



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 19, 2023, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The committee commenced business 1:02 p.m. Eastern time.
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.
3. **Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed the policies and procedures documents.
4. **Review of September 15, 2023, meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report from the September 15 videoconference.
5. **Division III active membership.**
 - a. Probation Institution - Athletics Program Assessment Review. The committee reviewed and accepted the athletics program assessment from Wesleyan College (Georgia) contingent upon the submission of missing assessment documentation.
 - b. The committee reviewed and took action on the sports sponsorship waiver requests from the following institutions:
 - (1) Belhaven University. The committee denied a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3 for the 2022-23 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements citing a lack of adequate mitigation. Despite the cancelled outdoor track and field contest, the institution had an insufficient number of participants at all scheduled meets. The committee noted that the institution began its track and field season with roster sizes near or below the minimum participants requirement and that the institution is accountable to maintain a viable roster from the outset and throughout a team's playing season.
 - (2) York College (New York). The committee approved a waiver of Bylaw 20.11.3 for the 2022-23 academic year of the minimum sports-sponsorship requirements because of mitigating circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City University of New

York (CUNY) system's vaccination policy and the subsequent impact on institutional enrollment and athletic rosters. The committee noted other circumstances outside of the institution's control that negatively impacted roster sizes for certain sports. Specifically, the athletics staffing changes leading to challenges with recruiting and retention going into the 2022-23 academic year. The committee appreciated the university's detailed action plan demonstrating how it will remedy the challenges for the 2023-24 academic year and beyond.

- c. Review of Athletics Consortium Waiver Request. The committee tabled the review of Otterbein University's athletics consortium waiver request until a future meeting.

6. Other business. The committee received an update about the campus visits to Carlow University and Penn State University, Brandywine. Both institutions are in the Division III New Member Process.

7. Adjournment. The committee concluded its business and adjourned 2:58 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

NCAA Division III Membership Committee October 19, 2023, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Lillian Case, Juniata College. (SAAC representative)	
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.	

Absentees.
Doug Chin, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.
Guests in Attendance:
None.
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:
Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins and Sarah Turner.
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:
Joan Nissen and Bill Regan.