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Michelle Gulino, St. Joseph's College (Long Island), and Louise McCleary, Elms 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.]

Tuesday, November 16

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

1. Sport Committee Appointments. The championships committee approved recommendations for appointments to the following sports committees; all appointments will be effective immediately, unless otherwise noted:

   a. Division III Baseball Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Matt Newman – Ben Shipp, vice president for athletics, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

   b. Division III Field Hockey Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Kim Allen – Cory Ward, head field hockey coach/director of operations, Gordon College.

c. Division III Women's Ice Hockey Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Garnet Asmundson – Brad Marshall, head women's ice hockey coach, St. Catherine University.

d. Division III Softball Committee. Immediate vacancies replacing Kasey Blomquist and Steve Wammer – Robin Baker, assistant director of athletics/assistant softball coach, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire; Mike Reed, assistant director of athletics/head softball coach, University of Texas at Tyler.

e. Division III Men's Tennis Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Tracy King – Jeff Brandes, head tennis coach, Drew University.

2. Discussion on Sport Region Analysis. The committee reviewed the alignment model for sports with the level of sponsorship to yield eight regions. The eight-region model received support and will be presented to the Division III Management Council and the Division III Conference Commissioners Association in conjunction with their January in-person meetings. Furthermore, staff was directed to provide all sport committees within the proposed eight-region model with updated documents related to the analysis (e.g., visual maps and corresponding assignments by region) for sport committee review. The committee will review the six-region and two-region models during its upcoming teleconference in December and, in turn, provide those respective sport committees with materials for evaluation. All sport committees within any of the models (eight-region, six-region, or two-region) will be reminded that the deadline for feedback to the championships committee is May 1, 2011.

3. Men's Volleyball – Automatic Qualification Eligibility. Following up on action during its October 2010 teleconference regarding the first year of the men's volleyball championship (pending approval at the 2011 NCAA Convention), the committee agreed to extend the following waiver provisions to the second year of the championship:

   a. Waive the requirement that a conference be in existence for two years before receiving an automatic qualification (AQ) [refer to Bylaw 31.3.2.1.1(a)(1)];

   b. Waive the two-year waiting period for established conferences that may not have satisfied the two-year competition and continuity requirements (i.e., the same seven institutions playing volleyball together for two years); and

   c. Apply the existing grace period requirements to those conferences receiving an AQ in the first or second year of the championship.

4. Rankings and Selections – Application of 25 and 50 Percent In-region Waiver. The committee discussed the application of the 25 percent (golf and tennis) and 50 percent (team sports) in-region waivers for the purpose of determining rankings and championship selections. Specifically, the committee emphasized that the waivers it grants reflect a philosophy to alleviate travel concerns (i.e., missed class time and cost management) relevant for

geographically isolated institutions and that rankings or selections evaluation on the part of a sport committee should remain true to the principles of this philosophy. For instance, the evaluation of an institution that has received a waiver should garner the same consideration with respect to won-lost percentage as a team that has a greater number of in-region contests. The committee agreed to make the topic a point of emphasis during the September 2011 in-person meeting with chairs as well as with NCAA staff championship managers in the immediate term.

5. Adjournment. The teleconference adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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