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• Council and convention updates.
  o Philosophy Statement review.
  o Championships updates.
  o 2023 Convention voting.
  o Federated playing rules.
  o Noncontroversial legislation.
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• Association-wide updates.
  o Board of Governors Subcommittee on Congressional Engagement and Action.
  o Board of Governors Transgender Policy.
  o Sport Science Institute.
• Q&A.
Philosophy Statement Review

- Presidents Council tasked Strategic Planning and Finance Committee (SPFC) to review the division’s philosophy statement. (Aug. 2022)

- SPFC created a working group. The working group has met monthly and issued a membership survey in November 2022 that focused on the following broad areas as part of a proposed philosophy statement:
  - Focus on academic experience, support of physical and mental safety and a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.
  - The student-athlete collegiate and athletics experiences.
  - Division III responsibility and oversight.
Philosophy Statement Review

• The membership survey feedback indicated support for a draft proposed philosophy statement.

• During the 2023 Issues Forum, delegate discussed the following areas that were less supported in the survey results:
  • “focus on intercollegiate athletics as primarily an undergraduate experience.”
  • “Encourage participation by providing a broad-based athletics program.”
  • “The athletics program should support the institution's educational mission . . . through the same general procedures as other departments of the institution.”

• The working group will forward recommendations to the councils by summer.
Championships Updates

• The Championships Committee will be discussing over its next several meetings how to enhance the Division III student-athlete championship experience. These discussions include:
  o Evaluation of selection criteria and bracketing in relation to access ratios and AQs.
  o Permitting more flights to provide sport committees with flexibility to separate higher regionally ranked teams.
  o Increasing funding to cover more expenses for participating institutions.
• The committee also is examining ways to improve the preparation of site representatives and hosts.
Financial and Risk Management Working Group

• Presidents Council approved the creation of a Financial and Risk Management Working Group.

• **Composition and Reporting:** Members of the Division III Administrative Committee, representatives from the membership and other invited experts will report to the Presidents Council and work with Strategic Planning and Finance Committee.

• **Purpose:** Review landscape of intercollegiate athletics, the division’s financial standing and risks, threats and opportunities that confront the division.
## 2023 NCAA Convention Legislation

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Federated Playing Rules

- Management Council created an advisory group to support the ongoing work to develop a federated process for approving playing rules.
- The group consists of one athletics director, a commissioner, a Division III member of PROP, and one member from the following: Championship Committee, Strategic Planning and Finance Committee and Management Council.
- Anticipate PROP to recommend each division eliminate the legislative requirement that all playing rules be the same for each division.
- The councils will receive an update of the group’s work in April.
BOG Congressional Engagement

• NCAA, including Division III institutions and conferences, face significant challenges:
  o Lawsuits and state laws wanting to treat student-athletes as employees.
  o Patchwork of state laws. (e.g., NIL)

• The goal is to proactively shape possible future federal legislation.
  o Federal laws that govern college sports on a national level (e.g., NIL, revenue sharing).
  o Codify student-athletes’ non-employee status.
  o Provide a legal safe harbor protection.

• Next steps include stakeholder education and engagement.
Transgender Student-Athlete Participation Policy

• Board of Governors approved a recommendation to extend phase two of the NCAA transgender student-athlete participation policy through the 2023-24 academic year.

• Phase three will begin in the 2024-25 academic year.

• Currently 18 states have signed bills banning transgender student-athlete participation and another 30 have introduced legislation.
Sport Science Institute

• NCAA Board of Governors approved revised strategic priorities for student-athlete mental and physical health, sport-related illness and injury, training and performance and education and policy to better align with NCAA Constitution.

• Cannabis Summit. CSMAS hosted a summit on cannabis in collegiate athletics on December 7-8.

• Wearable technology. CSMAS is examining the current use of this technology on member campuses and how the information is shared and used on a campus.
Questions?