



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
JUNE 23, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The committee commenced business Wednesday, June 23, 9:05 a.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 May 20, 2021, videoconference report.** The committee reviewed and approved its May 20, 2021, videoconference report.
5. **Division III provisional/reclassifying membership.**
 - a. Current roster. The committee reviewed the current roster of provisional and reclassifying institutions and their mentors. A new mentor, Erica Lemm, was assigned to Warren Wilson College.
 - b. Process advancement. The committee reviewed annual reports from the following provisional and reclassifying institutions and took the following actions:
 - (1) Year One to Year Two – Approval. The committee accepted the annual report from the following institutions with feedback in areas where the institutions could enhance their current practices and approved their advancement in the membership process from year one to year two.
 - (a) Bob Jones University (South Carolina); and
 - (b) Warren Wilson College (North Carolina).
 - (2) Year Two to Year Three – approval. The committee accepted the annual report from St. Thomas University (Texas) with feedback in areas where the institution could enhance its current practices and approved its advancement in the membership process from year two to year three.
 - (3) Election to active membership. The committee accepted the annual report of the State University of New York at Delhi (New York) and approved its election to active membership status per NCAA Constitution 3.2.3.3 (election).

- c. Deferred advancement. The committee did not accept the annual reports from the following institutions and voted to defer their advancement. They concluded the institutions did not provide ample evidence of preparedness to begin the third and final year of the provisional membership process. As a result, these institutions will repeat year two of the provisional membership process during the 2021-22 academic year.

(1) Mississippi University for Women (Mississippi).

(2) Pratt Institute (New York).

6. Division III active membership.

- a. Probation institution summary. Staff noted that two institutions will complete the probationary period and return to active status in good standing September 1, 2021. Staff informed the committee that historical records of institutional probationary and restricted status are kept on file should future issues arise.
- b. Conference membership. The committee received an update from staff on current conference membership and realignments and instructed staff to include NCAA Division III single-sport conference members on the list for future meetings.
- c. 2019-20 Institutional Self-Study Guide (ISSG). The committee received an update from staff on the 2019-20 ISSG. Staff noted that all 72 institutions required to complete the ISSG by the extended due date of May 31, 2021 had successful submissions. The committee was also reminded that the due date of the 2020-21 ISSG had been extended to May 31, 2022, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. Educational initiatives.

- a. 2021 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar attendance – Constitution 3.2.4.16. Staff provided the committee with outcomes from the 2021 Regional Rules Seminar. Over the course of the six live webinar sessions, Division III had 2,818 logins from 765 unique participants. Further, 196 Division III institutions earned Constitution 3.2.4.16 attendance requirement credit, despite only 66 institutions needing to attend during 2021. The committee noted that the virtual format allowed for more participation from a larger portion of the membership.
- Attendance waiver requests. The committee denied waiver requests for three institutions that did not satisfy the Constitution 3.2.4.16 attendance requirement at the 2021 Regional Rules Seminar. Specifically, the committee determined that attending all six of the required webinar sessions was a circumstance within each institution's control and the waiver documentation provided by each did not present an extenuating circumstance that warrants relief of the legislation. As a result, the institutions will enter a probationary year beginning September 1, 2021, with the corresponding once-in-three-year probationary period to conclude September 1, 2024. The institutions will also be required to complete an Athletics Program Assessment by May 15, 2022.
- (a) Bethany College (West Virginia);

(b) Bethany Lutheran College (Minnesota); and

(c) Rhodes College (Tennessee).

Additionally, the committee approved a waiver request for Buffalo State University (New York). In its approval, the committee noted that the institution's compliance officer followed appropriate steps to immediately notify NCAA staff after an emergency caused the attendance deficiency and that the institution's compliance officer is confirmed to have attended the remaining five virtual sessions in accordance with the established attendance requirement.

- b. Division III Rules Test. Staff provided the committee with the proposed 2021-22 Division III Rules Test and the committee discussed potential question structures and topics to include in the official version.
 - c. 2021-22 Rule of the Month Topics. The committee provided staff with several areas of the legislation to consider for the monthly education topics for the 2021-22 academic year.
8. **Division III governance update.** Louise McCleary, interim vice president for Division III, provided the committee with Association-wide updates on pertinent items being discussed across higher education. Topics discussed included Division III staff support, name, image and likeness, the Division III budget and strategic positioning platform, the football concussion task force, the campus sexual violence attestation, transgender student-athlete participation and the NCAA's gender equity review.
9. **In-person meeting and videoconference schedule.** The committee reviewed a schedule for future meetings and videoconferences.
10. **Other business.** Staff facilitated a discussion with the committee about sports sponsorship requirements returning to pre-COVID-19 levels during the 2021-22 academic year. The committee agreed to handle any issues on a case by case basis and to address any widespread issues should they arise. Further, the committee discussed provisional and reclassifying membership process mentor expectations. Specifically, veteran committee members informed those newer to the committee of how to effectively manage conversations with institutions that will receive feedback following the meeting.
11. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned at 3:58 p.m. Eastern time.

Committee Chair: Charley Jacobs, St. Norbert College, Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference
Staff Liaisons: Eric Hartung, Division III Governance
Tiffany Alford, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division III Membership Committee June 23, 2021, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.	
William Fell, United States Merchant Marine Academy, Skyline Conference.	
Michael Frandsen, Wittenberg University, North Coast Athletic Conference.	
Jan Hathorn, Washington and Lee University, Old Dominion Athletic Conference.	
Charley Jacobs, St. Norbert College, Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference.	
Erica Lemm, Mount Holyoke College, New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.	
Monique McLean, Trinity Washington University, Independent.	
William Stiles, Alvernia University, Middle Atlantic Conferences.	
Elliott Strickland, Pennsylvania College of Technology, North Eastern Athletic Conference.	
Megan Valentine, Hilbert College, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.	
Absentees:	
None.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Tiffany Alford, Joan Nissen and Lisa Rogers.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Corey Berg, Lauren Frost and Louise McCleary.	