



**REPORT OF THE  
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 15, 2020, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS.**

- **Legislative Items.**
  - None.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

1. **Welcome and Announcements.** The videoconference commenced at 1:01 p.m. Eastern time Thursday October 15, 2020.
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 followed the recusal procedures during all deliberations.
3. **Review September 17, 2020, meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved its September 17, 2020, videoconference report.
4. **Recommendation for Graduate Student Participation in a Consortium.** The committee determined that graduate students should be permitted to choose the institution within the consortium they represent in athletics. That is true for graduates of the academic consortium, graduates of another Division III institution and for graduates of a non-Division III institution (provided they receive a legislative relief waiver to permit participation). The committee confirmed that this combines the flexibility of the 1983 official interpretation with the flexibility of the current NCAA Bylaw 14.1.9. Further, this offers the same opportunity to participate to all graduate students looking to continue their studies within the consortium. The committee also noted that the athletics departments within the consortium and/or the conference may decide to impose a more restrictive position on students who graduated from within the consortium itself (for example a Pomona-Pitzer Colleges graduate may not participate for Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges as a graduate student).
5. **Application of Bylaw 20.11.3.8.9 during the 2020-21 academic year.** The committee reviewed Bylaw 20.11.3.8.9 and determined that a 33 percent reduction in the per season indoor and outdoor meet requirement was warranted for the 2020-21 academic year. This means an institution may receive credit for sponsoring both indoor and outdoor track and field, provided its teams participates in at least seven indoor and outdoor meets during the year, including at least three indoor and three outdoor meets. The committee noted that reducing the number of indoor and outdoor meets needed to satisfy the bylaw by 33 percent was consistent with the overall reduction in minimum contests required for the 2020-21 academic year by 33 percent that the Division III Administrative Committee approved during its May 28, 2020, meeting.

6. **2021 NCAA Convention New Member Education Session Discussion.** The committee discussed the format for the new member education session to be held at the 2021 NCAA Convention. It was agreed that the format would remain unchanged despite the Convention being held virtually in 2021. The committee further agreed that the session should occur on the same date as other required events for new members, if possible.
7. **Future meeting update.** The chair noted the upcoming November 19, 2020, videoconference and the possibility of an additional meeting if necessary.
8. **Other business.** Staff informed the committee of Swarthmore College's recent announcement that it will not participate in winter or spring sports for the 2020-21 academic year. The committee took no action.
9. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned at 1:55 p.m. Eastern time.

*Committee Chair: Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference*

*Staff Liaisons: Eric Hartung, Division III Research  
Tiffany Alford, Academic and Membership Affairs  
Corey Berg, Academic and Membership Affairs*

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<b>Attendees:</b>	
William Fell, United States Merchant Marine Academy.	
Michael Frandsen, Wittenberg University.	
Jan Hathorn, Washington and Lee University.	
Charles Jacobs, St. Norbert College.	
Erica Lemm, Mount Holyoke College.	
Monique McLean, Trinity Washington University.	
Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.	
Elliott Strickland, Pennsylvania College of Technology.	
Megan Valentine, Hilbert College.	
<b>Absentees:</b>	
Jessica Huntley, Atlantic East Conference.	
<b>NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:</b>	
Tiffany Alford, Corey Berg, Debbie Brown and Eric Hartung.	
<b>Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:</b>	
None.	