MINUTES OF THE

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Teleconference May 14, 2009

Participants:

Page Cotton, DePauw University
Chris Graham, Midwest Conference
Kristen Hall, Bard College
Shana Levine, Washington and Lee University
Mark Majeski, Willamette University, chair
Christopher Ragsdale, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
Diana Schwartz, Westfield State College
Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State University
Azure Davey, NCAA, recording secretary

Susan Hoffman, State University College of Brockport and Scott Miller, Bethany College (West Virginia) were unable 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.]

The NCAA Division III Membership Committee teleconference was called to order at 1:04 p.m. Eastern time by Mr. Majeski. All members were present as noted above.

1. Review April 9 Teleconference Minutes. The committee reviewed the minutes from the April 9 teleconference.

   It was VOTED

   "That the April 9 teleconference minutes be approved as written."

2. Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Sports-Sponsorship Waiver. The committee reviewed a sports-sponsorship waiver request from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Specifically, the institution requested a delay of the six/six requirement for two academic

years (2010-11 and 2011-12). The institution cited financial hardship in its request to be compliant with the new legislation by August 1, 2012. The committee noted the institution demonstrated its financial hardship and presented a thorough plan for compliance with sports-sponsorship requirements by 2012. The committee recognized a two-year waiver is atypical and noted the institution should be afforded two years conditionally. Specifically, the committee will require the institution submit a report on its progress by June 1, 2011. This report must detail the progress the institution has made toward its sports-sponsorship compliance plan as presented to the committee in its March 5 waiver request.

It was VOTED

"To conditionally accept the two-year sports-sponsorship request from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. Specifically, the institution will be required to sponsor five sports for males and five sports for females for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic years, despite having a full-time undergraduate enrollment greater than 1,000. The acceptance is conditioned on the institution adhering and reporting on its plan to the committee by June 1, 2011."

3. 2009 NCAA Convention Attendance. The committee reviewed its April 9 action related to the 2009 NCAA Convention attendance and noted the recommendation should not be forwarded to NCAA Division III Management Council. Rather, the committee rescinded its previous April 9 recommendation due to its commitment to Convention business session attendance as compared with general Convention attendance.

It was VOTED

"To rescind the April 9 recommendation to Management Council that the language of the Convention attendance legislation be modified."

4. NCAA Convention Attendance – E-mail Voting. The committee reviewed a member institution's request to consider electronic voting in lieu of physical Convention business session attendance and voting. The committee agreed that physical attendance at the business session should be required and an e-mail vote would not suffice. As a result of discussion, the committee recommended "cost containment" as an agenda item for its June in-person meeting. The committee also expressed an interest in exploring whether NCAA Division III general funds could be administered to institutions which demonstrate a financial hardship and thus, difficulty complying with the Convention attendance requirement. The committee further noted that institutions should challenge themselves to find creative ways to cut costs and attend Convention.

5. Other Business. Staff noted the committee's in-person meeting scheduled June 22-24 will commence at 3 p.m. June 22 and will be finished by, at latest, noon June 24.

6. Adjournment. Mr. Majeski adjourned the teleconference at 1:40 p.m. Eastern time.

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