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Dan Dutcher, NCAA
Amy Huchthausen, NCAA
Jeff Myers, NCAA
Leah Kareti, NCAA
Liz Turner Suscha, NCAA

Lynn Oberbillig, Smith College; and John Williams, NCAA, 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, March 16

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

1. Legislative Changes – NCAA Bylaw 18.4.2 - Institutional Eligibility and Bylaw 31 - Executive Regulations. The committee **approved** noncontroversial legislation to eliminate Bylaw 18.4.2 - Institutional Eligibility and amend Bylaw 31.2 - Eligibility for Championships and Bylaw 31.3 - Selection of Teams and Individuals for Championships Selection to clarify and reorganize legislation. As part of the reorganization, Bylaw 18.4.2 will be eliminated and subsumed within Bylaw 31.2.1 - Institutional Eligibility. In

addition, Bylaw 31.3.1.1 - Maximum Bracket Size will explicitly state that there shall be a minimum of two Pool C berths in every team championship bracket.

2. Definition of Core. Ms. Kareti noted that a majority of the committee members have submitted feedback regarding core definition since the February in-person meeting. She further noted that staff will meet to review feedback and consider models so that concepts can be considered at the June in-person meeting. Pending the June discussion, the topic will be an item for the 2011 NCAA Convention.

3. Waiver of Bylaw 31.1.12.1.2 - Sponsorships. The committee **approved** a waiver of Bylaw 31.1.12.1.2 - Sponsorships to permit the involvement of professional sports teams and organizations in sponsorship arrangements for the remainder of the 2009-10 academic year in the following Division III championships: men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse and women's rowing. The championships were identified as they are combined with at least one other division at the final championship site. Consequently, the waiver does not extend to any other Division III championship. The issue will be placed on the committee's June in-person meeting agenda for further consideration in order to determine whether a permanent legislative change is appropriate.

4. Softball – Committee Chair and Regional Site Selection. The committee **approved** the appointment of Anita Kubicka, assistant director of athletics and head softball coach at Montclair State University, as chair of the NCAA Division III Softball Committee, effective immediately. In addition, the committee accepted the summary of regional site selection guidelines as an informational item.

5. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving – Site Selection and Partnership with USA Swimming. The committee reviewed the recommendation to hold the 2011 men's and women's swimming and diving championships at the Allen Jones Aquatic Center on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The committee took no action, but requested that the men's and women's swimming and diving committee provide additional comment regarding the proposed date change and implications on regular season competition, specifically the timing of conference championships and allowable dates for final qualifying meets. In addition, the committee discussed the proposal made by USA Swimming to provide data and rankings support for the Division III men's and women's swimming and diving championships, but took no action.

6. Volleyball – Automatic Qualification and Regional Site Selection. The committee **approved** that the following 42 conferences be granted automatic qualification into the 2010 championship: 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 Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Middle Atlantic Conferences; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate 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; Upper Midwest Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

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7. Adjournment. The teleconference adjourned at noon.

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