



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 17, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The committee commenced business 1 p.m. Eastern time.
2. **Membership Committee 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 reviewed the roster and conflict of interest documentation and updated, as necessary. Committee members followed the recusal procedures during all deliberations.
3. **Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed the policies and procedures documents.
4. **Review of July 20, 2023, meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from the July 20 videoconference.
5. **Division III active membership.**
  - a. Probation Institutions - Athletics Program Assessment Reviews. The committee reviewed and took action on the athletics program assessments from the following institutions, which they were required to complete during the first year of their probationary period:
    - (1) Maranatha Baptist University – accepted;
    - (2) Medgar Evers College – accepted; and
    - (3) Trinity Washington University – accepted.
  - b. 2022-23 Sport Sponsorship Waiver Requests. The committee reviewed and took action on the sports sponsorship waiver requests from the following institutions:
    - (1) Lesley University. The committee approved a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3 for the 2022-23 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in the sport of men’s outdoor track and field. In its approval, the committee noted circumstances outside of the institution's control that negatively impacted the roster size for the institution's men’s outdoor track and field team. Specifically, the issues with the previous track and

field coach leaving prior to the start of the season and its impact on the institution to field a sufficient number of players to compete in contests. Additionally, the committee noted the mitigating circumstances due to the institution's hybrid educational structure leading up to the 2022-23 academic year and low male enrollment numbers. Finally, the committee appreciated the university's detailed action plan demonstrating how it will remedy the challenges for the 2023-24 academic year and beyond.

(2) Trinity Washington University. The committee approved a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3 for the 2022-23 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in the sport of lacrosse. 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 because of severe weather and the institution demonstrated a good faith effort to reschedule contests to meet the competition minimums. In addition, the committee noted the challenges of finding replacement contests late in the season. Finally, the committee appreciated the university's detailed action plan demonstrating how it will remedy the challenges for the 2023-24 academic year and beyond.

6. **Discussion of New Member Process.** The committee continued its discussion about the new member process and reviewed potential modifications to the application deadlines and the exploratory year. The committee will continue to discuss the new member process at future meetings.
7. **Discussion of countable in-region competition for provisional and reclassifying institutions.** The committee tabled this topic and will discuss at a future meeting.
8. **Future meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed a schedule for future meetings and videoconferences.
9. **Other business.** None.
10. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned 3:02 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair:* Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference  
*Staff Liaison(s):* Eric Hartung, Division III Governance  
Brittany Higgins, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Sarah Turner, Academic and Membership Affairs

<b>NCAA Division III Membership Committee August 17, 2023, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Lillian Case, Juniata College. (SAAC representative)	
Doug Chin, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.	
Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.	
Erica Lemm, Mount Holyoke College.	
Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.	
Miriam Merrill, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.	
Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.	
William Stiles, Alvernia University.	
<b>Absentees.</b>	
Kim Fierke, State University of New York at Oneonta.	
Michael Frandsen, Wittenberg University.	
Jan Hathorn, Washington and Lee University.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins and Sarah Turner.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Bill Regan and Lisa Rogers.	