



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
JANUARY 23, 2019, MEETING**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Welcome and announcements.** NCAA Board of Governors Chair President Bud Peterson convened the meeting at approximately 1:30 p.m. and welcomed the Governors to Orlando. NCAA staff confirmed that a quorum was present. President Peterson recognized President Glen Jones, President Jeff Docking, Shantey Hill and Pennie Parker, as they were participating in their last meeting. President Peterson gave special thanks to President Jones for his service as vice chair of the board and his efforts in leading the strategic planning process.
- 2. Consent Agenda.** By way of a consent agenda, the Board of Governors approved the reports of its October 23, 2018, meeting and its November 27-30, 2018, electronic vote to approve the roster of the NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering. The board also approved the appointment of the new NCAA Division I Council representative and a Division II and Division III student-athlete to serve on the NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee.
- 3. NCAA president's report.** President Mark Emmert provided brief comments on several issues facing the Association that were part of the Governors meeting agenda.
- 4. Esports engagement.** Joni Comstock, NCAA senior vice president of championships and alliances; Nate Flannery, NCAA director of digital and social media and Chris Termini, NCAA managing director of championships and alliances, updated the board on recent developments in the esports landscape, including the growth in student participation at the collegiate and high school level. Several board members noted their continued concerns with aspects of esports that do not appear to align with the core values of the NCAA. Board members noted that while there are many concerns with esports and its fit in the collegiate sports model, there also appears to be opportunities for the NCAA to have a positive influence in the esports space.

It was VOTED

“That Board of Governors task staff with developing a blueprint by which the board could evaluate how an NCAA competition or structure in esports would look within the framework of NCAA values, particularly student-athlete well-being.” [For 14, Against 1 (Herbst), Abstain 0]

5. Coaches credentialing concept. NCAA Chief of Staff Cari Van Senus informed the board of the Knight Commission's discussions and recommendation that the NCAA develop minimal professional standards that coaches should be required to meet to ensure they are prepared for their role as educators of student-athletes. Van Senus noted that the NCAA, through its Sport Science Institute and Division II University, already has developed a number of resources related to the various topics that could be part of a coaches' education and credentialing program. Staff was directed to bring back to the board a plan that would outline how a coaches' education and credentialing program could be developed in collaboration with the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Further, that the plan should include a model for a pilot program to be implemented in late spring/early summer and used as a foundation for expansion to other sports.

6. NCAA Board of Governors Committee reports.

- **NCAA Board of Governors Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering.** NCAA Senior Vice President of Championships and Alliances Joni Comstock and NCAA Executive Vice President of Regulatory Affairs Stan Wilcox provided a report of the first teleconference of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sports Wagering. Comstock and Wilcox also updated the board on the ongoing work of the internal working group as well as plans for future meetings of the ad hoc committee.

7. NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee report. President Satish Tripathi, chair of the Finance and Audit Committee, provided a report of the Finance and Audit Committee's December 11, 2018, videoconference, and its January 8, 2019, joint meeting with the NCAA Division I Finance Committee.

- First quarter fiscal year 2018-19 budget-to-actual.** President Tripathi noted the first quarter results for fiscal year 2018-19 do not have any major variances compared to prior years.
- Fiscal year 2017-18 audited financial statements.** President Tripathi briefly reviewed the 2017-18 financial statements and noted that Deloitte, the Association's external auditors, indicated no audit issues and that the NCAA received an unqualified opinion. Tripathi noted the NCAA had a strong financial year and highlighted some of the items that drove the positive outcomes.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the 2017-18 Financial Report.” (Unanimous voice vote.)

- c. **Unreserved net assets.** President Tripathi reported that fiscal year 2017-18 year ended with the Association having \$26.7 million in unreserved net assets available for allocation. President Emmert recommended, and the Finance and Audit Committee agreed, that \$5 million of the available net assets be added to the reserve dedicated to this fiscal year's implementation of the Commission on College Basketball recommendations. In addition, there was a recommendation to allocate \$900,000 for funding of initiatives approved by the NCAA Board of Governors Committee to Promote Cultural Diversity and Equity. The final \$20.7 million was recommended as a supplemental distribution to Division I

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the Finance and Audit Committee’s recommended allocation of the \$26.7 million in unreserved net assets.” (Unanimous voice vote.)

d. **NCAA 10-year financial plan.**

- (1) Operational changes to 10-year financial plan. It was noted that the 10-year financial plan was updated to include inflationary adjustments for the 2019-20 fiscal year.
- (2) Commission on College Basketball changes to 10-year financial plan. President Tripathi reported that funding of basketball reforms will occur through revenue increases, cost reductions in NCAA national office operations and a reduction in the projected 2019-20 annual increase to Division I revenue distribution.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve the updated 10-year financial plan.” (Unanimous voice vote.)

- e. **NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee new member, Melody Rollins.** The board was informed of the Finance and Audit Committee’s approval of Melody Rollins of Bridgewater Associates to serve on the NCAA Board of Governors Finance and Audit Committee Investment Subcommittee.

8. Law, Policy and Governance Strategic Discussion.

- a. **Legal and litigation update.** NCAA Vice President and General Counsel Scott Bearby facilitated a privileged and confidential discussion regarding several matters of ongoing litigation.

b. **Government relations.** NCAA Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer Donald Remy noted that the government relations staff worked with interested policy makers and sports organizations in the development of a federal sports betting proposal introduced on December 19, 2018. This bill includes the establishment of minimum statutory and regulatory standards that would protect consumers, eliminate illegal sports betting and uphold the integrity of amateur and professional sporting contests. Remy also noted that staff continues to monitor state activity related to the introduction of legislation that would call for compensating student-athletes.

9. **NCAA Board of Governors' Executive Committee report.** President Peterson reported on matters considered during the Board's Executive Committee meeting earlier that day. President Peterson noted that the Executive Committee discussed questions regarding the use of NCAA marks by affiliated members and proposed a moratorium on new affiliate members.

It was VOTED

“That the Board of Governors approve a moratorium on new affiliate members and that staff be directed to conduct a comprehensive examination of the entire affiliate membership category.” (Unanimous voice vote.)

10. **Election of vice chair.** The Governors voted unanimously to appoint President Sue Henderson as vice chair of the Board of Governors.

11. **NCAA Strategic Planning Working Group report and update.** President Glen Jones, chair of the NCAA Strategic Planning Working Group, and Reshma Patel-Jackson, Attain, LLC, project lead, updated the board on the progress of the Strategic Planning Working Group and gathered feedback on the outcomes of the December working group meeting.

12. **Executive Session.** The governors concluded the meeting in executive session to discuss various administrative matters.

13. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Board of Governors chair: G.P. “Bud” Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology
Staff liaisons: Jacqueline Campbell, law, policy and governance
Donald M. Remy, law, policy and governance

NCAA Board of Governors January 23, 2019, Meeting	
Attendees:	
John DeGioia, Georgetown University.	
Philip DiStefano, University of Colorado, Boulder.	
Jeffrey Docking, Adrian College.	
Mark Emmert, NCAA.	
Burns Hargis, Oklahoma State University.	
Sue Henderson, New Jersey City University.	
Susan Herbst, University of Connecticut.	
Shantey Hill, St. Joseph's College, Long Island.	
Blake James, University of Miami.	
Glendell Jones, Jr., Henderson State University.	
Eric Kaler, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.	
Ronald K. Machtley, Bryant University.	
Fr. James Maher, Niagara University.	
Gary Olson, Daemen College.	
Pennie Parker, Rollins College.	
Bud Peterson, Georgia Institute of Technology.	
Nayef Samhat, Wofford College.	
Denise Trauth, Texas State University.	
Satish Tripathi, University at Buffalo, The State University of New York.	
Absentees:	
Eli Capilouto, University of Kentucky.	
Guests:	
Greg Baroni, Attain, LLC.	
Lynn Durham, Georgia Institute of Technology.	
Briana Guerrero, Attain, LLC.	
Catherine Nelson, CA Nelson Consulting, LLC.	
Reshma Patel-Jackson, Attain, LLC.	
NCAA staff liaisons in attendance:	
Jacqueline Campbell and Donald Remy.	
Other NCAA staff in attendance:	
Katrice Albert, Scott Bearby, Joni Comstock, Dan Dutcher, Nate Flannery, Kimberly Fort, Jenn Fraser, Danny Gavitt, Terri Gronau, Brian Hainline, Kathleen McNeely, Stacey Osburn, Dave Schnase, Naima Stevenson, Cari Van Senus, Chris Termini, Stan Wilcox and Bob Williams.	

Report is not final until approval of the Board of Governors.