



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 24, 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 previewed the agenda.
2. **Recent Championships Committee reports.** The committee approved the report from its October 9 electronic vote as presented. The committee also reviewed the report from its September 11-12 in-person meeting and asked that the agenda item regarding host expectations be clarified for the committee's reconsideration during the November videoconference.
3. **Budget priorities survey review.** The committee continued discussing the process for determining priorities for the FY25-FY26 budget cycle. Committee members during its September meeting reaffirmed the need to re-survey the membership now that priorities have been narrowed based on initial membership feedback obtained last spring. Accordingly, the committee reviewed and offered feedback on a draft survey. Staff will make the revisions, as specified, and target distribution to the membership by the end of October, with responses due by November 17. The Championships Committee will review the survey results during its December videoconference. The membership feedback will help the committee finalize recommendations for FY25 and FY26 during its February 2024 meeting.
4. **Future basketball broadcasts.** Louise McCleary, NCAA vice president of Division III, provided an update on the NCAA's media rights negotiations.
5. **Division III Men's and Women's Cross Country regional site.** The Championships Committee approved a recommendation from the NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee to conduct the 2023 NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Cross Country East Regional at Division II Franklin Pierce University. Suffolk University was originally selected to host the regional at Franklin Park in Boston; however, Suffolk was recently notified that new arrangements being made by the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) to conduct its annual half marathon there would affect the starting line. Suffolk officials reached out to the BAA, but the groups were unable to determine a solution that could be implemented this late in the timeline that wouldn't negatively impact the NCAA competitors. Accordingly, Suffolk contacted officials at nearby Franklin Pierce University, which agreed to host the Division III regional at its campus course, as they have successfully hosted several Division II meets there in previous years.
6. **Future meeting/videoconference dates.**
 - a. November 21, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).
 - b. December 12, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (monthly videoconference).

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c. 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

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Attendees:	
Renee Bostic, State University of New York at New Paltz.	
Chad Eisele, Hampden-Sydney College.	
Adaobi Nebuwa, Colby College.	
Chuck Mitrano, Empire 8.	
Maureen Harty, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin.	
Shannon Howley, Montclair State University.	
Holly Sheilley, Transylvania University.	
Sara Shoffner, Huntingdon College.	
Karen Tessmer, Worcester State University.	
Leonard Trevino, Chatham University.	
Jason Verdugo, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.	
Absentees:	
John Neese, Hardin-Simmons University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
Gary Brown, NCAA Contractor.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Laura Peterson-Mlynski, Championships and Alliances.	
J.P. Williams, Championships and Alliances.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Margaret Gaines, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers and Bill Regan.	