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**NCAA DIVISION III  
PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS  
SUMMARY OF SPRING 2026  
QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

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**1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

April 13-14 Management Council. The videoconference was called to order at 11 a.m. Eastern time, on April 13 and 14. The chair, Rob Larson, welcomed the council and reviewed guest presenters and key agenda items.

April 29 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. Eastern time, April 29. The chair, Marc Camille, welcomed the council and previewed key agenda items.

**2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.**

**a. Management Council Meetings – Jan. 13 and Feb. 5, 2026.**

Management Council. The Management Council approved the reports of its Jan. 13 in-person meeting during the 2026 NCAA Convention and its Feb. 5 post-Convention videoconference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**b. Presidents Council Meeting – Jan. 29, 2026.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its Jan. 29 videoconference.

**c. Summary of Winter 2026 Quarterly Meetings.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils approved the summary of their in-person meetings during the 2026 NCAA Convention.

**d. 2026 Committee/Subcommittee Assignments.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council members reviewed their 2026 assignments.

**e. Division III Philosophy Statement and Strategic Positioning Platform.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed the division's philosophy statement and strategic positioning platform and referred to these resources to support discussions throughout the agenda.

**f. Administrative Committee Reports.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the Administrative Committee's recent reports and ratified the committee's action to hire a third-party contractor (Deloitte) to support the Division III Analysis.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council previously ratified this action via an electronic vote.

**g. Presidents Council Policies and Procedures.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council approved its updated policies and procedures as presented.

**3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.**

**a. Division III Joint Presidents Council/Management Council Committees or Subcommittees.**

Staff Liaison:  
Regan

Council Reps:  
Bednarsh, Belton,  
Berich, Brooks,  
Bushman, Cohen,  
Moreland, Manion

**(1) Convention Planning Subcommittee.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the subcommittee's report from March and received a summary of the post-Convention survey and provided feedback accordingly. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:  
Henry

Council Reps:  
Bowers, Cardelle,  
Lambert

**(2) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Subcommittee.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received the report from the subcommittee's March videoconference. No action was necessary.

**(3) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC).**

**(a) 2025-26 Budget-to-Actuals.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed the budget-to-actuals for 2025-26 through the end of March.

**(b) Future Budget Projections.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils revisited the projections reviewed during their winter meetings, noting that the new FY26 budget is approximately \$1.5 million higher than the FY25 budget due to the NCAA's broadcast agreements and an increase in championship ticket sales. Also included is the division's annual contribution the Presidents Council authorized as part of the Ray settlement.

Staff Liaisons:  
McCleary, Hubert,  
Regan, Myers

Council Reps:  
Batista Soares,  
Davis, Gibson,  
Lepre, Roman

**(c) FY27 and FY28 Budget Review.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received updates regarding the SPFC's initial review of budget requests for the FY27 and FY28, including several related to championships, which are detailed further in the Championships Committee information below. The SPFC also reviewed several requests for existing or new Enrichment Fund initiatives. The SPFC will revisit these requests during its June meeting, when it will submit its formal recommendations to the Management and Presidents Councils.

**(d) SPFC Meeting Cadence.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils noted the SPFC's decision to increase its meeting frequency by adding one videoconference annually. The decision was based on the committee's workload and the significance of the issues it regularly considers. The change results in three videoconferences (June, September and December) and one in-person meeting in March. This cadence assures the SPFC will meet before the Management and Presidents Councils' quarterly meetings.

**(4) Presidents Council Futures Subcommittee.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an update from the subcommittee's February and April meetings during which the subcommittee discussed the analysis and recommended the composition and charge of a 19-member working group that will coordinate the Division III Analysis.

Staff Liaisons:  
McCleary, Regan

Council Reps:  
Camille, Chodosh,  
Davis, Kelly,  
Mauro, Rice, Troha,  
Wachter

**b. Division III Committees.**

**(1) Championships Committee.**

**(a) Review of February and March Reports.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the reports from the committee's February and March meetings, noting discussions regarding the next biennial budget cycle, including the budget requests from Division III sport committees. Among items being considered are initiatives to increase per diem, including the establishment of a high-cost city per diem; bracket expansion for select championships with increased sports sponsorship; the continuation of live streaming stipends for NCAA championship host sites; and increases for officiating. The Championships Committee will review these requests in more detail during its June meeting and submit final recommendations for the SPFC to evaluate during

Staff Liaisons:  
Peterson-Mlynski,  
Suscha Turner

Council Reps:  
Larson, Rogers

its June meeting. The SPFC will then forward its recommendations for the Management and Presidents Councils to consider during their summer meetings. The new two-year cycle begins Sept. 1.

The council also was advised that team sports are currently finishing their second year of using the NCAA Power Index to select at-large teams to the championships. The Championship Committee originally indicated that sport committees could reassess the dials and consider changes after two years of using the NPI. The committee confirmed the timeline during its February meeting and established its June meeting as the deadline for fall and winter sports and its August meeting for spring sports to submit any recommended changes to the committee that, if approved, would be effective beginning with the 2027-28 academic year.

The council also noted that the committee is surveying current Coaches Connect Program participants, athletics directors and conference commissioners to solicit feedback on the initiative. After reviewing survey results, the committee will consider adding three sports (one per season) to the three current sports in the program.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(b) Championship Ticket Prices.**

Management Council. The council received an update and provided feedback on proposed changes to Division III championships ticket prices for preliminary rounds in select team sports. The Division III Championships Committee indicated, and the council concurred, that there is support for a model that would standardize ticket prices for preliminary rounds of team championships (adult and student), rather than establishing a minimum ticket price. The Championships Committee will review the council's feedback and is expected to act by its June meeting to implement changes for 2026-27.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(c) National Collegiate Championship Committee Review.**

Management Council. The council received an update on conversations within the national office regarding the composition and duties of sport committees that oversee and administer National Collegiate championships. The review is initiated because of changes to the Division I governance structure that provide sport committees greater autonomy of the legislation and policies that affect the sport and championship. The review is expected to be completed this summer.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) **Sport and Playing Rules Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The council approved the following sport and playing rules committee appointments and reappointments that were recommended by the Division III Nominating Committee and supported by the Division III Championships Committee. The appointments are effective September 1 unless otherwise noted.

i. **Sport Committee Reappointments.**

- **Division III Men's Basketball Committee – Rahsaan Carlton** (three-year term through Aug. 31, 2029), director of athletics, Penn State Harrisburg, United East Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee – Tyler Walsh** (three-year term through Aug. 31, 2029), head men's hockey coach, Gustavus Adolphus College, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Committee – Dani Gunderson** (three-year term through Aug. 31, 2029), assistant commissioner, Ohio Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Men's Volleyball Committee – Justin Beachy** (three-year term through Aug. 31, 2029), head men's volleyball coach, Messiah University, Middle Atlantic Conferences.
- **NCAA Division III Women's Volleyball Committee – Leo Sayles** (three-year term through Aug. 31, 2029), head volleyball coach/associate athletics director for sport ministry, Grove City College, Presidents' Athletic Conference.

ii. **Sport Committee Appointments.**

- **NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Committee (Region I) – Amanda DeMartino**, Harold Alford director of athletics, Colby College, New England Small College Athletic Conference; and (Region VIII) – **Michael McGrath**, head men's basketball coach, University of Chicago, University Athletic Association.
- **NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Committee (Region II) – Kelly Thompson**, head coach – women's

basketball/assistant athletics director for compliance/senior woman administrator, Roger Williams University, Conference of New England.

- **NCAA Women's Bowling Committee – Heather Sterner**, head women's bowling coach, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Liberty League.
- **NCAA Division III Football Committee (Region V) – Michael Zapolski**, (June vacancy) director of athletics, Augustana College (Illinois), College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin; and **Mark Shook**, vice president for athletics, Hanover College, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Men's Golf Committee (Region V) – Dan Rodgers**, head coach, Carnegie Mellon University, University Athletic Association; and (Region VII) **Ming Lao**, head coach, Chapman University, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Women's Golf Committee (South-east Region) – Bryan Hearn**, director of golf, Randolph-Macon College, Old Dominion Athletic Conference; and (West Region) **Shelby DeVore**, head women's golf coach, Trinity University (Texas), Southern Athletic Association.
- **NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee – Matthew Davis**, head coach, Springfield College, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey Committee (East Region) – Brian Dickinson**, head ice hockey coach, State University of New York at Brockport, Empire 8 (United Collegiate Hockey Conference).
- **NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Committee (Region III) – Monica Polizzi**, director of athletics and campus recreation, Salisbury University, Coast-to-Coast Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Women's Lacrosse Committee (Region VII) – Mallory Hiefield**, assistant athletics director/senior woman administrator, Pacific University (Oregon), Northwest Conference.

- **NCAA Division III Men's Soccer Committee** (Region IV, immediate vacancy) – **Shawn Tucker**, director of athletics, Rowan University, New Jersey Athletic Conference; (Region VIII) – **Wytse Molenaar**, head coach, Albion College, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association; and (Region IX) – **Jay Mooney**, head soccer coach, University of Wisconsin-Superior, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Committee** (Region V) – **Sandy Lagana Bly**, associate director of athletics, McDaniel College, Centennial Conference; and (Region IX) – **Justin Newell**, vice president and director of athletics, Knox College, Midwest Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Softball Committee** (Region I) – **Olivia Berry**, director of athletics, Emmanuel College (Massachusetts), Great Northeast Athletic Conference; and (Region VII) – **Becky Hilgert**, head softball coach/assistant director of athletics – compliance, Calvin University, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
- **NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee** – **Kyle Russell**, head swimming coach/director of aquatics, Juniata College, Landmark Conference; and **Paul Bennett**, aquatics director/head coach, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Committee** (Region I, immediate vacancy) – **Craig Davidson**, head coach men's/women's tennis, University of Saint Joseph (Connecticut), Great Northeast Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Women's Tennis Committee** (Region VII) – **Camden Long**, head men's and women's tennis coach, Loras College, American Rivers Conference.
- **NCAA Division III Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee** (Region I) – **Phil Jennings**, head track and field coach, Wellesley College, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference; (Region VII) – **Luke Syverson**, head track and field coach, Berry College, Southern Athletic Association; and (Region X) – **Amber Williams**, men's cross country and track and field coach, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

- **NCAA Division III Women’s Volleyball Committee** (Region III) – **Derryk Williams**, head coach, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Liberty League.
- **NCAA Division III Men’s Wrestling Committee** (Region III) – **Corey Luce**, associate head coach, New York University, University Athletic Association.

**iii. Playing Rules Committee Appointments.**

- **NCAA Divisions II and III Women’s Basketball Rules Committee** – **Kamela Gissendanner**, head women’s basketball coach, Saint Vincent College, Presidents’ Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Divisions II and III Football Rules Committee** – **Jay Jones**, commissioner, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Divisions II and III Men’s Lacrosse Rules Committee** – **Andrew Delaney**, assistant athletics director for internal operations, University of Mary Washington, Coast-To-Coast Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Divisions II and III Women’s Lacrosse Rules Committee** – **Sloane Baumgartner**, head women’s lacrosse coach, Elmhurst University, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin.
- **NCAA Divisions II and III Men’s and Women’s Soccer Rules Committee** – **Frank Marino**, head coach, California Lutheran University, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- **NCAA Divisions II and III Softball Rules Committee** – **Kaylee Fox**, head softball coach, Adrian College, Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.
- **NCAA Divisions II and III Men’s Wrestling Rules Committee** – **Jon Laudenslager**, director of wrestling, Wilkes University, Landmark Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(2) Committee on Infractions.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:  
Mikrut

Council Rep:  
Gibson

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Hartung

Council Rep:  
Savage

(3) **Financial Aid Committee.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the committee's report as information. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:  
Smith, Walters

Council Rep:  
Scola

(4) **Infractions Appeals Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Berg, Myers,  
Trovato,  
Turner

Council Rep:  
Erwin

(5) **Interpretations and Legislation Committee (ILC).**

(a) **Noncontroversial Legislation. Bylaw 17.28 Playing and Practice Seasons – Men's Water Polo – Preseason Practice and First Date of Competition.**

Management Council. The council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation specifying that in men's water polo, an institution shall not engage in its first date of competition with outside competition (other than an alumni scrimmage) prior to the Friday that is 14 weeks before the start of the NCAA National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship. Further, an institution shall not begin preseason practice before the date that permits a maximum of 16 units in the preseason practice formula before the first permissible contest date. The effective date is August 1.

The Division III men's water polo playing and practice season does not use the same practice and competition start dates as other fall sports because as a national collegiate sport, it previously aligned with start dates in Divisions I and II. When the other divisions updated their legislation going into the 2025-26 season, the current Division III men's water polo season became unnecessarily different, even from other Division III fall sports. This proposal will align the first permissible contest date with all other water polo programs. However, instead of matching the first practice opportunity of the other divisions, it will use the 16-unit practice formula that all other Division III fall sports except for football use.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Noncontroversial Legislation. Bylaw 12.5.3 Amateurism – Promotional Activities – Increasing Size of Manufacturer Logos on Equipment, Uniforms and Apparel.**

Management Council. The council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to increase the manufacturer or distributor logo on official uniforms from 2 ¼ square inches to 4 square inches. The effective date is August 1.

With Division I Proposal No. 2025-35 permitting the increase of a manufacturer or distributor logo on official uniforms to 4 inches square, it may become difficult for Division III institutions to purchase uniforms meeting the smaller requirement. This proposal ensures Division III institutions will not be negatively impacted by changes that manufacturers or distributors may elect to make to their normal label or trademark.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **Resolution. Bylaw 22 Name, Image and Likeness Activities in Division III.**

Management Council. The council supported and recommended that the Presidents Council approve the specified approach to review name, image and likeness (NIL) activities in Division III, as required by the adoption of Proposal No. 2026-3 at the 2026 NCAA Convention. [See the Attachment.]

The Division III membership via its vote on Proposal No. 2026-3 dictated that a review of NIL is necessary given the current landscape of NIL, and the challenges in determining whether NIL opportunities and outcomes are consistent with Division III's philosophy. While the framework outlined in the attachment details the goals, structure and timeline to complete a review of NIL in Division III, it does not restrict the review from adding goals or presenting deliverables on an advanced timeline.

Presidents Council. The council approved the approach as specified.

(d) **NCAA Convention Legislative Process.**

Management Council. The council received an update from the ILC on potential changes it is considering for the NCAA Convention legislative process, which include adding a legislative consent package for the Business Session voting, exploring alternative ways to capture the positions from the governance structure (including the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee) in the official record, and managing time limits for speakers during the Business Session. The

committee will continue to consider these concepts at future meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Gmerek,  
Hartung, Zike

Council Rep:  
Berich

(6) **Membership Committee.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the report from the committee's February meeting, noting that the process for the reclassification of Saint Francis University (Pennsylvania) and Azusa Pacific University to the division begins September 1. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:  
Roe

Council Rep:  
Bothner

(7) **Nominating Committee.**

(a) **Noncontroversial Legislation. NCAA Bylaw 21.9.1.3 Committees – Division III Committees – One Member Per Playing Conference – Vacancies.**

Management Council. The council approved in concept noncontroversial legislation to allow individuals who take over a departing committee member's term from the same conference to be eligible for reappointment, if they have served fewer than two years. Current legislation prohibits an individual who takes over the term of a representative from the same conference from being eligible for reappointment. Allowing individuals to be eligible for reappointment will provide continuity for those committees and improve the nominee pools for immediate vacancies.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) **Nominating Committee Policies and Procedures.**

Management Council. The council approved the recommended revisions to the Nominating Committee's policies and procedures that (1) remove the restriction on individuals serving on only one committee at a time; (2) begin soliciting nominee feedback from conference commissioners; and (3) remove the preference for regional advisory committee experience for sport committees.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) **NCAA Governance Committee Appointments.**

Management Council. The council approved the following committee appointments, effective September 1, unless otherwise noted:

- NCAA Division III Championships Committee – **Erienne Roberts**, deputy athletics director for internal operations/senior woman administrator, University of Chicago, University Athletic Association (immediate vacancy replacing Maureen Harty); and **Celine Cunningham**, director of athletics, Dickinson College, Centennial Conference (July vacancy replacing Renee Bostic).
- NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee – **Jonathan Accardi**, associate vice president and director of athletics, Keuka College, Empire 8 (immediate vacancy replacing Danielle Lynch).
- NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (two immediate vacancies) – **Trevon Coppin**, Baruch College, City University of New York Athletic Conference; and **Emma Vogen**, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- NCAA Divisions II and III Playing Rules Oversight Panel – **Casie Runksmeier**, deputy athletic director/senior woman administrator, Colby College, New England Small College Athletic Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(d) Reappointment Policies – Conference Restriction.**

Management Council. Per a request from the Nominating Committee, the council provided feedback regarding the policy that currently precludes conferences from being immediately eligible for reappointment on the same committee. The committee is considering this policy change as a way of improving the quality of the nominee pools for immediate and annual vacancies. Council members supported removing the restriction while acknowledging that the Nominating Committee would continue pursuing representation from different conferences as a first option. Additionally, the Championship Committee supported removing the restriction.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**(8) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).**

Management Council. The council received an update from their SAAC representatives. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. In addition to the update from its SAAC representatives, the council approved the SAAC's recommendation to appoint a new Division III graduated student-athlete representative to serve on the NCAA Board of

Staff Liaisons:  
Mangold,  
Spungen, Trovato,  
Youngblood

Council Reps:  
Crews, Gibson

Governors for a two-year term beginning in early August. The Board will act on this recommendation during its August meeting.

Staff Liaisons:  
Perry, Zike

Council Rep:  
Crews

(9) **Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement (SAR).**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Trovato, Zike

Council Reps:  
Bothner,  
Bowers, Erwin,  
Gibson, Larson,  
MacCulloch,  
Racine, Roman,  
Summers

(10) **Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.**

- **Pilot Eligibility Waiver Program.**

Management Council. The council approved a recommendation from the Subcommittee for Legislative Relief to extend the waiver program that permits Division III student-athletes to continue to represent their institution in intercollegiate competition while enrolled at another institution that does not sponsor varsity athletics, and that has a formal academic agreement with the Division III institution. To date, the committee has processed five waivers under the pilot. Extending the program allows for additional data collection to better understand the types of academic relationships that exist and the number of student-athletes who could benefit.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. **Association-Wide Committees.**

Staff Liaisons:  
Lawrence,  
Hammers

Council Rep:  
Scola

(1) **Awards Committee.**

Management Council. The committee had no formal report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Berg, Blair  
Hackworth,  
Merrill, Miron,  
Wilson

Council Rep:  
Bowers

(2) **Committee on Access, Opportunity and Impact.**

Management Council. The council received an update from the committee. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:  
Pieart, Rohlman

Council Rep:  
Lamb

(3) **Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports.**

Management Council. The council received an update from the committee. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:  
Seewald

Council Rep:  
Brooks

Staff Liaison:  
Rogers,  
Thomas

Council Rep:  
Lamb

Staff Liaisons:  
Rogers, Thomas

Council Rep:  
Summers

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) **Divisions II and III Playing Rules Oversight Panel.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the report from the panel's recent meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the report from the committee's recent meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) **Walter Byers Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the report from the committee's recent meeting. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. ***DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.***

a. **Management Council Composition Waiver.**

Management Council. The council approved a waiver of NCAA Division III Bylaw 21.11.1.1.(g) (Management Council Composition – Members Who Are Not Student-Athletes) allowing the current council chair, Rob Larson, Luther College (American Rivers Conference representative), to remain on the council through the end of his term, January 2027. The waiver was needed due to Luther College's transition from the American Rivers Conference to the Midwest Conference, effective July 1, 2026.

*(Note: Mr. Larson did not participate in this discussion.)*

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. **Division III Analysis.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an update on the Division III Analysis, which included an update from the first meeting of the 19-member working group charged with analyzing tension points identified by the membership to ensure Division III continues to operate efficiently and effectively to meet the evolving needs of student-athletes and member schools and conferences. The councils also engaged in a closed session with the consultants retained by the Presidents Council to support the working group.

**c. Spending Prioritization Survey.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the results of the spending prioritization survey the membership completed in February that asked the membership to identify national office spending priorities, and ways to generate revenue and reduce spending for Association-wide programming and services that are provided for all three divisions. The council was then asked to identify services and programs it believed should continue at the current level of funding and those that should continue but with potential reductions. Following is a list from the discussion:

**(1) Items that should continue at current funding levels.**

- Strategic communications and storytelling.
- Education and programming surrounding sports wagering.
- Marketing, fan data management and IT.
- Drug testing.
- Annual NCAA Convention.

The council believes these items are essential for promoting the division, protecting the integrity of college athletics, and facilitating the division's governance.

**(2) Items that could be funded with potential reductions.**

- Administrator programs (those designed to strengthen athletics administrators' leadership capabilities and improve departmental effectiveness, such as the Leadership Institute, Pathway Program and Impact Forum).
- Regional Rules Seminar.
- In-person committee meetings.
- Membership communications.
- Membership feedback surveys.
- Government relations and external affairs.

The council identified these items as important for Division III but also recognized that these Association-wide services and programs can be provided in a format that reduces their costs without substantially degrading the program or service.

Presidents Council. The council reviewed the Management Council's feedback at length and agreed that the priorities identified for continued full or partial funding are indeed those that have a meaningful impact on Division III. The council discussed the priorities further during its executive session and provided additional feedback.

**d. Graduation Rates Working Group.**

Management Council. The council received an update from the working group's first meeting. The working group was formed to examine and better understand the Division III student-athlete graduation rate report findings, particularly those for male students of color, and, if applicable, recommend potential next steps.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**e. Division III Campus Senior Leadership Initiative.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council reviewed and provided feedback on a new initiative to create greater engagement and enhance the education of campus senior leaders (i.e., presidents/chancellors and ADRs) with Division III governance. The council endorsed the initiative in concept and will reconsider during its August meeting. If approved, the new initiative will begin in the fall of 2026.

**f. Joint Division III and II Presidential Meeting.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council received an update on the planning for the October joint meeting with the council, the Division III Presidents Advisory Group and the Division II Executive Board to discuss and identify the top trends in higher education. At future meetings, the council will evaluate the impact on and the role of athletics in relation to the identified trends.

**g. Proposed Legislation for the 2027 NCAA Convention.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. Staff updated the council on potential legislative proposals that may be considered at the 2027 Convention.

**h. Federated Playing Rules Subcommittee.**

Management Council. The council received the subcommittee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**i. Championships Live Streaming.**

Management Council. The council received an update on live streaming during the winter championships. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**j. Division III Branding, Promotions, and Social Media.**

Management Council. The council received an update on the success of the division's various social media platforms. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary

**k. Faculty Athletics Representatives Advisory Group.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**l. NCAA ID Number.**

Management Council. The council received an update on the efforts to educate the membership regarding the council's policy change for the reporting of Division III graduation rates beginning in 2032. This new requirement requires the graduation rates information to include an NCAA ID number. To comply with this policy, all student-athletes initially enrolling in a Division III institution beginning in fall 2026 will need an NCAA ID number, which can be obtained from the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**5. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.**

**a. Update from NCAA President Charlie Baker.**

Management and Presidents Councils. President Baker updated the councils on issues affecting the Association overall and Division III in particular.

**b. Board of Governors Updates.**

Management Council. The council reviewed the report from the board's recent meeting.

Presidents Council. In addition to reviewing the report, the council as part of the consultative process received an overview of key agenda items for the board's April 30 meeting. The council also noted that Jim Troha has become the board's vice

chair, effective with the close of the 2026 NCAA Convention, and will serve in the role through the end of the 2027 NCAA Convention.

**c. Sport Science Institute (SSI) Updates.**

Management Council. The council was updated on the following items:

- (1) Current focus areas. The current vision of the NCAA's chief medical officer includes developing and supporting membership education on harm-reduction strategies associated with wagering on sports, using the SSI spotlights to inform the membership on key topics (e.g., sleep, mental health and social media) and campus-level engagement.
- (2) Athletic training workforce stakeholder meeting. The SSI, working with representatives from the National Athletics Trainers' Association and its education and accreditation bodies, is developing resources to support the recruitment and retention of athletic trainers, develop mentoring pipelines, create team physician advocacy programs and provide resources outlining alternative health care delivery models.
- (3) Prevention and harm reduction. The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports has created the Prevention and Harm Reduction Advisory group to recommend guidance on prevention and harm-reduction strategies for substance-related and addictive behaviors (e.g., gambling). The working group's first meeting was in April. The working group's goal is to update the guidance provided to the membership on harm-reduction strategies for the 2027-28 academic year.
- (4) Mental Health First Aid. The council was updated on the current efforts to provide mental health training to the NCAA membership. This is the same training Division III is currently making available to all Division III institutions. Additionally, the SSI is offering a train-the-trainer program for representatives from the three divisions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**d. Legal Update.**

Management Council. The council received updates from the NCAA's office of legal affairs on litigation affecting the Association and Division III.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

**e. Congressional Engagement.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council reviewed a letter from Division II and III presidents/chancellors seeking federal support of the SCORE Act, noting that a vote in the House of Representatives is expected soon. The council also acknowledged the membership communication regarding the recent Executive Order from the White House related to intercollegiate athletics.

**f. Recognition of Outgoing Members.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council formally recognized and appreciated the outstanding contributions from the following members whose terms on the council are expiring.

- Bryan Coker, president, Maryville College (institution changing conference affiliation).
- Hiram Chodosh, president, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges (retirement).

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Presidents Council. The council convened an executive session at 2:57 p.m. Eastern time.

**7. ADJOURNMENT.**

Management Council. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. Eastern time April 13 and 3 p.m. Eastern time April 14.

Presidents Council. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Eastern time April 29.