ARTICLE VII: ORGANIZATION

- Section 1. The Council of Presidents shall consist of the chief executive officer of each member institution and participation in the council's meetings shall be restricted to each institution's CEO. The powers and the responsibilities of the Council shall be to review, revise, initiate, determine and repeal any legislation, policy or activity of or pertaining to the Conference. The Council shall serve as the governing board of the Conference.
- Section 2. The Council of Faculty Athletic Representatives shall consist of a representative of each member institution appointed by the Chief Executive Officer. The Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) shall be one whose primary duty is not in athletics and shall not be an athletics director or a member of the coaching staff. The Council of Faculty Athletics Representatives shall be responsible for a shared governance role with the Directors of Athletics, submitting their recommendations on any action of the Directors of Athletics or recommendations initiated by its own accord, which shall carry out the purposes of the Conference.
- Section 3. The Council of Directors of Athletics shall consist of a representative of each member institution, appointed by the chief executive officer, who shall be the director of athletics of that institution. Separate men's and women's athletic departments may have two representatives, but the institution shall be entitled to one vote. The Council of Directors of Athletics shall be responsible for recommending legislation that shall carry out the purposes of the Conference.
- Section 4. The Commissioner shall operate a Conference office to maintain the efficient operation of the Conference pursuant to authority delegated by the Council of Presidents or the Executive Committee and described in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS

- Section 1. The Conference's elected-officers shall be the President and a Vice President elected by the majority vote of the Council of Presidents at the annual spring meeting. The officers shall hold office for one year or until successors are elected. An officer must have served his/her institution for two years prior to ascending to President of the Conference.
- Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference and appoint committees as needed. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.
- <u>Section 3</u>. The Chair of the Faculty Athletics Representatives and Chair of the Directors of Athletics shall be from the institution whose President is serving as the President of the Conference.
- Section 4. The Commissioner shall serve as the chief executive administrative officer of the Conference and perform such duties as are designated in the Bylaws and by the Council of Presidents or the Executive Committee. The Council of Presidents shall employ the Commissioner under whatever terms it establishes.

ARTICLE IX: CONFERENCE COMMISSIONER

- <u>Section 1</u>. The principle administrative officer of the Conference shall be the Commissioner appointed by the Council of Presidents.
- <u>Section 2</u>. The Commissioner shall:
 - a. Facilitate communication among the Presidents, Faculty Athletics Representatives and Directors of Athletics.
 - b. Promote the Conference regionally and nationally.

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