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**NCAA DIVISION III
PRESIDENTS AND MANAGEMENT COUNCILS
SUMMARY OF FALL 2022
QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

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Division III Management Council October 17-18, 2022 Indianapolis, IN	Division III Presidents Council October 25-26, 2022 Indianapolis, IN
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ABSENTEES	ABSENTEES
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1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

October 17-18 Management Council. The in-person meeting was called to order at 8 a.m., October 17 and 8 a.m., October 18 Eastern time. The chair, Michelle Morgan, welcomed the council and reviewed the agenda.

October 25-26 Presidents Council. The in-person meeting was called to order at 6 p.m., October 25 and 9 a.m., October 26 Eastern time. The chair, Jim Schmidt, welcomed the council and reviewed the agenda.

2. REVIEW OF RECORDS OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

a. Management Council Meeting – July 18-19, 2022.

Management Council. The Management Council approved the summary of its July 18-19 in-person meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

b. Presidents Council Meeting – August 3, 2022.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council approved the summary of its August 3, 2022, virtual meeting.

c. Policies and Procedures.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council reviewed its updated policies and procedures approved during the August meeting.

d. Administrative Committee Reports.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils ratified the Administrative Committee reports from the August 2 and October 3 electronic correspondence and the August 31 videoconference.

The actions ratified by the councils included the immediate appointments to the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and Division III Financial Aid Committee.

The councils also noted, as information, the committee's initial discussion about future financial planning and preparation. The committee will meet in December

to continue its discussions and will provide additional updates to the councils in January.

3. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AFFECTING DIVISION III.

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

Staff Liaisons:
Regan, Spungen

Council Reps:
Corcoran, Has-
seler, Iaboni,
Morgan, Paino,
Stiles, Wigley

(1) Convention Planning Subcommittee.

- **2023 NCAA Convention.**

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

- (a) Landscape of Higher Education and Enrollment Retention in Division III. This session will be conducted on Thursday, Jan. 12, from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m.
- (b) Best Practices for Hiring and Retaining Administrators and Coaches of Color (NADIIIAA-sponsored session). This session will be conducted on Thursday, Jan. 12, from 10 to 11 a.m.
- (c) Eligibility Center Requirements for International Students. This session will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 12, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

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

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

Council Reps:
Abernathy, Berger-
Sweeney, Brown,
Buckel, DiCamillo,
Lindgren, Morgan,
Schmidt, Ward,
Winston

- **Division III budget.**

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils reviewed the 2021-22 final budget and 2022-23 budget-to-actuals as well as the future budget projections. The 2022 fiscal year budget resulted in a surplus of approximately \$4 million due to a combination of less spending than budgeted (\$2 million) and additional revenue (\$2 million). The surplus was added to the division's reserves. The councils were reminded that in fiscal years 2023 and 2024 the division will intentionally overspend its budget by an approximate average of \$2.7 million per year to reduce the amount above the mandated reserve.

Staff Liaisons:
McCleary, Myers,
Regan

Council Reps:
Briggs, Cooper,
Decatur, Feyer-
herm, Morgan,
Repollet, Schmidt,
Ward

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

- **Review of 2023 NCAA Convention Proposals.**

Management Council. The council received an update of the steering committee's review of Convention proposals, and a potential membership-submitted resolution to establish a mental health hardship waiver process that is distinguished from a hardship waiver based on a physical injury.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary

Staff Liaison:
Berg, Higgins

Council Reps:
Aaron, Brown,
DiCamillo,
McGuinness, Sheil-
ley, Stiles, Walsh,
Verdugo

(4) **Subcommittee for Legislative Relief (SLR).**

Management and Presidents Councils. The Management Council recommended, and the Presidents Council approved, the following amendment to the SLR's graduate student/postbaccalaureate eligibility directive for exemplary academic success:

- The student-athlete graduated with an undergraduate degree within four academic years. Such documentation shall be in the form of the student-athlete's academic transcript and/or a written statement from an appropriate academic official from the previous institution (e.g., registrar);
- The student-athlete has seasons of participation remaining. A season of participation shall be determined based on Division III Bylaw 14.2.4.1 (Minimum Amount of Participation), regardless of where (e.g., other NCAA division, NAIA) the participation occurs; **and**
- The student-athlete continued/maintained their education as a full-time student rather than having "breaks" (e.g., part time) in enrollment for no reason/circumstances beyond their control. ~~and~~
- ~~The student-athlete possesses a minimum 3.000 cumulative grade-point average.~~

The councils noted that the requirement to graduate with a minimum 3.0 grade-point average is not a proper measure of academic success, as Division III institutions offer graduate and postbaccalaureate admission to students with various experiences and academic histories. A grade-point average requirement prohibits non-Division III graduates from having the same opportunities to participate as their Division III peers. The councils also noted that this amendment has an immediate effective date.

c. Division III Committees.

Staff Liaisons:
Peterson-Mylin-
ski, Williams

Council Reps:
Morgan, Sheil-
ley, Verdugo

(1) Championships Committee.

(a) Tennis sports sponsorship.

Management Council. The council approved the Championships Committee's recommendation to sponsor legislation for the 2024 Convention that would amend Bylaw 20.11.3.8 to change the minimum number of participants needed for sport sponsorship in tennis from six to four. This proposal will create consistency and reduce confusion by aligning the current sport sponsorship legislation with the current playing rules.

(b) Rowing selection criteria.

Management Council. The council approved an administrative regulation to amend championship selection ranking and selection criteria, for women's rowing only, to no longer include the winning percentage but focus solely on head-to-head results and results against common opponents. This change is effective August 1, 2023.

(c) Women's volleyball format.

Management Council. The council noted no concerns with the Championships Committee's approval of two requests from the Division III Women's Volleyball Committee, one to conduct all regional competitions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday beginning with the 2022 championship; and another to adjust the volleyball championship date formula to create a week between the regional and championship finals effective with the 2023 championship.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
McVeigh

Council Rep:
Feyerherm

(2) Committee on Infractions.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Zike

Council Rep:
Hill

(3) Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Walters

Council Reps:
Dunsworth,
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:
Myers, Turner

Council Rep:
Hill

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

(a) **Convention action items.**

- i. Resolution – Establish a Special Rule of Order (Bylaw 9.2.5) to Allow an Alternative Voting Method for Proposal Nos. 2-4 (Playing Seasons – Eliminating Weeks as the Measurement for a Season and Establishing a New Playing Seasons Structure) and 2-5 (Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season-Defining Playing and Practice Season Non-Consecutive Days). Specifically, the resolution would allow a substantive discussion regarding the merits of Proposal Nos. 2-4 and 2-5 and then a vote establishing the order of these two proposals for consideration.

Management Council. The council supported the ILC's recommendation that the Division III Presidents Council sponsor a one-time resolution to establish a special rule of order allowing an alternative voting process for Proposal Nos. 2-4 and 2-5 (both proposals provide an alternative to the current Bylaw 17 playing and practice seasons structure). This special rule of order prioritizes and values the membership having a substantive discussion during the Division III Business Session about the issues presented in the playing seasons proposals rather than spend that valuable time determining which of the proposals would be voted on first. This special rule of order minimizes the impact of the procedural motions establishing the voting order and provides delegates the opportunity to discuss these proposals together, and ultimately vote on the preferred order.

Presidents Council. The council agreed to sponsor the resolution. Since this is a procedural matter, the Division III membership will vote on the resolution during the Division III Issues Forum on Friday, Jan. 13 to preserve the following day's Division III Business Session for discussion on the merits of the proposals.

- ii. Amendment-to-Amendment to Proposal No. 2-9 (Committees – Division III Committees – Presidents Council and Management Council – Amend Composition and Representation) to specify that student-athletes on each council do not satisfy the conference representation requirement.

Management Council. The council supported the ILC's recommendation that the Division III Presidents Council sponsor an amendment to Proposal No. 2-9 stating that student-athletes on both the Management and Presidents Councils would not satisfy the conference representation requirement. Management Council members reasoned that the student-athletes on both councils are members of the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and represent the student-athlete voice. It is a unique perspective and should remain their focus. Being the sole representative from a conference, in lieu of a president/chancellor or athletics administrator, places a greater burden on the individual to consider issues from a perspective other than that of a student-athlete.

Presidents Council. The council agreed to sponsor the amendment as specified. (Note: This amendment would result in up to four more council members, which would require an additional estimated \$24,000 per meeting cycle.)

- iii. Divide Proposal No. 2-9 (Committees – Division III Committees, Presidents Council and Management Council – Amend Composition and Representation) into two distinct proposals, one addressing the six standing committees and one addressing the composition of the Presidents and Management Councils. Additionally, sponsor a Resolution establishing a Special Rule of Order (Bylaw 9.2.5) to allow an alternative voting method for the council proposals. Specifically, the resolution would allow a substantive discussion regarding the merits of the two proposals addressing council composition and then a vote establishing the order of these two proposals for consideration.

Management Council. The council supported the ILC's recommendation that the Division III Presidents Council divide Proposal No. 2-9 into two distinct proposals: (1) to address the amendments to the six standing committees; and (2) to address the council composition. The council also recommended that the Presidents Council sponsor a resolution establishing a special rule of order to permit an alternative voting method for the newly divided council proposal and No. 2-11. The council is recommending this process for the same reasons as articulated in Item No. 6-a(i); however, this recommendation requires the additional procedural step of dividing the current Proposal No. 2-9 into two separate proposals.

Presidents Council. The council agreed to use its amendment authority to divide Proposal No. 2-9 into two separate proposals and sponsor the resolution to permit a special rule of order as recommended by Management Council. Since the resolution involves a procedural matter, the Division III membership will vote on it during the Division III Issues Forum on Friday, Jan. 13 to preserve the following day's Division III Business Session for discussion on the merits of the proposals.

iv. Convention Proposal Grouping and Voting Method.

Management Council. The council approved the ILC's recommendation for roll-call voting, noting the technology permits the recording of all votes expeditiously. Conducting roll-call votes for all proposals (presidents' grouping and general grouping) also provides transparency for the membership.

The council also recommended a voting order based on its recommendations for special rules of order and normal parliamentary protocol to consider the proposal with the broadest scope first (Bylaw 9.1.1.8.1). (The council's recommendation afforded the Presidents Council with the flexibility to order the two special rules of order as it sees fit.)

(Note: During its discussion of the potential Convention proposal order for voting, the council confirmed that the governance proposal regarding the six standing committees should not be divided as the intent was to have composition and representation continuity across these committees.)

Presidents Council. The council approved the following voting order for the presidents' grouping of proposals and the general grouping of proposals, noting that the vote on the two resolutions to establish special rules of order cited in Items 6-a(i) and 6-a(iii) will occur during the Division III Issues Forum the day prior to the Division III Business Session.

(Note: The Management Council's recommended order listed the Mental Health Hardship Waiver as sixth in the presidents' grouping; however, the Presidents Council placed it as the first item.)

Friday Issues Forum and Business Session

R-2023-1 Resolution – Special Rule of Order – Presidents and Management Council Composition Proposals – Alternative Voting Process.

R-2023-2 Resolution – Special Rule of Order – Playing Seasons Proposals – Alternative Voting Process.

Saturday Business Session

Presidents' Grouping*

1. Resolution – Mental Health Hardship Waiver.
2. Proposal No. 2-1: Legislative Authority and Process – Conventions and Meetings – Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Voting Privileges.
3. Proposal No. 2-9 (Part A): Committees – Division III Committees – Six Standing Committees – Amend Composition and Representation.
4. Proposal No. 2-10: Committee – Nominating Committee – Composition – Amend Committee's Composition.
5. Proposal No. 2-11: Presidents and Management Councils – Composition – Conference-Based Representation.

6. Proposal No. 2-9 (Part B): Presidents Council and Management Council – Amend Composition and Representation.
7. Proposal No. 2-8: Division Membership – Provisional Membership – Application Process – Application for Membership – Require Conference Membership.

General Grouping*

8. Proposal No. 2-5: Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing Season-Defining Playing and Practice Season Non-Consecutive Days.
9. Proposal No. 2-4: Playing Seasons – Eliminating Weeks as the Measurement for a Season and Establishing a New Playing Seasons Structure (Proposal 2-5 and 2-4 subject to reorder per Resolution).
10. Proposal No. 2-3: Playing and Practice Seasons – Fall Preseason Practice Formula – Sports other than Football – Preseason Acclimatization for Fall Sports.
11. Proposal No. 2-6: Division Membership – Establishing Stunt as an Emerging Sport for Women.
12. Proposal No. 2-2: Recruiting – Social Media – Allowing Public Communication After January 1 of Senior Year in High School.
13. Proposal No. 2-7: Division Membership – Conditions and Obligations of Membership – Elimination of Institutional and Conference Self-Study Guide Submission Requirements.

**Proposal numbers are based on the [Second Publication of Proposed Legislation](#) (SPOPL).*

(b) Noncontroversial Legislation.

Management Council. The council approved in concept the following noncontroversial legislative proposals:

- i. Addition to the standard list of contest exemptions, Bylaw 17.1.4.5. (One Contest Against a National Team). Permits an institution to exempt, in all sports, one contest per year against a U.S. national team or the international equivalent during the team's traditional segment.
- ii. Football spring period. Specifies that the football spring period (Bylaw 17.11.7.1) must be completed not later than five weekdays before the first day of the institution's final examination period.
- iii. Attestation of Compliance requirement. Eliminates the yearly requirement for chancellors and presidents and for athletics directors to sign the attestation of compliance form.
- iv. Roll-call voting at the NCAA Convention. Establishes roll-call voting as the default voting option for Convention proposals.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(c) Incorporation of official interpretation.

Management Council. The council approved an incorporation of an official interpretation into legislation that provides allowable criteria for an athletics department staff member to assist in fundraising for the athletics programs of their former high school or for the program at a high school where a family member is enrolled.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(d) Name, image and likeness.

Management Council. The council received an update that the Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee approved guidance regarding the interaction of boosters and prospective student-athletes and NIL opportunities.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary, though discussion of various issues related to NIL emerged in other agenda items.

Staff Liaisons:
Alford, Hartung

Council Rep:
Stiles

(7) **Membership Committee.**

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Roe

Council Rep:
McGuinness

(8) **Nominating Committee.**

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

(a) Division III Management Council (four vacancies)

- Jessica Brown, vice president for student affairs and athletics/athletics direct report, North Central College, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin.
- Rob Larson, faculty athletics representative, Luther College, American Rivers Conference.
- Peter Bothner, director of athletics, Nazareth College, Empire 8.
- Marybeth Lamb, associate vice president for athletics and student wellness, Bridgewater State University, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference.

(b) NCAA Division III Championship Committee (two vacancies)

- Reappointment of Karen Tessmer, associate director of athletics/senior woman administrator, Worcester State University, Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference.
- Maureen Harty, commissioner, College Conference of Illinois & Wisconsin.

(c) NCAA Division III Financial Aid Committee (two vacancies)

- Jen Windmiller, assistant director of athletics for academics and compliance, assistant women's basketball coach/senior woman administrator, Bethany College (West Virginia), Presidents' Athletic Conference.
- Perry Rettig, faculty athletics representative, Piedmont University, Collegiate Conference of the South.

- (d) NCAA Division III Committee on Infractions (one vacancy)
 - Tom Simmons, director of athletics, Ohio Northern University, Ohio Athletic Conference.
- (e) NCAA Division III Interpretations and Legislation Committee (one vacancy)
 - Danielle O'Leary, assistant director of athletics/senior woman administrator, William Peace University, USA South Athletic Conference.
- (f) NCAA Division III Membership Committee (three vacancies)
 - Wayne Lewis, president, Houghton University, Empire 8.
 - Christine Hagadorn-Nordenholt, faculty athletics representative, Rosemont College, Colonial States Athletic Conference.
 - Doug Chin, associate commissioner, Commonwealth Coast Conference.
- (g) NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Reinstatement Committee (one vacancy)
 - Kaitlin Leach, associate director of athletics, Vassar College, Liberty League.

The council also noted that the Nominating Committee during its October 7 videoconference recommended that an appointment to the council be approved. However, the council agreed to wait on this recommendation until after the 2023 Convention, since the outcome of proposals being voted on will impact this appointment.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Berg, Mucci,
Scotto, Spungen

Council Reps:
Iaboni, Marin,
Wigley, Winston

(9) Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Association-Wide Committees.

Staff Liaisons:
Hubbard, Parsons, Rohlman

Council Rep:
Walsh

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

Management Council. The council reviewed the committee's report, noting as information the committee's review of the comprehensive health and safety survey that will be administered this fall. The consolidated well-being survey will examine relevant health and safety topics, including substance use, sleep, mental health, sexual violence, injury and pain, nutrition, and weight management. The survey was designed by NCAA Research and survey results will be used by the NCAA membership and its governing bodies for the purpose of further evaluating and better understanding the health and well-being aspects of the student-athlete experience. The quadrennial survey will be administered by faculty athletics representatives on campus. Results from the first iteration of the survey are expected in late 2023.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Brownlee, Ziegler

Council Rep:
Corcoran

(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.

Staff Liaisons:
Miron, Wallach, Wiley

Council Rep:
Mitchell

(3) Committee on Women's Athletics.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Miron, Wallach, Wilson

Council Rep:
Mitchell

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

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaisons:
Preston, Loechel, Register

Council Rep:
Brown

(5) Honors Committee.

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

(6) Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee.

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:
Mitchell

(7) Olympic Sports Liaison Committee.

Management Council. The committee had no formal 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 committee had no formal report, so no action was necessary. The council did note, however, that the Research Committee sought the council's endorsement in its recommendation to the NCAA Board of Governors to sunset the committee, as the committee duties already are being performed by the NCAA research department. It is anticipated that the Board of Governors will ask all three NCAA divisions to act, in concept, during their January meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

Staff Liaison:
Thomas

Council Rep:
Buckel

(11) Walter Byers Scholarship Committee.

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

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

4. 2023 NCAA CONVENTION LEGISLATION.

a. Presidential Grouping Positions.

(1) Proposal No. 2-10: Committee – Nominating Committee – Composition – Amend Committee’s Composition.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Division III Presidents Council oppose this proposal, as the Management Council prefers governance-sponsored Proposal No. 2-9, which addresses representation on Presidents and Management Councils and the six standing committees (including the Nominating Committee) and was developed based on feedback from the 2022 Division III Membership Survey, the Division III Commissioners Association and the National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators.

Presidents Council. The council opposed the proposal.

(2) Proposal No. 2-11: Committees – Presidents and Management Councils – Composition – Conference-Based Representation.

Management Council. The Management Council recommended that the Division III Presidents Council oppose this proposal, as the Management Council again prefers the governance-sponsored Proposal No. 2-9, which provides for conference representation and would result in a more inclusive structure by guaranteeing that specific constituent groups are represented on the Councils and committees as well as increasing representation of those that identify as Black, Indigenous, or people of color (BIPOC) and guaranteeing certain geographic representation. Further, the Management Council agreed that the size of the Councils as represented in Proposal No. 2-9 better reflects the responsibilities associated with each Council.

Presidents Council. The council opposed the proposal.

b. General Grouping Positions.

(1) Proposal No. 2-5: Playing and Practice Seasons – General Playing-Season Defining Playing and Practice Season Non-Consecutive Days.

Management Council. The council took no position on this proposal due to the special rule of order the council recommended the Presidents Council adopt to manage the voting order of this proposal and the governance-sponsored Proposal No. 2-4, which also addresses the playing and practice

seasons structure. The council iterated, however, that if the recommended special rule of order is adopted by the membership, and the governance-sponsored proposal that would amend the playing and practice seasons is not adopted, the council would support the membership-sponsored proposal that amends the playing and practice seasons.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

(2) Proposal No. 2-3: Playing and Practice Seasons – Fall Preseason Practice Formula – Sports Other Than Football – Preseason Acclimatization for Fall Sports.

Management Council. The council opposed this proposal, believing that the existing NCAA consensus transition periods developed by the Sport Science Institute provide sufficient guidelines for the preseason acclimatization period.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

5. COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

• **Presidents Council Nominations.**

Management Council. No action was necessary

Presidents Council. The council elected the following presidents and chancellors effective with the close of the 2023 NCAA Convention, unless noted otherwise:

- a. Allen Belton, Pacific Lutheran University, Northwest Conference.
- b. Marc Camille, Albertus Magnus College, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.
- c. Hiram Chodosh, Claremont McKenna-Harvey Mudd-Scripps Colleges, Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. (Immediate appointment)
- d. Steven Mauro, Alfred State College, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.
- e. Laura Trombley, Southwestern University, Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. (Immediate appointment)

The council also approved the appointment of Kate McCann, basketball student-athlete from Mount Saint Mary College (New York) (Skyline Conference), as a SAAC representative.

The council noted that President Cooper, Springfield College, ends her term on the council, effective with the close of the 2023 NCAA Convention, but she will become an ex-officio member as the current Division III president representative on the NCAA Board of Governors. Her ex-officio term ends August 1, 2024.

6. *DIVISION III INITIATIVES AND UPDATES.*

a. *Division III Advisory Council.*

Management Council. Advisory Council members updated the council regarding their endorsement of an external assessment of the NCAA Division III Enrichment Fund to determine whether the Enrichment Fund programs and initiatives are achieving their intended purposes outlined in the division's strategic plan. Additionally, the council discussed the significant progress the Advisory Council and the governance structure have achieved since the adoption of the new NCAA Constitution, much of which will be considered by the membership via legislative proposals at the 2023 NCAA Convention. Accordingly, the council discussed the merits of sunseting the Advisory Council in conjunction with the 2023 NCAA Convention.

Presidents Council. The council acted to sunset the Advisory Council in conjunction with the 2023 NCAA Convention. Presidents Council members expressed their gratitude for the Advisory Council's work and collaboration with the governance structure over the past year.

b. *Diversity and Inclusion Working Group.*

Management Council. The council approved the working group's request to pursue a multi-year contract with a third party to create an inclusive learning path for athletics professionals to improve the recruitment and retention of student-athletes that identify as Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) while leveraging the power of athletics for positive growth. The cost of this program will be \$251,250 in 2022-23 and \$105,625 in fiscal year 2024.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

c. *Faculty Athletics Representative Advisory Group.*

Management Council. The council reviewed the advisory group's report, noting that the group is reviewing its effectiveness in ensuring that the voice of the FAR is present and amplified in the Division III governance structure and whether the group's current composition is appropriate. The group will seek feedback from a broader group of FARs at the FARA Annual Meeting in November and provide a report to the advisory group at its December meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. LGBTQ Working Group.

Management Council. The council reviewed the working group's report, noting that selections have been made for the 2022 LGBTQ of the Year awards, which will be presented during the Convention on Friday, Jan. 13. The council also noted that LGBTQ OneTeam facilitators have been able to participate in a facilitator refresh webinar. The program launched several months prior to the pandemic, and facilitators requested a refresher course as trainings return to in-person. Currently, 4,000 participants have engaged in the program, representing 20% of the membership. The working group is encouraging Division III member institutions to invite a facilitator to their campuses for a train-the-trainer seminar.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Technology Users Group.

Management Council. The council reviewed the user group's report.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

f. Division III Marketing and Branding.

Management Council. The council was notified that seven new video PSAs have been developed that promote Division III (three featuring current council members) and will be distributed to Division III institutions and conferences for use. The council also was updated on branding efforts from the sports information community, which changed its association name from CoSIDA to College Sports Communicators and established a new membership model mirroring that of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

g. Division III Philosophy Statement Review Working Group.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an update from the NCAA Division III Philosophy Statement Review Working Group and generally supported the working group's initial concept to organize and review the current philosophy statements under the following focus areas:

- (1) Division III institutional responsibility and oversight.
- (2) Division III diversity, equity and inclusion.
- (3) The Division III student-athlete collegiate experience.

(4) The Division III student-athlete athletics experience.

(5) Division III student-athlete financial aid.

The councils acknowledged that before determining whether any changes should be proposed, several steps need to occur, including soliciting feedback from the membership, discussing the matter at the Division III Issues Forum during the 2023 NCAA Convention, and seeking additional feedback regarding potential concepts from the Management and Presidents Councils.

h. Division III Commissioners Association (DIIICA) Officiating Strategic Plan.

Management Council. The council reviewed the report from the DIIICA Advisory Group's September meeting.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

i. Feedback from Conference Meetings.

Management Council. Council members provided updates from recent conference meetings.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

7. ASSOCIATION-WIDE UPDATES AND ISSUES.

a. Board of Governors Updates.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received updates on the following: (1) Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and its work to develop a strategy to engage federal legislators to create support to ensure that colleges of all varieties can continue to operate a rich diversity of athletics programs, (2) Search timeline for a new NCAA President, (3) Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity; and (4) Governmental Relations report.

b. Sport Science Institute (SSI) Updates.

(1) Strategic Health and Safety Priorities.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils noted that the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports (CSMAS) has identified the following strategic priorities for student-athlete health, safety and performance:

- (a) Mental and physical health.
- (b) Sport-related illness and injury.
- (c) Training and performance.
- (d) Education and policy.

These priority areas are intentionally thematic and flexible enough to guide the membership in its response to emerging science, current events, medical/healthcare infrastructure, and social determinants of health that may impact student-athlete well-being. Both councils pointed out the need to specifically cite sexual violence and prevention as a priority (either within another priority or as a stand-alone priority).

(2) Transgender Student-Athlete Participation.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils noted that the CSMAS continues to discuss the current transgender student-athlete participation policy and potential changes to Phase III of the policy that could provide simplification of the policy and greater consistency among sports.

(3) Mental Health Advisory Group.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an update concerning the work of the CSMAS Mental Health Advisory Group, which is developing a Mental Health Action Plan for the membership to help establish best practices for assisting student-athletes. The group is composed of 29 members – 18 representing organizations of expertise and 11 from NCAA member institutions, including seven student-athletes.

(4) Cannabinoid Summit.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an update regarding the summit the CSMAS is conducting this December on cannabis use in collegiate athletics. Participants will include medical experts, sport governing bodies, NCAA athletics administrators, and coaches from all three divisions. The Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee also will have a member in attendance. The summit will inform a request for the CSMAS to eliminate cannabinoid testing at NCAA championships.

c. Championships - Gender Equity Review.

Management Council. The council received an update from the championships staff about the current gender equity review being conducted for all championships. The championships staff uses this information to assess and resolve, if needed, any disparities that reveal a gender equity concern as well as improve the overall student-athlete experience.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

d. Joint Women's Basketball Championships Update.

Management Council. The council received an update from the women's basketball staff regarding the joint championship this coming April in Dallas during which the Divisions III and II national championship games will be held in conjunction with the Women's Final Four. The Divisions III and II championship games will be played on Saturday, April 1, the day between the Division I women's semifinals (Friday) and final (Sunday). All games will be played at the same facility. The Division III championship game will be played before the Division II championship game (the order was reversed the last time the joint championships were conducted in 2015). The CBS Sports Network will televise the Divisions III and II championship games.

Presidents Council. No action was necessary.

e. Introduction of New NCAA Chief Financial Officer.

Management and Presidents Councils. The councils received an introduction from Mario Morris, who was hired in September as senior vice president of administration and chief financial officer. Morris, formerly the executive deputy athletics director at the University of Notre Dame, replaced Kathleen McNeely, who retired after having been with the national office since 2011.

f. Litigation Update.

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

8. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS.

• Discussion Regarding the Evolving Role of Athletics.

Management Council. No action was necessary.

Presidents Council. The Presidents Council discussed its perspectives on the current landscape of athletics within higher education, the impact on Division III, the role of the council in leading the division, and how staff can support the council's priorities. Specific topics included developing strategies that improve the division overall while honoring the diversity of member institutions (mission, demographics, resources, etc.); considering more collaboration among conferences to mitigate various burdens on member schools and enhance student-athlete experiences; developing strategic priorities to help prepare the division for the future; and increasing transparency and membership input in the

governance/decision-making process to fortify trust. The council agreed to continue these types of discussions during its next meeting at the NCAA Convention.

9. *ADJOURNMENT.*

Management Council. The meeting adjourned Tuesday, October 18, at 11:47 a.m. Eastern time.

Presidents Council. The meeting adjourned Wednesday, October 26, at 11:51 a.m. Eastern time.