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**NCAA DIVISION III
 PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS
 SUMMARY OF FALL 2021
 QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

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[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.]

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

October 18-19 Management Council. The videoconference was called to order October 18, 10:01 a.m. Eastern time, and October 19, 10:02 a.m., by the chair, Jason Fein. The chair welcomed the Council and reviewed the agenda.

October 27 Presidents Council. The videoconference was called to order at 12:01 p.m. Eastern time by the chair, President Fayneese Miller.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council meeting – July 19-20, 2021.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its July 19-20, 2021, videoconference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council meeting – August 4, 2021.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its August 4, 2021, videoconference.

c. Administrative Committee reports.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils ratified the Administrative Committee reports from the August 6 and 30 videoconferences and September 17 electronic correspondence.

The actions ratified by the Councils included: (1) Expansion of the Division III Men's Lacrosse Championship bracket from 36 to 38 teams, and (2) An immediate appointment to the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

(1) Convention-Planning Subcommittee.

(a) 2022 NCAA Convention.

Management Council. The Convention Planning Subcommittee reported, and the Council endorsed, the following Division III specific Convention education session topics:

- NCAA Campus Sexual Violence Policy – What it is, what it isn't, for Division III schools. (NADIIIAA sponsored session). This session will be held in-person on Thursday, Jan. 20, 9 to 10:25 a.m. and will cover the NCAA campus sexual violence policy provisions.
- Discover, Develop, Dedicate and Diversity in DIII. This session will be held virtually on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1 to 2 p.m. The session will cover the NCAA campus sexual violence policy provisions.
- COVID Impacts and Moving Forward. This session will be held virtually on Thursday, Jan. 27, 1 to 2 p.m. The session will look back at what we have overcome collectively in the past two years, and how we are moving forward.

(b) 2022 Issues Forum.

The Issues Forum roundtable topics will be decided during the subcommittee's September meeting. Suggested topics include a Special Olympics speaker to celebrate the division's decade of inclusion, a discussion on an alternative playing and practice season model, and the Constitution Committee's review.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Skaggs, Spungen

Council Reps:
Corcoran, Fein,
Gilmour,
Hasseler, Mazza,
Mankey, Mitchell,
Mulvihill, Paino,
Stiles

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

Council Reps:
Alexander, Brown,
DiCamillo, Fein,
Franks, Hammond,
Lindgren, Mazza,
Shields, Trachte,
Walsh

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

• **Division III budget.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils reviewed the budget-to-actual as of the end of September 2021 as well as the future budget projections. The Councils discussed the reserve above and beyond the mandated reserve policy and a desire not to carry funds beyond the policy. The Councils charged SPFC with monitoring this year's budget and, in particular, the impact of travel inflation due to the pandemic. If the division continues to maintain funds above and beyond the mandated reserve policy, the Councils expressed an interest in reinstating the supplemental spend that existed prior to the pandemic (e.g., funding local ground transportation).

(3) **Joint Legislative Steering Subcommittee.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the subcommittee's recommendation regarding the NCAA Convention legislative proposal groupings for the membership-sponsored proposals and noted the Presidents Council action during its August meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Myers, Regan

Council Reps:
Briggs, Cooper,
Decatur, Fein,
Feyerherm,
Miller,

b. **Management Council Subcommittee for Legislative Relief.**

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) **Women's basketball broadcast.**

Staff Liaison:
Berg

Council Reps:
Aaron, Brown,
DiCamillo,
Mazza,
McGuinness,
Morgan,
Sheilley, Stiles

Staff Liaisons:
Peterson-Mylin-
ski, Williams

Council Reps:
Fein, Morgan,
Sheilley

Management Council. The Council approved a one-time allocation of \$60,000 to broadcast the 2022 Division III Women's Basketball Championship game on the CBS Sports Network. This championship is the only men's or women's basketball championship, in any division, not currently broadcasted. With the recent gender equity review, the Championships Committee deemed the broadcast opportunity a priority. The NCAA broadcast services staff continues to explore a long-term solution for the Division III Women's Basketball Championship game to be televised annually beginning in 2024.

(b) Baseball/softball resolution.

Management Council. The Council received an update on a resolution adopted at the 2020 NCAA Convention that directed the Division III Baseball and Softball Committees to evaluate potential changes to the championship date formulas to mitigate concerns regarding poor playing conditions due to inclement weather, missed class time due to rescheduled contests that then overlap with final exams or graduation ceremonies, and equity concerns between spring sport and fall sport student-athletes. The Championships Committee voted to maintain the baseball date formula and moved the softball championship one week later to align with the baseball championship, effective with the 2023 championship.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison: McVeigh
Council Rep: Feyerherm

(2) Committee on Infractions.

Management Council. The Council approved administrative regulations to (1) Reflect current practice of the enforcement staff notifying an institution of interviews of current institutional staff members and/or enrolled student-athletes and remove references to the interviews being conducted "on campus," (2) Eliminate the legislated requirement for the NCAA enforcement staff to provide infractions case status updates every six months. The Council also approved an amendment to the Enforcement Internal Operating Procedures (IOPs) to reflect the changes. This will expedite the enforcement staff's investigations of potential NCAA violations, as it has become common practice to conduct interviews through various methods (e.g., virtual, telephone) that do not occur on the institution's campus and because current IOPs require the enforcement staff be available as needed.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Hartung

Council Rep:
Corcoran

(3) **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:
Dunsworth,
Marin

(4) **Infractions Appeals Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Myers, Regan

Council Rep:
Hill

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

- **Playing and practice season review.**

Management Council. The Council received an update on the committee's review of playing season concepts that may be used to solicit feedback from membership concerning possible changes to the playing and practice season legislation. The committee also made an initial determination that feedback from the membership should focus on four primary areas: (1) Out of season activities, (2) Non-traditional segments, (3) Competition limits and (4) Defining the playing season. The committee determined that it should delay any survey of or outreach to the membership until spring 2022 because of the timing of the Association's Constitutional review.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Hartung

Council Rep:
Stiles

(6) **Membership Committee.**

- (a) **Provisional, exploratory and reclassifying membership application process.**

Management Council. The Council approved a waiver to extend the 2022 application deadline for provisional, exploratory and reclassifying membership from January 15 to February 15. The waiver provides flexibility and allows institutions adequate time to assess the outcome of the vote on any Constitutional Convention proposals during the 2022 NCAA Convention in January, while still providing ample time for the Membership Committee to review applications and notify institutions of their acceptance prior to the Sept. 1, 2022, start date.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(b) Termination of American Collegiate Athletic Association.

Management Council. The Council recommended the Presidents Council approve the notification of intention to terminate active conference membership for the American Collegiate Athletic Association. For the second consecutive year, the conference has no active members, and continues to fail to meet several annual obligations of Division III conference membership.

Presidents Council. The Council approved the recommendation.

(c) Waiver appeal.

Management Council. The Council upheld the decision by the Division III Membership Committee denying a request to permit two institutions to award athletically related financial aid to ice hockey student-athletes. In upholding the decision, the Council noted the committee did not improperly apply NCAA legislation or official interpretations, did not take an action inconsistent with established precedent, and did not deviate from its approved procedures, or that the decision was clearly erroneous.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(7) Nominating Committee.

- **Governance committee appointments.**

Staff Liaison:
Roe

Council Rep:
McGuiness

Management Council. The Council approved the following committee appointments:

Division III Management Council (four January 2022 vacancies):

- Lamont Repollet, president, Kean University, New Jersey Athletic Conference.
- Brian Wigley, faculty athletic representative, Shenandoah University, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.
- Jason Verdugo, associate vice president/director of athletics, Hamline University, Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.
- Maria Buckel, vice president for athletics, Fontbonne University, St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Division III Financial Aid Committee (one January 2022 vacancy):

- Mark Becker, assistant director for intercollegiate sports, California Institute of Technology, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee (one January 2022 vacancy):

- Bethany Marren, associate director of athletics, Rochester Institute of Technology, Liberty League.

Division III Membership Committee (one January 2022 vacancy):

- Kimberly Fierke, associate professor, State University of New York Oneonta, State University of New York Athletic Conference.

Division III Nominating Committee (two January 2022 vacancies):

- Troy VanAken, president, Elmhurst University, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin. (re-appointment)
- Matthew Lawrence, faculty athletics representative, Alfred State College, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.

Division III Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (one January 2022 vacancy):

- Stephanie Dutton, commissioner, United East Conference.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Barnhart, Berg,
Malin, Skaggs,
Spungen

Council Reps:
Alexander,
Bryant, Marin,
Mulvihill

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

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report and noted the committee has hosted student-athlete regional town halls to gather feedback related to the work of the Constitution Committee. The committee also has been engaged in the 10th anniversary of the partnership between Division III SAAC and Special Olympics.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Zike

Council Rep:
Hill

(9) Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide Committees.

Staff Liaisons:
Durden, Parsons,
Rohlman

Council Rep:
Walsh

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

Management Council. The Council reviewed the committee's report. No action was necessary. The Council was asked to discuss and provide feedback to the CSMAS Prevention and Performance Subcommittee on its review of existing legislation and policy regarding the prevention of preseason injury, including acclimatization and transition periods. The Council provided the following:

- Requested coaches' associations be involved in the review.
- The Council noted, anecdotally, a substantive increase in fall 2021 injuries and requested the inclusion of this data in the review.
- Since the Division III playing and practice season model is unique, the Council requested it be taken into consideration in the acclimatization recommendations for Division III fall sports.
- The Council encouraged the acclimatization analysis include all injuries and not only concussions.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Brownlee,
Ziegler

Council Rep:
Corcoran

(2) **Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Liddane,
Wallach, Wiley,
Wilson

Council Rep:
Mitchell

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Hack-
worth, Kennedy

Council Rep:
Aaron

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

Management Council. The Council referred a recommendation back to the Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee to sponsor 2023 NCAA Convention legislation to establish a designation of an institutional and conference senior minority administrator. The Council noted it needed more information. It also noted concerns with the title, confusion with the designation's role in relation to the recently created Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee (ADID), and the considerations for athletics department staffing differences.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Wallach, Wilson

Council Rep:
Mitchell

(5) **Joint Committee on Women's Athletics and Gender Equity Task Force.**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the reports. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Preston, Loechel,
Register

Council Rep:
Brown

(6) **Honors Committee meeting.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Smith, Suscha

Council Rep:
Morgan

(7) **Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Seewald

(8) **Playing Rules Oversight Panel (PROP).**

Management Council. The Council reviewed the PROP reports. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
O'Barr, Thomas

Council Rep:
Aaron

(9) **Postgraduate Scholarship Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Bell

Council Rep:
Ward

(10) **Research Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Thomas

Council Rep:
Mitchell

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary

4. PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR THE 2022 CONVENTION.

a. Convention Proposal Grouping and Voting Method.

Management Council. The Council recommended the Presidents Council designate votes for all proposals at the 2022 NCAA Convention to be taken using the roll-call method, regardless of grouping (presidential or general) and approve the voting order.

Presidents Council. The Council approved the recommendation.

b. **Review of 2022 Division III Convention legislation, speaker assignments and recommended positions.**

Management Council. The Council took a formal position of support on three membership sponsored proposals: (1) A proposal to reduce the minimum number of conference members required for automatic qualification for Division III championships from seven to six; (2) A proposal to reduce the minimum number of member schools required to form a single-sport conference from seven to six, and (3) A proposal to add equestrian as an emerging sport for women. It also confirmed the speaker assignments for the governance and membership sponsored proposals in the general grouping.

Presidents Council. The Council took a formal position of support on three membership sponsored proposals: (1) Requirement of international students to certify amateur status with the Eligibility Center; (2) To specify that a student-athlete would only be charged with a season of eligibility if the student competes at any point during the traditional season (i.e., redshirting); and (3) Permit Division III institutions with a Division I sport to apply all Division I legislation, including financial aid. It also confirmed the speaker assignments for the governance and membership sponsored proposals in the presidential grouping.

c. **Review of noncontroversial legislation.**

Management Council. The Council approved non-controversial legislation to specify that any computation of the first half of the season that results in a fractional portion of a contest or date of competition shall be rounded up to the next full contest when assessing hardship waiver requests. The current legislation instructs rounding down by one-half contest, which ultimately removes the flexibility originally intended by the legislation when assessing a case where there is an odd number of contests.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. **Constitution Committee amendment timeline.**

Management Council. The Council recommended Presidents Council establish the legislative timeline for divisional Constitutional provisions as follows: (1) The submission date for divisional legislative amendments and resolutions to be on or before December 22; (2) The date for publication of amendments and resolutions to be considered at the January Annual Convention on or before January 7; and (3) Amendments-to-amendments and resolutions may be submitted by the divisional bodies until the Annual Convention business sessions (January 20), provided copies are distributed before or during the business sessions.

Presidents Council. The Council approved the recommendation.

e. **Convention registration, logistics and schedule.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received an update on the 2022 NCAA Convention registration, logistics and schedule. No action was necessary.

5. ***COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.***

a. **Presidents Council leadership.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Council elected Troy Hammond, president at North Central College, as chair and Jim Schmidt, chancellor at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, as vice-chair, effective with the close of the 2022 NCAA Annual Convention.

b. **Presidents Council nominations.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Council elected the following presidents and chancellors to four-year term on the Council effective with the close of the 2022 NCAA Convention:

- Jeff Abernathy, Alma College [Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association].
- Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Trinity College (CT) [New England Small College Athletic Conference].
- Berenecea Johnson Eanes, York College [City University of New York Athletic Conference].
- Kate Foster, The College of New Jersey [New Jersey Athletic Conference].
- Renee Wachter, University of Wisconsin Superior [Upper Midwest Athletic Conference].

The Council also extended the term of President Troy Paino, University of Mary Washington [Coast to Coast Athletic Conference] to January 2024 and President Jim Troha, Juniata College [Landmark Conference] to January 2026.

6. DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.

a. Football Concussion Task Force Working Group.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the working group's report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Faculty Athletics Representative Advisory Group.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the advisory group's report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. Division III Constitution Advisory Council.

Management Council. Representatives from the Advisory Council emphasized two main concerns as the NCAA Special Convention approaches – perceived inequities in the guaranteed revenue allocation and imbalanced divisional representation in the composition of the NCAA Board of Governors. The Council was encouraged to view the outcome of the Special and Annual Conventions as an opportunity for Division III to obtain increased legislative autonomy to chart the best path forward.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. LGBTQ Working Group.

Management Council. The Council endorsed a letter from the working group expressing its concerns with NCAA championships host sites to ensure the safety of transgender student-athletes in states with an existing law prohibiting transgender participation. The working group urged the Division III Councils and Board of Governors to condemn these discriminatory state laws and to take additional actions to ensure the well-being of transgender student-athletes. It also encouraged NCAA staff to monitor incidents in which student-athletes or teams choose not to participate in championships due to existing discriminatory state laws.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the working group's report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Arizona State University Study – Division III New Athletics Directors..

Management Council. The Council reviewed the study. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Division III Identity Initiative.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the update.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Division III Commissioners Association (DIICA) Officiating Strategic Plan.

Management Council. The Council reviewed the update.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

j. Feedback from conference meetings.

Management Council. The Council provided updates from recent conference meetings. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

a. **Board of Governors updates.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The Councils received an update on the following Board of Governors topics:

- (1) **Constitution Committee.** Senior staff updated the Councils on the work of the committee, the Special Convention, feedback opportunities, the Association-wide vote at the 2022 NCAA Convention and steps after the Convention.
- (2) **Transgender student-athlete participation.** The Councils received an update on state legislation prohibiting transgender student-athlete participation. The Board of Governors reaffirmed the Association's policy to provide fair and nondiscriminatory championships opportunities to all student-athletes, including transgender student-athletes. The Board also approved an updated nondiscrimination form to be sent to all NCAA championships hosts to ensure safe and inclusive environments.
- (3) **Gender equity review.** The Council received an update on the Gender Equity Review Phase 1 recommendations for men's and women's basketball championships. Emphasis has been given to the status of communication efforts including a collection of resources linked to the homepage of ncaa.org. Immediate focus is on the 2022 Division I men's and women's basketball championships with special attention to the student-athlete experience, an equitable on-site experience, and visual enhancements including the use of the March Madness logo for the women's championship. There continue to be joint meetings of the divisional men's and women's basketball committees and a consideration to expand the Division I women's bracket from 64 to 68 teams. The Phase 2 report, covering all other NCAA championships, was released October 26. This report noted that Division III generally is providing equitable championship opportunities.

b. **Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity.**

Management Council. No action was necessary.

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

c. Sport Science Institute (SSI) updates.

(1) Cannabinoid policy discussion.

Management and Presidents Councils. The Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sport (CSMAS) has continued its discussion of the Association's cannabinoid policy and that the changing landscape requires a need to re-center student-athlete health and well-being, prioritizing identification and deterrence of problematic use, and treatment and education over sanction. A newly created Drug-Testing Subcommittee will consider THC thresholds, sanctions and rationale for testing at NCAA Championships. CSMAS expects concepts for review at its February 2022 meeting.

(2) Mental Health Advisory Group.

Management and Presidents Councils. The CSMAS approved the creation of an advisory group, made up of membership representatives and outside experts, to update the Mental Health Best Practices document and provide guidance to the Association on developments in mental health science and policy.

d. Campus sexual violence policy.

Management Council. Staff provided responses to questions posed by the Management Council at a past meeting. Webinars and planned education sessions provide guidance concerning an institution's obligations related to an incomplete Title IX proceeding when a student-athlete is transferring into the institution and when a student-athlete is transferring to another institution. There is additional guidance related to incoming students from high school. Best practices and frequently-asked-questions resources are now available on naaa.org.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Litigation update.

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

8. *ADDITIONAL BUSINESS.*

Management and Presidents Councils. There was no additional business.

9. *ADJOURNMENT.*

Management Council. The meeting adjourned Tuesday, October 19, 1:22 p.m. Eastern time.

Presidents Council. The meeting adjourned Wednesday, October 27, 3:01 p.m. Eastern time.