



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S BASKETBALL COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 16, 2018, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative Items.

- None.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **2020 championship venue.**

- a. Recommendation. That the 2020 Division II Men's Basketball Championship take place at State Farm Arena in Atlanta as part of the Division I Men's Final Four.
- b. Effective date. March/April 2020.
- c. Rationale. The Men's Basketball Committee believes that this would be a tremendous opportunity for Division II basketball and would provide an outstanding student-athlete experience for the two teams that advance to Atlanta as well as an opportunity for greater exposure at the Men's Final Four. The committee acknowledges that the Division II Championships Committee during its September meeting agreed to the concept of staging the Division II Men's Basketball Championship in conjunction with the Division I Men's Final Four twice over the next 10 years. The last time this was done (in 2013) was also in Atlanta, and the experience there for the Division II student-athletes was outstanding. As such, the Division II Men's Basketball Committee believes that a similar experience will be provided in 2020. The committee also notes that the Division II leadership within the National Association of Basketball Coaches supports this recommendation.
- d. Estimated budget impact. Approximately \$250,000. (See Attachment.)
- e. Student-athlete impact. The student-athletes who advance to the championship game would be able to participate in a number of different activities around the Men's Final Four including an opening reception, a community outreach initiative, an introduction during the semifinals of the Men's Final Four and the winning team being introduced during the championship game of the Men's Final Four as the Division II national champion. These experiences would provide life-long positive memories. The student-athletes who advance to the championship would at most miss two additional days of class time from a normal Elite Eight experience.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **None.**

Committee Chairs: Jon Mark Hall, University of Southern Indiana
Staff Liaison: Donnie Wagner, Championships and Alliances

NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Committees October 16, 2018, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Brian Beaur, The College of Saint Rose	
Jason Boothe, Dixie State University	
Tony Duckworth, Northeastern State University	
Ken Gerlinger, Peach Belt Conference	
Jon Mark Hall, University of Southern Indiana	
Sean McAndrews, West Virginia State University	
George Russell Osborne, University of Alaska, Anchorage	
Fran Reidy, Saint Leo University	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:	
Donnie Wagner, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
None.	