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**Indianapolis, IN**

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1. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

   July 22-23 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. July 22 and 7:46 a.m. July 23, by the chair, Stevie Baker-Watson.

   August 6-7 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m., August 6, and 8:59 a.m. August 7, by the chair, President Sue Henderson. The chair acknowledged the first meeting for President Troy Paino.

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

   a. **Management Council Meetings – April 15 and April 16, 2019.**

      Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its April 15 and April 16, 2019 meetings.

      Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   b. **Presidents Council Meeting – April 30 and May 1, 2019.**

      Management Council. No action was necessary.

      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its April 30 and May 1, 2019, meeting.

   c. **Administrative Committee Actions.**


      Presidents Council. The Presidents Council ratified the July 10, 2019, Administrative Committee report.

[Note: This summary reflects only actions (formal votes or “sense of meeting”) in accordance with the established policy governing minutes of all NCAA entities. The only discussion included is that ordered by the chair or a member of the group.]
3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

(a) 2020 NCAA Convention Session Topics.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report regarding potential educational session topics. It endorsed the following recommendations:

- Leadership and mentoring (e.g., associate to director of athletics, mentoring new coaches). NADIIIAA will present this session.
- Crisis management. The session will focus on establishing emergency action plans in the areas of mental health crisis and catastrophic injury and death, in addition to social media protocols.
- Diversity (e.g., disability, LGBTQ, international, SWA). This session will address student-athlete overall mental health issues with a particular focus on assisting LGBTQ student-athletes and student-athletes with disabilities.

The Council also approved, in concept, the announcement of the inaugural recipients of the Division III LGBTQ awards during the 2021 Division III Business Session. The visibility and recognition are central components to the LGBTQ Working Group’s mission to make Division III safer for, inclusive of and welcoming to LGBTQ individuals and allies.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Issues Forum – Friday, January 24.

Management Council. The Council received the subcommittee’s recommendation to follow the same legislative format as the 2019 Convention, in which staff will highlight key proposals and allow time for a more in-depth Q & A discussion.

Due to time restraints, the subcommittee didn’t have time to finalize a recommendation for the Issues Forum. The subcommittee discussed a presidents/chancellor’s panel as well as a diversity speaker on bias as two possible topics. Further discussion will take place on its September teleconference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
(c) Convention Management Updates.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee’s report noting the following:

- **Hotel property update and rate.** The Division III Issues Forum and Business Session will be held at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel. The hotel rate is $204 per night plus taxes. There are a few overflow hotels with lower rates ranging from $159 to $189.
- **Registration open date.** Registration will open September 10 at approximately 11 a.m. Eastern time.
- **Honors Celebration ticket cost.** Tickets will be available through the registration site at $20 per ticket.
- **Meeting portal.** The meeting room portal opened June 25. Space is limited so staff encourages commissioners to secure conference meeting space as soon as possible.
- **Transportation.** Transportation back to the airport will be provided on Saturday only.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

(a) Division III 2019-21 Strategic Plan.

Management Council. The Council approved the 2019-21 Strategic Plan, and specifically updates to year one (2019-20).

The committee reviewed the seven strategic priorities for 2019-20, which is the first year of the 2019-21 budget biennium. Initiatives highlighted include: (1) Create a working group to review, and update, the current Strategic Positioning Platform; (2) Oversee year two of the International Ice Hockey Pilot; (3) Support the LGBTQ Working Group to promote a facilitator program to educate the membership on ways to create a more safe and inclusive environment; (4) Promote the NCAA Presidential Pledge and Division III committee service for women and ethnic minorities to support diversity and inclusion; (5) Maintain and promote the use of the Injury Surveillance Program, SSI’s data collection system by the membership; (6) Partner with playing rules staff to monitor divisional challenges with officiating, including quality and pipeline; (7) Maintain and enhance Division III University; and (8) Develop an operating budget that presents policy goals and program preferences that are fiscally responsible and sustainable.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the Management Council’s recommendation.

(b) Division III Budget.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils reviewed the 2018-19 budget-to actual report as of June; the 2019-20 final budget; and the
future budget projections. The championship budget anticipates a surplus of $2M. The nonchampionships initiatives are anticipating an approximate surplus of $250K.

(3) Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.

(a) Membership-Sponsored Proposals.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed the recommendation from the subcommittee regarding proposal groupings for the eight membership-sponsored proposals. The Presidents Council will take final action at its October meeting. The subcommittee recommended the following:

Presidents Grouping:

- Awards and Benefits – Housing and Meals – Exceptions – Snacks and Nutritional Supplements Incidental to Participation. This proposal would specify that an institution may provide snacks and permissible nutritional supplements to student-athletes as a benefit incidental to participation in intercollegiate athletics.

  The Presidents Council noted this proposal still needs to fully satisfy the sponsorship requirements by September 1 or it will be withdrawn.

- Awards and Benefits – Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition – Permissible Practice Expenses – Exceptions for Golf and Swimming and Diving. This proposal would allow an institution to provide practice expenses in the sports of golf and swimming and diving during an official vacation period regardless of location.

  The Presidents Council noted this proposal still needs to fully satisfy the sponsorship requirements by September 1 or it will be withdrawn.

- Athletically Related Activities – Leadership Programming Out-of-Season Involving Athletics Related Information and Content (General in Nature). This proposal would allow student-athletes serving in a team leadership capacity to voluntarily participate in leadership programming involving general, athletics-related content/information outside of the declared playing season with any member of an institution’s coaching staff, provided the content of the programming does not include any: (1) Field, floor, or on-court activity; (2) Setting up offensive or defensive alignment; (3) Chalk talk; (4) Lecture on or discussion of strategy related to the specific-sport of the student-athlete(s); (5) Activities using equipment related to the sport; (6) Discussion or review of game films, motion pictures or videotapes related to the sport; or (7) Any other athletically related activity.
• Division Membership – Playing and Practice Seasons – Emerging Sports for Women – Women’s Equestrian. This proposal will add equestrian as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership.

The Presidents Council noted this proposal still needs to fully satisfy the sponsorship requirements by September 1 or it will be withdrawn.

• Division Membership – Application Process – Provisional Institution – Reduce Waiting Period from Four Year to Three Years. This proposal would amend legislation related to the Division III provisional process as follows: (1) For non-NCAA members, reduce the provisional process from four to three years; (2) Expect that process will continue to include a one year exploratory membership requirement; (3) While a waiver of exploratory membership will remain in place, there will no longer be a waiver during the provisional process; (4) Specify that if an institution is unable to gain full active membership within this time frame, there is a one-time opportunity to repeat a year in question, through recommendation of Membership Committee.

• Division Membership – Application Process – Reclassifying Institution – Reduce Waiting Period from Four Years to Two Years. This proposal would amend legislation related to the Division III reclassifying process as follows: (1) For current NCAA members reclassifying to Division III, reduce the number of years in the reclassifying process from four to two years; (2) Expect that process will continue to include a one year exploratory membership requirement; (3) Specify that if an institution is unable to gain full active membership within this time frame, there is a one-time opportunity to repeat a year in question, through recommendation of Membership Committee.

General Grouping:

• Recruiting – Recruiting Materials – Advertisements and Promotions – Recruiting Advertisements – Permit Athletics Advertising. This proposal would allow athletics recruiting advertisements at athletics events involving prospective student-athletes.

The Presidents Council noted this proposal still needs to fully satisfy the sponsorship requirements by September 1 or it will be withdrawn.
• Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season Regulations – Missed Class Time – Practice – Exception – Practice in Conjunction with a Conference and NCAA Championship. This proposal would extend the missed class time exception to allow student-athletes from the team representing the host institution to miss class time to attend practice activities associated with a conference championship, which is currently allowed for NCAA championship events.

The Presidents Council noted this proposal still needs to fully satisfy the sponsorship requirements by September 1 or it will be withdrawn.

(c) Governance-Sponsored Proposals – Presidential Grouping.

• NCAA Membership – Active Membership and Member Conference – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee. This proposal would specify that an active member institution or conference shall identify an athletics diversity and inclusion designee to be the primary contact and conduit for diversity and inclusion-related information.

(d) Governance-Sponsored Proposal – General Grouping.

• NCAA Membership – Member Conference – Eligibility – Composition of Conference – Provisional Members as Core Members. This proposal is to specify that institutions in year three and four of the NCAA Division III provisional and reclassifying membership process may count towards the requisite seven institutions necessary to comprise a conference provided there are at least four active member institutions.

• Division Membership – Emerging Sports for Women – Women’s Wrestling. This proposal will add women’s wrestling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership.

• Division Membership – Emerging Sports for Women – Acrobatics and Tumbling. This proposal will add acrobatics and tumbling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership.

• Division Membership – Sport Classified in Division I – Applying Division I Legislation. This proposal is to permit Division III member institutions with Division I sports to apply all Division I legislation, except Bylaw 15 (financial aid), to the Division I sports.
b. **Management Council Subcommittees.**

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

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

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

(2) **Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee.**

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

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

c. **Division III Committees.**

(1) **Championships Committee.**

(a) **Regional Alignment Project.**

*Management Council.* The Council received an update on the committee’s discussions regarding regional alignment alternatives. The proposal – a 10-region model (without consideration of the sponsorship numbers by sport) as well as a scaled model dependent on sport sponsorship – focused on three guiding principles: (1) The number of institutions across all regions; (2) Emphasizing geographic proximity for regional placement; and (3) Maintaining conference members in the same regions. The commissioners purposefully did not take competitive balance into account, noting strength changes from year to year and that regions should be primarily based on geography. However, much of the feedback from sport committees cited the proposal’s impact on competitive equity as a significant concern. Accordingly, the Championships Committee is reaching back out to sport committees with the intent of soliciting two models – one that incorporates eight regions and one with 10 – that retain the three original guiding principles but also account for competitive equity as each sport committee sees fit. The committee will review the feedback during its September in-person meeting.

*Presidents Council.* No action was necessary.

(b) **Conference Requirements for AQ Eligibility.**

*Management Council.* The Council also heard an update on establishing additional requirements for a conference to be eligible to earn automatic qualification to Division III championships. The Championships Committee’s working group agreed that conference members should be required to compete against conference opponents in order to earn the AQ. However, it did not reach a consensus on the appropriate threshold. The
Division III Conference Commissioners Association also discussed the threshold and will use the fall to discuss and provide an appropriate benchmark that could be incorporated into a legislative proposal for a future Convention (likely the 2021 Convention).

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(c) **Bench Size Membership Survey.**

**Management Council.** Staff updated the Council on a recent survey regarding bench size. The bench size reflects who can be in the competition area. Typically, it is the squad size (e.g., student-athletes in uniform) and other essential personnel (e.g., coaches, athletics trainers, etc.). Over time, the membership has requested an increase to the bench size. The Championships Committee conducted a survey of the membership. The survey feedback indicated the membership would like some flexibility with bench sizes.

However, it is apparent that a blanket increase would not be practical. Therefore, staff has requested sport committees provide more specific information, by sport, regarding the bench size. The Championships Committee will review this additional feedback during its September meeting. Staff noted that there will be no budget impact, but instead the policy changes will allow more flexibility for institutions competing in the championship. The Council discussed and provided feedback on the policy implementation date (e.g., immediate vs. delayed).

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(2) **Committee on Infractions.**

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

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(3) **Financial Aid Committee.**

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

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(4) **Infractions Appeals Committee.**

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

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.
(5) Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC).

(a) Approve Official Interpretation – Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field Playing Season Parameters.

Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation:

Indoor/Outdoor Track and Field Playing Season Parameters. The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee determined that an institution that sponsors both Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field may not divide the playing season into segments (i.e., traditional and nontraditional). The weeks of the playing season shall be conducted consecutively unless the institution does not practice or compete during any full week that includes a published vacation, holiday or exam period, which shall not be counted as part of the playing season.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council approved the following official interpretation and archive the January 6, 1992, official interpretation:

Application of Outside Competition Legislation to non-NCAA Sports used for Sports Sponsorship. The Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee confirmed that the outside competition prohibition during the playing and practice season only applies to a non-NCAA sport when the institution used the non-NCAA sport for sports sponsorship (e.g., if the institution uses sailing for sports sponsorship, its sailing student-athletes could not compete on an outside sailing team during the institution’s playing season).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Online Camps/Private Lessons.

Management Council. The committee continued its review of whether an online camp is consistent with Division III legislation. During its April meeting, the committee agreed that these were not camps because they are geared toward individual or small group instruction. After reviewing the legislative history for private lessons, the committee noted that when distinguishing a private lesson from a tryout, the intent of the activity and the approach of the coach conducting the activity are paramount. Additionally, private lessons were not intended as a means of evaluating prospective student-athletes, and they had to be made available to the general public, not just prospective student-athletes. The committee
requested NCAA staff draft an educational column that would assist the membership in determining whether an activity is a permissible private lesson or an impermissible tryout for review at its September in-person meeting.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

 (d) **Review of NCAA Transfer Portal for Division III.**

 Management Council. After reviewing feedback from the Division III membership at the 2019 NCAA Regional Rules Seminars, the Division III Conference Commissioners meeting as well as other meetings regarding use of the transfer portal, the committee maintained its initial recommendation that pursuing legislation mandating use of the portal should not be introduced for the 2020 legislative cycle. Rather, the committee preferred initially allowing voluntary use of the portal so that the membership may become familiar with the process and therefore, could provide informed feedback regarding its use for future consideration by this committee. The committee, however, expressed concern that if use is not mandatory then there may not be sufficient Division III user data, or meaningful feedback, due to lack of participation. Therefore, the committee requests staff and the governance structure develop and endorse an outreach plan to encourage and promote significant Division III participation.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

 (6) **Membership Committee.**

 (a) **Active Membership.**

 Management Council. The Council noted the Membership Committee elected Belhaven University to active Division III membership.

 Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

 (b) **Provisional and Reclassifying Membership.**

 Management Council. The Council noted the Membership Committee approved the following provisional and reclassifying institutions currently in the provisional/reclassifying process as follows, effective September 1, 2019.

 Year one to year two:

 • Delhi State University of New York; and
 • Johnson and Wales University (Denver).

 Year two to year three (waived) to year four. The committee approved a request to waive the four-year participation requirement in NCAA Bylaw 20.3.3 and bypass year three of the provisional membership process:
• Brevard College (reclassifying from Division II);
• Dean College; and
• Pfeiffer College (reclassifying from Division II).

For the 2019-20 academic year, there will be 438 active members and eight provisional/reclassifying members for a total of 446. In 2019-20, Division III will have a total of five fewer active institutions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Maranatha Baptist University.

Management Council. The Council upheld the Membership Committee’s denial of two sport sponsorship waiver requests from Maranatha Baptist University. As a result, the institution will be placed on restricted status effective September 1, 2019.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

• Governance Committee Reappointments.

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee reappointments, effective immediately:

- Championships Committee (one immediate vacancy replacing Brian Jamros) – Robin K. Baker, senior woman administrator/associate athletic director, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- Research Committee (one immediate vacancy replacing Rebecca Kimball) – Jodi Canfield, director of athletics, Sweet Briar College, Old Dominion Athletic Conference

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

(a) Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division III Bylaw 14.2.2.4 – Eligibility – Ten-Semester/15-Quarter Rule Waiver – Waiver Criteria – Use of Additional Semester(s) or Quarter(s).

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 14.2.2.4 (ten-semester/15-quarter rule waiver) to specify that if the waiver is approved, the semesters/quarters associated with the waiver must be used during consecutive regular terms at the certifying institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Noncontroversial Legislation – NCAA Division III Bylaw 12.4.4 – Amateurism – Fee-for-Lessons.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to amend Bylaw 12.4.4 (fee-for-lessons) to designate violations as restitution [R] violations, which do not affect eligibility if the value of the benefit is $200 or less provided student-athletes make restitution to a charity of their choice prior to competing.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Review of 50% Threshold in Withholding Guidelines and Use of a Season of Competition.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee reviewed its 50% withholding threshold guidelines for cases involving limited participation by a student-athlete while ineligible for the entire season due to not meeting academic requirements or when the student-athlete should have been serving a year in residence. The committee updated its guideline to clarify that in situations in which the institution elected to apply the 50% threshold guideline, the student-athlete has used season of participation and may not request a season-of-participation waiver for that season. Additionally, the committee directed staff to include, as a condition of reinstatement, that the student-athlete has used a season of participation.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide Committees.

(1) Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS).

Management Council. The Council reviewed the March report noting action items were approved during its April meeting. It also noted that CSMAS requested to conduct three in-person meetings per year. Their next in-person meeting is scheduled for December, with a teleconference in September.
Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(3) Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA).


Management Council. The Council approved sponsorship of proposed legislation to add women’s wrestling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified [See Page No. 8, Item No. 3(3)(d)].

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council approved sponsorship of proposed legislation to add acrobatics and tumbling as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to athletics personnel, amateurism, recruiting, financial aid, playing and practice seasons and membership, as specified [See Page No. 8, Item No. 3(3)(d)].

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(4) Honors Committee

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(5) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee (MOIC).

(a) Discussion of Current Issues and Impact on Intercollegiate Athletics.

Management Council. The Council noted the committee discussed current national, campus and conference matters related to the mission and duties
of MOIC: (1) International students and issues that they may be facing on campuses; and (2) Campus protests. The committee discussed protests and strife on campuses surrounding Founders, who were documented as owning slaves. The committee will monitor and track for future meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) 2019 MOIC and SAAC Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign Update.

Management Council. The Council noted staff provided an overview of the Diversity and Inclusion Social Media Campaign conducted during the 2018-19 academic year and updated the committee on the plan to further develop the campaign for the 2019-20 academic year.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(6) Joint Committee on Women’s Athletics and Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

- eSports update.

Management Council. The Council noted the committees were briefed on the policy and operational considerations of NCAA engagement with eSports on member campuses. The committee discussed diversity and inclusion considerations of the rapid growth of esports participation on NCAA campuses, as well as the relationship between athletics departments and competitive esports programs.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee (OSLC).

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

(a) NCAA Men’s Basketball Rules Committee Annual Meeting Report and Comment Period Report.

Management Council. The Council noted the panel reviewed and approved 21 rules proposals submitted by the Men’s Basketball Rules Committee, including a major rules change that extends the three-point line by approximately 1’5” (from 20’9 to 22’11 and ¼” at the top of the key and to 21’7 and 7/8” in the corners). The rule is effective for Divisions II and III men’s basketball with the 2020-21 season. The panel also approved a rule to reset the shot clock to 20 seconds after an offensive
rebound. The panel considered delaying implementation of this rule for Divisions II and III men’s and women’s basketball until the 2020-21 season since there is potential financial impact depending on the age of the institution’s existing equipment. However, based on feedback from several equipment manufacturers, who noted that the vast majority of institutions have equipment that can accommodate this change and those that don’t will have minimal costs to upgrade, and based on overall support provided in the annual rules survey, the panel agreed to make the rule effective for the 2019-20 season for all three divisions to keep the rule consistent for officiating purposes.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) NCAA Women’s Basketball Rules Committee Annual Meeting Report and Comment Period Report.

Management Council. The Council noted the panel reviewed and approved 12 rules proposals submitted by the Women’s Basketball Rules Committee, which included resetting the shot clock to 20 seconds after an offensive team rebound.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(9) Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(10) Research Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(11) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2020 CONVENTION.

(1) **Committee Membership – Men’s Lacrosse – Increase from Four to Five Members.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to increase the composition of the men’s lacrosse committee from four to five members with one member from each region.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(2) **Financial Aid – Elements of Financial Aid – Estimated Financial Assistance.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to replace the current government grants legislation with legislation entitled “Estimated Financial Assistance”, which will utilize the Department of Education definition of “over award” for purposes of determining whether financial aid has exceeded the student-athlete’s cost of attendance.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(3) **Playing and Practice Seasons – Foreign Tours – Expenses – Increase Per Diem to $30.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to increase from $20 to $30, the amount of per diem an institution may provide a student-athlete to cover unitemized incidental expenses incurred in connection with an institutional foreign tour.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(4) **Recruiting – Contact Restrictions at Prospective Student-Athletes Educational Institution – Elimination of Required Permission from Institution’s Executive Officer.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the requirement that an institutional staff member or any representative of the institution’s athletics interests seeks permission from the executive officer (or designee) of a prospective student-athlete’s educational institution prior to contacting that prospective student-athlete during the portion of the day when classes are being conducted.

**Presidents Council.** No action was necessary.

(5) **Eligibility – Hardship Waiver – Exempted Contests.**

**Management Council.** The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to clarify that an exempted scrimmage, exhibition or joint practice conducted before or after the first regularly scheduled contest does not count as a competition when
determining the first half of the playing season or whether the student-athlete participated in more than one-third of the standard number of contests/dates of completion.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to specify that for sports with a National Collegiate Championship, the number of active members needed to be granted single-sport conference status is controlled by the number of members needed for National Collegiate automatic qualification.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Awards, Benefits and Expenses – Medical Services – Mental Health Resources.

Management Council. The Council approved, with modification, noncontroversial legislation to ensure that student-athletes are aware of and have access to mental health resources available through the department of athletics and/or the institution’s health services or counseling services department.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(8) NCAA Membership – Elimination of Affiliated Membership.

Management Council. The Council approved noncontroversial legislation to eliminate the affiliated membership category.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council approved administrative regulation legislation to specify that rules modifications for sports in which the NCAA does not publish rules must be consistent among all three divisions and approved by the Playing Rules Oversight Panel.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.


Management Council. The Council approved modifications of wording legislation to clarify that segment limitations do not apply to sports with a winter championship.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Review of Membership-Sponsored Legislation. [NOTE: The Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee reviewed on its July 29 teleconference all membership-sponsored legislation properly submitted by the July 15 deadline (See Pages 6-8, Item No. 3 (3) a-b); however, at that time not all proposals had been properly sponsored for Convention vote.]


Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to the Interpretations and Legislative Committee (ILC) and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Awards and Benefits – Housing and Meals – Exceptions – Snacks and Nutritional Supplements Incidental to Participation.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC, SAAC and Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council noted the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s recommendation to include the proposal in the presidential grouping.

(3) Awards and Benefits – Expenses Provided by the Institution for Practice and Competition – Permissible Practice Expenses – Exceptions for Golf and Swimming and Diving.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC, SAAC, Men’s and Women’s Golf Committee, Playing and Practice Seasons Subcommittee (PPSS) and Men’s and Women’s Swimming Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council noted the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s recommendation to include the proposal in the presidential grouping.

(4) Athletically Related Activities – Leadership Programming Out-of-Season Involving Athletics Related Information and Content (General in Nature).

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to ILC, SAAC and PPSS to recommend an official position.
Presidents Council. The Presidents Council noted the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s recommendation to include the proposal in the presidential grouping. This proposal has been properly sponsored for consideration at the 2020 NCAA Convention.


Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to SAAC, Championships Committee, Committee on Women’s Athletics (CWA) and PPSS to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council noted the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s recommendation to include the proposal in the presidential grouping.


Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to SAAC, ILC and PPSS to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Division Membership – Application Process – Provisional Institution – Reduce Waiting Period from Four Years to Three Years.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to SAAC, Membership Committee and Championships Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council noted the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s recommendation to include the proposal in the presidential grouping.

(8) Division Membership – Application Process – Reclassifying Institution – Reduce Waiting Period from Four Years to Two Years.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the membership-sponsored proposal and forwarded it to SAAC, Membership Committee and Championships Committee to recommend an official position.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council noted the Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee’s recommendation to include the proposal in the presidential grouping.
5. **CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS.**

   a. **Management Council Elections for 2020.**

   Management Council. The Council elected Heather Benning, executive director of the Midwest Conference as chair and Gerard Bryant, faculty athletics representative at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, as vice chair.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   b. **Presidents Council Leadership.**

   Presidents Council. All potential leadership candidates were encouraged to forward their interest to staff. The Presidents Council Nominations Subcommittee will discuss this issue on its October 2 teleconference and forward a recommendation to the Council for approval at its October 29-30 meeting.

6. **DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.**

   a. **Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Advisory Group.**

   Management Council. The Council reviewed the roster of the newly formed FAR Advisory Group. The group has a teleconference August 15, in which it will discuss eSports and the impact it has on missed class time; as well as the membership-sponsored proposal regarding Playing and Practice Seasons and missed class time for practice in conjunction with a conference and NCAA championship.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   b. **LGBTQ Working Group.**

   Management Council. The Council noted the working group requested the Division III Convention-Planning Subcommittee approve, in concept, an event at the NCAA Convention to recognize one LGBTQ student-athlete, one LGBTQ administrator or coach, and one team, athletics department or athletics conference (three total awards) for improving the culture and climate for LGBTQ people and their allies in Division III at the campus, conference or national levels [See Page No. 4, Item No. 3a (1) (a)].

   The Council noted the LGBTQ OneTeam facilitator training, held the third week of May, taught attendees about local laws, terminology and how to create individual actions for safe cultures.

   Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

   c. **Gameday the DIII Way.**

   Management Council. Staff provided an update on Gameday the DIII Way – the division’s game environment and sportsmanship initiative. Next steps for the 2019-20 academic year include the following: (1) Researching the best way to release the online training videos to
the membership; (2) Extending the contract with the Disney Institute through July 1, 2021; (3) Focus on regional-based ambassador trainings for senior athletics administrators and ‘super facilitator’ training for the most active existing Division III facilitators; and (4) Incorporate Gameday language into NCAA Division III championships (e.g., public service announcements, host manuals, pre-competition teleconferences).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Technology Users Group.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the following areas: (1) Program Hub functionality; (2) Championships bid and profile portal; (3) NCAA transfer portal; (4) Genius sports update; and (5) Conference grant reporting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Division III Identity Initiative.

Management Council. The Council received a status report on the Division III Identity Initiative including an update on the purchasing website, DIII/D3SIDA recognition award, social media, Special Olympics, website content and Division III Week. Staff noted website content is working on a more user-friendly NCAA website for mobile phones.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. 360 Proof.

Management Council. The Council received an update on 360 Proof noting an increase of 15 institutions since last June. Due to lower than desired levels of program use, the steering committee has initiated a series of strategic discussions with the Sport Science Institute.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. International Ice Hockey Pilot.

Management Council. The Council received an update on the international ice hockey pilot including feedback from the Regional Rules Seminars and the Division III Commissioners summer meeting. For 2019-20, prospective student-athletes will register with the Eligibility Center (EC) and pay the estimated certification fee. Division III governance will reimburse prospective student-athletes, (through their institution) half of the registration fee no later than November 1. In addition, the EC conducted two webinars to instruct institutions in the use of the EC portal and activating an Institutional Request List.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
h. **Strategic Communications Working Group.**

Management Council. The Council received the booklet “Guide to Strategic Athletics Communication on Campus.” Staff distributed this resource during the CoSIDA convention, specifically, Division III Day.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. **Division III Commissioner Business Management Resource.**

Management Council. The Council received the “Division III Conference Office Business Management Resource.” Staff distributed the final resources to conference commissioners, Presidents Council and President’s Advisory Group during their summer meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. **2019 Governance Scorecard.**

Management and President Councils. Staff provided the results of the 2018-19 governance scorecard. The scorecard is a tool that allows Division III committee members to evaluate how well NCAA staff liaisons performed specific tasks and how important those tasks were to committee members. It also aids staff in managing the performance of governance structure committee liaisons. Based on a five-point scale, the overall performance rating was 4.59.

k. **Feedback from Conference Meetings.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed reports from various conference visits. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

l. **Injury Surveillance Program.**

Management Council. The Council received an update on the 2018-19 injury surveillance program participation data.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

m. **Division III Health and Safety Survey.**

Management Council. The Council received an update on the 2019-20 Division III Health and Safety Survey that will be distributed by the Sports Science Institute (SSI). While it is mandatory in Divisions I and II, it will be a pilot for Division III in 2019-20 academic year. The survey will be sent to the athletics health care administrator to be shared with head athletics trainers.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.
7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors (BOG) Update.

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils received an update on BOG initiatives including: (1) Sports Wagering Working Group; (2) Federal and State Legislation Working Group; (3) NCAA strategic plan; (4) Coaches credentialing; (5) Student-Athlete Engagement Committee; (6) Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity & Equity; (7) Governmental Relations report; and (8) Affiliated membership.

b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils received an update on the development of an NCAA internal task force that will fully explore relevant issues surrounding athletics training host and visitor care provisions, care of game officials, independent medical care, risk management and other pertinent concerns. SSI will collaborate with governance to develop a membership communication plan. SSI is hosting the inaugural Concussion Safety Advisory Group in late July. The purpose of the advisory group is to examine the concussion checklist and template and determine needed changes and next steps. The Council also reviewed the final version of the most recent SSI interassociation guidelines on preventing catastrophic injury and death in college student-athletes, a checklist and a frequently asked document.

c. Litigation Update.

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils received a litigation update. No action was necessary.

d. Attestation of Compliance.

Management and Presidents Council. The Councils received an update on a new compliance process for the 2019-20 academic year. Institutions are no longer required to execute the following forms: “Certification of Compliance for Institutions” and “Certification of Compliance for Staff Members of Athletics Departments”. Instead, effective August 1 and due no later than October 15, an institution’s president/chancellor and athletics director will be required to attest (via video and form) to certain compliance obligations via the NCAA Learning Portal. The school’s Single-Source Sign-On administrator will give the president or chancellor and director of athletics access to the learning portal and assign the course. Staff is hosting a series of webinars designed specifically for the school’s Single-Source Sign-On administrator to learn how to assign the video.

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Management Council. The Council meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m. Monday, July 22 and 11:03 a.m. Tuesday, July 23.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m. Tuesday, August 6 and 11:39 a.m. Wednesday, August 7.