



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
JULY 16, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and Announcements.** The videoconference commenced at 1:01 p.m. Eastern time Thursday July 16, 2020.
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 June 24-25, meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved its June 24-25, 2020, videoconference report.
4. **Review of Mary Baldwin University sports-sponsorship waiver request.** The committee approved a request from Mary Baldwin University for a waiver of NCAA Bylaw 20.11.3.8 (minimum contests and participants requirements for sports sponsorship). In its review, the committee noted that Mary Baldwin demonstrated an intent to comply with the Bylaw 20.11.3.10.2 (single-gender institution transitioning to co-educational institution) by uploading its waiver documents, including a detailed action plan, to the Requests/Self-Reports (RSRO) system in August 2019. But for its failure to obtain the appropriate signatures within RSRO, the institution would have submitted the waiver request and ultimately received the committee's approval. The committee further noted that the significant turnover in the director of athletics position since the institution began its transition to a co-educational institution may have led to confusion regarding the timeline for filing the waiver request.
5. **Review of Mary Baldwin University single-gender institution transitioning to coeducational institution waiver.** The committee approved a request from Mary Baldwin for a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3.10.2 (single-gender institution transitioning to co-educational institution). In its review, the committee noted that this waiver is retroactively effective to the 2019-20 academic year and will apply for the 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years, on the condition that the institution provide an annual update to the committee not later than June 1 of each year during the three-year period.

6. **Update on provisional, reclassifying and exploratory membership.** Staff updated the committee on the status of three provisional and exploratory member institutions.
  - a. Johnson & Wales University (Denver). The institution will close at the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year and intercollegiate athletics will be discontinued, effectively immediately.
  - b. Manor College (Pennsylvania). The institution intends to pursue an exploratory year during the 2020-21 academic year. Staff plans to conduct a virtual campus visit in September 2020.
  - c. Warren Wilson College (North Carolina). The institution is cancelling intercollegiate athletics during the 2020 fall term due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
7. **Update on Division III active membership.** Staff updated the committee on the status of the following active member institutions
  - a. Louisiana College. The institution will revoke its Division III membership and transition to the NAIA, effective September 2021.
  - b. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. The institution plans to eliminate eight intercollegiate teams as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - c. University of St. Thomas (Minnesota). The institution has received a waiver from the NCAA Division I Council, to allow entry into the Division I reclassifying membership process and it will begin that process during the 2021-22 academic year.
  - d. Wesley College (Delaware). The institution has announced that it is being acquired by Delaware State University (an NCAA Division I institution).
8. **Recent actions by Division III Administrative Committee and other groups.** Staff updated the committee on recent actions taken by the NCAA Division III Administrative Committee, the NCAA Division III Committee on Student-Athlete Reinstatement and the NCAA Division III Subcommittee for Legislative Relief in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and noted how the actions may tie into the committee's future discussions.
9. **Future meeting update.** The chair noted the upcoming August 20, 2020, videoconference and the possibility of an additional meeting if necessary.
10. **Other business.** None.

- 11. Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned at 1:57 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair:* Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference

*Staff Liaisons:* Eric Hartung, Division III Research  
Tiffany Alford, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Corey Berg, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division III Membership Committee July 16, 2020, Videoconference	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
William Fell, United States Merchant Marine Academy.	
Michael Frandsen, Wittenberg University.	
Jessica Huntley, Atlantic East Conference.	
Charles Jacobs, St. Norbert College.	
Erica Lemm, Mount Holyoke College.	
Monique McLean, Trinity Washington University.	
Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.	
Elliott Strickland, Pennsylvania College of Technology.	
Megan Valentine, Hilbert College.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Jan Hathorn, Washington and Lee University.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Tiffany Alford, Corey Berg, Debbie Brown and Eric Hartung.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	