



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OCTOBER 24, 2017, MEETING**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors chair Bud Peterson convened the meeting at approximately 8 a.m. and welcomed the group. He gave a special welcome to President Susan Herbst, President Ronald Machtley and President Denise Trauth, new members of the Board of Governors who were attending their first in-person meeting. NCAA staff confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. **Consent Agenda.** By way of a consent agenda, the Board of Governors approved the reports of its August 8, 2017, meeting, October 6, 2017, teleconference, and the roster for the Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity. (Unanimous vote)
3. **NCAA president's report.** President Mark Emmert provided a brief summary of his views on key issues facing the Association, with a particular focus on the recent federal criminal complaints and the ongoing investigation into men's college basketball by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States District Attorney for the Southern District of New York. The Governors affirmed their support for the important work of the Commission on College Basketball, which it established along with the NCAA Division I Board of Directors to fully examine critical aspects of Division I men's basketball. The Governors expressed a commitment to act swiftly on recommendations from the commission.
4. **NCAA policy regarding the availability of alcohol at NCAA championships.** President Peterson reminded the Governors of the Association's policy that prohibits the sale of alcohol at NCAA championship events. President Eric Kaler informed the board that the NCAA Division I Board of Directors Administrative Committee recently met via teleconference and approved an extension of a previously approved waiver of NCAA Bylaw 31.1.15 (availability of alcoholic beverages) for a pilot program to be conducted for in-stadium alcohol sales (beer and wine only) to the general public at select NCAA championships. The Administrative Committee also expressed support for a change in the alcohol policy to permit the introduction of legislation into the 2017-18 legislative cycle to eliminate the prohibition on alcohol sales at NCAA Division I championships, with an effective date of August 1, 2018.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors revise the Association-wide policy for alcohol sales at NCAA championships and to permit each of the divisions to pursue legislation as it sees fit.”
(Unanimous voice vote.)

5. **Board of Governors engagement in social issues.** NCAA Executive Vice President/Chief Legal Officer Donald Remy noted that the social issues matrix included in the meeting materials has been reviewed by the Governors in April and August. In addition, the divisional presidential bodies have reviewed the matrix and provided feedback.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the matrix to be used as a guideline for future decision-making related to social issues facing the Association.” (Unanimous voice vote.)

6. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report.** Chancellor Philip DiStefano noted that the Finance and Audit Committee met the previous day with a primary focus on the results of the internal audit of fiscal year 2016-17. In addition, there were two agenda items on which to update the board.
 - a. **2016-17 year-end fiscal update.** NCAA Chief Financial Officer Kathleen McNeely reviewed the financial transactions from the 2016-17 fiscal year that caused the Association to have a negative reserve balance. McNeely noted that the NCAA had a good year and was able to eliminate the reserve deficit due to the following: 1) Increase of \$17 million in championships revenue, 2) Sixty million dollars in investment revenues, and 3) Sale of Arbiter Sports.
 - b. **Grand Alliance: Educational Grand Challenge and Concussion Research Initiative Proposal.** McNeely reminded the board that the NCAA partnered with the U.S. Department of Defense more than three years ago to enhance the safety of student-athletes and military service members. This comprehensive clinical study of concussion initially was funded by use of NCAA unallocated assets. The next phase of the study, referred to as CARE 2.0, will examine the cumulative and persistent effects of concussions and repetitive head impact exposure. After reviewing the goals and objectives of CARE 2.0, the Finance and Audit Committee agreed to recommend that the board approve funding for the continued study.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the use of unallocated net assets totaling \$12.5 million to fund CARE 2.0.” (Unanimous voice vote.)

7. **Law, Policy and Governance Strategic Discussion.**
 - a. **Sports Science Institute/Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.** NCAA Chief Medical Officer Brian Hainline reported to the board preliminary information related to the NCAA-DoD CARE consortium. Dr. Hainline briefly reviewed the proposed CARE structure and timeline for the expanded study of concussion in CARE 2.0 and beyond (i.e., CARE Long).
 - b. **Government relations.** Donald Remy informed the Governors of several items reported in the quarterly government relations activity report. Remy also briefly reported on recent meetings in Washington to discuss the ongoing investigation into men’s college basketball.

- a. **Legal and litigation update.** NCAA Vice President and General Counsel Scott Bearby facilitated a privileged and confidential discussion regarding several matters of ongoing litigation.
8. **Update on NCAA strategic planning process.** President Glen Jones updated the board on the tentative plan for the Association's strategic planning process, including securing a consultant, establishing a steering committee and a preliminary timeline for the work.
9. **NCAA Board of Governors Commission to Combat Campus Sexual Violence.** Lieutenant General Robert Caslen, Jr. noted that the commission met via teleconference in late September and discussed the outcomes of the August board meeting. Caslen noted that in January 2018, the commission will participate in a Think Tank with other higher education organizations to explore collaborative strategies for addressing individual accountability, and discuss data and possible research ideas.
10. **NCAA Board of Governors' Executive Committee report.** President Bud Peterson reported on matters considered during the Board's Executive Committee meeting the previous day.
11. **Executive Session.** The Governors concluded its meeting in executive session to discuss various administrative matters. The board also considered and unanimously approved a request from the Finance and Audit Committee to authorize funding that would directly benefit student-athletes of a Division I conference.
12. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12 p.m.
13. **Future Meeting Dates.**
 - a. January 17, 2018, Indianapolis (in conjunction with the 2018 NCAA Convention).
 - b. April 24, 2018, Indianapolis.
 - c. October 23, 2018, TBD.
 - d. January 16, 2019, Atlanta.

Board of Governors chair: G.P. "Bud" Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology.

*Staff liaisons: Jacqueline Campbell, law, policy and governance
Donald M. Remy, law, policy and governance.*

NCAA Board of Governors October 24, 2017, Meeting	
Attendees	
Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky	
LTG. Robert Caslen, Jr., United States Military Academy	
Alan Cureton, University of Northwestern-St. Paul	
Philip DiStefano, University of Colorado, Boulder	
Jeffrey Docking, Adrian College	
Mark Emmert, NCAA	
Gary Gray, University of Alaska, Fairbanks	
Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University	
Susan Herbst, University of Connecticut	
Blake James, University of Miami	
Glendell Jones, Jr., Henderson State University	
Eric Kaler, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	
Britt Katz, Millsaps College	
Ronald K. Machtley, Bryant University	
Gary Olson, Daemen College	
Bud Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology	
Samuel Stanley, Stony Brook University	
Denise Trauth, Texas State University	
Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York	
Absentees	
Dianne Harrison, California State University, Northridge	
NCAA staff liaisons in attendance	
Jacqueline Campbell and Donald Remy.	
Other NCAA staff in attendance	
Katrice Albert, Scott Bearby, Joni Comstock, Diane Dickman, Dan Dutcher, Kimberly Fort, Dan Gavitt, Brian Hainline, Terri Steeb Gronau, Kevin Lennon, Oliver Luck, Kathleen McNeely, Stacey Osburn, Dave Schnase, Cari Van Senus and Bob Williams	

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