



REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 30, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The committee commenced business at noon Eastern time.
2. **Membership Committee roster and conflict of interest.** Committee members reviewed the roster and were reminded of the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy and proper procedures for recusal if a conflict of interest might arise.
3. **Review of Athletics Consortium Waiver Request.** The committee denied the waiver request submitted by Otterbein University noting the criteria as stated in the legislation per Bylaw 20.3.2 (athletics consortium) has not been met. Specifically, the institution's request was to establish an athletics consortium with the Antioch University system. As detailed in the request, Otterbein University and Antioch University have received approval from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accrediting body to create a unique, national, nonprofit university system. Antioch is a national university with campuses in Keene, New Hampshire; Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, California; Seattle, Washington; and Yellow Springs, Ohio, as well as numerous low-residency and online programs. The legislation dictates an athletics consortium involves a member institution and a neighboring member or non-member institution. The committee determined Antioch University does not meet the definition of a neighboring institution due to it being a nation-wide system with multiple campuses.
4. **Other business.** None.
5. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned 2:01 p.m. Eastern time.

*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

<b>NCAA Division III Membership Committee November 30, 2023, Videoconference</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	
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.	
Miriam Merrill, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.	
Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.	
William Stiles, Alvernia University.	
<b>Absentees.</b>	
Lillian Case, Juniata College. (SAAC representative).	
<b>Guests in Attendance:</b>	
John Comerford. Otterbein University.	
William Fox. Otterbein University.	
Gregory Lott. Otterbein University.	
Wendy Sherman Heckler. Otterbein University.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins and Sarah Turner.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
Corey Berg, Jeff Myers, Joan Nissen and Bill Regan.	