



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
MAY 15, 2025, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** The NCAA Division III Membership 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 April meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report of the March 20, videoconference.
- 5. Review updates on key Division III Management Council actions.**
  - a. Pilot Eligibility Waiver Program.** The committee was presented with an overview of the Management and President Council's approval of a pilot eligibility waiver program. The committee will continue to receive regular updates throughout the duration of the pilot program.
  - b. Referral of Accreditation Review.** The committee discussed the referral from the Management Council to review the membership requirement regarding regional accreditation. The committee will continue the discussion during its June meeting, and if needed, will recommend a change for the Management Council to consider.
- 6. Consideration of a modification to the sports sponsorship audit program selection criteria.** The committee amended the policies and procedures to eliminate the random selection of institutions. This change will help to mitigate institutional and staff administrative burden. The committee will continue to use the established for-cause selection criteria.
- 7. Discussion of timing of campus visits for reclassifying institutions.** The committee considered whether institutions seeking reclassification should be granted a campus visit from NCAA staff and committee mentors before submitting their application. The committee agreed it would be beneficial to the institution, staff and committee, for a campus visit to occur prior to the submission of an application if the institution has publicly declared their intent to apply for reclassification.

8. **Election of committee chair.** The committee appointed Chris Roekle, Commissioner of the Coast-To-Coast Conference, as committee chair.
9. **Future meeting dates.** The committee reviewed its upcoming meeting schedule.
10. **Other business.** Miriam Merrill, who recently accepted a position at another institution, was recognized for her exemplary service and leadership.
11. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned 2:05 p.m., Eastern time, May 15.

Committee Chair:      *Miriam Merrill, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges*  
Staff Liaison(s):      *Eric Hartung, Division III Governance*  
                                 *Brittany Higgins, Academic and Membership Affairs*  
                                 *Julie Zike, Academic and Membership Affairs*

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<b>Attendees:</b>	
Tony Berich, Stockton University.	
Lillian Case, Juniata College. (SAAC representative).	
Frederick Clark, Bridgewater State University.	
Greg Cooper, Heidelberg University.	
Kim Fierke, State University of New York at Oneonta.	
Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.	
Brian Johnson, North Central College.	
Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.	
Miriam Merrill, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.	
Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
None.	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
None.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins and Julie Zike.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Bill Regan.	