



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
AUGUST 16, 2018, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and Announcements.** In the absence of the chair, Management Council member Laura Mooney led the call. The call commenced at 1:06 p.m. Eastern time Thursday, August 16, 2018.
2. **Roster and Conflict of Interest.** Committee members were reminded of the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy and proper procedures for recusal if a conflict of interest might arise. Committee members followed the recusal procedures during all deliberations.
3. **Review July 2018 Teleconference Report.** The committee reviewed and approved its July 2018 meeting report.
4. **Review Alfred State College's exit survey.** The committee reviewed comments and feedback from the exit form from Alfred State College, a recent membership process graduate. The committee noted a constructive recommendation about checking sports sponsorship more often within the year for schools that might be struggling to meet the requirements. The committee agreed to review each applicant institution's sports sponsorship compliance during the initial review of the exploratory application and, if applicable, add a staff review after the conclusion of each sport season. This review would be the same sport sponsorship review that is now conducted for schools on restricted membership status.
5. **Sports-Sponsorship Waiver Request – Sage Colleges.** The committee approved a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3 (sports sponsorship) for the 2017-18 academic year for failure to satisfy overall sports-sponsorship requirements based on shortfalls in men's track and field and men's cross country. In its approval, the committee noted the institution provided documentation that it had scheduled more than the minimum number of contests, opponents canceled contests that they had agreed to play that academic year, and the institution demonstrated a good faith effort to rearrange its schedule to meet the competition minimums. In addition, the committee noted the challenges unique to the sport of track and field in finding replacement contests.

6. **Impact of Association-wide vote on Division III membership policy related to Convention vote requirement.** Staff informed the committee of an Association-wide legislative vote that will occur at the 2019 NCAA Convention. The vote will occur during the convention plenary session. Because members can cast a legislative vote during that session, there is a possibility that the institution might believe they can depart the Convention prior to the Division III business session, and still meet the requirements of Bylaw 3.2.4.15 (Convention and Regional Rules Seminar Attendance). The committee noted that the legislation notes the vote must be done ‘at the NCAA Convention Division III business session’ and reiterated that the intent is that the vote be recorded at the Saturday morning Division III business session at Convention. The committee asked staff to include this information in the 2019 Convention Question and Answer document. The committee agreed to discuss the language of the legislation during its February meeting to see if it needed amendment and further clarification.
7. **Other Business.** None.
8. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned at 1:38 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Julie Kline, Earlham College, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
Staff Liaisons: Jay Jones, Division III Governance, primary liaison

August 16, 2018, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
William Fell, United States Merchant Marine Academy.	
Jonathan Harper, Newbury College.	
Kristyn King, Rockford University.	
Rob Larson, Luther College.	
Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, led call.	
Steven Rackley, Alma College.	
Susan Stuebner, Colby-Sawyer College.	
Absentees:	
Charles Harris, Averett University.	
Jessica Huntley, Centennial Conference.	
Julie Kline, University of La Verne.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Jay Jones.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Tiffany Alford and Shannon Blevins.	