



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 27, 2023, ELECTRONIC VOTE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- **Sport committee appointment.** The committee approved the following sport committee appointment, effective immediately (see Attachment).
 - **Women’s soccer (immediate appointment).** **Erika Torrez**, associate director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Wingate University, replacing Jamie Grodecki, assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Georgia College, who left the institution.

Committee Chair: Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Staff Liaison(s): Karen Kirsch, Championships and Alliances
 Micaela Liddane, Championships and Alliances
 Chelsea Hooks, Academic and Membership Affairs

Division II Championships Committee September 27, 2023, Electronic Vote
Attendees:
Kristy Bayer, Rockhurst University.
Terry Beattie, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
Marcus Clarke, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
Chris Colvin, Conference Carolinas.
Karen Haag, The College of Saint Rose.
Regan McAthie, Concordia University, St. Paul.
Courtney Medwin, West Chester University of Pennsylvania.
Sandee Mott, Texas Woman’s University.
Gary Pine, Azusa Pacific University.
Cade Smith, University of Alabama in Huntsville.
Absentees:
Nathan Gibson, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs.
Carol Rivera, California Collegiate Athletic Association.
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:
Leslie Havens.

2023-24 DIVISION II WOMEN’S SOCCER COMMITTEE

Composition: Eight members. Division II women’s soccer regions: West, Central, South Central, Midwest, South, Southeast, Atlantic, East. Quota of 50 percent administrators: 4.

Vacancies: **One immediate vacancy Jamie Grodecki, SoE region, admin.**

Staff Liaison: Zach Christopher

REG	POS	EM/GEN	NAME, INSTITUTION	CONFERENCE	9/23-9/24	9/24-9/25	9/25-9/26	9/26-9/27
Atl	Sr. Assoc AD	N/M	Todd Diuguid University of Charleston (West Virginia)	Mountain East	Diuguid	Diuguid	Diuguid	Diuguid*
Cen	C	N/M	Mike White Oklahoma Baptist University	Great American	White	White	White*	
East	Assoc AD/C	N/M	Michael Winn Pace University	Northeast-10	Winn	Winn	Winn*	
SoE	Asst. AD/SWA	N/F	Jamie Grodecki Georgia College	Peach Belt	Grodecki	Grodecki*		
So	Deputy AD	N/F	Kathy Kroupa Lynn University	Sunshine State	Kroupa	Kroupa	Kroupa*	
Mid W	C	N/M	Greg Herdlick Rockhurst University	Great Lakes Valley	Herdlick	Herdlick*		
West	C	N/F	Kacey Bingham Western Oregon University	Great Northwest Athletic	Bingham	Bingham*		
SoC	C	Y/M	Baback Abouzar Texas Woman’s University	Lone Star	Abouzar	Abouzar*		

*Not eligible for reappointment
09/13/2023



Division II Women's Soccer Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Erika Torrez
Job Title:	Assoc. AD for Compliance/SWA
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	Y
Institution:	Wingate University
Conference:	South Atlantic Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	I've been the tournament director for Wingate softball's conference tournament as well as Regionals. I'll also be the tournament director for the upcoming Division II Men's and Women's Soccer Final Four and Championship rounds.
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	My name is currently on the list waiting for an opening on a RAC.
Former college S/A:	Women's Basketball
Former college coach (sports):	
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

Qualification Statement:

I've worked at both Division I and Division II combined for over 10 years. I serve on numerous committees within the South Atlantic Conference (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Enforcement and Infractions Committee, Tennis Sport Committee, Women's Field Hockey Sports Committee, Compliance Coordinators Committee, SWA Committee, Athletics Council). I serve as the game admin for many women's soccer events/games and am around the program and in contact with the coaches regularly.

Past or current Committee Service:

Employment History:

Wingate University, Wingate, NC

Associate Athletic Director for Compliance, July 2021 – present

Responsible for the overall development, implementation, and review of Wingate University's compliance program. Oversee the day-to-day operation of the compliance program including rules education, rules interpretations, and monitoring efforts. Provide administration of NCAA compliance programs, including, initial and continuing eligibility, financial aid, recruiting, and practice and playing seasons. Monitor student-athlete eligibility, progress toward degree, recruiting and financial aid information to ensure compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. Serve as the liaison to the Financial Aid Office, Admissions Office, and Registrar's Office. Provide a program of continuing rules education and interpretation for student-athletes, athletics staff, coaches, boosters, alumni, and institutional staff. Identify, investigate, and report, as necessary, all NCAA or conference rules violations. Serve as the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee advisor.

Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

Assistant Director of Compliance, January 2018 to June 2021

Maintain all previous duties as listed (Compliance Coordinator - July 2015 - December 2018). Monitor CARA logs as well as individual and team recruiting activities to ensure compliance with NCAA and conference rules. Assist with weekly and monthly rules education for student-athletes, coaches, staff, and outside departments. Review and approve staff declarations. Maintain coaching and staff rosters for 26 NCAA sports. Counsel coaches regarding playing season start dates. Review and approve playing and practice season declarations. Manage local



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sports clubs process. Travel with various sports including football, men's basketball, and women's basketball for monitoring purposes and questions. Oversee and administer the complimentary admissions process for prospects and player guests.

Education:

Ph.D

References:

Joe Reich - reich@wingate.edu; (704) 361-7590



Division II Women's Soccer Committee Nominee Information

Name:	Christie L. Ward
Job Title:	Deputy Athletic Director
Designation:	
Gender:	F
Ethnic Minority:	N
Institution:	Catawba College
Conference:	South Atlantic Conference
Meet 50% Requirements:	Y
Institution Sponsors Sport:	Y
Playing Conference:	
NCAA championship exp:	
Conference management experience:	n/a
Nominee has contacted listed references:	Y
Regional Advisory Committee Experience:	N
RAC Committees:	Women's Tennis Southeast RAC - 2016-2021
Former college S/A:	Softball
Former college coach (sports):	Softball
Active Member Institution:	Y
Previous Championships Site Representative:	N

Qualification Statement:

I had the pleasure this past academic year (2022-2023) to be the tournament director for Catawba College when we hosted the NCAA Southeast Regionals on campus. It was a stressful but rewarding experience. I am not sure that gives me stellar experience with women's soccer, but I feel that being around a successful women's program has made me appreciate and want to be more involved at this level with women's soccer.

Past or current Committee Service:

Current service - Division II Membership Committee starting September 2023; Past service - Division II Committee on Infractions, Division II Management Council; Division II Membership Committee, Division II Enforcement & Infractions Task Force.

Employment History:

Georgia Southwestern State University - Associate Athletic Director 2009-2021; Colorado State University Pueblo 2021-2022; Catawba College - 2022-present

Education:

Ph.D

References:

Michelle Caddigan - Director of Athletics - mcaddiga22@catawba.edu; Patrick Britz - Commissioner SAC - patrick@thesac.com