MINUTES OF THE

NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Teleconference November 12, 2009

Participants:
Page Cotton, DePauw University
Chris Graham, Midwest Conference
Susan Hoffman, State University College of Brockport
Shana Levine, Washington and Lee University
Mark Majeski, Willamette University, Chair
Scott Miller, Bethany College (West Virginia)
Christopher Ragsdale, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
Diana Schwartz, Westfield State College
Rubin Stevenson, Frostburg State University
Azure Davey, NCAA
Katie Willett, NCAA, recording secretary

Kristen Hall, Bard College was 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 1:06 p.m. Eastern time by Mr. Majeski. All members were present as noted above.

1. Review October 8 Teleconference Minutes. The committee reviewed the minutes from the October 8 teleconference.

   It was VOTED

   "That the October 8 teleconference minutes be approved as written."

2. NCAA Division III Institutional Self-Study Guide Audit Review. The committee moved to table the review of the NCAA Division III Institutional Self-Study Guide to the December teleconference to allow more time to examine the information. Staff pointed out the background and the committee's role in the review as well as institutional assignments.

3. NCAA Division III Championships Committee – Provisional Counts Toward Automatic Qualification. It was shared that the NCAA Division III Championships Committee was asked to consider allowing conferences to use provisional/reclassifying members to meet the requirements for automatic qualification. Currently, only active NCAA member institutions belonging to a conference are permitted to count for automatic qualification purposes. The Championships Committee requested feedback from the Membership Committee on the issue and noted it would be looking at those institutions in years three and four of the provisional/reclassifying process to be included. The Membership Committee addressed the points raised by the Championships Committee and noted that institutions involved in the provisional/reclassifying process in Division III are expected to be in compliance with the rules from the start. Therefore, there would be no incentive tied to this concept. The committee also pointed out that there is no guarantee that institutions in years three and four of the process would reach active member status. Additionally, the committee stressed it would not support any such waivers and feels strongly that institutions need to be full active members before they can count for automatic qualification purposes.

4. Update of Provisional Visits. The committee discussed the provisional visits that occurred in the 2009 fall term with each mentor providing a synopsis of the visit. It was noted that the Penn State University, Abington visit went well and follow-up on a matter related to full-time enrollment would be done. Indications are that Covenant College is moving along nicely and are currently working on establishing written policies and procedures as well as addressing concerns with extra benefits related to the church and lodging provisions that are provided to teams on away trips. It was shared that the visit to Spalding University also went well and the institution is making its best effort to continue advancing through the process. It was noted that the institution is working hard to meet sport-sponsorship requirements and have a supportive vice president and administration. The visit to Berry College also went well. In regards to La Sierra University, the institution that was instructed to rejoin the process as a year one institution, it is trying to do the right thing and attempting to understand what it takes to be a Division III institution. Coming out of the visits, the committee did request that a lunch with each institution's student-athlete advisory committee be arranged when on campus for the visits.

5. 2010 NCAA Convention – Provisional Session. The committee indicated the agenda for the provisional session was appropriate.

6. John Jay College of Criminal Justice Progress Report. The committee indicated it would like to see a fall sports wrap-up be submitted by John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

7. Other Business. Staff noted that Birmingham-Southern College would like to send the senior woman administrator to the NCAA Convention; the committee noted it would like to push discussion on this matter to the December teleconference.

8. Adjournment. Mr. Majeski adjourned the teleconference at 1:25 p.m. Eastern time.

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