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Chris Martin, College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin
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Ira Zeff, Nebraska Wesleyan University, chair
Jan Gentry, NCAA
Younyoung Lee, NCAA
Leah Kareti, NCAA
Maerang Koo, NCAA
Jeff Myers, NCAA
Liz Turner Suscha, NCAA
John Williams, NCAA

Sue Viscomi, Hilbert College, was not able to participate on the teleconference. Tom Paul and Jim Wright, NCAA, participated during a portion of the call.

[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, August 17

The teleconference was called to order at 11:05 a.m. by the chair, Mr. Zeff. All members were present as noted above.

1. Welcome remarks. Mr. Williams introduced Ms. Gentry as a new secondary liaison for the Division III Championships Committee. In addition, Ms. Koo and Ms. Lee, NCAA interns from South Korea, were introduced to the committee.

2. Men's Ice Hockey. The committee **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 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.

3. Men's and Women's Soccer. The committee **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 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.

4. Softball.

   a. Regional Alignment. The committee **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.

   b. Championship Date Formula Survey. The committee **approved** that a survey regarding a possible change to the softball championship date formula be sent to the membership for consideration to move the championship dates one week later.

5. Analysis of Sport Regional Alignments. Mr. Williams provided the committee with an update regarding the ongoing project to examine 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). For eight-region sports (e.g., basketball), an emphasis on conference composition appears to work neatly with sports falling into the same established regions. More work is to be done with sports with sponsorship that yields two, four, or six sport regions. Mr. Williams will provide additional material on the topic to the committee in advance of the September in-person meeting and the discussion with sport committee chairs.

6. Agenda – September In-Person Meeting. The committee reviewed the proposed agenda for the September in-person meeting and suggested that time during the sport committee chairs meeting be devoted to a discussion on the determination of host sites, specifically related to the benefits and challenges of repeat hosts on one hand and rotating hosts on the other. In addition, the committee will add a discussion on date formulas for spring championships to its agenda.

7. Adjournment. The teleconference adjourned at noon.

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