



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
MARCH 18, 2021, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

1. **Exploratory Year Waiver.** The NCAA Division III Membership Committee approved an exploratory year waiver request from Asbury University (Kentucky). As a result, Asbury will begin year one of the Division III provisional membership process on September 1, 2021.

ACTION ITEMS.

1. **Legislative Items.**
 - None.
2. **Nonlegislative Items.**
 - None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and Announcements.** The committee commenced business at 1:02 p.m. Eastern.
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 reviewed the conflict of interest document and updated any conflicts as necessary. Committee members followed the recusal procedures during all deliberations.
3. **Policies and Procedures.** The staff provided the committee with its policies and procedures for review. The committee took no action.
4. **February 2021 Videoconference Report.** The committee reviewed and approved the February 24, 2021, videoconference report.
5. **Exploratory Waiver Request from Asbury University (Kentucky).** The committee reviewed and approved the request from Asbury University to waive the exploratory year requirement in NCAA Bylaw 20.3.1. As part of the waiver review, the committee also reviewed and approved the institution's provisional membership application. In its review, the committee found that the institution met the conditions and obligations for application to begin year one of the Division III provisional membership process during the 2021-22

academic year. It was determined that the institution will attend a virtual new member orientation during year one.

6. **New Member Education and Campus Visits for Reclassifying Institutions and Exploratory Year Waiver Institutions.** The committee reviewed its policy related to exploratory year campus visits and new member education sessions in light of the elimination of the exploratory year requirement during the reclassifying membership process and Asbury University's exploratory year waiver. The committee determined that reclassifying institutions and institutions that receive an exploratory year waiver will be required to attend a new member orientation during year one and a campus visit by staff and members of the committee will occur during year two.

The committee also determined that due to ongoing COVID-19 impacts, campus visits will be suspended for the 2021-22 academic year and that both Johnson and Wales University (Charlotte) and Asbury University will be required to attend the virtual new member orientation during the fall.

7. **Conference Membership.** The committee received an update from staff on current conference membership and realignments.
8. **Reconsideration of 2021 NCAA Convention Attendance Waiver Decisions.** The committee reconsidered membership requirements for four institutions that did not cast a vote during the NCAA Division III Business Session at the 2021 NCAA Convention. NCAA staff provided the committee with new information from each institution.
 - a. Alfred University. The committee upheld its February decision. As a result, Alfred will serve a three-year probationary period beginning September 1, 2021, and be required to submit an athletics program assessment by May 15, 2022.
 - b. Concordia University (Wisconsin). The committee overturned its February decision. As a result, Concordia will no longer be placed on probation and will not be required to submit an athletics program assessment in 2022.
 - c. Edgewood College. The committee upheld its February decision. As a result, Edgewood will serve a three-year probationary period beginning September 1, 2021, and be required to submit an athletics program assessment by May 15, 2022.
 - d. Northland College. The committee upheld its February decision. As a result, Northland will serve a three-year probationary period beginning September 1, 2021, and be required to submit an athletics program assessment by May 15, 2022.

9. **Regional Rules Seminars Attendance Tracking.** The committee confirmed that in order to satisfy the NCAA Constitution 3.2.4.16 requirement of attendance once every three years at the Regional Rules Seminars, at least one institutional representative must attend all six live webinars to be conducted June 7-9, 2021. The committee will continue to discuss if alternate methods to satisfy the attendance requirement are appropriate.
10. **2021 Meeting Dates.** The committee was reminded of the 2021 virtual meeting schedule.
11. **Other Business.** None.

Committee Chair: Charles Jacobs, St. Norbert College, Midwest Conference
Staff Liaisons: Tiffany Alford, Academic and Membership Affairs
Eric Hartung, Division III Governance

NCAA Division III Membership Committee March 18, 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.
Charles Jacobs, St. Norbert College, Midwest 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 and Eric Hartung.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Corey Berg, Louise McCleary and Joan Nissen.