

Division III Commissioners Association

Minutes of Meeting

January 7, 2005

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Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by President Tim Gleason. Mr. Gleason made introductory comments, including a welcome and introduction of the people present.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report The minutes of the 2004 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote. Secretary-Treasurer Dick Rasmussen reported that the Association has a balance in the treasury of \$3,0059.63. This represented a net operating surplus for the year of \$153.88.

Nominating Committee Report On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Vice President Donna Ledwin nominated Chris Martin to serve a three-year term on the Executive Committee. Mr. Martin was elected by unanimous voice vote.

College Sports Project (CSP) Bob Malekoff and Amy Campbell presented a summary of initiatives currently being pursued by the College Sports Project sponsored by the Mellon Foundation. They focused on two initiatives. The first involves efforts to collect data about the representativeness of student-athletes in terms of academic performance. The second concerns the proper integration of athletics and academics within the institution. This effort is being focused on the collection and dissemination of best practices related to this principle.

NCAA Injury Surveillance System Randall Dick, NCAA Associate Director for Research, presented an update on modifications to the NCAA Injury Surveillance System. He previewed the online data entry system that will be available to member institutions and urged conferences to encourage their members to participate in the system. He also discussed commercial injury tracking systems and their compatibility with the NCAA system.

Review of NCAA Legislation A review and discussion of pending NCAA legislation was conducted. Leah Nilsson from the Division III governance staff provided background information on various proposals.

Future of Division III – Phase II A review of the progress of discussions around the Future of Division III – Phase II initiative was presented by NCAA Management Council Chair Suzanne Coffey, and NCAA governance staff members Dan Dutcher and Bridget Belgiovinne.

Forum on Championship Issues John Cochrane, Championships Committee Chair, presented information on several issues under study by the Championships Committee including the potential automatic qualification of teams in golf and tennis. He also reviewed the pending championship bracket expansion and related issues.

Open Forum Discussions An informal discussion was conducted including the following topics:

- SAAC Communications
- Progress on scheduling software development
- Internet Broadcasting of Athletic Contests
- Expansion of the Conference Grant Program
- Planning for Round Table Discussion at the June Meeting
- Conflicts Between Championships and Commencement Activities
- Commissioner Survey

Meritorious Service Award Donna Ledwin reviewed the criteria and process for selecting the Division III Commissioners Association Meritorious Service Award. She then presented the fourth annual Meritorious Service Award to Carlyle Carter, Commissioner of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Adjournment The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.