



Council of Presidents Actions:

New Members

The Council approved four new members: Indiana University, East (Richmond, IN); Life University (Marietta, GA); St. Catharine College (St. Catharine, KY); and Soka University (Aliso Viejo, CA). These new members bring the association's total active membership to 284 institutions, an increase of three from the previous year. For the complete release [click here](#).

Direct Qualification

Acting on recommendations of the 12-member Direct Qualification Task Force, the Council approved new championships plans in 11 sports that replace region-based postseason play with a championships model that qualifies teams directly from conference championships. The Council also voted to sponsor legislation for the April 2008 NAIA Convention to revamp the association's administrative structure and place responsibility for championships and other decisions in the hands of a single representative body of athletics administrators and conference commissioners. A transition committee was charged with implementing direct qualification by September 2008. For more information on direct qualification [click here](#).

NAIA Champions of Character Foundation

In 2006 the COP charged the staff to pursue the formation of a foundation to support Champions of Character (the "Foundation"). After much discussion, the Council voted to approve the Foundation subject to modification of the authorizing documents. The Council also formed a committee to provide counsel related to specific concerns expressed during the meeting. Revised documents, with the recommendation of the committee, will be presented to the Administrative Committee for approval.