



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
APRIL 27, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Opening remarks and review of schedule and agenda.** Division III Championships Committee chair Chuck Mitrano welcomed the group and reviewed the agenda.
2. **Recent Championships Committee reports.** The committee approved reports from its March 22 videoconference and March 28, April 13 and April 17 electronic votes as presented.
3. **Championship gender equity update.** John Baldwin and Leigh Ann Price joined the videoconference to update the committee on the internal review process underway for ensuring equitable practices and operations by gender across NCAA championships. Committee members appreciated the update and noted that some of the data being collected for the review will help inform future committee deliberations regarding access ratio and bracket/field size by sport.
4. **Budget priorities.** During its February meeting, the Championships Committee agreed to seek membership feedback on ways to enhance the postseason experience in anticipation of FY25 budget modifications in Division III that will allocate more dollars to support championships. The committee subsequently approved a survey to be distributed to conference offices, with a PDF of the survey sent to athletics directors, seeking one response by conference on various models and initiatives being considered. The committee has used this approach before and has found it an efficient way to gather initial membership input. However, concerns from within the membership have been raised recently on ensuring that individual institutions have their voices heard, especially given the significance of the issues being contemplated. The Championships Committee discussed this matter at length and decided to notify the membership that individual responses will be allowed in addition to those submitted by conferences. (In other words, the committee will accept single responses from a conference as well as from institutions, even if the institution is included in the conference response.) The committee also will correspond with the membership to re-emphasize that this survey is merely the initial touchpoint on the concepts being considered. The committee will use this feedback to help inform next steps during its June meeting, which may include more detailed recommendations for which additional membership input will be sought. The committee isn't required to formally submit recommendations for the next budget cycle until February 2024, so the intent is to allow the Division III membership multiple opportunities to provide feedback and to ensure as much as possible that all voices are heard.
5. **Future meeting/videoconference dates.**
 - May 16, 11 a.m.-noon (monthly videoconference).

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- June 19-20 (quarterly meeting via videoconference).
- September 11-12 (in-person meeting, Indianapolis).
- February 5-6, 2024 (in-person meeting; Indianapolis).

Committee Chair: Chuck Mitrano, Empire 8

Staff Liaisons: Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances

J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances

Julie Zike, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:	
Chuck Mitrano, Empire 8.	
Maureen Harty, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin.	
Adaobi Nebuwa, Colby College.	
John Neese, Hardin-Simmons University.	
Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University.	
Karen Tessmer, Worcester State University.	
Jason Verdugo, Hamline University.	
Absentees:	
Leonard Trevino, Chatham University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.	
J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances.	
Julie Zike, Academic and membership Affairs.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Kevin Alcox, John Baldwin, Margaret Gaines, Caleb Kolby, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers and Leigh Ann Price.	