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NAIA 2026 NATIONAL CONVENTION

New Member Applications

The 2025-26 Membership Committee has met twice since the October 2025 COP Fall Meetings, during which the committee reviewed applications and prepared recommendations for the COP.

Membership committee members include:

- Norman Hall, President, Simpson University, (CA), chair
- Paul Maurer, President, Montreat University, (NC)
- Kermit Bridges, President, Nelson University, (TX)
- Brent Ellis, President, Spring Arbor University (MI)
- David Armstrong, President, St. Thomas University (FL)
- Reagan Rossi, Athletics Director, College of Idaho (ID)
- Larry Bos, Eligibility Chair, Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference
- Scott Crawford, Commissioner, Frontier Conference

Membership Applications

Four (4) institutions applied for NAIA membership during the October 2025 application cycle and all were approved for campus visits by a Membership Evaluation (MET). The respective MET reports are included in the COP Materials by clicking the names of the institutions on the agenda. These four (4) institutions will be considered by the COP for membership during these meetings.

The recommendations from the MET and the Membership Committee are listed below:

School	MET Vote	Membership Committee Vote
Champion Christian College	Unanimous active membership	Unanimous active membership
Georgia Southern – East Georgia State Campus	Unanimous active membership	Unanimous active membership
Nevada State University	Unanimous active membership	Unanimous active membership
United States Sports University	Unanimous active membership	Unanimous active membership