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Leah Kareti, NCAA
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Sue Viscomi, Hilbert College, and Michelle Gulino, St. Joseph's College (Long Island), 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 15

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

1. Championship Site Selections. The championships committee took the following action regarding championship site selections:

   a. Men's and Women's Track and Field.

      (1) 2011 Cross Country Championships. Approved the following regional site selections:

Atlantic Region	St. Lawrence University
Central Region	Wartburg College
Great Lakes Region	Oberlin College
Mideast Region	DeSales College
Midwest Region	Augustana College
Northeast Region	Bowdoin College
South Region	Texas Lutheran University
West Region	Occidental College

(2) 2012 Cross Country Championships. Approved Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology as the host of the 2012 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships at LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute, Indiana.

(3) 2012 Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Approved Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges as the host of the 2012 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Burns Stadium in Claremont, California.

(4) 2013 Indoor Track and Field Championships. Approved North Central College as the host of the 2013 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships at Al B. Carius Track in Naperville, Illinois.

b. Men's Volleyball.

(1) 2012. Approved Springfield College to serve as the host of the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Championship at Blake Arena in Springfield, Massachusetts.

(2) 2013. Approved Stevens Institute of Technology to serve as the host of the 2013 championship at Canavan Arena in Hoboken, New Jersey.

2. Soccer Championships Format. At the request of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA), the committee engaged in a brief discussion concerning the championships format for men's and women's soccer, specifically to consider a day off between the semi-final and final championship games. The committee discussed factors such as adequate rest for participating student-athletes, missed class time, additional travel expense, and lack of precedent in other sports. The committee took no action.

3. Men's Volleyball.

   a. Committee Chair. The committee approved Louise McCleary, director of athletics at Elms College, as the NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Committee chair, effective immediately.

   b. Championship Date Formula. The committee approved a revision to the date formula to state that the championship would be held on the final full weekend in April (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

4. Softball. The committee approved that each of the eight regional sites be confirmed approximately three weeks prior to the selection of teams in order for hosts to confirm hotel reservations, prepare to host six- or eight-team regional tournaments and promote the championship. Per Division III bracketing policies, the teams selected for the championship will be assigned to regional sites based on geographic proximity to minimize flights.

5. Championship Bid Specifications – Webcasting. The committee discussed the potential to add a requirement that championship hosts (all sports, all rounds of competition) have the capability to produce a webcast of competition in order to be selected as a championship site. The committee agreed that emphasis be placed on finals sites and that a requirement for preliminary-round sites would need further discussion to determine standards of execution and consideration of existing webcasting capabilities among member institutions. The committee took no action.

6. Sports Committee Regional Chairs. The committee discussed the important role sports committee members play as the chairs of their respective regional advisory committees (RACs). The committee noted the value of previous experience on RACs, committee orientation calls and committee operations manuals as part of the training for sports committee members. The committee agreed to forward to the Division III Nominating Committee a strong preference for sports committee members to have previous RAC experience. Furthermore, the committee suggested that an evaluation tool be developed to allow regional advisory committee members the opportunity to comment on their experience, including the performance of the regional chair.

7. Analysis of Championship Squad and Bench Size Limits. The committee was reminded that each team sports committee, as well as the men's and women's golf and men's and women's tennis committees, will be provided five key figures to assist with their sport-specific discussions of squad and bench-size limits and the appropriate number of non-athletes in the official traveling party. Feedback from sport committees is due by April 15

and will, in turn, be compiled for review by the committee during their May 10 teleconference and May 31-June 1 in-person meeting. The committee will evaluate the total number of championship opportunities by gender as feedback is considered and a proposal for the membership is developed. (Refer to Attachment for a report on Division III championship opportunities compiled in September 2009.)

8. Institutional Eligibility Waivers. The committee approved requests for a deadline waiver per NCAA Bylaw 31.2.1.1 to restore institutional eligibility for championships for Centre College in the sports of men's and women's lacrosse and for Neumann University in the sports of men's and women's indoor track and field.

9. Other Business. Mr. Robinson noted that he would entertain interest from committee members for the assignment of liaison to the rowing committee.

10. Adjournment. The teleconference adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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