

SUMMARY OF SPRING 2012 QUARTERLY MEETINGS
The National Collegiate Athletic Association

| Division III Management Council April 16-17, 2012 Indianapolis, IN | Division III Presidents Council April 25-26, 2012 Indianapolis, IN |
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| Kitty Baldridge, Gallaudet University [Monday only] Kurt Beron, University of Texas at Dallas Stan Ching, Connecticut College Karla Conrad, Manchester College Tim Downes, Emory University Charles Harris, Averett University Janine Hathorn, Washington and Lee University Portia Hoeg, Allegheny College Fredina Ingold, Pennsylvania State University, Altoona Bill Klika, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Chris Martin, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands [<i>chair</i>] Nancy Meyer, Calvin College Steve Nelson, University of Wisconsin, Superior Charlie Robert, Nichols College Lori Runksmeier, New England College Terry Rupert, Wilmington College (Ohio) [<i>vice chair</i>] Chris Thomforde, Moravian College | Livingston Alexander, University of Pittsburgh, Bradford Erik Bitterbaum, State University of New York at Cortland James Bultman, Hope College [<i>chair</i>] Thomas Chema, Hiram College Charley Edmonson, Alfred University Sharon Herzberger, Whittier College Brian Levin-Stankevich, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire Lisa Marsh Ryerson, Wells College Jeff Martinez, University of Redlands [<i>chair of Management Council</i>] Jack Ohle, Gustavus Adolphus College [<i>vice chair</i>] Rosalind Reichard, Emory and Henry College Terry Rupert, Wilmington College (Ohio) [<i>vice chair of Management Council</i>] James Schmotter, Western Connecticut State University [<i>chair</i>] |
| ABSENTEES | ABSENTEES |
| Tucker Glass, Plattsburgh State University of New York Marjorie Hass, Austin College Lou Stark, Coe College | Robert Antonucci, Fitchburg State College Fred Ohles, Nebraska Wesleyan University Pamela Reid, St. Joseph College Ron Thomas, University of Puget Sound |
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Wendy Walters, NCAA
John Williams, NCAA

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

April 15 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by the chair, Jeff Martinez. The chair welcomed Council members; reviewed the agenda for the meeting, and acknowledged guests attending from the Pathway Program.

April 26 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by the chair, President Jim Schmotter. The chair welcomed Council members; reviewed the agenda for the meeting; and thanked Presidents Ron Thomas, Brian Levin-Stankevich and Jim Bultman for their service and commitment to the Council and Division III.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meetings – January 11, 2012.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its January 11 and January 14 meetings as presented.

Presidents Council. No action necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting – January 12, 2012.

Management Council. No action necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its January 12, 2012, meeting as presented.

c. Administrative Committee Actions.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the minutes of the February 9 and March 8, 2012, Administrative Committee actions.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the minutes of the February 9 and March 8, 2012, Administrative Committee actions.

3. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.**

a. **Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.**

Staff Liaisons:
Davey, Dutcher,
Kresge,
McCleary

Council Reps:
Beron, Conrad,
Edmundson,
Herzberger,
Meyer, Stark

(1) **Convention-Planning Subcommittee.**

(a) **Possible Educational Topics – 2013 Convention.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's report noting possible educational topics for the 2013 Convention:

- Rules compliance/legislative hot topics or mini rules seminar. Possibly schedule on the day before or after the core Convention programming.
- Agents and Gambling – Sports Wagering.
- Fund raising/budgets.
- Student life/NASPA AOD Collaborative.
- Orientation program for new Division III athletics directors. Share key components including putting together Strategic Plan for their institution.
- Homophobia.
- Bullying/hazing.
- Financial Aid – best practices.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Issues Forum Topics – 2013 Convention.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's report noting the desire to discuss more than one topic at the Issues Forum. The subcommittee identified recruiting and social media as potential topics.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Convention Special Olympics Activity.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's report noting a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) recommendation to hold a Special Olympics Activity during the 2013 Convention in Grapevine, Texas. The Council discussed possible times to host the activity and felt that either Wednesday evening or Saturday afternoon would work best for the delegates.

The activity will be coordinated through the local Texas Special Olympics chapter and would include approximately 100 administrators engaging with Special Olympians.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) **Strategic-Planning and Finance Committee.**

Staff Liaisons:
Dutcher,
McCleary, Myers,
Hartung

Council Reps:
Beron, Chema,
Glass, Hass,
Levin-Stankevich,
Marsh Ryerson,
Martin, Martinez,
Schmotter,
Stark

a. 2012-15 Nonchampionships Budget Requests.

Management Council. The Council approved the nonchampionship budget requests for 2012-13, totaling \$698,580. The recommendations will further the objectives identified in the division's Strategic Plan.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation.

b. 2012-15 Champs Budget Request.

Management Council. The Council approved the use of inflationary/reallocation monies totaling \$352,000 in 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15; and reserve base budget adjustments for 2012-13 of \$463,220; 2013-14 of \$324,500 and 2014-15 of \$540,500.

The recommendation will enhance the quality of the Division III championships program.

The committee reviewed in detail a proposal from the Championships Committee regarding the NCAA Men's Final Four 75th Anniversary in Atlanta, Georgia April 4-8, 2013. This proposal incorporates all three division's basketball finals in Atlanta, with Division II and III championship games held Sunday, April 7.

The projected grand total was estimated at \$721,250 with a direct cost to Division III of approximately \$180,000, which would be split between the championships and Identity Initiative budgets. Committee members discussed pros and cons related to the proposal, including scheduling and logistical challenges. The committee concluded that it supported the proposal, based on the promotional opportunity for Division III branding and the quality of the student-athlete experience.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendations.

c. Six-Year Projection.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the six-year budget projection noting that starting with the 2015-18 budget cycle, projected expenses would exceed the current 80% reserve policy. Plans to address the 2015-18 budget could include adjusting the reserve policy and/or the purchase of additional financial recovery insurance.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA) Recommendation Regarding Grant Funding for Coaches.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to deny the request from CWA by the Alliance for Woman Coaches and the NCAA Women Coaches Academy Directors to modify the Conference Grant to permit coaches, in addition to administrators, to be awarded professional development funds through Tier One and noted the availability of relevant professional development funds in Tier Three.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Replacement of Integration/Identity "Institutes/Symposia" in Tier Two with Integration/Identity "Activities".

Management Council. The Council approved the recommendation to replace the requirement for Integration/Identity "Institute/Symposium" in Tier Two with Integration/Identity "Activities":

The program's intended goal is to bring key conference members together to discuss how each member institution and conference can best support the division's unique philosophy, identity and Strategic Positioning Platform. While several conferences have hosted various integration institutes with positive results, numerous commissioners have expressed strong concerns about the value of being required to host such events as "institutes" per se. For many conferences, these types of gatherings are hosted on an annual basis (such as annual meetings between presidents, athletics direct reports, athletics directors, senior woman administrators, coaches and student-athletes) which requires the staff and Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC) to make an unnecessary judgment call on whether such meetings are consistent with the intent of the requirement. By simply changing the working to "activities" (versus "institutes/symposiums") involving identity and integration, such

events could be automatically approved while remaining consistent with the intent of the program. Further, the broadening of the opportunity to conduct such events allows for the continued operation of such gatherings within the framework and context of the regular conference meeting schedule, an important aspect for conference administrators and representatives. This recommendation should be viewed as a means to enhance the identity and integration activities among conferences and conference members as opposed to a lessening of that requirement. The greater flexibility in this area will provide additional opportunities for conferences to further integrate our member institutions and to do so within the proper guideline of the grant program goals.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Eliminating the Annual Requisition/Application from the Conference Grant Program.

Management Council. The Council approved a recommendation to streamline the application and reporting process of the Conference Grant Program by eliminating the annual Grant Requisition/Application and replacing it with a simple request form.

This recommendation will ease the administrative burden on conference offices, the NCAA staff and the SPFC members by reducing the work required completing the annual Requisition Form. This change would significantly increase the value of the annual Impact Form completed by conference offices and reviewed by the NCAA staff and SPFC members. The reports would more clearly illustrate the proper use of the grant funding by conference offices on an annual basis and the verification of that usage as being consistent with the goals of the Conference Grant Program. The burden for compliance with the program goals would more clearly rest with conference commissioners, a step welcomed by the commissioners, in exchange for the reduced burden in completing the requisition form. This recommendation is a simple, practical change that would benefit all of the parties involved in the administration of the Conference Grant Program.

The Council noted concern regarding the possible inappropriate use of funds and lack of opportunity for prior review. Staff noted that responsibility to be in compliance with the Conference Grant Program would be with the commissioner and any monies not properly used would result in either a verbal warning or monies may be deducted from allocation of funds for the next year. The Best Practices Guide would be updated to help clarify the use of funds. Conference commissioners are encouraged to forward additional questions to the NCAA national office. The Council also recommended the committee establish an audit policy and regular audit program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:

Dutcher,
McCleary,
Myers

Council Reps:

Antonucci,
Bultman,
Harris,
Hass, Martin,
Reichard,
Stark,
Thomforde

Staff Liaisons:

Davey,
Nesbitt

Council Reps:

Ching,
Downes,
Harris

Staff Liaisons:

Brooks,
Oakes

Council Reps:

Downes,
Hathorn,
Martin, Robert,
Runksmeier

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Management Council Subcommittees.

(1) Academic Issues Subcommittee.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.

a. NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief Review of Policies and Procedures as it Relates to Case Archival.

Management Council. The Council agreed to revise case archival process in the policies and procedures as follows:

The subcommittee may archive cases based on a change in subcommittee philosophy (with appropriate notice given to the membership) or based on the decision date of a case (i.e., cases decided prior to a given date are designated as archived). Cases shall be archived by the staff every three years. The archived cases serve only as a historical resource to the membership and staff.

Currently the policies and procedures indicate that cases shall be archived by the staff every five years. As a result there are sometimes instances where case precedent may not be reflective of the current divisional philosophy. By revising the policy as recommend, the shorter timeframe will ensure the current divisional philosophy is reflected within the available case precedent.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Referral to the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee and NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Playing and Practice Seasons.

Management Council. The Council agreed to refer to the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee (ILC) and the NCAA Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Playing and Practice Seasons the issue of allowing member institutions' coaches to provide instruction to student-athletes seeking to qualify for the U.S. Olympic Trials in swimming and diving and determine if a legislative proposal is appropriate.

The subcommittee noted it is best if this issue is discussed by the Subcommittee for Playing and Practice Seasons and the Interpretations and Legislation Committee to determine if a legislative proposal is appropriate. [Note: The final Council referral was to Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee but did not include ILC.] [See Page No. 9, Item 3(c)]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.

Staff Liaisons:
Hataway,
Nesbitt, Suscha

Council Reps:
Ching, Conrad,
Harris, Klika,
Martin, Meyer,
Nelson

(a) Legislation – Playing and Practice Seasons – Football – Out-of-Season Athletically Related Activities – Exception – Use of Hand Shields.

Management Council. The Council approved in concept Convention legislation to permit the use of hand shields during the spring football strength and conditioning period.

The use of hand shields during the strength and conditioning period allows coaches to provide skill instruction to student-athletes who are not “skill position” players or special teams’ players. Specifically, coaches will be able to teach proper stance, hand placement and movement, including blocking which would enhance the safety of the game. The use of hand shields would be restricted to one-on-one and two-on-two skill instruction and would continue to prohibit player-to-player contact. The subcommittee noted that it reviewed a request from the American Southwest Conference to allow the use of additional equipment (e.g., helmets, blocking sleds) but it declined to recommend further allowances, as they would not enhance a student-athlete’s ability to receive skill instruction and may detract from the concept of conditioning. Further, permitting helmets would impact institutional resources for required re-conditioning and certification.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Referral of Issues Related to Baseball to the NCAA Division III Baseball Committee.

Management Council. The Council approved the subcommittee’s recommendation to refer to the NCAA Division III Championships Committee a request that the NCAA Division III Baseball Committee review issues related to protecting baseball student-athletes’ academic pursuits and address concerns of missed class and campus time.

The subcommittee received a presentation of the GOALS study results with an emphasis on baseball in comparison to other spring championship sports. The subcommittee noted concern with the athletic emphasis among baseball student-athletes in addition to significant missed class and campus time as compared to other spring championship sports. The subcommittee discussed various legislative changes including:

(1) Requiring baseball student-athletes to be provided with two days off per week from athletically related activities after the first date of competition; (2) Whether the current maximum allowed number of contests are appropriate; (3) Allowing contests completed during the nontraditional segment to be considered for championship requirements; and (4) Whether the current date of the baseball championship should be moved to allow for additional time for institutions to complete contests. Based on its concerns and discussion, the subcommittee referred the issue to the Baseball Committee through the Championships Committee for consideration.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Out of Season Activities and Expenses to Qualify for the Olympic Trials.

Management Council. The Council noted the subcommittee reviewed blanket waivers provided each of the last three Olympic years by the Division III Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief. Specifically, the NCAA Division III membership has submitted a waiver request to allow Division III swimming student-athletes to work with their coaches outside the declared playing and practice season to achieve an Olympic Trial qualifying time and prepare for the Olympic trials as well as receive expenses for participation in one qualifying event. The subcommittee determined that based on the complexity and variability, these requests are best handled through the waiver process and recommended the Swimming and Diving Committee consider requesting the waiver on behalf of the membership, as that committee is most knowledgeable in determining the appropriate criteria for such relief. The Council also extended this year's blanket waiver to the entry deadline for the 2012 Olympics (i.e., June 18). [See Page Nos. 7-8, Item 2b]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Committees.

Staff Liaisons:
Gentry, Suscha,
Williams

Council Reps:
Downes,
Martinez,
Nelson

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Informational Updates from Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

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

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

It 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.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Selection Criteria.

Management Council. The Council approved the recommendation that the selection criteria be revised effective 2013-14, such that contests against all Division III opponents are included in the primary criteria, and contests against opponents from other classifications (e.g., 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.

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 4.13.1.1) 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. The revisions to the selection criteria will make more comparative data available for committees to evaluate and select teams for the national championship.

[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.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Institutional Eligibility – Bylaw 31.2.1(c).

Management Council. The Council approved in concept an administrative regulation clarifying that those institutions that do not satisfy Bylaw 20.11.3.8 minimum contests and participant requirements shall not register a team score based on individual participants.

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.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Sport Committee Reappointments.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the committee approved the following sport committee reappointments, effective September 1, 2012.

- Division III Baseball Committee - Ben Shipp, vice president for athletics, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.
- Division III Women's Basketball Committee – Aaron Nester, head women's basketball coach, Oglethorpe University.
- Men's and Women's Fencing Committee – Bruce Gillman, head men's and women's fencing coach/assistant director of athletics, Vassar College.
- Division III Field Hockey Committee – Cory Ward, head field hockey coach, Gordon College.
- Division III Women's Ice Hockey Committee – Jodi McKenna, head women's ice hockey coach, Wesleyan University (Connecticut); and Brad Marshall, head women's ice hockey coach, St. Catherine's University.
- Division III Men's Soccer Committee – Travis Beauchamp, head men's soccer coach, Catholic University.
- Division III Softball Committee – Robin Baker, assistant softball coach/assistant director of athletics, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire.
- Division III Wrestling Committee – Dick Simmons, associate director of athletics, Cornell College.
- Football Rules Committee – Tim Weaver, head football coach, Bethany College (West Virginia).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Sport Committee and Rules Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the committee approved the following sport committee and rules committee appointments, effective September 1, 2012, unless otherwise noted:

- Division III Men's Basketball Committee – South region (immediate vacancy replacing Chris Cage): Jeff Burns, director of athletics, Randolph-Macon College; East region: Bob McVean, head men's basketball coach, Rochester Institute of Technology; West region: Brian Van Haaften, head men's basketball coach, Buena Vista University.

- Division III Women's Basketball Committee – Central region: Keri Carollo, head women's basketball coach, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater.
- Division III Field Hockey Committee – South region: Dawn Chamberlin, assistant director of athletics/head field hockey coach, Salisbury University; and South Atlantic region: Michelle Andre, head field hockey coach, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.
- Division III Football Committee – East region: John Marzka, head football coach, Albright College; and West region: Duey Naatz, director of athletics, University of Wisconsin, Stout.
- Division III Men's Golf Committee – Mid-Atlantic region: Anthony Berich, director of athletics, University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg; and Southeast region: Bob McEvoy, director of athletics, Methodist University.
- Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee – North region: Sean Quirk, assistant director of athletics/head men's lacrosse coach, Endicott College.
- Division III Men's Soccer Committee – New England region (immediate vacancy replacing David Kulik): Jonathan Tymann, director of athletics, Gordon College.
- Division III Women's Soccer Committee – New England region (immediate vacancy replacing Jonathan Harper): Sean Sullivan, director of athletics, Clark University (Massachusetts); and approve a one-year term extension for Lee Ellis, director of athletics, Principia College. [NOTE: The Women's Soccer requested the term extension due to the recent resignation of the committee chair (Mr. Harper) and need for an experienced committee member to fill that position.]
- Division III Softball Committee – New England region: Joan Howard, assistant director of athletics, University of New England.
- Division III Men's Tennis Committee – Atlantic South region: Mike Bonnell, head men's tennis coach, Methodist University.
- Division III Women's Tennis Committee – West region (immediate vacancy replacing Ann Lebedeff): Erin Ness, head women's tennis coach, University of California, Santa Cruz.
- Division III Men's Volleyball Committee – East region (immediate vacancy replacing Louise McCleary): Terry Wansart, director of athletics, Hunter College.
- Division III Women's Volleyball Committee – New England region: Christi Kelsey, head women's volleyball coach, Williams College.
- Division III Wrestling Committee – Kim Wenger, associate director of athletics, Centennial Conference.
- Women's Basketball Rules Committee – Region 1: Curt Smyth, interim director of athletics, University of New England.

- Men's Lacrosse Rules Committee – Todd Hodgson, head men's lacrosse coach, Lycoming College.
- Women's Lacrosse Rules Committee – Laura Moan, head women's lacrosse coach, Susquehanna University.
- Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Rules Committee (August 1, 2012, vacancies) – Gregg Parini, assistant director of athletics/head swimming and diving coach, Denison University; and Kevin Ryan, head men's and women's diving coach, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.
- Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee (August 1, 2012, vacancies) – Jim Nichols, head men's cross country, track and field coach, Ithaca College; and Rick Witt, head men's cross country/track and field coach, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point.
- Women's Volleyball Rules Committee – Sarah Davis, head women's volleyball coach, College of Wooster.
- Wrestling Rules Committee – Todd Hibbs, head wrestling coach, Alma College; and Jeff Swenson, director of athletics, Augsburg College.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Hartung,
Myers,
Nesbitt

Council Rep:
Rupert

(2) **Financial Aid Committee.**

(a) **Level II Reviews.**

Management Council. The Council accepted the committee's report noting it reviewed 36 Level II financial aid reporting cases. During the deliberations, members of the committee recused themselves as necessary in accordance with NCAA and conflict of interest policy. On review, the committee took the following actions:

- No action on 21 Level II cases.
- Took no action on one Level II case, on condition of review in the next review cycle.
- Forwarded 13 Level II cases to the NCAA enforcement staff for additional review.
- Deferred review of one case.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Referral to NCAA Interpretations and Legislation Committee.**

Management Council. The Council accepted the information that the committee reviewed 30 legislative interpretations concerning existing financial aid and forwarded those interpretations to the NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee with recommendations for revision or archival.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Cooper,
Elworth

Council Rep:
Meyer

(3) Committee on Infractions.

• **Statistics Related to Secondary Cases for 2011**

Management Council. The Council reviewed a document submitted by the Committee on Infractions showing that approximately 4,327 secondary infractions cases were processed and/or reviewed by the enforcement staff during the 2011 calendar year. Of the 4,327 cases, approximately 1,838 cases (42%) were processed by institutions and/or conferences as Level II secondary violations.

Approximately 242 Division III secondary infractions cases were processed and/or reviewed during the 2011 calendar year. Of those 242 cases, approximately 69 (29%) were processed by institutions and/or conferences as Level II secondary violations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Dantzler,
Smith,
Walters

Council Reps:
Antonucci,
Baldrige

(4) Infractions Appeals Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Myers,
Hataway

Council Rep:
Beron

(5) Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) Noncontroversial Legislation – Definition of an Agent.

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to specify that an agent is any individual who, directly or indirectly represents or attempts to represent an individual for the purpose of marketing his athletic ability or reputation for financial gain, or seeks to obtain any type of financial gain or benefit from securing a prospective student-athlete's enrollment at an educational institution or from a student-athlete's potential earnings as a professional athlete.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Approval of Revision of Official Interpretation – Institution That Does Not Require a Paid Acceptance of Financial Deposit for Admission or Financial Aid.

Management Council. The Council approved the revision of official interpretation [Reference: 3/25/11, Item No. 9-d], as follows:

Institution That Does Not Require a Paid Acceptance or Financial Deposit for Admission or Financial Aid (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined it is permissible for an institution that does not require a paid acceptance or financial deposit in response to a written offer of aid or admission, but has received a commitment from the prospective student-athlete that is required of all incoming students, to release publicity about the prospective student-athlete, and after May 1 of the prospective student-athlete's senior year of high school, may use any form of communication with the prospective student-athlete.

The revision of the interpretation clarifies that the May 1 date referenced in the interpretation only applies to the communication exception and not the publicity exception.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Archive Official Interpretation and Approval of Official Interpretation – Contest/Date of Competition and Athletically Related Activity Limitations Applicable to Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams.**

Management Council. The Council approved to archive official interpretation [Reference 4/13/06, Item No. 4] and approve the following interpretation:

Contest/Date of Competition and Athletically Related Activity Limitations Applicable to Varsity and Junior Varsity Teams (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that multiple squad levels in one sport (e.g., varsity soccer, junior varsity soccer, or freshman soccer) at a member institution may participate separately in the prescribed number of contests or scrimmages during the traditional segment with outside competition; however, during the nontraditional segment, all levels of teams within a sport (e.g., varsity or subvarsity squads) shall be treated as the same sport. Therefore, if any member (at any level) of a team participates in athletically related activities on a particular day during the nontraditional segment, that day must count as one of the 16 days of athletically related activity for the entire sport (all levels). The committee also confirmed that if an institution's multiple squad levels in one sport use the permissible one date of competition in the nontraditional segment, all levels must use the permissible one date of competition on the same actual day. The committee further confirmed that if any member of a sport team (any level) participates on the permissible one date of competition in the nontraditional segment, that participation must count within the eight-hour maximum limit for athletically related activity for the entire sport (all levels), as well as any prescribed competition limits (e.g., 18 innings in baseball, 120 minutes in lacrosse) for the entire sport (all levels).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (d) **Referral to the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Work Performed Under the Direction or Supervision of a Coaching Staff Member.**

Management Council. The Council referred to the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) the issue of performing work under the supervision or direction of a coaching staff member and whether that should be considered an athletically related activity.

The committee reviewed a staff interpretation [Reference: 10/20/11] related to a student-athlete performing work under the supervision or direction of a coaching staff member. Specifically, the committee discussed scenarios where student-athletes are participating in field or facility preparation for practice or competition. The committee noted concerns related to whether student-athletes are being required to perform such work and any impact such work has on the student-athlete's required day off during the playing and practice season or outside the playing and practice season. Based on these concerns, the committee referred the issue to SAAC for consideration. [See Page No. 24, Item 8(g)]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (e) **Referral to NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee – NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2012-5.**

Management Council. The Council referred to the NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee NCAA Division II Proposal No. 2012-5 for review and consideration.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- (f) **Review Recruiting Working Group Proposal.**

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation to form a thirteen person working group to evaluate alternative recruiting models in the context of work-life balance and competitive equity. The primary areas of discussion for potential legislative changes would involve recruiting calendars and limitations on recruiting at nonscholastic events. This working group would address these issues throughout the latter half of 2012 and present the issues for a larger membership discussion at the 2013 NCAA Convention Issues Forum. Any potential legislative changes would be presented to the membership for a vote at the 2014 Convention.

The Interpretations and Legislation Committee recommends the working group consist of 13 individuals representing the following groups:

- One student-athlete;
- Two enrollment management professionals (e.g., vice president of enrollment/director of admissions);
- Two coaches that are involved in the coaches association for two of the following associations: basketball (men or women), football, lacrosse, soccer, volleyball;
- Two directors of athletics;
- One commissioner;
- Two athletics administrators with compliance oversight;
- One faculty athletics representative; and
- Two presidents.

The committee recommends that to the extent possible, the working group be representative of the Division III membership (e.g., public and private, geographical) and is gender and ethnically diverse. Additionally, one of the individuals on the working group should be a senior woman administrator.

There will be a necessary in-person meeting this fall and potentially an in-person meeting in the spring 2013 following the 2013 Convention. There will also be several teleconferences as needed. The cost per in-person meeting is approximately \$8,000.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Approval of Official Interpretation – Strength and Conditioning Coaches Certified in First Aid, CPR and AED (III).

Management Council. The Council approved the following interpretation:

Strength and Conditioning Coaches Certified in First Aid, CPR and EAD (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed only strength and conditioning coaches that conduct voluntary workouts outside of the playing season are required to have active certifications in first aid, CPR and AED use. Strength and conditioning coaches, regardless of certification, that conduct workouts in season or merely monitor workouts for safety purposes, outside the season are not required to have certifications in first aid, CPR and AED use. [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 11.1.6 (sports-safety training), 17.02.1 (athletically related activities), 17.02.1.1 (athletically related activities), 17.02.1.1.1 (exceptions), NCAA Division III Proposal No. 2012-5 and educational column (1/18/12, Item No. 5)]

The committee reviewed the 2012 NCAA Convention question and answer document during its February meeting and agreed to issue a formal official interpretation on Question No. 2 of Proposal No. 2012-5. The committee noted this interpretation will clarify that only strength and conditioning coaches who wish to conduct voluntary workouts outside of the playing season would be required to be certified in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automatic external defibrillator (AED).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(h) Approval of Official Interpretation – Use of a Season of Participation in an Alumni Contest Occurring during the Preseason.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Use of a Season of Participation in an Alumni Contest Occuring during the Preseason (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that a student-athlete who competes in an alumni contest prior to the first regular season contest will not use a season of participation. [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 14.2.4.1 (minimum amount of participation), 14.2.4.1.1 (exceptions), 17.1.4.5.1 (annual exemptions) and 17.1.4.5.1.2 (alumni game)]

During its February meeting, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed an issue related to a student-athlete in a sport that does not have a legislated preseason (e.g., track and field, ice hockey, swimming and diving) participating in an alumni contest prior to the first regular season contest and whether or not the student-athlete would use a season of participation for competing in such a contest. The committee determined that there is no competitive advantage by allowing such participation provided it occurs prior to the first regular season contest and directed NCAA staff to draft an interpretation for review by the committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(i) Incorporation of Official Interpretation – Definition of a Recruiting or Scouting Service (III).

Management Council. The Council approved to incorporate the following official interpretation in the NCAA Division III Manual:

Definition of a Recruiting or Scouting Service (III). The Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that a recruiting or scouting service includes any individual, organization, entity or segment of an entity that is primarily involved in providing information about

prospective student-athletes. This definition includes, but is not limited to any service that provides information only to paid subscribers, any service that is only available to a select group of individuals (e.g., coaches), regardless of whether there is a charge associated with the service, and any service that provides information to the public free of charge; however, this definition does not include any individual, organization or entity or segment of an entity that provides information about prospective student-athletes incidental to its primary purpose and is generally available to the public (e.g., news media). [References: NCAA Division III Bylaws 13.12.2.4.1 (camp/clinic providing recruiting or scouting service), 13.14.3 (recruiting or scouting services) and a staff interpretation (4/1/11, Item No. b), which has been archived.]

During its February meeting, the Interpretations and Legislation Committee reviewed an official interpretation that provides guidance in determining entities which would be classified as recruiting or scouting services. The committee noted that incorporation of this interpretation in the Division III Manual will make this information more readily accessible to the Division III membership.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Membership Committee**

Staff Liaisons:
Davey, Orr

Council Rep:
Robert

(a) **Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Constitution 3.3.1.2.1 (Composition of Conference) – Application of Grace Period – Expiration.**

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that clarifies that a conference that falls below the minimum number of institutions required for active conference membership enters into restricted status after the end of a two-year grace period. Further, within six months prior to the end of the two year grace period, the conference must provide the Division III Membership Committee with notice as to its progress toward attaining the minimum required number of core institutions. All benefits of conference membership will be removed after the grace period and will not be reinstated until the conference has regained the minimum required number of member institutions. Institutions that are members of the conference will continue to receive benefits of active membership (e.g., grant initiative funding as independents; NCAA Convention voting rights).

The proposed conference penalty process for failure to maintain seven active members on expiration of the two-year grace period is consistent with the institutional penalty process. Restricted status is appropriate for conferences that can't, within a two-year grace period, meet the same minimum standards required of conferences seeking active NCAA Division III membership.

A conference that is in restricted status will lose access to conference-specific funds typically administered via the NCAA Division III Strategic Initiative Grant.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) NCAA Constitution 3.6.3.1.1 (Fee – Provisional Members) – 2012-13 Exploratory Institutions.

Management Council. The Council approved the 2012-13 nonrefundable fee structure as recommended. Specifically, exploratory members will pay \$500 on application to the exploratory process and will pay the remaining provisional fee balance of \$37,180 by September 1 of the first year of provisional membership.

The fee is effective for 2012-exploratory members and 2013-14 for first year provisional members.

The committee is annually charged with analyzing the expenses and benefits associated with the membership process and making a fee recommendation to the Division III Management Council. This analysis is based on a four-year rolling average. Provisional members in years one through four shall also pay NCAA dues. Exploratory and provisional member institutions will pay fees that cover the cost of administering the division's provisional and exploratory program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.15 (Convention and Regional Rules Seminar Attendance) – Convention Attendance – Waiver Requests.

Management Council. The Council approved institutional waiver requests per NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.15 (Convention and regional rules seminar attendance) for those institutions that failed to either attend or cast a vote at the NCAA Convention. The committee recommended waiver approval for the following institutions that were unable to attend or cast a vote at the NCAA Convention due to technical issues, institutional emergencies or personal circumstances:

- Agnes Scott College,
- Albertus Magnus College;
- Anna Marie College;
- Suffolk University; and
- The U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Waiver relief is applicable for attendance at the 2012 NCAA Convention. The institutions described mitigating circumstances regarding inability to cast a vote at the business session. The committee reviewed the institutions' requests or circumstances and found that the mitigation presented warranted relief.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Trinity College (District of Columbus) – Sports-Sponsorship Requirements – Waiver Request of NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3 (Sports Sponsorship) per Bylaw 20.11.3.8.9.1 (Minimum Contests and Participants).

Management Council. The Council approved a sports-sponsorship waiver request of Bylaw 20.11.3 (sports sponsorship) for Trinity (District of Columbia) for the 2010-11 academic year per Bylaw 20.11.3.8.9.1 (minimum contests and participants).

The waiver would provide relief for the 2010-11 academic year.

The committee noted that the institution's women's lacrosse head coach and assistant coach departed the institution two weeks prior to the start of the season. The committee considered the timing of the coaches' departure, the institution's efforts to search for a replacement, and the fact that the institution is currently sponsoring two club sports that will be activated as varsity sports. The committee also noted that the institution has a full roster of student-athletes for participation in the 2011-12 season. Finally, the committee considered the institution's low enrollment and pool from which to draw student-athlete participation late in the academic year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee appointments:

- Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee – Robert Head, president, Rockford College (immediate vacancy); and Nnenna Akotaobi, coordinator for diversity/achievement in athletics, Grinnell College (September vacancy).
- Committee on Women's Athletics – Timothy Flanagan, president, Framingham State University (immediate vacancy); and Dean Snider, director of athletics, Whitman College.
- Division III Membership Committee – Terri Deike, director of athletics, LeTourneau University (immediate vacancy replacing Stefanie Baker-Watson).

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| Staff Liaison: Tufano |
| Council Rep: Hoeg |

- Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (May 2012 vacancies):
 - Liberty League – Chelsea Shoemaker, Rochester Institute of Technology.
 - Midwest Conference – Kelvin Jordan Gipson, Lake Forest College.
 - North Coast Athletic Conference – Jenna Ortega, Ohio Wesleyan University
 - Old Dominion Athletic Conference – Audrey Hester, Randolph-Macon College.
 - Presidents' Athletic Conference – Katelyn Vannoy, Washington and Jefferson College.
 - St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference – Daniel Lisch, Fontbonne University.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendations.

(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

Staff Liaisons:
Davey,
Krtnick,
Montgomery,
Thornburn

Council Reps:
Conrad, Glass

(a) Inclusion (disability) resources, education and initiatives.

Management Council. The Council approved a recommendation to formally request the NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee and inclusion staff to explore the creation of a repository of resources for institutions, related to inclusion issues impacting, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender student-athletes, student-athletes with disabilities, student-athletes who are hearing impaired and other underrepresented groups.

The Division III SAAC discussed the current initiatives related to diversity and inclusion and the need to provide educational and other resources to student-athletes, coaches, administrators and presidents to assist institutions with addressing issues related to inclusion. These include, but are not limited to, information regarding issues related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender student-athletes, student-athletes with disabilities, student-athletes who are hearing impaired and other underrepresented groups. The committee recognized the need to emphasize educational resources for coaches, administrators and presidents who can affect campus policy and provide a consistent knowledge base for student-athletes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Special Olympics.

Management Council. The Council approved the recommendation to forward to the NCAA Division III Convention-Planning Subcommittee a request to endorse and assist the committee with planning and conducting a Special Olympics event involving administrators and student-athletes at the 2013 NCAA Convention.

The committee discussed the purpose of the Division III Special Olympics partnership: to enhance the lives of Special Olympics athletes through their involvement with Division III student-athletes and to promote a shared learning experience. The committee believes an event during the 2013 Convention will serve to both further promote the partnership and demonstrate the attributes of Division III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Noncontroversial Legislation – Committees – Division III Committees – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee – Composition.**

Management Council. The Council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation that modifies the committee composition legislation (NCAA Bylaw 21.9.5.10.1) as follows:

- When an even number of Division III conferences exist, the conferences are paired and one student-athlete represents a conference and partner conference. The independent institutions are represented by one student-athlete and that representative is unpaired.
- When an odd number of Division III conferences exist, the conferences are paired and one student-athlete represents a conference and partner conference. The independent institutions are paired with the remaining conference and one student-athlete represents both the independents and the conference.

The current legislation does not account for committee composition and representation when an odd number of Division III conferences exist.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **Communication Strategy.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report noting the development of a Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee communications strategy to assist the committee to push strategic initiatives, guide discussions, assist with decision making and overall continue to tell the Division III student-athlete story. Initial stages of planning over the next several months will determine the ultimate vision for the plan, primary goals and target audience. Preliminary discussions indicate that the focus will include explaining the National Student-Athlete Advisory Committee's purpose, creating opportunities for more feedback from student-athletes and providing information to assist student-athletes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Establishing relationships between faculty, student-athletes and athletics departments.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report noting that Dennis Leighton, faculty athletic representative at the University of New England, met with them to discuss the best way to foster relationships between the faculty and student-athletes, and also ensure that the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) has consistent communication with the committee to assist it with promoting enhanced relationships between student-athletes and faculty. The committee will continue to communicate with FARA and seek opportunities to collaborate.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) 2012 Convention – Student-Athletes Attendance and Programming.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report noting a luncheon was hosted for the Division III student-athletes in attendance. The luncheon promoted student-athlete attendance at the Convention and also provided a professional development and mutual learning opportunity. The committee plans to enhance this event at the 2013 Convention.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee Referral – Student-Athlete working under the supervision or direction of coaching staff member on required day off.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report noting a referral from the Interpretations and Legislation Committee related to student-athletes performing work at the direction or under the supervision of a coaching staff member on the required day off. The committee recognized that work performed on the required day off is generally uncommon, but noted in some sports (e.g., baseball; volleyball) it is more commonplace. The committee further recognized that some student-athletes do not consider work on the required day off as burdensome or invasive, yet the committee also noted that some coaches make last minute requests that impact student-athlete study schedules. Further, the committee noted coaches may deem the work voluntary, but are disappointed when student-athletes are unable to assist on the required day off due to studies or other commitments. The committee concluded that the extent of the work is often limited and is not an abuse of the intent of the required day off legislation. In the case of baseball, the committee noted that the care and maintenance of the field is often essential and baseball student-athletes typically enjoy and take pride in the maintenance of their game facility. [See Page No. 16, Item 5(d)]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Ghiloni,
Groddy

Council Rep:
Hathorn

(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide and Common Committees.

(1) Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).

Staff Liaisons:
Klossner
Wilfert

Council Rep:
Runksmeier

(a) Football walk-through.

Management Council. The Council approved to amend Division III Bylaw 17.9.2.2 to align the language with that of Division II, which states that student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any sessions occurring that day.

The committee reviewed the current permissible walk-through legislation in the sport of football and found inconsistencies across divisions. In the interest of providing consistent safeguards for student-athletes, the committee recommended that the three divisions evaluate this legislation and align the language with that of Division II, which states that student-athletes must be provided with at least three continuous hours of recovery time between any sessions occurring that day. In Division III, removal of the current exception should also be considered: “if the walk-through session occurs first, three hours of recovery time is not required.” The impact of this legislation would ensure student-athletes have recovery from the cumulative effects of on-field activities, especially in the heat.

The committee decided to move this forward as regular governance legislation for the 2013 Convention rather than as non-controversial legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Marijuana Positive Test Threshold.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed laboratory testing thresholds for marijuana and asked Drug Free Sport to provide a report in June with information from the NCAA drug-testing lab that identifies marijuana levels in NCAA samples between 5-10 and 10-15 ng/mL. This information will be considered for a potential recommendation to amend the threshold for a positive test for marijuana. A recommendation in June would allow for notice to the membership in advance of fall championship testing.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Need to Increase Drug-Testing Numbers.

Management Council. The Council noted in light of increases in championship events and general growth of the membership, including approximately 60,000 additional student-athletes in the last five years, the committee will review in June a plan for expanding drug testing to maintain the necessary deterrence effect and to assist the committee with potential budget recommendations.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) NCAA Study of Substance Use.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed and recommended to the NCAA research staff proposed changes to the 2012-13 Substance Use survey instrument, including the addition of questions related to synthetic cannabinoids, growth hormone and insulin. The paper survey will be administered by faculty athletics representatives (FAR) during that academic year; research staff continues to evaluate the potential for an electronic administration, which presents some challenges related to Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval; the preliminary report of the 2009 Substance Use Study was provided for committee final review and comment, noting the report established a new trend line beginning with the 2005 re-weighted data.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(e) Fall Preseason Sport Models.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee's recommendation to further develop fall sport preseason best practices and potential regulatory options for sports other than football. Initially this process will begin with a focus on soccer through a multidisciplinary approach.

The committee also recommended that a news story be published for the membership on preseason guidelines for fall sports other than football in late spring that outlines best practices. Even though football has legislated the preseason period in all three divisions, the lack of regulations surround student-athlete activity for other fall sports during the preseason have been a concern since 2003.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(f) 2011 Athletics Healthcare Survey.

Management Council. The Council noted that the committee received a report by Eric Hartung, NCAA research staff, on the results of the athletics healthcare survey. The purpose of this survey was to help the NCAA to better understand the state of athletics healthcare access within each

NCAA division. The results of the study will help the NCAA make appropriate policy decisions in each division and identify best practices that institutions can use to support the health and safety principle of the NCAA. More than half of NCAA member institutions responded. No additional action was taken.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(g) Soccer headbands.

Management Council. The Council noted the issue regarding the use of protective headgear for the prevention of concussion in sports such as soccer was also addressed by the committee. It was noted that there is still no clinical evidence that the use of such products has a protective effect regarding concussions. It was further noted that the design and recommended use of these devices fail to address the proposed mechanism of concussive injury, that being acceleration and deceleration forces acting on the brain. There is, therefore, little likelihood of these devices being shown to be beneficial. The committee could find no reason to recommend their use.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Tufano

Council Rep:
Klika

(2) Honors Committee.

(a) Increase the Today's Top VIII Award to the Today's Top 10 Award.

Management Council. The Council approved the committee's recommendation that NCAA Bylaw 21.2.3.3 – Duties – be amended to change the Today's Top VIII Award to the Today's Top 10 Award.

The Today Top VIII Award has been at its present number since 1995. The award started in 1973 as the Today's Top V and changed to the Today's Top VI in 1986. The committee is requesting an increase to 10 for the following reasons:

- Increased number of participating student-athletes. In 1995-96, a total of 336,465 student-athletes participated – 130,080 women and 206,305 men. In 2010-11 a total of 446,178 student-athletes participated – 193,232 women and 252,946 men. An increase of 109,713 student-athletes.
- Increased number of NCAA sports. In 1995-96 there were 21 sports. In 2010-11 there were 23 sports. An increase of two sports.
- Increased number of NCAA institutions. In 1995-96 there were 994 NCAA institutions. In 2010-11 there were 1092 institutions. An increase of 98 institutions.

- Increased number of championship opportunities. In 1995-96 there were 80 championships. There are currently 89 championships. An increase of nine championships.

The committee believes the increase in the Today's Top VIII Award will allow the NCAA to recognize additional deserving candidates. [NOTE: Funding for the proposed amendment must be determined through the Association-wide budget process.]

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Today's Top VIII Selection Criteria.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee voted to make the following changes to the selection criteria for the Today's Top VIII Award:

- Increase the required GPA from 3.000 to 3.2000.
- Reallocate the percentages for the award criteria as follows: athletics achievement – 50 percent; academic achievement – 30 percent; service and leadership – 15 percent; and a discretionary five percent that can be allocated by each committee member. (The discretionary allocation is allowed so that outstanding achievement in any particular area can be recognized.)

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Silver Anniversary Award Criteria.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed the current selection criteria for the Silver Anniversary Award and did not make any modifications. The committee would like to see more candidates nominated for Divisions II and III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Bracken
Ford,
Rossello

Council Rep:
Ching

Staff Liaisons:
Calandro,
Smith,
Suscha

Council Rep:
Ingold

Staff Liaison:
Chichester

Council Rep:
Hathorn

5) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Roxbury

Council Rep:
Thomforde

(6) **Research Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Miller,
Smith

Council Rep:
Ingold

(7) **Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Chichester

Council Rep:
Hass

(8) **Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Barnhart,
Holzman,
Morrison

Council Rep:
Hoeg

(9) **Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA).**

(a) **Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) and NCAA Gender Equity Reporting.**

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed the current difference between the annual reporting deadlines for the federal EADA and NCAA financial reporting system, which are October and January respectively. The committee previously supported establishing a single deadline for both reports to make it more convenient and efficient for the membership. Consequently, the NCAA staff reached out to the U.S. Department of Education to see if the submission dates could be streamlined. However, the Department of Education did not agree to change the reporting date, noting that their October deadline allows the data to be reviewed earlier by all prospective students. The current NCAA system allows the membership to pull data for the EADA and NCAA at the same time.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Division III Male Practice Players Legislation.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed the Division III SAAC report, noting that the Women's Basketball Coaches Association had requested that Division III SAAC review proposed changes to the current male practice player's legislation. SAAC discussed the proposal at its January 2012 meeting and did not support the proposed changes to the legislation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Emerging and Olympic Sports.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's reporting regarding triathlon, rugby, sand volleyball and acrobatics and tumbling and stunt.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.

a. Division III Identity Initiative.

(1) Division III Purchasing Website.

Management Council. The Council noted that at the midpoint of the current fiscal year, approximately 45 percent of Division III institutions and 58 percent of multisport conferences had submitted orders for products offered for 2011-12. Institutions averaged spending the entire \$500 credit offered at the website, plus an additional \$35 of institutional funds for items. Conferences averaged spending the entire \$500 credit, plus an additional \$90 of conference funds. The Division III Identity Initiative contractor requested assistance from each conference commissioner in mid-March to encourage schools that had not yet used their 2011-12 credit to do so. The contractor also will directly contact athletics directors and sports information directors this spring at institutions that have not yet used the credit, to encourage purchases. The three most popular items on this year's purchasing website are new products: Co-branded t-shirts; branded water coolers and branded lanyards. The contractor has received feedback throughout the year expressing a continuing preference for co-branded items.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary.

(2) Videos.

Management Council. The Council noted that seven new Identity Initiative videos, including versions that are customizable and can be co-branded by schools and conferences, were made available to the membership in February through a

download site created by the NCAA championships group, as well as the NCAA Division III YouTube channel. Log-in information for the download site was sent via email to conference commissioners, athletics directors and sports information directors. The videos are cut in lengths suitable for use as public-service announcements in game broadcasts or webcasts (30 seconds long); as “featu-ettes” for use on institutional or conference websites (60 seconds long); or for public presentations about the Division III experience (the 3:40-minute version). Most of the downloadable videos are available both in QuickTime (.mov) and Windows Media (.wmv) versions, and the customizable videos include “keyable” QuickTime versions that give editors some flexibility in altering the length of videos and use of graphics. The download site also offers a customization tool kit that includes the various motion and identification graphics used in the videos, as well as examples of how some of those graphics may be used.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary.

(3) Division III Week.

Management Council. The Council noted that the inaugural Division III week was celebrated April 9-15. Division III asked schools and conferences to schedule and publicize at least one event during the week demonstrating the academic, athletic, and co- and extra-curricular activities of Division III student-athletes. Participating institutions and conferences were asked to submit a brief report of scheduled activities to the national office, to assist staff in calling national attention to the celebration. Based on the submitted reports, approximately one-third of the membership and half of the conferences formally celebrated Division III Week.

Division III provided promotional materials for use on campuses and by conferences, including an online “communications kit” as well as signage that was shipped to conference commissioners and institutional sports information directors. Division III received significant assistance from the NCAA communications staff in this effort. It was noted that the division raised over \$5,000 for Special Olympics during the week primarily through a “like” promotion on the Division III Facebook page as well as a “jeans day” at the NCAA national office. Follow-up to this year’s event will focus on solicitation of membership feedback about Division III Week, including reaction to the timing of the event and experiences with scheduling and promoting activities.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the report. No action was necessary.

(4) Championships.

Management Council. The Council noted that the managers of the various Division III championships have increased efforts this year to dress venues with identity signage. They also have worked to increase visibility of the Division

III/Special Olympics partnership by encouraging the scheduling of events involving Special Olympians. Division III has provided each championship with \$1,000 to support Special Olympics-related activities at all team championships.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Outreach.

Management Council. The Council noted that Division III is stepping up efforts to reach out to a variety of constituencies, primarily for the purpose of presenting the Division III's identity to prospective student-athletes and their parents. A website specifically adapted to use by coaches on mobile devices such as smart phones and tablet computers, is being developed to assist users in portraying the Division III identity. Division III staff also continues to solicit and receive invitations to meet with national and state organizations of high school athletics administrators and admissions counselors, to enlist their support in describing the Division III model to young athletes. Outreach to prospective student-athletes and their parents will receive heightened attention during the next two years, as indicated in the current Division III Strategic Platform Activation and Planning Calendar. Division III also has increased outreach activities focusing on sports information directors, including supporting the establishment of a working group to identify professional development opportunities for campus and conference SIDs (in support of the Identity Initiative's objective of enhancing Division III messaging locally, within conferences, and nationally). Division III also has joined with the Division III Sports Information Directors of American (D3SIDA) to sponsor a recognition program honoring schools and conferences whose sports information staffs produce outstanding promotional work portraying Division III's model of intercollegiate athletics, including its philosophy and attributes. The program's first awards were presented during Division III Week.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Division III Strategic Positioning Activation and Planning Calendar.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the 2012-13 Strategic Positioning Activation and Planning Calendar noting the various opportunities to share the Division III story with the membership and public.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Academic Reporting Pilot.

• Executive Summary of Division III Issues Forum.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the Executive Summary of key issues and membership feedback from the 2012 Issues Forum regarding the results of the division's Academic Reporting Pilot.

**QUESTION 1A: FINDINGS OF THE ACADEMIC REPORT PILOT:
TELLING THE DIVISION III STORY.**

Convention roundtable feedback:

- Generally, the responses were in favor of the pilot results telling the story of Division III. The pilot helped reinforce the idea that student-athletes are performing better academically and graduating at a greater rate than the rest of the student body. The data also help promote that Division III student-athletes are well-rounded individuals and quantitatively illustrate that Division III places a high value on academics.
- Most responses indicated that these results would help focus on Division III as a whole instead of primarily focusing on individual conferences or institutions.
- Many responses also indicated the pilot was only performed once and the long-term results have yet to be shown. Other concerns questioned whether the sample was representative of the diversity of Division III and if the results were comparable to Divisions I and II.

**QUESTION 1B: FINDINGS OF THE ACADEMIC REPORT PILOT
SUPPORTING THE DIVISION'S PHILOSOPHY AND STRATEGIC POSI-
TIONING PLATFORM.**

Convention roundtable feedback:

- Generally, the responses were in favor of the pilot results supporting the Division's Philosophy Statement and Strategic Positioning Platform. The results from the pilot can aid in the recruiting process, strengthen the relationship between athletics and faculty and add data to support the division's philosophy and strategic positioning platform. The data collected can assist in the positive perception and image of Division III student-athletes.
- Most responses indicated that these results help promote graduation in four years among the division's student-athletes.
- Many responses also indicated that it is important to perform a comparative study to provide more insight on transfer students.
- Concern also arose about tracking and counting students who are no longer involved within intercollegiate athletics.

**QUESTION 1C: FINDINGS OF THE ACADEMIC REPORT PILOT AND
RELEVANCE AT THE CAMPUS LEVEL.**

Convention roundtable feedback:

- Generally, the responses were in favor of the relevance of the pilot findings at the campus level. The pilot can help strengthen the relationship between athletics and aid in the recruitment process. The data also help

with resource allocation, proving that student-athletes are academically performing better than the general student body. The data from this pilot can assist in the evaluation of sport specific programs. Ultimately, this data can help support the positive impact athletics has on Division III campuses.

- Most responses indicated that these results are specific to individual campuses and do not assist in unifying Division III institutions. An additional concern is the tracking of dual sport student-athletes.
- Many responses also indicated there currently is no uniform academic standard across the division, separating student-athletes from the rest of the general student body, and, that student-athletes being accounted for who are no longer associated with the team.

QUESTION 1D: FINDINGS OF THE ACADEMIC REPORT PILOT - RELEVANCE AT THE CONFERENCE LEVEL.

Convention roundtable feedback:

- Generally, the responses did not find the pilot findings relevant at the conference level. Division III conferences are very diverse. Conference level data would not promote the division as a whole. The data is similar to the Financial Aid Report and is more relevant at the campus level.
- Most responses indicated that these results would increase competition among institutions within specific conferences instead of unifying the conference as a whole. An additional concern is the negative implications it could have on the division in regards to recruitment.
- Many responses also indicated it would help unify institutions within a conference in regards to recruitment, aid in budget allocation, serve as a best practice and be relevant when conferences are adding institutions for membership.

QUESTION 2A: BENEFITS OF ACADEMIC REPORTING AND RELATED COSTS: CAMPUS-LEVEL.

Convention roundtable feedback:

- The majority of applicable responses indicated that current campus-level burdens outweighed the benefits in regards to academic reporting. A majority of responses indicated the results of academic reporting were burdensome and time consuming before they established a campus-wide reporting system. The collaboration of professionals outside of the athletic department and computerized systems were critical to easing the burden.
- Many responses indicated the burden varied among institutions depending on individual institution's rapport among campus constituents, and utilized the Financial Aid Report to lesson time constraints. Many responses indicated it was too early to predict long term burdens.

- There were many concerns of adding an additional report to not only the athletics department, but also other various campus departments.
- Many responses indicated there was no significant benefit in collecting the results from academic reporting. It was also suggested the NCAA National Office provide a technical system in order to ease the burden. There is fear the burden will increase over time, and concern about the reporting capabilities on small campuses
- Responses indicated there was uncertainty in regards to a uniform definition of student-athlete.

QUESTION 2B: BENEFITS OF ACADEMIC REPORTING AND RELATED COSTS: OVERCOMING BURDENS.

Convention roundtable feedback:

- The majority of applicable responses indicated burdens related to the academic reporting pilot can be overcome through a uniform avenue for collecting data across the division. This could be implemented by a technological system, NCAA policies regarding data collection, a clear definition of student-athlete, and usage of templates from the pilot. Although many institutions experienced burden the first few years of the pilot, it is believed the burden will lessen over time. A majority of responses indicated time and money were the largest burdens.
- Many responses indicated concerns about allocating resources towards academic reporting, the diversity of Division III campuses, verifying data, and student-athletes who do not participate in athletics for the duration of their collegiate career.
- There were many concerns regarding the priority of the implementation of academic reporting and if it would become mandated or left to institutional choice.
- Many responses indicated there was no significant benefit in collecting the results from academic reporting. It was also suggested the NCAA National Office provide software in order to ease the burden.
- There were responses that indicated there was uncertainty in regards to a uniform definition of student-athlete.

QUESTION 2B: BENEFITS OF ACADEMIC REPORTING PILOT AND RELATED COSTS: THE ROLE OF THE NCAA AND/OR CONFERENCES IN MANAGING BURDEN.

Convention roundtable feedback:

- The majority of responses supported funding in order to create a new position or compensate athletic administrators for their overtime work when completing academic reporting. Additional responses indicated institutions should be provided with the average financial cost for

academic reporting for campuses before implementation. Many responses indicated increased funds through Division III conference grants or an institutional stipend. Many responses indicated establishing an NCAA “help desk” to ensure institutions are completing the academic reporting process correctly.

- A majority of responses indicated the need for software to be designed or be provided by the NCAA in order to ensure data collection is consistent and accurate among all Division III institutions. Additional responses indicated the need for a template, best practices guide, standard program or suggested method for collecting data to be released by the NCAA.
- There is a concern over the increase of data collection by the NCAA and many responses recommended incorporating academic reporting into an already existing survey administered and mandated by the NCAA. Many responses also suggested the NCAA become involved with data collection on campuses from beginning to end.

COLLECTION OPTION 1: ANNUAL FROM ALL SCHOOLS.

Convention roundtable feedback:

- Generally the responses indicated the need to mandate academic reporting for all Division III institutions. Many responses ranged from annual reporting to only reporting every few years.
- There was general support for involvement from all Division III institutions in order to ensure validity, statistical significance and consistency.
- Making it mandatory was a key aspect in many responses.
- Many responses indicated a concern about the source of Division III funds in order to participate on an annual basis in order to ease the burden.
- There were also concerns about utilizing a standard template or software for all institutions.

COLLECTION OPTION 2: ANNUAL WITH HALF OF THE SCHOOLS IN ALTERNATING YEARS.

Convention roundtable feedback:

- Generally the responses indicated the need to slowly ease into already existing methods of collecting data both by the individual institutions and the NCAA.
- Making it mandatory was a key aspect in many responses.
- Many responses indicated alternating years rather than mandating data collection annually.
- There were also concerns about institutions collecting data inaccurately.

COLLECTION OPTION 3: BIENNIAL.

Convention roundtable feedback:

- Generally the responses indicated this option would increase inconsistency and inaccuracy among data collection.
- There was general concern biennial reporting would not ensure validity, statistical significance and consistency.
- Making it mandatory was a key aspect in many responses.
- There were also concerns a biennial report would increase burden.

COLLECTION OPTION 4: OPTIONAL REPORTING.

Convention roundtable feedback:

- Generally the responses indicated the freedom of institutions to choose participation would ease burden and increase response rates. Optional reporting would provide a snapshot of Division III.
- There is a concern optional reporting would be the least effective, but be beneficial to slowly incorporate academic reporting into Division III legislation.
- Making it mandatory was a key aspect in many responses. Many responses indicated mandating academic reporting every five years.
- There were also concerns optional reporting would not be reflective of the entire division and optional reporting would eventually lend itself into mandatory reporting.

COLLECTION OPTION 5: NONE OF THE ABOVE.

Convention roundtable feedback:

- Generally these responses supported incorporating academic reporting into an already existing survey administrated and mandated by the NCAA such as the ISSG and EADA.
- There is general support for mandating academic reporting for all institutions in its first year and slowly easing it into a four to five year survey in order to be comprehensive and incorporate it into already existing methods of data collection on campus.
- Making it mandatory was a key aspect in many responses. Many responses indicated mandating academic reporting once every five or ten years.
- Many responses indicated involvement at the conference level.
- There were also concerns about how academic reporting tells the Division III story, the value of the data and how the data would be utilized.

NUMERICAL RESPONSE SUMMARY

| Question | Support | Do Not Support | Undecided or N/A | % Support | % Do Not Support |
|----------|---------|----------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1a | 59 | 4 | 23 | 68% | 4% |
| 1b | 67 | 3 | 16 | 77.9% | 3% |
| 1c | 66 | 9 | 11 | 75.8% | 10% |
| 1d | 29 | 23 | 30 | 33.7% | 26.7% |
| 2a | 42 | 15 | 29 | 48.8% | 17.4% |
| 2b | 61 | 6 | 16 | 73.4% | 7.2% |

NUMERICAL RESPONSE SUMMARY

| Question | Annual from all schools | Annual with half of schools in alternating years | Biennial | Optional Reporting | None of the above |
|----------|-------------------------|--|----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 3 | 32 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 24 |
| | 41% | 2% | 2% | 23% | 30.7% |

The Management Council identified the following items for the Presidents Council discussion:

- Should the division mandate student-athlete graduation-rate reporting or leave it to institutional choice (voluntary)?
- How significant is the related time demand?
- Is annual reporting necessary?
- What is the validity of the data collected?
- What do graduation-rate data actually measure?

The Council ultimately endorsed two principles for Presidents Council consideration:

- Regular academic reporting is beneficial to the division.
- Representative data is essential.

Presidents Council. The Council endorsed the concept of regular, representative reporting. The Council also endorsed the decision to invite institutions to report student-athlete graduation rates on a voluntary basis (a third year of voluntary reporting) and evaluate the results. A report regarding the results of the third data cohort will be shared with the President's Advisory Group (PAG) during its August meeting. Discussion will then focus on the best way to obtain regular, representative graduation rate data moving forward.

c. Division III Expense Reporting “Dashboard Indicators”.

Management Council. The Council noted that the Division III Financial Dashboard Indicator System will be launched in May of 2012. As no feedback regarding revisions was received, the current list of indicators will be in place when the system is launched.

To facilitate the launch, a video introducing the system will be recorded and embedded into the application. This video will appear prominently upon login. Additionally, a letter from the Presidents Council chair will be sent to all presidents and chancellors announcing the launch. Division III staff will coordinate with the NCAA Communications staff to further promote the launch. A report will be shared with the Presidents and Management Councils at their summer meetings and with the Strategic Planning and Finance committee at its November meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Virtual Focus Group Communication.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the results from the Virtual Focus Group communication on recruiting calendars and noted that they will be forwarded to the Recruiting Working Group.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary

e. Sickie Cell Trait Testing.

Management Council. The Council received a presentation by David Klossner, NCAA director of health and safety educational affairs.

During the 2012 Convention, the membership referred to the NCAA CSMAS Division III Proposal No. 2012-3 which would have established that the examination or evaluation of student-athletes who are beginning their initial season of eligibility and students who are trying out for a team shall include a sickle cell solubility test, unless documented results of a prior test are provided to the institution or the student-athlete declines the test and signs a written release.

The Council noted that an NCAA staff group has been formed to address sickle cell trait testing logistics education/resources, legal perspectives, communication challenges and membership concern(s) to identify next steps, including potential 2013 legislation for consideration.

Identified Membership Concerns:

- Timing of implementation.
- Cost(s) associated with testing.
- Why sickle cell trait testing vs. other?
- Waiver Option.
- Administrative challenges (e.g., SA tracking).
- Resources to assist and educate.

Education Initiative:

- Identified concerns guide educational priorities and tasks.
- Efforts to date and projected:
 - Testimonials: NCAA.org; Monthly Update; NATA. [to date]
 - Direct communications: NATA. [to date]
 - Best Practices; Sports Medicine Handbook. [projected]
 - Video. [projected]

Concepts for Consideration/Feedback:

- Student-athletes that execute waiver right must receive education.
- Student-athletes allowed to practice while awaiting test results – education and precautions for ALL teams as general practice.
- Credit for testing.
- Phase-in approach (e.g., incoming student-athletes required).

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council's recommendation of proceeding with educational efforts regarding sickle cell trait testing in an attempt to determine whether a revised legislative proposal would be supported at the 2013 Convention. The Presidents Council believes this is a student-athlete health and well-being issue and is urging more conversation with Division III constituents, especially presidents, in the coming weeks to help address concerns.

The Council committed to educating the membership during annual meetings; as well as planned outreach during the NCAA Regional Rules Seminars in May and June and at the National Athletics Trainers' Association convention in June.

In addition to educational outreach, the Presidents Council emphasized the need to incorporate testimonials from campuses that already conduct sickle cell trait testing. During a recent survey, 40 percent of more than 230 respondents routinely test for sickle cell trait without issue. Also discussed were modifications of the potential legislation: 1) Require student-athletes who "opt out" of the test to receive a mandatory educational component that makes them aware of symptoms and risks. 2) Allow student-athletes who are waiting for test results to continue practicing with their teams, as long as education and precautions are in place for all student-athletes during that time.

The Council intends to decide next steps during its August meeting with the Presidents and Chancellors Advisory Group (PAG).

f. NASPA Collaboration.

Management Council. The Council received an update from Cari Klecka on the NCAA/NASPA Collaboration. The partnership began in September 2011 after the membership decided rather than mandatory drug testing they wanted to focus on education, primarily regarding alcohol.

This collaboration identified four program elements: identify best practices in the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) education and develop pathways to share those broadly; develop modules that include baseline information; promote effective resources within the context of the environmental model; and identify the gaps in existing program offerings and develop resources or programming to target those gaps.

Two working groups have been developed: Delivery Working Group which will develop the structure and format to share program content and promote use of the resource within NCAA and NASPA; and the Content Working Group which will identify evidence based content to include in the first iteration of the resource.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the information. No action was necessary.

g. Presidents Council Working Group on Membership Representational Requirements.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received a report from Livingston Alexander chair of the PC Working Group on Membership Representational Requirements.

The charges of this working group were: 1) Review to legislative and compositional requirements of the Council to the membership at large and 2) Review the role and composition of the President's Advisory Group.

The Council informally supported the expansion of the Presidents Council from 15 to 17 members, as well as opportunities for broader representation within the PAG, noting formal recommendations will be received during its summer meeting.

h. Presidents Council Subcommittee Assignments.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council received a review of subcommittee assignments noting vacancies on the Strategic Planning and Finance Committee and the Presidents Council Nominations Subcommittee due to recent Council vacancies.

5. PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2013 CONVENTION.

a. Review noncontroversial legislation approved by the Management Council.

- **Playing and Practice Seasons – Football and Basketball Scrimmage – Allow Publicity and Official Scoring.**

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format in basketball and football, to remove the requirement that a practice scrimmage must be conducted without publicity or official scoring.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- **Playing and Practice Seasons – Reference to Scrimmage or Exhibition.**

Management Council. The Council adopted in legislative format to create consistency within the legislation related to the terms “scrimmage,” “exhibition,” and “exhibition scrimmages.”

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

- b. **Review of governance-sponsored legislation.**

- **Amateur Status – Before Initial, Full-Time Collegiate Enrollment – Prize Money Based on Team Performance.**

Management Council. The Council noted that this proposal is ready for review by the Joint Legislative Steering Committee. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

6. ***ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.***

- a. **Inclusion Initiative.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received a report from Bernard Franklin, executive vice president, chief inclusion officer, Kim Ford, director of diversity and inclusion; and Karen Morrison, director of gender inclusion initiatives, on Inclusion Strategic Initiatives.

The NCAA has restructured and refocused its diversity and inclusion effort, while maintaining a commitment to education and development. The inclusion initiative emphasizes that an inclusive culture is the best approach to achieving diversity. It represents a shift from embracing diversity as a metric to encouraging inclusion as a value in leadership and decision-making processes.

Inclusion in intercollegiate athletics, as in all areas of the campus, starts with the president. Presidents and chancellors must set an unwavering tone acknowledging the value of diversity and equally importantly, the practice of inclusion. The enterprise represents a shift in primary focus from development and delivery of programmatic elements to advocacy for best practices and policy decisions that strengthen the Association’s commitment to seeking out diverse viewpoints.

Four priorities have emerged through two years of dialogue with the NCAA membership and affiliate organizations:

- Increased engagement of university presidential leadership;
- Increased partnership and dialogue with affiliate organizations that support inclusive efforts in higher education;

- Exploration of policy initiatives that advance an inclusive culture in intercollegiate athletics; and
- A national office system that can model an inclusive business environment.

The NCAA has restructured its internal inclusion team, elevating the groups work to a reporting line with the executive vice president/chief inclusion officer, organized its international affairs efforts under a director, and articulated inclusion as one of the five national office beliefs. Cultural sensitivity to inclusion has been built into performance metrics for the national office and is being promoted and recommended as best practices for athletics programs. The NCAA is expanding its Equity and Inclusion Forum to provide educational programming and discussion of best practices across these broader inclusion topics beginning with the 2012 event. The Association has also restructured its governance system, by:

- Placing a president or chancellor from each division on the Committee on Women's Athletics (CWA) and one from each division on the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC), and conducting joint sessions of these two committees, twice per year;
- Balancing representation on those committees equally amongst divisions, and
- Identifying three new joint subcommittees to address broader inclusion topics: Disabilities; Minority Women and Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) experiences.

The Council also endorsed in principle a series of "Inclusion Strategic Initiatives" developed in part as an outcome of an Inclusion Summit conducted by the association in September 2011. The Council agreed to revisit the issue with the PAG during its August 2012 meeting.

b. Communication Update.

Management Council. The Council received a communication update from Ronnie Ramos, managing director, digital communications and Wendy Walters, director of academic and membership affairs. In an attempt to determine the most efficient way to communicate with the membership, the NCAA has implemented tagging every piece of content on the membership site to streamline the time it takes to locate information. Along with tagging, an email alert system will pilot this summer. This alert will allow the membership to customize the information they want to receive and avoid receiving emails not pertaining to them. Council members were encouraged to engage in this pilot.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Litigation Update.

Management Council. The Council accepted the Litigation Report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Council accepted the Litigation Report during their joint presidential breakfast. No action was necessary.

d. Governmental Relations Report.

Management Council and Presidents Council. The Councils accepted the Governmental Relations Report. No action was necessary.

e. 2012-13 Committee Meeting Requests.

Management Council. The Council approved the Division III committee meeting requests for the 2012-13 year, granting the Championships Committee and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee the opportunity to conduct more than two in-person meetings in 2012-13.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

Management Council. The Management Council meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m. on April 17.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 11 a.m. on April 26.