



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OCTOBER 29, 2015  
MEETING**

**KEY ITEMS.**

- None.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **Matters approved by way of the Consent Agenda requiring action.** The Governors received the report of the NCAA Division III Presidents Council. The Governors voted in support of: (a) the council's recommendation to propose a membership dues increase to Division III and (b) Division III's ability to retain the additional revenue generated by the increase, if approved by its membership at the January 2016 convention.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The NCAA Board of Governors Chair, Kirk Schulz, convened the meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m. NCAA staff confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. **Matters approved by way of the Consent Agenda (not action items).** The Board of Governors approved the reports of its August 5 meeting and September 20, September 30, and October 7 teleconferences. The Governors received and approved the separate proposals of two of its committees. The first, a proposal from the NCAA Board of Governors Committee on Structure and Composition to continue its membership surveying effort and its plan for an educational session at convention in January 2016. The NCAA Board of Governors Administrative Subcommittee submitted the second concept proposal which facilitates a review of the Administrative Subcommittee's name, composition and duties.

Finally, the Governors, having reviewed the report from the Advocates for Athletics Equity as part of the consent agenda, also received that report.

3. **NCAA Board of Governors vice chair.** The Governors unanimously voted in support of President L. Jay Lemons as vice chair.
4. **NCAA President's report.** The Governors supported the direction of the following areas as provided by NCAA President, Mark Emmert:
  - Student-centric agenda
  - Communication plan and engagement

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- Media Contracts and relationships
  - Legal and political front
  - Membership & constituency relationships/support
  - National office management
5. **Executive session.** The Governors moved the executive session earlier in the agenda in order to discuss administrative matters.
6. **Law, Policy and Governance discussion.** Chief legal officer, Donald Remy, provided an attorney client privileged and confidential briefing regarding fiduciary duties of board members and general matters of governance. Scott Bearby, NCAA general counsel, provided an attorney client privileged and confidential briefing updating the body on current litigation.
7. **Discussion on Association policies.** The board engaged in discussions regarding its Alcohol Policy and related legislation in the divisions. The Governors took no action and determined that discussions would continue at a subsequent meeting of the body. The Governors further requested NCAA staff to provide a balanced and informative presentation on the Sports Wagering Policy for the board's future meeting.
8. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** President Lemons, provided the Finance and Audit Committee report.
- a. **One-time fund distribution.** President Lemons stated that the committee deliberated about NCAA investments and the need to provide more direct funding to support student-athlete success. In that regard, the committee proposed that the Governors approve:
- (1) Changing the NCAA operating reserve from a four month period to six month period for budgeted operating expenses.
  - (2) Providing a one-time distribution of approximately \$200 million in fiscal year 2016-17.
  - (3) Requesting that the NCAA Division I Board of Directors solicit input from the NCAA Division I Council, NCAA Division I SAAC and others and provide guidance, perspective and direction on how the funds should be distributed.

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To approve the one-time distribution of \$200 million in fiscal year 2016-17 to Division I institutions and to request that the Division I Board instruct its membership to use these funds for the direct support of the division's student-athletes through the implementation of programs such as financial literacy and mental health, and/or to expand academic advising and tutoring programs."

- b. **Finance and Audit Committee term extension for current member David Lechner.** The committee requested that the Governors approve an additional four-year term for David Lechner who is currently the senior vice president and chief financial officer for the University of Nebraska system. Mr. Lechner has served as the financial expert on the Finance and Audit Committee since 2011 and is eligible to serve an additional four year term.

*It was unanimously VOTED.*

"To approve an additional four year term for David Lechner as a financial expert on the NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee."

- c. **Revenue distribution methodology.** President Lemons shared the committee's review of the Division I revenue distribution policy that was consistent with an external audit firm's recommendation as an enhancement to the Association's internal controls.
- d. **Year-end financial update.** President Lemons stated that the committee discussed a preliminary financial report for the 2014-15 fiscal year.
9. **Pennsylvania State University update.** In his report to the Governors, President Eric Barron reinforced his commitment to the reforms and advancement that have been made on the campuses of Penn State University consistent with the Athletics Integrity Agreement. Penn State's Independent Athletics Monitor, Mr. Charles Scheeler, confirmed the work of the institution's reform initiatives and the progress to date.
10. **Regulatory Review update.** The chair moved this agenda item moved to January 2016.
11. **NCAA Communications plan discussion.** Board of Governors expressed general support for the direction of the communications plan that was discussed at the Presidential Breakfast.
12. **NCAA governance reports.** There were no reports. Divisional governance reports will be provided, as necessary, in future Board of Governors meetings.

**13. Future meetings.**

- Wednesday, January 13, 2016 (San Antonio, Texas).

**14. Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

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

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

*Terri Carmichael Jackson, Law, Policy and Governance*

Attendees- Board of Governors Only	Absentees
Stan Albrecht, Utah State University Judith Bense, University of West Florida Gene Block, University of California, Los Angeles. Lt. Gen. Robert L. Caslen, United States Military Academy Alan Cureton, University of Northwestern Mark Emmert, NCAA 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 Rod McDavis, Ohio University Daniel Papp, Kennesaw State University Harris Pastides, University of South Carolina, Columbia Jim Phillips, Northwestern University Lori Runksmeier, New England College Joseph Savoie, University of Louisiana, Lafayette Kirk Schulz, Kansas State University Steve Scott, Pittsburg State University	Baker Patillo, Stephen F Austin State University
Other Participants	
Scott Bearby, NCAA staff Terri Carmichael Jackson, NCAA staff Dan Dutcher, NCAA staff Kimberly Fort, NCAA staff Bernard Franklin, NCAA staff Brian Hendrickson, NCAA staff Terry Hilderbrand, United States Military Academy Kevin Lennon, NCAA staff Mark Lewis, NCAA staff Oliver Luck, NCAA staff	

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