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AMA and Legislation updates.

• Legislative proposals.
  o Governance.
  o Membership.

• Management Council slate of nominees – new voting process.

• Q&A.
Division III Staff Support

- Staffing updates and new hires in Division III.
  - Executive administrative assistant.
  - Associate director in governance.
  - Two new assistant directors on the Division III AMA team.
  - Division III vice president and managing director positions.
Division III Budget

- The Councils approved the Division III budget for 2021-24.
- New CBS/Turner broadcast agreement in 2024-25.
- New mandated reserve policy.
2022 NCAA Convention

- NCAA Convention is Jan. 19-22 in Indianapolis.
  - Registration is now open.
- Key in-person programming.
  - Division III Business Session – Sat., Jan. 22.
Championships Updates

- Championships Committee focus is a return to full brackets in 2021-22.
- New sport regional alignment plan for 2021-22.
- Baseball and softball resolution.
- Broadcast of the 2022 Division III Women’s Basketball Championship game.
- Joint women’s basketball championship is scheduled for 2023 in Dallas.
Strategic Positioning Platform

• A working group examined the existing Division III strategic positioning platform and reviewed the plan’s language to align with the Association’s updated strategic priorities and properly reflect Division III today.

• Management and Presidents Councils approved the revised platform during their summer meetings.

• Released to the membership in August 2021. The updated platform provides consistent language that highlights the unique benefits of being a Division III student-athlete.
LGBTQ Updates

• 2021 award nominees will be recognized at the 2022 NCAA Convention on Friday, Jan. 21, 7p.m.

• LGBTQ OneTeam Program. 50 trained facilitators to oversee a OneTeam Program on campuses and conference offices.

• The Councils endorsed a letter from the working group expressing concerns with safety of transgender student-athletes.
Identity Initiative

• Division III Week - April 4-10, 2022.
• Identity purchasing website.
• Special Olympics partnership – 10-year anniversary.
• D3SIDA recognition award.
  o Three awards each year ($1,500).
• Guide to Institution Pronunciations.
Name, Image and Likeness

- On June 30, the Division III Administrative Committee adopted an [interim NIL policy](#).
  - Prohibitions on pay-for-play and improper recruiting inducements, remain in effect.
  - The NCAA will not monitor for compliance with state laws.
  - Individuals should report NIL activities consistent with state law and/or institutional requirements.
- Interim [educational resources and videos](#) located on ncaa.org.
BOG Constitution Committee

• Due to the changing college sports landscape (e.g., Alston ruling, NIL), BOG determined it is time to reimagine the NCAA.

• BOG announced creation of a Constitutional Committee. The charge is to review the current principles of the NCAA constitution. (Five Division III representatives).
  o Creation of a Division III Constitution Advisory Council.
BOG Constitution Committee

• Membership input is being sought. Draft concepts presented to the membership in Nov. during the Special Convention (virtual).

• Final recommendations given to the BOG by mid-Dec.

• At the 2022 NCAA Convention, the membership will have an A-wide vote and division specific votes regarding the proposed Constitution. (Jan. 20)
2021 NCAA Special Convention

• NCAA Special Convention, Mon., Nov. 15. Virtual format.
  o Noon to 5 p.m. (Eastern)
    ➢ 12 to 2:30 p.m. – Division III session.
    ➢ 3 to 5 p.m. – Association-wide session.
  o Registration open until Nov. 10 at 5 p.m. (Eastern).

• Review of draft constitution concepts and feedback opportunities.

• Only appointed delegates may speak, and only appointed voting delegate may vote on straw poll questions.
Transgender SA Participation

• NCAA has conducted a year-long review of the NCAA existing transgender student-athlete participation policy adopted in 2011.
  o Social, legal and scientific developments and impact on the current policy.
• SSI is conducting additional research and data collection and will create foundational educational statements to release to the membership this fall.
Transgender SA Participation

• Currently 9 states have enacted legislation prohibiting transgender participation and another 40 states have introduced legislation.
• The BOG released a resolution to address how the NCAA can maintain an inclusive environment at events in 2021-22 and beyond.
• The BOG endorsed a new nondiscrimination policy that all existing and new championships hosts will need to complete to ensure a safe and inclusive event.
Gender Equity Review

- Board of Governors announced a comprehensive review of all championships. (March 2021)
- Hired the law firm of Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP.
- Evaluating practices and policies and providing recommendations.
- Presidents Council reviewed the reports. Generally, Division III is providing equitable opportunities.
- The Council endorsed a process to refer the reports and recommendations to the appropriate committees in the Division III governance structure.
Campus Sexual Violence Policy

• BOG expanded the campus sexual violence policy (April 2020).

• Association-wide task force developed operational guidelines and best practices (Summer 2021).

• Expanded policy is effective with 2022-23 attestation requirements (May 2023).

• Attestation still required in May 2022 (due May 15).

• Division III education session (Jan. 2021), A-wide webinar (Fall 2021) and Division III education session (Jan. 2022).
COVID-19 Resources


- New Resocialization of Sport Fall guidelines. [August 2021]
Sports Science Institute Updates

• Cannabinoid policy. Survey sent to the membership this fall to get feedback on cannabinoid use. CSMAS will evaluate the survey results to help inform its review of current NCAA policy.

• Mental Health Advisory Group. CSMAS created an advisory group to update the NCAA Mental Health Best Practices document.
2022 Governance Proposals

The Governance structure is sponsoring three proposals for the 2022 NCAA Convention that would do the following:

- Make modifications to football practices.
- Establish an emergency legislative process.
- Eliminate the option for a student-athlete to sign a written release or waiver declining the sickle cell solubility test.
2022 Membership Proposals

The membership is sponsoring six proposals for the 2022 NCAA Convention that would do the following:

- Criteria for determining season of eligibility.
- Require the NCAA Eligibility Center to certify amateur status of international student-athletes.
- Permit DIII institutions with Division I sports to apply Division I financial aid legislation.
2022 Membership Proposals

Membership proposals (continued):

- Reduce the conference AQ minimum to six institutions.
- Reduce minimum number of member institutions for a single sport conference.
- Establish equestrian as an emerging sport for women.
Management Council Nominees

• The Management Council approved a noncontroversial proposal that permits the new slate of Management Council members be confirmed by electronic vote.

• The nomination process will remain the same, and the Division III Nominating Committee will continue to review and select the nominations.

• The new electronic vote will replace the in-person paddle vote that occurs during the Division III Business Session.

• The new slate of Council members will be sent for approval, via email, this November.
Questions