MINUTES OF THE

NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE NO. 9

Those participating were Lynn Oberbillig, Division III Management Council chair; Paul Trible, Division III Presidents Council chair; Jim Harris, Division III Presidents Council vice chair; Jack Ohle, president, Gustavus Adolphus College, Dan Dutcher, NCAA; Jay Jones, NCAA; Leah Kareti, NCAA, Jeff Myers, NCAA, Azure Davey, NCAA, Eric Hartung, NCAA, Jack Copeland, NCAA, Jennifer Kearns, NCAA, Mark Tschaggeny, NCAA and Debbie Kresge, NCAA, recording secretary. Absent from the call was Dan Fulks, Division III Management Council vice chair.

[NOTE: These minutes contain only actions taken (formal votes or stated "sense of the meeting") in accordance with NCAA policy regarding minutes of all Association entities. While certain items on the committee's agenda were acted on at various times throughout the meeting, all final actions within a given topic are combined in these minutes for convenience of reference.]

The teleconference occurred August 27, 2009, as was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Acting for the Division III Presidents Council and Management Council, the Administrative Committee took the following actions:

1. 2010 NCAA Convention legislation. Reviewed and approved the following legislative drafts of 2010 NCAA Convention legislation sponsored by the NCAA Division III Presidents Council, consistent with the September 1 deadline.

    a. Eligibility – Seasons of Participation – Hardship Waiver – Percent Calculation. To specify that a student-athlete's eligibility for a hardship waiver should be determined by a percent calculation using the maximum permissible number of contests or dates of competition for the applicable sport, plus one contest or date of competition.

    The committee requested that a chart be created to show the contest limit by sport. The chart will be included in the Q and A document and other Convention legislation materials.

    b. Playing and Practice Seasons – Length of Playing Seasons – End of the Fall and Spring Nontraditional Segments. To specify that all practice and competition conducted in the nontraditional segment (fall or spring) shall be completed no later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period.

2. La Sierra University Provisional Membership Status. Dismissed the institution from its current provisional membership process, but waived the normal exploratory and provisional application process to permit the institution to immediately begin year one of provisional membership September 1, 2009. The institution will be required to complete the provisional membership program as adopted in 2007, which is a different program than the one in which the institution had recently been enrolled. While the institution will not be required to formally reapply for the program, it will be required to pay a new provisional membership fee to support the new costs associated with the institution's completion of the new program. Also, the institution will continue to count as a provisional year three or four opponent so that previously scheduled institutions are not disadvantaged by the timing of this membership decision.

   In its review, the Administrative Committee recognized the significant findings discovered by the Membership and Financial Aid Committees, but also noted the institution's strengthened commitment to Division III standards under a new administration.

3. ArbiterSports Proposal. Approved earmarking up to $150,000 to subsidize a pilot for 2009-10 in which officials will be encouraged to voluntarily register with ArbiterSports and receive education and other benefits through the service. The proposed pilot includes football, basketball, softball and baseball and specifies that half of the $100 registration fee would be subsidized. Football will be subsidized through CFO and basketball through "Good of the Game" monies. Softball and baseball subsidies will be funded as follows: Association-wide funding ($25) and Division III funding ($25).

   The committee noted that ArbiterSports was acquired by the NCAA in September 2008 to further expand and enhance officiating improvements including:

   - Training and continuing education for officials;
   - Encouraging national and inter-level consistency;
   - Recruiting and development; and
   - Improving the student-athlete experience.

   The committee also agreed to forward to the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee the concept of long-term support of the initiative through the Conference Grant Program.

4. The conference call adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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