

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE APRIL 3, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE

### ACTION ITEMS.

None.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and review of agenda. Championships Committee Chair Regan McAthie welcomed the group and updated members on a roster change, noting that JJ Hayes from the Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) transferred from his institution and has resigned from the SAAC. SAAC will appoint a new representative to the Championships Committee by the June meeting.
- **2. Review of previous reports.** The committee approved the report from its February 24-25 meeting, as presented.
- 3. NPI feedback process. The committee noted its agreement to request feedback on the potential use of the results-based NCAA Power Index (NPI) as the sole criterion that Division II sport committees would use for selection purposes. The committee reviewed draft questions for the committees to consider and made adjustments accordingly to ensure consistent feedback from those groups, as well as from the Division II Athletics Directors Association board and Conference Commissioners Association in the coming weeks. The committee will review the feedback during its June meeting.
- **4. Division II survey results.** The committee received a presentation from the research staff of preliminary results from the membership survey distributed in January that is the final phase of information gathering and membership input before the division begins drafting initiatives, timelines and funding priorities for the new operating plan to launch in January of 2026. The presentation included an executive summary of the entire survey followed by response summaries for championships-specific questions.

The committee focused its discussion during this session on responses to regionalization and selections, as well as the men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball championship formats. The committee during its May videoconference will review results regarding the selection shows and the National Championships Festival and then in June will focus on web streaming and remaining topics. The extensive review will help the committee make informed recommendations regarding budget allocations and potential enhancements to the division's championships program.

#### 5. Future meetings and videoconferences.

- May 1, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time (videoconference).
- June 25-26, (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).
- February 19-20, 2026 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).

Committee Chair: Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances

Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs

## Division II Championships Committee April 3, 2025, Videoconference

#### **Attendees:**

Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

Carlin Chesick, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.

Erin Lind, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (Management Council vice chair).

Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.

Roberta Page, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania (Management Council chair).

Christina Paone, Walsh University.

Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.

Jay Poerner, Lone Star Conference.

Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Stan Wagnon, University of Central Oklahoma.

Haley White, Lincoln Memorial University.

Vaughn Williams, Bentley University.

#### **Absentees:**

Neil Duval, Saint Anselm College.

#### **Guests in Attendance:**

Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.

### NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:

Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.

Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.

Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs.

#### Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Terri Steeb Gronau, Leslie Havens, Maritza Jones, Ryan Jones, Mariah Murdock and CJ Sowards.