# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

**1. Legislative Item.**

a. **2011 Convention Resolution – Bylaw 31.1.5 – Executive Regulations – Administration of NCAA Championships – Squad Limits – Bench Size Limits.**

(1) Recommendation. Sponsor a resolution for the 2011 Convention to determine appropriate squad and bench size limits for NCAA championships competition through study by the NCAA Division III Championships Committee with relevant recommendations to be forwarded to the governance structure (and membership if necessary) no later than July 1, 2011. The study will place emphasis on sport-specific logistical concerns, gender equity considerations, and average squad sizes among all sponsoring institutions as compared to those selected to participate in NCAA championships competition to determine which sports, if any, merit an increase in the number of people allowed in the bench area.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate.

(3) Rationale. In contrast to 2011 membership-sponsored legislative proposals to allow for unlimited bench sizes at the discretion of participating institutions, the committee believes that a review is necessary to establish workable limits. The committee also notes that championship policy already provides institutions a range of flexibility to bring additional student-athletes under existing bench-size limits.

The current proposals will apply undue pressure on institutions to permit additional student-athletes to travel, with significant expense, at a time when many institutions are facing budget challenges. Consequently, teams that have to fly to a championships site, for instance, are not likely to have the same bench size as the home team or those institutions within driving distance. Furthermore, additional related championship expenses must be considered, including hotel expense, banquet attendance, and the purchase of additional awards and participant mementos. Logistics and facility constraints also concern the committee. For instance, most baseball and softball dugouts cannot accommodate a significant increase to the current limits and golf venues can only manage a limited number of athletes on the course and driving range. In sports such as rowing and track and field, additional student-athletes on the water or track during practice raise safety concerns in light of limited venue capacity.

A data-based review is a reasonable approach that will address whether or not increases are warranted in some sports. Those changes would be proposed for the 2012 Convention, if necessary, and could come with increases in the travel party at the division's expense since the NCAA reimburses expenses for the travel party. Other ancillary benefits include that the expanded number of student-athletes would be included in other aspects of the championship experience such as the pre-event banquet, awards and being included in the game program.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None at this time.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. The resolution maintains a focus on expanding the championship experience to more student-athletes while weighing significant practical and logistical concerns.

b. **Noncontroversial Legislation – Bylaw 21.9.6.2 – Committees with Only Championships Administration Responsibilities – Committee Membership.**

(1) Recommendation. Establish a four-person sport committee representing two regions to govern the administration of the men's volleyball championship.

(2) Effective Date. Immediate, pending adoption of related championship at 2011 Convention.

(3) Rationale. Once the relevant championship is established, institutions sponsoring men's volleyball will be divided into two sport regions for the purpose of defining in-region competition and evaluating teams; two committee members will be assigned to each of the two regions. The assignment of two sport committee members to each of the two regions is consistent with sport committee composition in sports with a similar sponsorship level. Furthermore, a minimum of four members is necessary to allow for effective committee work and championships administration.

This recommendation is presented for approval in concept so that the membership can review key areas regarding the administration of the championship prior to voting on its establishment. During its post-Convention meeting, the Management Council will consider the recommendation for final adoption so that the committee may begin its work shortly after the adoption of the championship.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. $7,200 to cover committee expense related to championship and annual meeting travel and other committee business.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

**2. Nonlegislative Items.**

- **None.**

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

**1. Comments on Proposals Currently in the 2010-11 Legislative Cycle**. The committee reviewed proposals assigned to it for review that will be considered by the Division III membership at the 2011 NCAA Convention and offered the comments below.

a. Eligibility – Outside Competition – Exceptions – Triathlon. The committee agreed to support the proposal which would permit student-athletes to compete in triathlons without impacting their sport (e.g., cross country, track and field, and swimming) eligibility while still adhering to amateurism standards. The committee agreed with the sponsor's rationale and the intent that student-athletes would be expected to participate in all three legs of a triathlon competition.

b. Postseason Events – Division III Championships – Men's Volleyball. The committee agreed to support the proposal to establish a NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship. The committee agreed with the sponsor's rationale.

c. Executive Regulations – Administration of NCAA Championships – Squad Limits – Bench Size Limits – All Sports. The committee agreed to oppose the proposal to: (1) permit an institution to determine how many student-athletes it desires to have dressed, participate in warm-ups and in the bench area for an NCAA Championship contest while still adhering to the maximum number of student-athletes eligible to compete in a particular contest as determined by that sports championship policy and maintaining the current per diem policies in all sports; (2) in football, establish a maximum of 100 student-athlete who may be in the bench area. The committee believes that regulations are necessary to establish workable limits for bench size due to a number of practical and logistical concerns (Note: refer to legislative action item 1-a within this report).

d. Executive Regulations – Administration of NCAA Championships – Squad Limits – Bench Size Limits – Sports Other Than Football. The committee agreed to oppose the proposal to permit, in all applicable sports other than football, an institution to determine how many student-athletes from its current active roster it desires to dress, participate in warm-ups and be in the bench area for an NCAA Championship contest while still adhering to the maximum number of student-athletes eligible to compete in a particular championship as determined by that

sports championship policy and while maintaining the current per diem policies in all sports. The committee believes that regulations are necessary to establish workable limits for bench size due to a number of practical and logistical concerns (Note: refer to legislative action item 1-a within this report).

2. **Men's Volleyball – Championship Administration**. In addition to its support to establish the men's volleyball championship and recommend the creation of a four-person sport committee to govern the administration of the championship, the committee referred a request to the Interpretations and Legislation Committee to evaluate the waiver authority of the Championships Committee related to issues of automatic qualification, specifically the application of the two-year waiting period for conference automatic qualification eligibility. Upon receipt of the interpretation, the Championships Committee will generate a recommendation related to the establishment of automatic qualification in the sport of men's volleyball.

3. **Analysis of Sport Region Alignments.** The committee further explored sport regional alignment to create standardization wherever possible in region nomenclature and the number of sport regions (based on sport sponsorship). The committee emphasized that geographic proximity, conference affiliation, congruity between like sports (e.g. men's and women's lacrosse) along with implications for sport committee composition remain important variables when considering any change. Initial plans for the project were received favorably by sport committee chairs. Additional discussion with sport committees and the Division III Commissioners Association will take place in the coming year. In the immediate term, the committee asked NCAA staff to further refine the analysis to ensure that the agreed-upon principles of conference placement are properly reflected and presented to allow for further discussion.

4. **Team Sports – Regional Rankings Procedure.** The committee agreed to require that team sport committees rank 15 percent of the institutions eligible for championships selection per region or a minimum of two, whichever is more, effective immediately. The change will provide consistency to the rankings procedure which has varied from sport to sport. Some sports had ranked 10 teams per region, for example, with no consideration of sport sponsorship per region.

5. **Team Administrators at Championships.** During its February, 2009 in-person meeting, the committee attempted to standardize championships administrative practices and required that the institutional representative attending the pre-championships meeting must be an athletics director, senior woman administrator (or a designated administrator other than a member of that particular sport's coaching staff). The committee further emphasized the spirit of the policy to require that language in championships handbooks

and pre-championships materials reflect that the administrator must remain on site throughout the duration of competition as long as the institution is still competing. Oftentimes, the administrator is a valuable and needed member of the games committee and is expected to handle institutional issues as they may arise during the conduct of the championships. Institutions that fail to adhere to the policy will be issued a fine by the respective sport committees.

**6. Sport Committee Recommendations.**

a. Baseball.

(1) Approved that the following 38 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Baseball Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; 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 England Collegiate Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; President's Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

(2) Denied the request to reseed the final eight teams that advance to the championship and assign them to the brackets according to their seeds and eliminate the "throw-away game," currently game number 13. The Championships Committee encouraged the baseball committee to reevaluate the existing championship format and give consideration to a final site bracket that assumes that the top eight seeds will hold throughout championship play.

(3) Approved the request to move Mitchell College from the New York region to the New England region, effective with the 2010-11 academic year.

b. Men's Basketball. Approved that the following 42 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; The City University of New York Athletic Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate 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 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; USA South Athletic Conference; University Athletic Association; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

c. Women's Basketball. Approved that the following 43 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball 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 Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8 Conference; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Conference; Great South Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's & 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 Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

d. Football. Approved that the following 23 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2010 NCAA Division III Football Championship: American Southwest Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Empire 8 Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Liberty League; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Football Conference; New Jersey Athletic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Northern Atlantic Conference; Northwest Conference Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

e. Men's Golf. Approved that the following 28 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; American Southwest Conference; Centennial Conference; College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College 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; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference and the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships.

f. Women's Golf.

(1) Approved the request to modify the access ratio for women's golf from 1:7.5 to 1:7, effective with the 2011 NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships. The modified access ratio is consistent with the flexibility

allowed for individual/team sports and will provide more access to deserving Pool C teams, particularly as the individual component of the championships is relatively small when compared to the overall number of team participants (women's golf invites six individuals to participate in the championships). With the application of the 1:7 ratio, it will be possible to maintain a competitive field size and give more student-athletes access to the championships.

(2) Tabled the request that three additional individuals be added for a total of nine in the championships field. The Championships Committee requested that the women's golf committee provide additional information for future consideration including an analysis of competitive impact that the individual participants have on the championships (i.e. historical place finish, average scores, and any scoring gap from top finishers).

(3) Approved that "Late-Season Performance" be added to the secondary selection criteria. Late-season performance is defined as the last three events of the year. The modification is in accordance with NCAA Bylaw 31.3.5.2 Secondary Criteria – Ranking and Selection.

(4) Approved that the following 12 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 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.

g. Men's Ice Hockey. Approved that the 2011 Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship dates of competition be changed 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 Championships Committee supported the change based on the rationale provided by the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey committee, including a date conflict with the 2011 Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) tournament, the largest hockey tournament in the upper Midwest, which would negatively affect hotel rates and attendance at the championship.

h. Women's Ice Hockey. Approved that the following five conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Women's Ice Hockey Championship: ECAC DIII Women's East Hockey League; ECAC DIII

Women's West Hockey League; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; and Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.

i. Men's Lacrosse.

(1) Approved that the following 16 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; North Atlantic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Pilgrim League; Skyline Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; and State University of New York Athletic Conference.

(2) Accepted as information that the men's lacrosse committee favors the idea of increasing the number of individuals permitted by bench size policy by 15, thereby increasing the official travel party of 33 for a total of 48. The Championships Committee has discussed the issue of bench size policy at great length over the course of the last two years, including the recent step to recommend a resolution for consideration at the 2011 NCAA Convention (Note: refer to the legislative action item within this report).

j. Women's Lacrosse. Approved that the following 18 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Middle Atlantic States Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance; North Atlantic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; and USA South Athletic Conference.

k. Women's Rowing. Approved that the squad size for selected at-large boats increase from 11 to 12 participants; the travel party remains at 14. Teams currently compete with nine student-athletes (eight rowers and one coxswain). The current squad size for at-large boats allows an institution to bring only two spares, forcing an institution to choose to bring a spare rower and coxswain or two spare rowers. Due to the specialization of rowers (starboard versus port) and the coxswain, an institution is forced to make a strategic decision regarding

participating student-athletes that is not required of institutions that are selected as teams (two participating boats). Team boats are required to have one coxswain as a spare because of the importance of this highly specialized position. The change will align the requirements for at-large and team boats.

l. Men's and Women's Soccer. Approved that the calculation of strength of schedule for Division III soccer include a statistical component giving more value to away games (i.e., games played on the road), effective in 2011-12. After much discussion and input from NCAA statistics staff members, the Championships Committee supported the recommendation that a multiplier of 1.25 be factored into the opponents' average winning percentage (OWP) and opponents' opponents' average winning percentage (OOWP) for away games and a multiplier of 0.85 be factored into the OWP and OOWP for home games. For all OWP and OOWP neutral site games and for all tied scores, regardless of the site location, a multiplier of 1.0 (no positive or negative effect) will be applied.

m. Softball.

(1) Approved that the following 41 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Softball 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 Conference; Commonwealth Coast 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; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; 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; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

(2) Approved that all eight regional sites be selected a minimum of three weeks prior to team selections to allow sufficient time for hosts to prepare for the regional tournaments. In prior years, the NCAA Division III Softball Committee delayed selecting the regional host in the West/South until after the conclusion of team selections in an effort to ensure that the institution selected to host was participating in the championship and to minimize flights. However, this practice had the consequence of potential hosts holding hotel rooms and facilities, confirming staff and conducting event management meetings unnecessarily for extended periods. Relationships with hotels were strained for those institutions not selected to host when hotel rooms were released only a few days prior to the reserved dates. Further, institutions in the West/South were less likely to bid due to the late notification of their status as a host.

(3) Took action and accepted the softball committee's intention to reallocate existing funds ($600 total) to pay per diem to assistant site representatives at two six-team regional sites. The change is consistent with the per diem policy for assistant site representatives at the existing eight-region sties. The responsibilities for the site representative are not substantially different for six-team sites as compared to eight-team sites, and it is not possible for only one person to monitor all pregame activities and also attend all postgame interviews. In addition, some site representatives are now being requested to assist with barrel compression bat testing. Given that assistant site representatives are expected to be from the locale and receive per diem only for the practice day and each competition day (maximum of four days), the cost is minimal for the amount of assistance provided.

(4) Approved that Frostburg State University, University of Minnesota, Morris, Northland College, and Spalding University be realigned to an appropriate sport region, effective in 2010-11. The identified institutions have joined a conference or moved to a different conference. The realignments place each institution in the same sports region as the rest of their conference members.

(5) Approved that a survey regarding a possible change to the softball championship date formula (consideration to move the championship dates one week later) be sent to the membership for consideration.

n. Men's Tennis. Approved that the following 29 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championships: American Southwest Conference; Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; City University of New York Athletic Conference; Colonial States

Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Little East Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; President's Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern California Inter. Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; University Athletic Association; USA South Athletic Conference.

o. Women's Tennis. Approved that the following 37 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Women's Tennis 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 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; Mid-west Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletics Conference; North Coast Athletic Conference; North Eastern Athletic Conference; Northern Athletics Conference; Northwest Conference; Ohio Athletic Conference; Old Dominion Athletic Conference; President's Athletic Conference; Skyline Conference; Southern California Inter. Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; University Athletic Association; USA South Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

p. Men's and Women's Track and Field. Tabled the request to replace the men's pentathlon with the men's heptathlon in the Division III Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships competition schedule, effective 2011-12. The Championships Committee noted the lack of response to the membership survey on the topic and requested that the men's and women's track and field committee provide additional support for the change from the sport's coaches association. In addition, the Championships Committee requested that the men's and women's track and field committee address the issue of the competition schedule, specifically with an aim to contain the event change within the existing two-day meet schedule.

**7. Championships Site Selections.** The Championships Committee approved the following championships site selections for Division III Championships, 2011-2014:

a. Men's Lacrosse.

(1) Championship host for 2013. The host for 2013 will be Drexel University (joint championships with Divisions I and II).

(2) Championship host for 2014. The hosts for 2014 will be Johns Hopkins University, Loyola University (Maryland), the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and Towson University (joint championships with Divisions I and II).

b. Rowing.

(1) Championship host for 2011. The host for 2011 will be Washington State University (joint championships with Divisions I and II).

(2) Championship host for 2012. The host for 2012 will be the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (joint championships with Divisions I and II).

(3) Championship host for 2013. The host for 2013 will be Clemson University (joint championships with Divisions I and II).

c. Men's and Women's Cross Country. The host for 2011 will be the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

**8. Championships Committee Chair Appointment**. The committee recommended that Stuart Robinson, athletics director at State University College at New Paltz, be appointed as chair of the NCAA Division III Championships Committee, effective February 1, 2011.

*Committee Chair: Ira Zeff, Nebraska Wesleyan University*
*Staff Liaisons: Jan Gentry, Championships*
*Liz Turner Suscha, Championships*
*John Williams, Championships*