### Division III Management Council
**April 14-15, 2014**  
**Indianapolis, IN**

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### Division III Presidents Council
**April 23-24, 2014**  
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1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

   April 14 and 15 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. April 14, following a joint breakfast with the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and 8:09 a.m. April 15 by the chair, Terry Rupert. The chair welcomed the Council and acknowledged the four Pathway program participants.

   April 23 and 24 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. April 23 and 9:10 a.m. April 24 by the chair, President Sharon Herzberger.

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

   a. **Management Council Meetings – January 15 and 18, 2014.**


      Presidents Council. No action necessary.

   b. **Presidents Council Meeting – January 16, 2014.**

      Management Council. No action necessary.

      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its January 16, 2014, meeting.

   c. **Administrative Committee Actions.**

      Management Council. The Management Council approved the minutes of the February 10 and March 5, 2014, Administrative Committee actions.

      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the minutes of the February 10 and March 5, 2014, Administrative Committee actions.

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

   a. Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.
(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

(a) Planning for 2015 NCAA Convention.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report noting that the 2015 NCAA Convention will take place at the Gaylord in Washington, D.C. January 14-17, 2015

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) 2015 NCAA Convention – Educational Session Topics.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report regarding potential educational session topics. It noted the following recommendations from the Convention survey results, as well as from last year’s suggestions:

- Athletics director leadership.
- Social media.
- Compliance session – noted that this may too complex to accomplish in an hour and it would put a strain on academic and membership affairs staff.
- Health/wellness concerns.
- Diversity and inclusion initiatives.
- Leadership training for student-athletes.
- Changes in recruiting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Issues Forum Format and Proposed Discussion Topics.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report noting the membership likes the current format for the Division III Issues Forum. It noted that roundtable questions still are too complex and create a rushed feeling.

The Council noted the delegates believe the use of the voting units is a great addition; however noted a continuing concern with the seating of delegates. The subcommittee continues to think of ways to encourage colleagues from different schools and conferences to sit together to help spark better discussions. The proposed 2015 discussion topics are as follows:

- NCAA budget (championships, nonchampionships and reserve policy).
- Gender-equity issues.
- An opportunity to meet the Division III staff.
The Council noted that the Recruiting Working Group will probably not be part of the roundtable sessions at the 2015 Convention.

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

**d) Other Business.**

**Management Council.** The Council noted the following regarding the 2015 Convention in Washington, D.C.

- There will be no Trade Show for the 2015 Convention. The Convention schedule currently does not have separate, dedicated time, which is what vendors have requested.
- The July edition of the Division III Monthly Update will have a request for Town Hall Topics. The subcommittee will review and discuss these on its September teleconference.

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

**2 Strategic-Planning and Finance Committee.**

**a) Championships Per Diem Policy.**

**Management Council.** The Council endorsed the Championships Committee’s recommendation to delay the per diem budget increases scheduled for 2014-15. The specific per diem delays include a $5 increase from $95 to $100 for participating institutions and a half-day increase in the number of days in team-sport championships.

The Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC) approved unanimously the recommended per diem changes submitted by the Division III Championships Committee. The committee believes that the delay is necessary to control the anticipated increases in championships travel as well as provide a foundation for future championships budget planning. The estimated savings is approximately $1.2 million.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary. [See Page No. 10, Championships Committee, Item a]

**b) 2013 Membership Survey Results.**

**Management Council.** The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting the following topics regarding the Membership Survey results:

- **Championship initiatives.** Based on the survey results, institutions stated that Division III shouldn’t spend more money on championships, but simultaneously noted the division shouldn’t cut money already allocated.
• Non-championship initiatives. Twelve non-championship initiatives were ranked by the membership in order of importance, with the Conference Grant Program ranked highest.

• Status of women. The committee reviewed a summary from Dr. Amy Wilson, Illinois College, regarding women and ethnic minorities within Division III. Her report focused on participation numbers, resource allocations and leadership opportunities. Additional discussion will take place as the committee develops strategic initiatives for the next budget cycle.

• Ethnic diversity of NCAA Division III student-athletes as compared to non-athletes. The committee reviewed a report that examines the ethnic diversity of Division III student-athletes as compared to non-athletes at member institutions. These findings will help to identify trends in minority representation in athletics programs and, in turn, inform further research and policy. A total of 445 Division III active and provisional institutions were included for the report. Non-Whites have accounted for approximately 37 to 40 percent of the overall student body during the years reported, with the student-athlete population accounting for approximately 16 to 22 percent of the student-athlete population.

• Gender diversity of NCAA Division III student-athletes as compared to non-athletes. The committee reviewed a report that examines the gender diversity of Division III student-athletes as compared to the student-body at member institutions. These findings will help identify trends in gender representation in athletics programs and, in turn, inform further research and policy. As with the above report, a total of 445 Division III active and provisional institutions were included. The proportion of male non-athletes has increased by one percent while the proportion of female non-athletes has decreased by one percent between 2008-08 and 2012-13. At the same time, the proportion of male student-athletes has decreased by one-half percent while the proportion of female student-athletes has increased by that same amount. Despite these modest changes, males were overrepresented in the student-athlete population by 17.3 percent in 2012-13.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Budget Models.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting the following regarding future budget models:

• Travel overages. The Championships Committee will explore ways to curtail the long-term projected escalation in championships travel expenses.
• 2014 Division III Championships Budget Survey. The committee approved a draft Division III Championship Budget Survey that was sent to randomly selected Division III athletic directors, conference commissioners and all sport committee members for feedback on proposed championship travel budget saving initiatives.

• Budget projections and reserve budget review. The committee reviewed several proposals regarding the future budget allocations and the reserve budget. After an extensive review, the committee determined the primary issue and focus lies with championship travel. Consequently, instead of considering budget cuts beyond championship travel, the committee requested the Championships Committee re-evaluate and propose specific travel reductions for the next budget cycle.

• Access ratio estimates. The committee reviewed a document outlining the 2014-15 proposed bracket sizes and impact on the number of teams/contests if the access ratio moved from 6.5 to 7.0, which would reduce the number of at-large berths. Because the access ratio is legislated, any change would require a membership vote.

• Championship air travel. The committee reviewed several documents and analysis regarding Division III championship travel. The current NCAA travel policy states that any championship within 500 miles will use bus transportation, with flight over 500 miles. It noted that additional days between selection and travel could help save money by allowing the booking of more commercial flights rather than charters.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Division III Conference Grant Program Update.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting the following changes to the Conference Grant Program 2013-14 Policies and Procedures:

• Effective with 2014-15 to 2017-18 Conference Grant Programs four-year cycle, Tier Two will have only three required initiatives: Student-Athlete Well-Being/Community Service, Sportsmanship, and Equity and Inclusion. The Identity and Integration Symposium/Activity will not be a required initiative.

• Allow conferences to spend up to 25 percent annually of Tier One funding on conference office travel, with pre-existing requirements.

• Added the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar as a pre-approved event for Senior Woman Administrators (SWA) to attend.

• Changed Tier I to include conferences shall spend a total of at least $1,000 annually in support of member institution sports information directors (SIDs) on professional development activities.
• In Tier One, added the Inclusion Forum and the Regional Rules Seminar as preapproved events for Ethnic Minorities.
• Under Tier Three, Championships Enhancements, added language to include indoor and outdoor track and field to hire a professional timing company as a pre-approved usage.
• Added “Professional Development” in the section titled Administration/Coaching Education Enhancement.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Management Council Subcommittees.

(1) Academic Issues Subcommittee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

(a) Referral to NCAA Division III Management Council – Approval of Education Impacting Disability Information Standards and Guidelines.

Management Council. The Council approved the updated Education Impacting Disability Information Standards and Guidelines. In conjunction with the NCAA consultant for waiver requests that involve an assertion of an Education Impacting Disability, the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief has reviewed and updated the Education Impacting Disability Information Standards and Guidelines document in order to give NCAA staff better guidance and direction in reviewing legislative relief waivers that involve an assertion of an Education Impacting Disability.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Referral to Management Council – Approval of Updated Policies and Procedures.

Management Council. The Council approved the updated Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Policies and Procedures. The staff has historically reviewed medical documentation when processing a waiver request
without the assistance of a medical advisor or expert to assist with the deciphering of the received documentation. As a result, staff, at times, has been unclear on whether or not the documentation presented meets the requirements of a given waiver. By updating the policies and procedures to allow consultation with a medical expert, this will assist the staff in determining whether medical documentation presented clearly demonstrates the requirements of a waiver. Through this process, the medical expert will review the documentation and provide an analysis, which will be included as part of the waiver request to be considered by the staff and subcommittee when reviewing.

As it relates to waiver requests involving education-impacting disabilities, the staff currently seeks guidance from a consultant to review the documentation and provide an analysis of the information presented. Updating the committee policies and procedures will codify what has already been in practice concerning waiver requests involving education-impacting disabilities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Referral to NCAA Division III Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee – Review of College All-American Golf Classic.

Management Council. The Council referred to the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee the issue of whether to create an exception to the playing and practice season’s legislation for the College All-American Golf Classic. [See Page No. 9, Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee, Item a]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Review of Division III Previously Approved Waivers List.

Management Council. The Council noted the subcommittee reviewed the previously approved waivers list [Reference: October 28, 2008, Educational Column], which provides flexibility for an institution to grant relief for NCAA legislation and submit a report to its conference office rather than filing a formal legislative relief waiver request. The subcommittee recommended that staff add the following facts scenarios to the existing list of waivers that a member institution may self-apply:

- An institution may provide transportation expenses to student-athletes to attend the funeral of a teammate’s immediate family member.
- An institution may redefine its “week” when the team does not conduct practice for a period of seven consecutive days that includes institutional closures as a result of inclement weather.
- An institution may permit a student-athlete to participate on a club team coached by the institution’s coaching staff outside of the playing and practice season when the institution’s coaching staff is also the student-athlete’s parent or guardian.
An institution may provide lodging expenses for student-athletes who were displaced by a disaster.

An institution may provide expenses to assist student-athletes for items damaged or lost in a disaster.

An institution may provide expenses for immediate family members to visit a hospitalized student-athlete due to injury.

The Council noted this has been tabled for further review by the subcommittee and may come back as a legislative action in July.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.


Management Council. The Council denied approval, in concept, of noncontroversial legislation specifying that a student-athlete’s practice for, and participation in the College All-American Golf Classic, is not considered part of the institution’s declared playing season and that the institution may provide practice and competition expenses for this event and suggested that it be reviewed by the sports committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Referral to NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee.

Management Council. The Council referred eleven legislative interpretations concerning existing playing and practice season’s legislation to the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee with the following recommendations:

- Rewrite two legislative interpretations [Reference: 12/18/86, Item No. 18; and 4/25/85, Item No. h]; and
- Archive nine legislative interpretations [References: 10/21/78, Item No. 3; 8/13/86, Item No. 4-o-(8); 6/5/86, Item No. b; 1/30/86, Item No. s; 8/1/85, Item No. o; 1/31/85, Item No. k; 5/17/84, Item No. p; 1/23/80, Item No. e; and 1/8/78, Item No. (2)].

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Sand Volleyball.

Management Council. The Council received a report from the subcommittee, and Karen Morrison, director of inclusion, regarding the anticipated legislation at the 2015 NCAA Convention that a National
Collegiate Championship be created in all three divisions for sand volleyball in 2016-17. The subcommittee discussed a number of areas for further education for the Division III membership including new participation opportunities for women, appropriate uniforms, championship expenses, current high school and club participation, sponsorship details including facility requirements, staffing, officials and anticipated expenses. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Championships Per Diem Policy.

Management Council. The Council approved the Championships Committee’s recommendation to delay the per diem budget increases scheduled for 2014-15. The specific per diem delays include a $5 increase from $95 to $100 for participating institutions and a half-day increase in the number of days in team-sport championships.

The Championships Committee reviewed budget figures from the NCAA administrative services staff projecting a more than $900,000 shortfall in championships travel expenses for the 2013-14 year. The projected shortfall is on the heels of a $1.6 million deficit over the last two fiscal years. Understanding that the planned per diem changes were intended to more fully fund the championships experience for participating institutions, the Championships Committee believes that the suspension is necessary to control the anticipated increases in championships travel as well as provide a foundation for future championships budget planning. It was also noted that the daily per diem rate increased from $85 to $95 in the past two years.

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

(b) 2014-15 Lacrosse Bracket Sizes.

Management Council. The Council approved the Championships Committee’s recommendation to increase the men’s and women’s lacrosse brackets by two teams for the 2015 Men’s and Women’s Lacrosse Championships, resulting in a men’s field of 32 teams and a women’s field of 38.

The estimated budget impact of $26,406 accounts for adding teams to the men’s and women’s lacrosse championships, bracket reduction in men’s and women’s tennis (as a result of applying the 1:7.5 target ratio specific to the sport of tennis) and the cost savings resulting from the change in
format for the first and second rounds of the women’s lacrosse championship.

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

(c) In Region Waiver Requests – Spring Sports.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee approved the policy that institutions that do not comply with the in-region competition requirement to be eligible for 2014 spring championships, but would have complied if the new standards (i.e., in-region mileage increase to 500 miles, exception of contests completed over one institutional break for sports with a spring championship) were applied, will be eligible for their respective spring championships. Granting these exceptions is consistent with the committee’s actions for 2013 and 2014 winter championships. NCAA staff will contact any remaining institutions that do not comply with the in-region competition requirement for spring championships to offer a waiver option.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) Baseball Automatic Qualification Request.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee agreed to grant CUNYAC a waiver of the automatic qualification (AQ) requirements for the 2014 baseball championship season. The conference believed that it had satisfied the requirements for the AQ effective with the 2014 championship year, specifically that it had successfully completed the two-year waiting period as a conference with five member schools and two affiliate members. The CUNYAC had considered Yeshiva University, a multi-sport member of the Skyline Conference, as one of the affiliate members during the waiting period. The committee was sympathetic to the CUNYAC’s circumstances and the request for the waiver, but was reluctant to offer an AQ extension for more than one year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Championships Survey.

Management Council. The Council noted that a survey was sent to approximately 250 individuals (20% of the membership and conference commissioners, selected at random), and all of the sport committee members. The Championships Committee will review the results during its May meeting, with an Executive Summary provided to the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee in June and the Council in July.

Presidents Council. No action was needed.
(2) Financial Aid Committee.

(a) Convention Legislation – Consistent Financial Aid Package – NCAA Bylaw 15.4.1.

Management Council. The Council agreed to sponsor noncontroversial legislation declaring that financial aid violations should not impact student-athlete eligibility unless it can be demonstrated that the violation preferentially benefitted a specific student-athlete and that the student-athlete had knowledge that he or she was in receipt of an impermissible financial aid package. The responsibilities for financial aid violations typically are institutional and occur without any knowledge of the student-athlete. Consequently, requiring student-athletes to go through reinstatement in these circumstances is unnecessary. [Note: See Page No. 15, Interpretations and Legislative Committee, item h]

The Council also requested that specific committees (i.e., Financial Aid, Interpretations and Legislation, Committee on Infractions) review the current penalty structure and determine if the division needs to add a third tier of sanctions that would fall between secondary and major violations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Recommendation to Incorporate a Random Review Policy into the Financial Aid Reporting Process.

Management Council. The Council referred back to the committee a recommendation to establish an additional annual review of a maximum of 10 institutions, selected at random, that have not previously been reviewed by the committee. The Council had additional questions surrounding the burden placed on institutions selected for the random audit; recommended a criteria that would allow institutions to be voluntarily reviewed and also recommended that the random audit include a time limit, with annual reports, that highlight the data collected from the random audits.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Financial Aid – Level II Reviews.

Management Council. The Council noted that the committee reviewed 17 Level II financial aid reporting cases. Five cases were forwarded on to the enforcement staff for additional review.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
Joint Report of the Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to amend NCAA Division III Bylaw 19 (enforcement), 21 (committees), 31 (executive regulations) and 32 (enforcement policies and procedures) to achieve accuracy and consistency in the legislative language applicable to the NCAA enforcement program.

As a result of the October 2012 Division I adoption of new enforcement reforms, an initial review of the Divisions II and III enforcement program legislation occurred to assure accuracy in the enforcement practices and consistency in terminology throughout all three divisions, when appropriate. Examples of the amended language include:

- Throughout Bylaws 19, 31 and 32 replace “impose” with “prescribe” to accurately reflect the practice of the prescription of penalties for secondary and major violations.
- Add language to Bylaw 19.1.2.2 giving authority to the committee chair to appoint an appeals advocate.
- Remove duplicative language contained within sections of Bylaw 21.9.5.4 (Committee on Infractions), which is contained within Article 19.
- Through Bylaw 32, update the terminology with the availability of a secure website rather than a custodial file.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) Convention Legislation – Graduate Student Participation – NCAA Bylaw 14.1.9

Management Council. The Council referred back to the committee proposed legislation to specify that a graduate student may participate in intercollegiate athletics at any Division III institution (regardless of previous attendance at that institution) provided the student-athlete has seasons of competition and semesters of eligibility remaining. The Council requested more information before sponsoring this legislation. Specifically, would the proposed legislation only apply to Division III student-athletes transferring to other Division III institutions? The Council was also concerned that the proposal would be in conflict with the Division III philosophy giving primary emphasis to a four-year undergraduate student-athlete experience.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(b) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Playing Seasons – Basketball - Exceptions to the First Permissible Contest Date – Exemptions from the Maximum Number of Contests – Bylaws 17.3.3.1 and 17.3.5.3.1.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation reorganizing the basketball exceptions to the first permissible contest date legislation and the exemptions from the maximum number of contests legislation, as follows: (a) eliminate the October 31 date requirement for an exhibition against an NCAA Division I or II opponent; (b) remove the reference to the Basketball Hall of Fame Tipoff Classic; (c) combine Bylaw 17.3.3.1-(a) and Bylaw 17.3.3.1-(d) to indicate that an institution may conduct two exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices against any opponent prior to the first permissible contest date; and (d) clarify that an institution may exempt up to two exhibitions, scrimmages or joint practices against any opponent from the maximum number of contests.

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

(c) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Awards and Benefits – Application of Awards Legislation – Bylaw 16.1.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that would deregulate certain Division III awards legislation. Specifically, to clarify that awards received by an individual for participation in competition while not representing the institution shall conform to the rules of the amateur sports organization that governs the competition, but may not include cash (or cash equivalents); further, to specify that the awards limitations apply to awards received a student-athlete for participation in competition while representing his or her institution.

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

(d) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Awards and Benefits – Expenses to Receive Noninstitutional Awards – Bylaw 16.1.7.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that would deregulate certain Division III awards legislation. Specifically, to clarify that a conference, an institution, the U.S. Olympic Committee, a national governing body (or the international equivalents) or the awarding agency may provide actual and necessary expenses for a student-athlete to receive a noninstitutional award or recognition for athletics or academic accomplishments (this shall not include expenses for participation in an all-star or other contest); further, to specify that actual and necessary expenses may be provided for the student-athlete’s parents (or legal guardians), spouse or other relatives to attend the recognition event or awards presentation.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(e) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Management Council Authority - Bylaw 5.4.2.5.2.1.**

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that would grant the Management Council the authority to sponsor a resolution at the Convention by a two-thirds vote.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Personnel – Limitations on Scouting of Opponents – Exception – Bylaw 11.6.**

Management Council. The Council denied the committee’s recommendation to approve in concept noncontroversial legislation that would allow Division III coaches to attend one scrimmage or exhibition per sport per season against a non-Division III opponent.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Committees – Term Length of Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Member – Bylaw 21.9.**

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that would allow a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) member to serve on any committee up to one year after the completion of his or her intercollegiate athletics eligibility.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) **Referral to the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Financial Aid Violations and Student-Athlete Eligibility.**

Management Council. The Council referred to the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee the issue of whether institutional financial aid violations should impact student-athlete eligibility. [Note: See Page No. 12, Financial Aid Committee item a]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(i) **Approval and Incorporation of Official Interpretation – Triathlon – Use of a Season of Participation.**

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation and its incorporation into the manual:

**Use of a Season of Intercollegiate Participation in Triathlon (III).** The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that participation in triathlon does not constitute the use of a season of intercollegiate participation in cross country, track and field or swimming and diving.
This interpretation was developed from the 2014 Question and Answer document addressing NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2014-9 (emerging sport for women – women’s triathlon). The interpretation clarifies the impact of that proposal on seasons of participation for cross country, track and field and swimming and diving and should also appear in the manual similar to other provisions addressing sport specific seasons of participation issues.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation and its incorporation into the manual:

Triathlon Student-Athlete Participating in a Triathlon During the Playing and Practice Season (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that a triathlon student-athlete may not participate in a triathlon as part of an outside team during the institution’s declared triathlon playing and practice season. A triathlon student-athlete may participate in a race or swim competition as part of an outside team without the competition being considered impermissible outside competition. [Reference: NCAA Division III Bylaws 14.7.1 (outside competition) and 14.7.3 (exceptions – all sports)]

This interpretation was developed from the 2014 Question and Answer document addressing NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2014-9 (emerging sport for women – women’s triathlon). The interpretation clarifies the impact of that proposal on the outside competition legislation and should appear in the manual for greater clarification for the membership.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. [Note: See Page No. 12, Financial Aid Committee, item a]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(l) Convention Legislation – Athletically Related Activities – Exceptions – Athletics Department Fundraiser Involving Use of Athletics Ability Occurring Outside of the Institution’s Playing and Practice Season – Bylaw 17.02.1.1.1.

Management Council. The Council denied the committee’s recommendation to sponsor legislation permitting student-athletes to engage in voluntary institutional fundraisers or community service activities which
may involve the use of athletics ability outside of the playing season provided the student-athletes receives no technical or tactical instruction from the coaching staff.

Prohibiting student-athletes from engaging in fundraising and community service activities that involve the use of athletics ability is overly broad. The current bylaw is intended to prohibit coaches and student-athletes from engaging in practice activities outside of the playing season. Many fundraising activities cannot be construed as engaging in practice but nevertheless involve the use of athletics ability. The use of the language “technical and tactical instruction” is intended to put a finer point on the type of activities to be prohibited without being overly broad. Further, this proposal is to clarify that any fundraising and community service activities that occur outside the season (regardless of the use of athletics ability) shall be voluntary. Finally, the Council noted its belief that student-athletes should not be required to participate in fundraisers that do not involve the use of athletics ability.

Presidents Council. No action was needed.

(m) Approval of Official Interpretations – Catastrophic Sport Injury Reporting.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Catastrophic Injury Reporting and Types of Injuries and Illnesses Classified as “Catastrophic” (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that catastrophic injuries are defined as fatalities, permanent disability injuries, serious injuries (fractured neck or serious head injury) even though the athlete has a full recovery, temporary or transient paralysis (athlete has no movement for a short time, but has a complete recovery), heat stroke due to exercise or sudden cardiac arrest or sudden cardiac or severe cardiac disruption. [References: NCAA Division III Bylaw 3.2.4 (conditions and obligations of membership) and Bylaw 3.2.4.17 (catastrophic sport injury report)]

This interpretation was developed from the 2014 Question and Answer document addressing Question No. 1 of Part A for NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2014-1. The interpretation provides guidance regarding the definition of a “catastrophic injury” for purposes of the reporting requirement.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(n) Approval of Official Interpretations – Duration of Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs for a Multisport Student-Athlete.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:
Application of the Loss of Competition for Use of Banned Drugs for a Multisport Student-Athlete (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that a positive street drug test renders a multisport student-athlete ineligible for 50 percent of a season of participation in each sport in which the student-athlete participates. [References: NCAA Division III Bylaw 18.4.1.5 (ineligibility for use of banned drugs) and 18.4.1.5.2 (duration of ineligibility – “street drugs”)]

This interpretation was developed from the 2014 Question and Answer document addressing Question No. 8 for NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2014-2. This is intended to clarify the application of the penalty to a multisport student-athlete.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(o) Approval of an Official Interpretation – Limitations on Scouting of Opponents.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Attendance of Student-Athletes and Institutional Staff Members at an Exhibition of a Future Opponent (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that a student-athlete or an institutional staff member, including an athletics department staff member without coaching responsibilities, may attend a scrimmage or exhibition contest provided the student-athlete or staff member is not attending at the direction of or reporting back to a coaching staff member. [Reference: NCAA Division III Bylaw 11.6 (limitations on scouting of opponents)]

This interpretation was developed from the 2014 Question and Answer document addressing Question Nos. 5 and 6 for NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2014-6. This is intended to clarify institutional staff and students that are not specifically impacted by this proposal.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(p) Approval of an Official Interpretation – Coach Competing against Student-Athletes.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Coaching Competing against Student-Athletes (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that it is permissible for a member institution’s coach to compete against or coach against a team including student-athletes from that coach’s sport, provided the coaching staff member does not direct, supervise or otherwise engage in practice activities with the student-athletes during the competition. [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 17.02.1.1 (athletically related activities);
During its February 2014 in-person meeting, the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed Division III staff interpretations issued between September 2013 and January 2014 and recommended staff draft an official interpretation based on a 12/2/2013 (Item No. a) staff interpretation for review by the committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(q) Coaches Serving as Practice Players.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed the August 29, 2008, Official Interpretation confirming that coaches may not serve as practice players. The committee discussed the practical implications of this interpretation and the concerns with applying this interpretation. The committee did not recommend a change to the interpretation or the current legislation but encouraged staff to reach out to the member conference that raised the issue and discuss potential membership legislation proposing exceptions to allow coaches to serve in a practice player capacity under certain circumstances.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(r) Review of the Proposed Use of the Division III Philosophy Statement and Strategic Positioning Platform during the Legislative Process.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting it considered and reviewed the staff’s proposal designed to ensure that the Division III Philosophy Statement and Strategic Positioning Platform are addressed within the legislative process. The committee supported amending committee policies and procedures to clarify the legislative process and the necessary philosophical connections; structuring committee supplements to more directly address the philosophical connections; and structuring legislative recommendations in the Management Council reports to clearly identify the philosophical connections. The committee did not support recommending a legislative change to require that proposed legislation specifically set forth the philosophical connections in the rationale statement.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(6) **Membership Committee.**

(a) **NCAA Constitution 3.6.3.3 (Election) – Provisional Member Admission.**

Management Council. The Council endorsed the committee’s recommendation to elect the following institutions to provisional membership per NCAA Constitution 3.6.3.3:

- Berea College;
- Bryn Athyn College; and
- Penn College of Technology.

The NCAA Division III Membership Committee reviewed the applications for provisional membership from each of the three institutions and found that all three met the conditions and obligations for application for membership in Division III.

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

(b) **Sports-Sponsorship Waiver Request – NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3.8.9.1 (Minimum Contests and Participants) – Pine Manor College.**

Management Council. The Council endorsed the committee’s decision to deny the request from Pine Manor College for a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3.8.9.1 (minimum contests and participants) for the 2013-14 academic year in the sport of women’s soccer.

In its recommendation to deny the waiver, the committee noted that the institution did not provide compelling evidence to warrant relief. Specifically, the committee noted the institution did not take sufficient measures to ensure sports-sponsorship requirements were satisfied.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **NCAA Constitution 3.3.3.2 (Election) – Conference Member Admission.**

Management Council. The Council approved to elect the following prospective single-sport conferences to active Division I conference membership per NCAA Constitution 3.3.3.2 (election):

- Ohio River Men’s Lacrosse Conference; and
- Ohio River Women’s Lacrosse Conference.

The NCAA Division III Membership Committee reviewed the applications of both prospective single-sport conferences and determined that both conferences satisfied the conditions and obligations for application...
for active Division III conference membership. The committee noted that the conferences would not be eligible for NCAA championships consideration until the 2016-17 academic year.

**President's Council.** No action was necessary.

**d) Bylaw 20.6.3 (Election) – Reclassifying Member Admission.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved the recommendation to elect McMurry University to reclassify membership per Bylaw 20.6.3 (election) and to waive the required one-year exploratory period, per Constitution 3.6.3.1 (Application).

The Membership Committee reviewed the application of McMurry University to reclassify from Division II to Division III. The committee noted the institution began the process to reclassify from Division III to Division II during the 2011-12 academic year. However, the institution decided to discontinue its reclassification to Division II and to pursue its previous status as an active Division III. The committee also noted the institution has been invited to rejoin its original Division III conference. Due to its status as a former Division III institution, the committee recommended that the institution be permitted to bypass the one-year exploratory period and begin the four-year reclassification process during the 2014-15 academic year.

**President's Council.** The President's Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

**e) Applications for Exploratory Membership.**

**Management Council.** The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting it accepted and approved exploratory applications of the following institutions.

- Balhaven University; and
- St. Michael’s College.

**President's Council.** No action was necessary.

**f) Sports-Sponsorship Waiver Request – Bylaw 20.11.3.10.2 (Single-Gender Institution Transitioning to Co-Educational Institution) – Pine Manor College.**

**Management Council.** The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting a request from Pine Manor College for a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3.10.2 (single-gender institution transitioning to co-educational institution) for the 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years. In reviewing the request, the committee noted that the institution will not offer men’s sports at the varsity level during the 2014-15 academic year,
and consequently, a waiver is not necessary. The committee agreed that
the institution should resubmit the waiver, if necessary, once the institu-
tion sponsors men’s sports at the varsity level.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Hobart and William Smith Colleges – Request for One NCAA
Organizational ID.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report not-
ing it reviewed information regarding the organization of the Hobart and
William Smith Colleges for NCAA administrative purposes. Hobart
College operates a men’s athletics program, and William Smith College
operates a women’s athletics program on separate campuses, and submits
separate reports for sports sponsorship and financial aid reporting
process. However, the majority of the institution’s administrative inter-
actions with the NCAA are consolidated. For this reason, and at the
request of the institution, the committee noted that the institution will
share one NCAA organizational ID in the future to facilitate more
practical administration of NCAA responsibilities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) Update – Husson University – Discontinued athletics consortium.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report not-
ing that Husson University discontinued its athletics consortium with
the New England School of Communication. The New England School
of Communications and Husson plan to integrate as one institution
beginning with the 2014 fall semester. No committee action
was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Nominating Committee.

(a) Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Council approved the following governance
committee appointments:

- Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of
  Sports: Amy Schafer, head softball coach/compliance director,
  Thiel College.
- Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (Immediate
  vacancy replacing Nnenna Akotaobi): Julie Muller, commis-
  sioner, North Atlantic Conference.
- Olympic Sports Liaison Committee: Jen Miller-McEachern,
  NCGA executive director, Massachusetts Institute of
  Technology.

Staff Liaison:
Tufano
Council Rep:
Small
• **Research Committee**: Mary Stadelmann, senior woman administrator, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark.

• **Committee on Women’s Athletics**: Heather MacCulloch, director of athletics, State University of New York – Maritime.

• **Division III Committee on Infractions** (Immediate vacancy replacing Garnett Purnell): Tracey Hathaway, compliance coordinator, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

• **Division III Membership Committee** (Immediate vacancy replacing Charles Harris): Frank Carbone, director of athletics, St. Joseph’s College (Brooklyn).

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

(b) **Committee Reappointments.**

*Management Council.* The Council approved the following committee reappointments.

• **Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee**: Robert Head, president, Rockford College (two-year term).

• **Playing Rules Oversight Panel**: Doug Zipp, director of athletics, Shenandoah University.

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

(c) **Solicitation of Additional Nominations.**

*Management Council.* The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting their request for additional nominations sought for the following committees:

• **Division III Women’s Basketball Committee** – Northeast region; coach or administrator.

• **Division III Football Committee** – East region; preference coach.

• **Division III Men’s Golf Committee** – West region; coach or administrator.

• **Men’s Gymnastics Committee** – coaches or administrator.

• **Division III Men’s Ice Hockey Committee** – West region; coach or administrator.

• **Division III Men’s Lacrosse Committee** – North region; coach.

• **Division III Women’s Rowing Committee** – administrators.

• **Division III Women’s Soccer Committee** – administrators.

• **Division III Men’s Tennis Committee** – Central region; coach or administrator.

• **Division III Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Committee** – West region; male administrator.

• **Division III Men’s Volleyball Committee** – West region; administrator.

• **Division III Women’s Volleyball Committee** – South region; coach or administrator.
• Women’s Basketball Rules Committee – coach or administrator.
• Women’s Volleyball Rules Committee – Division III; coach or administrator.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

(a) Administrative Items.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting its new officers for the 2014-15 academic year.

• Chair – Chelsea Shoemaker, softball student-athlete at Rochester Institute of Technology.
• Vice Chair – Amanda Ingersoll, women’s lacrosse student-athlete at Stevens Institute of Technology.
• Management Council Representatives – Audrey Hester, women’s field hockey and lacrosse student-athlete at Randolph-Macon College and Jaime Salcedo, men’s soccer student-athlete at Medaille College.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Committee Representatives/Liaisons.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting the following committee representatives/liaisons:

• NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport – Domenic Fraboni, football student-athlete at Concordia College, Moorhead.
• NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct – Justin Toliver, football student-athlete at Rhodes College.
• NCAA Committee on Women’s Athletics – Nicole Barringer, women’s volleyball student-athlete at Averett University.
• NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee – Jordan Gipson, men’s basketball student-athlete at Lake Forest College. (Reappointed from previous year.)
• 360 Proof – Kelsey Carpenter, women’s field hockey and softball student-athlete at Westfield State University.
• NCAA Division III Championships Committee – Jenna Ortega, women’s field hockey and lacrosse student-athlete at Ohio Wesleyan University.
• NCAA Division III Convention-Planning Subcommittee – Ryan Barry, football student-athlete from Williams College.
• NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee – Drew LeDonne, men’s cross country and track and field student-athlete from Lewis and Clark College.
- NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Nominations Subcommittee – Alli Stevens, women’s field hockey student-athlete from Catholic University.

- NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement – Katelyn Vannoy, women’s golf student-athlete from Washington and Jefferson College. (Reappointed from previous year.)

- NCAA Division III Recruiting Working Group – Ms. Ortega (Reappointed from previous year.)

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Special Olympics Partnership.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting an update on the following:

- Update from Special Olympics International. Haylie Bernacki and Brian Quinn, representatives from Special Olympics International, met with the committee to discuss the history of Special Olympics, the evolution of its partnership with Division III and strategies for expanding the partnership at the campus and conference level. Specifically, Ms. Bernacki, Mr. Quinn and the committee discussed Special Olympics initiatives on the campus level as well as how to build continued engagement to increase the number of opportunities for students and student-athletes to interact with Special Olympic athletes throughout the year. Ms. Bernacki and Mr. Quinn also provided information regarding Special Olympics partnership with ESPN and the concept of unified sports, which combines students and Special Olympics athletes on the same various sports.

- Special Olympics Clinic. The committee hosted a Special Olympics clinic, where 25 Special Olympic athletes from the San Diego area and approximately 40 committee members and other Division III membership representatives played bocce ball and soccer. An additional 40 to 50 membership representatives served as game officials and fans.

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 and Common Committees.

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

(a) NCAA Bylaw 31.2.3.4.1 Drugs and Procedures Subject to Restrictions.

Management Council. The Council supported the committee’s recommendation to amend Bylaw 31.2.3.4.1 that adds “and Gene” to (a) Blood and Gene Doping.

Emerging efforts to medically manipulate genetic material for disease treatment have raised concerns that these manipulations may be used for sports doping. This amendment allows the NCAA to honor suspensions for gene doping issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA). According to Bylaw 18.4.1.5.3 (Non-NAA Athletics Organization’s Positive Drug Test), a student-athlete under a drug-testing suspension from a national or international sports governing body that has adopted the WADA code shall not participate in NCAA intercollegiate competition for the duration of the suspension. The NCAA can honor suspensions only for those drugs and procedures that are also banned by the NCAA.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Bylaw 18.4.1.5 – Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs.

Management Council. The Council supported the committee’s recommendation to amend Bylaw 18.4.1.5 as follows:

- 18.4.1.5 Ineligibility for a Positive NCAA Drug Test. A student-athlete who has tested positive or breached protocol as part of the NCAA drug-testing program shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular-season competition in all sports in accordance with the provisions in Bylaw 18.4.1.5.1. Upon compliance with sanction requirements, the student-athlete’s institution may petition the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement to restore the student-athlete’s eligibility.

- 18.4.1.5.1 – Duration of Ineligibility. A student-athlete who tests positive or breaches protocol as part of the NCAA drug-testing program shall lose one of his or her remaining years of eligibility (in addition to any years of eligibility triggered by participation), and must be withheld from competition in all sports for a minimum of 365 days from the date the drug test was administered. The withholding sanction is applied from the date of the test and continues through consecutive regular-season contests.
• 18.4.1.5.1.1. – Restoration of Eligibility. Prior to seeking reinstatement, the student-athlete must be withheld from competition both for a minimum of 365 days AND the number of regular-season contests scheduled for that playing season. In addition, the student-athlete must record a negative exit test conducted by the NCAA, as requested by the institution. Then the institution may petition for reinstatement from the Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

These revisions provide more clarity to and affirm the committee’s intention that: (1) the penalty for a positive drug test includes the loss of one of the student-athlete’s remaining years of eligibility, independent of any seasons triggered by participation; and (2) withholding from competition for a minimum of 365 days from the date of the test includes withholding from a full season of contests, and that postseason contests are not to be counted towards that number.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Article 21 Committees.

Management Council. The Council supported the committee’s recommendation for a revision to Bylaw 21.2.2.2 (Committee Duties) to reflect the following: “The committee, subject to the direction of the Executive Committee, and in conjunction with the NCAA Sport Science Institute, shall…”

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee’s report noting the committee continues to see no indication that using soft headgear would help prevent concussions or factor in to a return-to-play decision after a concussion. CSMAS members believe that if protective soft headgear or headbands are to be used in a sport, they should be manufactured under the guidelines of an accepted standard for that sport. An equipment standard also would help game officials, who otherwise are put in a difficult position to determine whether the product being used could cause harm to others. The committee suggested that all sport playing rules committees standardize language regarding soft headgear and headbands in sports where they are not intended to be worn, and establish a standard waiver process for medical purposes. The committee also supports that a sport may have a rule precluding soft headgear for injury prevention and return-to-play purposes in sports where they are not intended to be worn. Members also agreed to survey team physicians about the matter.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(e) **Acclimatization Periods.**

Management Council. The Council noted that staff asked CSMAS about the feasibility of formulating legislation to establish acclimatization periods for Division III fall sports. CSMAS didn’t endorse proposing legislation and instead referred to the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook Guideline 1J (Preseason Preparation), which suggests that student-athletes should participate in at least six to eight weeks of preseason conditioning. A period of 10-14 days is needed for heat acclimatization when applicable. More details on heat acclimatization are outlined in Guideline 2C. The guideline also identifies the following points of emphasis for protecting the health of and providing a safe environment for all student-athletes participating in preseason workout sessions:

- During the preseason acclimatization period, an institution should conduct only one practice per calendar day.
- Practice sessions should have maximum time limits based on sports and individual needs, as well as environmental factors.
- Student-athletes should be provided at least one recovery day per week on which no athletics-related activities are scheduled.
- All personnel, including coaches, should be aware of the impact of the following on student-athletes’ health while participating in strenuous workouts: exercise intensity and duration, heat acclimatization, hydration, medications and drugs, existing medical conditions, nutritional supplements, and equipment.
- As preseason advances, student-athletes should have three hours of continuous recovery time between multiple practice sessions, including walk-through sessions. During the recovery period, which allows both mental and physical rest, there should be no team meetings or films, though individual rehab can take place.
- On-field personnel should review, practice and follow their venue emergency plan, as well as be trained in first aid, CPR and AED use.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Out of Season Athletically Related Activities – Use of Helmets.**

Management Council. The Council noted CSMAS opposed a Division III legislative proposal to permit the use of helmets during the offseason football conditioning, strength training and skill instruction period during which contact is not allowed (Proposal No. 2014-3). No data exist to support the argument that the use of helmets in this no-contact period provides any safety protection, and there is concern that the use of helmets may increase risk of injury by contributing to more aggressive play. In addition, the use of helmets may have the unintended consequence of increasing the number of sub-concussive impacts. No
Staff Liaisons: Miller, Smith
Council Rep: Millerick

Management Council. The Council noted CSMAS opposed a Division III legislative proposal to allow institutions to play up to three field hockey scrimmages or exhibition games before the first regularly scheduled contest. The committee based its opposition on the fact that the proposal does not include an acclimatization period. No action was necessary. [Note: Proposal No. 2014-5 was adopted 285-4-178]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Playing and Practice Seasons – Field Hockey – Scrimmages or Exhibitions Before the First Contest.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Sportmanship and Ethical Conduct.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

Management Council. The Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary.

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).

(a) Confederate Flag Policy Update.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed the recommendation concerning the flag policy submitted in September 2013 and the desire for the policy to be more stringent and to be applied to predetermined and non-predicted championships. The recommendation has not been reviewed by the Executive Committee to date, but the committee is currently requesting a conference call with the chair of
the Executive Committee to express its concerns and encourage the Executive Committee to take up the issue. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Woman of Color Barriers Study Update.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee received an update on the women of color barriers study which was approved by the NCAA office of inclusion and the NCAA research staff. A timeline was proposed for the mixed methods study review, through the use of demographics information factors to be considered regarding career choice, career goals, hiring perspectives, experiences and satisfaction levels, barriers, needs and resources. Since the introduction of the study, focus groups have been conducted at the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA) Convention, and the NCAA Convention. Upcoming focus groups will be conducted at the MOAA Symposium and both Regional Rules Seminars. The link being used to gather demographic information will be shared with the committee to share with others. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Inclusion Best Practices Document.

Management Council. The Council noted that printed copies of the Inclusion Best Practices were provided to the committee in conjunction with Diverse Issues in Higher Education. The purpose of the publication was to take a historical look at key individuals and moments in intercollegiate athletics history specifically as it relates to diversity. It was also an opportunity to recognize and acknowledge winners of the award for diversity and inclusion, and to champion the many successes of other institutions and conference office doing outstanding work around diversity and inclusion. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(8)  **Playing Rules Oversight Panel.**

- **Implementation Delay of Rules Changes Having Financial or Facility Impacts.**

  Management Council. The Council reviewed the panel’s report noting it reviewed and discussed the request from the Division II and III Management Councils, as well as the Division II and III Championships Committees, to implement a minimum one-year delay for any rule change, regardless of sport, that has either a financial or facility impact.

  The Panel discussed its current duties, which includes reviewing all playing rules changes pertaining to finances, and cited several examples of rules changes that had been delayed due to financial impact. The Panel agreed to issue a directive to all rules committees to strongly consider providing at least a one-year delay before proposing any rules change that has a financial or facility impact. In addition, rules committees will be encouraged to consider such rules changes during the non-rules change year. Any rules change affecting student-athlete safety will continue to be made without delay. No action was necessary.

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9)  **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

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

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(10)  **Research Committee.**

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

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(11)  **Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

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

  Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
4. PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2015 CONVENTION.

a. Review Administrative Regulations Approved by Management Council per Constitution 5.4.1.1.1.


     Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format to replace the word “impose” with “prescribe” throughout Bylaw 31 to accurately reflect the practice of the prescription of penalties for secondary and major violations.

     Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Review Noncontroversial Legislation Approved by the Management Council.

   (1) NC-2015-7 – Financial Aid – Financial Aid from Outside Sources – Athletics Leadership, Ability, Participation or Performance as Criterion.

     Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format to specify that a student-athlete may receive financial aid through an established and continuing program for the recognition of outstanding high school graduates which considers athletics criterion, provided the award is made on one occasion, the recipient’s choice of institutions is not restricted by the donor of the aid and there is no direct connection between the donor and the student-athlete’s institution.

     Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   (2) NC-2015-8 – Enforcement – NCAA Enforcement Program, Committee on Infractions and Infractions Appeals Committee – Accuracy and Consistency in Terminology of Enforcement Program Legislative Language.

     Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format to accurately reflect the enforcement process and to create consistency in terminology across all three divisions.

     Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   (3) NC-2015-9 – Committees – Committee on Infractions – Accuracy and Consistency in Terminology of Enforcement Program Legislative Language.

     Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format to remove duplicative language contained within sections of Bylaw 21.9.5 which is contained within Article 19 (enforcement).

     Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Management Council. The Council approved in legislative format to specify that an international prospective student-athlete or international student-athlete may accept funds from his or her country’s national Olympic governing body (equivalent to the U.S. Olympic Committee) based on place finish in one event per year that is designated as the highest level of international competition for the year by the governing body.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.


(1) Convention Legislation – Contact Prospective Student-Athletes at Competition Site – Permit Contact on Each Day of Competition – Bylaw 13.1.4.2.

Management Council. The Council supported the working group’s recommendation to sponsor Convention legislation that permits institutional coaching staff members to have contact with prospective student-athletes of contactable age on each day of competition (before or after the competition), provided the prospective student-athletes are considered released or not “on-call” by the appropriate authorities (e.g., team coach).

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


Management Council. The Council supported the working group’s recommendation to sponsor Convention legislation that in-person, off-campus recruiting contacts can be made with a prospective student-athlete or the prospective student-athlete’s relatives or guardian(s) when the prospective student-athlete has completed the sophomore year in high school.

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

b. Diversity and Inclusion.

Management Council. The Strategic Alliance Matching Grant (SAMG) and Ethnic Minority and Women Internship Grants deadlines were January 30. There were 75 applications for 18 internships and 35 applications for seven matching grants.

The Institute for Administrative Advancement (DIII Institute) will be held in Atlanta, May 19-21 in conjunction with the Regional Rules Seminar. The Institute was formed in
coordination with the Minority Opportunities Athletic Association (MOAA), the Office of Inclusion and the commissioners, to allow ethnic minorities additional professional development opportunities. Thirty mid-level administrators have been invited to attend.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Graduation Rate Aggregate Report.

Management Council. Division III student-athletes continue to graduate at higher rates than their peers in the student-body, according to the most recent NCAA Academic Success Rate data. Based on a representative sample of 139 schools participating in the voluntary reporting program in the 2012-13 academic year, the Division III national four-year average Academic Success Rate (ASR) held steady at 87 percent. Even when utilizing the less-inclusive federal rate, Division III student-athletes again perform better than the general student body. The federal rate for student-athletes was 68 percent and the federal rate for the overall student body was 61 percent.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Athletics Direct Report (ADR) Working Group was created to examine the current and potential engagement and role of athletics direct reports at the institutional, conference and national levels. In an effort to better understand Division III ADR’s current role and engagement levels, in February 2014, the working group developed and distributed a survey to all Division III ADRs. Two hundred and twelve (212) ADRs completed the survey, and the working group is analyzing the data and developing best practices and will propose professional development opportunities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. 360 Proof.

Management Council. The 2013-14 Pilot Program continues with 36 institutions at varying levels of participation. New with the 2014-15 launch, will be a coaches’ module, an interactive web segment that will present information to help coaches communicate with student-athletes about alcohol, recognize when a student-athlete may have a problem, and understand how to refer student-athletes to get help. The pilot will continue through the end of the 2013-14 academic year, when the program will go off-line to prepare updates for the 2014-15 launch. The updated 360 Proof Program will become available for past pilot schools in the fall of 2014, with new registrations opening in January 2015.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Division III Identity Initiative.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the status of the Division III Identity Initiative noting the following:
Division III Week. The third annual Division III Week was held April 7-13, 2014. The national office again asked schools and conferences to schedule campus events and to share online feature stories and videos during the week, spotlighting the unique Division III student-athlete experience and focusing on academic, athletic, and co-curricular and extra-curricular achievements (including community service). The membership also was urged to incorporate the 40th Anniversary celebrations into this year’s Division III week, by involving former as well as current student-athletes. Participation in the week continues to grow, with 218 member institutions (49 percent) showing support during the 2014 celebration via activities ranging from hosting multiple events on campus to promoting events with Facebook posts and Twitter messages. The participating schools represent 40 of Division III’s 43 multisport conferences. Many schools created outstanding editorial content to promote the week (including more than two dozen schools that produced videos), and approximately three dozen schools conducted activities benefiting Special Olympics.

40th Anniversary Celebration. In addition to being a component of Division III Week, the 40th Anniversary has been celebrated at the 2014 NCAA Convention in San Diego and at Division III championships. The 40-in-40 series will continue through June 2014.

Championships. In addition to activity related to the 40th Anniversary, championships also are displaying improved signage promoting the Division III identity. There is more visibility of the Division III logo on fields and courts at final venues, and championships managers are being encouraged to request signage promoting both the Division III Identity and the partnership with Special Olympics, via an online ordering system developed by signage provider Source One Digital.

Special Olympics. Division III hosted an event during the 2014 Convention attended by approximately 30 Special Olympics athletes from the San Diego area and involving 50 volunteers, including members of the Division III SAAC (which organized the event’s activities) and the Division III Management Council. Activities included a soccer clinic and playing bocce ball at the bayside location. Planning is now underway for a Special Olympics event at the 2015 Convention in Washington, D.C.

Outreach to high schools/prospects student-athletes and families. Beginning in February, Division III began including messaging in the National Interscholastic Athletics Administrators Association monthly “eNews,” which is sent to approximately 25,000 high school athletics directors in the United States and 25 countries. That content includes facts about Division III and links to online material, including various identity videos portraying the division’s student-athlete experience. Efforts to provide information via the NCAA Eligibility Center also are continuing, including regularly providing articles (using the theme, “Division III: Know the Facts”) for use in the center’s monthly newsletter for high schools.
An opportunity to reach high school counselors is anticipated in September 2014, when the National Association for College Admission Counseling will hold its annual national conference in Indianapolis.

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

### 6. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

**a. Litigation Update.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils accepted the litigation update. No action was necessary.

**b. Governmental Relations Report.**

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

**c. Executive Committee Update.**

Management Council and Presidents Council. The Council received an update on various Association-wide issues to be considered by the Executive Committee during its April meeting. Some of those issues included discussion around for-profit institutions, changing the Confederate Flag policy to be more stringent and possible restructuring of the Executive Committee.

### 7. OTHER BUSINESS AND OPEN FORUM.

**a. Online learning impact on athletics.**

Management Council. The Council discussed online learning and the potential impact on athletics. The current perception is online classes are easier and help student-athletes that can’t otherwise make it to class. The Council referred this issue to its Academic Issues Subcommittee, and will seek assistance from FARA and higher education associations. It noted a preference to approach this as an Association-wide issue.

**b. Division III membership trends and challenges.**

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council engaged in discussion regarding trends affecting the future of higher education and their possible effects on the NCAA, Division III and intercollegiate athletics, noting the following:

**Growth within higher education and athletics.**

- Institutional enrollment represents growth of approximately 31%.
- Athletics participation has outpaced the enrollment of students. Over the last 10 years, growth was over 26%. Women’s and men’s lacrosse have had the largest sport sponsorship increase.
• Rate of growth in athletics budgets has been significant over the last decade. However athletics budgets still only represent 3% of an institution’s overall budget.
• For many institutions, athletics represents a crucial and successful way to achieve institutional stability and growth.

Cost of higher education and athletics.
• Cost of attendance at Division III institutions has increased approximately 40% on average.
• Financial need has increased 55%, while institutional gift aid has increased 62%.
• Expenses at institutions increased over 50% - mostly in the area of compensation for increased number of staff. The role of Division III coaches has changed over the last decade in that there are fewer teacher/coaches and more fulltime coaches.

Balance of higher education and athletics.
• Institutional budgets continue to get tighter, but institutions keep adding more sports. Most institutions are tuition driven and athletics helps to support enrollment and retention.

Future outcomes.
• Some anticipate a significant budget and enrollment crisis in the next five to seven years, with a possible outcome of institutional closures, or mergers between institutions to save on costs. Will closures and mergers have an impact on the Division III membership?
• Some Division III institutions may drop athletics and create an institution-wide wellness program similar to Spelman College.
• The budget impact on public institutions may be less severe. More families are looking at public institutions due to lower tuition costs.
• Emergence of sports clubs as an outlet for students and related leadership opportunities continues. Club sports also help enroll students and manifest growth.
• Need to communicate these challenges more broadly to constituents.

What can Division III do?
• Focus on recruiting students and the number of students that realistically can/will participate as student-athletes.
• Highlight that Division III student-athletes graduate at a higher rate. Supply the Presidents Council with data regarding graduation rates. What are the learning methods? Can we quantify learning outcomes for teams?
• Highlight the role that Division III students play in society and as leaders in their respective communities.
• Consider imposing limitations on the number of sports that Division III can offer and limit squad sizes.
• Consider best practices versus additional legislation.
• Emphasize academics as an integral part of the college experience.
• Speak to athletic directors to see what is working and what isn’t.
• Stop regulations around work/life balance; leave such considerations to institutional autonomy.
c. **Possible membership-sponsored legislative initiatives.**

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council engaged in discussion regarding possible membership-sponsored legislative proposals in regard to the reduction of maximum contest limits, reduction and/or elimination of the nontraditional segment and spring football, noting the following:

- Important to consider benefits and drawbacks to the student-athlete experience.
- Non-traditional seasons – do the benefits out way the burdens? Some administrators have noted the burdens of the non-traditional seasons (e.g., facility and personnel strain; impact on student-athlete and coach time financial demands).
- Possibly establish a different model for the non-traditional season and allow contact with coaches during certain time in a day/week.
- Establishing spring football would have a financial impact, staff impact and student impact, both good and bad.

**Next steps**

- Provide the pros and cons of allowing spring football.
- Have both national SAAC and the Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee examine the non-traditional season and provide feedback.
- Obtain data from Dr. Hainline on helmets, concussions and the non-traditional seasons.
- Highlight relevant legislative concepts in the Presidents Quarterly Update to assist with discussions during upcoming conference meetings.

8. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Management Council. The Management Council meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m. Monday, April 14 and 12:08 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Wednesday, August 7 and 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, August 8.