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Division III Championships Committee

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1. Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda. [Supplement No. 1]

2. Approval of previous minutes. [Supplement No. 2]

3. Governance update.

4. Management Council/Presidents Council updates.

5. Commissioners meeting update.

6. NCAA Bylaw 31.1.12.1.2. – Sponsorships, Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities. [Supplement No. 3]

7. Bylaw 20.8.1 – Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships. [Supplement No. 4]

8. Core automatic qualification discussion. [Supplement No. 5]

9. Sport regional alignment and ranking. [Supplement No. 6]

10. Championship squad sizes. [Supplement No. 7]

11. Budget and CBS Contract. (Joy Norton)

12. Men's volleyball championship. [Supplement No. 8]

13. Sports committees' recommendations.

    a. Women's basketball. [Supplement No. 9]

b. Women's bowling. [Supplement No. 10]

c. Football. [Supplement No. 11]

d. Men's and women's ice hockey. [Supplement No. 12]

e. Men's and women's soccer. [Supplement No. 13]

[NOTE: There is no Supplement No. 14]

f. Wrestling. [Supplement No. 15]

g. Championship bids. [Supplement No. 16]

14. Phase Three of Respect Campaign. (Laurie Cannon)

15. Bench Policy – Empire 8 request. [Supplement No. 17]

16 Division III championships promotions and enhancements.

a. Championships winter enhancements reports (sports committee feedback). [Supplement No. 18]

b. Championships winter reports. [Supplement No. 19]

17. Sports committee appointments. [Supplement No. 20]

18. Future meeting dates and sites. *(Bring your calendars for the next year.)*

a. September 12-14, 2010, Indianapolis, Indiana

b. February TBD, 2011, Indianapolis, Indiana.

c. June TBD, 2011, Indianapolis, Indiana.

d. Monthly teleconferences - third Tuesday of each month *excluding* January, February, June, July and September, beginning at 11 a.m. Eastern.

19. Other business.

20. Adjournment.

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Participants:

Tim Downes, Emory University
Bob King, Trinity University (Texas)
Alex Kulp, Moravian College
Chris Martin, College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin
Louise McCleary, Elms College
Lynn Oberbillig, Smith College
Stuart Robinson, State University College at New Paltz
Ira Zeff, Nebraska Wesleyan University, chair
Linda Godby, NCAA
Liz Turner Suscha, NCAA
John Williams, NCAA

Gary Brown, Laurie Cannon, Azure Davey, Dan Dutcher, Leah Kareti, Debbie Kresge, Jeff Myers, and Joy Norton, NCAA, were in attendance for portions of the meeting. Sue Viscomi, Hamilton College, was not in attendance.

[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.]

Monday, June 21

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Mr. Zeff. All members were present as noted above.

1. Opening Remarks and Review of Meeting Schedule. Mr. Zeff gave opening remarks, reviewed the agenda for the meeting, and accepted items for new business. Mr. Martin and Mr. Brown were welcomed by the committee.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes. The committee approved the minutes from the February 2010 meeting, March 2010 teleconference, and April 2010 teleconference.

3. Division III Governance Update. Mr. Dutcher highlighted the Division III governance update with a capsule of proposed legislation to position Division III presidents for more effective and strategic decision-making while establishing more legislative authority with the Management Council. Other items of review included the evaluation of the drug education and testing pilot program, the progress of the academic reporting pilot, and the ongoing implementation of the identity initiative. Ms. Kareti expanded the report with updates from recent Management Council and Presidents Council meetings, including a report of the 2010-2012 approved budget allocations that impact championships.

4. Report from Conference Commissioners Meeting. Mr. Williams provided an update from the recent conference commissioners meeting. Highlights included a discussion on regional alignment issues, the prospect of a men's volleyball championship, and a balanced approach to raising NCAA championship fees for officials. Mr. Martin also noted the extensive discussion around the use of wood bats in the sport of baseball.

5. NCAA Bylaw 31.1.12.1.2 – Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities, Sponsorships. The committee agreed to sponsor an administrative regulation to amend NCAA Bylaw 31.1.12.1.2 – Restricted Advertising and Sponsorship Activities, Sponsorships to permit sponsorship of NCAA championship activities and promotions by a professional sports team or organization if the venue for the championship activities is the home of the professional sports team or organization, effective immediately.

6. Bylaw 20.8.1 – Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships. The committee agreed to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 20.8.1 – Eligibility for National Collegiate Championships to eliminate the requirement that, in those sports in which two-thirds or more of the institutions sponsoring the sport are members of the same division, an institution is required to meet that division's and its own division's institutional and individual eligibility requirements (or the more stringent rule if both divisions' rules address the same issue), effective August 1, 2011, contingent on adoption by all three divisions.

7. Core Requirement for Championships Automatic Qualification. The committee continued its discussion concerning conference core membership after reviewing additional analysis

provided by staff. After significant discussion, the committee agreed to seek feedback from the Management Council on the concept to amend Bylaw 31.3.2.1.4 – Core Institution to specify that an institution be core in only one conference, effective date to be determined. The committee believes that that the restriction would establish stability in conference membership and require institutions to think more strategically about alignments other than for the purpose of acquiring championships automatic qualification. In addition, the core designation could be used to assign accountability for conference requirements and benefits (e.g., grant money, voting privileges, Student-Athlete Advisory Committees representation, and Conference Self-Study Guide). Currently, the assignment of requirements and benefits is not precisely legislated for alternative conference models, specifically one that is structured under an "umbrella" (one large conference with two sub-conferences). The bylaw amendment would eliminate the possibility of the "umbrella" conference model since it would not be possible for an institution to be considered core in one of the sub-conferences as well as the large umbrella. The committee noted that, if the amendment is ultimately adopted, consideration must be given to the "umbrella" conference that currently exists to minimize any negative impact if a change is eventually adopted by the membership.

In the course of its discussion, the championships committee also considered a model whereby a large conference (with membership of 16 institutions or more) receives two bids for automatic-qualification in sports with sponsorship of 16 or more. However, the committee noted that such a model could cause membership challenges for smaller conferences, may encourage realignment solely for the purpose of automatic qualification, and could impact the meaning of conference competition.

8. Conference Membership Requirements. The committee discussed the minimum number of institutions required for a conference to be eligible for automatic qualification in a sport (currently seven) as compared to the minimum number required to meet parameters for being considered an active conference (currently six) and will request that the Division III Membership Committee consider the issue to determine whether both standards should be seven.

9. Presentation of the New NCAA Media Rights Agreement. The committee received a presentation from Ms. Norton on the NCAA's new 14-year broadcast agreement with CBS/Turner Broadcasting. Mr. Dutcher added that the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee will evaluate the appropriate inflationary adjustment for championships as well as the Division III reserve policy in light of the new agreement.

10. Championship Squad Sizes. Prompted by a letter from the Empire 8 conference office, the committee reviewed championship bench size and squad size policies. The committee reaffirmed its existing policies, citing its significant discussion on the topic as recently as February 2009. In addition, the committee reemphasized its concern to maintain a level playing field for teams participating in Division III championships noting that an expansion of the bench size policy would favor those institutions that could absorb the expense of additional travel party members.

11. Men's Volleyball – Championship Proposal. The championships committee reviewed a proposed timeline for action leading to an inaugural Division III Men's Volleyball Championship anticipating two conferences' intent to submit legislation for consideration at the 2011 NCAA Convention for the division to create a championship. If approved, the championship would be conducted in April 2012. The championships committee identified establishment of the sport committee, determination of policies and procedures for playing and practice seasons, creation of playing rules, and consideration for automatic qualification for existing and newly forming conferences sponsoring men's volleyball as key issues to address upon submission of the proposed legislation and before the 2011 NCAA Convention.

12. Sport Committee Recommendations. The committee reviewed several informational items and took the actions noted below regarding recommendations submitted by Division III governing sports committees:

    a. Women's Basketball. Tabled the request to rank eight institutions in each of eight regions, with the exception of the Northeast region, which will continue to rank 10. The championships committee noted that it will reconsider the request as part of its analysis of sport region alignments and rankings processes.

    b. Women's Bowling. Approved a request to sponsor noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 21.4.2 – Bowling Committee, Women's to specify that the Women's Bowling Committee consist of seven members, including one non-voting secretary-rules editor, effective August 1, 2010, contingent on adoption by all three divisions. The committee further specified that one of the two available at-large committee members be selected to represent Division III institutions sponsoring the sport.

    c. Men's Soccer. Approved that the following 41 conferences be granted automatic qualification into the 2010 NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Championship: Allegheny Mountain Athletic 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; Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference; Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Athletic Conference; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletics 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 Athletic Conference; Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; State University of New York Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; Upper Midwest Athletic Conference; USA South Athletic Conference; and University Athletic Association.

d. Women's Soccer. Approved that the following 42 conferences be granted automatic qualification into the 2010 NCAA Division III Women's Soccer 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; The 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; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference; Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Collegiate Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletics 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.

e. Men's and Women's Soccer. Tabled the request to calculate strength-of-schedule with a statistical component giving more value to away games (i.e., games played on the road). The NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Soccer Committees proposed that a multiplier of 1.25 factor into the opponents' winning percentage (OWP) and opponents'/opponents' winning percentage (OOWP) for away games and a multiplier of 0.85 be factored into the OOWP and OWP 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) be included, effective 2011-12. The championships committee determined that additional feedback from the NCAA statistics department is necessary before considering the request further.

f. Wrestling.

(1) Approved a request to sponsor legislation for the 2011 Convention to specify that the first date for practice would be October 10, and the first date of competition (including open, unattached or intercollegiate competition) would be November 1.

(2) Denied a request to sponsor legislation to add an annual exemption to the date of competition limits for an institution and/or student-athlete to participate in the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) National Duals. The championships committee does not see the distinction between the NWCA National Duals in the sport of wrestling and any other invitational-type event for other sports (e.g., Drake Relays for outdoor track and field).

13. Championship Site Selections. The championships committee approved the following championships site selections for Division III championships for 2011-2013:

a. Baseball. The host for 2012 and 2013 will be Lawrence University.

b. Men's Basketball. The hosts for 2012 and 2013 will be the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the City of Salem, Virginia.

c. Women's Basketball. The host for 2012 and 2013 will be Hope College.

d. Football. The hosts for 2011, 2012, and 2013 will be the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the City of Salem, Virginia.

e. Men's Golf. The host for 2012 will be Oglethorpe University.

f. Men's and Women's Golf. The host for 2013 will be Methodist University.

g. Women's Golf. The host for 2012 will be Trine University.

h. Men's Ice Hockey. The host for 2012 and 2013 will be Plattsburgh State University.

i. Women's Lacrosse. The host for 2012 and 2013 will be Montclair St. University (2013 in conjunction with Division II women's lacrosse).

j. Men's and Women's Soccer. The hosts for 2011, 2012, and 2013 will be Trinity University (Texas) and the San Antonio Sports Commission.

k. Softball.

(1) 2012. The host for 2012 will be the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and the City of Salem, Virginia.

(2) 2013. The host for 2013 will be the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.

l. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving. The host for 2013 will be the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference and the City of Shenandoah, Texas.

m. Men's and Women's Tennis. The host for 2013 will be Kalamazoo College.

n. Volleyball. The host for 2012 and 2013 will be Hope College.

o. Wrestling. The host for 2012 will be the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.

p. Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field. The host for 2012 will be Grinnell College.

14. Sportsmanship – NCAA Respect Campaign. The championships committee received a report from Ms. Cannon related to the NCAA Respect Campaign. Leaders in the sport of soccer agreed to have soccer serve as the pilot sport for phase III of the campaign, a sportsmanship implementation plan for regular-season and post-season competition. Feedback will be gathered from the key stakeholders and the campaign will be evaluated throughout the pilot program.

[Note: The meeting recessed at 5 p.m.]

Tuesday, June 22

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. All members were present as noted above.

15. Championships Reports. Committee members reviewed the 2010 winter championships and enhancement reports, noting that the execution of championships is improving with greater attention and resources devoted to the student-athlete experience.

16. Sport Committee Appointments. The championships committee approved recommendations for appointments to the following sports committees; all appointments will be effective September 1, 2010, unless otherwise noted:

    a. Division III Baseball Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Tom Sheridan. Jeff Cleanthes, head baseball coach, Rhodes College.

    b. Division III Women's Basketball Committee. Chair: Robin Hamilton, associate athletics director and senior woman administrator, University of Puget Sound.

    c. Division III Field Hockey Committee. Great Lakes region: Brenda Meese, assistant director of athletics/field hockey coach, College of Wooster.

    d. Division III Football Committee. West region: Terry Horan, head football coach, Concordia College, Moorhead.

    e. Division III Men's Golf Committee. West region: Jeff Lindgren, head golf coach, California Lutheran University.

    f. Division III Rowing Committee. New York region: Eric Summers, head crew coach, Hamilton College.

    g. Division III Men's Soccer. Chair: David Kulik, associate director of athletics and head men's soccer coach, Clark University.

    h. Division III Women's Soccer. Chair: John Neese, director of athletics, Hardin-Simmons University.

    i. Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee. District 1: Kate Roy, head women's swimming coach, University of New England.

j. Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee. Immediate vacancy replacing Malcolm Dunn -- West region: John Goldhammer, head track/cross country coach/associate director of athletics, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd Scripps Colleges. [Note: September 1, 2014 term end date.]

17. Analysis of Sport Region Alignments and Rankings Processes**.** The committee further examined current sport regional alignments in an effort to create standardization wherever possible in the areas of region nomenclature and the number of sport regions (based on sport sponsorship). The committee reaffirmed that geographic proximity, conference affiliation, congruity between like sports (e.g., men's and women's lacrosse) along with implications for sport committee composition are important variables when considering any change. The committee asked NCAA staff to continue the analysis, placing primary importance on conference composition for further discussion during its September, 2010 in-person meeting. The committee also agreed to explore whether or not the men's basketball method of determining the appropriate number of teams to rank per region can be applied to all team sports, specifically to divide the number of sponsoring institutions in each region by the bracket access ratio with no region ranking fewer than four teams.

18. Score Reporting Pilot Program**.** The committee evaluated the 2009-10 score-reporting pilot program designed to make more transparent the data the Division III Baseball Committee, Division III Men's and Women's Basketball Committees, men's and women's soccer committees, and Division III Softball Committee use for selection purposes. The championships committee agreed that the program's implementation achieved the goal of transparency and was not burdensome for staff to execute. As a result, the committee agreed to extend the practice to the remaining team sports (field hockey, football, volleyball, men's and women's ice hockey, and men's and women's lacrosse) for 2010-11 and beyond.

19. Hotel Expense for Participating Teams. The committee explored the topic of hotel expenses in response to recent experience at various championships with unfavorable rates negotiated for participating teams. The committee emphasized the need to control expenses given the per-diem rate for championship participation and to identify a guaranteed room rate whenever possible in the bid process for a site award.

20. National Collegiate Representation. The committee discussed Division III representation at National Collegiate championships and considered whether or not expanding championship opportunities would promote improved sport sponsorship in the Division, particularly in

endangered or at-risk Olympic sports. While the committee engaged in significant discussion, no action was taken.

21. Spring Championship Dates. The committee discussed championships currently scheduled for late spring (e.g., tennis, outdoor track and field, and baseball) and noted the expense to keep student-athletes on campus as well as the frequent commencement conflicts with competition over regional/preliminary round dates. No action was taken, but the committee will consider further study of the topic.

22. General Business. The committee updated sport liaison assignments and reviewed the dates of future meetings and teleconferences.

23. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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