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National Collegiate Athletic Association

Division III Championships Committee

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Indianapolis, Indiana

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

2. Review of previous reports. [Supplement No. 2]

   a. October Management Council report.

   b. December teleconference report

   c. January Management Council report.

   d. January teleconference report.

3. New committee member orientation. (Stuart Robinson)

4. Division III governance update. (Louise McCleary)

5. Management Council update. (Tim Downes)

6. Update from NCAA Convention. (Jeff Myers)

7. Questions regarding Major Junior A Hockey. [Supplement No. 3]

8. Budget. [Supplement No. 4]

9. PROP update. [Supplement No. 5] (Rachel Seewald)

   - Update from PROP on issues relating to Division III. [Supplement No. 6]

10. Modifications to misconduct appeals. (Roberta Page)

11. Championships general issues.

    a. Analysis of sport region alignments. [Supplement No. 7]

    b. Selection criteria. [Supplement No. 8]

    c. Flexibility of bracketing. [Supplement No. 9]

    d. Waiver request of 50 percent in-region requirement. [Supplement No. 10]

    e. Indoor track and field – requests to waive sponsorship deadline. [Supplement No. 11]

    f.. Future championships sites. [See Appendix N in the Division III Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual from Supplement No. 23]

    g. Championships committee sports assignments. [See Appendix H in the Division III Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual from Supplement No. 23]

12. Sports committees' recommendations.

    a. Baseball. [Supplement No. 12]

    b. Men's basketball. [Supplement No. 13]

    c. Men's and women's golf. [Supplement No. 14]

    d. Women's field hockey. [Supplement No. 15]

    e. Women's lacrosse. [Supplement No. 16]

    f. Women's volleyball [Supplement No. 17]

13. National office championships group update.

    a. Elite 89 recipients for the fall. [Supplement No. 18]

    b. Fall 2011 championship reports. [Supplement No. 19]

c. Fall 2011 enhancement reports. [Supplement No. 20]

d. Fall 2011 champions. [Supplement No. 21]

e. Fall financial anaylsis. [Supplement No. 22] (Juanita Sheely) (Delivered at the meeting)

f. GO Ground update. (Sheely)

g. Men's basketball 75th anniversary. (Lee Dicklitch)

14. Division III Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual review. [Supplement No. 23]

15. Future meeting dates and sites.

    a. May 29-30, 2012, Indianapolis, Indiana.

    b. September 9-12, 2012, Indianapolis, Indiana.

    c. February TBD, 2013, Indianapolis, Indiana.

16. Other business.

17. Adjournment.

REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 22-23, 2012 MEETING

***ACTION ITEMS*.**

1. Legislative Items.

a. Informational Updates from Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

(1) Recommendation. That the Division III Management Council sponsor legislation requiring the Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP) to provide informational updates regarding Division III specific issues to the Division III Championships Committee.

(2) Effective Date. Immediately.

(3) Rationale. During the restructuring of the Division I governance structure, it was specified that PROP would report to the Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet regarding issues relating to Division I (see NCAA Bylaw 21.7.5.5.4) for sharing of information only. The change did not amend the legislation for PROP in Bylaw 21.1. Division II recently passed similar legislation, leaving Division III as the only division that does not have language requiring PROP to report issues relating to Division III.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

b. Selection Criteria.

(1) Recommendation. That the selection criteria be revised such that contests against Division III opponents are included in the primary criteria, and contests against opponents from other classifications (i.e., NCAA Divisions I and II and NAIA) are included in the secondary criteria. Further, that the requirement that institutions play at least 50 percent of their scheduled competition against in-region, Division III opponents to be considered for selection to NCAA championships for team sports be increased to a minimum of 70 percent.

(2) Effective Date. 2013-14 academic year.

(3) Rationale. The proposed revisions to the selection criteria maintain the Division III emphasis on in-region competition by requiring an institution to schedule a minimum of 70 percent of its contests against in-region, Division

III opponents in order to be considered for selection for team sports. Institutions will continue to have four ways to meet the in-region requirement: 1) all competition within an institution's defined sport region; 2) all competition within an institution's geographical region per Constitution 4.13.1; 3) all competition within a 200-mile radius; and 4) all conference competition.

Once the institutions that have met the 70 percent in-region threshold have been identified, sport committees will then have the ability to rank and select teams based on each institution's full body of work against Division III opponents. Currently, team sport committees rank and select teams by first evaluating the primary (in-region) criteria, and then if a decision is not able to be reached, evaluating the secondary (overall) criteria. During the selection process, it can be challenging for sport committees to select teams nationally using regional criteria because, when comparing teams from different sport regions, often the only criteria available is win-loss percentage and strength of schedule due to limited cross-region play (i.e., few head-to-head contests or common opponents). The revisions to the selection criteria will make more comparative data available for committees to evaluate to identify and select competitive teams that are committed to the Division III philosophy of in-region competition.

Note: The committee will review the current 25 percent in-region requirement for the sports of golf and tennis to determine whether that percentage also should be increased. Institutions will continue to have an opportunity to request a waiver of the in-region requirement.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None. (Note: The committee reviewed the percentage of in-region contests for championship participants for team sports the past three years and noted that nearly all of the institutions already meet the 70 percent in-region scheduling threshold during the regular season. The committee anticipates that the proposed revision to the selection criteria will not significantly influence institutions' current scheduling practices or increase travel costs.)

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None.

c. Institutional Eligibility - Bylaw 31.2.1(c).

(1) Recommendation. That the Management Council approve in concept an administrative regulation clarifying that institutions that do not satisfy Bylaw

20 minimum contests and participant requirements (see Bylaw 20.11.3.8) shall not register a team score based on individual participants.

(2) Effective Date. August 1, 2013.

(3) Rationale. Teams that do not meet the minimum requirements for sport sponsorship should not be permitted to circumvent the intent of the legislation by aggregating points scored by individual qualifiers for a team score that would result in a win or place finish for the institution at a championship.

(4) Estimated Budget Impact. None.

(5) Student-Athlete Impact. None

2. Nonlegislative Item.

- **Budget.**

a. Recommendation. That the Management Council, with the support of the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee, approve the recommendations with budget implications as outlined below. (See Attachment, a chart listing each recommendation, associated budget impact, source of funding and designated budget year. Note that further review by the Championships Committee is pending for all items relating to officials.)

(1) Official Travel Party. Increase the size of the official travel party for selected sports, as designated;
(2) Per Diem Days. Increase the number of per diem days by a half day for individual-team sports and team sports;
(3) Per Diem Rate. Increase the per diem rate $5 each year (i.e., to $90 in 2012-13, $95 in 2013-14, and $100 in 2014-15);
(4) Officials Fees. Increase officials' fees for all sports by a designated percentage (Note: Further review of this item is pending.);
(5) Baseball. Officials' Game Fees. Increase officials' fees for the regionals and finals;
(6) Men's Basketball – 2013 Date Format Change. Change the date format for the 2013 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship so that the finals will be held the weekend of the 2013 Division I Men's Final Four [see Informational Item No. 13(g)];
(7) Women's Basketball – Future Date Format Change. Change the date format for a future NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championship (year to be confirmed) so that the finals will be held the

same weekend as the Division I Women's Final Four that year; [see Informational Item No. 13(g)];

(8) Women's Basketball – Officials' Evaluators. Utilize independent, neutral evaluators to evaluate basketball officials during all rounds of the NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championship;

(9) Field Hockey – Site Selection. Conduct a combined Division I/II/III championship and provide one additional day of per diem for the two Division III teams advancing to the championship game [see Informational Item No. 12(d)];

(10) Football – Duties and Fees for Officials' Evaluators. Increase officials' fees due to adding assigned duties (i.e., watch DVD of contest and provide feedback);

(11) Men's Golf – Per Diem. Increase per diem for teams making the cut from five-and-a-half days to six days (Note: Increase is in addition to budget recommendation No. 2.);

(12) Women's Golf – Per Diem. Increase per diem from five-and-a-half days to six days (Note: Increase is in addition to budget recommendation No. 2.);

(13) Women's Golf – Addition of Individuals Selected. Increase by four the number of individuals selected for the championships (Note: Further review of this item is pending.);

(14) Rowing – Awards. Award mini-trophies to the top three finishers in the II Eight competition (Note: Further review of this item is pending.);

(15) Rowing – Official Travel Party. Increase the official travel party for the two at-large Eight boats from 14 to 15 (Note: Further review of this item is pending.);

(16) Men's Soccer – Officials at Final Site. Increase the number of officials at the final site from six to seven;

(17) Women's Soccer – Officials at Final Site. Increase the number of officials at the final site from six to seven;

(18) Softball – Championship Format at Date Formula. Revise championship format to include regionals, super regionals (new) and finals, with the finals Thursday-Saturday of Memorial Day weekend;

(19) Softball – Officials' Game Fees. Increase officials' fees for the regionals and finals;

(20) Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving – Regional Diving Qualification Meets. Provide funding for four regional diving qualification meets;

(21) Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving – Independent Diving Judges. Use independent judges (i.e., instead of coaches of participating divers) to judge diving competition at the regional diving qualification meets;

(22) Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving – Officials at Final Site. Increase the number of officials in the swimming competition area at the final site by one;

(23) Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field – Field Size Increase. Increase the field size by 44 student-athletes per gender (i.e., from 223 to 267 per gender);

(24) Wrestling – Number of Regionals and Qualifiers. Revise selection process such that 180 total student-athletes advance to the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships through one of six NCAA-sponsored regionals (i.e., top three wrestlers from each weight class; 30 total from each regional). (Note: Further review of this item is pending.)

b. Effective Date. The 2012-2013, 2013-14 or 2014-15 academic year, as designated.

c. Rationale. Recommended budget items have been vetted by the committee. Items requiring further review are noted.

d. Estimated Budget Impact. See Attachment.

e. Student-Athlete Impact. All of the recommendations directly impact the student-athlete experience at the respective championship.

***INFORMATIONAL ITEMS*.**

1. Opening Remarks and Review of Schedule and Agenda. The chair, Mr. Robinson, welcomed the committee, reviewed the meeting schedule and highlighted key discussion items for the meeting.

2. Review of Previous Reports. The committee reviewed and approved reports for the October and January Management Council meetings and the committee's December and January teleconferences.

3. New Committee Member Orientation. Mr. Robinson reviewed the function and role of the committee, the duties and responsibilities of the committee members and the expectations of committee members in their role as liaisons to sport committees (e.g., attendance at one assigned championship each year). The committee confirmed liaison assignments for all sport committees. Mr. Williams reviewed the schedule for in-person meetings and teleconferences and highlighted key championship policies and issues addressed by the committee (e.g., waivers, misconduct appeals, access ratio for bracket expansion, travel policies, selection criteria, etc.).

4. Division III Governance Update. Ms. McCleary provided a governance update regarding the topics listed below. Mr. Dutcher provided an overview of the Division III budget and the allocation of funds available for championships and other initiatives.

a. Division III Identity Initiative, including Division III Week (April 9-15) and the purchasing website;
b. Academic reporting;
c. Feedback regarding the possibility of a recruiting calendar and limitations on nonscholastic recruiting;
d. Sickle cell trait testing;
e. Drug and alcohol education;
f. Faculty representative pilot program;
g. Special Olympics; and
h. Minority enhancement grant programs.

5. Management Council Update. Mr. Downes noted several ongoing issues included in recent committee updates provided to the Management Council, including regional alignment, the student-athlete experience during championships, and the effectiveness of centralized management by the NCAA of ground transportation through GO Ground and possibly team hotels in the future.

6. Update from NCAA Convention. Mr. Myers provided an overview of legislation that was adopted, defeated or withdrawn by the Division III membership at the 2012 NCAA Convention. Of note to the committee was the adoption of Proposal No. 2, which aligns the conference requirements for Division III membership with conference requirements for participation in Division III championships and precludes an institution from being core in more than one multi-sport conference. The committee also noted that with the adoption of Proposal No. 4, it is now permissible for professional sports organizations to serve as the financial sponsor of intercollegiate competition events at the institutional and conference level, as long as the organizations are not publicly identified.

7. Questions Regarding Major Junior A Hockey. The committee approved a request for a referral from the NCAA Division III Management Council to the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee regarding potential revisions to the organized competition legislation relating to Major Junior Hockey, Junior A Hockey and other foreign junior ice hockey leagues. The committee noted that feedback from the USA Hockey Junior Council and the NCAA Olympic Sports Liaison Committee may also be helpful in the review of this issue.

8. Budget. (See Action Item No. 2.)

9. **PROP Update.** Mr. Robinson reviewed the report from PROP and identified issues relating to Division III. The committee approved a recommendation for legislation requiring PROP to provide informational updates regarding Division III specific issues to the championships committee [see Action Item No. 1(a)].

10. Modifications to Misconduct Appeals. Ms. Page provided an update regarding the work of an internal task force assigned to review the misconduct appeals process. The task force is charged with bringing more consistency to the processes followed by the three divisions. The task force expects to forward revised policies for misconduct charges/appeals and clear, step-by-step procedures, including a recommended timeline for notifications to and responses from involved individuals, for the committee to review during its May/June meeting. Each respective championship committee/cabinet will have an opportunity to emphasize any divisional priorities. The revised policies and procedures will be implemented for 2012-13.

11. Championships General Issues.

a. Analysis of Sport Region Alignments. The committee continued its ongoing discussion of regional alignment and reviewed feedback from conference commissioners, sport committees and the Division III virtual focus group. The committee noted the following primary goals of the current regional alignment analysis: 1) All members of a conference are aligned in the same sport region; 2) Number of sport regions for each sport is based on the overall sport sponsorship; 3) Regional nomenclature (i.e., names of the regions) is consistent with other sports with the same number of regions; and 4) Equitable distribution of teams per sport region. The committee agreed that there was utility in the regional alignment project and the goals of the project remain priorities, but the practical application of a "one-size-fits-all" solution was problematic, given the unique circumstances of each sport and varying regional sport sponsorship densities across sports.

The committee did not support adopting the proposed regional alignment model. Instead, the committee recommended revising the selection criteria [see Action Item No. 1(b)] to promote consistency and emphasize regional competition. In addition, the committee directed each sport committee to establish sport regions based on the following principles:

(1) All members of a conference are aligned in the same sport region (conferences may request an exception);

(2) Equitable number of teams in each sport region as much as possible (for competitive equity and logistical concerns such as postseason awards and workload of the regional advisory committee members);

(3) Each region will rank 15 percent of the teams in each region, with a minimum of six teams ranked in a region; and

(4) Consistent nomenclature for sport regions.

Each sport committee must forward a regional alignment consistent with the principles above to the championships committee by August 1. New regional alignments approved by the committee will be effective 2013-14.

b. Selection Criteria. [See Action Item No. 1(b).]

c. Flexibility in Championship Bracketing Principles. Current bracketing principles require flights to be minimized when teams are paired in the bracket, which limits hosting opportunities for top-seeded institutions that are geographically isolated (i.e., more than 500 miles from many or all other participating teams). Three committee members were appointed to a subcommittee charged with evaluating possible alternatives or exceptions to the current bracketing principles. Information regarding travel expenses and travel industry trends presented to the committee by the NCAA travel staff during the meeting should help to guide the subcommittee's discussion. The subcommittee will formulate concepts for review by the sport committee chairs during the September meeting.

d. Waiver of Bylaws 31.3.3.1.2.1 and 31.3.3.1.3 – 50/25 Percent In-Region Requirement.

(1) Colorado College. The committee approved the waiver request for Colorado College for the sports of men's and women's lacrosse.

(2) Finlandia University. The committee approved the waiver request for Finlandia University for the sports of baseball and softball.

(3) Methodist University. The committee approved the waiver request for Methodist University for the sport of women's golf.

(4) Mills College. The committee approved the waiver request for Mills College for the sport of women's rowing.

(5) Nebraska Wesleyan University. The committee approved the waiver request for Nebraska Wesleyan College for the sports of baseball, men's and women's basketball, football, men's and women's soccer, softball and women's volleyball.

(6) Stevenson University. The committee approved the waiver request for Stevenson University for the sport of women's ice hockey.

e. Indoor Track and Field – Request to Waive Sponsorship Deadline. The committee did not approve a request for a deadline waiver per Bylaw 31.2.1.1 to restore institutional eligibility for championships for Saint Joseph's College of Maine in the sports of men's and women's indoor track and field.

The committee discussed whether individuals on teams that do not satisfy the Bylaw 20 minimum contests and participant requirements should be eligible for selection as individuals. The championships committee referred this issue to the sport committees for golf, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and wrestling for them to provide feedback regarding whether this is an issue for their sport, whether it affects selections, and to what degree the sport committee monitors this.

f. Future Championships Sites. The committee reviewed a list of all approved predetermined championship sites for 2008-09 through 2013-14. The committee noted that some sport committees rotate their championship to different parts of the country while other sport committees repeatedly return to a single site (e.g., Salem, Appleton). The committee noted that there are benefits to both strategies, and the top priority in site selection should remain maximizing the student-athlete championship experience.

g. Championships Committee Liaisons to Sport Committees. The committee reviewed the liaison assignments and assigned the new committee members to sport committees.

12. Sport Committee Recommendations.

a. Baseball.

(1) 2012 Regional Site Selections. Approved the following regional site selections:

Central – Rhodes College
Mid-Atlantic – Kean University
Mideast – Marietta College
Midwest – University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
New England – Eastern Connecticut State University
New York – State University of New York at Farmingdale
South – Christopher Newport
West – Linfield College

(2) Automatic Qualification. Approved the following 38 conferences to receive automatic qualification to the 2012 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.

The anticipated pool allocations are: Pool A - 38; Pool B - 2; and Pool C - 16.

(3) Accepted as an informational item that the bracket for the 2012 championship will increase from 55 teams to 56 teams based on sport sponsorship for 2010-11 and the 1:6.5 access ratio for team sports.

b. Men's Basketball. Accepted as an informational item that the bracket for the 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship will increase from 61 teams to 62 teams based on sport sponsorship for 2010-11 and the 1:6.5 access ratio for team sports.

c. Men's and Women's Golf.

(1) Change in Venue. Approved a change in venue for the 2013 NCAA Men's and Women's Golf Championships to the Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort in Destin, Florida. The championships will continue to be hosted by Methodist University.

(2) Midyear Division I Transfer Student-Athlete. Accepted as an informational item that the women's golf committee does not have any written policy that would preclude contests played at the Division I level by a midyear transfer to Division III from counting toward the minimum contests requirement and being considered for selections.

d. Women's Field Hockey. Approved Virginia Beach, Virginia as the site for the 2013 NCAA Division III Field Hockey Championship, with Virginia Wesleyan College and the Virginia Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau serving as hosts. The semifinals will be played at the USA Field Hockey National Training Center and the championship game will be played at Old Dominion University in conjunction with the Divisions I and II championship games. The combined format of the championship will require the four participating Division III teams to arrive one day earlier than required under the current championship date formula, which will result in a budget impact of approximately $5,500 for per diem for teams and lodging and per diem for NCAA committee and staff [see Action Item No. 2(a)(9)]. The championship anticipates a cost savings of approximately $8,000 in operational expenses due to the combined championship site (e.g., cost of bleachers, tents, staffing, signage, etc. shared among three divisions). The National Field Hockey Coaches Association supports this proposal and has committed to moving its convention in 2013 to Virginia Beach during the weekend of the championships. Initial discussions by the divisional field hockey committees support a combined championship format once every four years.

e. Women's Lacrosse.

(1) Bracket Expansion. Approved an increase in the 2013 NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Championship bracket from 31 teams to 32 teams. Based on sport sponsorship for 2011-12 and the 1:6.5 access ratio for team sports, an increase to 33 teams is merited for 2013. However, a 33-team bracket would result in either adding one week to the championship date formula, which would move the 2013 championship to Memorial Day weekend, or adding an additional game to the current two-week format. The 2013 championship format is a combined championship with Division II. The approved host is unable to conduct the championship Memorial Day weekend, and the Division II women's lacrosse committee does not support moving the combined championship to Memorial Day weekend. Further, the Division III women's lacrosse coaches do not support compressing the current two-week tournament format by adding the additional game, which would create a competitive disadvantage due to a shortened recuperation time from the quarterfinals (i.e., two teams would be required to play three games in four or five days). The women's lacrosse committee noted that its request to limit the

bracket increase to 32 teams is only for the 2013 championship, and the committee intends to increase the bracket in accordance with the 1:6.5 access ratio for the 2014 championship.

(2) Championship Date Formula Change. Approved a change to the championship date formula, effective for the 2014 championship, to accommodate a 33-team bracket. The change will result in the championship finals being held Memorial Day weekend.

f. Women's Volleyball.

(1) Automatic Qualification. Approved the following 42 conferences to receive automatic qualification to the 2012 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.

The anticipated pool allocations are: Pool A - 42; Pool B - 2; and Pool C - 20.

(2) Committee Chair. Approved Kristen Smith, director of athletics at Kalamazoo College, serve as the chair of the committee, effective immediately.

(3) Championship Date Formula. Approved that the championship date formula for the 2012 and 2013 championships be revised so that regionals are played Friday-Sunday instead of Thursday-Saturday the week prior to the finals, which will remain Thursday-Saturday (November 15-17, 2012 and November 14-16, 2013). The change to the date formula will help to minimize missed class time for participating teams and provide an extra day for regional hosts to prepare to host.

(4) Selection Criteria. The committee reviewed a request to add non-conference strength of schedule to the primary selection criteria for all Division III team sports. The committee agreed that this issue should be discussed by the sport committee chairs at the September meeting, and if the recommendation is approved, the effective date should be 2013-14, consistent with the other changes to the selection criteria.

13. National Office Championships Group Update.

a. Elite 89 Recipients. The committee reviewed a list of the Elite 89 recipients for the fall 2011 championship season.

b. Fall 2011 Championship Reports. The committee reviewed championship reports for the fall 2011 championship season.

c. Fall 2011 Enhancement Reports. The committee reviewed enhancement reports for the fall 2011 championship season.

d. Fall 2011 Champions. The committee reviewed a list of the champions from each division for the fall 2011 championship season.

e. Fall Financial Analysis. Ms. Sheely provided an overview of the state of the transportation industry and factors that impact championship travel costs (e.g., rising oil prices, increases in commercial airfare, limited availability of small charter planes, airline consolidations resulting in decreased price competition and capacity, etc. Ms. Sheely noted that Division III transportation costs for the 2011 fall championship season increased 18 percent from the 2010 fall championship season.

In addition, Mr. Shaheen provided an overview of the comprehensive review by the championships and alliances staff of its operations in an effort to better understand championship expenses, how the expenses are incurred and which party (the NCAA or the host) is in the best position to purchase the necessary goods and services. Mr. Shaheen noted that the new accounting code system better enables staff to accurately track expenses for each line item to determine the true cost of running championships.

Mr. Shaheen emphasized that the staff review will result in greater transparency of actual expenses, more efficient and effective budgeting, a simplified process for hosts, and ultimately an enhanced championship experience for student-athletes.

f. GO Ground Update. Ms. Sheely provided an update regarding GO Ground, noting that the ground transportation program is designed to consolidate charter bus services, contain costs, provide quality service and ensure safety standards. The NCAA is in the first year of a three-year contract with GO Ground. GO Ground is focused on improving customer service issues (e.g., response time), and surveys of fall 2011 championship participants indicated a 72 percent satisfaction rate for Division III, up from 50 percent in 2010.

g. Men's Basketball 75th Anniversary. The NCAA championships and alliances staff provided a presentation regarding the 75th anniversary of the Men's Final Four in 2013, which will be a celebration of basketball that the staff hopes will include the Divisions II and III men's basketball championship games at Phillips Arena. The following anniversary activities are organized around three pillars of activities: 1) basketball events; 2) service and education; and 3) marketing and promotion. The proposed schedule of events for the Division III teams would include community service and/or Special Olympics activities, on-court introductions during the Division I championship, an all-star game for the top Division III student-athletes not participating in the championship, and a televised championship game with no cost of admission to encourage attendance. The committee agreed that this is an incredible opportunity for Division III Identity Initiative branding. The committee supported proceeding with inclusion of the Division III championship in the anniversary celebration, noting that funding would need to be reviewed by the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee and that a comparable opportunity must also be provided for the women's basketball championship in the near future.

14. Division III Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual Review. The committee reviewed selected sections of the Division III Championships Committee Policies and Operating Procedures Manual.

15. Future Meeting Dates and Sites.

a. May 29-30, 2012, Indianapolis, Indiana.

b. September 9-12, 2012, Indianapolis, Indiana.

c. February 12-13, 2013, Indianapolis, Indiana.

16. Other Business. The committee noted that the men's ice hockey bracket would not be expanded unless merited based on an increase in sport sponsorship and the 1:6.5 access ratio for team sports.

17. Adjournment.

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

February 22-23, 2012	
Attendees	Absentees
Tim Downes, Emory University	
Holly Gera, Montclair State University	
Sue Lauder, Fitchburg State University	
Joe Onderko, Presidents' Athletic Conference	
Steve Nelson, University of Wisconsin, Superior	
Stuart Robinson, State University College at New Paltz	
Monica Severson, Wartburg College	
Attendees Via Conference Call	
Kelli Hamilton, University of Minnesota, Morris	
Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands	
Other Participants	
Gary Brown, NCAA	
Jacqie Carpenter, NCAA	
Rod Davis, NCAA Consultant	
Lee Dicklitch, NCAA	
Dan Dutcher, NCAA	
Ron English, NCAA	
Jan Gentry, NCAA	
Linda Godby, NCAA	
Brandy Hataway, NCAA	
Anthony Holman, NCAA	
Louise McCleary, NCAA	
Jeff Myers, NCAA	

Xiaomu Nui, NCAA	
Roberta Page, NCAA	
Greg Shaheen, NCAA	
Juanita Sheely, NCAA	
Liz Turner Suscha, NCAA	
Donnie Wagner, NCAA	
John Williams, NCAA	

ATTACHMENT
Recommendations Impacting the 2012-13 through 2014-15 Budgets

Item	Anticipated Expenses for 2012-13	Anticipated Expenses for 2013-14	Anticipated Expenses for 2014-15	Three Year Total
RESERVE BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT				
Baseball				
Increase regional umpire fees (from $780 to $850)		$4,000.00		
Increase championship umpire fees (from $1,300 to $1,450)		$1,200.00		
Men's Basketball				
Joint championship with DI and DII	$75,000.00			
Women's Basketball				
Offical evaluators.		$4,200.00		
Joint championship with DI and II		$75,000.00		
Field Hockey				
Joint championship with DI and II	$5,500.00			
Football				
Increase payment for evaluators by $100 (for a $200 total)		$3,200.00		
Men's Golf				
Increase per diem from 5.5 to 6.0 days	$4,500.00			
Women's Golf				
~~Increase field by four individuals~~			~~$16,000.00~~	
Increase per diem from 5.5 to 6.0 days	$3,100.00			
Rowing				
Top three finishers in II Eight competition receive mini trophies			$1,500.00	
~~Add one nonathlete for indiv qualifying boats~~			~~$3,000.00~~	
Men's Soccer				
Increase # of on-site officials from six to seven		$1,800.00		
Women's Soccer				
Increase # of on-site officials from six to seven		$1,800.00		
Softball				
Increase umpire fees for regionals and finals		$7,400.00		
Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving				
Four regional diving qualification meets be held each year	$4,000.00			
Add one paid official to the swimming competition area		$2,000.00		
Independent Diving Judges	$8,120.00			
Officals Fees		$23,000.00		
Per Diem				
All - increase per diem days paid (Individual/Team)	$251,000.00			
All - increase per diem days paid (Team)			$872,000.00	
Travel Party				
Baseball - increase by one for entire championship	$47,000.00			
Field hockey - increase by two for entire championship	$20,000.00			
Football - increase by six for entire championship	$120,000.00			
Men's ice hockey - increase by two for entire championship	$19,000.00			
Women's ice hockey - increase by two for entire championship	$19,000.00			
Men's lacrosse - increase by four for entire championship	$34,000.00			
Men's soccer - increase by two for entire championship	$58,000.00			
Women's soccer - increase by two for entire championship	$64,000.00			
Men's tennis - increase by one for entire championship	$33,000.00			
Women's tennis - increase by one for entire championship	$34,000.00			
Softball				
Championship format and date formula		$426,000.00		
Men's and Women's Indoor Track and Field				
Increase field size by 44 (men)		$63,000.00		
Increase field size by 44 (women)		$64,000.00		
Wrestling				
*Increase from 170 to 180 SAs advance to champ	$16,000.00			
Total	**$815,220.00**	**$676,600.00**	**$892,500.00**	**$2,384,320.00**
INFLATIONARY BASE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT				
Per Diem				
Student-athletes (Daily Rate Per Travel Party Member)	$352,000.00	$352,000.00	$352,000.00	**$1,056,000.00**
				$3,440,320.00