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Tim Downes, Emory University
Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands
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Ira Zeff, Nebraska Wesleyan University, chair
Jeff Myers, NCAA
Liz Turner Suscha, NCAA
John Williams, NCAA

Bob King, Trinity University (Texas), was 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.]

Tuesday, October 20

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

1. Conference Call Materials. Mr. Williams addressed the late nature of the materials getting out to committee members and took feedback from committee members to: a) ensure that materials are distributed a week in advance of future calls; and b) distribute as much of the meeting packet as possible even if one item or another is still outstanding.

2. 2010-2012 Budget Process. Mr. Williams referred committee members to the budget chart distributed and detailed the timeline and process over the course of the coming months to

finalize the proposed championships budget for 2010-2012. Committee members noted some discrepancies between the chart and the accompanying sport committee supplements. The chart will be corrected for subsequent review.

3. Waiver of Two-Year Waiting Period for Automatic Qualification. The committee revisited discussion concerning the two-year waiting period for automatic qualification (AQ) when a provisional institution becomes active and is the seventh school in a conference to sponsor a sport. The committee referred the topic to the NCAA Division III Membership Committee for comment before continuing with further discussion.

4. Field Size Expansions for Individual-Team Sports. The committee reviewed proposals to expand field sizes from the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving, NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field and NCAA Division III Wrestling Committees. The championships committee took no action on the proposals, but noted the following for future consideration:

- For all sports, request that staff provide the sports' revised participation access ratios if proposals are approved;
- Request that the track and field committee revise its proposal to accurately reflect participant numbers; and
- Request that the wrestling committee provide a breakdown of championships participation by weight class in the 2005-2009 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships.

5. Swimming and Diving.

   a. Diving Championships Format. The committee reviewed the diving format proposals as proposed by the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee, specifically the concept of regional/zone diving competitions or a diving preliminary held the day before the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. The committee requested that the sport committee provide additional information, including the number of regional/zone competitions proposed and the estimated budget impact for each proposal. Budget analysis should also include an option whereby the NCAA, rather than the participating institutions, bears the travel and per diem expense. In addition, the committee asked that the sport committee consider a third option which includes automatic-qualification for conference champions and some number of at-large selections.

b. Diving Consolation Finals. The committee reviewed diving consolation finals as a part of the championships format and asked that the sport committee provide the following information: a) a championships schedule of events inclusive of diving consolation finals; and b) a comment addressing the interest from participating coaches and student-athletes on diving consolation finals as part of the championships program.

6. Men's Basketball. The committee acted on an informational item presented by the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Committee regarding the consolation game of the championship. Specifically, the committee **approved** the basketball committee's recommendation to replace the consolation game with an all-star game sponsored and coordinated by the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the host institution, effective with the 2010 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship.

7. Women's Golf. The committee **approved** the following 12 conferences be granted automatic qualification into the 2010 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships: American Southwest Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

8. Men's and Women's Track and Field. The committee **approved** Ohio Wesleyan University to serve as the host of the 2011 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field Championships at Selby Field/George Gautier Track in Delaware, Ohio.

9. Women's Volleyball.

a. Automatic Qualification. The committee **approved** the following 40 conferences be granted automatic qualification into the 2009 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Great South Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic

b. Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; University Athletic Association; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

c. Championships Date Formula. The committee **approved** that the championship date formula for the finals be adjusted one day later, from the third Thursday in November (Thursday-Saturday) to the third Friday in November (Friday-Sunday), and that the championship date formula for the regionals be adjusted from Thursday-Saturday the week prior to the finals to Friday-Sunday the week prior to the finals, effective with the 2010 championship.

10. Sports Wagering. The committee reviewed notice that, beginning as early as fall 2009, NCAA championship events can once again be hosted in the state of Delaware upon the awarding of a bid through the normal bid process.

11. Eligibility Waiver. The committee **approved** an eligibility waiver for St. Mary's College of Maryland for participation in the 2009 NCAA Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships.

12. Adjournment. The teleconference adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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