



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 14, 2022, ELECTRONIC VOTE**

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

- **None.**

2. Nonlegislative items.

- **Sport committee appointments.** Ratify the following sport and rules committee appointments, effective immediately (see Attachment).
 - a. Women’s basketball rules (Division II representative).** Appoint **Christopher Cross**, director of athletics, Cedarville University, to replace Tara Owens, director of athletics, Central State University, who accepted the AD position at Division I University of Maryland Eastern Shore.
 - b. Men’s lacrosse.** Appoint **Ed Langham**, associate director of athletics, University of Montevallo, to replace Vince Smith, head men’s lacrosse coach, Colorado Mesa University, who left the institution.
 - c. Wrestling.** Appoint **Ryan Courtney**, deputy director of athletics, Fairmont State University, to replace Maura Donovan, assistant director of athletics for athletics giving and engagement, American International College.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **None**

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 October 14, 2022, Electronic Vote
Attendees:
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University.
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.

Courtney Lovely Evans, Palm Beach Atlantic University.
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Matt Kilcullen, Mercy College.
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
Absentees:
Reid Amos, Mountain East Conference.
Jim Johnson, Pittsburg State University (Management Council, chair).
Thomas Webb Jr., Western New Mexico University.
Guests in Attendance:
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances.
Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances.
Angela Red, Academic and Membership Affairs.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Leslie Havens.



Women's Basketball Rules Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Christopher Cross
Job Title:	Director of Athletics
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Cedarville University
Conference:	Great Midwest Athletic Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	Great Midwest Athletic Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	Cedarville University has hosted conference championships in cross country, track, basketball, and soccer. I have been actively involved in overseeing those championships.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Golf RAC 2016-2019
Former college S/A:	
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

Qualification Statement:

20 years experience in the NCAA. Current sitting athletic director overseeing the sport of Women's Basketball.

Past or current Committee Service:

Employment History:

1999-2004 Head Athletic Trainer Salem International University
 2004-2014 Head Athletic Trainer Cedarville University
 2014-2021 Assistant Athletic Director Compliance and Operations Cedarville University
 2021-present Athletic Director Cedarville University

Education:

Master's

References:

Pat Estepp Men's Basketball Coach Cedarville University. estepp@cedarville.edu
 Mark Elliott Director of Athletics Trevecca Nazarene University. melliott@trevecca.edu
 Leslie Schuermann Deputy Commissioner / SWA Great Midwest Athletic Conference leslie.schuermann@greatmidwestsports.com



Division II Men's Lacrosse Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Ed Langham
Job Title:	Associate Athletic Director
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	University of Montevallo
Conference:	Gulf South Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	Peach Belt Conference
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	GSC and PBC - Basketball, Volleyball, C.C., Track, Soccer, Lacrosse
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	Football University of Alabama, Football University of Alabama at Birmingham, Baseball Bevill St. CC
Former college coach (sports):	Baseball Bevill St CC, Baseball Montevallo, Strength and Conditioning Montevallo
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

Qualification Statement:

I have been in administration for 24 years at the college level. I have been at Montevallo for 14 years. I oversee many sports and was a part of starting up Men's Lacrosse.

Past or current Committee Service:

Employment History:

Head Baseball Coach/ Professor/ Advisor/ Director of Athletic Fields and Bevill State C.C.
 Professional Baseball Scout Atlanta Braves
 Associate Athletic Director/ Professor at University of Montevallo

Education:

Master's

References:

Dawn Makofski- Senior Associate Athletic Director University of Montevallo
 Mark Richard- Athletic Director University of Montevallo
 Erik Mass - Athletic Director Auburn University of Montgomery
 Blake Lewis - Athletic Director Gadsden State Community College
 Michael Chadwick- Director of Cullman Coliseum University of Alabama



Division II Wrestling Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Ryan Scott Courtney
Job Title:	Deputy Director of Athletics
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Fairmont State University
Conference:	Mountain East Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	
Former college S/A:	Wrestling - West Liberty
Former college coach (sports):	Wrestling GA WVU, Alderson Broadus - Assistant Coach
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

Qualification Statement:

I believe based on my history with wrestling, I would be an asset to this committee.

- I was a four-year starter and NCAA All-American at West Liberty University.
- I served as a GA for the WVU Wrestling program after my wrestling career
- I currently serve on an advisory committee for the West Liberty Wrestling program.
- I was active in bring the wrestling program back to Fairmont State University.
- I organized and ran regional NCAA events for Football and Men's Basketball during my years at Fairmont State.

Past or current Committee Service:

Employment History:

Aug. 2016 - Present Fairmont State Athletic Department. (Internal operations, Assistant AD, Interim AD) currently Deputy Director of Athletics.

Education:

Bachelor's

References:

Reid Amos - Commissioner of the MEC

Greg Bamberger -Director of Athletics Fairmont State University

Lynn Ullom - Director of Athletics West Liberty University



Division II Wrestling Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Michael Lavato
Job Title:	Assistant AD Internal Operations
Designation:	
Gender:	M
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	American International College
Conference:	Northeast-10 Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	We have hosted multiple conference championships here at AIC in both Division 2 and Division 1
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	Y
RAC Committees:	Men's Golf
Former college S/A:	Baseball
Former college coach (sports):	Baseball
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	Y

Qualification Statement:

I am an administrator for American International College which sponsors Division 2 wrestling. I am nominating myself to take over for Maura who has left the department for another job on campus and I think I would be a good fit as I would be able to pick up right where Maura left off and make sure there is a smooth transition. I am onsite admin for all of our home wrestling matches here at AIC do the set up and break down and make sure everything runs smoothly throughout our games.

Past or current Committee Service:

Employment History:

American International College- Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations

Education:

Master's

References:

Julie Rupert- NE10 Commissioner
Jessica Chapin- AIC Athletic Director