



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 26, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The NCAA Division III Membership Committee commenced business at 12:08 p.m. Eastern. New committee member, Greg Cooper, was welcomed.
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 exists. Committee members reviewed the roster and conflict of interest documentation and updated as necessary.
3. **Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed the policies and procedures documents.
4. **Review of December meeting report.** The committee reviewed its November 16, 2023, and November 30, 2023, videoconference reports and January 29, 2024, email action report.
5. **Division III provisional, reclassifying and exploratory membership.**
  - a. **Applications for the Exploratory Year.** The committee approved exploratory year applications from:
    - (1) Johnson & Wales University (Charlotte)
    - (2) Mayville State University; and
    - (3) Regent University.
  - b. **Application for Provisional Membership.** The committee approved the provisional membership application from Penn State University, Brandywine. In its review, the committee found that the application met the conditions and obligations to begin year one of the Division III provisional membership process.
  - c. **Provisional/Reclassifying/Exploratory Chart and mentor assignments.** The committee reviewed the Provisional/Reclassifying/Exploratory Chart and mentor assignments and made necessary adjustments.

- d. Convention attendance update for provisional and reclassifying members.** Staff provided the committee with an update on attendance for provisional and reclassifying member institutions required at select NCAA Convention sessions.
- 6. Division III active membership.**
  - a. Convention attendance waiver.** The committee reviewed waiver requests for 2024 NCAA Convention attendance (Bylaw 20.8.4.15), and based on sufficient evidence of mitigating circumstances and demonstration of good-faith efforts to be represented at the Division III business session, the committee approved requests from the following institutions:
    - (1) California Institute of Technology.
    - (2) Milwaukee School of Engineering.
  - b. Sports sponsorship waiver.** The committee approved the reconsideration of a waiver from Belhaven University of Bylaw 20.11.3 for the 2022-23 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in the sports of women's cross country, women's indoor track and field and women's outdoor track and field. In its approval, the committee noted sufficient mitigation was provided.
  - c. Acceptable sports waiver.** The committee approved an acceptable sports waiver from Keuka College per Bylaw 20.11.3.4.1 to permit the institution to use Esports towards sport sponsorship requirements the 2023-24 and 2024-25 academic years. In this approval, the committee noted sufficient mitigation was provided.
- 7. Other business.** The committee reviewed its upcoming meeting schedule.
- 8. Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned 3:41 p.m. Eastern time.

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

<b>NCAA Division III Membership Committee February 26, 2024, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Lillian Case, Juniata College. (SAAC representative).	
Doug Chin, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.	
Greg Cooper, Heidelberg University.	
Kim Fierke, State University of New York at Oneonta.	
Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.	
Miriam Merrill, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.	
Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.	
William Stiles, Alvernia University.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Frederick Clark, Bridgewater State University.	
Wayne Lewis, Houghton 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>	
Joan Nissen, Bill Regan and Lisa Rogers.	