



**REPORT OF THE
NCAA DIVISION III MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 29, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE**

ACTION ITEMS.

- None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

1. **Welcome and announcements.** The committee commenced business 11:04 a.m. Eastern.
2. **Membership Committee roster and conflict of interest.** Committee members were reminded of the NCAA Conflict of Interest Policy and proper procedures for recusal if a conflict of interest might arise. Committee members reviewed the roster and conflict of interest documentation and updated, as necessary.
3. **Review policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed the policies and procedures documents.
4. **Division III conference membership.**
 - a. **2023-24 Division III conference membership.** The committee received an update from staff on current conference membership and realignment.
 - b. **Single sport conference application.** The committee reviewed and approved the single-sport conference application from the Southern Athletic Association. The conference, named Collegiate Field Hockey Conference, will become an active Division III member on September 1, 2024.
5. **Educational initiatives.**
 - a. **Regional Rules Seminar.** The committee received an update on the 2024 NCAA Regional Rules Seminar, June 12-14, Las Vegas.
 - b. **Future funding for Regional Rules Seminar Livestream.** The committee reviewed and discussed the consideration of future funding to provide a livestream opportunity for the Division III sessions of the NCAA Regional Rules Seminar. The committee requested NCAA staff develop concepts for their consideration at the next meeting.
 - c. **Division III Conference Rules Seminar.** The committee received an update on the 2024 Division III Conference Rules Seminar, scheduled for May 30, in York, Pennsylvania.

- d. New Member Education Session debrief.** The committee received an update about the new member education session occurring at the 2024 NCAA Convention and provided staff with feedback to consider for future sessions.
- 6. Review of athletics consortium legislation.** At its January 2024 meeting, the Division III Management Council directed the governance structure to review the athletics consortium legislation to determine if there is a need to modernize it. The committee started a holistic review of Bylaw 20.3.2 (Athletics Consortiums), focusing its initial discussion on the definition of an athletics consortium and the criteria that institutions must meet. The committee will continue its review at the March meeting, focusing on the criteria and providing more guidance on undefined terms within the legislation.
- 7. Discussion of the new member process.** The committee continued its discussion of the new member process. Topics discussed include potential modifications to the application due dates, attendance requirements at the NCAA Convention, the exploratory year, championship selection criteria and reclassification timeline. The committee directed staff to develop concepts for all topics for additional consideration at the March meeting.
- 8. Review of Membership Committee Policies and Procedures.** The committee reviewed its written policies and procedures and approved the update to the operating policy to align with the current NCAA constitution.
- 9. Division III governance update.** The Division III governance staff provided the committee with an update of the primary topics currently within the Division III governance structure.
- 10. Future meeting schedule.** The committee reviewed its future meeting schedule.
- 11. Other business.** None.
- 12. Adjournment.** The committee concluded its business and adjourned 2:53 p.m. Eastern.

Committee Chair: Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference
Staff Liaison(s): Eric Hartung, Division III Governance
Brittany Higgins, Academic and Membership Affairs
Sarah Turner, Academic and Membership Affairs

NCAA Division III Membership Committee February 29, 2024, Videoconference	
Attendees:	
Corey Borchardt, Upper Midwest Athletic Conference.	
Lillian Case, Juniata College. (SAAC representative).	
Doug Chin, Great Northeast Athletic Conference.	
Frederick Clark, Bridgewater State University.	
Greg Cooper, Heidelberg University.	
Kim Fierke, State University of New York at Oneonta.	
Christine Hagedorn-Nordenholt, Rosemont College.	
Wayne Lewis, Houghton University.	
Miriam Merrill, Pomona-Pitzer Colleges.	
Absentees:	
Chris Roekle, Coast-to-Coast Conference.	
William Stiles, Alvernia University.	
Guests in Attendance:	
None.	
NCAA Staff Support in Attendance:	
Eric Hartung, Brittany Higgins and Sarah Turner.	
Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:	
Corey Berg, Kameron Jones, Louise McCleary, Jeff Myers, Joan Nissen, Bill Regan, Lisa Rogers and Julie Zike.	