



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
JULY 20, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The committee commenced business at 1 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 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 June 21-22 meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the meeting report from the June in-person meeting.
5. **Division III active membership.**
 - a. **Probation Institutions – Athletics Program Assessment Reviews.** The committee reviewed and acted on the athletics program assessments from the following institutions, which they were required to complete during the first year of their probationary period:
 - (1) Northern Vermont University – Johnson (probation) – accepted; and
 - (2) Penn State University – Abington (probation) – accepted.

The committee tabled the review of the Trinity Washington University’s program assessment until its August meeting.
 - b. **2022-23 Sport Sponsorship Waiver Requests.** The committee reviewed and acted on the sports sponsorship waiver requests from the following institutions:
 - (1) **Maranatha Baptist University.** The committee denied a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3 for the 2022-23 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements in the sports of baseball and softball. In its denial of the waiver, the committee noted a lack of sufficient mitigating circumstances. Specifically, the committee noted the university set insufficient schedules for baseball and softball in terms of the number of contests for both sports

and was unable to provide sufficient documentation showing the institution's efforts to rectify the deficiencies with new or rescheduled contests. The committee acknowledged the impact to the softball schedule of Finlandia University cancelling its spring schedule and the inclement spring weather in the upper Midwest region of the country. As noted in the waiver request, there are challenges inherent with scheduling as an institution without conference affiliation. Despite those challenges, the institution is still expected to meet the minimum sports sponsorship requirements as established by the Division III membership. The committee recommends the institution implement its proposed action plan and continue to adjust the plan to ensure the minimum requirements are met moving forward.

- (2) Medgar Evers College. The committee approved a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3 for the 2022-23 academic year. In its approval, the committee noted the mitigating circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City University of New York (CUNY) system's vaccination policy and the subsequent impact on institutional enrollment and athletic rosters. Additionally, the committee noted other circumstances outside of the institution's control that negatively impacted roster sizes for the institution's individual sports. Specifically, the issues with the women's soccer coach and its impact on the institution to field a sufficient number of players to compete in contests. 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. **Future meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed a schedule for future meetings and videoconferences.
7. **Other business.** There was no other business to discuss.
8. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned at 2:53 p.m. Eastern.

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*

NCAA Division III Membership Committee July 20, 2023, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Doug Chin, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.	
Kim Fierke, State University of New York at Oneonta.	
Michael Frandsen, Wittenberg University.	
Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.	
Jan Hathorn, Washington and Lee University.	
Erica Lemm, Mount Holyoke College.	
Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.	
Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.	
William Stiles, Alvernia University.	
Absentees.	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Eric Hartung and Sarah Turner.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Lisa Rogers.	