



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
AUGUST 21, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** The NCAA Division III Membership Committee commenced business at 1:10 p.m. Eastern.
- 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. Committee members followed the recusal procedures during all deliberations.
- 3. Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed its policies and procedures documents.
- 4. Review of July meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report of July 17, videoconference.
- 5. Consideration of sports sponsorship waiver requests.**
 - a. Vermont State University Lyndon.** The committee denied a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.4 for the 2024-25 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in the sport of men's cross country and women's lacrosse, noting insufficient mitigation was provided.
 - b. Pratt Institute.** The committee approved a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.4 for the 2024-25 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements. The committee noted the institution's request that the sport of equestrian count towards sports-sponsorship minimums.
 - c. York College.** The committee approved a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.4 for the 2024-25 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in the sports of men's and women's swimming and diving, noting sufficient mitigation was provided.
 - d. Lehman College.** The committee denied a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.4 for the 2024-25 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in the sport of women's swimming and diving, noting insufficient mitigation was provided.
- 6. Review of Athletic Program Assessments.**

- Institutions on Probation - Athletics Program Assessment Reviews. The committee reviewed and approved the athletics program assessments from the following institutions, which they were required to complete during the first year of their probationary periods:

(1) Lesley University (probation) – accepted.

(2) York College (New York) (probation) – accepted.

7. **Consideration of bylaws and policies related to Bylaw 20.8.4.15 Convention and Regional Rules Seminar Attendance.** The committee discussed attendance-related membership requirements and associated penalties, specifically the requirement to attend the NCAA Convention and the Regional Rules Seminar (RRS). The committee affirmed that NCAA Convention attendance should remain a requirement and agreed that the current penalty structure for non-attendance is appropriate. For RRS attendance, the committee confirmed its importance due to its educational value and frequent compliance role turnover. However, the committee discussed whether the requirement that an institution is represented at the RRS be satisfied by in-person attendance only or to explore virtual attendance as an additional option. Additionally, the committee requested staff propose alternative solutions for handling RRS non-attendance beyond the current waiver process. Further discussion of the Regional Rules Seminar attendance requirement and associated penalties will continue at the next meeting.
8. **Future meeting dates.** The committee reviewed its upcoming meeting schedule.
9. **Other business.** None.
10. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned 2:58 p.m., Eastern time, August 21.

Committee Chair: Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Eric Hartung, Division III Governance
Brittany Higgins, Academic and Membership Affairs
Julie Zike, Academic and Membership Affairs

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Attendees:	
Tony Berich, Stockton University.	
Greg Cooper, Heidelberg University.	
Kim Fierke, State University of New York at Oneonta.	

Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.
Brian Johnson, North Central College.
Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.
Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.
Absentees:
Frederick Clark, Bridgewater State University.
Lillian Case, Juniata College. (SAAC representative).
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins and Julie Zike.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Joan Nissen and Bill Regan.