



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ATHLETICS
FEBRUARY 26, 2019, TELECONFERENCE**

KEY ITEMS.

- **NCAA Emerging Sports for Women proposals.** The committee determined that the proposals to add acrobatics and tumbling, STUNT, and women's wrestling as emerging sports for women meet the objective requirements outlined in the NCAA Emerging Sports for Women Process Guide. The committee will invite leaders representing each sport to engage in further discussion via videoconference during the Committee on Women's Athletics April 24-25 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS.

- **None.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The committee chair Julie Cromer Peoples welcomed committee members and staff, including the following new members: David Kuhlmeier, Valencia Jordan and Sharod Williams.
2. **Review and approve September 5-6, 2018, meeting report.** The committee reviewed and approved the report of its September 5-6, 2018, meeting.
3. **Process to review NCAA Emerging Sports for Women proposals.** The committee discussed the purpose of the NCAA Emerging Sports for Women Program, which is to grow meaningful intercollegiate sport participation opportunities for female student-athletes in sports that have the potential to reach the required number of varsity teams to be considered for NCAA championship status. The committee reviewed distinctions between criteria used in the 2017-18 NCAA Emerging Sports for Women Process Guide and the updated 2018-19 Guide. The 2018-19 Guide was not available at the time sport proposals were submitted for review during the current year.
4. **Update from 2019 NCAA Convention.** The committee discussed the engagement of leaders representing current NCAA Emerging Sports for Women at the 2019 NCAA Convention.
5. **Report from the Women's Enhancement Scholarship selection committee.** The committee received a report from the Women's Enhancement Scholarship selection committee and appointed two members to serve on the committee.
6. **Future meetings.** The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule.
 - a. April 24-25, 2019, in conjunction with the 2019 NCAA Inclusion Forum in Atlanta.
 - b. September 11-12, 2019, in Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Julie Cromer Peoples, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

Staff Liaisons: Kristin Fasbender, Championships and Alliances

Jan Gentry, Championships and Alliances

Jean Merrill, Office of Inclusion

Karen Metzger, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics February 26, 2019, Teleconference	
Attendees:	
Karen Baebler, University of Washington.	
Julie Cromer Peoples, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.	
James Donovan, California State University, Fullerton.	
Jason Doviak, Alfred State.	
Marjorie Hass, Rhodes College.	
Valencia Jordan, Tennessee State University.	
Samantha Kastner, Notre Dame of Maryland University.	
John Kietzmann, Metropolitan State University of Denver.	
Donna Ledwin, Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference.	
Denise Udelhofen, Loras College.	
Sharod Williams, Conference Carolinas.	
Absentees:	
Anne Blackhurst, Minnesota State University Moorhead.	
Josh Hess, Mount St. Joseph University.	
Marc Johnson, University of Nevada, Reno	
Suzette McQueen, Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association.	
NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:	
Jan Gentry, Kristin Fasbender, Jean Merrill and Karen Metzger.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Craig Malveaux, Sonja Robinson and Amy Wilson.	