3, 2016, meeting, the Governors approved the initial draft of the Board of Governors Policies, Procedures and Legislative Manual and authorized staff to make administrative edits to the manual to place in the proper style and format, as well as to correct any non-substantive inconsistencies or typographical errors. Jackie Campbell, NCAA director of law, policy and governance, reviewed with the Governors recent revisions and additions to the manual.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the revisions and additions to the Board of Governors Policies, Procedures and Legislative Manual as discussed.” (*Unanimous vote.*)

## 5. Board of Governors Committee Reports.

a. **Ad Hoc Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics.** President Jay Lemons, co-chair of the Committee, noted that the Ad hoc committee met Thursday, April 21 in Providence, Rhode Island, in conjunction with the 2017 NCAA Inclusion Forum. President Lemons noted that this was the last meeting of the ad hoc committee as the Board of Governors approved the creation of a standing committee to continue the work of this group. A portion of the Ad Hoc Committee’s time was spent in a joint meeting with the NCAA Gender Equity Task Force, during which the task force presented several recommendations to be forwarded to the Governors.

(1) NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity Charter. During its October 26, 2016, meeting the Board of Governors approved a standing committee to continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity. The Ad Hoc Committee discussed the duties and responsibilities of the new committee and developed a charter, which includes the duties, composition, and selection and terms of committee members.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the charter in concept and request feedback from the divisional presidential bodies regarding composition.” (*Unanimous vote.*)

(2) Amendment to the NCAA Inclusion Statement. The ad hoc committee discussed a recommendation from the NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics and NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee that the phrase “gender identity” be added to the NCAA Inclusion Statement in addition to the phrase “gender expression,” which currently is included in the Statement. In discussing the recommendation, the ad hoc committee noted that a number of faith-based institutions suggested the word “religion” also be added to the Inclusion Statement.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the addition of the phrase “gender identity” and the word “religion” to the NCAA Inclusion Statement.” (*Unanimous vote.*)

- (3) NCAA Gender Equity Task Force recommendations. The ad hoc committee reviewed a report from the Gender Equity Task Force that included five action items and three major initiatives. The ad hoc committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the Board of Governors approve the five action items, and direct the divisional governance bodies to determine any appropriate legislative actions to achieve the desired outcomes of Action Item Nos. 1 and 2. In addition, the ad hoc committee unanimously agreed to recommend that the Board of Governors support the three major initiatives.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the recommendations for consideration by divisional governance bodies for practical implementation.” (*Unanimous vote.*)

- b. Ad Hoc Committee on Structure and Composition.** President Alan Cureton, chair of the ad hoc committee, reported to the Governors that the committee met for the last time via teleconference in February. President Cureton briefly reviewed the history of the ad hoc committee’s work and reminded the Governors of several of its accomplishments. The ad hoc committee concluded its work by recommending that no change be made to the composition of the Board of Governors at this time. The ad hoc committee also recommended that at the conclusion of the Division I Board of Directors’ review of its composition, and if the Governors deem it appropriate, additional conversations occur to address the possibility of an “untethered” model for Board of Governors composition and to align the timing of appointments and term expirations for members of the three divisional presidential bodies who serve on the Board of Governors.
- c. Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Violence.** Lieutenant General Robert Caslen, Jr. provided a report to the Board of Governors on the work of the Commission since the Governors last in-person meeting at the NCAA Convention in January. The Commission has had one in-person meeting and two teleconferences. The Commission continues to reaffirm its five focal areas. Most recently, the Commission reviewed and offered feedback regarding a draft of potential policy addressing campus sexual violence. The Commission will meet in-person in June to continue its review and a discussion of a recommended policy to be presented to the Board of Governors in August.
- 6. NCAA International Member Pilot Program.** NCAA Vice President for Division II Terri Steeb Gronau provided a report on the status of the International Member Pilot Program, noting that it was slated as a 10-year pilot program and is approaching its expiration. Steeb Gronau briefly reviewed with the Governors the key components of the pilot, what has been learned over the past 10 years and a final assessment of the program. The Board of Governors were presented with two options for action: 1) End the pilot program and establish Association-wide policy related to international membership in the NCAA, or 2) Extend the pilot program for five years through April 2022.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors end the pilot program and establish a formal Association-wide policy related to international membership in the NCAA as recommended by the NCAA Division II Presidents Council.” (*Unanimous vote.*)

7. **Board of Governors engagement of social issues.** At the Governors last in person meeting, it was noted that for the past few decades, the Board of Governors have been faced with a variety of questions about social issues and suggestions of when and how the NCAA should act. Recently, the Governors discussed the appropriateness of NCAA involvement in various issues and how those determinations are made. NCAA Executive Vice President of Law, Policy and Governance Donald Remy presented a historical look at NCAA engagement in social issues and described the current decision-making process for those actions. The Governors reviewed a draft process outlining potential questions and an approach for reviewing social issues in order to determine when and if to act on behalf of the Association. The Governors asked that the three divisional presidential bodies review and discuss the questions and approach outlined in the flowchart and provide feedback to the Governors. The group agreed to discuss this issue again in August.
8. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** The Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Chair President Philip DiStefano provided a report of several items discussed during the committee’s April 21, 2017, teleconference.
  - a. **Tax return 990.** The Board of Governors received the NCAA’s 2015 Form 990, which covers the tax year September 1, 2015, through August 31, 2016.
  - b. **Second quarter fiscal year 2016-17 budget-to-actual.** President DiStefano briefly reviewed the budget-to-actual report of revenues and expenses included in the meeting materials and noted that there are no major variances from the prior year, and the NCAA is on target to meet the 2016-17 budget.
  - c. **NCAA Division I Finance Committee.** The Board of Governors received a copy of the draft policy for the Division I Finance Committee, which outlines the financial responsibilities Division I would acquire as it relates to the direct spending for Division I programs. Kathleen McNeely, NCAA chief financial officer, noted that implementing a Division I Finance Committee would align the fiscal responsibilities of the Division I Board of Directors with those of the Division II and Division III Presidents Councils.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the responsibilities of the Division I Finance Committee as outlined in the draft policy.” (*Unanimous vote.*)

## 9. Law, Policy and Governance strategic discussion.

- a. **Government Relations.** The Governors were informed of the quarterly government relations activity report included in their meeting materials.
- b. **Legal and litigation.** NCAA Vice President and General Counsel Scott Bearby facilitated a privileged and confidential discussion regarding several matters of ongoing litigation.
- c. **Sport Science Institute.** NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline presented to the board the nine areas of health and safety focus the NCAA Sport Science Institute has utilized as its operational priorities, the Inter-Association process for uniform standards of care and the NCAA's emerging role as a leader in health and safety/sport science.
  - (1) Strategic priorities. Dr. Hainline briefly reviewed the nine strategic priorities and requested the Governors' endorsement of the priorities.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors adopt the nine strategic priorities as the Association-wide health and safety agenda.” (*Unanimous vote.*)

- (2) Uniform standards of care. Dr. Hainline summarized the process that will be used to determine when uniform standards of care should be considered by the Association. The process includes the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports in conjunction with the SSI evaluating health and safety issues against a set of approved criteria and then making recommendations to the Board of Governors when an Association-wide response is appropriate. Through consensus, the Governors endorsed the process.
- (3) NCAA leadership role. Dr. Hainline noted that the Board of Governors' leadership role in the Association's concussion-related work along with establishing independent medical care policy has elevated the NCAA's reputation as a leader in the health and safety/sport science space.

**10. Board of Governors Executive Committee report.** President Peterson reported on matters considered in the Board's Executive Committee meeting earlier in the day, which included a recommendation for vice chair.

**11. Vice chair.** The Board of Governors voted unanimously to elect President Glendell Jones Jr. as vice chair, commencing on July 1, 2017, at which point Dr. Jay Lemons' departure from the Board becomes effective.

**12. Executive session.** The Governors concluded its meeting in executive session to discuss various administrative matters.

**13. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:46 p.m.

**14. Future meeting dates.** *(Note: All in-person meetings will be conducted in Indianapolis, Indiana unless otherwise noted.)*

- a. August 8, 2017.
- b. October 24, 2017, UCLA, Los Angeles, California.
- c. January 17, 2018, in conjunction with the NCAA Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- d. April 24, 2018.
- e. August 7, 2018.
- f. October 23, 2018, location to be determined.

*Committee Chair: G.P. "Bud" Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology*

*Staff Liaisons: Jacqueline Campbell, Law, Policy and Governance*

*Donald Remy, Law, Policy and Governance*

<b>NCAA Board of Governors April 25, 2017, Meeting</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky	
LTG. Robert Caslen, Jr., United States Military Academy	
Alan Cureton, University of Northwestern-St. Paul	
Philip DiStefano, University of Colorado, Boulder	
Mark Emmert, NCAA	
Gary Gray, University of Alaska Fairbanks	
Dianne Harrison, California State University, Northridge	
Glendell Jones, Jr., Henderson State University	
R. Brit Katz, Millsaps College	
Steven Leath, Iowa State University	
L. Jay Lemons, Susquehanna University	
Gary Olson, Daemen College	
G.P. "Bud" Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology	
Jim Phillips, Northwestern University	
Joseph Savoie, University of Louisiana, Lafayette	
Samuel Stanley, Stony Brook University	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
John Hitt, University of Central Florida	
Eric Kaler, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	
Baker Pattillo, Stephen F. Austin State University	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
Jeffrey Docking, Adrian College	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Jacqueline Campbell and Donald Remy	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Scott Bearby, Joni Comstock, Dan Dutcher, Kimberly Fort, Bernard Franklin, Dan Gavitt, Terri Steeb Gronau, Brian Hainline, Brian Hendrickson, Kevin Lennon, Oliver Luck, Kathleen McNeely, Naima Stevenson, Cari Van Senus and Bob Williams	