

Division III Commissioners Association

Minutes of Meeting

January 7, 2006

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Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Tim Gleason. Mr. Gleason made introductory comments, including a welcome and introduction of the people present.

Strategic Initiatives Conference Grant Program A review of the progress of discussions around expansion of the Division III Conference Strategic Initiatives Grant Program was presented by Tim Gleason and NCAA governance staff members Dan Dutcher and Bridget Belgiovinne. The organization of the program, directed use of funds, and application and reporting procedures were discussed.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report The minutes of the 2005 meeting were approved by a unanimous voice vote. Secretary-Treasurer Dick Rasmussen reported that the Association has a balance in the treasury of \$3,768.85.

Nominating Committee Report On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Vice President Donna Ledwin nominated Brad Bankston to serve as Vice President. Mr. Bankston was elected by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Ledwin then nominated Tom Bohlsen to serve a three-year term on the Executive Committee. Mr. Bohlsen was elected by unanimous voice vote.

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

Sportsmanship Committee Report Chuck Mitrano presented a proposal from the committee for a national fan sportsmanship and game management standards initiative. The program consists of expectations and suggested best practices around fan behavior and game management. The proposed initiative was unanimously approved.

Promotions and Marketing Committee Report Chris Martin presented a report from the committee focusing on information related to the broadcasting of athletic events over the internet. It was suggested that this topic be pursued at the spring meeting perhaps with vendors who provide such services.

Forum on Championship Issues John Cochrane, Championships Committee Chair, presented information on several issues under study by the Championships Committee including the automatic qualification of teams in golf and tennis. He also reviewed the pending championship bracket expansion and related issues. He also discussed the basketball rules DVD viewing requirements and the regional advisory committee selection process.

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

- Progress on scheduling software development
- College Sports Project update
- Procedures for determining golf AQ designees
- Commissioner Survey

Meritorious Service Award Tim Gleason reviewed the criteria and process for selecting the Division III Commissioners Association Meritorious Service Award. He then presented the fifth annual Meritorious Service Award to Dennis Collins, Executive Director of the North Coast Athletic Conference. Members of the Association joined in an ovation recognizing Mr. Collins' exceptional contributions to the success of Division III.

Leadership Transition Tim Gleason welcomed Donna Ledwin as the new President of the Association and offered some parting remarks. Ms. Ledwin thanked Mr. Gleason for outstanding service and the significant steps forward taken by the Association under his leadership. She presented him with the Association's Distinguished Service Award for his service as Vice President and President of the Association. Members of the Association expressed their appreciation with a standing ovation.

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