



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
JANUARY 13, 2016  
MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The NCAA Board of Governors chair, Kirk Schulz, convened the meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m. Because they were participating in their final in-person meeting, President Schulz recognized the following members with gifts of service: President Judith Bense, Dr. Timothy Ladd and Ms. Lori Runksmeier.
2. **Matters approved by way of the Consent Agenda.** The Board of Governors reviewed and approved the October 29, 2015, meeting report as well as a concept draft of the governing body's policies and procedures. The Governors received an annual update reviewing the Association's regulatory procedures and the status of recommended changes to those procedures. Finally, the Governors approved a revised charter for the Administrative Subcommittee changing its role and responsibilities as well as its name to the Governors' Executive Committee.
3. **NCAA President's report.** The Governors received a report from NCAA President Mark Emmert. President Emmert highlighted the work of staff and the accomplishments of students during the past year. His remarks also focused on future initiatives. Also at this time and at the request of President Emmert, NCAA executive vice president for championships, Mark Lewis, shared a report regarding the Association's media rights contracts.
4. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** President Papp provided the Finance and Audit Committee report.
  - a. **Fiscal year 2014-15 audited financial statements.** President Papp reported that the committee met with NCAA staff and the Association's audit firm to review fiscal year 2014-15 financial statements and conducted the required audit communications and review. The audit firm issued an unqualified opinion for the fiscal year statements ending August 31, 2015. The Governors voted to receive the Association's audited financial statements for fiscal year 2014-15.

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To accept the audited financial statements for fiscal year 2014-15."

- b. **Recommended uses of unreserved net assets.** President Papp reported that fiscal year 2014-15 year ended with the Association having \$23.4 million in unreserved net assets available for allocation. The Finance and Audit Committee recommended that the Governors approve the use of unreserved net assets as a \$23.4 million supplemental distribution to Division I. Upon the Governors' approval, Division I would receive the distribution in early February 2016. The Governors voted to support the recommended use of the unreserved net assets.

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To approve the use of unreserved net assets as follows:

A \$23.4 million supplemental distribution to Division I with distribution to take place in early February 2016."

- c. **Alternative risk financing analysis and proposal.** President Papp discussed the committee's proposal to create a legal and risk contingency fund with available funds. The Governors considered the proposal as well as advantages and disadvantages with other options. The Governors voted to support the creation of a legal and risk contingency fund.

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To authorize NCAA staff to move forward with the plan to create a legal and risk contingency fund as proposed by the Finance and Audit Committee."

- d. **Accelerating Academic Success Overview.** The committee reported on the recent progress that lower-resourced institutions have seen as a result of campus programs funded by NCAA Accelerating Academic Success Program (AASP) grants. Institutions receiving AASP grants reported increases in academic progress rates, overall grade point average rates as well as an increase in credits being taken by student-athletes. The committee anticipates a recommendation to the full Board of Governors in August for ongoing funding.
5. **Discussion on Association policies.** The board continued its conversations from the October 29 meeting regarding its Alcohol Policy and related legislation in the divisions. The Governors determined that a reasoned approach to any potential changes to the policy would be to pursue a pilot program permitting limited legal service of alcohol to the public in a controlled venue. The Governors voted to modify the current Alcohol Policy to support in-stadium beer and wine (only) sales at identified NCAA final championship events, provided that those sites maintained policies, procedures and proper permitting for those sales. To effectively evaluate the pilot program, the Governors approved the multi-day Division I men's and women's College World Series

played in venues that regularly serve alcohol at other events.

*It was VOTED 13 to 1.*

"To approve a modification of the Association's Alcohol Policy for one year to support NCAA championships staff to implement pilot programs monitoring the legal sale or provision of beer and wine at the Division I men's and women's College World Series pursuant to the existing policies, procedures, and permits of the CWS venue."

The Governors also voted to refer to the Division I Board of Directors to issue a waiver or to pursue any other appropriate legislative measure to ensure that the pilot programs at the Division I men's and women's College World Series are able to be effectuated consistent with the division's legislative requirements.

*It was VOTED unanimously.*

"To refer to the Division I Board of Directors to issue a waiver or to pursue any other appropriate legislative measure to ensure that the pilot programs at the Division I men's and women's College World Series are able to be effectuated consistent with the division's legislative requirements."

6. **NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Structure and Composition's report.** The Board of Governors received a report from the chair of the Committee on Structure and Composition, President Judy Bense. President Bense reminded the Governors of the recent membership survey conducted in November 2015. She provided an overview of the survey results and shared proposed models for further discussion regarding board membership. President Bense described an upcoming convention education session, "Inner-workings of the NCAA Board of Governors" and outlined the information the committee members would share at that session. Although her term on the Governors had ended, President Schulz requested President Bense to continue to work with the committee through April 2016.
7. **Law, Policy and Governance discussion.** The Governors received a report regarding a growing concern with the low representation of racially and ethnically diverse individuals in athletics positions. Also, the Governors were advised that certain constituent groups within the membership requested the Association's consideration of this issue. The Governors reviewed and discussed the data showing the lack of diversity at all levels of coaching and athletics administration. It determined there was an opportunity to make a statement and give direction with respect to the specific issue of cultural diversity. The board requested staff to draft a resolution for its review and consideration as a first step to support increased diversity.

**8. NCAA Communications plan discussion.** The Board of Governors received a report from senior vice president of communications, Bob Williams. The Governors expressed continued support for the direction of the communications plan.

**9. Future meetings.**

- April 27, 2016 (Indianapolis, IN).

**10. Executive session.** The Governors moved to executive session in order to discuss administrative matters.

**11. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7 p.m.

*Committee Chair:* Kirk Schulz, President of Kansas State University

*Staff Liaisons:* Donald M. Remy, Law, Policy and Governance

Terri Carmichael Jackson, Law, Policy and Governance

<b>Attendees- Board of Governors Only</b>	<b>Absentees</b>
Stan Albrecht, Utah State University Judith Bense, University of West Florida Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen, Jr, United States Military Academy Alan Cureton, University of Northwestern Mark Emmert, NCAA Jim Phillips, Northwestern University Dianne Harrison, California State University, Northridge John Hitt, University of Central Florida Timothy Ladd, Palm Beach Atlantic University David Leebron, Rice University L. Jay Lemons, Susquehanna University Roderick McDavis, Ohio University Daniel Papp, Kennesaw State University Harris Pastides, University of South Carolina, Columbia Lori Runksmeier, New England College Joseph Savoie, University of Louisiana, Lafayette Kirk Schulz, Kansas State University Steve Scott, Pittsburg State University	Gene Block, University of California, Los Angeles Baker Patillo, Stephen F. Austin State University

<b>Other Participants</b>	
Scott Bearby, NCAA staff Chris Brearton, external consultant Terri Carmichael Jackson, NCAA staff Dan Dutcher, NCAA staff Kimberly Fort, NCAA staff Bernard Franklin, NCAA staff Dan Gavitt, NCAA staff Terri Steeb Gronau, NCAA staff Brian Hendrickson, NCAA staff Terry Hilderbrand, United States Military Academy David Jordan, external consultant Mark Lewis, NCAA staff Oliver Luck, NCAA staff Kathleen McNeely, NCAA staff Mike Miranda, NCAA staff Donald M. Remy, NCAA staff Rob Shepardson, SS+K Naima Stevenson, NCAA staff Bob Williams, NCAA staff David Voorhies, United States Military Academy	

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