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Division III February Webinar
2019 NCAA Convention Recap
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We will begin at promptly 1:30 p.m. (EST). Please MUTE your phone and/or the audio on your computer.

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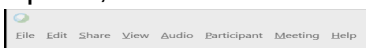
- If using a computer, click on the audio link at the top of the screen. 

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Agenda

- Recap the 2019 NCAA Convention.
  - Presidents and Management Councils – key updates.
  - 2019 legislative proposal votes.
- Questions and answers.

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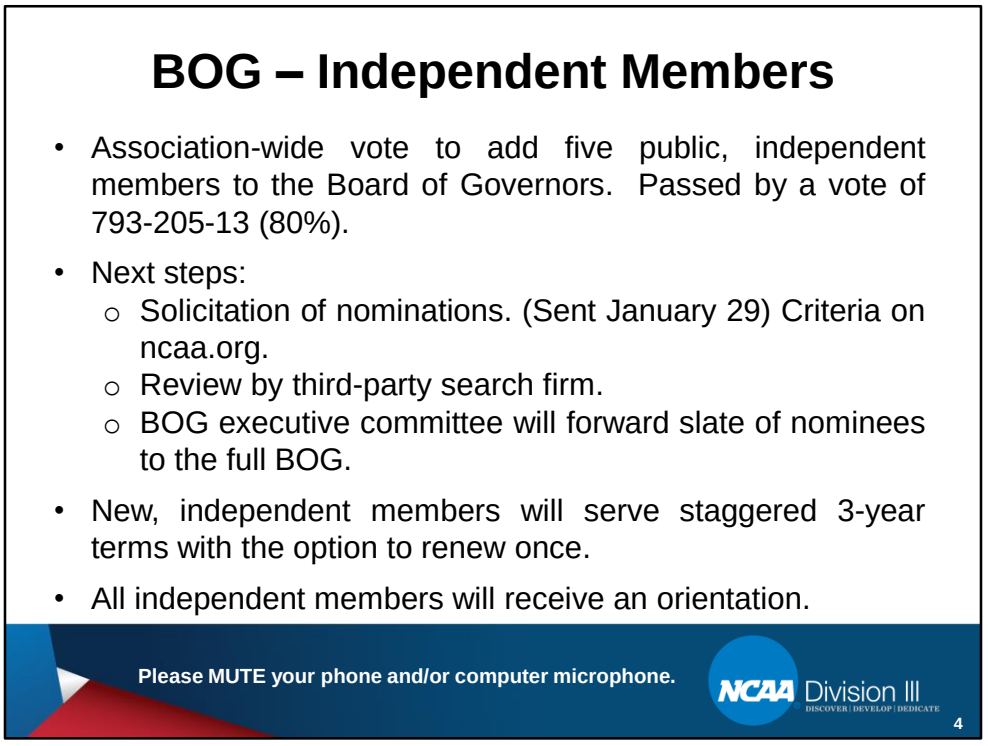


Division III supported the proposal by 66.5%. Final Division III specific vote was 280-141-9.

Anyone in the membership can make a nomination. Criteria on ncaa.org.

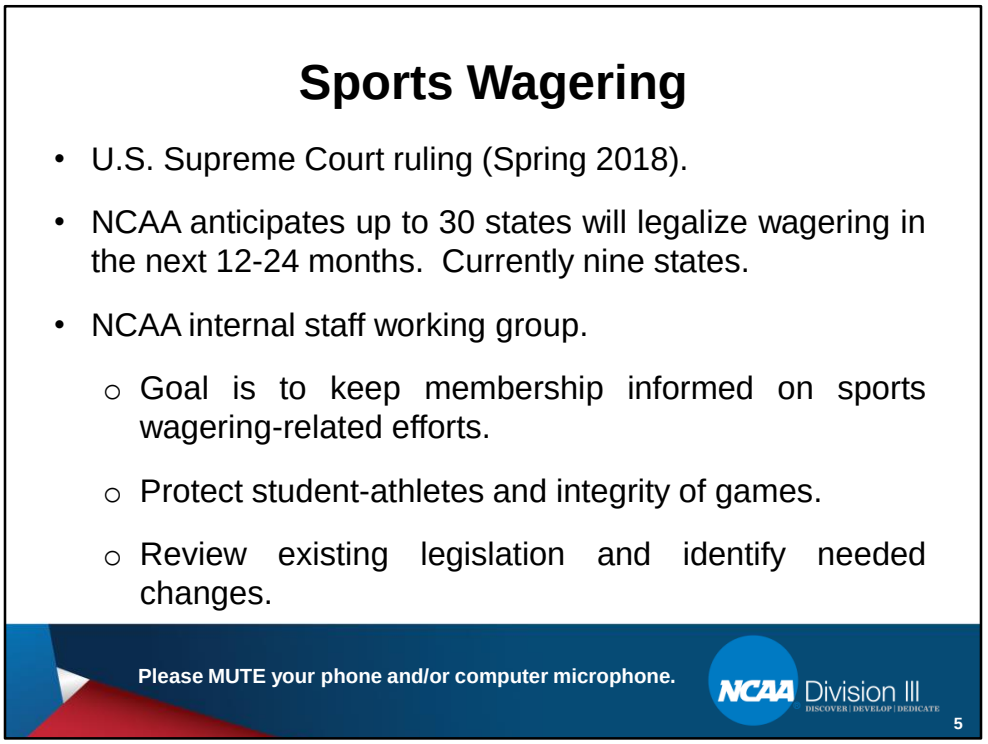
Third-party search firm, Heidrick and Struggles, will review the nominations and narrow the candidate pool for the BOG executive committee.

BOG executive committee includes five voting members – 2 Division III presidents, one Division II and two Division I presidents.

The executive committee will forward the final slate of nominees to the full BOG for approval.

The new independent members will serve 3-year terms that will be initially staggered with the option to renew for another three years.

All independent members will receive a thorough orientation on the Association and each division.



As part of its ongoing efforts to keep the membership informed on sports wagering-related efforts to protect student-athlete well-being and ensure the integrity of competition, the NCAA national office has created an internal staff working group to review issues and develop recommendations related to sports wagering. The move comes as legalized sports wagering expands in the United States after a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that cleared the way for states to allow sports betting. The NCAA encourages you to share with student-athletes and staff members the NCAA Sports Wagering FAQ as a tool to ensure understanding of the current sports wagering rules.

Areas of focus are:

Education
Competition integrity
NCAA legislation and policy
Information/data management
Officiating
Political landscape (state and federal)

New BOG working group has three Division III representatives including Commissioner Terry Small, President Elsa Nunez, Eastern Connecticut University, and Rob Dicks, head athletic trainer, Lagrange College.

Proposed federal legislation initial parameters include:
Precludes athletes, coaches and officials.
Set min. age at 21.
Establish integrity oversight clearinghouse.
Preclude high school events.

eSports

- The NCAA continues to explore the current college eSports landscape.
- eSports programs are rapidly growing on college campuses.
- Recent research helps define the current collegiate esports landscape, including participation levels, leadership structure, and potential areas of growth.
- In January, the BOG charged staff with developing a blueprint to evaluate potential NCAA competition and structure with framework of NCAA values.

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Recent article in Chronicle of Higher Education: “The Growing ‘Wild West’ of Campus eSports”.

Division III University

- Launched “Division III University” – an online, web-based education portal for head coaches, ADs, SWAs and commissioners.
- The modules will include existing resources, such as:
  - Overview of NCAA Division III.
  - Student-athlete well-being (mental health and sexual violence prevention, alcohol education produced by NCAA Sport Science Institute).
  - Compliance.
- Anticipate additional modules in 2019-20.

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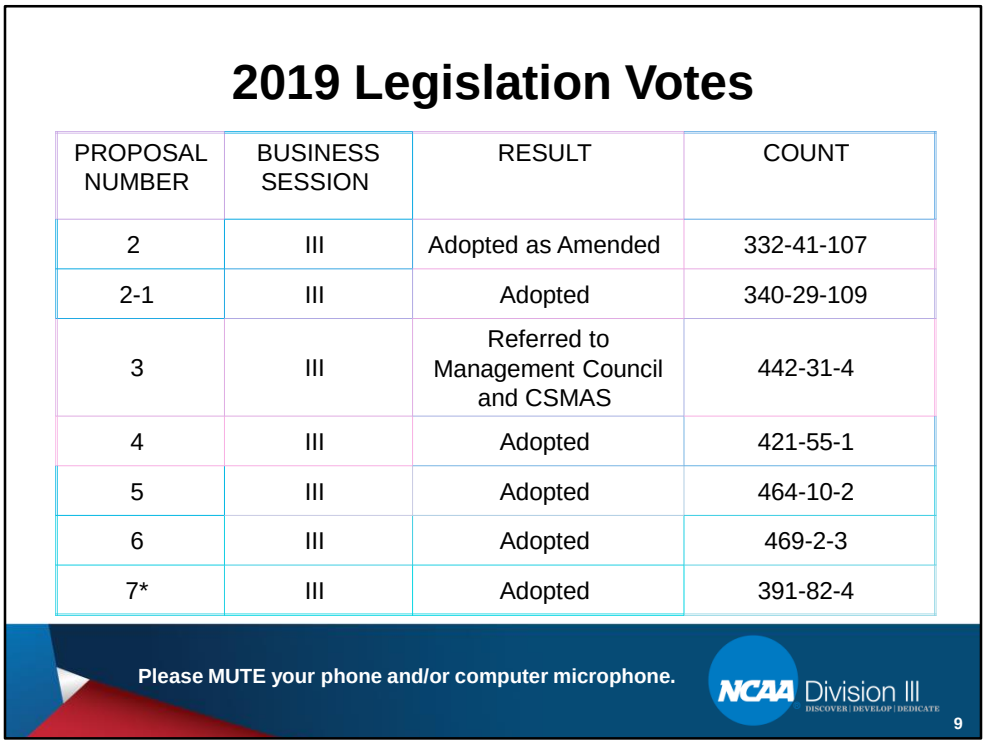

1. The Convention q and a is now Educational Columns searchable on LSDBi. Also ILC will be reviewing those columns and determining if any of the questions should be interpretations.

2. Proposal 2 (as amended) was adopted and establishes the start date as 23 days before the institution's first contest. The only exception is that if an institution plays on Thursday of opening weekend then they count back from the Friday of opening weekend. This proposal also prohibits physical athletically related activity one day per each week of the preseason after the acclimatization period.

3. Proposal 3 which would have added three days to the preseason period for soccer and field hockey was referred to Management Council and the Committee on Competitive Safeguards and Medical aspects of Sport. The proposal also would have required a three day acclimatization period and instituted additional limits for the remainder of the preseason. The committees are asked to look at the appropriate acclimatization and limits for all fall sports.

4. Proposal 4 was adopted and mandates SA graduation rate reporting. The first report will be due June 1, 2020. There will be educational resources and presentations to help institutions understand the process and adjust to this requirement.

5. Proposal 5 was adopted and would allow SA to receive expenses for secondary education based on athletics provided it does not come from an agent, professional sports organization or a booster of your institution. Any funds would have to be distributed directly to the secondary institution. Institutions are still required to monitor this area but that monitoring is much less involved than before. There was an existing waiver in place and with the passage of the proposal SA that may have received the impermissible benefits under the previous legislation do not need to report a violation and seek reinstatement.

6. Proposal 6 was adopted and would expand the existing final term exception to the full-time enrollment requirement. It would allow SA to use the final term exception even if they have an outstanding learning requirement. A learning requirement can be student-teaching, internship, co-op or other like activities that the institution requires for graduation. The SA would only be allowed to use this exception once and any further eligibility would depend upon the SA completing the courses necessary to graduate, taking the experiential learning requirement in the next term and be considered full time.

7. Proposal 7 was adopted and would allow athletics department staff members to connect with PSAs on social media and take actions indicating approval of content. The staff member would not be allowed to make substantive comments until after deposit and after May 1 (existing rule remains).

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