

# REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MAY 16, 2024, 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.
- **3. Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed the updated policies and procedures documents.
- **4. Review of April meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved its April 18 videoconference report.
- 5. Consideration of a recommendation to establish a legislated waiver to the reclassification three-year provision (Bylaw 20.6.4). The committee reviewed feedback from the Division III Management Council about establishing a legislated waiver to allow institutions the opportunity to shorten the three-year reclassification provision given certain criteria are met. The committee directed staff to continue to seek feedback from membership groups and present the concept for review at its next meeting.
- 6. Update on the Division III Membership Committee Advisory Group. The committee received an update on the composition and engagement of the advisory group. The advisory group's feedback will be provided to the committee at its next meeting.
- 7. Consideration of a Bylaw 14 eligibility concept. The committee continued its discussion on an enrollment and eligibility concept within Bylaw 14. The committee reviewed and provided feedback on a concept that would provide student-athletes who graduated from Division III institutions with an eligibility path while pursuing a post-baccalaureate degree at a non-NCAA member institution with no intercollegiate athletics program. The concept would permit graduated students to remain eligible to compete at the certifying institution they most recently attended as an undergraduate student, provided their institution and non-member institution have a formal academic agreement. The committee directed staff to gather feedback from the advisory group and provide an updated concept for review at the committee's next meeting.

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- **8. Future meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule.
- **9. Other business.** The committee received a preview of the schedule of its June in-person meeting.
- **10. Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned 3:03 p.m. Eastern.

Committee Chair: Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference

Staff Liaison(s): Eric Hartung, Division III Governance

Brittany Higgins, Academic and Membership Affairs Sarah Turner, Academic and Membership Affairs

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### **Attendees:**

Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.

Lillian Case, Juniata College. (SAAC representative).

Doug Chin, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

Frederick Clark, Bridgewater State University.

Greg Cooper, Heidelberg University.

Kim Fierke, State University of New York at Oneonta.

Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.

Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.

Miriam Merrill, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.

Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.

#### Absentees:

William Stiles, Alvernia University.

### **Guests in Attendance:**

None.

### NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:

Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins and Sarah Turner.

## Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Bill Regan.