MINUTES OF THE

NCAA DIVISION III ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE NO. 8

Those participating were James Bultman, Division III Presidents Council vice chair; James Harris, Division III Presidents Council chair; Chris Martin, DIII Management Council vice chair; Lynn Oberbillig, Division III Management Council chair; Lisa Marsh Ryerson, president, Wells College; Dan Dutcher, NCAA; Amy Huchthausen, NCAA; Leah Kareti, NCAA; and Debbie Kresge, NCAA, recording secretary.

[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 30, 2010, as was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

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

1. 2011 NCAA Convention Legislation. Reviewed and approved as written or as amended the following legislative drafts of 2011 NCAA Convention legislation sponsored by the NCAA Division III Presidents Council, consistent with the September 1 deadline.

    a. Playing and Practice Seasons – Wrestling – First Date of Practice and Competition. In wrestling, to specify that an institution shall not commence practice sessions prior to October 10 and shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to November 1.

    b. Executive Regulations – Administration of NCAA Championships – Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities – Professional Sports Organizations or Teams. To permit the NCAA [or a third party acting on behalf of the NCAA (e.g., host institution, conference or local organizing committee)] to enter into a relationship with a professional sports organization or team for the specific purpose of marketing and promoting an NCAA championship event, activity or program, provided the professional sports organization or team is not identified as a sponsor of the event, activity or promotion.

c. Organization – Presidents Council and Management Council – Authority of Presidents Council and Management Council. To specify that the Management Council shall have the authority to adopt noncontroversial and intent-based amendments, administrative bylaws and regulations to govern Division III, sponsor legislative proposals and act in other matters as specified, except that the Presidents Council shall retain the authority to ratify, amend or rescind any action of the Management Council.

d. Organization – Management Council – Composition - Athletics Direct Report and Increase in Members. To establish a definition of an athletics direct reports, to increase the number of members of the NCAA Division III Management Council from 19 to 21; and to require the composition of the Management Council include at least two athletics direct reports (non-president or chancellor with oversight of intercollegiate athletics).

e. NCAA Membership – Definitions and Applications – Affiliated and Corresponding Membership – Requirements for Affiliated Membership and Elimination of Corresponding Membership. To eliminate corresponding membership; further, to modify the requirements for affiliated membership, as specified.

[Note: This proposal was sponsored by the Administrative Committee based on a recommendation from the NCAA Executive Committee that each division consider legislative action to:

(1) Eliminate the "corresponding membership" category;

(2) Redefine the requirements for the "affiliated membership" category to restrict it to coaches and sports associations for sports sponsored by the NCAA and to associations comprised of college/university administrators;

(3) Increase the annual fee (currently $225) for the "affiliated membership" category to an amount that more appropriately reflects the benefits and privileges of membership (e.g., use of the Association's registered marks); and

(4) Create a formal approval process, including a tiered-fee structure, based on the use of the Association's registered marks.

Affiliated membership is available to duly elected nonprofit groups or associations whose function and purpose are directly related to one or more sports in which the Association conducts championships or identifies as an emerging sport. Affiliated members have several benefits and privileges including the opportunity to be represented by one non-voting delegate at the NCAA Convention, and use of registered NCAA marks in accordance with specific guidelines. Corresponding membership is available to duly elected institutions, conferences and nonprofit organizations that are not eligible for active, provisional, conference, or affiliated membership. Corresponding members receive all publications and mailing available to the general membership of the Association's, but do not have the opportunity to use the Association's marks.

This recommendation will streamline the membership categories and more clearly outline appropriate parameters for use of the Association's marks. Further, publications and general mailings are publicly available through the NCAA website, so the elimination of the corresponding membership category has no impact on the ability to remain informed of the Association's activities. Current affiliated and corresponding members will be notified of their options prior to the implementation of these changes.]

2. 2011 NCAA Convention Legislation – Recruiting – Recruiting Materials - Advertisements and Promotions – Nonathletics Institutional Advertisements. Reviewed the previous approved language to permit an institution (or a third party acting on behalf of the institution) to produce nonathletics institutional promotional material (e.g., use of signage, kiosks, distribution of printed materials, television and radio advertisements, electronic advertisements) for use at high school or two-year college athletics events or during broadcasts of such events and requested the Councils revisit this legislation at their October meetings to discuss the potential burden on institutions that may receive requests for advertisements from multiple high schools or two-year colleges.

3. Women's Water Polo – National Collegiate Championship Funding. Took no action on a staff recommendation to provide a $13,400 travel grant to a Division III automatic qualifying conference in water polo for each of 2010-11 and 2011-12. The funds would be used to offset travel costs of a Division III conference that may be at risk of losing its fully funded access to the water polo championship based on Division I bracketing polices and the emergence of an additional automatic qualifying women's water polo conference.

While the committee supports the effort to maintain Division III access to this national collegiate championship, it is hopeful that the Division I Championships and Sport Management Cabinet, the body overseeing the format of this championship, will make its decision about the championship format based on the merits of the particular case. The Division III Administrative Committee favors the status quo bracket (with a Division III conference receiving one of the five automatic entries into the tournament) for this funding biennium. If the Division I cabinet approves something other than the status quo format, the committee will reconsider various short-term and long-term alternatives to assist the effected conference and to benefit Division III women's water polo.

4. 2011 Date Change for Men's Ice Hockey Championship. Approved a date change for the 2011 Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship dates of competition from March 18-19 to March 25-26. The Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) will still serve as host for the championship to be played at Ridder Arena on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

The 2011 Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) tournament, the largest hockey tournament in the upper Midwest, is scheduled for March 18-19 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The impact of trying to compete against the WCHA tournament is three-fold. First, hotel expense for the weekend of March 18-19 will be approximately $120-130 per night while a move to March 25-26 will produce more favorable rates in the range of $99-$115. Second, attendance will be negatively impacted for the championship. Division III men's ice hockey enjoyed success during the 2010 championship held in the East region and the men's ice hockey committee sees an opportunity to carry the momentum to the West region in 2011 to promote balance in the sport. Third, if the championship competition dates are moved back one week to March 25-26, there will be no conflicts with any Division I ice hockey first-round competition or any other hockey related events in Minneapolis. Consequently, the organizing committee (NCHA) and facility management at Ridder Arena will be prepared and focused to put on the championship.

Furthermore, a change of date over a change in venue is favored due to the fact that the NCHA was originally scheduled to host the 2010 NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship. However, the NCAA 2010 Division I Women's Ice Hockey Championship was scheduled for the same date and site. As a result, the 2010 men's ice hockey championship was relocated to Lake Placid, co-hosted by Plattsburgh State University of New York and the Olympic Regional Development Authority, with the provision that the 2011 championship would return to Minneapolis and be hosted by the NCHA.

With the exception of participants on the four teams qualifying for the semi-finals, student-athletes will not be affected by this change. Selections will still take place the first Sunday of March and the first round games will take place Wednesday, March 10, followed by the quarterfinals Saturday, March 12. As a result, teams qualifying for the semi-finals will have 13 days rather than six to practice and study prior to the championship.

5. NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee Vacancy. Approved the appointment of Nicole Commissiong to fill the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee vacancy when Michael Backes' term expires September 2010.

6. The teleconference adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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