



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
APRIL 6, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and review of agenda.** Championships Committee Chair Reid Amos welcomed the group and asked committee members to join him in congratulating Matt Kilcullen on being one of four individuals in Division II to earn the NACDA AD of the Year award for 2022-23.
2. **Review of previous reports.** The committee approved reports from its February 23-24 in-person meeting and March 20 electronic vote as presented.
3. **Staff updates.**
 - a. **Coaches Connection.** Jill Willson joined the committee to provide an update on the Division II Coaches Connection program, including a preview of an in-person meeting with sport connectors this summer and a discussion of how summaries from monthly calls are communicated within the Division II membership.
 - b. **Community engagement.** Ms. Willson also updated the committee on the various community engagement efforts implemented during Division II championships for winter sports, including the successful initiatives conducted during the joint Divisions I, II and III women's basketball championships in Dallas.
 - c. **Fall media.** Staff updated the committee on metrics from the fall sport championship selection shows and streaming metrics from the fall sport championship events, highlighting particularly those for which viewership increased from the previous year.
 - d. **Division II Strategic Plan.** The committee was informed that Division II has resumed its efforts to create a successor to its current strategic plan now that the Division II Implementation Committee has completed its work. The division had just completed SWOT analyses with all Division II governance committees in the spring and summer of 2021 when the constitutional crisis emerged, causing the division to pause its strategic planning effort to determine how the results of the Constitution Committee and Implementation Committee would affect the process. With all of that essentially settled, the Division II Presidents Council has approved a revised timeline for developing a new strategic plan that will be launched at the January 2026 NCAA Convention and extend through 2032, which is the end of the NCAA's current media rights agreement with CBS/Turner.

Due to the magnitude of the events during the last two years, the Division II Planning and Finance Committee and the Division II Presidents Council recommended that the Division II governance committees revisit their SWOT analyses from two years ago and discuss whether anything has changed since then that would affect the new strategic plan. In that vein, the Division II Championships Committee discussed renewed concerns regarding issues/initiatives being considered by other groups (e.g., Division I governance bodies, congress), that may affect the Division II membership (both existing members as well as prospective members). Committee members also reaffirmed the values that have distinguished Division II over time as remaining relevant in supporting the new strategic plan and that efforts should be increased to promote the Division II collegiate model more broadly in that regard.

4. Federated process for playing rules. Staff updated the committee on a process being developed for Division II to accommodate a provision in the new NCAA Constitution that allows for federated playing rules by division. Feedback from committee members included wanting to increase the number of Division II representatives involved at various steps within the decision-making process to help ensure the division's best interests are addressed.

5. Future meetings/videoconferences.

- a. May 4, 2-3:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference)
- b. June 26-27 (meeting via videoconference).
- c. September 14-15 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).

Committee Chair: Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee April 6, 2023, Videoconference
Attendees:
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University.
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.
Carrie Michaels, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania (Management Council Chair).

Sandee Mott, Texas Woman's University.
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Cade Smith, University of Alabama at Huntsville.
Jerry Wollmering, Truman State University (Management Council Vice Chair).
Absentees:
Thomas Webb Jr., Western New Mexico University.
Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
Jill Willson, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Antonio Cannavaro, Terri Gronau, Leslie Havens, Ryan Jones and Connor Lancashire.