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Participants:

Tim Downes, Emory University
Bob King, Trinity University (Texas)
Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands
Louise McCleary, Elms College
Lynn Oberbillig, Smith College
Joan Sitterly, State University College at Cortland
Ira Zeff, Nebraska Wesleyan University, chair
Jeff Myers, NCAA
Liz Turner Suscha, NCAA
John Williams, NCAA

Drew Ash, Ithaca College, and Susan Viscomi, Hamilton College, were not able to participate on the teleconference.

[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.]

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The teleconference was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by the chair, Mr. Zeff. All members were present as noted above.

1. 2010-2012 Budget Process. Mr. Williams referred committee members to the budget chart distributed and detailed the timeline and process to finalize the proposed championships budget for 2010-2012. The categories of expense in "Existing Dollars" and "New Budget Line Items" have budget dollars already allocated and will not go to the budget committee for review. Mr. Williams also noted that he is working with the accounting staff to identify the dollar figure assigned to the inflationary adjustment for the officials fee increase.

2. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving – Field Size Expansion. The committee **approved** the recommendation to increase the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships field size by 35 student-athletes per gender to accommodate a minimum field size of 16 in the swimming relay events, effective with the 2011 championships and subject to final budget approval. The field size for men will move from 225 to 260 while the women will move from 232 to 267. The recommendation also captured related expense for non student-athletes and the incremental increase in game expense.

3. Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field – Field Size Expansion. The committee **approved** the recommendation to increase the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships field size for the outdoor track and field championships by 54 student-athletes per gender, effective with the 2011 championships and subject to final budget approval. The field size for both genders will move from 344 to 398. The recommendation also captured related expense for non student-athletes and the incremental increase in game expense.

4. Wrestling – Field Size Expansion. The committee **approved** an increase to the field size of the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships by 10 individuals, with a requirement that the NCAA Division III Wrestling Committee establish a minimum field size of 16 in each of the 10 weight classes, effective with the 2011 championships and subject to final budget approval. The total field size will move from 160 to 170. The recommendation also captured related expense for non student-athletes and the incremental increase in game expense.

5. Diving Consolation Finals. The committee reviewed the requested materials submitted by the men's and women's swimming and diving committee concerning diving consolation finals and accepted the sports committee's position to include diving consolation finals as a part of the championships format.

6. Men's Basketball. The committee **approved** that the calculation of the strength of schedule (SOS) for men's basketball include a statistical component that gives significance to games played on the road, effective with the 2011 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship. The NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Committee proposed that a multiplier of 1.4 be added to the opponents winning percentage (OWP) for those games played away from home. In addition, the same multiplier (1.4) should be included for those games played on the road for opponents/opponents winning percentage (OOWP). A multiplier of 1.0 (no positive or negative effect) be included in the OWP and OOWP for all

neutral games. A multiplier of 0.6 should be included in the OWP and OOWP for all home games.

7. Men's Lacrosse Committee Appointment. The committee **approved** the recommendation that Stewart Moan, head men's lacrosse coach, Susquehanna University, be appointed to the NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee representing the South region, effective immediately.

8. Men's Ice Hockey. The committee discussed a letter from the Northeast-10 Conference, a Division II member conference, concerning the ability for Division II opponents to be considered as countable competition for Division III member institutions for the purpose of championship selections. The committee determined that a request must come from the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee in order for any action to occur.

9. Adjournment. The teleconference adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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