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**NCAA DIVISION III
PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS
SUMMARY OF WINTER 2024
QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

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1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

January 10 Management Council. The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. Mountain time, January 10. The chair, Holly Sheilley, welcomed the council and reviewed the agenda.

January 11 Presidents Council. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Mountain time, January 11. The chair, Jim Schmidt, welcomed the council and reviewed the agenda.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meeting – October 16-17, 2023.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its October 16-17 in-person meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting – October 25, 2023.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its October 25 in-person meeting.

c. 2024 Committee/Subcommittee Assignments.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The council reviewed committee assignments for incoming council members as well as assignments for returning council members for 2024.

d. 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 during the discussions throughout the agenda.

e. Administrative Committee Reports.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils ratified the Administrative Committee's actions to fill the following governance committee vacancy:

- NCAA Division III Presidents Council (one January 2024 vacancy) – Milton Moreland, Centre College. (Note: President Moreland, who was attending the meeting, recused himself during this action.)

The councils also ratified the Administrative Committee’s approval of annual production costs (approximately \$270,000 to \$495,000 annually) to digitally broadcast the Division III women’s volleyball semifinals and championship, and the Division III men’s and women’s basketball semifinals and championship games on ESPN+ as part of the NCAA’s [new broadcast agreement](#) announced January 4. The ESPN contract continues to include the production of the Division III football semifinals on ESPN+ and the championship airs on ESPN University. The councils noted that all other Division III championships are web-streamed on NCAA.com. The current men’s and women’s basketball web-stream broadcasts on CBS Sports will end this year.

The councils supported the expanded contract (nine additional web streams) based on the division’s request to amplify the division’s brand and find new marketing and branding opportunities. ESPN+ currently has an audience of more than 25 million. Further, adding women’s volleyball supports the division’s commitment to gender equity. The new ESPN contract also provides additional revenue to the division (an estimated \$1.2 million annually).

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

Staff Liaison:
Regan

Council Reps: Belton, Coker, Corcoran, Iaboni, Lee, Mauro, Sheilley, Stiles, Wigley

(1) Convention Planning Subcommittee.

Management Council. The council reviewed the Convention Planning Subcommittee’s reports from November and December. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC).

(a) Division III Membership Assessment.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils approved the SPFC’s recommendation to pause the Division III membership assessment adopted in 2016 (i.e., the additional \$1,100 for institutions and \$450 for conference offices) for 2024-25 and 2025-26. The councils agreed with the committee’s reasoning that the two-year pause will serve the stated purpose of spending down the

Staff Liaisons:
Aiken, Hartung, McCleary, Regan, Myers

Council Reps:
Abernathy, Berger-Sweeney, Troha, Walsh, Ward

excess above the mandated reserve and help alleviate the financial burden many Division III institutions and conferences are experiencing during a challenging economic period that is affecting all of higher education. The action applies only for the specified two-year period and will resume beginning in 2026-27. Additionally, the councils noted that a credit for the amount of the assessment would appear on the invoice the membership receives to pay its annual dues.

(b) Enrichment Fund Review.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils noted the SPFC's discussions regarding the evaluation of the Division III Enrichment Fund. As the division plans for its next two-year budget cycle, the SPFC will continue reviewing the Enrichment Fund programs and grants and will rely on an outside vendor's evaluation to assist in that regard. Division III has hired Lewis Rice, the same firm that completed the NCAA's gender equity audit last August, to conduct the evaluation. The firm has completed its initial interviews with staff and contractors related to the division's grants and programs and will review requested data and information during January and February. A second round of stakeholder interviews will occur in late February. Updates are expected during the SPFC's March meeting and during the councils' April meetings. A final executive summary with recommendations will be completed by summer 2024.

The councils re-emphasized that the purpose of the review is to evaluate if the grants and programs have defined measurable objectives, achieve the intended objectives, and align with the division's strategic plan. The review's scope does not include an evaluation of current allocations regarding membership benefits (e.g., the conference grant program).

(c) Review of Budget-to-Actuals.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed the division's 2023-24 budget-to-actuals through November of 2023, which do not yet reflect the total expenses for fall championships. Other notes include the Enrichment Fund being on target to spend its budget, and the distribution of the conference office and diversity grants. These funds account for three-quarters of the budget. Most of the other programs/initiatives occur during the NCAA Convention or in the spring/summer months.

(d) Future Budget Projections.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed the budget projections, noting that last year the division spent \$3 million more on championships to enhance the student-athlete experience and \$1.1 million more on Enrichment Fund initiatives. The division also received \$1.3 million in additional Association-wide revenue.

In Fiscal Year 2023-24, the division will intentionally overspend its budget by approximately \$4.8 million [this includes the \$800,000 one-time spend the councils approved this past fall to increase per diem a year early, \$600,000 to support the division's financial reviews, and one million to pause the membership dues assessment]. The goal is to continue to reduce the amount above and beyond the mandated reserve. During its March meeting, the SPFC will discuss additional one-time spend options to continue reducing the excess beyond the mandated reserve. The new CBS/Warner Brothers and new ESPN contracts begin in Fiscal Year 2024-25, and during that year, the division will receive a 13% revenue increase. The contracts end in 2032.

The councils also noted the impact of the new media rights agreement cited in Item 2-e above and are aware that the NCAA governance structure will be determining specific allocations in the coming months.

b. Division III Committees.

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship Bracket Expansion.

Management Council. The council recommended that the Presidents Council approve the allocation of funds (\$38,000 to \$73,000 annually) necessary to expand the Division III Men's Ice Hockey Championship bracket from 12 to 13 teams, effective with the 2024 championship. The council noted that in 2022-23, the number of Division III institutions sponsoring men's ice hockey (84) surpassed the threshold required to warrant bracket expansion per the 1:6.5 access ratio legislated in Division III. (A sport must achieve the sponsorship number the year prior to asking for an increase.) The council viewed its support of the proposal as an acknowledgement of growth in a smaller-sponsored sport that will provide additional postseason opportunities.

Presidents Council. The council approved the allocation as recommended.

Staff Liaisons:
Peterson-Myllinski,
Williams

Council Reps:
Sheilley, Ver-
dugo

(b) Championship Enhancements.

Management Council. The council received an update regarding the committee's consideration of possible FY25 budget enhancements to Division III championships. The committee, after reviewing the results from its most recent membership survey, reached consensus on the following to help guide its discussions at its February meeting, during which it will finalize recommendations for the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee to consider in March:

- Increasing per diem to mitigate costs for participating institutions remains the highest priority.
- Continue to consider expanding the Division III Football Championship bracket.
- Combine Pools B and C into one collection of at-large selections.
- Maintain legislation capping team sport championship brackets at 64 teams (except for football).
- Maintain the length of the championship at no more than three weeks (except for football).
- Consider alternatives to establishing bracket sizes.
- Consider an approach to allow for some additional flights in specified circumstances.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Selection Criteria Database.

Management Council. The council received an update regarding the status of the committee's consideration of a database sport committees would use for championship selections. The committee has released an FAQ and educational video to provide education to the membership. It will continue to receive feedback from sport committees and plans to make a final recommendation by June.

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.

Staff Liaison:
McVeigh

Council Rep:
DiCamillo

Staff Liaison:
Zike

Council Rep:
Hill

(3) **Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Hartung,
Higgins

Council Rep:
Corcoran

(4) **Financial Aid Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Walters

Council Reps:
Camille,
Marin

(5) **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,
Turner

Council Rep:
Hill

(6) **Interpretations and Legislation Committee.**

Management Council. The council received the committee reports. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Hartung, Hig-
gins, Turner

Council Rep:
Stiles

(7) **Membership Committee.**

• **Otterbein University Athletics Consortium Appeal Decision.**

Management Council. The council upheld the Division III Membership Committee's decision to deny the request from Otterbein University to create an athletics consortium with Antioch University. In upholding the decision, the council noted the committee did not err in its decision in a manner that would warrant a reversal (i.e., improperly applying NCAA legislation or official interpretations, taking an action inconsistent with established precedent, deviating from its approved procedures, or making a clearly erroneous decision). The council did direct the Division III governance structure to review the applicable legislation, which was adopted in the 1970s, to determine if it should be updated.

Presidents Council. The council did not choose to ratify, amend or rescind the council's decision to deny the appeal.

Staff Liaison: Roe, Mucci
Council Rep: Bothner

(8) Nominating Committee.

(a) Committee Policies and Procedures.

Management Council. The council approved changes to the NCAA Division III Nominating Committee policies and procedures regarding the reappointment process for eligible individuals who have served less than half of one term, allowing the committee the opportunity to review those individuals before reappointing. The action ensures that the process for reappointing individuals who have served less than half of one term is consistent with the existing policy for filling a vacancy for such a position that occurs due to the expiration of the term of office, which allows the committee to give feedback and vote on each opening. This provides the committee the opportunity to review all candidates on a case-by-case basis to ensure equal representation among the membership.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Governance Committee Reappointments.

Management Council. The council approved the following governance committee reappointments:

a. NCAA Division III Committee on Infractions.

- Donna Ledwin, commissioner, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (Region 2).
- Angela Given Williams, U.S. Attorney General Southern District (public).

b. NCAA Division III Infractions Appeals Committee.

- Gina Nicolletti-Bellinger, senior woman administrator, Centre College, Southern Athletic Association.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Governance Committee Appointments.

Management Council. The council approved the following governance committee appointments:

- a. NCAA Honors Committee.
- Two January 2024 vacancies – John Griffin, National Distinguished Citizen (former recipient); and Kim Hamilton Anthony, National Distinguished Citizen.
 - One immediate vacancy replacing Chaunte Lowe – Christopher Lomax, National Distinguished Citizen.
- b. NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (four January 2024 vacancies):
- Arturo Casas, Manchester University, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.
 - Morgan Shaw, Willamette University, Northwest Conference.
 - Trysten Zahoransky, John Carroll University, Ohio Athletic Conference.
 - Nathaniel Whisman, University of Valley Forge, United East Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Berg

Council Reps:
Verdugo

(9) **Subcommittee for Legislative Relief**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Berg, Mucci,
Spungen,
Trovato

Council Reps:
Iaboni, Marin,
Wigley

(10) **Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received a summary of the SAAC's January meeting, during which members focused on efforts to manage how student-athlete mental health is impacted by injury recovery. Additionally, the committee provided updates regarding other initiatives in diversity and inclusion, and institutional efforts to celebrate the division's 50th anniversary.

c. **Association-Wide Committees.**

Staff Liaisons:
Hubbard, Parsons,
Rohlman

Council Rep:
Walsh

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

Management Council. The council approved noncontroversial legislation, in concept, to remove cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned-drug classes,

effective immediately and applicable retroactive for the 2023-24 academic year. The NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports recommended the removal of cannabinoids from the list of NCAA banned substances based on extensive study informed by subject matter experts (including medical doctors, substance misuse experts and membership practitioners), consensus opinion from the 2022 Summit on Cannabis in Collegiate Athletics and referrals from Divisions II and III to consider banning only performance-enhancing drugs. The council further noted that removing cannabinoids from the list of banned substances:

- Affirms the role of the NCAA drug-testing program to address only performance-enhancing substances.
- Emphasizes the importance of moving toward a harm-reduction strategy, as is done with alcohol, that prioritizes education and support over penalty.
- Affirms that educating student-athletes on the health threats posed by contemporary cannabis and methods of use is more effective than a prevention approach.
- Realigns toward local testing and education efforts to identify problematic cannabinoid use.
- Acknowledges the ineffectiveness of the existing policy (prevention and penalty).

The council stressed the importance of developing educational materials that can be used by member institutions and that those materials be available to institutions when this legislation becomes effective.

Presidents Council. The council received this update during the Division III Presidents and Chancellors Forum conducted after its meeting.

(2) **Committee on Women's Athletics.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Hubbard, Liddane,
Lokhande, Wiley

Council Rep:
Lamb

Staff Liaisons:
Hubbard, Lid-
dane, Lokhande,
Miron, Blair, Ken-
nedy, Sleet

Council Rep:
Aaron, Lamb

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Preston, Loechel,
Register

Council Rep:
Brown

(4) **Honors Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Hackworth, Ken-
nedy, Sleet

Council Rep:
Aaron

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
O’Barr, Thomas

Council Rep:
Lamb

(6) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Thomas

Council Rep:
Mitchell

(7) **Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. 2024 NCAA CONVENTION.

a. Review of Convention Logistics.

Management and Presidents Councils. Staff reviewed the delegates’ schedule, the joint Management Council/Presidents Council/Student-Athlete Advisory Committee meeting, the Issues Forum, the Presidents and Chancellors Forum, and the Division III Business Session. No action was necessary.

b. Review of Convention Official Notice.

Management and Presidents Councils. Staff reviewed the Official Notice with the councils. No action was necessary.

c. Review of Legislative Proposal Question and Answer Guide.

Management and Presidents Councils. Staff reviewed the Q&A with the councils. No action was necessary.

d. Review of Speaker Assignments.

- **Membership-Sponsored Convention Proposals – Presidential Grouping Positions.**

Management Council. The council recommended that the Presidents Council oppose amendments 2024-1-1 (Amend the Division III Philosophy Statement – Add Focus on Undergraduate Experience) and 2024-1-2 (Amend the Division III Philosophy Statement – Preclude Athletically Related Financial Aid). The council noted its support of the initial proposal (Proposal 2024-1) to amend the division’s philosophy statement based on the work of the Division III Philosophy Statement Review Working Group and Strategic Planning and Finance Committee. The proposal was informed by the multiple opportunities for the membership to review and provide feedback. The council believes the revised philosophy statement as originally proposed appropriately balances the differences between the operating bylaws and the philosophy statement.

Presidents Council. The council took no position on the two amendments. The council noted its continued support for Proposal 2024-1 as presented but determined that taking no position regarding the two amendments would encourage debate on the proposed amendments during the Division III Business Session.

e. Review of Parliamentary and Voting Procedures.

Management Council. The council reviewed the 2024 NCAA Convention Mootnicity and Related Parliamentary Issues document and recommended that the Presidents Council formally adopt it, noting that there are no mootnicity issues for any of the proposals.

Presidents Council. The council voted to adopt the 2024 NCAA Convention Mootnicity and Related Parliamentary Issues document.

5. NONCONTROVERSIAL LEGISLATION FOR THE 2025 NCAA CONVENTION.

Management Council. The council formally adopted, in final legislative format, the following noncontroversial legislative proposal:

- NC 2025-1 Recruiting – Contacts and Evaluations – Contactable Prospective Student-Athletes – Removing Permission-to-Contact Requirements for NAIA Student-Athletes. Effective date: Immediate. Intent: To eliminate the requirement that an athletics staff member must obtain permission to contact from an NAIA institution prior to having recruiting contact with a student-athlete from an NAIA institution.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

6. DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.

a. Committee Composition Waiver.

Management Council. The council approved a waiver to permit the incoming chair, Lawrence Ward, to continue serving on the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee, and to allow the incoming vice chair, Jason Verdugo, to continue serving on the Division III Championships Committee.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Athletic Trainer Working Group.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received updates from the working group's most recent meetings, including a review of findings from a membership survey that revealed the following primary areas of focus for the working group: 1) workload for athletic trainers (student-athlete health care delivery models/expectations based on the number of student-athletes, venues and the expectation of coverage); 2) work-life balance (work schedule, requirement to travel with teams, and training room hours); and 3) athletics department culture (communication/collaboration, being valued, compensation, and establishing and maintaining boundaries). The working group is considering establishing subgroups to review each of these areas.

c. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.

Management Council. The council received the working group's most recent report, including an update on the Division III Inclusive Leaders Program, which was developed primarily to identify strategies and best practices for institutions – specifically head coaches and athletics department staff and administrators – to enhance their recruitment and retention of students of color. Division III institutions

and conferences can request a two-hour workshop in this regard with a trained facilitator.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Faculty Athletics Representative Advisory Group.

Management Council. The council received the advisory group's most recent report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Financial and Risk Management Working Group.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received updates from the working group's most recent meetings and noted Deloitte being selected to collaborate with the Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee to conduct the previously approved review of the division's finances. The analysis timeline is expected to be as follows:

- February – Data collection, stakeholder interviews and focus groups; develop a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis.
- March – Develop potential opportunities and roadmap for implementation.
- April – Executive summary provided to the SPFC in March and the Management and Presidents Councils in April.

f. Division III Graduation Rates.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an update on the 2023 NCAA Division III Graduation and Academic Success Rates. The councils noted that the overall Division III Federal Graduation Rate and the Academic Success Rate remained steady at 70% and 88%, respectively. The councils noted that even when using the federal rate for comparative purposes (which is the only rate by which student-athletes can be compared with the student body), student-athletes have consistently maintained higher rates than their student-body counterparts.

g. NCAA Communications Policy.

Management Council. The council received an overview of the NCAA's communications strategy.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

h. NCAA Eligibility Center Update.

Management Council. Within its meeting packet, the council received information regarding the steps taken to review its process for unnecessary barriers and areas for improvement. The issue will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Division III Membership Feedback and Strategic Priorities.

Management Council. Council members discussed feedback from recent interaction with the membership and reviewed the status of priorities identified for the 2023-24 academic year. The council will begin identifying issues for the 2024-25 academic year during its post-Convention meeting in February.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. Division III Branding, Promotions and Social Media.

Management Council. The council received an update on initiatives and resources to support the division's 50th anniversary in 2023-24, and noted the discussion planned during the Division III Presidents and Chancellors Forum on how to enhance the Division III brand.

Presidents Council. The council discussed this item during the Presidents and Chancellors Forum that occurred after its meeting.

k. Technology Users Group.

Management Council. The council received the working group's most recent report. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

l. Review of Division III Transfer Regulations.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an update of the anticipated review of Division III transfer legislation.

The councils noted the following proposed timeline for this review:

- February through April – Relevant Division III governance committees (e.g., Interpretations and Legislation Committee) deliberate the issues.
- April – Management and Presidents Councils discuss potential recommendations from the committee(s).

- May/June – Additional committee review of potential recommendations to analyze impact on eligibility waivers.
- July – Potential action by Management/Presidents Council (if applicable).

m. United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee Update.

Management Council. The council received a presentation from USPOC representatives regarding initiatives underway as part of the partnership between the NCAA and USOPC to enhance NCAA championships in Olympic sports.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors Updates.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed updates from the Board of Governors' most recent meetings and noted the following key items:

- (1) **Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy.** The Board of Governors took no action regarding the recommendation from the NCAA Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports to extend Phase Two of the current policy through the 2024-25 academic year.
- (2) **Mental Health Best Practices.** The Board of Governors approved the second edition of the Mental Health Best Practices document, which will be published in February with an August 2024 effective date.
- (3) **Sexual Violence Attestation.** The Board of Governors reviewed the assessments submitted for 2022-23. Schools that fail to meet the policy are prohibited from hosting any NCAA championship competition for the next applicable academic year (2024-25 in this case). Schools that fail to attest will be publicly listed on the NCAA's Campus Sexual Violence Attestation Form webpage by February 15.
- (4) **Project Division I.** The board received an update on Project Division I and its connection to congressional engagement.
- (5) **NCAA Membership Dues.** The board approved maintaining NCAA dues for FY25 at the same rate as this year.
- (6) **Vice Chair Election.** The Board of Governors elected Springfield College President and Division III Presidents Council ex officio member Mary-Beth Cooper as vice chair for a term that will extend through January 2025.

b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) Updates.

Management and Presidents Councils. NCAA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Brian Hainline updated the councils on the following key topics (Presidents Council members received this update during the Presidents and Chancellors Forum held after the council's meeting):

- (1) **Mental Health Advisory Group.** The Board of Governors approved the second edition of the NCAA Mental Health Best Practices document. [See Item 7-a-(2) on page 18.]
- (2) **Performance and Training Advisory Group.** The CSMAS is developing this advisory group to begin its work during the 2023-24 academic year and is expected to conduct a Performance Technology Summit before the end of 2024.
- (3) **Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy.** The CSMAS recommended that Phase Two of the current policy be extended through the 2024-25 academic year. [See item 7-a-(1) on page 18.]

c. Sports Wagering Update.

Management Council. The council received an update on results from two recent sports-wagering surveys. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Governmental Relations Report.

Management and Presidents Councils. In their meeting packets, the councils received the government relations report. No action was necessary.

9. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS.

• **Council Rosters.**

Management Council. The council formally thanked outgoing members Cheryl Aaron, Matt Hill, Daniele Iaboni and Michelle Walsh for their outstanding service on the council during their terms, which expire after the Convention. The council also thanked its outgoing chair, Holly Sheilley, for the exemplary leadership and candor she demonstrated during her term.

Presidents Council. The council officially thanked outgoing members Rich Lapidus, Richanne Mankey and Troy Paino for their outstanding service on the council during their terms, which expire after the Convention. The council also recognized

Holly Sheilley and Michelle Walsh, whose terms as chair and vice chair of the Management Council, are expiring. Finally, the council extended its heartfelt appreciation to its outgoing chair, Jim Schmidt, for his extraordinary leadership and camaraderie during his term.

9. *ADJOURNMENT.*

Management Council. The meeting adjourned at 3 p.m. Mountain time.

Presidents Council. The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. Mountain time.