



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome, Announcements and Roster.** The committee commenced business at 1 p.m. Eastern time. The chair welcomed two new committee members: Erica Lemm, Mount Holyoke College, and Elliott Strickland, Pennsylvania College of Technology.
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 August 15, 2019, Teleconference Report.** The committee reviewed and approved its report.
4. **Positions on 2020 Convention Proposals.** At the request of the Management Council, the committee reviewed two proposals ahead of the 2020 NCAA Convention.
 - a. **Division Membership – Application Process – Provisional Institution – Reduce Waiting Period from Four Years to Three Years Plus an Exploratory Year.** The committee supported the proposal, noting that the education and submissions that are currently required can be effectively delivered over three years, plus an exploratory year. The committee also noted that it will retain the ability to control the number of institutions in the membership process and that a shortened process will allow increased NCAA championship opportunities, enhancing the overall student-athlete experience.
 - b. **Division Membership – Application Process – Reclassifying Institution – Reduce Waiting Period from Four Years to Three Years.** The committee supported the proposal, noting that the education and submissions that are currently required can be effectively delivered over three years. The committee also noted that it will retain the ability to control the number of institutions in the membership process and that a shortened process will allow increased NCAA championship opportunities, enhancing the overall student-athlete experience. Further, the committee noted the responsibility of the reclassifying institution to comply with all requirements, including financial aid, in order to meet the three-year timeline. If the timeline is not met, the committee retains the ability to require a reclassifying institution to repeat a year of the membership process.

5. **Review of Convention Proposal Related to Conference Composition.** The committee reviewed its 2020 Convention Proposal related to conference composition. The committee noted that if the provisional and reclassifying membership process membership proposals are adopted, then its proposal should be amended to reflect institutions in the final year of the process, instead of years three or four.
6. **Other Business.** None.
7. **Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned at 2:26 p.m. Eastern time.

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

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

September 19, 2019, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
William Fell, United States Merchant Marine Academy.	
Jessica Huntley, Atlantic East Conference.	
Charles Jacobs, St. Norbert College.	
Erica Lemm, Mount Holyoke College.	
Laura Mooney, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.	
Elliott Strickland, Pennsylvania College of Technology.	
Megan Valentine, Hilbert College.	
Absentees:	
Michael Frandsen, Wittenberg University.	
Charles Harris, Averett University.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Tiffany Alford, Corey Berg and Eric Hartung.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Jeff Myers and Bill Regan.	