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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. Division III governance update. (Dan Dutcher)

4. Legislative proposals for the 2012 NCAA Convention. [Supplement No. 25]

5. Recap of the chairs' meeting.

6. Sports committees' recommendations.

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    b. Bowling. [Supplement No. 4]

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o. Volleyball. [Supplement No. 24]

7. Field hockey eyewear. [Supplement No. 17] (David Klossner)

8. Playing Rules Oversight Panel report. [Supplement No. 18]

9. Fifty-percent waiver – University of California, Santa Cruz. [Supplement No. 19]

10. NAIA/NCAA joint declarations. [Supplement No. 20]

11. Budget requests. [Supplement No. 21]

a. Sports committee requests.

(1) Baseball.
(2) Football.
(3) Men's golf.
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(5) Men's ice hockey.
(6) Women's ice hockey.
(7) Women's lacrosse.
(8) Rowing.
(9) Men's and women's soccer.
(10) Softball.
(11) Men's and women's swimming and diving.
(12) Men's and women's track and field.
(13) Wrestling.

b. Travel party increase.

c. One administrator per institution at each championship.

12. Championship reports. [Supplement No. 22]

13. Championship enhancement reports. [Supplement No. 23]

14. NCAA Championships 89:ONE update. (Greg Shaheen)

15. Future meeting dates and sites.

    a. February 22-23, 2012 meeting (Indianapolis, Indiana).

    b. May/June TBD, 2012 meeting (Indianapolis, Indiana).

    c. September TBD, 2012 meeting (Indianapolis, Indiana).

16. Other business.

17. Adjournment.

REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

a. Convention Proposal No. 2-8 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- General Playing Season Regulations -- Postseason Activities -- Exempting One Postseason Championship from the 18- or 19-Week Declared Playing Season.

(1) Recommendation. That the NCAA Division III Management Council oppose 2011 Convention Proposal No. 2-8.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2012.

(3) Rationale. The committed noted that while certain season-ending tournaments (e.g., Eastern College Athletic Conference championships) are exempted from contest limitations and not from the playing season limitations, there is not a significant undue burden on institutions that choose to participate in these championships to warrant extension of the playing seasons as proposed. The committee expressed concern about the timing of such postseason championships under this proposal, which could result in a significant lengthening of the playing season. Further, the committee observed that this proposal is likely targeted to a specific area of the country where existing and traditional postseason championships occur, but could increase pressure on other institutions to establish new events in order to gain a competitive edge, thereby adding contests and increasing costs.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaws 17.4.2 and 17.4.3 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Bowling -- Preseason Practice and First Date of Competition -- October 1.

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council sponsor as noncontroversial legislation that an institution shall not commence practice sessions or engage in its first date of competition with outside competition prior to October 1.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2012.

(3) Rationale. This recommendation would standardize across the three NCAA divisions the first permissible dates of preseason practice and competition, and it would minimize the pressure to begin the season early in the academic year.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. This change may reduce the length of the preseason practice period.

c. Noncontroversial Legislation -- Bylaws 17.4.5.1 and 17.4.5.2 -- Playing and Practice Seasons -- Women's Bowling -- Number of Dates of Competition.

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council sponsor as noncontroversial legislation that an institution shall limit its total playing schedule with outside competition to 32 dates of competition, and that an individual student-athlete shall limit her participation each academic year to 32 dates of competition. Further, all dates of competition of a tournament shall be included in the maximum limitation.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2012.

(3) Rationale. Under current legislation, institutions and student-athletes may participate in 26 dates of competition. However, with the tournament provision, up to 10 three-day tournaments may count as single dates of competition, which permits institutions and student-athletes to participate in as many as 46 dates of competition (i.e., 10 x 3 = 30 plus 16 additional dates of competition = 46 total). By eliminating the tournament provision, this recommendation standardizes the total dates of competition for institutions and student-athletes and also reduces the total dates of competition for institutions and student-athletes by as many as 14 dates.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Potential cost savings to institutions due to a decrease in dates of competition.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. This change limits the dates of competition in which student-athletes may participate and reduces travel and missed class time.

2. Nonlegislative Items.

a. Championship Bench Size Limits -- Football.

(1) Recommendation. Adjust bench size limits for football from 75 to 78 for the 2011-12 academic year. The additional positions are to be filled at the institution's discretion with student-athletes permitted to be in uniform and participate in practice and warm-ups. The established squad size limit (i.e., 52 - the number of student-athletes permitted to participate in a contest) will remain unchanged.

(2) Effective Date. 2011-12 academic year (single championship season only).

(3) Rationale. The committee is recommending the bench size increase in response to a resolution adopted at the 2011 NCAA Convention that promised to study the appropriate number of student-athletes allowed in the bench area at various championships. The bench size for football previously was increased from 72 to 75. However, the NCAA Division III Football Committee has confirmed its support for increasing the bench size to the full number permitted under current guidelines (squad size of 52 plus six student-athletes previously approved to be in uniform and participate in practice and warm-ups plus 20 individuals equaling 78 total people) rather than capping the bench size at 75.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. Funding for the additional bench positions will be at the institution's expense in 2011-12, since additional personnel above and beyond the squad size and travel party are not reimbursed by the NCAA. In subsequent years, the increases would be fully funded as an expansion of the squad size, pending budget approval.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. This recommendation will indirectly impact student-athletes by ensuring that the number of non-athletes allowed as bench personnel is maintained.

b. Sport Sponsorship -- Rowing.

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council refer to the Division III Membership Committee the issue of the minimum number of boats an institution must have (e.g., a I Eight and a II Eight) and the minimum number of regattas in which the boat(s) must compete in order for an institution to sponsor women's rowing.

(2) Effective Date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. The NCAA Division III women's rowing championship follows the playing rules of the U.S. Rowing Association, the national governing body, and the rules do not clearly define how many boats are necessary for a completed contest. Similarly, NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3.8 mandates that an institution's rowing team participates in a minimum of eight contests for sport sponsorship but does not specifically define how many boats must compete on behalf of the institution. The Division III Membership Committee should review this issue and confirm the sport sponsorship requirements for women's rowing prior to the women's rowing committee determining the minimum number of boats and the minimum number of regattas necessary for a team to be eligible for selection to the championship.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. Budget Priorities for 2012-15 Triennium. The committee solicited feedback from sport committee chairs regarding potential budget priorities for the next budget cycle. The committee expressed concern regarding whether the current reimbursement policies fully cover the expenses of institutions participating in NCAA championships and agreed that upcoming budget discussions should focus on providing a fully funded championship experience. Top priorities include increasing the per diem rate, increasing the number of per diem days (for all teams or for selected championships) and increasing the squad size for the championships that were previously approved to include additional student-athletes in the bench size at the institution's expense for the 2011-12 year. An additional budget priority is officials' fees.

2. Regional Alignment. The committee continued to discuss regional alignment. The initial regional alignment models that were reviewed by conference commissioners at the 2011 NCAA Convention and also reviewed by sport committees were developed based on the goals of 1) emphasis on conference affiliation (e.g., all members of a conference assigned to the same sport region); 2) standardized region nomenclature (e.g., all sports with eight regions use the same name for each region, all sports with six regions use the same name for each region, etc.); 3) consistent application for sport region assignments (e.g., sports sponsored by more than 300 institutions are eight-region sports; sports

sponsored by 200-299 institutions are six-region sports, etc.); and 4) concern for geographic proximity. The committee reviewed updated regional alignment models that also address concerns raised regarding a lack of equity in the number of institutions assigned to each sport region (e.g., 79 teams in the New England region and 34 teams in the West region). Initial feedback from the sport committee chairs indicated that the eight-region models were most consistent in achieving the goals of the realignment project. The updated models will be provided to conference commissioners and sport committees for additional feedback. The timeline for implementation of the new regional alignment models is the 2013-14 academic year.

3. **Selection Criteria.** The committee discussed the selection principle that teams are selected for Division III championships on a national basis using regional selection criteria and noted that sport committees often find it challenging to compare teams from different regions if the teams have no head-to-head contests or common opponents; there is little data in the regional (primary) criteria to compare. The committee discussed including all contests against Division III opponents in the primary criteria and including all contests against non-Division III opponents in the secondary criteria (i.e., "a game is a game" against Division III opponents). To maintain the Division III philosophy of emphasizing in-region competition, an institution must meet a minimum threshold (e.g., 70 percent) of in-region contests to be eligible for selection. Initial feedback from the sport committee chairs was positive, especially with the understanding that the potential change to the selection criteria, the implementation of the regional alignment models and any changes to the ranking process (e.g., sport committees to rank 15 percent of the teams in each region, with an established minimum and/or maximum number of teams ranked) would occur at the same time (i.e., 2013-14 academic year). It is anticipated that regardless of changes to the selection criteria or ranking process, many institutions will continue to schedule the majority of their contests based on geographic proximity to minimize travel expenses.

4. **Update from NCAA Travel Staff.** The committee received a report from the NCAA travel staff regarding the ground transportation pilot program with GO Ground Options, which resulted in approximately 33 percent savings overall for ground transportation from 2009-10 to 2010-11. Following a request for proposal (RFP) bid process, GO Ground Options, in conjunction with Game Day Operations, has been awarded a contract to provide ground transportation for NCAA championships for 2011-12. GO Ground Options will provide bus transportation and Game Day Operations will handle transportation logistics in the locale of selected championships. For 2011-12, all Division III team sport championships will be required to utilize GO Ground Options for any ground transportation to be reimbursed by the NCAA. Institutions with an existing bus contract for the regular season and postseason will receive a one-year grace period. Information regarding the ground transportation program will be communicated to directors of athletics, senior woman administrators and conference commissioners.

The travel staff also discussed the concept of increasing by a half day the number of days of per diem provided for teams participating in championships (i.e., on the day prior to the practice day). Further discussion related to the possibility of the NCAA, rather than championship hosts, assuming responsibility for negotiating team hotel rates and the NCAA paying lodging expenses for championship participants directly, similar to the current ground transportation program.

5. **Waiver of Bylaw 31.3.3.2.1 – Fifty-Percent Requirement.** The committee approved the waiver request for the University of California at Santa Cruz for men's basketball.

6. **Field Hockey Eyewear.** The committee received a report from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports recommending that NCAA field hockey student-athletes be required to wear protective American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)-approved eyewear during play. The committee noted the recent action of the National Federation of State High School Associations to mandate the use of ASTM-approved eyewear in 2011-12 for high school field hockey players. The committee referred the issue to the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Committee and requested that formal feedback from the sport committee and the field hockey community be provided to the committee prior to its October teleconference. The committee noted that if ASTM-approved eyewear is mandated, the implementation should be no earlier than August 2012 to allow institutions to plan for the equipment purchase in their budget cycle.

7. **Championships Preview.** NCAA staff provided an update regarding the new Championships Preview that replaces the former preseason memorandum or newsletter sent on a sport-by-sport basis and any other sport-specific correspondence as appropriate (e.g., reminders memos, solicitation of bids for nonpredetermined sites, etc.). This monthly communication will be sent on a divisional basis to all directors of athletics, senior woman administrators, sports information directors, conference commissioners, conference senior woman administrators and head coaches of those sports that are specifically noted in the email. The Championships Preview was developed in an effort to reduce the volume of correspondence sent to institutions and conference offices. The goal of the Preview is to highlight important dates and deadlines and direct the membership to a central platform of championships information (i.e., sport landing pages on www.ncaa.org).

8. **Special Olympics.** NCAA staff provided a report regarding the formal launch of the Special Olympics initiative in 2011-12, which will be spearheaded by the national Student-Athlete Advisory Committee with support from championship hosts and championship managers. Expectations of activation include 1) interaction with Special Olympic athletes (e.g., team social); 2) a platform to recognize the Special Olympic athletes (e.g., scrimmage, first pitch, team introductions, etc.); and 3) promotion of the

initiative to elevate awareness (e.g., signage, public address announcements). Each championship will receive $1,000 to activate, and the funds may be used for such items as a clinic, T-shirts, transportation reimbursement for SAAC members to travel to the championship site, etc. Equipment suppliers will be encouraged to participate, and a detailed website also will offer resources.

9. **Division III Identity Initiative.** NCAA staff provided an update regarding Division III Identity Initiative activation at championships. In 2010-11, approximately 85 to 90 percent of finals sites displayed Division III Identity Initiative signage. The most popular items were media backdrops, feather flags and A-frame banners. The inventory of available signage for use at championships will increase each year, and division-specific messaging will be added to webcasts of championship competition (e.g., during timeouts, at halftime, etc.). In addition, institutions will receive a $500 credit in 2011-12 to purchase Division III Identity Initiative items on the purchasing website.

10. **Score Reporting.** The NCAA statistics staff informed the committee that beginning with the 2011-12 academic year, the statistics staff will oversee all input of schedules and results for the following Division III sports: field hockey, football, men's soccer, women's soccer and women's volleyball in the fall; men's and women's basketball in the winter; and baseball, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse, softball and men's volleyball in the spring. Results will now be reported through the statistics system rather than through the online score-reporting system. This process will avoid duplicate work by sports information directors. Baseball, softball and women's volleyball will be reported through conference offices, and for all other sports, the host team will report results through the single game reporting system. It is anticipated that within two to three years, the statistics staff will assume responsibility for collecting schedules and results for all sports.

11. **Locker Room Program.** The NCAA championships staff informed the committee that Association-wide funding has been made available effective immediately for all Division III championships to be included in the Locker Room program that provides T-shirts and hats to the national championship team immediately following the championship finals. The T-shirts will include the sport and the year but not specific team names to ensure that all T-shirts and hats are able to be presented to the winning team.

12. **Attendance of Institutional Administrator at Championships.** The committee reviewed the current championships policy requiring that an administrator for each participating team attend the coaches and administrators meeting and be present throughout competition by the institution at each round of the championship. The current policy mandates that the administrator cannot be a member of the coaching staff for that sport, the sports information director or the athletics trainer, given that those individuals have specific responsibilities at the championship site, and a mandatory fine of $300 shall

be assessed to each institution that is not represented by an institutional administrator at the coaches and administrators meeting. The committee reviewed the budget priorities for the 2012-2015 triennium and determined that funding to increase the official travel party to include an institutional administrator is a lower priority than fully funding the championship experience for participating student-athletes. Therefore, attendance of an administrator (who may be a sports information director or athletics trainer) at the coaches and administrators meeting will be highly recommended, but no fine will be assessed if an administrator does not attend the meeting.

13. Sport Committee Recommendations.

a. Baseball.

(1) Bylaw 31.1.5 Squad Limits. Did not support a recommendation to modify Bylaw 31.1.5 to allow all student-athletes included in the bench size to be in uniform. The committee confirmed that the bylaw, which mandates that the number of eligible student-athletes in uniform not exceed the established squad size, should be applied consistently to all team sports. The committee noted the previously approved exception for several sports to increase the number of student-athletes as designated in the bench size for the 2011-12 year at the institution's expense. With this exception, the number of student-athletes that may be in uniform and participate in pre-game warm-ups for baseball will increase from 24 to 25 for the 2012 NCAA Division III Baseball Championship.

(2) Officials Selection Criteria. Approved that all umpires assigned to work NCAA postseason games be registered with ArbiterSports, effective with the 2012 championship. Umpires will be required to pay a $100 registration fee, which includes a copy of the NCAA Baseball Rules Book, access to the Central Hub-Home Plate platform and a $25 credit toward officials' gear. Umpires also must take an online rules test each year and achieve a minimum score of 80 percent to be eligible for postseason assignments.

(3) Ranking and Selection. Did not support a recommendation that "record versus teams that are .500 or better" be added as a criterion to the primary and secondary selection criteria. The committee confirmed that the primary and secondary selection criteria for all team sports should be consistent. (Currently the only exceptions permitted to the standard team selection criteria are whether a sport committee chooses to use end-of-season performance or a strength-of-schedule multiplier based on home and away contests.)

(4) Wood Bat Study. The committee accepted as information that the baseball committee has established a subcommittee to study all pertinent factors relating to the use of wood bats at the Division III level.

b. Football. The committee accepted information that the football committee issued a public reprimand and fine of $1,000 to the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater head football coach Lance Leipold for unprofessional and unsportsmanlike conduct exhibited leading up to and in conjunction with the 2010 NCAA Division III Football Championship.

c. Men's Golf. Approved that the following 31 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 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, Empire 8, Freedom Conference, Great Northeast Athletic Conference, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference, Iowa Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Liberty League, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Midwest Conference, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, New England Collegiate 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.

d. Women's Golf.

(1) Automatic Qualification Waiver. Approved continuing to waive the normal application of the automatic qualification (AQ) legislation for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years such that an institution shall count as one of the seven institutions sponsoring women's golf if the institution satisfies the following: four participants (instead of five participants) completing six contests or eight rounds of 18 holes. The NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships selection requirement of 12 rounds of 18 holes will remain, but an institution may count rounds played with four players. The committee agreed that the increase in the number of teams that were able to meet the relaxed standards in 2009-10 and 2010-11 is promising, and the sport will benefit from an additional two-year window

in which institutions will be able to continue to grow and create interest in their women's golf programs.

(2) Bracket Size. Approved continuing to waive the normal application of the calculation of the bracket size for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years such that an institution shall count as sponsoring women's golf if the institution satisfies the following: four participants completing at least six contests or eight rounds of 18 holes.

(3) Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following 13 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 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; Presidents' Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; and Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

(4) Rankings. The committee accepted as information that the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee will implement two published regional rankings (one in the fall and one in the spring) for the 2011-12 season. The rankings will help to educate the golf community regarding the difference between the selection criteria and Golfstat rankings.

e. Men's Ice Hockey.

(1) Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following eight conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship: ECAC DIII Men's East Hockey League; ECAC DIII Men's Northeast Hockey League; Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference; Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; Northern Collegiate Hockey Association; and State University of New York Athletic Conference.

(2) Officials. Approved that a two-referee, two-linesman officiating system be used for all rounds of the 2012 championship, and that fees will be as follows: referees - $200 each; and linesmen - $150 each. The minimal increase in officials' fees and paying a second linesman instead of a back-

up official will be covered through a reallocation of funds in the men's ice hockey games budget.

(3) Misconduct. The committee accepted information that the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee issued a public reprimand and fine of $1,000 to Adrian College for inappropriate and unsportsmanlike conduct by men's ice hockey student-athletes in conjunction with the 2011 championship.

(4) Championship Date Formula Change. The committee accepted as information that the men's ice hockey committee anticipates requesting a championship date formula change to facilitate a joint championship format with Division I men's ice hockey in 2015.

f. Women's Ice Hockey.

(1) Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following five conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 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.

(2) Officials. Approved that a two-referee, two-linesman officiating system be used for all rounds of the 2012 championship, and that fees will be as follows: referees - $200 each; and linesmen - $150 each. Paying a second linesman instead of a backup official will be covered through a reallocation of funds in the women's ice hockey games budget.

(3) Predetermined Finals Site. Approved that the championship finals be held at a predetermined finals site for the 2013 championship. The committee noted that confirming a host in advance will encourage institutions and/or conferences that otherwise might not have an opportunity to host to bid for the championship, and a predetermined host will have more opportunity to prepare to host and to promote the championship.

g. Men's Lacrosse. Approved that the following 18 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Coast Conference; Empire 8; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Landmark Conference; Liberty League; Little East Conference; Middle Atlantic States Collegiate Athletic Conference; Midwest

Lacrosse 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.

h. Women's Lacrosse.

(1) Approved that the following 19 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship: Capital Athletic Conference; Centennial Conference; Colonial States Athletic Conference; Commonwealth Conference; Empire 8; Freedom Conference; Great Northeast Athletic Conference; Liberty League; Little East 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.

(2) Site Selection Criteria – Regionals. Approved that, effective for the 2012 championship, regional hosts without a bye to the regional round will be tentatively selected selection Sunday. The NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee will identify two tentative hosts for each regional site during selections. If both institutions win their first-round matches, the higher-seeded team, provided geographical proximity is maintained and no flights are created, will be selected as the host. If the higher-seeded team loses its first-round match, the other potential host will be selected, provided geographical proximity is maintained and no flights are created.

i. Women's Rowing.

(1) Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following conference be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Women's Rowing Championship: New England Small College Athletic Conference.

(2) Format Change. Approved that the I Eights and II Eights be separated into their own races so that I Eights compete only against I Eights and II Eights compete only against II Eights, similar to competition throughout the season. The scoring format will be adjusted accordingly.

(3) Automatic Qualification Standards. The committee tabled the NCAA Division III Women's Rowing Committee's request to mandate that in order for a conference to receive automatic qualification, it must have seven institutions that have both a I Eight and a II Eight that compete in a minimum of three regular season competitions. The committee will review this issue after the membership committee has confirmed the sport sponsorship requirements for women's rowing.

j. Softball.

(1) Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following 41 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 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 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

(2) Officials Selection Criteria. Approved that all umpires assigned to work NCAA postseason games be registered with ArbiterSports, effective with the 2012 championship. Umpires will be required to pay a $100 registration fee, which includes a copy of the NCAA Softball Rules Book, access to the Central Hub-Home Plate platform and a $25 credit toward officials' gear. Umpires also must take an online rules test each year and

achieve a minimum score of 90 percent to be eligible for postseason assignments.

k. Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving.

(1) Diving Championship Selection Process. Approved that four regional diving qualification meets be held annually to determine the divers that advance to the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Championships, effective with the 2013 championships in order for institutions to budget for travel expenses (i.e., the NCAA will not reimburse institutions for travel expenses for participation in the meets). The regional diving qualifications meets will replace the current video selection process. The recommendation is budget neutral, given that the proposed $1,000 stipend to each of the four regional hosts to help to defray the cost of hosting the meet is equal to the expenses incurred with the current video review system. The committee directed the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee to review the proposed regions in comparison with the recently updated regional alignment models for consistency. The committee also encouraged the swimming and diving committee to identify professional, unbiased judges (i.e., in order to discontinue the practice of active diving coaches serving as judges) for the regional qualification meets and evaluate budget implications for fees, travel expenses, per diem, etc. for the judges.

(2) Championships Entry Limits. The committee directed the swimming and diving committee to forward as an action item for the October teleconference the process institutions will be required to follow to identify the maximum of 18 competitors, including divers, for the championships. The swimming and diving committee should outline the pros and cons of both the current process and the proposed process.

l. Men's and Women's Tennis.

(1) Championships Date Formulas. Approved that the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships date formulas be changed so that the national championships, team followed by individual, begin the Monday prior to Memorial Day, effective with the 2012 championships season (pending agreement from already awarded national hosts). Dates for team regional competition will remain the same. The committee also referred to the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Committee

the issue of whether to change the championships date formulas to one week earlier.

(2) Men's Tennis Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following 30 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Tennis Championships: Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference; 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 Atlantic 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 Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference; The Commonwealth Coast Conference; University Athletic Association; and USA South Athletic Conference.

(3) Women's Tennis Automatic Qualification. Approved that the following 38 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's and 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; Midwest Conference; Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference; New England Small College Athletic Conference; New England Women's and Men's Athletic 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; 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.

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

(1) Championships Qualifying Format – Outdoor Track and Field. Approved that effective for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships, the qualifying format for the men's outdoor track and field championships allows for a standard maximum field size of 20 in all events and 16 relays, and that the format for the women's outdoor track and field championships allows for a standard maximum field size of 22 in all events and 16 relays. The new format would eliminate the participant cap of 796 (398 per gender) to determine field size.

(2) Championships Qualifying Format – Indoor Track and Field. Approved that effective for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships, the qualifying format for the men's indoor track and field championships allows for a standard maximum field size of 13 in all events and 10 relays, and that the format for the women's indoor track and field championships allows for a standard maximum field size of 15 in all events and 10 relays. The new format would eliminate the participant cap of 446 (223 per gender) to determine field size.

n. Women's Volleyball. Approved that the following 42 conferences be granted automatic qualification for the 2011 NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball 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.

15. Sport Committee Appointments. The championships committee approved recommendations for appointments to the following sports committees. All appointments were effective September 1, 2011, unless otherwise noted.

a. Division III Men's and Women's Fencing Committee (immediate vacancy). Bruce Gillman, head men's and women's fencing coach and assistant director of athletics, Vassar College.

b. Division III Women's Golf Committee (two vacancies). Central region: Joe Worlund, associate director of athletics, Washington University in St. Louis. Great Lakes region: Melanee Atkinson, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator, College of Mount St. Joseph.

c. National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics Committee. Division III representative, North Central region: Gary Babjack, head women's gymnastics coach, State University of New York at Cortland.

d. Division III Men's Ice Hockey – Term Extension Request. The men's ice hockey committee requested that the term of Bruce Delventhal, director of athletics at Plattsburgh State University of New York, be extended for one year. Mr. Delventhal is the chair of the committee, and the committee indicated that allowing him to serve until September 1, 2012, would greatly help to facilitate the process of combining the Division III championship with the Division I championship. The NCAA Division III Nominating Committee supported this request.

e. Division III Softball Committee (two immediate vacancies). Atlantic region: Charlie Dobbbins, head softball coach, Peace College. Central region: Bonnie Skrenta, head softball coach, DePauw University.

f. Division III Women's Volleyball Committee. Midwest region: Erin Sullivan, assistant director of athletics, University of Wisconsin, Stout.

g. National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Committee. Division III representative, West region: Betsy Mitchell, director of athletics, California Institute of Technology.

h. Division III Wrestling Committee. East region: Brad Bruhn, head wrestling coach, State University of New York at Cortland.

Committee Chair: Stuart Robinson, State University College at New Paltz
Staff Liaisons: Jan Gentry, Championships
Liz Turner Suscha, Championships
John Williams, Championships