

**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
SWIMMING AND DIVING COMMITTEE
APRIL 16-17, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- None.

2. Non-legislative items.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Review of agenda.** The committee reviewed the agenda for the meeting and made no adjustments.
- 2. Review of 2018 annual meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2018 annual meeting report as presented.
- 3. Review of Division III Championships Committee reports.** The committee reviewed reports from the past year and agreed that no follow-up discussion or action was needed.
- 4. Diving regional review.** Through evaluation of the sites, the committee determined a new timeline for diving regional hosting bids and approval.
 - a. Diving regionals – bid process.** So that hosts have more training and better onboarding prior to hosting, the new timeline will allow future hosts to participate in calls as well as site and event shadowing a year prior to hosting a regional event. The new process also adds best practices, such as pairing current and future hosts, updating the bid process timeline, evaluating all bids to include previously hosted diving events and identifying concerns, reviewing staff lists to ensure all staffing needs are met at regional events, and improving site rep checklists. The following timeline will be in place:
 - Conclusion of current 2019-20 bid process: Bid portal currently open; bid portal will close on June 28, 2019 with selection and announcement to take place in July/August.
 - Bid process for 2020-21: bid portal will open on the first Monday of July (7/1/19); bid portal will close on the Friday before Thanksgiving (11/22/19) with selection and announcement to take place in December 2019, 14 months prior to the regional event in February 2021.
 - b. Format.** The committee will be researching a variety of topics and exploring ways to potentially shorten the events.

- c. **Host operations manual revisions.** The committee suggested edits and additions to the manual for staff to incorporate as necessary along with the regular yearly updates.

5. Review of 2018 championships (Greensboro).

- a. **Committee overview/feedback.** The committee recognized the host for executing a great championship, and noted that the facility was as a premier location with a tremendous staff. The committee agreed that Greensboro is one of the top destinations for this event.

The Committee members also agreed to adjust their assignments to ensure coverage of all necessary tasks in the future.

- b. **Facility.** Committee members thought the facility was very accommodating, and they look forward to the additions currently being constructed. The committee noted ways to better use the two videoboards and better assign items between the end and side boards. Additionally, with the addition of a third pool, the committee will examine the possibilities on the site visit for additional seating, locker rooms, meeting space, etc.
- c. **Banquet.** Multiple respondents thoroughly enjoyed the event and appreciated the shorter program and quick service.
- d. **Hospitality.** The committee recommended changing the hours of hospitality to better match the natural breaks of the event schedule so more people have access to the meals.
- e. **Interviews and Awards presentation.** The committee recommended a few changes to the awards presentation and champion(s) interviews. To reduce traffic, the bulkhead will be closed to everyone except credentialed photographers and officials during the awards, presentations. This will allow those leaving the pool plenty of space to get to the awards ready area and will also provide space for the next event's consolation swimmers to access their starting block area. Interviews will be moved from the end of each final to after the awards presentations with the male and the female winners being interviewed together.
- f. **Officials evaluations.** The officiating crew and diving judges all did a good job. The committee did note some concerns were expressed that will need to be addressed next year. The crew of volunteer officials also received praise, and the committee will be vigilant to secure even more quality volunteer officials in future years.
- g. **Additional personnel.** The committee discussed ways members can be trained in the future to help event coordinators provide more assistance and be better prepared in case of emergency.

6. Discussion of action plan for 2019 (returning to Greensboro).

- a. **Site visit.** NCAA staff and the committee chair will work with the host to implement suggested improvements from the 2018 event, and evaluate the new addition to the Greensboro Aquatic Center.
- b. **Schedule of events.** While the committee continues to discuss the schedule of events as part of its research, members agreed that the schedule for 2020 will remain the same at Greensboro with minor changes to timing around the order of events.
- c. **Wedges and ledges.** Photos and descriptions of the blocks, ledges and wedges will be included in the pre-championships information so that schools may practice with these throughout the year.
- d. **Hotels and parking.** The committee will notify coaches and members early that Greensboro will be hosting the championships on the same week/weekend that they are hosting Division I men's basketball first- and second-round games.

7. Review selection process.

a. Standards and selections.

- (1) **Number of individuals/relays.** The committee evaluated the Championships Committee's decision to not support expanding the men's cap to 270. The committee took no action but will continue to work with this goal in mind.
 - (2) **Diving prelim tiebreaking.** The committee discussed the wording and intent of the diving tiebreakers during the prelims at the championships and noted that the rules committee is working to finalize the tiebreaking rules.
 - (3) **Diving selections and alternate list.** The committee discussed the diving selection process and noted ongoing research on the topic. The committee agreed to clarify how alternates are taken in order to match the process used for swimming. Alternates will not be selected based on assigned boards (i.e. a 3M diver who is scratched is not required to be replaced by the next 3M diver). Alternates will be listed in order as if selections continued by alternating boards.
- b. **2019-20 qualifying standards.** The committee reviewed and approved the 2019-20 qualifying standards as presented. Additionally, the committee will work with Michelle Chaffin to clarify the language used to describe the process and better explain how the standards are created.

8. Site review/future sites.

- a. **2021 – Seattle, Washington.** The championships will take place on March 17-20 at the Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center.

- b. Bid for 2022; and 2023-2026 bid cycle.** The committee is prepared announced the 2022 host in June or July. The committee also discussed the upcoming bid cycle for the 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 championships and noted that selections will be published in the next few months.
- c. 2020 diving regional sites.** The committee examined the diving regional host bid process and made changes as noted in informational item 4 above. The 2020 diving regional hosts will be announced this summer and the 2021 hosts will be announced in December. Additional research is being done to compare diving regionals to other sport regional events.

9. Committee.

- a. Policies and procedures manual.** The committee is in the process of reviewing the manual(s), and NCAA staff will incorporate the recommended modifications as necessary along with the regular yearly updates.
 - b. 2019-20 committee timeline.** The committee approved the proposed timeline with changes made to the regional diving bid schedule.
 - c. Annual meeting.** The 2020 annual meeting will be April 14-15 in Indianapolis.
 - d. Selection of 2019-20 committee chair.** The committee has elected Johan Lopez, head men's and women's diving coach/FAR at U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, as chair of the committee in 2019-20.
- 10. Governance update.** Louise McCleary, director of Division III, joined the meeting to provide a governance update. She noted a variety of topics including the expanded Board of Governors; E-Sports; Sports Wagering; Sport Science Institute research with regards to acclimation and recovery, mental health services, the NCAA Transfer Portal, and updates from various working groups.
- 11. Rules.** The committee discussed proposed rule changes with Greg Lockard, secretary-rules editor. The committee noted some minor concerns and will follow up with Mr. Lockard with regards to the diving prelim tiebreaking rules.
- 12. CSCAA representation.** There will be three or four representatives from the committee at the conference and a list of items will be prepared to gather feedback from the membership.
- 13. Pre-championships manual review.** The committee will review the manual over the summer, and NCAA staff will incorporate the recommended modifications as necessary along with the regular yearly updates.
- 14. Participant manual review.** The committee will review the manual over the summer, and NCAA staff will incorporate the recommended modifications as necessary along with the regular yearly updates.

- 15. Host operations manual revisions.** The committee will review the manual over the summer, and NCAA staff will incorporate the recommended modifications as necessary along with the regular yearly updates.
- 16. Sponsorship lists – championships access ratio.** The committee discussed schools that are potentially adding men’s and/or women’s swimming and diving and will continue to monitor the impact on sport sponsorship.
- 17. Other business.**
- a. **Diving warm-up schedule.** During prelim warm-ups there will no open boards following flights for the non-competing gender. During the evening, the non-competing gender will have open board availability from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. each evening.
 - b. **Team seating process.** The committee is evaluating the team seating process as there was a request to look at options to provide more assigned seating for all teams.

Committee Chair: David Fritz, Grove City College
Staff Liaison: Kevin Alcox, Championships and Alliances

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Attendees:
Barb Bolich, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Beth DeLaRosby, Carthage College.
David Fritz, Grove City College.
Johan C. Lopez, United States Merchant Marine Academy.
Terrance Small, New Jersey Athletic Conference
Michael Sutton, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges.
Amy Heasley Williams, Kenyon College.
Absentees:
None.
Guests in Attendance:
Greg Lockhard, NCAA Secretary-Rules Editor (via teleconference).
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Kevin Alcox, Championships and Alliances.
Aaron King, Championships and Alliances.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Louise McCleary, Division III Governance.